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GRAND * LODGE * OF * MAINE.

≈ 1908 ≈

Eighty-ninth Annual Communication.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 5, 1908. }

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine met in Annual Communication in Corinthian Hall at nine in the morning.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. W.	CHARLES F. JOHNSON,	Grand Master;
R. W.	EDMUND B. MALLET,	Deputy Grand Master;
"	WILLIAM N. HOWE,	Senior Grand Warden;
"	LEON S. HOWE,	Junior Grand Warden;
"	MILLARD F. HICKS,	Grand Treasurer;
"	STEPHEN BERRY,	Grand Secretary;
"	HERBERT HARRIS,	Corr. Grand Secretary;
W. & Rev.	WILLIAM H. FULTZ,	Grand Chaplain;
W.	HAROLD E. COOK,	" Marshal;
"	EDWARD G. WESTON,	as " Senior Deacon;
"	WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY,	" Junior Deacon;
"	CONVERS E. LEACH,	" Steward;
"	RALPH H. BURBANK,	" "
"	JOHN C. MINOT,	" "
"	ALBERT D. RAMSAY,	" "
"	SILAS B. ADAMS,	" Sword Bearer;
"	JOHN M. BURLEIGH,	" Standard Bearer;
"	RODNEY I. THOMPSON,	" Pursuivant;
"	WARREN C. KING,	" "
M. W.	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" Lecturer;
W.	WALTER S. SMITH,	" Organist;
"	WARREN O. CARNEY,	" Tyler,

Also 254 delegates, representing 185 of the 201 lodges, all the Past Grand Masters living (11 in number), with other permanent members and visiting brethren.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, with prayer by Rev. Bro. WM. H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. WILLIAM R. G. ESTES,

Voted, To dispense with the reading of the records of the last annual communication, and that as printed they be confirmed.

On motion of Bro. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,

Voted, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during this annual communication.

On motion of Bro. HUGH R. CHAPLIN,

Voted, That the Grand Tyler be authorized to employ assistants, not exceeding three, to aid him in the work of his office during the session of the Grand Lodge, and that the Committee on Pay Roll be authorized to place the names of such employees upon the pay roll, and that they receive the usual *per diem* for their services.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. CONVERS E. LEACH as Assistant Grand Secretary.

TRANSPORTATION.

Bro. STEPHEN BERRY submitted the following report, which was accepted :

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, May 5, 1908.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Transportation made the usual arrangements with the railway and steamship companies, and the rates were given in the annual notices. Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,
WM. FREEMAN LORD, } *Committee.*
JAMES E. PARSONS, }

CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows :

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, }
MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, May 5, 1908. }

Your Committee on Credentials have attended to their duties and would report that the chartered lodges are represented as follows :

- 1 PORTLAND, by Charles E. Gurney, M ; Theodore S. Johnson, SW ;
Arthur W. Read, JW.
- 2 WARREN, by Carl G. Wiswell, M ; Wm. C. Myrick, Proxy.
- 3 LINCOLN, by Wm. D. Patterson, Proxy
- 4 HANCOCK, by Edward H. Carpenter, M ; Rowland B. Brown, Proxy.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by Charles R. Getchell, Proxy.
- 6 AMITY, by George E. Allen, M.
- 7 EASTERN, by Peter M. Kane, Proxy.
- 8 UNITED, by James H. Fisk, M ; Henry C. Upton, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Harry S. Sawyer, Proxy.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by C. Edwin Collamore, M ; Fred. C. Chalmers
Proxy.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by Wallace R. Tarbox, Proxy.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Geo. P. Cushman, M.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by John G. Hamblen, M ; William H. Foster, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by Henry R. White, M ; W. Scott Shorey, Proxy.
- 15 ORIENT, by Horatio G. Copeland, Proxy.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by Fred. E. Hahn, JW.
- 17 ANCIENT LANDMARK, by Millard F. Hicks, M ; Joseph B. Read,
SW ; Harry S. Boyd, JW ; Fred C. Tolman, Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by George L. Curtis, SW ; Harry R. Farris, JW ; Merton
L. Kimball, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by Leland P. Lowell, SW.
- 20 MAINE, by Samuel O. Tarbox, Jr., M ; Wilfred U. Turner, Proxy.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by William H. McKenney, M ; Samuel S. Wood,
SW ; Fred Raymond, Proxy.
- 22 YORK, by Bertelle A. Smith, M ; Albert W. Meserve, SW ; Geo. A.
Gilpatric, Proxy.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Horace P. Rowe, M ; Fred E. Ward, Proxy.
- 24 PHOENIX, by Clifford J. Pattee, Proxy.
- 25 ———TEMPLE, not represented.
- 26 VILLAGE, by Edward L. White, M ; Frank H. Purinton, Proxy.
- 27 ADONIRAM, by Harry M. Sawyer, Proxy.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by Frank H. Holley, M.

- 29 TRANQUIL, by Charles E. Merrill, M ; John H. Merrill, Proxy.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by James B. Stevenson, JW.
- 31 UNION, by Warren Hills, Proxy.
- 32 HERMON, by Sidney G. Decker, M.
- 33 WATERTOWN, by Norman K. Fuller, M ; George W. Townsend,
SW ; Sanger N. Annis, JW.
- 34 SOMERSET, by Ernest C. Butler, M ; Levi C. Emery, Proxy.
- 35 BETHELHEM, by Willis E. Swift, M ; Thomas H. Bodge, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by John A. Leslie, M ; Augustus H. Humphrey, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by Edwin E. Trecartin, M ; Thomas G. Mitchell,
JW ; Frank W. Trecartin, Proxy.
- 38 HARMONY, by B. Harry Elkins, M ; Everett P. Hanson, Proxy.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by Frank B. Arnold, M ; Albert L. Atkins, JW
- 40 LYGONIA, by Everett S. Means, SW.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by Henry F. Woodward, M.
- 42 FREEDOM, by Frank A. Chick, M.
- 43 ALNA, by George W. Singer, Proxy.
- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by Charles M. Farrar, M.
- 45 CENTRAL, by Charles W. Jones, Proxy.
- 46 ST. CROIX, by Isaac W. Jones, Proxy.
- 47 DUNLAP, by Clarence F. Kendall, M.
- 48 LAFAYETTE, by Merle J. Harriman, JW.
- 49 MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, by Marcellus P. White, Proxy.
- 50 AURORA, by Arthur S. Littlefield, M ; Edwin H. Maxcey, SW ;
James A. Richan, JW ; Lorenzo S. Robinson, Proxy.
- 51 ———ST. JOHN'S, not represented.
- 52 MOSAIC, by James T. Roberts, Proxy.
- 53 ———RURAL, not represented.
- 54 VASSALBORO, by William A. Lord, M.
- 55 FRATERNAL, by Herman J. Sayward, M.
- 56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Charles E. Pingree, M.
- 57 ———KING HIRAM, not represented.
- 58 UNITY, by Frank L. Cunningham, Proxy.
- 59 MOUNT HOPE,—*Charter surrendered in 1879.*
- 60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Samuel J. Harris, JW.
- 61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Thomas F. Sproul, Proxy.
- 62 KING DAVID'S, by Edward Goodwin, JW ; Leslie D. Ames, Proxy.
- 63 RICHMOND, by Melvin G. Buker, M ; William R. Fairclough, Proxy.
- 64 ———PACIFIC, not represented.
- 65 MYSTIC, by Joseph B. Lewis, Jr., Proxy.
- 66 MECHANICS', by Eugene Haley, SW.
- 67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by Carl E. Cragin, M.

- 68 MARINERS', by J. E. Wentworth, Proxy.
69 HOWARD, by Lewis Atwood, Proxy.
70 STANDISH, by Harold W. Dolloff, Proxy.
71 RISING SUN, by Irving R. Saunders, M.
72 PIONEER, by Arthur G. Andrews, Proxy.
73 TYRIAN, by Melville W. Morrell, Proxy.
74 BRISTOL, by Almond P. Hatch, SW; Joseph E. Crooker, Proxy.
75 ———PLYMOUTH, not represented.
76 ARUNDEL, by George H. Tarbox, M.
77 TREMONT, by Seth W. Norwood, M.
78 CRESCENT, by Fred G. Gardner, M.
79 ROCKLAND, by Jacob R. Stewart, Proxy.
80 KEYSTONE, by Ernest L. Paul, SW; Jonah G. Spaulding, Proxy.
81 ATLANTIC, by Elmer A. Doten, M; Will H. Adams, SW; Albert E. Cornish, JW; William G. Newhall, Proxy.
82 ST. PAUL'S, by Frank A. Campbell, M; Enos E. Ingraham, Proxy.
83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Harry W. Libbey, M; Roland E. Bragg, SW; Edwin N. Miller, JW.
84 EUREKA, by Chas. G. Crocker, Proxy.
85 STAR IN THE WEST, by Edwin M. Soule, M.
86 TEMPLE, by Oliver A Cobb, Proxy.
87 BENEVOLENT, by Camillus K. Johnson, Proxy.
88 NARRAGUAGUS, by Edward R. Wingate, M.
89 ISLAND, by Calvin E. Kimball, M.
90 HIRAM ABIFF,—*Charter revoked in 1868.*
91 HARWOOD, by Edward E. Talbot, M.
92 SILOAM, by Carl C. Piper, M.
93 HOREB, by Daniel W. Ballantyne, Proxy.
94 PARIS, by Wallace B. Strickland, M.
95 CORINTHIAN, by Daniel A. Packard, M.
96 MONUMENT, by Percy L. Rideout, M.
97 BETHEL, by I. Henry Wight, M; Fred B. Merrill, SW; Alphonse Van den Kerchoven, JW.
98 KATAHDIN, by Alonzo A. Porter, M.
99 VERNON VALLEY, by Moses A. Gordon, M; Emery L. Beane, JW; Joseph W. Allen, Proxy.
100 JEFFERSON, by Archie D. Felt, M.
101 NEZINSCOT, by Roscoe G. Ricker, M; Wm. B. Bradford, Proxy.
102 ———MARSH RIVER, not represented.
103 DRESDEN, by John S. Snow. Proxy.
104 DIRIGO, by Charles H. Black, Proxy.
105 ASHLAR, by Ezra A. Nevens, M; Charles O. Morrell, Proxy.

- 106 TUSCAN, by Amos E. Tibbetts, M.
107 DAY SPRING, by George T. Wilson, Proxy.
108 RELIEF,—*Charter recalled in 1894.*
109 MOUNT KINEO, by Carrol S. Douglass, JW.
110 MONMOUTH, by Ralph E. Woodbury, M.
111 LIBERTY, by Edwin E. Tasker, M.
112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by George E. Bartlett, M ; Kimball L. Haycock, Proxy.
113 MESSALONSKEE, by James H. Witherell, Proxy.
114 POLAR STAR, by George A. Ward, M ; John W. Ballou, Proxy.
115 BUXTON, by John Berryman, Proxy.
116 LEBANON, by Orrin F. Hall, M.
117 GREENLEAF, by George H. Kennard, M ; Leroi S. Syphers, SW.
118 DRUMMOND, by Wilbur M. Meserve, Proxy.
119 POWNAL, by Albert M. Ames, M.
120 MEDUNCOOK,—*Charter surrendered in 1884.*
121 ACACIA, by Herbert J. Wagg, M ; Alzo S. Merrill, JW.
122 MARINE, by Edgar W. Haskell, M.
123 ———FRANKLIN, not represented.
124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Clarence H. Dyer, M.
125 MERIDIAN, by Alberto B. Douglass, M ; Orin E. Libby, Proxy.
126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Allen L. Curtis, Proxy.
127 ———PRESUMPSCOT, not represented.
128 EGGEMOGGIN, by Arthur H. Sargent, M.
129 QUANTABACOOK, by Ernest S. Wing, Proxy.
130 TRINITY, by J. Orin Smith, M.
131 LOOKOUT, by Forest S. Stevens, Proxy.
132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Bertram G. McIntire, M.
133 ASYLUM, by William H. Snyder, Proxy.
134 TROJAN,—*Consolidated with Star in the West Lodge, No. 85, in 1888.*
135 RIVERSIDE, by Albro A. Bennett, M.
136 IONIC,—*Charter surrendered in 1882.*
137 KENDUSKEAG, by John H. Everett, Proxy.
138 LEWEY'S ISLAND, by Charles A. Leland, Proxy.
139 ARCHON, by Stephen Mudgett, M.
140 MOUNT DESERT, by Charles G. Bondreaux, SW.
141 AUGUSTA, by Winfred A. Jackson, M ; George F. Giddings, SW.
142 OCEAN, by Leander J. Littlefield, M ; Charles H. West, Proxy.
143 PREBLE, by John Wright, Proxy.
144 SEASIDE, by Lincoln M. Harris, M.
145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Edgar H. Bradstreet, SW.
146 SEBASTICOOK, by Julian M. Estes, M ; Thomas H. Ward, Proxy.

- 147 ———EVENING STAR, not represented.
148 FOREST, by James A. Reed, Proxy.
149 DORIC, by William R. Hughes, M.
150 RABBONI, by Dana S. Williams, M; William H. Hartsorn, JW; Irving E. Pendleton, Proxy.
151 EXCELSIOR, by Charles O. Dickey, Proxy.
152 CROOKED RIVER, by J. Sumner Skillings, Proxy.
153 DELTA, by Frank Harmon, M; Clinton P. Hubbard, Proxy.
154 MYSTIC TIE, by Bernie E. Plummer, M.
155 ANCIENT YORK, by George W. Woodard, M; Asbury M. Blake, JW.
156 WILTON, by La Roy G. Furnel, SW.
157 CAMBRIDGE, by Renaldo O. Austin, Proxy.
158 ANCHOR, by Frank W. Jordan, M.
159 ESOTERIC,—*Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, Jan. 11, 1908.*
160 PARIAN, by Belmont A. Smith, Proxy.
161 CARRABASSETT, by Frank L. Rowell, M.
162 ARION, by Cecil F. Clark. Proxy.
163 PLEASANT RIVER, by Levi F. Johnson, M.
164 WEBSTER, by Judson Bangs, Proxy.
165 MOLUNKUS, by Lewis E. Jackman, M.
166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Everett S. Coombs, M.
167 WHITNEY, by Caleb E. Mendall, M; Arthur J. Foster, Proxy.
168 COMPOSITE, by Allan Harris, M.
169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by Joseph E. Clement, M.
170 CARIBOU, by Charles G. Briggs, Proxy.
171 NASKEAG, by Eldorus H. Bridges, Proxy.
172 ———PINE TREE, not represented.
173 ———PLEIADES, not represented.
174 LYNDE, by Fred A. Wing, M.
175 BASKAHEGAN, by Guy P. Rowe, JW.
176 PALESTINE,—*Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, Sept. 23, 1895.*
177 ———RISING STAR, not represented.
178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by Edwin Hinkley, JW.
179 YORKSHIRE, by Fred H. Brackett, M.
180 HIRAM, by William H. Ohler, Jr., Proxy.
181 RUEL WASHBURN,—*Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1882.*
182 GRANITE, by Charles F. Barden, M.
183 DEERING, by George F. Grant, M; Isaac A. Clough, SW; Albert F. Austin, JW; Francis E. Chase, Proxy.
184 NAVAL, by Jethro H. Swett, Proxy.
185 BAR HARBOR, by Arthur W. Brown, JW.
186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by C. Omer Porter, Proxy.

- 187 ———IRA BERRY, not represented.
 188 JONESPORT, by Edwin Cummings, M.
 189 KNOX, by Sidney O. Hurd, Proxy.
 190 SPRINGVALE, by Frank H. Dexter, Proxy.
 191 DAVIS, by Leslie A. Vining, M; Charles B. Richardson, Proxy.
 192 WINTER HARBOR, by Edward C. Hammond, JW.
 193 WASHBURN, by Robert W. Chapman, M.
 194 EUCLID, by Irvin L. Russell, M.
 195 RELIANCE, by Elmer E. Crockett, M.
 196 BAY VIEW, by Converse O. Hodgdon, Proxy.
 197 AROOSTOOK, by Howard Pierce, M.
 198 ST. ASPINQUID, by Cecil B. Hobson, Proxy.
 199 BINGHAM, by David G. Bean, M; LeRoy Badger, SW.
 200 COLUMBIA, by John Hiram Gerrish, M.
 201 ———DAVID A. HOOPER, not represented.
 202 MOUNT BIGELOW, by Edward L. Donahue, M; Charles T. Rand, Proxy.
 203 MOUNT OLIVET, by George L. Sprague, M.
 204 MOUNT ABRAM, by Lavella A. Norton, Proxy.
 205 NOLLESEMIC, by Frederick C. Bagley, M; Fred A. Donley, Proxy.
 206 ISLAND FALLS, by John J. Marr, M.
 207 ABNER WADE, by Percy H. Russell, Proxy.
 208 NORTH EAST HARBOR, by Edward A. Hodgdon, M.
 209 FORT KENT, by J. James McCaskill, M.
 210 ———BAGADUCE, not represented.

Chartered lodges 201; represented 185; delegates 254.

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present:

M. W.	WILLIAM P. PREBLE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	P. G. M.
"	CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WILLIAM R. G. ESTES,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FESSENDEN I. DAY,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALBRO E. CHASE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HENRY R. TAYLOR,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALFRED S. KIMBALL,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WILLIAM J. BURNHAM,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HUGH R. CHAPLIN,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
R. W.	JOHN B. REDMAN,	-	-	-	-	-	-	P. S. G. W.
"	JOSEPH M. HAYES,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"

R. W.	LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	- - - - -	P. S. G. W.
"	DANIEL P. BOYNTON,	- - - - -	"
"	HERBERT HARRIS,	- - - - -	"
"	ALBERT M. PENLEY,	- - - - -	"
"	ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	- - - - -	"
"	JAMES E. PARSONS,	- - - - -	"
"	EDWIN A. PORTER,	- - - - -	"
"	CHARLES W. CROSBY,	- - - - -	"
"	W. SCOTT SHOREY,	- - - - -	"
"	CURTIS R. FOSTER,	- - - - -	"
"	JAMES M. LARRABEE,	- - - - -	"
"	JOHN W. BALLOU,	- - - - -	P. J. G. W.
"	A. M. WETHERBEE,	- - - - -	"
"	EDWIN HOWARD VOSE,	- - - - -	"
"	ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	- - - - -	"
"	AUGUSTUS BAILEY,	- - - - -	"
"	BENJAMIN AMES,	- - - - -	"
"	EDMUND B. MALLET,	- - - - -	"
"	SAMUEL L. MILLER,	- - - - -	"
"	HOWARD D. SMITH,	- - - - -	"
"	WM. FREEMAN LORD,	- - - - -	"
"	GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL,	- - - - -	"
"	MOSES TAIT,	- - - - -	"
"	BENJAMIN L. HADLEY,	- - - - -	"
"	ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	- - - - -	"
"	MILLARD M. CASWELL,	- - - - -	"
"	FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	- - - - -	"
"	JOHN H. MCGORRILL,	- - - - -	"
"	ADELBERT MILLETT,	- - - - -	"
"	JAMES C. AYER,	- - - - -	"
"	EDWARD G. WESTON,	- - - - -	"
"	ALBERT M. AMES,	- - - - -	"

And Grand Officers as follows:

M. W.	CHARLES F. JOHNSON,	- -	Grand Master.
R. W.	EDMUND B. MALLET,	- - -	Deputy Grand Master.
"	WILLIAM N. HOWE,	- - -	Senior Grand Warden.
"	LEON S. HOWE,	- - -	Junior Grand Warden.
"	MILLARD F. HICKS,	- - -	Grand Treasurer.
"	STEPHEN BERRY,	- - -	Grand Secretary.
"	HERBERT HARRIS,	- - -	Cor. Grand Secretary.

R. W.	IRVING W. CASE, - - - -	D. D. G. M.	2d	Dist.
"	PHINEAS B. GUPTILL, - - - -	"	3d	"
"	CHARLES H. HOOPER, - - - -	"	4th	"
"	CLARENCE B. SWAN, - - - -	"	6th	"
"	SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, - - - -	"	7th	"
"	JOSEPH A. SPRAGUE, - - - -	"	8th	"
"	ENOS E. INGRAHAM, - - - -	"	9th	"
"	ALBERT H. HUNTER, - - - -	"	10th	"
"	CHARLES A. KNIGHT, - - - -	"	11th	"
"	LEON O. TEBBETTS, - - - -	"	12th	"
"	MALON PATTERSON, - - - -	"	13th	"
"	WALLACE N. PRICE, - - - -	"	14th	"
"	FRANK L. WOODCOCK, - - - -	"	15th	"
"	BENTON L. SWIFT, - - - -	"	16th	"
"	CHARLES W. CARLL, - - - -	"	17th	"
"	JOHN L. MESERVE, - - - -	"	18th	"
"	EDGAR H. MINOT, - - - -	"	19th	"
"	WILLIAM H. DRESSER, - - - -	"	21st	"
"	CHARLES T. HARRIS, - - - -	"	22d	"
"	FRED E. DWINAL, - - - -	"	24th	"
"	BENJAMIN C. WALKER, - - - -	"	25th	"
W. & Rev.	WILLIAM H. FULTZ, - - - -	Grand Chaplain.		
W.	HAROLD E. COOK, - - - -	"	Marshal.	
"	WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, - - - -	"	Junior Deacon.	
"	CONVERS E. LEACH, - - - -	"	Steward.	
"	RALPH H. BURBANK, - - - -	"	"	
"	JOHN C. MINOT, - - - -	"	"	
"	SILAS B. ADAMS, - - - -	"	Sword Bearer.	
"	JOHN M. BURLEIGH, - - - -	"	Standard Bearer.	
"	RODNEY I. THOMPSON, - - - -	"	Pursuivant.	
"	WARREN C. KING, - - - -	"	"	
M. W.	FRANK E. SLEEPER, - - - -	"	Lecturer.	
W.	WALTER S. SMITH, - - - -	"	Organist.	
"	WARREN O. CARNEY, - - - -	"	Tyler,	

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance :

Alabama—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL.
 Alberta—JAMES M. LARRABEE.
 Arizona—AUGUSTUS BAILEY.
 Arkansas—JOHN W. BALLOU.
 Belgium—ELMER P. SPOFFORD.

British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE.
Canada—BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.
Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER.
Cuba—E. HOWARD VOSE.
Delaware—AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM.
District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY.
Florida—MILLARD F. HICKS.
Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE.
Illinois—WILLIAM R. G. ESTES.
Indian Territory—JOSEPH M. HAYES.
Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT.
Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL.
Manitoba—A. M. WETHERBEE.
Maryland—SAMUEL L. MILLER.
Michigan—FESSENDEN I. DAY.
Minnesota—JOHN B. REDMAN.
Mississippi—CHARLES I. COLLAMORE.
Missouri—DANIEL P. BOYNTON.
Montana—LEANDER W. FOBES.
Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER.
Nevada—LEANDER M. KENNISTON.
New Brunswick—MOSES TAIT.
New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH.
New Jersey—ADELBERT MILLETT.
New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS.
New York—HENRY R. TAYLOR.
New Zealand—HERBERT HARRIS.
North Carolina—CHARLES F. JOHNSON.
North Dakota—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH.
Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL.
Ohio—WILLIAM J. BURNHAM.
Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD.
Oregon—ERMON D. EASTMAN.
Peru—ALFRED S. KIMBALL.
Prince Edward Island—CURTIS R. FOSTER.
Quebec—JAMES C. AYER.
Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE.
South Australia—BENJAMIN AMES.
South Dakota—EDWARD G. WESTON.
Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY.
Tennessee—HUGH R. CHAPLIN.
Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY.

Vermont—GEORGE R. SHAW.

Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.

Western Australia—FRANKLIN R. REDLON.

West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENLEY.

Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALLETT.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. ADAMS,
RALPH H. BURBANK, } *Committee.*
JOHN CLAIR MINOT,

The report was accepted, and was left in the hands of the committee until two P. M., in order that additions might be made.

The Grand Master announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Doings of the Grand Officers.

HENRY R. TAYLOR, HOWARD D. SMITH, JAMES E. PARSONS.

On the Pay Roll.

FRED C. CHALMERS, THOMAS H. BODGE, FRANK E. MONROE.

On Unfinished Business.

JOSEPH M. HAYES, ALBERT M. PENLEY, ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.

He then delivered his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Scarcely had the good-byes said at the close of our 88th annual communication been exchanged before we were called to assemble in our 89th, so closely do the years press upon each other.

Many of you have met in these annual communications for many years, and I am sure you have now met with increased devotion and loyalty to the institution to whose prosperity you have contributed much.

Some of you are present for the first time to take part in the deliberations of this Grand Lodge, and I trust you will find your

interest for, and allegiance to, our principles and work largely increased.

None of you have assembled here for mercenary or selfish motives. Those of you who have for years visited this shrine with the old familiar faces, all glowing with the same interest in noble and unselfish purposes, have created a bond of mutual respect and regard, binding you closer at each recurring communication; you know that there is no field here for the self-seeker or the bigot; that here narrowness of spirit and selfishness of purpose fade away before the light shed upon this altar; that our symbolic teachings are not lodged alone in our ritual, but have found a place in the hearts of brethren.

I bid you all a cordial welcome and hope that you will find the work of this communication not only pleasant, but beneficial.

The year which has passed has been an exceedingly prosperous one for this Grand Jurisdiction, which numbers now as its membership 27,356, a gain of 826 over the preceding year; it has, therefore, been a year of great activity among all the subordinate lodges.

I am glad to announce, too, that, so far as my observation has extended, this increase in membership has not been accomplished by lowering our standards of admission.

All over Maine, Masonry has been attracting to its lodges during the past year, as in all the years that have preceded, men of the best type of citizenship; harmony and good will prevail between all the subordinate lodges and in no instance has anything arisen which has caused contention between them.

Our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions have been most friendly and fraternal and we meet to-day proud of the record of the past, secure in the present, and confident of the future.

With gratitude to God for his mercy, I am able to announce to you that no permanent member of this Grand Lodge has died during the past year. To our sister jurisdictions whose ranks death has entered, we extend our fraternal sympathy for the losses which they have sustained, as shown by the following communications of sorrow that have come to us:

CONNECTICUT.—Dwight Waugh, Past Grand Master, died February 20, 1908.

MICHIGAN.—Matthew H. Maynard, Past Grand Master, died December 27, 1907.

MISSOURI.—William R. Stubblefield, Grand Master, died January 10, 1908.

NORTH DAKOTA.—Robert M. Carothers, Past Grand Master, died February 4, 1908.

John F. Selby, Past Grand Master, died January 8, 1908.

NEW YORK.—John Stewart, Past Grand Master, died January 31, 1908.

William A. Sutherland, Past Grand Master, died March 11, 1908.

TENNESSEE.—William A. Smith, Past Grand Master, died July 28, 1907.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Eli Marsh Turner, Past Grand Master, died February 29, 1908.

VERMONT.—Rev. Edwin Wheelock, W. Grand Chaplain since 1868, died December 18, 1907.

QUEBEC.—James Dunbar, Past Grand Master, died August 5, 1907.

To these communications of sorrow we would return sincere expression of our deepest sympathy. Their loss is ours as well, because they were our brothers who had toiled along the same path which we have trod.

Immediately after the last annual communication I authorized Brother James F. Bagley, W. M. of Hermon Lodge, to install R. W. Charles A. Knight as D. D. G. M. for the 11th Masonic District; R. W. James E. Parsons to install R. W. Wm. H. Dresser as D. D. G. M. of the 21st Masonic District; John L. Hooper, W. M. of Hancock Lodge to install R. W. Charles H. Hooper as D. D. G. M. of the 4th Masonic District; R. W. C. W. Hendrix to install Carl C. King, as D. D. G. M. of the 7th Masonic District; Worshipful W. J. Trefethen to install R. W. Frank J. Woodcock as D. D. G. M. of the 15th Masonic District; Worshipful Carlos C. Heard, W. M. of Dunlap Lodge, to install R. W. E. H.

Minot as D. D. G. M. of the 19th Masonic District; Worshipful H. H. Noyes, W. M. of Island Falls Lodge, to install B. C. Walker as D. D. G. M. of the 25th Masonic District; R. W. James E. Parsons to install R. W. Wm. H. Dresser as D. D. G. M. of the 21st Masonic District; M. W. Hugh R. Chaplin to install R. W. F. L. O. Hussey as Grand Senior Deacon. In each instance the ceremony of installation was performed and due return made thereof.

May 18th, Joseph Leckenby declined to serve as D. D. G. M. of the 23d Masonic District and in his place I commissioned and appointed W. Willie Ferguson and authorized R. W. Frank Dexter to install him, which was accordingly done and due return made.

May 27th, Willard R. Jones declined to serve as D. D. G. M. of the 7th Masonic District, and I appointed and commissioned in his place Sullivan I. Andrews, and on June 3d, 1907, I installed him,

July 25th, Henry S. Cobb declined to serve as D. D. G. M. of the 17th Masonic District, and in his place I appointed and commissioned R. W. Charles W. Carll, and authorized M. W. Albro E. Chase to install him, which was accordingly done and due return made.

August 15th, I received the resignation of R. W. Lon M. Philbrick as D. D. G. M. of the 1st Masonic District, who resigned on account of ill health, and in his place I appointed and commissioned R. W. Leon O. Tebbetts, who was installed and entered at once upon the discharge of his duties.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

Waivers of jurisdiction have been approved by me in the following cases:

Waterville Lodge, No. 33, over Richard Waite Sprague, in favor of Village Lodge of Connecticut.

St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, over George M. Potter in favor of Somerville Lodge, No. 73, of Somerville, Tenn.

Ocean Lodge, No. 142, over George Thomas, in favor of Crescent Lodge, No. 493, of Pennsylvania.

St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, over Julius Lawton Whitlock, in favor of Sussex Lodge of St. Stephen, N. B.

St. Croix Lodge, over Fred Pierson Trott, in favor of Alley Lodge of Upper Mills, N. B.

During the year dispensations have been granted to the following lodges for the following purposes:

Delta, No. 153,	Siloam, No. 92,
Corinthian, No. 95,	Bingham, No. 199,
Mystic Tie, No. 154,	Lebanon, No. 116,
Oriental Star, No. 21,	Davis, No. 191,
St. Paul's, No. 82,	Lafayette, No. 48,
Island Falls, No. 206,	Lincoln, No. 3,
Seaside, No. 144,	Jonesport, No. 188,
Mt. Kineo, No. 109,	Esoteric, No. 159,
Reliance, No. 195,	Keystone, No. 80,
Bar Harbor, No. 185,	

to attend Divine service in commemoration of St. John's Day.

Alna, No. 43,	Monument, No. 96,
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to attend Divine Service on a day other than St. John's Day.

Felicity, No. 19,	Shepherd's River, No. 169.
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Arion, No. 162,

to elect one or more officers at a meeting other than the annual meeting, for good causes made known to me.

Aurora, No. 50,

to hold two communications upon the same day for the purpose of conferring the degrees upon the same candidates.

Marine, No. 122,	Blazing Star, No. 30,
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Tranquil, No. 29,

Riverside, No. 135,

to act upon petitions for degrees in a shorter time than that allowed by the Constitution, having satisfied myself by careful investigation in each case that a sufficient cause existed for such action.

I have approved amendments of, or additions to, the by-laws of the following lodges :

Portland, No. 1,	Island, No. 89,
Mystic Tie, No. 154,	Oriental Star, No. 21,
Bagaduce, No. 210,	Paris, No. 94,
Piscataquis, No. 44,	Wilton, No. 156,
Preble, No. 143,	Kenduskeag, No. 137,
Ancient Brothers', No. 178,	Lygonia, No. 40,
Freedom, No. 42,	Orient, No. 15,
Atlantic, No. 81,	Saco, No. 9,
Molunkus, No. 165,	

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. G. M. of R. I., I have commissioned R. W. Arthur A. Rhodes, of Pawtucket, R. I., as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, I have commissioned R. W. W. G. Wilkinson as representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, I have commissioned R. W. Stanton Owen as representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

Upon the 17th day of June, 1907, R. W. James Adams died in the City of Bangor. He was at the time of his death representative from the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island near the Grand Lodge of Maine, and I suggested to the M. W. G. M. of Prince Edward Island the name of R. W. Curtis R. Foster for appointment in his place.

In accordance with the vote of this Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, recognizing the Grand Lodge of Alberta as a lawful Grand Lodge, with supreme and exclusive authority in

that District, and requesting an exchange of representatives, I suggested to the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Alberta the name of R. W. James M. Larrabee as representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Maine; and upon the recommendation of the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Alberta I commissioned Claude W. E. Gardiner as representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, I have commissioned R. W. W. B. Kent as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

I have suggested to the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, R. W. W. Scott Shorey as a representative of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

I have received from the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Chili and the Grand Orient of Greece communications requesting fraternal recognition and proposing an exchange of representatives, and have referred the same to the Committee of Foreign Correspondence in order that they might report upon the same at this communication.

A communication has been received from the Grand Lodge of New York announcing that at the sessions of that Grand Lodge held May 7th the edict of 1851 of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was recalled by an unanimous vote, and friendly relations resumed and an interchange of representatives requested; that this action was had in consequence of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg recalling the charter of the lodge established by it in New York city, in consequence of which friendly relations were terminated.

The Grand Lodge of Maine in 1861 adopted a recommendation sustaining the Grand Lodge of New York in withholding fellowship from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and the action

taken appears in the Report of the Proceedings of that year upon page 184. I now lay this communication before you for such action as you may deem advisable.

An invitation was received by me from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia to be present at the laying of the corner stone of its new Masonic Temple on June 8, 1907; from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to attend the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of its organization, in the city of Omaha, September 23, 1907; and from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to attend an informal reception and dinner at the Hotel Garde in the city of Hartford, January 14, 1908, the evening before its annual communication. I was compelled, however, much to my regret, to decline them all.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Special Communications of the Grand Lodge were held September 24, 1907, at Saco; October 9, 1907, at Charleston, and October 17, 1907, at Skowhegan, for the purpose of dedicating the halls of Saco Lodge, No. 9, Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, and Somerset Lodge, No. 34.

I attended all these communications, and had the assistance at each of several officers of the Grand Lodge, to whom I am indebted for the able assistance afforded me, and in particular to Grand Marshal W. Harold E. Cook, Grand Chaplain W. and Rev. Wm. H. Fultz, and Grand Tyler W. Warren O. Carney.

Both Saco and Somerset Lodges have erected beautiful halls, commodious and in every way adapted to the purposes for which they were designed. Upon the occasion of their dedication a large number of brethren were present, not only from the home lodge, but from neighboring lodges, and no effort was spared to make the occasion a memorable one in the history of these lodges. I shall never forget the courtesies extended to me by the brethren of both. I found them not only courteous and hospitable, but full of interest in Masonry. They are to be congratulated upon

the splendid masonic homes which their wide awake spirit has provided. Olive Branch Lodge deserves special commendation for its efforts to have its hall dedicated. The hall was built about twenty years ago, and was not dedicated at that time because the brethren of this small lodge did not feel, on account of the expense incurred in its building, that they could afford the additional expense of its dedication, but at some time when conditions were more favorable they intended to have it dedicated. These conditions did not exist until last year, and they at once proceeded to carry out their long cherished plans. I was glad to visit them and to share with them the satisfaction which the realization of their desires afforded. Masonry in Maine owes much to the country lodges, where in sparsely settled districts its spirit is kept alive by loyal brethren, under difficulties of which the brethren in our larger lodges know nothing.

On September 13, 1907, Oxford Lodge, No. 18, celebrated its centennial anniversary by appropriate exercises. I was invited to be present, but at the last moment was compelled to forego the pleasure. The Grand Secretary was present and extended the greetings of the Grand Lodge and its congratulations upon the prosperity of Oxford Lodge. He reports that the celebration was successful in every respect, and adds what must be attributed to his exuberance of spirit, because our youthful looking Grand Secretary *cannot expect us to believe that his statement is grounded upon facts*, that he interested the brethren with reminiscences of his sojourn in Norway sixty-two years ago.

March 8, 1908, I attended the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Siloam Lodge, No. 92. The exercises were attended by the brethren and their families, and consisted of short addresses interspersed with excellent music. It was Sunday evening, but all the presentations of the principles of Masonry and the review of the application of these principles, as shown by the record of Siloam Lodge for half a century, seemed in strict accord with the character of the day.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, and Esoteric Lodge, No. 159, at a meeting of each lodge duly notified for the purpose, unanimously voted to consolidate under the name of Lygonia Lodge. Certified proceedings of each lodge were sent to me for examination and found to be correct. The charters of both lodges were also sent to me; that of Lygonia was endorsed under the attestation of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge, as the warrant of Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, to take rank as of the date of the charter, and that of Esoteric was endorsed in such manner as to show that it is no longer in force.

Tuesday evening, January 23, 1908, I caused the members of both lodges to be assembled and organized the consolidated lodge by delivering the charter of Lygonia Lodge with its endorsement. I also presided during the election of officers and installed them with the able assistance of Brother Thomas E. Hale as Grand Marshal and Brother Gideon Mayo as Grand Chaplain. I delivered the charter of Esoteric Lodge to the consolidated lodge, to be preserved in its archives. There were present one hundred and seven members of Esoteric Lodge and seventy-seven members of Lygonia Lodge, and several visiting brethren. The occasion was in every way a most enjoyable one. While no spirit other than that of generous rivalry has ever existed between these two vigorous and prosperous lodges, it seemed to both that the interests of Masonry would be best advanced by a complete union of interest and work. I think their decision a wise one, and congratulate them upon the breadth of their loyalty which enabled them to forget their attachment to lodge and its membership and to consider solely the good of the fraternity. I predict that from this union so happily consummated, most prosperous results will follow. I was most graciously received and hospitably entertained and shall look back upon the event as one of the happiest in my official experience.

PROCEEDINGS OF LODGES AGAINST MEMBERS.

Records of proceedings of lodges against members for alleged unmasonic conduct have been received by me from the following lodges and have been referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

Aurora Lodge, No. 53, against Paul H. Locke; Central Lodge, No. 43, against Wendall C. Washburn; Pleasant River Lodge, No. 163, against Charles S. Edwards.

ANSWERS TO INQUIRIES.

I have answered a great many questions during the year, but none of my replies should be dignified by being designated as decisions. In nearly every case, a full and complete answer to the questions asked was contained in our constitution and general regulations; or in the decisions which had been made by former Grand Masters and approved by the Grand Lodge. In many instances the answer could as easily have been given by the questioner as myself, but I assume that he desired to share the responsibility with the Grand Master. So thoroughly has the field been covered that it would seem as if provision has been made for every possible contingency that might arise.

I have received many inquiries in regard to the eligibility of candidates who are suffering from the loss of part of a hand, arm, foot, leg; all of which could be easily answered by reference to the Masonic Text Book. In one instance also I was asked: "Whether a candidate who could not read, and who could simply write his name, was eligible," to which I answered that he was not, stating as my reason that a person, who was so illiterate, would not be able to obtain much knowledge of our institution, nor would he confer much honor upon it.

I have also been asked: "Whether, after a waiver has been requested from one of two lodges having concurrent jurisdiction, and refused, application can then be made to the other lodge which has concurrent jurisdiction for a waiver over the same candidate."

To which I have answered that it cannot, and stated as my reason that serious consequences might follow through the lack of harmony which would be caused by a request of waiver being granted by one of two lodges having concurrent jurisdiction after it had been refused by the other.

I have also been asked whether in determining the jurisdiction of a subordinate lodge the distance of an applicant's residence from the lodge should be determined by the distance along the public highway and railroad or wholly by the distance along the public highway, and I have ruled that the distance should be computed wholly by the public highway, and that the lodge which was nearer the applicant's residence, measuring along the public highway, would have jurisdiction rather than the lodge which would be nearer if the distance were measured partly by the highway and partly by the railroad.

I have also ruled that, in determining distance in such cases, it should be measured along public ways and not along private ways, or ways that were not public, but used by travelers for their convenience.

In one instance application was made to me to allow a lodge to amend its record which had been confirmed and had stood for several years, so that the legal name of a candidate could be substituted for the assumed name under which he was raised in the lodge. There was no evidence of bad faith; the candidate was an actor by profession, and in his application to the lodge had made use of his professional name, by which he was well known to all the members of the lodge, and to only a few of whom was he known by his legal name. He afterwards wished to make application in another jurisdiction for higher degrees, but was there known by his legal name, and he requested the lodge in the State in which he was raised to supply evidence that he had received the degrees in that lodge.

I ruled that the records of the lodge could not be amended, but that the officers of the lodge, if they had knowledge, might certify that he had received the degrees in their lodge under his professional name, but that the record must stand as confirmed.

I also wish to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the practice which prevails to some extent and to which my attention was called in one instance; it is that of holding masonic balls under the auspices of some lodge. This is in direct contravention of standing regulations No. 27, which is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That while the Grand Lodge does not desire to interfere with the rights of the fraternity as individuals to attend or promote balls and dancing, the lodges are forbidden to connect masonic balls, so called, with a lodge, or use the name of a lodge in reference to them, or to advertise them, or sell tickets for admission thereto."

In the case to which I refer, as soon as the attention of the brethren was called to this standing regulation, they very willingly gave up the arrangements which they had made, and by their willingness to fully comply with it, showed that their violation of it arose entirely from lack of knowledge of its provisions.

I mention it here so that the attention of other lodges may be called to it. The word masonic has for us a peculiar meaning; none of us want to see it promiscuously paraded upon bill boards or posters in public places. The term is so broad that we desire that brethren of all ideas may find protection beneath its shelter, and if its use in connection with the practice which a brother disapproves should cause a sense of injured feeling upon his part, we should all prefer that no such practice be encouraged.

BUSINESS FROM THE LAST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

At the last Annual Communication an amendment to the Constitution was proposed and referred to the proper committee, which, if adopted, will enable a lodge in this jurisdiction under proper safeguards to confer the degrees upon a candidate lawfully elected thereto by a lodge in another jurisdiction with which this Grand Lodge holds fraternal relations. This amendment will be submitted to your vote at this communication, and I trust you will consider it to be for the interest of Masonry to adopt it.

Within the past year application has been made to me by the

Grand Lodges of two jurisdictions, with which we hold fraternal relations, to request a lodge in this jurisdiction to confer the degrees upon candidates who had been elected to the same within their jurisdictions, and much to my regret I have been compelled to reply that I could not do so because of the provisions of our constitution.

CONCLUSION.

At the close of this session I shall vacate this chair to which your kindness called me, and which by your assistance and forbearance I have been allowed to occupy. I said at the opening of my address to you at your last communication that "I entered upon the duties of this most important office with a full appreciation of the honor which you had conferred and partial knowledge of the work to be performed," and that in addressing you then I did so "with a deeper and fuller appreciation of the honor and a largely increased knowledge of the extent and magnitude of the work."

Now as I am about to lay down these duties, I can say to you with all sincerity that my appreciation then of the honor has now been increased a hundred fold, and my knowledge of the magnitude and extent of the work in a much larger proportion. I did not then know Masonry as I know it now. I had just completed a short excursion along the shores of that great ocean whose tides rise and fall upon every land. I have since sailed a little further out on that ocean, though not beyond familiar capes, yet far enough to catch a glimpse of the commerce conveyed upon its surging breast, not a commerce whose object is wealth but brotherly love, which freights every swiftly gliding ship upon that blue expanse, as with sails all spread she speeds on her way to the port where fraternal recognition awaits her. And as I watched the ships from your harbors making their way to where the favoring breezes would fill their sails, all loaded deep with the same precious treasures, my heart grew within me and I knew that "Man liveth not unto himself alone," but in this era of the wider expansion of human

interest his fraternal sympathy spans the globe. Of this, by your kindness I have caught in furthest ventures from shore, but a glimpse, but enough to create within me some realization of the universality of Masonry and its world-wide mission. For this awakening to a partial realization of the great work in which you are engaged I am indebted to you, my brethren. I have with the narrowest detail sketched for you the work of the past year; it was but a mere skeleton; the flesh that clothed it I only could see, sadly conscious of all its defects, but it has meant much to me, for though misshapen it may be, through all its being, courses the same blood that flows in me, and its life giving power is fraternal love and sympathy.

To the District Deputy Grand Masters who have been so loyal in the performance of their important duties, all of which have been faithfully discharged, to the grand officers who have so ably and zealously assisted me, I acknowledge my indebtedness. And to you, my brethren, for the opportunity which you have afforded me of obtaining a further realization of the mission of this grand institution with its lofty ideals and most practical lessons, I can only promise in return, as I take my place among those whom you have honored in the past, that I will endeavor by my increased devotion to the craft to show my appreciation of the honors you have conferred.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master.

The address was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

The Grand Master also presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, which were referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers, together with the report of the Grand Lecturer, which was referred to the same committee, as follows:

GRAND LECTURER.

SABBATH, April 30, 1908.

MOST WORSHIPFUL CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of Masons in Maine.

During the present year "Lodges of Instruction" have been held as follows: 1907, Oct. 18th, at Woodfords, Portland; Oct. 23d, at Brownville, and Oct. 30th, at Ellsworth.

The "school" held at Woodfords with Deering Lodge was an unusually large and interesting one. There were present 2 Past Grand Masters, the Grand Tyler, 9 District Deputy Grand Masters (from Districts No. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17), many Masters and Wardens, and representatives from 28 lodges. The brethren of Deering were very hospitable, serving an excellent dinner at noon and a fine banquet in the evening. Work and Lectures were studied with great carefulness, many questions asked and answered, and every brother present appeared to be personally interested in all that was said and done. The Entered Apprentice degree was worked by Deering Lodge in the evening, inspected by D. D. G. M. CARLL, assisted by his brother deputies, and by them pronounced good, a testimony endorsed by all present.

The "school" held at Brownville was well attended, especially by brethren who had never had an opportunity to be present at any similar meeting. Ten lodges were represented, and three District Deputies (from Districts No. 5, 6 and 28) were present. The work and lectures were carefully explained, and from the interest manifested by the brethren I have no doubt the "school" will prove to have been of much benefit to the craft in the vicinity in which it was held. Hospitality was liberally extended to the visitors by Pleasant River Lodge, and an inspection of the work of that lodge was made in the evening by D. D. G. M. WALKER, assisted by the other Deputies.

The "school" at Ellsworth was attended by about fifty brethren, including 5 District Deputy Grand Masters (from Districts Nos. 2, 4, 15, 21, and 22,) 1 Grand Chaplain, and representatives from 14 lodges. Work and lectures in all three degrees were fully recited and discussed, so that no uncertainty could remain in the minds of those present. The usual hospitality was abundantly shown by the brethren of Ellsworth, and in the evening work was presented for the inspection of the Deputies.

- Deputies from Districts, No. 1, 3, 7, 18, 19, 20, 23, and 24, did not attend either "Lodge of Instruction," and I note that of that number Deputies from Districts No. 1, 7, and 20 did not attend either "school" last year.

On January 30th, I was present at a so-called "District Convention" of the lodges of the 7th District, held at Clinton. I had received a very pressing as well as cordial invitation from D. D. G. M. ANDREWS and Seabastcook Lodge, under whose auspices the meeting was held, and I am glad I was present, as the meeting proved to be a very interesting and successful one.

It had been planned to have the three degrees worked by three different lodges, but owing to the absence of the officers of one of the lodges the meeting was changed in part to a "Lodge of Instruction," and I was called upon to preside. But few present had ever attended such a "school" before, and the opinion appeared to be unanimous that much information and great benefit had been derived from it. The Master Mason's degree was worked in the evening, and the hospitality of the brethren of Seabastcook and other lodges of the district was unbounded, one proof being that I found all my expense account promptly paid.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, I wish to suggest that the work of the Grand Lecturer in determining time and place for "Lodges of Instruction" would be very much lightened, and perhaps more satisfactory to some, if the lodges desiring to have them in their locality would so notify him previous to August 1st, so that choice and arrangements may be early completed. Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. SLEEPER,

Grand Lecturer.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, which was referred to the Committee of Finance, as follows:

PORTLAND, ME., May 5, 1908.

Grand Lodge of Maine F. & A. M.

in account with MILLARD F. HICKS, Grand Treasurer.

1907.

RECEIPTS.

May	7.	Cash on hand, balance from old account,.....	\$11,230.44
	9.	Received from John Clair Minot, D. D. G. M. 11th District, account Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35,...	98.40
		Received from Trustees Charity Fund for C. G. Raymond mortgage note,	350.00
Aug.	19.	Received of Charles F. Johnson, Gr. Master, account dispensation to Marine Lodge, No. 122,.	3.00
Nov.	6.	Received of Portland National Bank, Interest to September 20, 1907,	60.22

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Nov.	6.	Received of Fidelity Trust Co., Interest to date,...	41.44
Dec.	24.	Received of Charles F. Johnson, Gr. Master, account dispensation to Tranquil Lodge, No. 29,	3.00

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April	7.	Received of Portland National Bank, Interest to March 20, 1908,	20.54
	27.	Received of Gr. Chapter, 3/10 office expenses,....	142.01
		" " Gr. Com'dy, 2/10 " " ...	94.68
		Received of Gr. Chapter and Gr. Com'dy 2/3 expense moving book and shelves for books,...	22.70
		Received of Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co., Interest to April 1, 1908,	51.97
May	1.	Received of Fidelity Trust Co., Interest to May 1, 1908,	42.26

Received of District Deputy Grand Masters as follows:

March	18.	John L. Meserve, 18th District,	195.40
	21.	Wallace N. Price, 14th District,	413.40
		Albert H. Hunter, 10th District,	339.40
	26.	Frank R. Linton, 20th District,	180.20
	27.	George S. Walker, 5th District,	388.60
	31.	Phineas B. Guphill, 3d District,	261.80
April	1.	Benton L. Swift, 16th District,	331.40
		Sullivan L. Andrews, 7th District,	174.20
	6.	Enos E. Ingraham, 9th District,	475.20
		Malon Patterson, 13th District,	344.80
		Fred E. Dwinal, 24th District,	493.40
		Willie F. Ferguson, 23d District,	260.60
		Charles H. Hooper, 4th District,	247.60
		Irving W. Case, 2d District,	177.00
	7.	Carl C. King, 1st District,	247.20
		Joseph A. Sprague, 8th District,	218.20
		Charles T. Harris, 22d District,	224.60
	10.	Benjamin C. Walker, 25th District,	278.80
		Leon O. Tebbetts, 12th District,	249.60
	11.	Edgar H. Minot, 19th District,	397.80
		Charles W. Carll, 17th District,	843.60
	13.	Clarence B. Swan, 6th District,	399.60
		Charles A. Knight, 11th District,	418.80
	15.	Frank L. Woodcock, 15th District,	312.00
	21.	William H. Dresser, 21st District,	446.20

\$20,480.06

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DISBURSEMENTS.

May	8.	Paid Pay Roll as per order,.....	\$2,480.35
		" Chas. F. Johnson, G. Master, sundry expenses,.....	31.57
	15.	" Walter S. Smith, services as organist,.....	10.00
	18.	" Mrs. O'Toole, cleaning offices,.....	11.00
	21.	" W. O. Carney, services as Grand Tyler,.....	30.00
		" " " lunches as per bill,.....	22.05
		" Transferred to Charity Fund as per vote, Chas. G. Raymond mortgage note,.....	350.00
June	13.	" George D. Loring, binding books,.....	15.30
	17.	" Portland Savings Bank, rent to June 1, 1907,..	100.00
	27.	" Transferred to Charity Fund as per vote,	2,000.00
July	16.	" Albro E. Chase, Com. on Correspondence,....	100.00
	31.	" Stephen Berry, Grand Sec., salary to date,....	162.50
Aug.	5.	" Mrs. O'Toole, cleaning offices,.....	12.00
Sept.	5.	" Portland Savings Bank, rent to Sept. 1, 1907,..	100.00
	10.	" 1,500 copies 1907 proceedings and sundry items,	641.89
	12.	" Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, mailing bill, stamps, &c.,.....	35.15
		" Stephen Berry, G. Sec., notices, envelopes, &c.,	20.20
	24.	" Am. Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas,....	100.00
Oct.	1.	" William H. Smith, moving books,.....	8.45
	19.	" Smith & Rumery, shelves and labor,.....	25.60
	26.	" Mrs. O'Toole, cleaning offices,.....	14.00
Nov.	1.	" Stephen Berry, Grand Sec., salary to date, ...	162.50
		" M. F. Hicks, Grand Treas., salary to date (6 months),.....	150.00
Dec.	12.	" Portland Savings Bank, rent to Dec. 1, 1908,..	100.00
	13.	" F. E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, expenses at- tending schools of instruction,.....	76.31
		" F. E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, salary for year,	25.00
	21.	" Mrs. O'Toole, cleaning offices,.....	9.00
	28.	" Am. Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas, ..	100.00
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Jan.	29.	" Stephen Berry, Grand Sec., salary to Jan. 31, 1908,.....	162.50
		" F. E. Sleeper, Gr. Lecturer, 24 P. M. Rituals, ..	12.00
Feb.	29.	" Mrs. O'Toole, cleaning offices,.....	12.00
March	4.	" Portland Savings Bank, rent to March 1, 1908,	100.00
April	2.	" Masonic Trustees, rent of halls for 1907,	125.00
	23.	" Am. Bank Note Co., 200 P. M. and 500 M. M. Diplomas,.....	140.00

April 23.	Paid Geo. D. Loring, binding 35 vols.,.....	35.00
25.	" Stephen Berry, Gr. Sec., salary to April 30, 1908,	162.50
	" " " " petty account with Gr.	
	Lodge,.....	23.01
	" " " " notices and sundries,...	20.05
	" " " " sundries for Gr. Lodge	
	Room,.....	15.38
28.	" M. F. Hicks, Gr. Treas., salary to May 1, 1908,	150.00
	" " " " postage, &c.,.....	4.00
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		\$7,872.31

EXPENSES OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1908.

April 1.	Paid Benton L. Swift, 16th District,.....	\$23.55
	" John L. Meserve, 18th District,.....	20.00
	" Geo. S. Walker, 5th District,.....	16.97
	" Sullivan L. Andrews, 7th District,.....	9.65
3.	" Frank R. Linton, 20th District,.....	7.40
	" Phineas B. Guptill, 3d District,.....	17.10
8.	" Irving W. Case, 2d District,.....	9.30
	" Enos E. Ingraham, 9th District,.....	32.65
	" Malon Patterson, 13th District,.....	18.65
	" Fred E. Dwinal, 24th District,.....	4.93
	" Willie F. Ferguson, 23d District,.....	14.65
	" Chas. H. Hooper, 4th District,.....	42.90
	" Joseph A. Sprague, 8th District,.....	15.98
	" Carl C. King, 1st District,.....	5.00
13.	" Benj. C. Walker, 25th District,.....	17.47
	" Chas. W. Carll, 17th District,.....	6.20
	" Egdar H. Minot, 19th District,.....	17.50
	" Albert H. Hunter, 10th District,.....	20.75
	" Clarence B. Swan, 6th District,.....	16.76
15.	" Frank L. Woodcock, 15th District,.....	36.23
17.	" Chas. A. Knight, 11th District,.....	9.17
21.	" Wm. H. Dresser, 21st District,.....	32.29
24.	" Leon O. Tebbetts, 12th District,.....	14.90
25.	" Chas. T. Harris, 22d District,.....	30.00
30.	" Wallace N. Price, 14th District,.....	10.61
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		\$8,322.92

Balance to new account:

Cash in Portland National Bank,	8,236.52
“ “ Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co.,	1,764.92
“ “ Fidelity Trust Co.,	2,155.70

\$20,480.06

Fraternally submitted,

MILLARD F. HICKS, *Grand Treasurer.*

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report, which was accepted, as follows:

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, May 5, 1908.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

The routine duties of my office will be reported upon by the several committees.

The returns came in promptly and were unusually correct in bringing forward the number of members and accounting for them.

Protests are made against having to pay dues on members recently admitted. I have explained that they gain as much, on the average, by paying no dues for those recently suspended, dimitted and deceased.

Some secretaries give the day of meeting as "on or before full moon," without specifying the day, which is carelessness.

The first names of officers should be given in full, even if they are so given later in the roll of membership.

Elections should be sent in at once, without waiting for installation, especially when a new Secretary is elected.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Grand Secretary.*

SUNDRY PAPERS.

The Grand Secretary presented the following:

A letter from the Grand Lodge "Cosmos" A. A. S. R., Chihuahua, Mexico, asking recognition. Referred to Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

A circular from the lodge at Belgrade, Servia, asking aid to build a masonic temple. Referred to Committee of Finance.

An invitation to join in a Masonic Congress at Rome, Italy. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Letters from our Grand Representative at Antwerp, Belgium, Bro. ALBERT J. KRUGER. Referred to Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Proposition from the Publishers of a List of Regular Lodges. Referred to the Committee of Finance.

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Bro. HENRY R. TAYLOR reported as follows :

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 5, 1908.

Your Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers have attended to their duties, and beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend that the decisions of the Grand Master, and also his answers to questions propounded, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

We recommend that the reports of the Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

We are pleased to note that only four dispensations for conferring degrees in less than the usual time were granted the past year. We hope to see the time when none are issued for this purpose.

We congratulate the Grand Master upon his successful administration of his office, and for the great prosperity which has attended the craft during that period.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY R. TAYLOR, }
HOWARD D. SMITH, } *Committee.*
JAMES E. PARSONS, }

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

R. W. Bro. W. SCOTT SHOREY presented his credentials as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, and was duly welcomed.

RETURNS.

The Grand Secretary submitted the Report on Returns, which was accepted, as follows.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, Tuesday, May 5, 1908.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Returns would report that returns have been received from all the 202 chartered lodges.

The following summary shows the comparison with the last four years:

	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.
Initiated,	1339	1282	1237	1344	1423
Raised,	1309	1267	1218	1281	1230
Affiliated,	127	101	108	140	357
Re-instated,	83	74	72	68	96
Dimitted,	194	147	171	203	384
Died,	471	451	442	490	516
Suspended,	3	3	1	1	1
Expelled,	3	1	2	1	2
Susp. from membership, ..	183	150	221	135	166
Deprived of membership, ..	11	6	9	5	4
Number of members,	24,611	25,307	25,889	26,530	27,356
Rejected,	361	357	356	384	351

The gain is 826, about 3 1/10 per cent, an increase on last year.

The death rate is 19.45 to a thousand, an increase over last year.

The average lodge membership is 136, the consolidation of the two Ellsworth lodges having increased it. The same action accounts for the increase in the dimits and affiliations.

The accompanying abstract will show the work in detail.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,
EDWIN A. PORTER, } *Committee.*
JAMES C. AYER,

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N.P. S.	Dues. D.	Mem.	R.
50	Aurora,.....	16	22	3	2	1	5	0	1	0	0	296	5
51	St. John's,.....	6	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	125	1
52	Mosaic,.....	7	4	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	158	0
53	Rural,.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	68	0
54	Vassalboro,.....	8	8	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	76	0
55	Fraternal,.....	8	10	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	75	2
56	Mount Moriah,...	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	51	2
57	King Hiram,.....	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	124	0
58	Unity,.....	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	55	1
59	Mt. Hope, (ch. sur.)												
60	Star in the East,...	11	14	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	197	4
61	King Solomon's,...	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	115	1
62	King David's,...	5	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	13	0	50	0
63	Richmond,.....	5	7	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	129	0
64	Pacific,.....	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	77	0
65	Mystic,.....	6	9	2	0	3	5	0	0	2	0	123	1
66	Mechanics',.....	7	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	125	0
67	Blue Mountain,...	9	9	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	137	1
68	Mariners',.....	8	8	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	113	0
69	Howard,.....	11	14	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	130	4
70	Standish,.....	10	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	104	4
71	Rising Sun,.....	8	8	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	86	2
72	Pioneer,.....	6	6	0	3	2	0	0	0	9	0	137	4
73	Tyrian,.....	6	6	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	207	6
74	Bristol,.....	4	4	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	131	0
75	Plymouth,.....	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	42	0
76	Arundel,.....	0	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	87	1
77	Tremont,.....	5	5	0	0	3	3	0	0	2	0	153	1
78	Crescent,.....	2	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	113	0
79	Rockland,.....	5	5	1	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	208	2
80	Keystone,.....	10	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	114	4
81	Atlantic,.....	16	19	0	3	1	6	0	0	3	0	301	4
82	St. Paul's,.....	6	7	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	191	0
83	St. Andrew's,.....	9	10	0	3	2	16	0	0	1	0	250	6
84	Eureka,.....	5	5	0	0	1	3	0	0	5	0	102	1
85	Star in the West,...	4	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	93	0
86	Temple,.....	11	9	2	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	217	3
87	Benevolent,.....	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	63	2
88	Narraguagus,.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	1
89	Island,.....	10	9	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	108	3
90	Hiram Abiff, (ch. rev '68.												
91	Harwood,.....	9	9	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	174	0
92	Siloam,.....	9	8	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	193	3
93	Horeb,.....	7	11	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	177	4
94	Paris,.....	3	3	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	93	1
95	Corinthian,.....	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	103	3
96	Monument,.....	12	14	1	0	0	6	0	0	4	0	238	2
97	Bethel,.....	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	99	0
98	Katahdin,.....	13	14	0	2	2	1	0	0	3	0	114	4
99	Vernon Valley,...	3	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	85	0
100	Jefferson,.....	5	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	83	1
101	Nezinscot,.....	4	5	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	99	2
102	Marsh River,.....	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	71	0
103	Dresden,.....	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. S.	Dues. D.	Mem.	R.
104	Dirigo,	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	92	4
105	Ashlar,	18	17	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	319	1
106	Tuscan,	6	6	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	160	1
107	Day Spring,	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	50	1
108	Relief, (<i>ch. rec'd</i> '94)	94	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
109	Mount Kineo,	4	5	2	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	143	2
110	Monmouth,	3	3	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	115	0
111	Liberty,	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	85	0
112	Eastern Frontier,	11	7	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	132	0
113	Messalonskee,	4	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	98	0
114	Polar Star,	15	15	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	300	2
115	Buxton,	5	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	105	2
116	Lebanon,	6	6	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	96	2
117	Greenleaf,	4	3	0	0	1	8	0	0	4	0	174	0
118	Drummond,	9	9	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	74	1
119	Pownal,	1	1	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	94	1
120	Meduncook, (<i>ch. s.</i> '84)	84	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
121	Acacia,	4	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	78	0
122	Marine,	11	11	1	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	213	3
123	Franklin,	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	58	0
124	Olive Branch,	12	11	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	82	0
125	Meridian,	10	9	1	0	0	2	0	0	13	0	140	0
126	Timothy Chase,	13	15	0	0	1	3	0	0	6	0	122	0
127	Presumpscot,	3	4	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	107	2
128	Eggemoggin,	5	8	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	106	0
129	Quantabacook,	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	71	0
130	Trinity,	18	16	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	141	6
131	Lookout,	6	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	53	0
132	Mount Tire'm,	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	78	0
133	Asylum,	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	63	0
134	Trojan, (<i>consol'd</i> '88)	88	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
135	Riverside,	6	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	111	0
136	Ionie, (<i>ch. sur.</i> '82)	82	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
137	Kenduskeag,	4	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	95	0
138	Lewey's Island,	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	119	0
139	Archon,	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	0
140	Mount Desert,	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	10	0	89	0
141	Augusta,	8	4	2	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	308	1
142	Ocean,	4	5	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	63	0
143	Preble,	18	17	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	153	10
144	Seaside,	10	10	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	236	5
145	Moses Webster,	6	5	0	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	224	0
146	Sebasticook,	7	5	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	115	0
147	Evening Star,	3	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	83	0
148	Forest,	10	9	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	105	2
149	Doric,	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	103	1
150	Rabboni,	12	10	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	255	0
151	Excelsior,	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	41	0
152	Crooked River,	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	99	0
153	Delta,	5	4	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	84	0
154	Mystic Tie,	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	65	1
155	Ancient York,	3	3	0	1	4	3	0	0	1	0	143	3
156	Wilton,	1	1	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	138	1
157	Cambridge,	9	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	76	1

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N.	P.	D.	Mem.	R.
158	Anchor,	5	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	71	0
159	Esoteric, <i>Consol.</i> '08	6	7	1	3	245	4	0	0	0	0	0	000	0
160	Parian,	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	78	0
161	Carrabassett,	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	0
162	Arion,	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	1
163	Pleasant River,	15	16	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	179	5
164	Webster,	5	5	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	54	0
165	Molunkus,	6	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	84	0
166	Neguemkeag,	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0
167	Whitney,	5	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	92	1
168	Composite,	10	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	101	3
169	Shepherd's River,	5	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	49	0
170	Caribou,	13	9	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	140	2
171	Naskeag,	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	83	0
172	Pine Tree,	11	9	0	5	0	5	0	0	7	0	0	130	1
173	Pleiades,	6	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	157	0
174	Lynde,	9	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	75	2
175	Baskahegan,	7	6	1	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	138	1
176	Palestine,	<i>Con soli dat ed '95.</i>												
177	Rising Star,	4	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	87	1
178	Ancient Brothers',	14	17	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	224	5
179	Yorkshire,	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	2
180	Hiram,	14	19	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	265	4
181	Reuel Washburn,	<i>Con soli dat ed '92.</i>												
182	Granite,	7	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	96	0
183	Deering,	22	23	3	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	345	4
184	Naval,	5	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	128	1
185	Bar Harbor,	21	20	2	0	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	217	3
186	Warren Phillips,	17	17	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	222	3
187	Ira Berry,	1	1	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	59	0
188	Jonesport,	5	5	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	135	2
189	Knox,	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0
190	Springvale,	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	133	2
191	Davis,	9	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	166	0
192	Winter Harbor,	2	2	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	121	0
193	Washburn,	2	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	83	0
194	Euclid,	8	7	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	136	3
195	Reliance,	11	11	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	178	0
196	Bay View,	8	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	85	1
197	Aroostook,	9	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	118	0
198	St. Aspinquid,	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	2
199	Bingham,	9	9	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	132	3
200	Columbia,	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	74	5
201	David A. Hooper,	9	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	130	1
202	Mount Bigelow,	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	1
203	Mount Olivet,	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	54	0
204	Mount Abram,	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	2
205	Nollesemeic,	16	16	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	123	8
206	Island Falls,	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	107	3
207	Abner Wade,	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0
208	N. East Harbor,	13	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	1
209	Fort Kent,	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0
210	Bagaduce,	5	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
		1423	1430	357	96	384	516	1	2	166	4	27,356	351	

CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

Certificates of Charter were voted to the following lodges:

Corinthian, No. 95, Hartland.
Greenleaf, No. 117, Cornish.
Fraternal, No. 55, Alfred.
Nezinscot, No. 101, Turner.
Ancient Landmark, No. 17, Portland.
Saint Andrew's, No. 83, Bangor.
Piscataquis, No. 44, Milo.
Washington, No. 137, Lubec.
Lookout, No. 131, Cutler.
King David's, No. 62, Lincolnville.
Horeb, No. 93, Lincoln.
Oriental Star, No. 21, Livermore Falls.
Liberty, No. 111, Liberty.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the report on Foreign Correspondence in print, which was accepted, with permission to add reports on later proceedings. (*See Appendix.*)

At 11.30 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 P. M.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 5, 1908. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 P. M.

LIBRARY.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 5, 1908.

The Committee on Library present as part of their report the following report of the Librarian:

PORTLAND, May 1, 1908.

To the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.

The Library has received from Bro. Julius F. Sachse, Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a fac simile of the Constitutions as printed by Bro. Benjamin Franklin, and the gift has been acknowledged by the Grand Secretary.

The Library catalogues have been kept up to date, and thirty-five volumes of proceedings have been bound.

Fraternally submitted,

HERBERT HARRIS, *Librarian.*

We recommend that the usual sum of fifty dollars be placed at the disposal of the committee with which to purchase books advisable to be placed in the library, and that power be given them to bind such proceedings as come to the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES F. JOHNSON, }
ALBRO E. CHASE, } *Committee.*
JOHN W. BALLOU, }

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

FINANCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 5, 1908.

Your Committee of Finance have audited the accounts against the Grand Lodge, and have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, and certify to the correctness of the several accounts. The book of records is found to be written up to date in a very pleasing writing.

The receipts of the Grand Lodge for the past year have been as follows:

1907. May 7.	Cash on hand from old account,	\$11,230.44
	Cash receipts for the year,	9,249.62
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		\$20,480.06

The expenditures have been,	\$ 8,322.92
1908. May 5. Cash on hand to new account,	12,157.14
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	\$20,480.06
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For the details of this summary we refer you to the report of the Grand Treasurer.

The amount of the invested fund to the credit of the Charity Fund in the hands of the Grand Treasurer is \$52,304.60.

The committee submit the following recommendations:

To the Grand Lecturer,	\$ 25.00
To the Grand Treasurer, including the cost of his bond,	300.00
To the Grand Secretary,	650.00
as compensation for their services for the year ending May	

1, 1909.

To the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for the year ending May 1, 1908,	100.00
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Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, {
HUGH R. CHAPLIN, } *Committee.*

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

The Grand Treasurer's report was then accepted.

HISTORY.

BRO. HERBERT HARRIS submitted the following :

PORTLAND, May 5, 1908.

To the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Maine.

Your Committee on the History of Masonry in Maine is both surprised and pleased to be able to report that the number of histories received during the year, though not large, is larger than for several years previous, and nearly all of them are in print.

Those received are as follows :

Amity, No. 6, Camden, 1890 to 1900, typed, 10 pp.

Village, No. 26, Bowdoinham, org. 1816, to 1833, mss., 46 pp.

Bethlehem, No. 35, Augusta, org. 1821, to 1907, print, 54 pp.

Rising Sun, No. 71, Orland, 1893 to 1906, print, 20 pp.

Preble, No. 143, Sanford, 1891 to 1900, typed, 13 pp.

Pine Tree, No. 172, Mattawamkeag, 1892 to 1908, print, 90 pp.

Most of the lodges now have their history on file in the Grand Lodge Library, but another installment will be due in 1910, and every lodge in

the state should appoint a historian at once, in order to comply with the Grand Lodge requirements at that time.

A duplicate of every manuscript or type-written history should be prepared and kept on file in the archives of the lodge, in addition to the one placed in the Grand Lodge Library.

There are still a few lodges which have no history on deposit with the Grand Lodge and whose history, so far as is known to your committee, has never been written. They are as follows:

United, No. 8,	Crooked River, No. 152,
Solar, No. 14,	Parian, No. 160,
Mechanics', No. 66,	Arion, No. 162,
Polar Star, No. 114,	Webster, No. 164,
Marine, No. 122,	Molunkus, No. 165,
Rabboni, No. 150,	Composite, No. 168,

and many which have been chartered in the last thirty years.

It is a serious matter that, in the older lodges named above, those members who can best furnish reminiscences of the early days are dying off, and much valuable historical material is in danger of being lost. We would urge those lodges to take immediate measures for the preparation of their histories, before the older members shall fail in health or memory.

Fraternally submitted,

HERBERT HARRIS, }
CURTIS R. FOSTER, } *Committee.*
FESSENDEN I. DAY, }

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

R. W. JAMES M. LARRABEE presented his Commission as representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and was cordially welcomed.

ELECTION.

At 3 o'clock, the hour prescribed for the election of Grand Officers, the Grand Master invited to preside M. W. Past Grand Master HUGH R. CHAPLIN, who appointed the following committees to receive, sort and count votes:

I. W. SCOTT SHOREY, JAMES C. AYER, CURTIS R. FOSTER.

II. CHARLES W. CROSBY, ALBERT M. AMES, SILAS B. ADAMS.

These committees, having attended to their duties, reported the election of

EDMUND B. MALLET,	<i>M. W. Grand Master,</i>	Freeport;
ASHLEY A. SMITH,	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master,</i>	Belfast;
JOHN CLAIR MINOT,	" <i>Senior Grand Warden,</i>	Augusta;
GEORGE W. HOLMES,	" <i>Junior Grand Warden,</i>	Norway;
MILLARD F. HICKS,	" <i>Grand Treasurer,</i>	Portland;
STEPHEN BERRY,	" <i>Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland.

Committee of Finance—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland; GEORGE R. SHAW, Portland; HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor.

Trustees of Charity Fund for three years—CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, Bangor; FESSENDEN I. DAY, Lewiston.

The reports were accepted.

The Grand Master resumed the East and returned his thanks to Bro. CHAPLIN.

At 4:40 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 P. M. Wednesday.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, }
Wednesday, May 6, 1908. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 P. M.

The Grand Master called to the East M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, who, after some

remarks, invited the officers of Aurora Lodge, No. 50, of Rockland, to assume the several stations and exemplify the work of the third degree. ARTHUR S. LITTLEFIELD, W. M., and his officers conferred the third degree on two candidates. After some comments, the Grand Lecturer surrendered the chair to the Grand Master, who thanked the Grand Lecturer.

Thanks were voted to Aurora Lodge for the beautiful and impressive presentation of the work.

PAY ROLL.

BRO. FRED C. CHALMERS reported as follows:

PORTLAND, May 5, 1908.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Pay Roll have prepared a schedule which is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

FRED C. CHALMERS, }
FRANK E. MONROE, } *Committee.*
THOS. H. BODGE, }

Report accepted and schedule ordered to be paid.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 9 A. M. Thursday.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, }
Thursday, May 7, 1908. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 A. M.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

BRO. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE reported as follows :

PORTLAND, May 7, 1908.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have carefully considered such cases as have come to their hands and respectfully present the following report, viz :

Three cases have come before the committee.

First, That of Aurora Lodge, No. 50 at Rockland, against Bro. Paul H. Locke. In this case Bro. Locke was charged with unmasonic conduct and found guilty, justly as it seems to your committee from the evidence. He was sentence to expulsion from "membership in Aurora Lodge." In reviewing the case your committee feel that this sentence is inadequate, and recommend the passage of the following :

Resolved, That the sentence of Bro. Paul H. Locke to expulsion from membership in Aurora Lodge be set aside and that Bro. Paul H. Locke be expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

Second, Pleasant River Lodge, No. 163, at Brownville, against Bro. Chas. S. Edwards, an E. A., wherein Bro. Edwards was expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry. We recommend the passage of the following :

Resolved, That the action of Pleasant River Lodge be approved and confirmed, and that Bro. Chas. S. Edwards be expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry he may have obtained.

In this connection your committee desire to again call attention to lax methods of many Committees of Investigation.

We feel that if the committee in this case had attended to their plain duty this unfortunate trouble would have been avoided.

Third, That of Central Lodge, No. 45, at China, against Bro. Wendall C. Washburn, wherein Bro. Washburn was indefinitely suspended from all the rights and benefits of Masonry. We recommend the passage of the following :

Resolved, That the action of Central Lodge, No. 45, in this case be approved and confirmed, and that Bro. Wendall C. Washburn be indefinitely suspended from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

C. I. COLLAMORE, }
BENJ. L. HADLEY, } *Committee.*

The report was accepted and the recommendations, after being severally considered, were adopted.

JURISPRUDENCE.

BRO. ALFRED S. KIMBALL submitted the following, which was accepted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 7, 1908.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the rulings reported by the Grand Master upon various questions presented to him for decision, and find them to be in harmony with the law as heretofore declared in this jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, }
C. I. COLLAMORE, } *Committee.*
WM. J. BURNHAM, }

FINANCE—LIST OF REGULAR LODGES.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 7, 1908.

Your Committee of Finance, to which was referred the proposition of the Pantagraph Company to supply the several lodges of the jurisdiction of Maine with a copy of the publication "List of Regular Lodges A. F. & A. M.," have considered the proposition and recommend that this Grand Lodge purchase of the edition to be issued Jan. 1, 1909, a sufficient number of copies to furnish each lodge with one copy and one copy additional be purchased for the use of the Grand Master; that these copies to the lodges be issued by the Grand Secretary under the direction of the Committee on Library; with authority to make changes in said copies if necessary to conform to fact and to print and to attach to said copies such direction for use as may be deemed advisable by said committee; and that the treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the account thus recommended.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, }
HUGH R. CHAPLIN, } *Committee.*

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

R. W. CURTIS R. FOSTER presented his credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island and was received and welcomed.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—SASKATCHEWAN.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following, which was accepted and adopted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 7, 1908.

In our report made to the Grand Lodge in 1907 we noted that two Provinces had been made out of a portion of the territory of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

At the same communication there was reported the organization of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

And now comes the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, organized on August 9, 1906, by the representatives of twenty-five of the twenty-nine lodges in the Province, and with the full consent of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, under whose authority these lodges worked, and asks for recognition.

Your committee find that the proceedings were regular in every respect and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Maine hereby recognizes The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan as a lawful Grand Lodge, with supreme and exclusive authority in that province, and that their request for an interchange of representatives be granted.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, }
ALFRED S. KIMBALL, } *Committee.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

BRO. WILLIAM R. G. ESTES reported the following:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 7, 1908.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Amendments to the Constitution beg to submit the following report:

We have carefully and thoughtfully considered the three propositions to amend in Part Three, Article VII, Section III of the Constitution, presented and entertained one year ago, as found on pages 215, 216 and 224 of the Grand Lodge proceedings of 1907; and

We are of the opinion that the adoption of any one of those proposed amendments would be unwise, being an innovation and subversive of an

ancient landmark—the right of members to object before initiation. We, therefore, recommend that none of them be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. G. ESTES,
A. M. WETHERBEE, } *Committee.*
W. SCOTT SHOREY,

The report was accepted, but the recommendation was refused a passage, and on motion of Bro. MERTON L. KIMBALL it was

Voted, That the amendment as printed in the proceedings of 1907, pages 216 and 217, be adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That Section III, Article VII, of the Constitutions of this Grand Lodge, be amended by adding thereto the words "Provided, that this section shall not be so construed as to prohibit any lodge in this jurisdiction from conferring any degree upon a candidate lawfully elected thereto by a lodge in any other jurisdiction with which this Grand Lodge holds fraternal relations, on the request under seal from the electing lodge, the identity and standing of the candidate being fully established, in which case the membership of the brother shall remain in the electing lodge and the fees shall belong thereto."

So that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

SECTION III. Every candidate who shall receive the third degree in any lodge in this jurisdiction, shall thereby become a member of said lodge, and the Secretary shall record his name upon the roll of membership; provided, that this section shall not be so construed as to prohibit any lodge in this jurisdiction from conferring any degree upon a candidate lawfully elected thereto by a lodge in any other jurisdiction with which this Grand Lodge holds fraternal relations, on the request under seal from the electing lodge, the identity and standing of the candidate being fully established, in which case the membership of the brother shall remain in the electing lodge and the fees shall belong thereto.

BRO. MERTON L. KIMBALL then submitted the following amendment to Standing Regulation 15, which was adopted:

I move the amendment of Standing Regulation No. 15 by adding after the words "at the request of another lodge" the words "in this

jurisdiction," so that the said Standing Regulation will read: "One lodge cannot confer a degree at the request of another lodge in this jurisdiction, unless the requesting lodge waives jurisdiction, and the other lodge accepts the candidate in the usual manner and for its usual fees."

It was then

Voted, That the proposed amendments, on pp. 215 and 224 be indefinitely postponed.

WILLIAM P. PREBLE.

BRO. WILLIAM PITT PREBLE, Senior Past Grand Master, who had come on from New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y., to attend the Grand Lodge, although in his ninetieth year, was introduced to the members by Past Grand Master CHASE, and was welcomed by the Grand Master, the members standing.

STANDING REGULATION.

BRO. W. SCOTT SHOREY offered the following as a standing regulation:

Resolved, That if any Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Mason shall, before being raised to the Master Mason's degree, leave this jurisdiction, or shall permanently remove within the jurisdiction of another subordinate lodge, and with a view of advancement elsewhere, shall apply to the lodge in which he was entered or passed for a certificate of the fact, it shall be the duty of such lodge to grant such certificate under seal of the lodge, in the nature of a dimit, attesting the fact that the recipient is an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, he being free from all dues, charges and assessments.

[While this is not in accord with the more general usage, it is a much less cumbrous method than the present mode of waiving jurisdiction. It is safe in all jurisdictions in which the one ballot system prevails, for of course such a certificate would not be

granted if objection to advancement had been made and disposed of in favor of the candidate.]

The proposition was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to be reported upon at the next annual communication.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

Bro. HOWARD D. SMITH reported as follows :

IN GRAND LODGE, May 7, 1908.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Condition of the Fraternity have attended to the several matters referred to them and beg leave to submit the following report. We have examined the reports of the Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand Masters, and from them we learn that the best of conditions (with one exception) prevail in the several lodges under our jurisdiction. The reports of the Deputies show that these important officers have been zealous in the discharge of their duties. All speak in the highest terms of the benefits derived from the schools of instruction and we recommend that these be continued. From the reports we learn that some of the lodges do not look as closely after the collection of dues as they should and in some the annual reports of the Treasurers and Secretaries are not spread upon the records. Lodges must be run on strict business principles and the annual reports should be spread in full upon the records and should show the exact financial condition of the lodge.

Our attention has been called to the pernicious practice of conferring two degrees upon the same candidate at the same communication. While it is true the Constitution of the Grand Lodge *allows* this to be done, your committee are of opinion that this right should be sparingly used and only exercised in cases of extreme emergency. The Deputy from the 22d District reports, that Plymouth Lodge, No. 75, is not in good condition and your committee recommend that the Grand Master cause an investigation to be made, trusting that by his efforts we may be able to report next year that *all* the lodges of Maine are in good condition.

Masonry was never in better condition or more popular, and we see only one danger threatening the craft, and that is the admission of poor material. The character of *every* candidate should be fearlessly and thoroughly investigated and none should be admitted but those of the

highest character and intelligence. Better turn down ten good men than admit one unworthy man.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY R. TAYLOR,
HOWARD D. SMITH, } *Committee.*
ALBERT M. PENLEY,

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

Certificates of Charter were granted to the following lodges :

Keystone, No. 80, Solon.

Casco, No. 36, Yarmouth.

Ancient Brothers', No. 178, Auburn.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

BRO. ARCHIE L. TALBOT, for the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, reported that nothing had been presented to them, and the report was accepted.

INSTALLATION AND APPOINTMENTS.

Past Grand Master CHARLES I. COLLAMORE was invited to preside and R. W. ALBERT M. PENLEY to act as Grand Marshal.

EDMUND B. MALLET was presented and installed as M. W. Grand Master, with prayer by Grand Chaplain WM. H. FULTZ.

He announced the following appointments :

R. W. HERBERT HARRIS,	<i>Corr. Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
" CHARLES G. BRIGGS,	<i>D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i>	Caribou
" IRVING W. CASE,	" 2d "	Lubec
" FORREST S. STEVENS,	" 3d "	Cutler
" CHARLES H. HOOPER,	" 4th "	Castine
" CLARENCE B. SWAN,	" 6th "	Old Town
" SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS,	" 7th "	Clinton
" JOSEPH A. SPRAGUE,	" 8th "	No. Islesboro
" ENOS E. INGRAHAM,	" 9th "	Rockport
" ALBERT H. HUNTER,	" 10th "	Damariscotta
" CHARLES A. KNIGHT,	" 11th "	Gardiner
" LEON O. TIBBETTS,	" 12th "	Augusta
" MALON PATTERSON,	" 13th "	Solon
" WALLACE N. PRICE,	" 14th "	Richmond
" FRANK L. WOODCOCK,	" 15th "	East Wilton
" LEE M. SMITH,	" 16th "	Norway
" CHARLES W. CARLL,	" 17th "	Cumb. Mills
" DANIEL B. CHAPLIN,	" 18th "	Cornish
" JOHN M. BURLEIGH,	" 19th "	So. Berwick
" DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE,	" 20th "	Lincoln
" ANDREW P. HAVEY,	" 21st "	Sullivan
" MELVIN W. KNOWLES,	" 22d "	Cambridge
" WILLIE F. FERGUSON,	" 23d "	Springvale
" LEWIS V. WINSHIP,	" 24th "	Lewiston
" ALMON O. NUTTER,	" 25th "	Mars Hill
W. Rev. WM. H. FULTZ,	<i>Grand Chaplain,</i>	Portland
" ROBERT R. MORSON,	" "	Yarmouth
" CHAS. R. TENNEY,	" "	Auburn
" ALBERT E. MORRIS,	" "	Thomaston
" GEO. B. NICHOLSON,	" "	Waterville
" ROBERT L. SHEAFF,	" "	Newcastle
" LEWIS D. EVANS,	" "	Camden
" JOHN M. BEILER,	" "	Machias
" FREEMAN M. GRANT,	<i>Grand Marshal,</i>	Freeport
" SILAS B. ADAMS,	" <i>Senior Deacon,</i>	Portland
" FRANK J. COLE,	" <i>Junior Deacon,</i>	Bangor
" CONVERS E. LEACH,	" <i>Steward,</i>	Portland
" RALPH H. BURBANK,	" "	Saco
" CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	" "	Belfast
" EBEN K. WHITAKER,	" "	Bar Harbor
" LEVI C. EMERY,	" <i>Sword Bearer,</i>	Skowhegan
" ALBERT H. BURROUGHS,	" <i>Standard Bearer,</i>	Westbrook

W. WARREN C. KING,	<i>Grand Pursuivant,</i>	Portland
" CARL M. WISWELL,	" "	East Machias
M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" <i>Lecturer,</i>	Sabattus
W. WALTER S. SMITH,	" <i>Organist,</i>	Portland
" WARREN O. CARNEY,	" <i>Tyler,</i>	Portland

The officers elected and appointed, who were present, were installed by P. G. M. COLLAMORE and proclamation was made.

The Grand Master resumed the chair and announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.

SILAS B. ADAMS, RALPH H. BURBANK, LEVI C. EMERY.

On Grievances and Appeals.

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, JOSEPH M. HAYES, BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.

On Publication.

FESSENDEN I. DAY, SAMUEL L. MILLER, MILLARD M. CASWELL.

On History.

HERBERT HARRIS, FESSENDEN I. DAY, CURTIS R. FOSTER.

On Dispensations and Charters.

AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM, ARCHIE L. TALBOT, FRANKLIN R. REDLON.

On Amendments to the Constitution.

WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, ALDEN M. WETTERBEE, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, CHAS. I. COLLAMORE, WILLIAM J. BURNHAM.

On Foreign Correspondence.

ALBRO E. CHASE, ALFRED S. KIMBALL, AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM.

On Condition of the Fraternity.

HENRY R. TAYLOR, HOWARD D. SMITH, ALBERT M. PENLEY.

On Library.

GRAND MASTER (*ex-officio*), ALBRO E. CHASE, JOHN W. BALLOU.

On Transportation.

STEPHEN BERRY, WM. FREEMAN LORD, JAMES E. PARSONS.

On Returns.

STEPHEN BERRY, EDWIN A. PORTER, JAMES C. AYER.

THANKS.

On motion of Bro. STEPHEN BERRY, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON for the wisdom, diligence and courtesy which he has exercised in discharging the duties of Grand Master for the past two years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Bro. JOSEPH M. HAYES made the following report, which was accepted:

IN GRAND LODGE, PORTLAND, May 7, 1908.

Your Committee on Unfinished Business are pleased to report that this Grand Lodge has taken action on all business brought before it at this session.

JOSEPH M. HAYES, {
ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, } *Committee.*

The minutes were then read by the Assistant Grand Secretary and were approved.

At 12 o'clock the Grand Lodge was closed, prayer being offered by Rev. Bro. WM. H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.

Attest:

*Stephen Berry**Grand Secretary.*

The ninetieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge will be held at Masonic Hall, Portland, on Tuesday, May 4, 1909, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters.



FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I beg leave to submit a brief report of the condition of Masonry in the First Masonic District of Maine.

Owing to the press of other business and some difficulty in arranging dates with the lodges in this district, I did not visit all the lodges, but did install the newly-elected officers of Trinity Lodge of Presque Isle, Eastern Frontier Lodge of Fort Fairfield, and Caribou Lodge of Caribou.

I witnessed the Master Mason's degree in each lodge, and beg to state that the work was done in a very creditable manner in each instance.

I had arranged with Washburn Lodge to visit them at a stated time, but was unable to meet my appointment with them, and did not visit them during my term.

All of the lodges in this district made returns promptly with Grand Lodge dues, which have been transmitted to the Grand Treasurer.

I report all the lodges in prosperous condition, interested in Masonry and increasing the membership.

Fraternally submitted,

Caribou, April 25, 1908.

CARL C. KING, *D. D. G. M. 1st M. D.*

SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to herewith submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Second District.

On October 30th, I had the pleasure of attending the School of Instruction held at Ellsworth by R. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, and received much helpful instruction, both in the ritual and floor work.

On January 15th, I installed the officers of Washington Lodge. This was a joint installation in connection with Quoddy Light Chapter, O. E. S., and a very pleasant occasion. After the installation a banquet was served.

January 16th, on invitation of W. M. J. M. BECKETT, I was present at the installation of the officers of St. Croix Lodge, Calais. It was a public installation. Past D. D. G. M. JOHN OLIVER installed the officers in his usual impressive manner. There is no better installing officer in Maine than Brother OLIVER. There were about four hundred brethren and invited guests. At the close of the installation, refreshments were served.

March 2d, I again visited St. Croix Lodge, and was to witness the work in E. A. degree, but the train was two hours late in reaching Calais, and I reached the hall in time to hear the lecture, which was well rendered by Bro. WM. MANN, S. W., who was acting Master in the absence of Bro. TRIMBLE, who was out of the city. The records of this lodge are in good hands, and will be well looked after by Past Master ISAAC JONES, who thoroughly understands his business. The lodge is in excellent financial condition, and looking for a new Masonic Home, which it will purchase as soon as a proper place is found.

March 18th, I visited Crescent Lodge, Pembroke, and witnessed the work in the E. A. degree. It was well done. Bro. GARDNER had put in practice all the instructions he received at the school at Ellsworth. The records are neatly and correctly kept, finances in excellent condition.

March 23d, I visited Eastern Lodge, Eastport. Witnessed the work in the M. M. degree upon four candidates. It was very nicely done. Bro. MILDON puts the same interest and enthusiasm in his lodge work that he does in his business, and when he is Master, there is quite sure to be something doing in the lodge. The records are models of neatness and correctness in the hands of Past D. D. G. M. WHEELER C. HAWKES. The lodge is making an excellent showing financially.

March 26th the 20th annual convention of the lodges in this district was held with Lewy's Island Lodge, Princeton. It was a large and enthusiastic convention. Every lodge in the district was well represented. Several brethren from other lodges were present, and a number from the jurisdiction of New Brunswick, including two Grand Lodge officers. The convention was called to order at 2:30 by the D. D. G. M., and as this was a special meeting of Lewy's Island Lodge, it was opened in due form, and a hearty welcome extended by W. M. CHARLES E. JOHNSON. On

invitation, the officers of Crescent Lodge assumed the stations, and exemplified the work in the E. A. degree in a most excellent manner, leaving little chance for criticism. The officers of St. Croix Lodge then assumed the stations and exemplified the work in the F. C. degree in a very pleasing way that was well received by all, as in the previous degree, leaving small chance for criticism. At the close of the work, the officers of Lewy's Island Lodge assumed their stations, and the convention was called from labor to refreshment, and proceeded to the Congregational Church, where an excellent banquet was served by the ladies of that society in a splendid manner. The brethren returned to the lodge room, the lodge was called to order at the appointed time, and the M. M. degree was conferred upon one candidate by Lewy's Island Lodge, the work being well and commendably done. At the completion of the work, interesting remarks were made by several of the brethren. R. W. Bro. YOUNG, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, on invitation, made a very pleasing address. It was voted to continue conventions as in the past. At 10:30 the session closed, and the brethren returned to their homes by special train.

These conventions have been very helpful to the lodges in this district, and have brought about a great uniformity of work.

While present at the convention I made my official visit to Lewy's Island Lodge. I find the records well kept, and dues well collected by P. M. THEO. MORRISON, Secretary. Finances are in good condition.

As Washington Lodge is my masonic home, I have been present at every meeting through the year. Good work has been done during the year. The lodge is in excellent financial condition.

Two Past D. D. G. M.'s, Bros. E. W. BROWN and ALFRED SMALL, who were members of this lodge, have died during the year. They are greatly missed in the lodge.

In conclusion, I am pleased to report that Masonry in the Second District is in good condition. All the lodges are doing excellent work. I have had the pleasure of witnessing the work in every lodge. All are blessed with excellent Secretaries, dues well collected, and financial conditions strong.

And now, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I wish to thank you for the honor you conferred upon me in appointing me D. D. G. M. of this district. I wish also to thank all the officers and members of the district for the kindness and hospitality shown me during my visits to the different lodges and on all occasions.

Faternally submitted,

IRVING W. CASE, *D. D. G. M. 2d M. D.*

Lubec, April 17, 1908.

THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I desire to acknowledge the courtesy of my third appointment as D. D. G. M. of the Third Masonic District, and also to submit my official report.

January 15th, by invitation, I visited Tuscan Lodge, No. 106, and after inspecting the records, hall, regalia, etc., I proceeded to install the officers, elect and appointed. The installation was a joint one with the O. E. Star. A large number was present, both brethren and their ladies. I found Tuscan Lodge in a very prosperous condition. The present year has been a busy one, as their records show special meetings through the summer months. Their fund is gradually growing, also their membership. Their records are neatly and accurately kept by Bro. V. C. PLUMMER.

January 27th, by appointment, I visited Harwood Lodge, No. 91, at Machias, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree, which was finely rendered. After work I installed the officers, then proceeded to inspect the records, which I found to be models of neatness and accuracy, thanks to Bro. C. M. HUTCHINSON, who for many years has been Secretary.

In the installation ceremonies Past D. D. G. M. G. HARRIS FOSTER, of Harwood Lodge, served as Grand Marshal, and Rev. JOHN M. BEILER acted in his official capacity as Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge of Maine.

January 28th, by appointment, I visited Warren Lodge, No. 2, at East Machias. I had expected to witness work, but the candidate did not appear, so we went through the E. A. degree, and I then inspected the records, which were well and accurately kept by Bro. H. C. WHITE. The dues are well collected, and the lodge is in a good, healthy condition. I installed the officers, elect and appointed, after which refreshments were served.

January 29th, by appointment, I visited Lookout Lodge, No. 131, at Cutler. I had made arrangements to witness work, but on account of a severe rainstorm that had raged all day the candidate was unable to get there, he being in rather poor health, so the lodge exemplified the E. A. degree on the last raised member. The work was finely done, and I consider Lookout Lodge one of the finest working lodges in the third district. One thing about Lookout Lodge, they will do their very best to please a Grand Officer when he makes the annual visit. On my inspection of the records I found them, as usual, well and neatly kept by our faithful friend and brother, FOREST S. STEVENS. After work and

inspection, I proceeded to install the officers. After labor we were called to refreshment, and thus ended a very pleasant visit.

February 3d, by appointment, I visited Pleiades Lodge, No. 173, at Millbridge, and, after inspecting the records, I ascertained that the dues were well collected. I installed the officers. I have visited Pleiades twice during the year, and have witnessed them work the M. M. degree on one visit, which was finely done.

February 6th, I visited Narraguagus Lodge, No. 88, my home lodge, and inspected the records and found all in good condition. Narraguagus Lodge has had rather an off year, there being only one initiation. I always attend the meetings of my lodge and am always in touch with all its proceedings. At this visit I installed the officers.

February 11th, by invitation, I visited Jonesport Lodge, No. 188, at Jonesport. After inspecting the records, hall, etc., I proceeded to install the officers. The installation was public, and was well attended by members, their wives, sons and daughters. A musical programme had been arranged for the installation ceremonies, and all went off well. On my inspection of the records I found that the dues were well collected and that the present masonic year had been fairly prosperous.

I have enjoyed the pleasure of visiting every lodge in my district, have witnessed work in most of them, have installed the officers of the seven lodges, and issued six Past Master's diplomas: have worked the P. M. degree on three elected Masters and one Past Master. I had set my heart on a district convention and made all arrangements. Machias was to entertain, but when I assigned the lodges with what I wanted them to do, they all declined to exemplify except Lookout Lodge, who lawfully accepted the appointment to work the E. A. degree. On account of the lodges not being willing to co-operate with me, I was obliged to abandon the convention. The convention has proved a great success in this district in years that have gone by, and I sincerely hope that my successor next year will be able to hold one.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of the third district for the hearty and fraternal welcome with which they have received me as your representative.

Faternally submitted,

PHINEAS B. GUPTILL, *D. D. G. M. 3d M. D.*

Cherryfield, April 24, 1908.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District.

During the year I have visited every lodge in the district and some of them more than once.

I have installed the officers in four lodges, conferred the Past Master's degree upon three candidates, and have filled out and delivered four Past Master's diplomas.

October 30th, I attended the School of Instruction at Ellsworth called by M. W. Bro. SLEEPER. Although having been a mason for forty-three years I found that I was not too old to learn. These Schools of Instruction are beneficial to all who attend. Every Master should be present, at least at one of these schools.

I am pleased to say that peace and harmony prevail throughout the District.

December 6th, I made my official visit to Bagaduce Lodge, Brooksville, witnessed work on the Master Mason's degree. The work was well done and the lodge is in good condition, although the youngest lodge in the district. The officers are interested and I think the lodge has a promising future. Records well kept and dues well paid.

December 18th, I officially visited Rising Star Lodge, Penobscot; witnessed the work on the M. M. degree. This lodge is doing good work carefully following the ritual. The officers are young and interested. The records are still in the hands of Bro. CUSHMAN and are neat and well kept. Dues well paid.

January 2d, I installed the officers of Hancock Lodge, my own lodge. Have been present at all of the meetings. Witnessed work, which is well done and the officers are interested.

January 6th, by invitation I installed the officers of Bagaduce Lodge, Brooksville; the installation was public to families and friends of the brethren.

January 18th, I officially visited Reliance Lodge, Stonington. No candidate being present, the work was exemplified on the M. M. degree, which was done in a creditable manner; the records are well kept and dues well paid. After the work, the W. M., E. E. CROCKETT, invited me to install the officers for the ensuing year. This lodge has done quite a lot of work and is in good condition.

January 20th, I made my official visit to Ira Berry Lodge, Bluehill. No candidate being present, I examined the records, which are well

kept, and the dues are well paid. Having visited this lodge before, I know they do good work. W. M. SYLVESTER invited me to install the officers, which I did.

January 21st, I officially visited Marine Lodge, Deer Isle, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. I must say that I think the degree was worked as well as I ever saw it worked in any lodge. The candidates cannot fail to be impressed with the earnest manner in which the degree is given. This is the largest lodge in the district, and is full of life and interest; records well kept, and dues promptly paid.

February 3d, I made my official visit to Eggmoggin Lodge, Sedgwick. Witnessed work in the F. C. degree. The work was well done, considering that it was the first time the new officers had worked the degree. The officers are young, full of interest, and will do good work. The records are well kept.

February 19th, I officially visited Naskeag Lodge, Brooklin. They expected a candidate that evening to take the E. A. degree, but being a very stormy night he did not come, and they exemplified the work in the E. A. degree, which was well done, considering it was not a real candidate. No master can do as good work on one who has received the degrees as he can on a real candidate. The records are in the hands of Bro. OWEN L. FLYE, and are neat and well kept.

I called a District Convention to be held at Brooklin, but was obliged to call it off, as I could not make certain arrangements. Without these arrangements the convention would have been a failure. This I regretted very much, as I believe that these District Conventions are beneficial to the lodges.

In conclusion, M. W., accept my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me in appointing me D. D. G. M. of the Fourth District.

I also wish to thank the officers and brethren of the lodges in the district for the very kind and courteous way in which they have received me.

Faternally submitted,

CHAS. H. HOOPER, *D. D. G. M. 4th M. D.*

Castine, April 6, 1908.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my second annual report as D. D. G. M. for the Fifth Masonic District.

The Fifth District consists of ten lodges and numbers a few more than twelve hundred members, who are working together in harmony. I have visited nine of the ten lodges this year and find everything pleasant.

May 29th, I visited Composite Lodge, when they had for company Piscataquis and Pleasant River Lodges, the three lodges each working a degree, and as they all tried to see how well they could do their work, not much fault could be found.

I also publicly installed their officers, November 6th, into their several stations. Although the evening was stormy a good sized crowd was there, and they all seemed to enjoy themselves. I was assisted by P. D. D. G. M. FRED H. SAVAGE, as Grand Marshal.

October 18th, I went to Milo, and installed the officers of Piscataquis Lodge into their respective stations, assisted by P. M. FRANK L. BRADLEY, as Grand Marshal. After the close a fine oyster supper was served.

I also visited them again in February and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This was the Master's first work, and the way he is trying will put them on the level with the best workers.

October 21st, I went to Sangerville and installed the officers of Abner Wade Lodge into their several stations, assisted by Bro. A. O. CAMPBELL as Grand Marshal, after which refreshments were served.

This is one of the youngest lodges in the state and their territory is small; they are not growing as fast as some others, but good material is what they get.

October 23d, I went to Brownville and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, and as Pleasant River Lodge is the largest in this district (they have lots of good members to pick from, and the largest number of Past Masters of any lodge, who are always ready to assist and instruct), they cannot help from doing good work.

Work was also done at this meeting in the M. M. degree by Piscataquis Lodge in a fine manner. In December, I installed their officers into their several stations, assisted by P. J. G. W. GEO. W. MCCLAIN, as Grand Marshal.

January 13th, I went to Greenville and installed the officers of Columbia Lodge into their respective stations, assisted by P. M. HUNT. There was no work at this meeting, but the questions that were asked convinced me that they were interested in the work. I intended visiting them again but a bad cold prevented me.

January 16th, I visited Mosiac Lodge at Foxcroft, and, in the presence of a large gathering of friends whom the members of the lodge had invited to be present, I installed the officers into their several stations, assisted by P. D. D. G. M. JAMES T. ROBERTS, as Grand Marshal. A fine entertainment was furnished, which pleased the visitors as well as the members of the lodge.

January 18th, I went to Guilford and there publicly installed the officers of Mt. Kineo Lodge into their respective stations, assisted by P. D. D. G. M. BRIGGS as Grand Marshal. A history of Mt. Kineo Lodge was given by one of the older members which was very interesting, also an entertainment was furnished by a male quartet, members of Mt. Kineo Lodge, that would be hard to excel.

February 17th, I visited Doric Lodge at Monson. They had no work, but showed quite an interest in the ritual. Willing to be counseled when wrong, and trying to go as near the standard as they can. This is the most expensive lodge for me to visit.

I have not made any special visit to Olive Branch as this is my home lodge, and I have attended every meeting when I was in town. The finances of this lodge are good and as to the condition of the hall you can form your own opinion as you were here last October to look it over. The financial condition of the several lodges in this district are good. There are but two lodges that have much of any debt. The secretaries keep their books neat and in good order, and I have no fault to find with them.

I also visited a School of Instruction at Brownville under the direction of Grand Lecturer SLEEPER, which I think was a great benefit to those who attended. I think there should be more of them.

And now, M. W. Grand Master, allow me to thank you for the honor you have conferred by appointing me to this position, also to the officers and members of this district for the many courtesies shown to me when with them.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE S. WALKER, *D. D. G. M., 5th M. D.*

Charleston, March 28, 1908.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my second official report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixth Masonic District.

The aggregate membership of the nine lodges in this district, according to the returns to March 1, 1908, was 1,258, a net gain in the membership during the year of 53, there being a net loss in two of the lodges, one of which having had the misfortune of losing 16 members by death.

On October 23d I attended the lodge of instruction at Brownville in the forenoon and afternoon. Unfortunately I was unable to stay for the evening session and witness the work of Pleasant River Lodge. The

close attention and numerous questions of the brethren and the instruction received prove beyond a question that these lodges of instruction are of the greatest benefit to the craft, and well worth the trouble and expense of holding them, and it is greatly to be regretted that there are not more of them, so that a larger number of the brethren could attend.

My first official visit for the year, as in the preceding year, was on my own lodge, October 28th, when by invitation I installed the officers of Star in the East Lodge, No. 60, assisted by Wor. Bro. V. E. TUCKER as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Bro. Rev. A. A. BLAIR as Grand Chaplain. The installation was private on the stated communication, a large number of the members being present and several visitors. Banquet at the close.

On November 26th I made an official visit on Mystic Lodge at Hampden. The work was the M. M. degree on one candidate, and was very well and impressively rendered. There were a few errors to which we called attention, and our corrections apparently were received in the same kindly spirit they were given. Banquet at refreshment. The records are in good hands and the dues well collected.

On December 20th I again visited Mystic Lodge and installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. J. E. EMERSON as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Bro. GEO. B. HOLLAND as Grand Chaplain. The installation was public and a large number were present. After the installation ceremonies a fine banquet was served, to which, speaking for myself, full justice was done.

On November 29th I visited St. Andrew's Lodge of Bangor. The work was the M. M. degree on four candidates, commencing at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, with a most excellent banquet at 6:30. There was a very large gathering, and it was a most enjoyable occasion. The work, as is usual in this lodge, was very well and impressively rendered and the ritual closely adhered to, there being but a very few minor errors. The corrections which we made and the suggestions offered were received in the most kindly manner. The dues are well collected, and the records in the hands of Wor. Bro. F. A. ADAMS cannot be excelled.

On December 18th, by invitation of Wor. Bro. SHEPHERD M. LUCE, I visited Lynde Lodge of Hermon, and installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. CHARLES N. PATTEN as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Bro. J. M. TAYLOR as Grand Chaplain. The installation was public, followed by the installation of the officers of the Chapter of the Eastern Star, by Miss SNOW, Past District Deputy Grand Matron. After installation an elaborate banquet was served by the ladies in the banquet hall, which was very much enjoyed by all.

On February 15th I again visited Lynde Lodge and inspected the work, which was the M. M. degree on two candidates. A severe rain storm on this evening undoubtedly deterred many from attending, but notwithstanding this there was a good attendance. This was the first time the new officers had worked this degree, but the work on the whole and under the circumstances was very satisfactory. The records are in good hands and the dues better collected than on my previous visit of inspection, the lodge being in much better shape financially, due in a great measure, I understand, to the efforts of the Master of the previous year, Wor. Bro. LUCE. Banquet at refreshment.

January 8th, I visited Howard Lodge, of Winterport, and witnessed the work of this lodge, which was the M. M. degree on one candidate, commencing at four o'clock. There were naturally some errors to which we called attention, but on the whole the work was satisfactory. In the evening I installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. A. J. CROCKER as Grand Marshal, and Bro. I. H. W. WHARF as Grand Chaplain. The installation was public to masons and their families, followed by an excellent banquet served by the ladies in the banquet hall. Previous to the installation of the officers of Howard Lodge the officers of the Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star were installed. I have always found these double installations to be most enjoyable occasions.

January 15th, by invitation, I visited Mechanics' Lodge, of Orono, and installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. DANIEL LAMBERT as Grand Marshal, and Bro. NORMAN LE MARSH Grand Chaplain. I also installed Bro. LE MARSH as Grand Chaplain, as he had not been installed since his re-appointment. The installation was private, and after the installation ceremonies and some very pleasing remarks from several of the brethren, we repaired to the banquet hall and did full justice to one of Bro. BOLSTRIDGE's famous banquets.

Again on March 25th, I visited Mechanics' Lodge and witnessed the work of this lodge, which was the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was very well and most impressively rendered, but very few errors appearing. There is no question but that the records, which, as for many years, are still in the hands of R. W. Bro. A. J. DURGIN, are well looked after and the dues well collected. Banquet at refreshment.

January 18th, by invitation, I visited Benevolent Lodge, of Carmel, and installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. F. E. STEVENS as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Bro. I. F. PARTRIDGE as Grand Chaplain. The installation was public, and after some pleasing remarks by several of those present, we sat down to an excellent banquet served by the ladies. Previous to the installation of the officers of Benevolent Lodge

the officers of the Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star were installed by Past Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. EATON, of Bangor, in a most pleasing and enjoyable manner.

On March 31st, I again visited Benevolent Lodge at a special meeting, called for the purpose at my request, although there was no work and has not been since the installation of the new officers. There is, however, a good prospect of work in the near future. The records, in the hands of Wor. Bro. C. K. JOHNSON, are well looked after and dues well collected. Although some of the regular officers were unable to be present, their places were easily filled, and we went over the work in the M. M. degree as far as the master's recapitulation, and corrected such errors in the use of wrong words as appeared. A little more interest, among the members in general, to be present at the time of inspection, and particularly on the part of the regular officers, would be appreciated by the inspecting officer, and I trust in the future arrangements can be made with the inspecting officer whereby a longer notice can be given, so that the officers and as many of the brethren as possible can arrange to be present on the evening of his visit.

February 26th, I visited Kenduskeag Lodge, of Kenduskeag, and witnessed the M. M. degree worked on one candidate. One feature of the work should be particularly commended, and that the very excellent examination passed in open lodge by the candidate. While the recapitulation as given by one of the Past Masters was very interesting it could hardly be allowed to pass in Maine work. The work on the whole, however, was impressively rendered, although naturally there were some errors. The new hall was not quite completed at that time but it was expected to be finished within a few weeks, and Kenduskeag Lodge is to be congratulated on possessing such quarters. Care should be used, however, in regard to holding public dances in the lower or banquet hall; but undoubtedly the good judgment of the majority of the brethren of this lodge will see to it that the reputation of the Fraternity does not suffer. Banquet at refreshment, with some very pleasing selections by a male quartet, composed of members of the lodge; and their singing also added greatly to the work.

On March 3d, I visited Rising Virtue Lodge, of Bangor, and witnessed the work of this lodge, which was the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work of the lodge is in the first rank, all the officers showing a high degree of proficiency and only a few errors were made. We called attention to these and offered a few suggestions which were kindly received. One very pleasing feature of the work was the very impressive manner in which the charge was given to the candidate by Bro. CHASE. It is sufficient to say that the records are in the hands of M. W. Bro. C. I.

COLLAMORE, as they have been for many years, and are looked after in a manner satisfactory to all and the dues are well collected.

I have made no official visit on my own lodge for the purpose of inspection, but have attended nearly every meeting of the lodge and from time to time have called to the attention of the various officers, their errors, which has generally been received with kindness and profit to themselves; it is possible that, having been ready at all times to render any assistance in my power to the officers, I have expected too nearly perfect work, because I can conscientiously say the work in general has been performed with a high degree of impressiveness and fairly accurate; and for the latter part of the year the officers have been handicapped to a certain extent, some of them having been obliged to labor under difficulties.

Speaking of the lodges in general in the district I noticed in a few instances that the masters do not observe the rule as much as they should, that a candidate has actually made suitable proficiency before being allowed to advance, and there has been in a very few cases a slight tendency to railroad a candidate through by giving two degrees on one night, and while the Grand Lodge leaves this to the discretion of the masters, some of them apparently do not understand this is only to be done when absolutely necessary. Also on my several visits to the various lodges I have strongly urged upon the officers and brethren the importance of giving the lectures when working the degrees, and I am pleased to report that most of them, if not all, are now doing so, and in a manner to impress upon the candidate "the dignity and high importance of Masonry."

In closing my second term as District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixth District, I wish to say that I believe all the lodges in this district to be in a healthy and prosperous condition and the cause of Masonry well cared for. I also wish to heartily thank you, Most Worshipful, for my re-appointment to this important office, and to express my appreciation to the officers and brethren of the several lodges for the kind and courteous treatment which has generally been accorded to me on the occasion of my visits to them.

Fraternally submitted,

CLARENCE B. SWAN, *D. D. G. M. 6th M. D.*

Old Town, April 8, 1908.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit herewith my official report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District for the year past.

On October 16th, I visited Central Lodge, of China, by invitation, and installed the officers, afterwards enjoying the abundant refreshments furnished.

The following evening, October 17th, I visited Unity Lodge No. 58, at Thorndike, also by request, and installed the officers in the presence of masons and the members of the O. E. S. I had the pleasure of meeting Past D. D. G. M. CHASE, of Unity. After the installation refreshments were served in a near by hall. Through a misunderstanding this was not considered my official visit, and no work was done. I have not been able to make another visit to this lodge when there was any work. From my observation of the lodge I am satisfied that it is in good working order, and that a good amount of interest is taken in the affairs of the lodge.

November 28th, by invitation of my own lodge, Sebasticook, I installed its newly elected officers in the town hall.

January 22d, by invitation, I went to Brooks and witnessed the installation of the officers of the O. E. S., after which I installed the officers elect of Marsh River Lodge. An orchestra composed of members of the two lodges furnished music, which added very much to the installation ceremony. A banquet was served in the hall below.

The several lodges of the Seventh District were invited by Sebasticook Lodge to meet at their hall in Clinton on the afternoon and evening of January 30th to discuss the work and all matters of interest to the lodges of this district. I also made this the date of my official visit to Sebasticook Lodge. M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER was present, by invitation of Sebasticook Lodge, and assisted in making the meeting a most successful one. On account of the extremely severe weather many from distant lodges were unable to be present as they had planned, but all except two of the lodges were represented, and many were present from lodges outside the district.

Sebasticook Lodge worked the F. C. and M. M. degrees on two candidates, and the work was followed by a free discussion, in which all were invited to take part. The work was done very well, and the criticisms were confined for the most part to minor ritualistic errors. I feel that much praise is due the officers of this lodge for their efforts to make

this meeting a success. I have regularly attended the meetings of this lodge, and wish to report that the lodge is in a prosperous condition and is doing a good amount of work.

March 11th, I made my official visit to Central Lodge, of China, and witnessed work on three candidates in the F. C. degree and one in the M. M. degree. The work was done very well, though I made some corrections. The officers were working these degrees for the first time and their errors were only such as would naturally be made. The interest is good, the records well kept, and the finances in good condition.

I was unable to keep my appointment to visit Marsh River Lodge on March 11th, and sent Past D. D. G. M. GEO. P. BILLINGS in my place. He reports that owing to the small attendance they were unable to exemplify either of the degrees. He reports that to the best of his judgment the lodge is in good condition, but thinks the dues should be better collected.

March 14th, I made my official visit to Liberty Lodge, No. 111, driving 23 miles and returning after the meeting closed. I find that this lodge has done no work for the past two years and the officers lack familiarity with the work. One candidate was initiated in the E. A. degree at this meeting. I was obliged to make quite a number of corrections which were received in the right spirit and the officers show a good interest and an evident desire to improve themselves in Masonry. The records are in the hands of Bro. A. P. CARGILL, who is serving his 36th consecutive year in this office, and I do not need to say that they are in good hands. This lodge is in good financial condition and the spirit is good.

Owing to the extremely rough roads and the necessity of having to go by team I have not been able to visit Quantabacook Lodge, at Searsmont. I have also been unable on account of sickness to keep my appointments with Star in the West Lodge, of Unity, but hear from this lodge frequently and am satisfied that it is in good shape. I believe that harmony prevails throughout the district and that the various lodges are prospering and the ancient masonic landmarks are carefully observed.

I am under deep obligations to the members of those lodges which I have visited for the uniform courtesy and kindness with which I have been received on every occasion, and it has been a sincere pleasure to me to perform the duties which have devolved upon me.

Finally, Most Worshipful, accept my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me in appointing me to the office of D. D. G. M.

Fraternally submitted,

SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, *D. D. G. M. 7th M. D.*

Clinton, April 15, 1908.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as D. D. G. Master of the Eighth Masonic District.

October 18th, attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Woodfords which was very instructive and enjoyable.

December 7th, I visited Excelsior Lodge, No. 151, of Northport, and witnessed work in Master Mason's degree. This lodge has not done very much work this year, but its officers and members are alive and in good working condition.

December 20th, I publicly installed the officers of King David's Lodge, No. 62, Lincolnville, assisted by Bro. L. D. AMES, a Past D. D. Grand Master, as Grand Marshal, and Bro. J. E. THOMAS as Grand Chaplain.

January 21st, accompanied by twenty-two brethren from Island Lodge, I visited King David's Lodge, Lincolnville, and witnessed work in Master Mason's degree, after which a bountiful repast was served. This lodge is in good working condition, and although small in numbers, are of one mind for the welfare of the order.

January 22d, was invited to publicly install the officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 151, Northport, but owing to a severe snow and wind squall, which came near swamping our boat and landing us in the celestial lodge above, was obliged to turn back.

January 21st, I was invited to be present at the installation of the officers of Mariners' Lodge, Searsport, but having previously arranged to meet with Lincolnville Lodge could not be present.

January 30th, assisted by Bro. FRANK SHERMAN as Grand Marshal and Bro. WILLIAM KELLER as Grand Chaplain, I publicly installed the officers of Island Lodge, No. 89, Islesboro, and although one of the coldest nights of the winter there were one hundred and sixty present.

February 10th, accompanied by twenty or more brethren from Island Lodge, I visited Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, Belfast, and witnessed work in Master Mason's degree, which was done in a thorough manner.

March 3d, visited Mariners' Lodge, No. 68, Searsport, and witnessed work in M. M. degree. This lodge has a good staff of officers, who seem thoroughly interested in their work, and with the advice and instruction from R. W. Bro. WENTWORTH, Past D. D., are doing excellent work.

April 1st, I officially visited Pownal Lodge, No. 119, Stockton Springs, and witnessed work in the Third degree. This is the home of Past D. D. Grand Master ALBERT M. AMES, to whom I am under obligations for his kind hospitality. This lodge has not done much work the past

year, but as Bro. AMES is again in the Oriental Chair, and seems thoroughly alive to the work, I look for a revival in Pownal Lodge.

April 3d, accompanied by twenty members of my home lodge, I visited Timothy Chase Lodge, Belfast, and witnessed work in Third degree. As this is the home of four past D. D. Grand Masters, who attend their home meetings, it can only be expected that Timothy Chase and Phoenix Lodges should be in fine working condition, which I find to be the case.

Island Lodge, No. 89, Islesboro, being my home lodge, I have attended regularly, and I can say proudly that Island Lodge, although situated on the little island called Islesboro, and away from and deprived of many privileges which most all other lodges enjoy, can call out as many brethren and do as good work as any lodge in the Eighth District.

Every lodge in the district is in good working condition. Their records are well kept and are in the hands of competent secretaries, and good will and harmony prevail. I have been most cordially received by the brethren on all occasions. I have made what corrections in the work I thought best, and have given the same instruction I received from the Grand Lecturer, which has always been well received by the brethren.

In conclusion, I wish to say that my visits to the several lodges within this district have been made pleasant by the fraternal greetings of old friends and many new ones, which I highly appreciate.

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor conferred in appointing me District Deputy of the Eighth Masonic District. Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH A. SPRAGUE, *D. D. G. M., 8th M. D.*

NINTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith respectfully submit a report of my work as D. D. G. M. of the Ninth Masonic District for the year past.

October 18th, I attended the Masonic School of Instruction at Deering.

October 31st, with the assistance of Brother L. H. LOVEJOY as Marshal, I conferred the Past Master degree on Bro. FRANK A. CAMPBELL, Master-elect of St. Paul's Lodge, of Rockport.

November 1st, by request of Bro. GEORGE E. ALLEN, Master-elect of Amity Lodge, No. 6, Camden, I installed the officers of that lodge. A very nice turkey supper was served at 6:30, about 200 being present, after which I conferred the Past Master degree on Bros. GEORGE E. ALLEN

JOHN MASON and JAMES BURGESS. Bro. W. L. BOWDEN acted as Senior Warden, Bro. CHANDLER as Guard, and Bro. L. H. LOVEJOY as Marshal. Following this, I installed the officers of Amity Lodge, assisted by Bro. L. H. LOVEJOY as Marshal.

October 19th, I received an invitation from Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 203¹ Washington, to install their officers on the evening of November 1st, but, on account of my appointment with Amity Lodge, was unable to do so. The officers were, therefore, installed by Bro. L. M. STAPLES. As I was informed of work on the Entered Apprentice degree, November 15th, I appointed that night to inspect the lodge. So, on the evening of November 15th, accompanied by Bro. E. A. RHODES, Senior Deacon of St. Paul's Lodge, I inspected Mt. Olivet Lodge. We were received very courteously. A goodly number were present. The candidate, for some reason, failed to appear. I ascertained that the financial condition of the lodge was better than last year, the dues being well collected. Also looked over the records, and found them to be all right. The work was exemplified in connection with the First degree, and, also, the lectures were taken up. The brothers seemed to be very enthusiastic and anxious to obtain information. Most of the officers were young members and the work was entirely new to them. I suggested that they meet for practice, and, in accordance with my request, a meeting was appointed. There seems to be very good material in the lodge, and utmost harmony prevailed. I think there are bright prospects ahead for that lodge, both socially and financially. The Worshipful Master informed me that Bro. W. F. HATCH, Treasurer, and W. M. STAPLES, Junior Steward, had not been installed, and by his request I installed them.

November 20th, I made my official visit to Aurora Lodge, No. 50, Rockland. Dinner was served at 6 o'clock for the convenience of out of town brothers. Work on Master Mason degree, which was very interesting, was done in an able and impressive manner. There were 172 visitors and 65 members of Aurora Lodge present; 19 lodges were represented and 27 Past Masters. Bro. ALBERT H. HUNTER, D. D. G. M. of the Tenth Masonic District, was also present. Remarks were made by a large number, in fact, it was one of the most interesting meetings that I ever attended. After the work a banquet was served. The lodge is doing a great deal of work, and the members seem to be thoroughly interested. I inspected the books, and it is unnecessary to say that they were ably kept by the Secretary, Bro. L. S. ROBINSON, who has held this office for twenty-two years. The dues were well collected. Aurora Lodge has a very fine set of officers, and the Master is an earnest worker, as the result for the past year indicates, having admitted seven can-

didates and raised nineteen. Am pleased to say that I was received very courteously by the brothers and treated in a hospitable manner.

November 13th, I received a communication from WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON, Secretary of Moses Webster Lodge, No. 145, Vinal Haven, to install the officers of said lodge November 26th. I arrived at Vinal Haven at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and was very courteously received at the boat by the Master of that lodge. At 7 o'clock, in company with the Master, I entered the lodge room. Upon inquiry, I found that the Master, HARRY L. SANBORN, had not taken his Past Master degree, also Past Masters O. C. LANE and E. W. AREY. In company with about one-half dozen Past Masters and C. E. BOMAN, acting as Grand Marshal, we retired to the Armory, where I conferred upon them the Past Master degree, after which I installed the officers of Moses Webster Lodge. The lodge was opened without form, and I was introduced, and appointed J. R. ROGERS as Grand Marshal, and C. E. BOMAN as Grand Chaplain, and then conducted the installation services of the Master and officers in usual form, in connection with piano and band music, singing and speaking. There was a large number present, and every one seemed to have a good time. After the installation, refreshments were served, followed by a social dance.

On December 10th, I visited Moses Webster Lodge, No. 145, Vinal Haven. It was a very stormy night. Was received on my arrival at the wharf by W. M. HARRY L. SANBORN, and was conveyed by a hack to the hotel. As it was the regular meeting, and there were many matters to be attended to, the meeting was opened at 7 o'clock. Two applications were received and considerable other business was done, among which, I was pleased to be informed, a committee was chosen to write up the history of Moses Webster Lodge. Work was exemplified on the Third degree in a very creditable manner. The officers seemed deeply interested in the work, and every one performed his part very earnestly, with few errors, hardly worth mentioning. Was also pleased to notice that the lodge is taking a great interest in the poor, unfortunate brothers. I found that the financial condition was better than last year, and the books were kept by Bro. WM. J. DAVIDSON, Secretary, in a very able manner. The meeting was followed by a banquet, after which I was highly entertained in the banquet room by social talks, piano playing and singing. Am pleased to say, it was one of the most interesting and pleasant meetings that I ever attended.

I attended Orient Lodge, Thomaston, several times during the year, but on December 31st, in company with the W. M. and many other brothers from St. Paul's Lodge, I made my official visit. The work was performed by the W. M. and officers in a very creditable manner. The

meeting was well attended. Looked over the books, and it is unnecessary to say they were kept in a very efficient manner by Secretary A. O. TOBIE. Dues are well collected, and the lodge is in a very prosperous condition, having taken in eight members the past year. Orient Lodge takes great pride in entertaining other lodges.

On December 20th, I was requested by the W. M. of Union Lodge, No. 31, Union, to install its officers on January 2d, which I was very pleased to do. The installation was public, and a large number attended. Very appropriate remarks were made by many of the brothers and others, after which a banquet was served. On the whole, it was a very pleasant occasion.

February 22d, I made my official visit to Eureka Lodge, No. 84, Tenants Harbor, in company with Bro. FRED C. ROBINSON, a member of St. Paul's Lodge. Were very courteously received by W. M. DANA WRIGHT, Long Cove, with whom we took supper. Before the opening of the meeting, I had the pleasure of conferring the Past Master degree on Past Masters ALBERT W. HALL and Worshipful Master DANA WRIGHT. Under the circumstances the work of the lodge was performed in a very creditable manner, the new officers having been elected in January. The books are kept in a very able manner by Secretary ELMER E. ALLEN, and the dues well collected. Was pleased to find such good quarters at Eureka Lodge, and that they own the building where they assembled, and had reduced their indebtedness the past year \$300. After the inspection a banquet and social time was enjoyed in the banquet room. It was indeed a very pleasant occasion.

I made two visits to Knox Lodge, No. 189, South Thomaston during the year. The first on October 5th. Witnessed work on the Master Mason degree, which, I am pleased to say, was performed as well as any work I have ever witnessed. On March 7th, by request of the W. M., WINFIELD S. CLARKE, I made my official visit. Previous to the opening of the meeting, with the assistance of Bro. M. E. BASSICK as Marshal, I conferred the Past Master degree on W. M. WINFIELD S. CLARKE, after which, in compliance with my request, work was exemplified on the Fellow Craft degree. This was new work for many of the officers, nevertheless they seemed much interested. Examined the records, and it is unnecessary to say they were kept in excellent condition by Bro. J. M. BARTLETT, who has been Secretary of this lodge for many years. Am pleased to say that this lodge owns its building, and will practically be out of debt this year. They are making a great gain financially over last year. Many of the brothers from my own lodge, St. Paul's, went with me on this visit. Were received very courteously by W. M. CLARKE and the brothers. After the meeting supper was served in the banquet room. It was a very pleasant and interesting visit.

I made my official visit to Union Lodge, No. 31, Union, March 12th, in company with a number from St. Paul's Lodge. There was a large attendance, many from various parts of the district. Work on the Master Mason degree was performed in a very able and interesting manner by the officers, Past District Deputy FRED C. MILLAY assisting. I looked over the books, and found them to be kept by Secretary C. M. LUCAS very satisfactorily, also, the financial condition of the lodge is excellent. Was pleased to be informed that Union Lodge had recently bought the hall in which their meetings are held.

On March 24th, I made my official visit to Rockland Lodge, No. 79, Rockland, to inspect work exemplified on the Entered Apprentice degree. Have never visited this lodge before, but will say, I was much pleased with the material in it, and am looking forward for Rockland Lodge to take its lead in the district as it has in times past. The officers seemed to be thoroughly interested in the work, which was performed in a very creditable manner for the amount of work that has been done, and the Master, Bro. S. M. DUNCAN, is, I think, an honest worker. I looked over the books, and it is unnecessary to say, they were kept in fine condition by Bro. A. I. MATHER, who has been Secretary of this lodge a great many years; in fact, they were among the best I have yet seen. Was also pleased to be informed that the financial condition of the lodge is better than last year, and on the gain. At the close of the lodge, a lunch was served in the banquet room. It was a very pleasant visit indeed, and one that I shall endeavor to follow up on other occasions than officially.

I made my official visit to Amity Lodge, No. 6, Camden, March 27th, and inspected work, three candidates, on the Master Mason degree, which was performed in a creditable manner, it being the first time the new officers had worked the M. M. degree. A male quartet assisted in the work, which made it very impressive. Grand Chaplain, Bro. L. D. EVANS, officiated. There was a large number present; in fact, it was one of the largest meetings I have ever attended. Amity Lodge seems to be prospering, there being three other candidates that have been accepted and will take the degrees in the near future. Also, two candidates are to be voted on for membership at the next regular meeting. The dues are well collected and I was informed by the Treasurer that the finances are all right. They have recently purchased new furniture, regalias, pillars, etc., half the cost of which was raised by contribution. Was also gratified to learn that this lodge is giving special attention to Charity. They have also written up the Lodge History.

On Monday evening, March 30th, I visited St. George Lodge, No. 16, Warren, in company with St. Paul's Lodge, and inspected work on

the Master Mason degree. There was a large number present, many of the lodges in the district being represented. The work was performed in a very able and interesting manner. The Secretary, Bro. CHAS. E. BLACKINGTON, very courteously offered me the books, which I inspected, and found them to be all right. The dues were well collected, and the financial condition of the lodge good. This lodge has made many improvements this year in its quarters, the rooms having been thoroughly fumigated, newly frescoed, with fitting and tasty decorations, and piped with gas with all new fixtures, also newly carpeted. The best of harmony and feeling prevails among the members. After the meeting, lunch was served in the banquet room. It was a very pleasant occasion, and was so reported by a great many of the brothers from other lodges.

I did not make an official visit to my home lodge, St. Paul's, No. 82, as I had attended most of its meetings, and helped in the way of making corrections at times when needed. Am pleased to say that this lodge is in excellent condition, and the best of feeling and harmony prevails. The officers are of good material, and I think, in due time, all of them will be competent to fill the chair. The M. W., Bro. FRANK A. CAMPBELL, who has been patron of Harbor Light Chapter, O. E. S., the past year, is a conscientious and thorough worker, and commands the utmost respect of the brothers. There has been considerable work under him. At this time there are four new members who have taken the Entered Apprentice degree, and will undoubtedly be raised at the next regular meeting, or before.

The books are kept in excellent condition by Bro. L. H. LOVEJOY, who, it is unnecessary to say, is a very able and competent accountant, and has held this office for many years. The financial condition of the lodge has improved, and the relief fund has made a gain over last year.

I have presented diplomas to the following P. M.'s: HARRY L. SANBORN, of Moses Webster Lodge; CHARLES G. BRACKETT, Orient; ALBERT W. HALL, Eureka; WINFIELD S. CLARKE and MILTON E. BASSICK, of Knox; BENJ. H. HALL, St. Paul's; LORENZO F. MOULTON, Aurora; GEORGE J. NEWCOMBE, St. George.

In looking over the past year's work, I can see many things that could be improved upon throughout the district. While I have given this considerable attention, I feel from my experience of the past year that more time should be given the smaller lodges, especially those where the interest and work is lacking.

Have followed up the matter of the "Lodge History" with all the lodges from whom it is due, and am pleased to be informed that there are many who have it on the way, if not completed.

Have been received very courteously by the brothers. Am pleased to

say that the following up of Masonry and its teachings has greatly benefited me in all ways. I can see the good and true principles of our institution manifested and expressed in every lodge where I have visited.

In closing, I wish to thank you, M. W. Grand Master, for the appointment received at your hands. While I am pleased with what has been done the past year, I wish the fruits of our labor in this beautiful work could have been more.

Fraternally submitted,

ENOS E. INGRAHAM, *D. D. G. M. 9th M. D.*

Rockport, March 31, 1908.

TENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit herewith my first annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District.

I have visited all the lodges once each, in this district, and witnessed work in all but two. Most of the lodges are in a prosperous condition, and doing a good amount of work for country lodges. Peace and harmony prevail among the brethren. All the lodges are in very good financial condition, and in all the records are neatly and correctly kept.

On December 26th, by invitation, I publicly installed the officers elect of Bay View Lodge, No. 196, East Boothbay, assisted by Bro. MURRAY as Grand Marshal, and Rev. Bro. A. J. LOCKHART as Grand Chaplain. By some oversight no music was provided, which made the services rather dry and not so interesting as when aided with a good choir. Refreshments followed.

On December 27th, by invitation, I installed the officers elect of Anchor Lodge, No. 158, South Bristol, assisted by Bro. JOHN HYSON as Grand Marshal, and Rev. Bro. C. F. BEEBEE, of Quantabacook Lodge, as Grand Chaplain. The services were greatly helped by appropriate music rendered by a fine quartet. Refreshments were served, after which the brethren and invited guests returned to the lodge room and listened to some interesting remarks by several brethren.

On January 15th, by invitation, I installed the officers elect of Riverside Lodge, No. 135, Jefferson, assisted by Bro. P. M. I. JOHNSON as Grand Marshal, and Bro. BOND as Grand Chaplain. Some excellent music was furnished, which added much to the occasion. After remarks by several brethren and friends, all adjourned to the banquet room and

partook of a bountiful repast. After the wants of the inner man were supplied, all returned to the lodge room and passed a pleasant social hour.

On January 20th, I installed the officers elect of Bristol Lodge, No. 74, my home lodge, assisted by Bro. P. M. T. W. NICHOLS as Grand Marshal, and Rev. Bro. R. B. MILLS, of Davis Lodge, as Grand Chaplain. The lodge had just purchased a fine Estey organ and some fine music was rendered by a quartet. After supper the brethren and guests returned to the lodge room and listened to interesting remarks by Bros. MILLS, BEEBEE and others. It was my pleasure and honor to install my son Master of Bristol Lodge.

On Wednesday evening, February 12th, I visited Dresden Lodge, No. 103, Dresden, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This was the first candidate the lodge had had since their election, and the work was performed in a creditable manner. R. W. P. D. D. G. M. JOHN H. MAYERS is the Master again, and I feel confident the lodge will prosper under his care and instruction. Bro. CATE, the efficient Secretary, is the right man in the right place. My visit was very pleasant and enjoyable. Refreshments were served after the work.

February 21st, I visited King Solomon's Lodge, No. 61, Waldoboro, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. The officers of this lodge demonstrated their ability to do good work, and this degree was conferred on the candidate in a very thorough and correct manner, and I was pleased to find but few little errors or corrections to make. W. M. LANE showed his ability as Master, and I trust the lodge will prosper under his guidance. A banquet was served. Records all right and neatly kept.

On February 22d, I visited Anchor Lodge, No. 158, at South Bristol, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. The work was nicely and correctly rendered. W. M. JORDAN is a hard working and efficient Master, and he is supported by a good corps of officers. The lodge has a good amount of work in sight, and is prospering finely. Bro. MCFARLAND is a faithful Secretary, and the neatness of his records bear witness to his ability.

On February 27th, I visited Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, at Wiscasset, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was well and very correctly rendered, and the ritual was very closely followed by all of the officers, and they all showed by their work that they had worked hard to perfect themselves in the ritual. Bro. PATTERSON, the efficient Secretary, is still "observing the proceedings of the lodge," and the records bear witness to his ability. After the lodge closed, a banquet was served, and a pleasant social hour was spent with the brethren.

March 11th, I visited Riverside Lodge, No. 135, Jefferson, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, and I am pleased to say that the work was as nearly perfect as it can be in any of our country lodges. W. M. BENNETT, and in fact all the officers, showed by the correctness of their work that they had spent a great deal of time studying the ritual, and the work was rendered in a very thorough and impressive manner. Bro. JACKSON is a model Secretary, and his records prove him so to be. The lodge is enjoying a goodly amount of prosperity. During the work refreshments were served. After the lodge closed, a very pleasant hour was spent with the brethren.

Alna Lodge, No. 43, at Damariscotta, I visited on Wednesday evening, March 18th, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This lodge enjoys the reputation of doing excellent work, and the work that night was no exception; it was up to their standard, and I am pleased to say that I could find but little to criticise, and a great deal to praise. The ritual was very closely followed by all the officers, and the floor work was of the best. A banquet, one of Bro. P. M. STETSON'S best clam stews, followed the work, and it is needless to say was enjoyed by all present. The records are neatly and correctly kept by Bro. P. M. WALTER M. BARSTOW, the Secretary.

Seaside Lodge, No. 144, at Boothbay Harbor, I visited on March 20th, and found a royal welcome by W. M. HARRIS and all the brethren present. Work in the M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate. The W. M. informed me that this was the first candidate they had had since their installation, and I am pleased to say that I have not seen better work in all my visits to the lodges of this district. I was hard put to find a single correction to make, and could only congratulate the officers and brethren on the correctness and excellence of their work. Bro. HARRIS I am proud of, and I congratulate Seaside Lodge on having such an able Master in the East for the present year. Bro. PERKINS, the Secretary, keeps the records in his usual correct way. A banquet was served after the work. There were many visiting brethren present, including one brother from Michigan.

Bay View Lodge, No. 196, at East Boothbay, I visited on Thursday, April 2d. The lodge had several candidates elected, but none at hand, so they were obliged to exemplify; and work in the E. A. and F. C. degrees was exemplified, omitting the monitorial parts and charges. The W. M. thought it best to take these two degrees, as they had heretofore worked the other degree on the visits of the D. D. G. M. They went through their parts in fine style and I found few corrections to make. Bay View Lodge is in fine working order and has a good strong team of offi-

cers. It is having a good degree of prosperity. Records neatly and correctly kept by Bro. FERNALD, the Secretary.

Bristol Lodge, No. 74, at Bristol, I have not visited officially, but have been present at every meeting during the winter, assisting the new officers in learning their parts. The lodge has had no work this winter but has spent the winter studying the ritual, and I am sure the officers are in fine shape to work the degrees when any candidates present themselves. Bro. ERVINE, the Secretary, keeps the records in his usual neat and correct way.

In closing, I wish to express the pleasure which the work has given me, and also to thank the brethren throughout the district for their courtesy and kindness to me. I have been cordially and hospitably received everywhere; and there has been nothing to disturb the harmony existing among the several lodges in this district.

I thank you Most Worshipful for the honors conferred on me.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBERT H. HUNTER, *D. D. G. M. 10th M. D.*

Bristol, April 11, 1908.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the 11th Masonic year for the year ending May, 1908.

I have visited seven of the eight lodge in my district, some of them several times. I have been very generally pleased with the condition in which I found the lodges. The standard of work has been high, and I have been particularly impressed by the feeling of good fellowship which prevails, not only between members of the same lodge, but between members of one lodge for those of another. The records have been excellently kept. The total membership on March 1st, was 1,574. The total number initiated was 52.

KENNEBEC LODGE, No. 5, HALLOWELL. On Wednesday, November 6th, I inspected Kennebec Lodge. Bro. JOHN D. ALDRICH was Master, and he and his corps of officers performed the work of the Master Mason degree in a most pleasing manner. The mistakes were very few and unimportant. The interpretation of the degree was excellent. Although the evening was a very stormy one, there was a good attendance. At the close of the work abundant refreshments were served. Monday evening, November 25th, I installed Bro. ROY E. PIERCE as Master

with the other officers. On this evening there was also a very heavy storm, but there was nearly as large an attendance as before. The attendance on both these evenings, as well as my intercourse with the members, convinced me that this lodge was in splendid condition. Past Master J. E. LUNT officiated as Grand Chaplain; Past Master CHARLES GETCHELL officiated as Grand Marshal. The annual returns show that up to March 1st of this year, twelve members have been initiated, which puts this lodge second in number of initiates for the past year. The membership is 132.

TEMPLE LODGE, NO. 25, WINTHROP. I inspected Temple Lodge, March 16th. Work was in the Entered Apprentice degree. Bro. HERBERT E. FOSTER is Master of this lodge, and performed the beautiful work of this degree in a most creditable manner. Owing to unavoidable absences, two of the offices were filled by substitutes, and taking this into consideration, with the fact that there had been a comparatively small amount of work for the past year, the work of this evening was most satisfactory. There was a fair attendance. Worshipful Brother JONES, Secretary, presented a splendidly kept set of books. At the close of the work a banquet was served, and speeches made by many of the well known brethren present. The dues are very well collected, and the lodge seems to be in a very healthy condition. The membership is 98. Number of initiates 3.

HERMON LODGE, NO. 32, GARDINER. This, my home lodge, I have of course visited oftener than any of the others, although owing to other engagements, not as often as I would have liked. Of course I have a close personal acquaintance with all of the officers and I do not believe they are excelled by any lodge in the district or state. Tuesday, November 5th, I officially inspected the work with Worshipful Brother BAGLEY acting as Master. His work, as well as that of the other officers, was first class. The ritual was quite closely followed, the errors were few and unimportant, and the floor work was most excellent. The officers are all young men, and they enter into the work with a splendid spirit. There was a large attendance, as there always is at this lodge, and the work was followed by a banquet and speeches. On January 8th, I installed the officers, and a most enjoyable evening was passed. The election was held the same night of the installation, a custom which has been followed in this lodge for one or two years. Banquet was also served, and the entire evening was a most pleasant one. Membership 378. Number of initiates 14.

BETHLEHEM LODGE, NO. 35, AUGUSTA. This was the first lodge that I inspected, the inspection being held on Thursday evening, October 31st. Without making any comparisons, I can say that I have never been pres-

ent at a meeting, either as Inspecting Officer, or otherwise, where the ritual was more closely followed than by Worshipful Brother CHARLES D. WHITE as Master, and his officers on this evening. The officers are all young men, very much interested in the work, and the floor work and the interpretation of the degree was unusually fine. There was a large attendance, and a banquet followed the work. I had hoped to be present at the installation by Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS H. BODGE, but illness prevented. The lodge is in a most prosperous condition, and up to March 1st, ranks third in point of increase of members in this district. This lodge also ranks second in point of membership, and with its present officers, is sure to have a prosperous year. Membership is 344; number of initiates for the year 10.

MORNING STAR LODGE, No. 41, LITCHFIELD CORNERS. Through the courtesy of Worshipful Brother WOODWARD, the Master, I received an invitation in September to install the officers, but owing to previous business engagements, it was impossible for me to be present on the evening assigned for the installation. Right Worshipful THOMAS H. BODGE, of Augusta, very kindly consented to install, and reported a most pleasant evening. The installation was public. On Tuesday, November 19th, in company with Worshipful Brother JAMES H. BAGLEY, at that time Master of Hermon Lodge, I officially inspected this lodge. There was an excellent attendance, and the work was well performed. This was Bro. WOODWARD'S second year as Master, and his work showed very careful study of the ritual. The officers also showed that they had put much time into the study of their parts. The floor work, while not as elaborate as in some larger lodges, was correct in all its details and well performed. After the work a bounteous harvest banquet was served, followed by speeches by Worshipful Brother BAGLEY and the members of Morning Star Lodge. Membership 107. Number of initiates 2.

DIMGO LODGE, No. 104, WEEKS' MILLS. This is the only lodge in the district that I have not visited. There has been no work done during the past year. I had planned to visit the lodge at the regular meeting in April and see the work exemplified, but a business engagement made it necessary for me to be in another county the next morning, and would have necessitated an all-night ride over the rough roads. After talking with Worshipful Brother SPROUL, the Secretary, over the telephone, we decided to postpone the visit until some later time. The lodge, I am informed, is in good condition financially and otherwise. Its present membership is 92, a loss of only one member since last year, notwithstanding no new members have been added.

MONMOUTH LODGE, No. 110, MONMOUTH. Thursday evening, No-

vember 7th, I acted as installing officer at a public installation of the officers of this lodge. Worshipful Brother RALPH E. WOODBURY was installed as Master. There was a large attendance of brethren and ladies. A most pleasant evening was passed, at the end of which a very sumptuous banquet, furnished by a caterer from Lewiston, was served. I was assisted in the installation by Bro. HARRY COCHRANE, who acted as Grand Chaplain, and by Bro. JOHN M. PRESCOTT, who acted as Grand Marshal. On April 11th I visited this lodge for the purpose of inspection. A candidate was expected to receive the Master Mason's degree, but telephoned at a late hour, and after my arrival, that it would be impossible for him to be present. Monmouth Lodge has a splendid set of young and enthusiastic officers, and the Worshipful Master himself is particularly zealous for the welfare of the Order and the success of Monmouth Lodge, and the failure of the candidate to appear was a great disappointment to them. After talking the matter over, it was decided that it would be unsatisfactory to exemplify the work, and I planned to visit the lodge some time in May. A business meeting was held, at which five candidates were accepted and two applications for membership received. The lodge is in splendid condition, with a lot of work ahead of it. With the candidates already in sight, this will be a banner year. Present membership 115; initiates 3.

AUGUSTA LODGE, NO. 141, AUGUSTA. This lodge, although younger in years than the others, is one of the most vigorous in the 11th district. On Tuesday, December 31st, I inspected the work in the Master Mason degree. Worshipful Brother LEWIS A. BURLEIGH acted for the last time as Master. Every one in this section knows the breadth as well as the precision of Bro. BURLEIGH'S knowledge of Masonry, and I can pay him no higher compliment than to say that his work was performed as accurately as I expected that it would be. His work as well as that of the other officers was deserving of the highest praise. The floor work was perhaps the most elaborate that I have seen this year. The whole evening was most pleasurable, both from a social and masonic standpoint. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The work was followed by a banquet. The newly elected officers were installed by my predecessor in this office, Right Worshipful JOHN CLAIR MINOT, and it was a matter of great regret that I was not able to be present at the public installation that was held. The incoming officers are mostly young men, full of masonic enthusiasm and zeal, and it is safe to predict a successful year for this lodge. Its membership is now 308; initiates for the year were 8.

Faternally submitted,

CHARLES A. KNIGHT, *D. D. G. M., 11th M. D.*

April 25, 1908.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Having been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the illness of Bro. LON M. PHILBRICK, I have performed the duties assigned me, and herewith submit a report of my official proceedings as D. D. G. M. of the Twelfth District for the past year.

On October 9th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Vassalboro Lodge, assisted by Bro. BERT K. MESERVEY as Grand Marshal, and I am pleased to state that every officer was present. This was a public installation and there was a good attendance. The installation was followed by a short entertainment, after which refreshments were served. One of the pleasant features of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful Past Master's apron to Bro. THEODORE E. HARDY, showing the high esteem in which Bro. HARDY is held by the brethren of Vassalboro Lodge.

On October 24th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Neguemkeag Lodge, assisted by Bro. WILLIAM S. BRADLEY as Grand Marshal. This was a public installation and there was a good attendance. A short program was given, after which refreshments were served in the dining hall, and a very enjoyable evening passed.

On November 2d, I installed the officers of my home lodge, Lafayette, assisted by FRED M. LEIGHTON as Grand Marshal.

On January 15th, I made my official visit to Vassalboro Lodge, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. As it had been only two months since I installed the officers of this lodge, the work was so well done that I could not refrain from highly complimenting the officers for the able manner in which the degree was conferred. This lodge is having a large amount of work and is in good condition financially; records in good shape and dues well collected.

On January 16th, I made my official visit to Neguemkeag Lodge, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very efficient manner. While this is the smallest lodge in the district in point of number it is very much alive and there is an earnest desire by the officers to perform good work; records are neatly kept and dues well collected.

On March 10th, I made my official visit to Asylum Lodge. As there was no candidate, and the Senior and Junior Wardens were both absent, I did not ask the officers to exemplify the work, but have seen the work done in this lodge and know that it has always been of a high order; records are very neatly kept by Bro. B. F. BRADFORD.

On March 14th, I made my official visit to Rural Lodge, and at my suggestion the officers exemplified the work in the M. M. degree, and the

manner in which the work was performed was a credit to its officers. The records of this lodge are kept in good shape by Bro. JAMES F. WARREN, who has held this office for the past 21 years, and dues are well collected.

On March 17th, I made my official visit to Vernon Valley Lodge, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. Worshipful Master GORDON and his officers did the work of this degree in a very impressive manner. 'I was very much pleased to see P. D. D. G. M. Bro. LON M. PHILBRICK, who has been in poor health for so long, able to attend the meetings. Bro. JOSEPH W. ALLEN was elected Secretary of this lodge at their last annual meeting, and knowing Bro. ALLEN personally, I know that this lodge made no mistake in its selection.

On April 6th, I made my official visit to Waterville Lodge, and saw work in the E. A. degree, and I was very much gratified to compliment them on the extreme accuracy of the work. The instructions were given in a manner which could not fail to impress the candidate with the dignity and high importance of Masonry. The records are kept in very fine shape by Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS. Refreshments were served at the close of the work by the ladies of the Eastern Star, and a social hour enjoyed.

On April 18th, I made my official visit to Messalonskee Lodge, and saw work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very creditable manner. The records of this lodge are kept by Bro. O. E. CROWELL, who not only knows his duty but attends to it, and the dues are well collected.

To Lafayette, my home lodge, I have paid no official visit, but am pleased to report the lodge in a prosperous condition and doing a fair amount of work. The records are very neatly and carefully kept by Bro. ARTHUR S. NICKERSON.

I have had the pleasure of visiting all of the eight lodges in this district, and am pleased to report them all in a very prosperous condition fraternally and financially. The practice of examining candidates in this district is not universal, but I wish that it might be, as I consider it very helpful to the candidates and also to the brethren present.

I have filled out and delivered seven Past Master's diplomas.

I have been very cordially received by the officers and brethren of the different lodges, for which I wish to express my sincere thanks.

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred on me by my appointment as Deputy for this district.

Fraternally submitted,

LEON O. TEBBETTS, *D. D. G. M. 12th M. D.*

Augusta, April 29, 1908.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO W. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the 13th Masonic District.

On October 17th, I attended a special communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, holden at Skowhegan, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall at that place. There were in attendance the M. W. Grand Master, CHARLES F. JOHNSON, R. W. Dep. G. M. EDMUND B. MALLET, W. Bro. HAROLD E. COOK, Grand Marshal; W. and Rev. WM. H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain; Wor. WARREN O. CARNEY, Grand Tyler, and many other prominent and well known brethren, among whom was M. W. Past Grand Master WM. R. G. ESTES, of Skowhegan. This event was one long to be pleasantly remembered by the masons of this section, and the fraternity of the 13th Masonic District, which was so well represented by brethren from every lodge in the district, I think. This hall is the result of united and persistent effort by the brethren of Skowhegan, and it was the hope of every one present that they might long enjoy the fruit of their labors.

On October 18th, attended a school of instruction called by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, and holden at Deering, at which we received much valuable instruction, and attended a very interesting and profitable meeting.

On December 16th, I visited Somerset Lodge, at Skowhegan, by invitation, for the purpose of inspection. Found officers doing good work, and lodge prosperous and enjoying their new hall. Officers interested and good workers. Records in the hands of Bro. C. MILTON LAMBERT, who has served this lodge faithfully as Secretary for many, many years. Attendance was good, and M. W. Past G. M. ESTES showed his continued interest in Masonry by being present. You may look for a cordial welcome by the brethren of Somerset Lodge.

January 6th, visited Euclid Lodge, at Madison, and witnessed work in the Third degree, which was well done, showing much interest in the work by the new officers. Records in hands of Wor. Bro. D. W. NICHOLS, who will make a very capable Secretary. This is the home lodge of R. W. Bro. PERKINS, Past D. D. G. M., who was present.

January 14th, visited Carrabassett Lodge, at Canaan, where I witnessed good work in E. A. degree. Wor. Bro. ROWELL gave both sections of the lectures and the charge to the candidate from memory. On visiting this lodge you are impressed with the earnestness of these brethren in the work and their high appreciation of the importance of Masonry.

Records in the hands of Wor. Bro. NASON, an efficient Secretary. The night of this visit was one of the coldest of the season; for this reason and on account of sickness some of the officers were substitutes.

March 5th, visited Siloam Lodge, at Fairfield, where I witnessed work in the Third degree by the new board of officers. This work was of a high order, rendering it very impressive and instructive, and I know the brethren of Siloam Lodge will have reason to be proud of the work this set of officers will be capable of doing. These officers are young men and well posted, taking much interest in the ritual. Records in the hands of Bro. HERRING, a Secretary of much experience.

March 14th, visited Bingham Lodge, at Bingham, accompanied by sixteen brethren from my own lodge as visitors. Witnessed work in the F. C. degree. The W. M. said they would work any degree I said. My answer was that I had not seen the F. C. worked in any lodge so far. They had three candidates, who passed an extra good examination and were well instructed in the Second degree in Masonry. This lodge is growing fast, and the officers show good interest and are doing good work. Records are in the hands of Bro. GEO. L. BAKER, a careful and capable Secretary.

March 17th, visited Northern Star Lodge, at North Anson, and witnessed work of a high order by the officers of this lodge. Work was Third degree on one candidate. Officers interested and well instructed and bound to do their best. Work of this lodge will compare favorably with any in the district. Records in the hands of Wor. Bro. W. C. SIMMONS, who has been Secretary so long that when I asked him how long, he said he couldn't tell. This is the oldest lodge in the Thirteenth district, being No. 28. There are at present four ministers of the gospel in this village, and they all belong to the masons, three of them having been made masons in Northern Star Lodge.

March 28th, attended a special meeting of Keystone Lodge, at Solon. Work was on two candidates for the F. C. degree. This is my home lodge and I have attended nearly every meeting. On this evening after work made some corrections and discussed the work, also the balance of ritual so far as time would allow. Suggestions well received. Visitors are cordially welcomed by Keystone Lodge and its present set of officers. Doing a good amount of work in a fairly creditable manner. Records in hands of Bro. P. S. LONGLEY, a capable and efficient Secretary of long experience.

April 3d, visited Lebanon Lodge, at Norridgewock. Witnessed work on two candidates in the M. M. degree. Work well and impressively given. Candidates brought into the lodge to pass their examination. Records in the hands of Bro. CHAS. A. WARD, who has been re-elected Secretary

for many years. The books present a fine appearance. Had a very nice attendance though the evening was very rough and cold. The brethren said it was about their usual attendance, showing the interest of their members. R. W. Bro. GEORGE O. CARR, Past D. D. G. M., was present, this being his home lodge.

I have installed the officers of the following lodges: Euclid, Lebanon, Carrabassett, Keystone and Somerset. In installing the officers of Euclid Lodge, I received the assistance of R. W. Bro. G. D. PERKINS, Past D. D. G. M., as Marshal. At Lebanon Lodge I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. GEO. O. CARR, Past D. D. G. M., as Marshal. Wor. Bro. HARTSON GOWER acted as Marshal at Carrabassett Lodge; Wor. Bro. CHAS. A. ROSS as Marshal at Somerset Lodge, and Wor. Bro. L. F. MCINTIRE as Marshal at Keystone Lodge; and I wish to most heartily thank all who have so willingly and ably assisted me in the above duties. With one exception these installations were public to masons' families and invited guests, and were occasions of much enjoyment to all who were present, ending with refreshments or some entertainment of an interesting nature.

Without exception the lodges in the 13th Masonic District, through their officers and the brethren, have extended to me every courtesy due to the position, and I would again return to them my thanks and the assurance that their efforts have been appreciated. I would congratulate the lodges, one and all, upon the harmony that prevails and the prosperity that is to be seen. Masonry in this district is certainly very prosperous.

I would thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the evidence of your confidence in appointing me D. D. G. M.

Fraternally submitted,

MALON PATTERSON, *D. D. G. M. 13th M. D.*

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Fourteenth Masonic District.

September 24th, I made my official visit to Acacia, No. 121, at Durham. Owing to a severe storm, and the fact that several of the brethren lived at a distance, they were unable to hold a meeting. However, I

have every assurance that the lodge is in a prosperous condition and doing good work.

November 18th, I visited Ancient York Lodge, No. 155, Lisbon Falls. The M. M. degree was conferred in a very correct and impressive manner. The records neatly and correctly kept. Dues well collected. After the work a fine banquet was served by the ladies of the O. E. S.

December 4th, I visited United Lodge, No. 8, at Brunswick. The M. M. degree was conferred on five candidates. The work was very creditably done, no corrections being necessary. Records well kept. Dues well collected. A banquet was served at the close of the work.

December 18th, accompanied by several brethren of Richmond Lodge, I visited Village Lodge, No. 26, at Bowdoinham. Work in the M. M. degree was well done. The records and dues are well looked after. Banquet at close of work.

January 8th, I visited Polar Star Lodge, at Bath. The work in the M. M. degree was conferred in a manner showing that the officers were proficient in the ritual work. Records well kept. Banquet at close of the work.

March 16th, I had the pleasure of visiting Freeport Lodge, at Freeport, and witnessing work in the E. A. degree, which was done in a very creditable manner. Dues well collected and the records show careful attention. Banquet at the close of the work.

March 23d, I officially visited Solar Lodge, at Bath, the work being in the M. M. degree, and was done in a creditable manner. The dues are well collected. The records are the finest I ever saw. At the close of the work a banquet was served.

I made no official visit to Richmond Lodge, it being my home lodge. I was present at nearly every meeting and am pleased to state that they are doing good work. Records and dues well looked after.

I find that the lodges in this district are in a prosperous condition and doing good work for Masonry.

I wish to thank the several lodges for the many courtesies extended to me during my visits.

And now, Most Worshipful, I thank you for the honor that you conferred upon me in appointing me D. D. G. M. of the Fourteenth Masonic District.

Fraternally submitted,

WALLACE N. PRICE, *D. D. G. M. 14th M. D.*

Richmond, May 1, 1908.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Fifteenth District.

I have visited all the lodges and have found them, on the whole, in a very prosperous condition. Every lodge has had work and all are enjoying peace and harmony.

October 23d, I installed the officers of Wilton Lodge, No. 156.

October 30th, I attended lodge of instruction held by the Grand Lecturer at Ellsworth.

MOUNT BIGELOW, NO. 202, FLAGSTAFF. December 14th, I made my official visit to this lodge and witnessed work in Master Mason degree. The floor work was fine; the lectures by W. M. DONAHUE well given; the attendance was good, quite a number of brothers coming from Stratton seven miles to the meeting. I was pleased to note the prompt manner in which this lodge voted financial aid to a distressed brother. Records well kept and dues well collected. The ladies of the Eastern Star served a nice supper at the close.

MYSTIC TIE, NO. 154, WELD. January 14th was the date of my visit to this lodge. One candidate was worked on the E. A. degree in a very dignified and impressive manner; floor work was very good and lectures well given; there was a good attendance and much interest shown. Secretary PHILLIPS' records are neatly and correctly kept, and by personal letters to members living away he has saved to his lodge a snug little sum of money, as well as some good members, and I recommend this practice to all secretaries. Refreshments at close.

ORIENTAL STAR, NO. 21, LIVERMORE FALLS. January 15th, by invitation, I was present at the semi-annual meeting of this lodge afternoon and evening. At the afternoon session, the M. M. degree was worked by Past Masters. The work was a credit to the Past Masters, especially that of Bro. GEORGE Q. GAMMON, a veteran P. M., nearly seventy years of age, who acted as Master. His work and the delivering of the lectures was a treat, and highly appreciated by the large number of masons present. A nice supper was served at six o'clock.

I made my official visit at the evening session. The regular officers worked the M. M. degree in a very pleasing manner and close to the ritual. Records, still in the hands of Bro. EUSTIS, are carefully kept and dues well collected. I had the pleasure of meeting Past D. D. G. M. FRED RAYMOND in this, his masonic home. Banquet at close.

WHITNEY, NO. 167, CANTON. February 6th, I visited this lodge, by appointment, when the M. M. degree was worked in a very creditable

manner. There was a good attendance, considering that it was a stormy evening, and the date conflicted with social events. At this meeting I had the pleasure of meeting Past D. D. G. M. FRED RAYMOND. Records well kept and dues fairly well collected. Banquet served at close.

MAINE, NO. 20, FARMINGTON. February 17th, the M. M. degree was the work of the evening. This was the first work of the present officers, and showed that with a little more practice they will be able to do first class work. This is the masonic home of Past D. D. G. M. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, and it is a pleasure to meet him and note his interest in everything pertaining to Masonry. Secretary GEORGE B. CRAGIN's records are a model of neatness, and the dues are *all* collected. Banquet served at close.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, NO. 67, PHILLIPS. March 18th, I visited this lodge. The E. A. degree was worked on one candidate. The officers of this lodge are all young men and also young masons. The floor work was very good. I found the Master thoroughly interested, and with a little more study he will make a fine presiding officer. The attendance was good. Secretary HOYT's records are neat and correct. Banquet at close.

MOUNT ABRAM, NO. 204, KINGFIELD. March 19th, I officially visited this lodge and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very creditable manner. The attendance was good; the members all seem interested; records well kept and dues well collected. A nice supper was served at close.

DAVIS, NO. 191, STRONG. March 20th, I met with Davis Lodge at a regular meeting. The M. M. degree was worked in a very impressive manner and close to the ritual. The work showed that they had received some good instructions from my predecessor, R. W. CHARLES B. RICHARDSON, who is present at all the meetings and takes a great interest in everything in Masonry. This is one of the most flourishing lodges in this district, and Bro. MASON one of the very best Secretaries. His records are fine and dues very well collected. Banquet at close.

FRANKLIN, NO. 123, NEW SHARON. April 10th, by appointment, I met with this lodge. As there was no work, the evening was spent in studying the ritual; the few members present seemed interested. This lodge has had very little work for the last few years, and is, I believe, passing through a stage that most lodges occasionally have, and which will, I am sure, be followed by better times. Past D. D. G. M. JAMES H. HOWES is Secretary, and shows a good interest in the lodge. He reports it hard to keep the dues collected.

WILTON, NO. 156, WILTON. April 15th, I visited this, my home lodge. The E. A. and F. C. degrees were worked, and considering the amount

of work the present officers have had, the work was good. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition. Secretary F. E. TREFETHEN'S records are neat and accurate and the dues are well collected.

I extend to the officers and members of the several lodges my sincere thanks for their kind attention, and for the fraternal spirit shown by all.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you for the honor conferred,

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK L. WOODCOCK, *D. D. G. M. 15th M. D.*

East Wilton, April 18, 1908.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixteenth Masonic District.

October 1st, by invitation, I went to Bryant's Pond and installed the officers of Jefferson Lodge, No. 100. As this was a public installation there was a large attendance. After installation, a banquet was served, and a very pleasant time enjoyed by all.

October 18th, I attended the School of Instruction at Deering presided over by Grand Lecturer FRANK E. SLEEPER. I was very much benefited by attending this School, and have tried to impart to the lodges in the Sixteenth District the knowledge I received as best I could.

December 2d, I installed the officers of Granite Lodge, No. 182, West Paris. This being a private installation there was a small attendance besides the officers. As this is my home lodge, and I have attended nearly all meetings, I have not deemed it necessary to make an official visit. The work is up to the average. I think the lodge is in good shape. The records are well and neatly kept and dues well paid. We have built an addition enlarging our anteroom, which was very much needed.

December 5th, I installed the officers of Bethel Lodge, No. 97, Bethel. The installation being public there was a full house. After the officers were installed, the audience were entertained with music and reading, after which a banquet and a social time was enjoyed.

December 16th, I officially visited Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, Buckfield. The officers of this lodge have been, I understand, for some time, old members, the younger members not being inclined to fill the offices, but this year I find the offices all filled by young members, which

change I am pleased to report. Work in the E. A. degree was exemplified. This was the first work the new officers had done, and considering this fact, the work was very good, only few corrections necessary. The records are well kept by Bro. COLE, and dues fairly well paid.

December 19th, I made my official visit to Crooked River Lodge, No. 152, Bolster's Mills. On my arrival I found the officers were to be installed at that meeting. I was invited to install the officers, but thought best to let the brethren carry out the programme as arranged. After installation, there being no regular candidate, work was exemplified in E. A. degree, one of the members acting as candidate. The work, was done in a manner which proved that the officers were ready for a candidate when one appears. Records well kept, but I think rather too much debt carried on books at time of visit. After the lodge was through working, a banquet was served in the lower hall. I was informed that the lodge owns this building, which is well furnished. The brethren take much interest in their work, and I think the lodge has good prospects for the future.

January 16th, I visited Bethel Lodge, No. 97, Bethel. There was a good attendance and work in the M. M. degree. This lodge has been at quite a disadvantage since they were burned out, not having much work. Some corrections were necessary, but considering circumstances, was on an average with other lodges in the district. I found the records well and neatly kept by Bro. ROWE, and dues in good shape. Refreshment and social hour after lodge closed.

January 21st, I officially visited King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, Dixfield. This lodge has a good home, well furnished and lighted, with everything up to date, which they practically own. Records in good shape and dues well paid. Work was exemplified in the M. M. degree, one of the brethren acting as candidate. Not having work for some time, corrections were necessary: but with close study of the ritual, this lodge should be able to do first class work. Refreshment and social time enjoyed by all.

January 29th, I officially visited Jefferson Lodge, No. 100, Bryant's Pond. This was a special meeting for work in the M. M. degree. There was a good attendance of members of Jefferson and other lodges. I witnessed as good work as I have ever seen in any lodge, and wish to congratulate the officers for their good work. Everything seems to be harmonious, and the prospects of a good amount of work. Records well kept by Bro. BOWKER, one of the veteran Secretaries of the Sixteenth District. Dues not so well collected as I would like to see. Banquet well enjoyed.

I made an official visit to Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, Rumford Falls, January 29th, at a special meeting for work in M. M. degree. Three candidates received this degree. The work was well done, few corrections made. This lodge has one of the finest halls I have ever visited, with the largest membership of any lodge in the district. Good attendance of members and visitors and much interest manifested. Banquet served at close of work. This lodge has a Secretary who does his duty in keeping records and collecting dues.

February 11th, I installed the officers of Paris Lodge, No. 94, South Paris. Good attendance and every officer present to be installed and seeming very much interested. After the officers were installed refreshments were served.

March 13th, I officially visited Oxford Lodge, No. 18, Norway. Work in Fellow Craft degree was exemplified in an able and impressive manner. The records are kept in first class shape by Brother HOWARD D. SMITH, and dues well paid. Oxford Lodge has a good name for entertaining throughout the district. Banquet served.

My last official visit was to Paris Lodge, No. 94, South Paris. Work in the E. A. degree was exemplified in a creditable manner. This was the first work the new officers had done, and their manner of working is sufficient testimony that they are interested. The records and finances are in good shape.

In closing, I will say that so far as I have been able to learn there is harmony in every lodge in this district, and a good amount of work has been done the past year. I have at all times performed the duties pertaining to the office of D. D. G. M. as best I could in the way I understand them.

I wish to thank the brethren of each lodge for the manner in which I have been received and for the courtesy shown me.

And now, Most Worshipful, in closing my work as D. D. G. M. for the year, I wish to thank you for the honor conferred and the confidence reposed.

Fraternally submitted,

BENTON L. SWIFT, *D. D. G. M. 16th M. D.*

West Paris, March 19, 1908.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Having been appointed as D. D. G. M. of the Seventeenth Masonic District, Wor. Bro. H. S. Cobb declining to be installed, I have the honor to present my official report.

October 18th, I attended the lodge of instruction held with Deering Lodge, No. 183, at Deering, under the personal direction of the Grand Lecturer. The school was attended by a large number of the brethren, who were very much interested and anxious to receive the correct work. The courtesy and hospitality extended by Deering Lodge was much appreciated by those present. The lodge furnished a collation at noon and the brethren were not obliged to leave the building.

In the evening I made my official visitation to this lodge and had the pleasure of having with me the Grand Lecturer, and several deputies of other districts. The work was the E. A. degree, and was rendered in a very correct and impressive manner. I congratulated the officers for the almost perfect work and the dignified manner in which this important degree was conferred. A fine banquet was served.

November 12th, by request of the W. M., I installed the officers of Hiram Lodge, No. 180, at South Portland. A large number were present, Wor. Bro. OHLER acted at Marshal.

November 13th, I officially visited Harmony Lodge, No. 83, at Gorham, and inspected work in the M. M. degree. The work was well done and was a credit to this lodge. The members of the craft like to visit Harmony, as the one hundred odd visitors amply testified. The W. M. has been elected the second time, and I have since had the pleasure of going over the ritual with him. At the banquet, which followed the work, I recognized many ladies of the Eastern Star waiting on the tables.

November 14th, accompanied by Bro. BOODY, J. W. of Warren Phillips Lodge, I made my official visit to Standish Lodge, No. 70, Standish. After the long ride and intense cold of the evening we were thoroughly chilled, but the greeting was warm and we soon forgot the coldness of the atmosphere. The M. M. degree was exhibited in a way well calculated to impress the candidate with the importance of Masonry. The officers made a good showing with the new collars and aprons worn for the first time. Again I noticed Eastern Star ladies serving the banquet.

December 14th, again accompanied by Bro. BOODY, I visited Pre-sumpscot Lodge, No. 127, at North Windham. This turned out to be a very stormy night and only a few of the members were present. The

W. M., a doctor, was unfortunately called away, and owing to the absence of some of the other officers, I could not get a line on their work, but from former visits to this lodge I am satisfied that it is doing well. With the assistance of some of the visiting brothers, the F. C. degree was conferred upon one candidate. Collation at close of work.

January 21st, I made my official visitation to Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, at Portland. I was cordially received. The work was the E. A. degree, rendered in a very correct, impressive and instructive manner. The large hall was crowded, and the work very closely followed by all the brethren present. Ancient Landmark Lodge is the largest lodge in the State, and under the charge of W. M. MILLARD F. HICKS, the lodge will maintain the high standard of excellence that it has long enjoyed. A very fine banquet at close of work was enjoyed by the members of the craft.

February 10th, I installed the officers of Deering Lodge, No. 183, at their annual meeting, Wor. Bro. HELSON acting at Marshal. This lodge on the occasion of their annual meeting makes every effort to have as many of their members present as possible, thus making it a truly home gathering. Refreshments before the lodge was called to order.

February 11th, at my official visit to Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, at Portland, I was made to feel at home by the W. M., ELMER A. DOTEN. The F. C. degree was worked by a line of officers who showed their interest in their work by the very correct way in which the ritual was given. The close attention paid by every member of the large gathering present showed their appreciation of good work. With the same high standard of work in the future no deputy can ever find cause for complaint, but much for praise. Banquet again, a very fine one.

March 11th, I visited Temple Lodge, No. 86, at Westbrook, in my official capacity. The work, the F. C. degree, was given in a manner to please the critical mind, and again the ritual was very closely adhered to. The large number of brethren present enjoyed very much the stereopticon views used in an instructive way, which certainly brings to the mind of the candidate the lessons taught. Refreshments at close of work.

March 12th, escorted by thirty or more brethren, among whom it was a pleasure to have R. W. SILAS B. ADAMS, I made my official visit to Casco Lodge, No. 36, at Yarmouth. This time the work was the M. M. degree, and I take pleasure in commending the impressive manner in which the W. M. rendered his work. The work was well done and everything showed much interest on the part of the members in the work of the craft. Collation after work.

March 17th, I made my official visit to Hiram Lodge, No. 180, at South Portland. The lodge room was not large enough to accommodate all of the brethren present. The F. C. degree was conferred and the officers were commended for their efficiency and the right spirit in which the candidate was instructed. I wish to commend the manner in which W. Bro. OHLER examined a visiting brother. At the grand banquet, at close of work, I again noticed Eastern Star ladies waiting on the tables.

March 25th, I made my official visit to Portland Lodge, No. 1, at Portland. I was received in form by the lodge, R. W. SILAS B. ADAMS kindly acting as Grand Marshal. The work was the E. A. degree. The almost perfect work by the officers showed much care, thought and study, and was given in a most dignified, impressive and instructive manner. Like my former visits to this hall, at Ancient Landmark and Atlantic Lodges, the large number of brethren present gave close attention to every detail of the work. Again a fine banquet rounded out an evening pleasantly and profitably spent by the brethren.

April 1st, I officially visited my home lodge, Warren Phillips, No. 186, at Cumberland Mills. The E. A. degree was given in the same pleasing way as is the habit of this lodge. This is one of the two lodges in this district that uses the stereopticon to illustrate the lectures. The officers were congratulated by many of the visiting brethren for the correctness of their work. While I knew the work was well done, I have given the expression of the visiting brethren, as it might be said I was partial to my home lodge. Refreshments and a social hour at close of work.

Owing to the facility with which the brethren can visit the different lodges in this jurisdiction, as all but two can be reached by electric, and the interest and close attention given to the work by the visiting brethren, also to the good instruction by former deputies, I have been obliged to make only a few corrections in any of the lodges, and what few I have made have been received in the right spirit, all seeming to have that noble contention or rather emulation of who best can work and best agree.

The masonic quartets in the several Portland, South Portland and other lodges add much interest and impressiveness to the work, and the craft appreciate the efforts of all who contribute to this feature.

I have not called individual attention to the work of the secretaries of the different lodges, but all are contributing their full share of the work in their several lodges, in an efficient manner, and should and I believe do receive the thanks of their members. The records are well kept and dues well collected.

A few of the lodges have sent me notice when they had any work, and while I have been unable to avail myself of their courtesy, owing to sick-

ness in my family, I have appreciated their kindness and commend this feature to all, as it keeps the deputy fully informed of the work in his jurisdiction.

My thanks are extended to the several lodges in this Seventeenth District for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown on my visits, also to the brethren who have kindly accompanied me on my official visitations to the different lodges, as it is an inspiration to feel that the craft are interested in the work of the visiting officer.

And now, Most Worshipful, I wish you to accept my sincere thanks for the honor conferred,

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES W. CARLL, *D. D. G. M. 17th M. D.*

Cumberland Mills, April 6, 1908.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

It is my pleasure to submit my annual report as D. D. G. M. for the Eighteenth Masonic District.

DELTA LODGE, NO. 153, LOVELL. On the evening of October 10th, I visited Delta Lodge. Work was presented in the Master Mason's degree upon two candidates, and the excellent manner in which Wor. Bro. HARMON and his corps of officers rendered the work was certainly an honor to the lodge and a credit to its officers, who well merited the commendation which I gave them on the excellence of their work. The mistakes were very few, and for the most part could be corrected by the officers themselves when having their attention called to them. Since my last visit, Bro. EDWARD L. BELL, for more than twenty years Secretary of Delta Lodge, has been summoned to appear before the Grand Master of the Universe to receive his reward in the unseen world, where the weary shall find rest. Wor. Bro. PRESTON B. WALKER was elected Secretary after the death of Bro. BELL, and his books show that careful detail which makes a record complete. Dues are well collected, and the lodge is in a prosperous condition.

ORIENTAL, NO. 13, BRIDGTON. On November 16th, I visited Oriental Lodge and installed its officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. DAVID C. SAUNDERS acting as Grand Marshal.

MOUNT TIR'EM, NO. 132, WATERFORD. November 19th, I visited Mount Tir'em Lodge. There was a good attendance, there being many

visiting brethren present. The work of the evening was in the Master Mason's degree, and was rendered by Wor. Bro. PRIDE and his corps of officers in a very creditable manner. One remarkable feature of the work this evening was that of Bro. DANIEL BROWN, eighty-two years of age, who filled the same office at the raising of the first candidate in this lodge forty-two years ago, Bro. BROWN having been a mason about fifty years. The records are well kept, and still in the hands of R. W. Bro. JEWETT. Dues are fairly well collected. On the occasion of this visit I am indebted to Bro. W. W. WATSON for the many courtesies received at his hands.

PYTHAGOREAN, NO. 11, FRYEBURG.. On the evening of December 16th, accompanied by several brethren from Oriental Lodge, I made an official visit to Pythagorean Lodge. Two candidates were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in a very impressive manner. While some mistakes were made, they were no more than would be expected from any working lodge. The records are in good condition, with R. W. Bro. EASTMAN still holding the office of Secretary. Dues are well collected, but few being in arrears for more than one year. This lodge is about to come into possession of the property in which its hall is situated, through the generosity of our late Bro. ALBRO R. JENNESS. On January 13th, I again visited Pythagorean Lodge, officially, and with the assistance of Wor. Bro. E. C. BUZZELL acting as Grand Marshal, I installed the officers-elect for the ensuing year.

MOUNT MORIAH, NO. 56, DENMARK. January 15th, I officially visited Mount Moriah Lodge, and upon invitation of the lodge, assisted by Bro. ORDWAY as Grand Marshal, I publicly installed the officers-elect for the ensuing year. The present officers are all young men, and are evidently trying to get started right to do good work. The records are again in the hands of Bro. ORDWAY, and dues are fairly well collected.

GREENLEAF, NO. 117, CORNISH. January 17th, I made my official visit to Greenleaf Lodge. No degree work was presented, but upon invitation from the Wor. Master, I installed the officers-elect, assisted by Wor. Bro. D. G. CHAPLIN. Greenleaf holds good rank as a working lodge; its officers are young and spare no efforts to do good work; they are also ably coached by past officers. The records are in excellent condition. Bro. COOK still continues as Secretary. Dues are very well collected.

SHEPHERD'S RIVER, NO. 169, BROWNFIELD. On February 19th, I made my official visit to Shepherd's River Lodge. Work was exhibited in the E. A. and M. M. degrees, and was done in a commendable manner and with very few mistakes, considering the fact that several of its officers are young in Masonry, yet from their rendition of the work it

shows interest and careful study. The records and dues are in good condition. Bro. JOHNSON is Secretary. This lodge is considering the matter of purchasing a building for a masonic home, which is certainly to be commended.

ORIENTAL, NO. 13, BRIDGTON. On March 14th, I again made an official visit to Oriental Lodge, when work was presented in the F. C. degree, and with scarcely a mistake in the rendering of the ritual. Oriental is certainly maintaining its rank in performing good work. The records are still in the hands of Bro. CHAPLIN, who has filled the office for many years. His records are models of excellence; he also keeps a watchful eye on the dues and keeps them well collected.

In conclusion, I have found Masonry within this district in a happy and prosperous condition. In visiting the several lodges within the district I have been received with kindness and courtesy by the officers and members of the fraternity, to whom I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN L. MESERVE, *D. D. G. M. 18th M. D.*

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Nineteenth Masonic District.

Masonry in this district has had a very prosperous year, seventy-eight candidates having received the degrees. The lodges are all on a solid financial basis, the dues being well collected. A good wholesome interest is manifest and peace and harmony prevail.

ARION LODGE, NO. 162, GOODWIN'S MILLS. On June 13th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. JAMES W. BURNIE and Bros. H. WILLIS HURD and CLARENCE B. RUMERY, I visited Arion Lodge. The Master Mason's degree was conferred on one candidate, and considering this was the first time for over a year that this degree had been worked, it was well done. The finances of the lodge are improving, the dues being well collected. Wor. Bro. ALONZO W. DAY is quite hopeful of more work during the next few months. After the lodge was closed, we repaired to the banquet hall, where refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

NAVAL LODGE, NO. 184, KITTERY. Accompanied by fifteen brethren from Saco and Dunlap Lodges, I visited Naval Lodge at Kittery on October 16th, and inspected work in the Master Mason's degree on one

candidate. At this meeting my suite was composed of Wor. Bros. J. BURTON ROBERTS, JAMES W. BURNIE, CARLOS C. HEARD and LAWRENCE E. WILLARD. There were one hundred and twenty-five present, including many visitors. The work was done with dignity and precision that reflects great credit upon the officers. I wish to again report the thorough manner in which the candidates of this lodge are instructed for advancement. Here I had the honor of meeting Rt. Wor. Bro. DAVID G. WALKER, who is a member of Naval Lodge. After the lodge was closed refreshments were served and an hour of good-fellowship enjoyed.

YORK LODGE, NO. 22, KENNEBUNK. November 11th, I visited York Lodge. The work of the evening was Master Mason's degree and was conferred on five candidates. Wor. Bro. HOMER T. WATERHOUSE is a good ritualist and is supported by a fine line of officers. The work on this occasion would hardly be surpassed anywhere and was fully appreciated by those present. The finances of this lodge are in fairly good condition. Wor. Bro. GEO. A. GILPATRIC is secretary of this lodge and a great help to the officers. A banquet and social hour followed the closing of the lodge.

ST. JOHN'S, NO. 51, SOUTH BERWICK. I visited this lodge on November 18th, and inspected work in Master Mason's degree on two candidates, which was specially well done. Wor. Bro. CHARLES H. SWEAT makes a fine master and is supported by a good line of officers. That the work done in this lodge is appreciated is manifested by the attendance at the meetings. On this occasion there were about ninety brethren present, including twenty-two from Naval Lodge at Kittery. I had the pleasure on this occasion of again meeting Rt. Wor. Bro. DAVID G. WALKER. A Lodge of Past Masters was opened and the degree conferred upon two brethren. The work of the evening was followed by a banquet and an hour of good-fellowship enjoyed.

YORKSHIRE, NO. 179, NORTH BERWICK. I visited this lodge November 29th, and inspected work in the Master Mason's degree on one candidate, which was done in a very impressive manner. The ritual was very closely followed and the dignity and precision with which every officer did his part reflects the deep interest that Wor. Bro. WEBBER has in the lodge. Here I had the honor of meeting Rt. Wor. Bro. WILLIAM B. LITTLEFIELD, who is one of the active members of Yorkshire.

DUNLAP LODGE, NO. 47, BIDDEFORD. This is my home lodge and I did not deem it necessary to visit it at any particular time for inspection having seen nearly all the work done for the year. The work has been fully up to the high standard that has prevailed for a number of years and twenty brethren have received the degrees. The history has been brought down to date and is now in the hands of the printers.

SACO LODGE, No. 9, SACO. I visited this lodge at the regular meeting March 4th, on invitation of Wor. Bro. FREDERICK P. GRAVES, and inspected work in E. A. degree. All the officers were present and the work was done in a splendid manner. This lodge has had the largest amount of work of any in the district and yet the number of applicants rejected shows that it is very careful in accepting new timber. Saco Lodge in connection with York Chapter has recently installed an elegant pipe organ, which will be greatly enjoyed by the members. The finances of the lodge are all right and the Secretary, Bro. ABRAM T. LORD, keeps the dues well collected.

I regret that I have not visited Ocean Lodge, No. 143, at Wells Depot, St. Aspinquid at York Village and Arundel at Kennebunkport, but have been unable to do so because of my personal affairs. I have been in touch with different officers of these lodges, however, and believe they are doing good work.

Faternally submitted,

EDGAR H. MINOT, *D. D. G. M. 19th M. D.*

Saco, April 10, 1908.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twentieth Masonic District.

During the year I have visited all of the lodges in the district, and have witnessed work in all. I am glad to report that they are all doing a good amount of work.

On January 7th, I publicly installed the officers of Horeb Lodge, No. 93, assisted by P. M. Bro. P. J. MILLS as Marshal. After installation, refreshments were served by the ladies of the O. E. S. and a social time followed. The evening will long be remembered by all who were present as a most enjoyable one.

On January 18th, I made an official visit to Pine Tree Lodge, No. 172, Mattawamkeag. The M. M. degree was worked in a pleasing manner, very few mistakes being noticed. The meeting was well attended and great interest manifested in the work. The genial Secretary, Bro. SMITH, still maintains his record of attendance. I was presented by Bro. SMITH with a copy of the history of the lodge, which had just been completed. It is the most comprehensive history of the lodge that I have seen, and

the Committee deserves a great deal of credit for their work. This lodge is in good financial shape, dues well collected, and the records kept in fine shape.

On March 3d, I had the pleasure of making an official visit to Baskahagan Lodge, No. 175, at Danforth, where I witnessed work in the Third degree. The ritual was followed very closely and the work excellently done. I noticed that a large number of Past Masters were present, and that the members were very attentive to the work. The records are again in the hands of P. M. Bro. M. L. PORTER, who has brought order out of chaos and has them in fine shape. The lodge is in fine financial condition, and the prospects for a prosperous year are good.

On March 14th, I paid an official visit to Forest Lodge, No. 148, and saw work in the M. M. degree. The meeting was well attended and great interest manifested in the work, which was very well done. The lodge is enjoying a very prosperous year, having a number of candidates who have as yet received no degrees. The books, in the hands of Bro. COLE, are excellently kept and the dues well collected.

My home lodge, Horeb, No. 93, is at present struggling under a heavy financial burden, occasioned by the building erected a few years ago, but all obligations are being met promptly. The books are in the hands of P. M. Bro. BALLANTYNE, and are correctly kept.

In concluding, I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of my appointment as your representative in the Twentieth District, and I also wish to thank the members throughout the district for the kindness and courtesies they have shown me at all times. I shall always have pleasing recollections of my service as D. D. G. M.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. LINTON, *D. D. G. M. 20th M. D.*

Lincoln, April 22, 1908.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor of presenting my second annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-first Masonic District.

I have visited all the lodges in the district except Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192. I find good enthusiasm existing in every lodge, and feel that progress has been made in the work. While but little work has been done in some lodges, these lodges show a good healthy condition,

in that they prefer to make no new members unless they can make good masons.

In all the lodges of this district I can report officers fully qualified to fill their positions, the dues well collected and records properly kept. There has been an increase of work during the past year over that of the year before, and an improvement in the manner of doing it. The Twenty-first Masonic District is to be congratulated for the general excellence of their work, and I desire here to thank officers and brethren of each and every lodge for the uniform courtesy with which I have been received, and for the promptness with which they have accepted my advice and acted upon it.

In September, I visited North East Harbor Lodge, No. 208, on their invitation, at their expense, and witnessed the conferring of the Entered Apprentice degree. The work was excellent, and but few criticisms were necessary.

In January, I made my official visit and installed officers. The records are in the hands of Past Master GEORGE E. TURNER, and he will keep up the faithful work of Bro. REED, the retiring Secretary. Dues are well collected.

January 25th, I visited David A. Hooper Lodge, No. 201, installed their officers, and witnessed the conferring the Master Mason's degree upon one candidate. The excellence of their work is unquestioned. Bro. CLAPHAM still keeps the books well in hand and the dues well collected.

Felicity Lodge, No. 19, invited me to meet them March 30th. I accepted the invitation, and was much pleased at their work in the Master's degree. As I said in my report last year, Felicity Lodge would emerge from her difficulties and do good work, so I found it. Felicity Lodge is on good foundation now, and is looking forward to her Centennial in one year from this summer. The records are well kept and dues well collected.

March 31st, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, held a special communication at my request. There was no work, but the evening was spent profitably in looking over the ritual, and ended with a banquet fit for kings.

With Bro. A. B. HUTCHINS for counsellor, and Bro. SAUNDERS for Master, with a score or more of well posted masons ready to aid with their services, Rising Sun Lodge has only prosperity ahead. Bro. S. R. HUTCHINS keeps the records and collects the dues in a faithful manner.

On April 9th, I visited Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185. The Master's degree was conferred in their usual accurate manner. A lunch followed the work. This lodge has done a large amount of work the past year, and has added twenty-one good brethren to the fraternity. Bro. BENJ.

L. HADLEY keeps the records and collects the dues just as faithfully as he has in the past.

Tremont Lodge, No. 77, held a special meeting, at my request, Friday evening, April 10th. They had no work on that night, and the evening was spent in conversation, asking and answering questions on the work. Bro. GEORGE R. FULLER is Secretary. Although newly elected to this office, his experience in this office in other orders makes him well qualified for the duties of his office. His books are well kept and dues fairly well collected.

Mount Desert Lodge, No. 140, held their regular communication April 11th, at which I was present and witnessed their method of doing business. The general conduct of this meeting shows that Mt. Desert Lodge is as careful in the business part of the lodge as I found them last year in their work. This lodge has done no work the past year in the degrees, but they have lost neither hope nor enthusiasm. They are on a sound financial basis, and intend to work on that line rather than be burdened with unworthy members. Bro. LYMAN H. SOMES, as Secretary, is both accurate and careful in the discharge of his duties.

Lygonia, No. 40, and Esoteric, No. 159, consolidated January 23, 1908, under the name of Lygonia, No. 40. This event has been long looked forward to by many lovers of Masonry in Ellsworth. It has given an impetus to Masonry here that has long been needed. The old spirit of rivalry has been laid aside, and that "noble spirit of emulation" has taken its place and all things now look to peace and harmony. Lygonia, No. 40, is now the second lodge in size in the state, and is crowding hard for the first place. On January 23d, Lygonia had 489 members; at the present time there are 495, and she has five applications ahead to be acted upon. Truly, her lines seem to have fallen in pleasant places at last. (A report of the consolidation will be found in the M. W. Grand Master's report.)

I called a Convention of Masons of the 21st District in Odd Fellow's Hall, Ellsworth, on March 12, 1908. The sleighing was excellent, and the weather was all that could be desired. The brethren of the district responded to the call in large numbers. The lodges responded to roll-call as follows:

Lygonia, No. 40, Ellsworth, - - - - -	160
Bar Harbor, No. 185, Bar Harbor, - - - - -	39
Winter Harbor, No. 192, Winter Harbor, - - - - -	7
Rising Star, No. 177, Penobscot, - - - - -	9
Mt. Desert, No. 140, Mt. Desert, - - - - -	12
Rising Sun, No. 71, Orland, - - - - -	6
Tremont, No. 77, South West Harbor, - - - - -	20
David A. Hooper, No. 201, West Sullivan, - - - - -	25

North East Harbor, No. 208, North East Harbor,	- - -	12
Tuscan, No. 106, Addison,	- - - - -	5
Other lodges (scattering,)	- - - - -	10
Total,		305

Many were present later in the evening, raising the number to over 400.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened by the officers of Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, of Ellsworth, with Wor. RUBERT B. MATHEWS, Master.

The officers of Tremont Lodge, No. 77, assumed the stations, and opened a lodge of Entered Apprentices, and exemplified the E. A. degree, SETH W. NORWOOD, Master.

The stations were then filled by the officers of David A. Hooper Lodge, No. 201, Bro. WILLIAM B. BLAISDELL acting as Marshal, who opened the lodge in F. C. degree and exemplified the work of that degree in a manner most pleasing and correct. After closing in the F. C. degree the brethren repaired to the banquet hall for refreshments.

The Convention was again called to order at 8 o'clock in the evening, and a lodge of Master Masons was opened by Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, A. STROUD RODICK, Master.

By virtue of a dispensation from the M. W. G. M., Bar Harbor Lodge was permitted to exemplify the Master's degree on an actual candidate of their own, which they did in their usual prompt and accurate manner.

The large attendance on this convention warrants the belief that a district convention is not only a pleasing feature, but a profitable one.

The brethren not only extend their masonic acquaintance with their brethren, but learn how other lodges are working, and see that there is a uniformity in the work of all masonic lodges. The expense is comparatively small, and the good each earnest, consistent mason receives by his attendance is many times the cost.

In concluding, I wish to thank the several lodges again for their courteous reception of their D. D. G. M. in his visits this past year, and particularly do I wish to extend my hearty thanks to Tremont, No. 77, David A. Hooper, No. 201, and Bar Harbor, No. 185, for the promptness with which they helped me make the Tenth Annual Convention of the Twenty-first Masonic District a success.

The past year has been very pleasant to me masonically, and I appreciate the fact that it is due in a large measure to the co-operation of the different lodges of the district.

My thanks are due, primarily, to you, Most Worshipful, for giving me the opportunity of becoming so well acquainted with my brethren of this district, by appointing me District Deputy of the Twenty-first District.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. DRESSER, *D. D. G. M. 21st M. D.*

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to herewith submit my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-second Masonic District.

As I reported every lodge in this district fully last year, I will endeavor at this time to be quite brief. It is indeed a pleasure to me to be able to report that the lodges in this district as a whole are very prosperous. Every lodge has had work ranging from one to ten initiates.

Everything considered, Cambridge Lodge has rather outdone them all. This lodge is located in a very small village, where there is no manufacturing, consequently has to depend on a farming community for its members, number of initiates in this lodge being nine. While Meridian Splendor, the largest lodge in the district, 142 members, had seven, Meridian, the next largest lodge in the district, 140 members, had ten.

Each lodge has an efficient corps of officers and the quality of the work done is highly commendable.

Plymouth Lodge has had one initiate. They failed to hold their annual meeting, and as yet have not elected officers. Their officers are fully competent but do not take the interest in lodge work which they should.

Visited Corinthian Lodge, Hartland, October 16th. The W. M. was not present. I was informed that he worked away all of the time, and filled the W. M. chair but few times during the year, consequently I know but little about his work. The first degree was conferred on one candidate by P. M. JOHNSON. The work was very nicely done. Records perfect. Dues not quite as well collected as I would like to have had them. Number of members 103, initiations nine.

October 30th, attended School of Instruction at Ellsworth by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. The attendance was rather small, but the meeting none the less interesting and profitable to those present. It seems to me that the D. D. G. M.'s are taking more interest in these meetings than ever before. The instructions which they receive and carry to the several lodges are having the desired effect. Marked improvement in work.

February 2d, by request, I installed the officers of Meridian Splendor Lodge, assisted by P. M. GEO. C. STEWART as Marshal. Members of Stevens R. A. Chapter were present, and installed officers the same evening, followed by refreshments and a social chat.

Officially visited Meridian Splendor Lodge, March 5th, and witnessed work in third degree. Found chance for but very few corrections. They

have a very efficient corps of officers and are doing nice work. Records fine. Dues well kept up.

Went to Exeter March 11th, by appointment. The night was cold for the older members, and there were greater attractions in the place for the younger ones. The result was no lodge, but with the W. M. and S. D. I went over nearly all of the work in each degree. Not able to give the quality of their work. Records good. Dues quite well collected.

Met the brothers of Archon Lodge, of Dixmont, March 12th, in a regular communication. Witnessed work in the E. A. degree. Found this lodge pretty rusty, and was obliged to make many corrections; but in this, as well as in all the other lodges, they were pleasantly received.

March 17th, I officially visited Cambridge Lodge. The third degree was worked on one candidate. This lodge is coming to the front fast, both in quality and quantity of work. Records perfect. Every member up to date with his dues.

Made my official visit to Parian Lodge, Corinna, April 11th. Witnessed work in the F. C. and M. M. degrees, which was done in a manner which left chance for but few corrections. Their present Secretary, Bro. HUTCHINS, is the right man in the right place; not only are his books nicely and correctly kept, but he is right after every member whose dues are in arrears more than one year.

Plymouth Lodge has not had a meeting this winter. Was informed that they would have one April 14th, so I drove over and visited the lodge room. There were not enough present to fill the offices, so after waiting until quite late for others to come, we were obliged to return home without having opened a lodge. Perhaps we got as much benefit as we should to have opened with a mere handful. A few of the members are struggling hard to keep this lodge alive, but their success is a little doubtful.

April 24th, made my official visit to Meridian Lodge, Pittsfield. As there was to be work in the first and second degrees, the attendance was very good. The officers of this lodge are very energetic, and trying to make their lodge one of the best. Judging from the work done at this meeting, the time is not far distant when they will have accomplished this; in fact, there are but few ahead of them now.

In closing, M. W., I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the officers and brethren of the several lodges for their courtesy and kindness, and to you for my appointment.

Faternally submitted,

CHARLES F. HARRIS, *D. D. G. M. 22d M. D.*

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-third Masonic District.

June 25th, by your request, P. D. D. G. M. FRANK H. DEXTER, assisted by D. D. G. M. JOSEPH LECKENBY, in the presence of the brethren of Springvale Lodge, performed the rite which made me your D. D. G. M., an honor for which I beg you, Most Worshipful, to accept my sincere thanks.

On account of rheumatism and a catarrhal trouble, I have been unable to visit the several lodges as I wished to do, but in every case where I could not go, I have sent a better man than myself, and I herewith submit their reports.

DEAR BROTHER FERGUSON:

In accordance with your request, I made an official visitation—on your behalf—to Day Spring Lodge, No. 107, West Newfeld, at their regular communication, Wednesday evening, October 16th, for the special purpose of installing its officers. The installation was public. There was, however, only a small attendance of the brethren and their ladies, several of the officers elect being absent. With the assistance of P. D. D. G. M. AI Q. MITCHELL as Marshal, and Bro. ALBERT J. SHEPARD as Chaplain, I installed the officers present, after which all repaired to the G. A. R. hall, where refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. This lodge, I regret to say, is somewhat unfortunately situated. It has had no candidate for a considerable time, and on account of its scattered membership is having a struggle to maintain its meetings. The records, in the hands of Bro. LUTHER T. SANBORN, are quite complete and satisfactory, and I was pleased to note that he was making a special effort to collect the unpaid dues. There is also a nice balance on hand in the treasury. I wish to tender my thanks to Bro. AI Q. MITCHELL for courtesies received.

With kind regard to yourself,

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH LECKENBY.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

In response to your invitation to inspect the work of Freedom Lodge, at Limerick, I had the pleasure of meeting the brethren of that lodge, on the evening of October 16th. There was a good attendance to witness

the raising of two candidates, but I regret to say that several of the officers are deficient regarding the ritual work. I think it would be beneficial for them to visit some lodge that is in good working order. I found the records in good shape, in the hands of Bro. CARPENTER, and while the dues were not collected as closely as they should be, I found Bro. CARPENTER had made a commendable gain on them over last year. An excellent oyster supper was served during the course of the evening.

Fraternally,

W. H. FOLSOM.

BRO. FERGUSON:

In compliance with your request, I visited Drummond Lodge, Parsonsfield, January 16th. Fifty-four members present, about half of them being visitors from neighboring lodges. Witnessed work in M. M. degree on three candidates, which was done in a creditable manner. I noticed one thing which was encouraging to me; although most of the officers were young masons, yet many of the older members were present, this signifying their interest in the lodge. Records are still kept by Bro. A. R. LEAVITT.

Yours fraternally,

A. Q. MITCHELL.

LIMINGTON, March 2, 1908.

BRO. FERGUSON:

I visited Adoniram Lodge February 11th, which was the regular meeting. There were not many out, on account of sickness and no work, but I have been to nearly all of the meetings in the past year. They have done the work very well, and show a good interest to follow the ritual. They have done a fair amount of work, as their returns will show. I gave your letter at the last meeting to be read by the Secretary.

Fraternally yours,

H. H. MCKENNEY.

SANFORD, March 3, 1908.

RT. WOR. BROTHER:

Agreeably to your request, I made an official visitation to Buxton Lodge, No. 115, on February 17th. I found a goodly number of the brethren present, and received a very cordial greeting. This lodge has been again fortunate this year in having a fair amount of work, and is in a prosperous condition financially. The amount of dues outstanding, however, appears to be too large, considering that the annual dues are

small, and I would suggest that the Secretary make a systematic effort to collect them more nearly up to date. As the lodge had no candidate for the evening, the Wor. Master, Bro. WILLIS CROCKETT, and his officers exemplified the work in the E. A. degree, which was done in an efficient manner. After the exemplification of work, with the assistance of Wor. Bro. JOSEPH F. WARREN as Marshal, I installed the officers of the lodge. It was an added pleasure to me to have the privilege of installing Bro. JOHN BERRYMAN, who for the twenty-seventh consecutive year had been elected Treasurer, which is at once a proof of faithful service rendered, and of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the lodge. Wor. Bro. CYRIL P. HARMON, who has been the efficient Secretary of the lodge for many years, was also re-elected. At the close of the installation, a gramophone concert was given and refreshments served.

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH LECKENBY.

December 18th, I made my official visit to Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, Alfred. There were about thirty members present, and the E. A. degree was worked on three candidates. The officers are all young men, and show a good deal of interest in the work. The dues are not very well collected, and their system of keeping accounts is not very good, but Wor. Bro. HERMAN J. SAYWARD seems very anxious to have them right, and promised to use a system which I recommended.

Dec. 28th, I again visited Fraternal Lodge, on invitation, to install the officers, publicly, with Fern Chapter, O. E. Star. On this occasion I invited P. D. D. G. M. JOSEPH LECKENBY to assist me, and on the evening mentioned we, together with our wives and D. D. G. Matron, Mrs. OLIVIA W. MOULTON (who installed the officers of Fern Chapter), went to Alfred, where Bro. LECKENBY acted as installing officer, and I as Grand Marshal. After the ceremony a bountiful supper was served, of which over one hundred partook.

January 14th, I installed the officers of Springvale Lodge. This is my home lodge. I have attended every meeting the past year, and I can say that there is a good interest in the lodge. The officers are most all young men, who wish to learn Masonry as it is. P. D. D. G. M. FRANK H. DEXTER is Chaplain, and is very rarely absent from the meetings.

February 5th, I made my official visit to Preble Lodge, No. 143, Sanford. This is the largest lodge in the district, and has made the best gain the past year. There were thirty-five members present; five applications were received, three initiated. This is Wor. Bro. CATE's second term, and he seems to be the right man in the right place. JOHN

WRIGHT is a model Secretary, as his set of books will show. I had the pleasure on this occasion of meeting P. D. D. G. Masters JOSEPH LECKENBY and FRANK WILSON.

I wish to thank P. D. D. G. Masters JOSEPH LECKENBY, AL Q. MITCHELL, H. H. MCKENNEY and Past Master WILLIS H. FOLSOM for the assistance they have so freely given me, and the Secretaries of the several lodges for their promptness in answering communications.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIE F. FERGUSON, *D. D. G. M. 23d M. D.*
Springvale, March 30, 1908.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my second annual report of my official acts for the year ending April 1, 1908.

October 16, 1907, at a stated meeting of Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, of Auburn, I installed Rev. and Bro. CHARLES R. TENNEY as one of the Grand Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

October 23d, by invitation of Wor. Bro. DANA S. WILLIAMS, I installed the officers of Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, of Lewiston, assisted by Wor. Bro. L. O. MORSE as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. GEORGE W. GOSS as Grand Chaplain.

November 14th, by invitation of Bro. ORRIN A. MARTIN, I installed the officers of Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, of Mechanic Falls, assisted by Wor. Bro. L. O. MORSE as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. M. C. B. PRINCE as Grand Chaplain.

November 25th, by invitation of Bro. JAMES F. DEAN, I installed the officers of Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, of Auburn, assisted by Wor. Bro. JOHN R. WEBBER as Grand Marshal and Grand Chaplain CHARLES R. TENNEY. The Past Master's degree was conferred in full form on Bro. JAMES F. DEAN.

January 13, 1908, I made my official visit to Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, of Lewiston, and witnessed work in M. M. degree, which was done in a very creditable manner. I noted a few errors and made what corrections and suggestions I thought necessary, which were kindly received. The records are very precise and complete, and dues well collected, and the books are in the hands of Bro. FRED. I. MORRILL, who has served the lodge in this capacity for thirty years. This is M. W. Bro. BURNHAM'S

lodge, he being their Chaplain, and occupied that position this evening with his usual grace and dignity. This being their annual meeting, also, there was a large attendance, but with so much business all passed off very smoothly, and a fine banquet was served at the close.

January 15th, I made my official visit to Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, of Auburn, when the M. M. degree was worked in almost a perfect manner, only two mistakes occurring. This lodge is noted for its excellent work and the work this evening was no exception. They have a fine set of officers and each aims to do perfect ritualistic work, and they certainly came very near it to-night. It was conferred in a very dignified and impressive manner and could not have failed to make a very favorable impression on the candidate. Before conferring the degrees Bro. CHARLES E. MERRILL, in his usual pleasing manner, presented to Rev. Bro. CHAS. R. TENNEY a beautiful chain and charm, a gift from the lodge for his very efficient service as Chaplain, he being about to leave our city and state. We shall all miss Bro. TENNEY. Bro. TENNEY although taken entirely by surprise responded very feelingly. There were about four hundred masons present at this meeting and twenty-four Past Masters, including the Grand Lecturer, Dr. SLEEPER, M. W. WM. J. BURNHAM and others, a delegation of about thirty-five from Mechanic Falls and a goodly number from Lisbon. This being the inspection and also the annual meeting it made a busy meeting. After the work we repaired to the banquet hall where a fine turkey supper was served, and after a few short speeches all returned home having spent an evening long to be remembered.

January 18th, accompanied by about thirty of the brethren from Lewiston and Auburn, I officially visited Nezinscot Lodge, No. 101, of Turner, when work was presented in the M. M. degree. This lodge has been under the careful management of the late Bro. FRANCIS T. FAULKNER and it still shows the effects of his guiding hand, for the work was done in a very dignified and impressive manner, and showed that the officers had worked hard to get such a degree of proficiency. There were very few mistakes, and many of those were slips, in my opinion. They have very fine quarters for a country lodge, and their financial condition is good. After the work we enjoyed a very fine oyster supper served in the banquet hall. There was a good attendance.

January 20th, I made my official visit to Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, of New Gloucester, a special meeting called for my benefit, for which I am very grateful. Work was presented in M. M. degree, which was well done. I noted a few mistakes to which I called their attention, and my criticisms were very kindly received. This lodge has not had very much work and the officers are widely scattered, so that they are bothered to

get as efficient work as lodges in our two cities, but the work this evening would compare favorably with any in the jurisdiction. I know of no lodge that has any better quarters than has Cumberland Lodge, and a more jolly and entertaining set of fellows you never met. After the work we were served a fine oyster stew which was greatly enjoyed. It is a rare treat to visit Cumberland Lodge.

February 5th, it was my pleasure to visit with Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, of Lewiston, in my official capacity, and to witness work in the E. A. degree which was done in a highly creditable manner. Rabboni has always been noted for the excellence of its work, and it certainly was done in an impressive way, and the ritual followed very closely, but few errors appearing to which I called their attention. There were about one hundred and thirty masons present, including Grand Lecturer FRANK E. SLEEPER, M. W. WM. J. BURNHAM, and representatives from twenty-three different lodges. After the work, we were furnished with a fine banquet for which Rabboni is famous. They are in nice shape, financially, with dues well collected.

February 11th, by invitation from the brethren of Webster Lodge, No. 164, of Sabattus, I publicly installed their officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. L. O. MORSE as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Bro. E. G. WOODSIDE as Grand Chaplain. After the installation we listened to a fine musical programme by the male quartet from Bates College, after which ice-cream and cake were served in the banquet hall.

February 13th, I visited my own lodge, Tyrian, No. 73, of Mechanic Falls, accompanied by about thirty-five of the brethren from Lewiston and Auburn. Work was conferred on two candidates in the M. M. degree, which was done in a highly satisfactory manner, working very closely to the ritual and in a very pleasing and impressive manner, which will compare favorably with any presented in this district. I called their attention to a few points which were very gratefully received. The lodge history is written in full to date. The records are in the hands of Bro. JEFFERIES, who is a very fine Secretary, which accounts for their correctness and neatness. After the work, we partook of a lunch served in the banquet hall. There were thirteen Past Masters of Tyrian Lodge present at this meeting.

February 17th, I made my official visit to Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, of Auburn, where the M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate in almost a perfect manner. Wor. Bro. DEAN is a good ritualist, and his officers did themselves proud in the quality of the work presented, and the interpretation and manner of delivery could not be better. The records are in good shape, clear, precise, and well written, and dues well collected. History well up to date. There was a large attendance,

very close to two hundred, and all seemed to take a great interest in the work. A fine banquet was served in the banquet hall at the close, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

February 27th, accompanied by about sixteen brethren from Lewiston and Auburn, I officially visited Webster Lodge, No. 164, of Sabattus, the home of our Grand Lecturer, FRANK E. SLEEPER, and to say that the work was well done would only be to say what we should expect from a lodge under his and Wor. Bro. BANGS' directions. Although they were new officers, installed only two weeks before, and three of them only received their M. M. degree about two months before, and had never seen the degree worked, under these conditions they did exceedingly good work; but, of course being a little nervous, there were places that needed a few corrections and suggestions, to which I called their attention, which were very kindly received. The records are in Bro. COOMBS' hands, and are models of excellence and the dues fairly well collected. At the close we were served with a delicious oyster stew, which all greatly enjoyed, and after a few remarks from the brethren, M. W. Bro. SLEEPER and others, we returned home, having spent a very pleasant evening.

This, M. W., completes my official acts as District Deputy Grand Master for the Twenty-Fourth District. The lodges in this district are all in good condition, peace and harmony prevails, and all have had a fair amount of work, and the work of all is good. Most of them have their history well up to date. I have had no questions to answer but what I have been able to answer by the aid of Bro. SLEEPER, for which I wish to thank him most heartily. And now, M. W., I wish once more to thank you for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment, and also I wish to thank the officers and members for ever courteous treatment at their hands, and hope they will accord my successor the same, which is such a pleasure to any visiting officer.

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

FRED E. DWINAL, *D. D. G. M. 24th M. D.*

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my second annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-fifth Masonic District.

October 23d, I attended a school of instruction, held in Brownville

with Pleasant River Lodge, with instruction by R. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. In the evening work was performed by Pleasant River Lodge in the M. M. degree, with corrections after the work by GEORGE S. WALKER, D. D. G. M.

October 30th, I installed the officers of Island Falls Lodge, assisted by Bro. GEORGE H. DONHAM as Grand Marshal.

February 20th, I made my official visit to Nollesemic Lodge at Millinocket, it being a special meeting to confer the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was well rendered, and but few corrections were necessary. The records as kept by Bro. GEORGE H. MARDEN are models of neatness. A lunch was served in the hall, and a pleasant evening enjoyed by all.

March 6th, I visited Aroostook Lodge at Blaine, a special meeting being called for work in the M. M. degree, which was conferred on one candidate in a very satisfactory manner. A banquet was served, and a social hour enjoyed.

March 25th, I officially visited Monument Lodge at Houlton, where I again witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a way which showed that the officers of this lodge have given the ritual careful attention. The work of Bro. CLARK, their S. D., was certainly to be commended. Refreshments were served at the close.

March 26th; on this date I visited Katahdin Lodge at Patten. This was a special meeting for work in the M. M. degree. While the ritual was not so closely followed in this lodge as in some of the others, there seemed to be a good interest taken in the work by all present. Katahdin lodge has a very pleasant masonic home, and is nearly free from debt.

April 7th, I made my official visit to Molunkus Lodge at Sherman, a special meeting being called for work in the F. C. degree. The work was well done and the ritual closely followed, and but few corrections were necessary.

I have made no official visit to my home lodge, Island Falls, No. 206, but have been present at nearly all its meetings, and have given them what instruction I could. Island Falls Lodge is not so well situated as the other lodges in the district, but a movement has been started, and we hope by another year to be located in a masonic home of our own to compare favorably with others in the district.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred in appointing me D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-fifth Masonic District. I also wish to thank the brethren for the kind and cordial manner in which I have at all times been treated.

Fraternally yours,

BENJ. C. WALKER, *D. D. G. M., 25th M. D.*

Island Falls, April 30, 1908.

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND,

Tuesday, May 5, 1908.

The Trustees met in the Grand Master's office at 5 P. M.

Present—CHARLES F. JOHNSON, *President*,

EDMUND B. MALLET,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*,

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,

FESSENDEN I. DAY,

ARCHIE L. TALBOT,

LEANDER M. KENNISTON,

FRANK E. SLEEPER,

ALDEN M. WETHERBEE.

The Grand Treasurer's annual report was presented as follows :

PORTLAND, May 5, 1908.

To the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the

Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.

Your Treasurer respectfully reports that the invested fund consists of :

	Fund.	Income.
2½ shares Canal National Bank Stock,.....	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 150.00
37 shares Casco National Bank Stock,.....	3,700.00	222.00
14 shares First National Bank Stock,.....	1,400.00	84.00
14 shares National Traders Bank Stock,.....	1,400.00	84.00

20 shares Westbrook Trust Co. Stock,	2,000.00	80.00
3 Sagadahoc Light & Power Co. Bonds,.....	1,500.00	67.50
1 Town of Brunswick Bond,.....	1,000.00	40.00
2 Northern Pacific Ry. Co. Bonds,.....	2,000.00	80.00
2 Rockland Water Co. Bonds,.....	1,500.00	75.00
2 Wladikawkas Ry. Co. Bonds,.....	2,000.00	80.00
2 Kennebec Light and Heat Co. Bonds,.....	1,000.00	50.00
1 Mousam Water Co. Bond,	500.00	25.00
1 Denver City Tramway Co. Bond,.....	500.00	25.00
1 Maine Central Ry. Co. Bond,.....	500.00	35.00
1 Portland Water Co. Bond,	1,000.00	40.00
1 Newton & Northwestern Ry. Co. Bond,....	1,000.00	00.00
2 Rumford Falls Power Co. Bonds,	2,000.00	80.00
1 Delaware Water Co. Bond,.....	500.00	30.00
2 Newton Street Ry. Co. Bonds,.....	1,000.00	50.00
2 Toledo Ry. & Terminal Co. (2 years) Bonds,..	2,000.00	220.00
2 " " " " "	200.00	00.00
1 Mary E. Denny Note, secured by Mortgage on Real Estate,	4,300.00	215.00
1 E. S. Moody Note, secured by Mortgage on Real Estate,	5,000.00	41.67
Income on City of Portland called,.....		30.00
" " Raymond Mortgage Note paid,.....		11.10
Maine Savings Bank,	63.66	2.54
Portland Savings Bank,.....	972.77	120.08
Augusta Savings Bank,.....	775.38	31.30
Skowhegan Savings Bank,	732.28	27.71
Waterville Savings Bank,	767.02	31.00
Wiscasset Savings Bank,.....	794.13	32.08
Bath Savings Institution,	774.86	31.28
Brunswick Savings Institution,.....	756.13	30.54
Gardiner Savings Institution,.....	761.71	30.74
Portland National Bank, Savings Department,...	1,538.70	58.21
Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co.,	3,867.06	87.35
Fidelity Trust Co.,.....	2,000.00	67.18
	<u>\$52,304.60</u>	<u>\$2,365.28</u>

RECEIPTS.

May 7.	Balance from old account,.....	\$3,867.06
	Savings Bank Dividends added,.....	434.30

Wednesday, May 6, 1908.

Met in Grand Master's office at 5 P. M.

Present—CHARLES F. JOHNSON, *President*,

EDMUND B. MALLET,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*,

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,

LEANDER M. KENNISTON,

F. E. SLEEPER,

FESSENDEN I. DAY.

The Committee on Applications for Aid reported a schedule which was accepted.

Voted, That one represent seven dollars.

Voted, That \$1,397 be appropriated to pay the schedule.

The Grand Treasurer's bond, with the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co. as surety, to the amount of \$10,000, was presented, whereupon it was

Voted, That the bond be accepted and deposited in the hands of the Secretary.

At 5:20 adjourned *sine die*.

Attest :

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*.



Regulations of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

ARTICLE I.

The fund is applicable to the following cases:

First, to poor and worthy members of lodges under this jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own lodges are not adequate to the exigency of the case.

Secondly, to poor and worthy masons resident in this state, not mem-

bers of any subordinate lodge, and being in circumstances to render such membership not a masonic duty.

Thirdly, to poor and worthy masons being sojourners in this state.

Fourthly, to other cases of distress.

ARTICLE II.

The widows and orphans of deceased masons are to be relieved as the husband or parent would be upon the principle stated in preceding article.

ARTICLE III.

Applications for relief are to be made to the Recording Grand Secretary in writing, signed by the applicant or some Master Mason in his behalf who is personally cognizant of his circumstances, stating the peculiar circumstances of the case, accompanied with a certificate from the Master of the lodge to which the applicant belongs, or of the nearest lodge, vouching for his masonic standing and his need of the relief prayed for.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 5, 1858.

Voted, That every brother intrusted with funds be required to take receipts for the same, when paid, and forward said receipts forthwith to the Grand Treasurer.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1862.

Voted, That each Almoner be provided by the Grand Treasurer with one printed blank receipt for each person for whom such Almoner draws money from the Charity Fund, which receipts such Almoner is to cause to be signed by the beneficiaries respectively, and file the same with the Grand Treasurer.

Voted, That no Almoner who fails to file with the Grand Treasurer a receipt from each person for whose benefit money has been appropriated by this board for the full amount of such appropriation when the money has been drawn by such Almoner, shall be considered worthy to be entrusted with the sacred office of Almoner for this Charity Fund.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 4, 1871.

Voted, That hereafter no application for relief be considered by the Trustees, unless made in writing, according to Article III of the Regulations of the Charity Fund.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to make a list of such applications, including all that come to his hands up to Monday evening preceding the day of the Annual Communication, and that all applications pre-

sented after that time be referred to the next annual meeting of the Trustees.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary notify every lodge of this action, at least one month before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

In Board of Trustees Portland May 8, 1872.

Resolved, That applications for relief from the Grand Charity Fund *must* state the amount expended in charity during the past year, by the lodge making such application, the names of recipients, and the condition of the finances of the lodge at last annual meeting, or such applications, will not be considered by the Trustees.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 6, 1885.

Voted, That hereafter all applications for relief, not seasonably presented in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charity Fund, be passed over.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 5, 1886.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary, when he sends his papers to the different lodges for their returns, issue a circular to each lodge, notifying them that applications to the Board of Trustees for relief must be made in accordance with the rules of the Board of Trustees,—otherwise they will not be considered.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 3, 1899.

Voted, That whenever the Grand Treasurer has any money to invest, or considers any change should be made in the investments, it shall be necessary that such investments and re-investments shall first receive the written approval of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, or either two of them.

A true copy from the Record of Regulations and Votes.

Attest: STEPHEN BERRY, *Sec'y of Board of Trustees*.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE.

1908.



EDMUND B. MALLET, Grand Master,	Ex-Officio.
ASHLEY A. SMITH, Deputy Grand Master,	"
JOHN CLAIR MINOT, Senior Grand Warden,	"
GEORGE W. HOLMES, Junior Grand Warden,	"
STEPHEN BERRY, Rec. Grand Secretary,	"
ARCHIE L. TALBOT,	elected May 1, 1906, for three years.
LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	" " 1, " " " "
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" " 7, 1907, " " "
ALDEN M. WETHERBEE,	" " 7, " " " "
CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,	" " 5, 1908, " " "
FFSSENDEN I. DAY,	" " 5, " " " "

Amendments . to . Constitution.

ADOPTED SINCE EDITION OF 1893.

SEC. 35. The clothing of a Grand Officer shall be as the Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, prescribe. Permanent members of the Grand Lodge shall wear the apron prescribed for Grand Officers.

An officer of a lodge shall wear a blue velvet collar, a silver jewel, and white or figured apron. [1896, p. 64.]

SEC. 94. Every candidate must apply to the lodge in this state nearest his residence, *except* that he must apply to a lodge in the town in which he resides, if one is located there. But when a municipality, or a part of one, is annexed to another under the law of the state, the Grand Lodge may modify this rule in particular cases as it may deem wise. [1898, p. 65.]

SEC. 85. Each lodge shall pay annually towards the support of the Grand Lodge twenty cents each for all of its members, including honorary members and those absent from the state, and two dollars for every candidate initiated. Each lodge shall be entitled to receive as many diplomas from the Grand Lodge as they make Master Masons. And no dues will be remitted unless upon petition of the lodge and the report of a committee of the Grand Lodge thereon. [1898, p. 66.]

SEC. 96. No candidate whose application may be rejected by a lodge shall be initiated in any lodge under this jurisdiction other than the one which rejected him, except after five years from such rejection, unless the lodge recommend him to another lodge by a

unanimous vote—the vote to be taken by the secret ballot; *Provided, however*, that if the candidate shall, at the end of five years from such rejection, be a resident within the jurisdiction of the rejecting lodge, consent shall be granted unless there are more than three negative ballots. And if any mason knowingly assist, or recommend for initiation, to any lodge whatever, any candidate rejected as aforesaid, except as above provided, such mason shall be expelled from the Institution. [1898, p. 66.]

SEC. 25. The District Deputy Grand Masters shall visit the several lodges in their respective districts, once at least in every year; preside in the same, when present; and shall inspect their by-laws, records and mode of working; but if unable to visit any lodge, they may appoint some suitable brother to perform that duty.

They shall communicate to the lodges all such edicts and regulations of the Grand Lodge, as may be received by them from the Recording Grand Secretary; shall receive and receipt for all dues to the Grand Lodge; receive the returns of the lodges, and make their remarks thereon.

They shall, on or before the first day of April in each year, make a report of their doings to the Grand Master; and they shall attend annually in the Grand Lodge; and they shall pay to the Grand Treasurer all moneys in their hands, or transmit the returns and money to the Grand Treasurer, on or before the fifteenth day of April. They shall be re-imbursed their expenses in visiting the lodges, their accounts being first examined and passed by the Committee of Finance.

Each District Deputy Grand Master, on receiving from the Grand Treasurer the jewel of his office, and the record of the district over which he is appointed, shall give a receipt to the Grand Treasurer, in substance, as follows, viz :

"Whereas, I, ———, have been appointed and duly commissioned District Deputy Grand Master for the ——— Masonic District and have received the collar and jewel appertaining to said office, and the book of records of said district, I

hereby promise to return the same at the expiration or revocation of my commission, to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maine; and in default thereof, I promise to pay the Treasurer of said Grand Lodge the sum of fifty dollars. [1899, p. 243.]

SEC. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions excepted, without permission from the Grand Master. And it is proper, as a mark of respect to the Chief Magistrate of the Nation or State, to permit lodges to appear in public either upon occasions of a public reception of him or of public mourning for his death. [1899, p. 243.]

SEC. 91. Every lodge must preserve one copy of the printed Proceedings in the hall, and when a volume is completed, should bind it for the use of the lodge. [1899, p. 245.]

ADD TO SECTION 117.

A brother suspended from membership for non-payment of dues will be restored by the payment or remission of the amount due at the time of his suspension at any time within five years thereafter; but after that time he can be restored only upon his application and a two-thirds vote of the lodge, after payment or remission of the amount in arrears. [1900, p. 46.]

SECTIONS 112 and 114, relative to Registration, repealed 1904. [p. 73.]

SECTION III. Every candidate who shall receive the third degree in any lodge in this jurisdiction, shall thereby become a member of said lodge, and the Secretary shall record his name upon the roll of membership; provided, that this section shall not be so construed, as to prohibit any lodge in this jurisdiction from conferring any degree upon a candidate lawfully elected thereto by a lodge in any other jurisdiction with which this Grand

Lodge holds fraternal relations, on the request under seal from the electing lodge, the identity and standing of the candidate being fully established, in which case the membership of the brother shall remain in the electing lodge and the fees shall belong thereto.

[1908, p. 48.]

STANDING REGULATIONS.

AMENDED SINCE EDITION
OF CONSTITUTION, 1893.



1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer pay to one delegate who shall be present on the first day of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and (unless excused by the Grand Lodge on account of his own sickness or that of his family) attend during the session, for mileage such sum as is granted by the several railroads or steamboats to Portland from the station or landing place in the town where the lodge is located, together with such additional sum for stage fare from the place of location of the lodge to such station or landing place when such is paid; and two dollars for each day's actual attendance, not exceeding three days, when the delegate is a member of the lodge he represents; and the same mileage and per diem to District Deputy Grand Masters and all permanent members. When a lodge is represented by more than one brother, the senior officer shall receive the mileage and per diem. [1900, p. 52.]

2. *Resolved*, That in the absence of Master and Wardens, the Proxy be paid the mileage and per diem of his lodge, unless his residence be nearer the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge, in which case he shall receive the mileage of the lodge in the town wherein he resides. [1903, p. 275.]

19. The Grand Secretary shall notify each Grand Officer, elect or appointed, who has not been installed in the Grand Lodge, of his election or appointment, and transmit to him an abstract of Section 10 of the Constitution. [1894, p. 57, *re-enacted*.]

32. *Resolved*, That when the hour arrives for the election of the officers of the Grand Lodge, as is provided in the Constitution, the Grand Lodge shall go into an executive session for that purpose, and none but members of the Grand Lodge shall be present without the consent of the M. W. Grand Master in each case. [1898, p. 68. Amended 1900, p. 49.]

22. Repealed 1898, p. 68.

33. *Voted*, That the jurisdiction of Deering Lodge, No. 183, be, and remain until the further order of the Grand Lodge, as it was before the annexation of the City of Deering to the City of Portland. [1899, p. 238.]

34. *Resolved*, That in the case of the death of a Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer, the M. W. Grand Master be authorized, in his discretion, to appoint a special committee to prepare a memorial and present the same to the Grand Lodge at its next session. [1900, p. 52.]

35. *Voted*, That hereafter, the M. W. Grand Master at the opening of the Grand Lodge, appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary to serve during the session, to be paid by the Grand Lodge. [1902, p. 72.]

36. *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Grand Secretary, in addition to the duties required of him by the Constitution, be the Librarian, and perform such duties and receive such compensation as the Committee on Library may advise. [1904, p. 44.]

37. To ascertain which of two lodges is nearer the residence of a candidate, the measurements must be made along the shortest established route or way which the candidate can take regardless of the fact that more people may use one route or way more than the other, and regardless of the fact that one route or way may be easier to travel than the other. [1905, pp. 217 and 241.]

38. *Resolved*, That in balloting upon applications for degrees, the ballot shall be taken upon each applicant separately.

[1907, p. 214.]

15. One lodge cannot confer a degree at the request of another lodge in this jurisdiction, unless the requesting lodge waives jurisdiction, and the other lodge accepts the candidate in the usual manner, and for its usual fees.

[Amended 1908, p. 48.]

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, 1908.



M. W.	EDMUND B. MALLET,	<i>Grand Master,</i>	Freeport
R. W.	ASHLEY A. SMITH,	<i>Deputy Grand Master,</i>	Belfast
"	JOHN CLAIR MINOT,	<i>Senior Grand Warden,</i>	Augusta
"	GEORGE W. HOLMES,	<i>Junior Grand Warden,</i>	Norway
"	MILLARD F. HICKS,	<i>Grand Treasurer,</i>	Portland
"	STEPHEN BERRY,	<i>Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
"	HERBERT HARRIS,	<i>Corr. Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
"	CHARLES G. BRIGGS,	<i>D. D. G. M., 1st Dist.,</i>	Caribou
"	IRVING W. CASE,	" 2d "	Lubec
"	FORREST S. STEVENS,	" 3d "	Cutler
"	CHARLES H. HOOPER,	" 4th "	Castine
"	GEORGE S. WALKER,	" 5th "	Charleston
"	CLARENCE B. SWAN,	" 6th "	Old Town
"	SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS,	" 7th "	Clinton
"	JOSEPH A. SPRAGUE,	" 8th "	No. Islesboro
"	ENOS E. INGRAHAM,	" 9th "	Rockport
"	ALBERT H. HUNTER,	" 10th "	Damariscotta
"	CHARLES A. KNIGHT,	" 11th "	Gardiner
"	LEON O. TIBBETTS,	" 12th "	Augusta
"	MALON PATTERSON,	" 13th "	Solon
"	WALLACE N. PRICE,	" 14th "	Richmond
"	FRANK L. WOODCOCK,	" 15th "	East Wilton
"	LEE M. SMITH,	" 16th "	Norway
"	CHARLES W. CARLL,	" 17th "	Cumb. Mills
"	DANIEL B. CHAPLIN,	" 18th "	Cornish
"	JOHN M. BURLEIGH,	" 19th "	So. Berwick
"	DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE,	" 20th "	Lincoln
"	ANDREW P. HAVEY,	" 21st "	Sullivan
"	MELVIN W. KNOWLES,	" 22d "	Cambridge
"	WILLIE F. FERGUSON,	" 23d "	Springvale
"	LEWIS V. WINSHIP,	" 24th "	Lewiston
"	ALMON O. NUTTER,	" 25th "	Mars Hill
W.	Rev. WM. H. FULTZ,	<i>Grand Chaplain,</i>	Portland
"	Rev. ROBERT R. MORSON,	" "	Yarmouth
"	Rev. CHAS. R. TENNEY,	" "	Auburn
"	Rev. ALBERT E. MORRIS,	" "	Thomaston
"	Rev. GEO. B. NICHOLSON,	" "	Waterville
"	Rev. ROBERT L. SHEAFF,	" "	Newcastle
"	Rev. LEWIS D. EVANS,	" "	Camden
"	Rev. JOHN M. BEILER,	" "	Machias
"	FREEMAN M. GRANT,	<i>Grand Marshal,</i>	Freeport
"	SILAS B. ADAMS,	" <i>Senior Deacon,</i>	Portland
"	FRANK J. COLE,	" <i>Junior Deacon,</i>	Bangor
"	CONVERS E. LEACH,	" <i>Steward,</i>	Portland
"	RALPH H. BURBANK,	" "	Saco
"	CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	" "	Belfast
"	EBEN K. WHITAKER,	" "	Bar Harbor
"	LEVI C. EMERY,	" <i>Sword Bearer,</i>	Skowhegan
"	ALBERT H. BURROUGHS,	" <i>Standard Bearer,</i>	Westbrook
"	WARREN C. KING,	<i>Grand Pursuivant,</i>	Portland
"	CARL M. WISWELL,	" "	East Machias
M. W.	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" <i>Lecturer,</i>	Sabattus
W.	WALTER S. SMITH,	" <i>Organist,</i>	Portland
"	WARREN O. CARNEY,	" <i>Tyler,</i>	Portland

List of Subordinate Lodges,

WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS,

As Returned March 1, 1903.

DISTRICT.

- Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. Charles W. Ray, M; Alton L. Carr, SW; Harry M. Carr, JW; Wilber A. Hill, S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, September. 5
- Acacia, 121, Durham. Herbert J. Wagg, M; Ralph G. Vickery, SW; Alzo S. Merrill, JW; Marcus W. Eveleth, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 14
- Adoniram, 27, Limington. Everett J. Pattee, M; Warren W. Ford, SW; Oliver R. Christie, JW; James F. Pillsbury, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Wilmoth H. Hewey, M; Robert K. Tukey, SW; Harvey E. Winslow, JW; Walter M. Barstow, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Amity, 6, Camden. George E. Allen, M; Charles G. Weaver, SW; Charles C. Pullen, JW; Wallace E. Easton, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Frank W. Jordan, M; Edwin S. Gamage, SW; Nathaniel D. House, JW; Walter H. McFarland, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. James F. Deane, M; Charles G. Ross, SW; Edwin Hinkley, JW; Frank L. Lowell, (18 Center Street), S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. 24
- Ancient Landmark, 17, Portland. Millard F. Hicks, M; Joseph B. Reed, SW; Harry S. Boyd, JW; John S. Russell, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. George W. Woodard, M; Leroy E. Williams, SW; Asbury M. Blake, JW; William Parkin, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 14

- Archon, 139, East Dixmont. Stephen Mudgett, Brooks, R. F. D. No. 4, M; Fred M. Johnston, sw; Elnathan White, jw; John T. Porter, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Alonzo E. Day, M; Oscar G. Hanson, West Kennebunk, sw; Arthur L. Roberts, jw; J. Burton Roberts, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 19
- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Howard Pierce, M; Edmund W. Hunter, sw; Judson C. Burt, jw; John M. Ramsay, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, November. 25
- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. George H. Tarbox, M; Frank E. Miller, sw; Stephen H. Ward, jw; Joseph H. Benson, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, February. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. Ezra A. Nevens, M; Geo. O. Campbell, sw; George R. Hall, jw; Fred I. Morrell, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Frederick L. Chenery, M; James M. Moulton, sw; Albert W. Riggs, jw; B. Frank Bradford, s. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. Elmer A. Doten, M; Will Horton Adams, sw; Albert E. Cornish, jw; Daniel W. Fox, 6 Park Place, s. Meeting third Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. Winfred A. Jackson, M; George F. Giddings, sw; Ernest L. McLean, jw; Claude W. Townsend, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Arthur S. Littlefield, M; Edward H. Maxcey, sw; James A. Richan, jw; Lorenzo S. Robinson, (Box 568) s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, Brooksville. Franklin Farrow, M; Wheelock C. Bates, sw; James L. Saunders, jw; Eugene S. Snow, North Brooksville, s. Meeting third Saturday; election, December. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. A. Stroud Rodick, M; Albert L. Morgan, sw; Arthur W. Brown, jw; Benjamin L. Hadley, s. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. James H. Dingee, M; Calvin L. Harding, sw; Guy P. Rowe, jw; Martin L. Porter, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. Harvey R. Barlow, M; Millard F. Blake, sw; Samuel E. Bryer, jw; H. Elmer Fernald, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10

- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Everett S. Ward, m; William G. Clapham, sw; Daniel A. Blagden, jw; Camillus K. Johnson, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, December 27th. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. I. Henry Wight, m; Fred B. Merrill, sw; Alphonse Van den Kerchoven, jw; Herbert C. Rowe, s. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. Willis E. Swift, m; George C. Libby, sw; George M. Ryder, jw; Charles D. White, s. Meeting first Monday; election, November. 11
- Bingham, 109, Bingham. D. G. Bean, m; Roy Badger, sw; Henry Cooley, jw; George L. Baker, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford Falls. Rainsford Price, m; Clifford H. Rawley, sw; James B. Stevenson, jw; Walter O. Raynes, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Carl E. Cragin, m; Cony M. Hoyt, sw; Colby B. Whittemore, jw; Daniel F. Hoyt, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol. Ernest H. Hunter, m; Almond P. Hatch, sw; Charles T. Robbins, jw; Edwin J. Ervine, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Willis Crockett, m; Fred B. Rand, sw; Wilber C. Townsend, jw; Cyril P. Harmon, s. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, January. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Ora V. Stafford, m; John H. Wilson, sw; Lincoln J. Felker, jw; Frank J. Hersey, (R. D. 4, Dexter,) s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Heber H. Whitney, m; Ray N. L. Brown, sw; David E. Johnson, jw; Arthur A. Garden, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. Frank L. Rowell, m; Abel P. Gleason, sw; Elwood Richardson, jw; Alpheus Nason, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Tuesday in October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. John A. Leslie, m; George W. Seabury, sw; William W. Loring, jw; Aug. H. Humphrey, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. Fred H. Lewis, m; Charles R. Getchell, sw; Joseph H. Hunnewell, jw; Thomas W. Washburn, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. John H. Gerrish, m; Eugene W. Vaughn, sw; Isaac A. Harris, jw; James E. Bigney, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5

- Composite, 168, La Grange. Allan Harris, M; Jewett W. Bishop, SW;
George G. Snell, JW; Fred H. Savage, S. Meeting Saturday on or
before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Daniel A. Packard, M; Charles Steward, SW;
Guy G. Fuller, JW; R. Weston Webb, S. Meeting Wednesday on
or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Fred L. Gardner, Dennysville, M; Stephen W.
Smith, West Pembroke, SW; Lorrimer McGlaulin, West Pembroke,
JW; Eugene S. Wilbur, West Pembroke, S. Meeting first Wednes-
day; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Russell C. Edwards, M; George D.
Skillings, SW; Harry I. Lowell, JW; Charles E. Akers, Harrison, S.
Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Geo. P. Cushman, West Pownal, M;
John Gilman Davis, Empire, SW; Chester E. Chipman, JW; Lewis
E. Jordan, R. F. D., S. Meeting Saturday before full moon; elec-
tion, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. John R. Campbell, M; Andrew
Doran, SW; Robert Abel, JW; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first
Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. Leslie A. Vining, M; Ulysses G. Weymouth, SW;
Philip D. Stubbs, JW; Percival W. Mason, S. Meeting Friday even-
ing of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. Walter W. Symmes, M; Thomas
Bond, SW; George T. Wilson, JW; Luther E. Sanborn, Maplewood,
S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, Septem-
ber. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. George F. Grant, M; Isaac A. Clough, SW;
Albert F. Austin, JW; Francis E. Chase, 161 Neal St., S. Meeting
second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. Frank Harmon, M; John A. Fox, SW; Ernest S.
Hatch, JW; Preston B. Walker, (box 46), S. Meeting second Thurs-
day; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. George M. Crommett, M; Eugene C. Rowe,
SW; Welcome S. Reed, JW; Orren F. Sproul, S. Meeting Monday
on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. William R. Hughes, M; Harold E. Morrill, SW;
Eugene H. Flint, JW; Charles W. Morrill, S. Meeting Monday on
or after full moon; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. John H. Mayers, M; Clarence J. Cheney,
SW; Lyman C. Philbrook, JW; Wilbur F. Cate, S. Meeting Wed-
nesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10

- Drummond, 118, Parsonsfield. Alonzo J. Moulton, m; John A. Leavitt, sw; Francis C. Milliken, jw; Albert R. Leavitt, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23.
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. Clarence F. Kendall, m; Arthur F. Cowan, sw; Hudson F. Staples, jw; John F. Burnham, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 19.
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. William S. Mildon, m; Frank C. Jewett, sw; Frank L. Ray, jw; Wheeler C. Hawkes, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2.
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. George E. Bartlett, m; George H. Churchill, sw; Erlon K. Guild, jw; Frank J. Lowery, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1.
- Eggemoggin, 128, Sedgwick. Arthur H. Sargent, m; Ralph H. Buckminster, sw; J. W. Cousins, jw; Ralph E. Dority, s. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4.
- Euclid, 194, Madison. Irvin L. Russell, m; James M. Spence, sw; Ernest H. Ward, jw; Daniel M. Nichols, s. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13.
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Dana D. Wright, m; George W. Andrews, sw; Forbes M. Taylor, jw; Elmer E. Allen, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9.
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. James E. Warren, m; Howard P. Shaw, sw; Lester A. Ricker, jw; Alfred Cole, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 16.
- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Bartlett Wadlin, m; Harry W. Chapman, sw; George McCabe, jw; Rodel A. Packard, s. Meeting Wednesday nearest full moon; election, January. 8.
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. Fred M. Mooney, m; Leland P. Lowell, sw; William R. Beazley, jw; Frederick Wood, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21.
- Forest, 148, Springfield. William E. Murdock, m; Charles F. Weick, sw; James W. Lindsay, jw; Edwin B. Cole, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20.
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. J. James McCaskill, m; Lester F. Bradbury, sw; Adrian V. Currie, jw; George R. Bradbury, s. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 1.
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. Jabez S. Mooers, m; George A. Russell, sw; Charles F. Hooper, jw; James H. Howes, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15.
- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Herman J. Sayward, m; Fred J. Shérburne, sw; Harry E. Chadburne, jw; Henry F. Cummings, South Waterboro, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23.

- Freedom, 42, Limerick. Frank A. Chick, m; Jas. F. Nason, sw; Herman K. Tibbetts, jw; George A. Carpenter, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Horace P. Rowe, m; Clarence E. Hodsdon, sw; Roscoe J. Dwyer, jw; Ernest E. Pinkham, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. Charles F. Barden, m; Millard Emmons, sw; John E. Brock, jw; Leonard B. Swan, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. George H. Kennard, m; Le Roi S. Syphers, sw; Clinton J. Stone, jw; Levi L. Cook, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. Edward H. Carpenter, m; Frank E. Rea, sw; William J. Paterson, jw; Charles H. Hooper, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. B. Harry Elkins, m; Frank E. Hoyt, sw; Geo. S. Burnell, jw; Edward W. Guptill, s. Meeting Wednesday on or preceding full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Edward E. Talbot, m; Walter S. Coffin, sw; Albert S. Allen, jw; Carl M. Hutchinson, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Sydney G. Decker, m; Frank L. Amesbury, sw; Stephen A. Cobb, jw; James M. Larrabee, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. Josiah F. Cobb, m; Sherman G. Willard, sw; Clarence E. Turner, jw; George H. Weeks, (52 Ocean St.) s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. George W. Thombs, m; Walter W. Holmes, sw; Edwin R. DeWitt, jw; Daniel W. Ballantyne, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Monday in December. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. Ellery Bowden, m; Charles R. Eaton, sw; Emery F. Estes, jw; John H. Baker, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Bluehill. Arthur C. Hinckley, m; Ward W. Wescott, sw; John E. Webster, jw; Frank P. Greene, s. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro'. Calvin E. Kimball, m; Alton S. Hatch, sw; George E. Dyer, jw; Leslie E. Smith, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. John J. Marr, m; Benjamin J. Dodge, sw; Elbridge C. Dumphy, jw; Frank R. Kelley, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25

- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Archie D. Felt, m; Sidney M. Perham, sw; Dana O. Dudley, jw; James L. Bowker, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Edwin Cummings, m; Lewis Hinkley, sw; Edgar Worcester, jw; Henry A. Mansfield, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Alonzo A. Porter, m; Frank O. Bates, sw; Leonard V. Stevens, jw; Sanford S. Mitchell, s. Meeting Thursday on or preceding full moon; election, December. 25
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Albert Hodsdon, m; Frank B. Thurston, sw; Fred W. Perkins, jw; John H. Everett, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Roy C. Pearce, m; George W. Savage, sw; George S. Trask, jw; Fred A. Tenney, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Mottier L. French, m; Ernest L. Paul, sw; Elmer W. York, jw; Perry S. Longley, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Clarence P. Griffin, m; Walter S. Alexander, sw; Edward Goodwin, jw; Leslie D. Ames, s. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, December. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. Thomas P. Holt, m; Arthur N. Stowell, sw; John A. Babb, jw; Charles L. Dillingham, s. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 16
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. William G. Labe, m; Thomas L. Richards, sw; Harry D. Benner, jw; Clinton E. Matthews, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 180, South Thomaston. Winfield S. Clark, m; Milton E. Bassick, sw; Arthur Pierce, jw; J. Merrill Bartlett, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. J. Grant Henry, m; Charles M. Daicy, sw; Merle J. Harriman, jw; Arthur S. Nickerson, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. O. Fremont Hall, m; Henry D. Burgess, sw; Alfred E. Tuttle, jw; Charles A. Ward, s. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewey's Island, 138, Princeton. Charles E. Johnson, m; Howard A. Horsman, sw; Clifton Smith, jw; Theodore Morrison, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Lucius C. Morse, m; Edwin E. Tasker, Freedom, R. F. D., sw; Claburn H. Wellington, jw; Ambrose P. Cargill, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7

- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. William Farnham, m; Edward C. Leighton, sw; Elden P. Munsey, jw; William D. Patterson, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. Willie Wilder, m; Lucius E. Gardner, sw; Roscoe E. Ackley, jw; Forrest S. Stevens, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Rubert B. Mathews, m; Everett S. Means, sw; Herbert A. Ash, jw; William H. Dresser, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Fred A. Wing, m; Fred A. Gray, sw; Claude O. Hunt, jw; Stephen M. Hewes, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Maine, 20, Farmington. Samuel O. Tarbox, Jr., m; H. Burton Voter, sw; Fred G. Paine, jw; George B. Cragin, s. Meeting Monday in week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Edgar W. Haskell, m; Herman W. Small, sw; Emery W. Pickering, jw; Moses D. Joyce, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. John Murphy, m; George P. Carter, sw; Elmer Webster, jw; Clifton Whittum, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. Edward B. Edwards, m; Everett C. Tasker, sw; Harry E. Staples, jw; Elmer G. Roberts, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanics, 66, Orono. C. Parker Crowell, m; Eugene Haley, sw; Percy B. Palmer, jw; Albert J. Durgin, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. Alberto B. Douglas, m; Everett D. Call, sw; Edwin Childs, jw; Orin S. Haskell, s. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22
- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. James W. Peasley, m; Edward J. Kingsbury, sw; Ernest E. Waters, jw; Waldo H. Bennett, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22
- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Thomas E. Johnson, m; Henry L. Huntington, sw; Fred H. Leech, jw; Orestes E. Crowell, s. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Lewis E. Jackman, m; Thanny S. Robinson, sw; Charles L. Emery, jw; Verdi Ludgate, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Ralph E. Woodbury, m; Ronald C. McIlroy, sw; Harry E. Taylor, jw; Charles W. Prescott, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 11

- Monument, 96, Houlton. Percy L. Rideout, m; Frank A. Peabody, sw; Charles A. McCanna, jw; Charles E. F. Stetson, (18 High St.,) s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 25
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Henry F. Woodard, m; Ralph W. Goss, sw; Charles H. Allen, jw; Roscoe S. Bosworth, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Foxcroft. Eugene S. Genthner, m; Elmer D. Merrill, sw; Victor L. Warren, jw; James T. Roberts, Dover, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinal Haven. Harry L. Sanborn, m; Edgar H. Bradstreet, sw; Benjamin K. Smith, jw; William J. Davidson, (16 High St.,) s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. Frank Hutchins, m; C. Frank Collins, sw; Hartley B. Sprague, jw; Arthur C. Woodard, s. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. Edward L. Donahue, m; Fremont Lincoln, sw; Elmer A. Sampson, jw; Walter E. Hinds, s. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. Eugene D. Richardson, m; Charles G. Bondreaux, sw; John W. Richardson, jw; Lyman H. Somes, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. Joseph T. Davidson, m; Almon C. Brockway, sw; Carrol S. Douglass, jw; Fred Mellor, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Charles E. Pingree, m; Augustus S. Colby, sw; William R. Johnson, jw; William C. Ordway, East Brownfield, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. George L. Sprague, m; George Rhodes, sw; William C. Achorn, jw; Freeman Light, Razorville, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. Bertrand G. McIntire, m; Arthur J. Stimpson, sw; Edgar L. Stone, jw; Isaac F. Jewett, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mystic, 65, Hampden. John C. Rollins, m; Martin K. Pomroy, sw; Charles E. Lawrence, jw; George V. L. Haskell, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Bernie E. Plummer, m; Henry H. Skolfield, sw; Oliver D. Welch, jw; Orletus Philips, s. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. Edward R. Wingate, m; George G. Freeman, sw; Alvah Farnsworth, jw; William F. Campbell, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3

- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. Harlie E. Freethy, M; L. Granville Phillips, SW; Horace M. Pease, JW; Owen L. Flye, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 3
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Frank E. Robbins, M; J. Edward Hatch, SW; Alonzo E. Titus, JW; David G. Walker, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, July. 19
- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. Everett S. Coombs, M; Leonard A. Gilbert, SW; W. Henry Purinton, JW; Charles A. Stilson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Roscoe G. Ricker, M; Albert T. Bradford, SW; Embert H. Jones, JW; E. Herbert Cole, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. Frederick C. Bagley, M; Arthur J. Walsh, SW; William E. Glenn, JW; George H. Marden, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. Edward A. Hodgdon, M; Fred W. Bucklin, SW; Frank R. Ober, JW; George E. Turner, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Frank H. Holley, M; John S. Tapley, SW; James H. Stevens, JW; Wilbur C. Simmons, S. Meeting Tuesday on or next preceding full moon; election December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells' Depot. Leander J. Littlefield, M; Charles H. Swasey, SW; Marcellus A. Donnell, JW; Frank L. Buker, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Clarence H. Dyer, M; Melvin F. Martin, SW; George W. Bagley, JW; Oscar L. Smith, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Orient, 15, Thomaston. Charles G. Brackett, M; Bertram H. Copeland, SW; Elmer R. Bumps, JW; Alanson O. Tobie, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. John G. Hamblen, M; George R. Kimball, SW; J. Henry Halkett, JW; D. Eugene Chaplin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18
- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. William H. McKenney, M; Samuel S. Wood, SW; Charles W. Gammon, JW; George O. Eustis, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. Herbert F. Andrews, M; George L. Curtis, SW; Harry R. Farris, JW; Howard D. Smith, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. Stillman J. Ridlon, M; S. Eugene Walker, SW; Daniel B. Packard, JW; David E. Knight, Garland, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22

- Parian, 160, Corinna. H. Warren Knowles, M; Fred W. Burrill, SW; H. L. Burrill, JW; L. Everett Hutchins, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. Wallace B. Strickland, M; Lafayette L. Briggs, SW; Sanford M. Brown, JW; Walter L. Gray, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, at first stated meeting in year. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Frank B. Arnold, M; Harry E. Hale, SW; Albert L. Atkins, JW; Charles S. Hutchinson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. Charles R. Coombs, M; Adrian C. Tuttle, SW; Herman Merriam, JW; Clifford J. Pattee, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Virgil W. Hobbs, M; Lester J. Kyle, SW; Warren S. Coombs, JW; George W. Smith, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. John E. Whitney, M; Murchie A. Seely, SW; Whitfield B. Hallett, JW; Arthur G. Andrews, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 1
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Charles M. Farrar, M; Vernon K. Gould, SW; Peter K. Holmes, JW; Frank E. Monroe, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Levi F. Johnson, M; Wm. R. Howard, SW; Geo. H. Gallagher, JW; Frank A. Cousins, Henderson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. Harvey H. Brazzell, M; Joseph F. Leighton, SW; Gleason E. Hinkley, JW; Nelson C. Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Frank L. Pickard, M; William L. Howes, SW; James W. Knight, JW; La Forest C. Hopkins, (R. F. D. No. 2, Newport,) S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Polar Star, 114, Bath. George A. Ward, M; Irving C. Trufant, SW; Elmer W. Rogers, JW; Arthur G. Oliver, (41 Union St.,) S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. Charles E. Gurney, M; Theodore S. Johnson, SW; Arthur W. Read, JW; George F. Gould, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, November. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Albert M. Ames, M; John R. Merrihew, SW; Lewis A. Bartlett, JW; Louis F. Murray, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 8

- Preble, 143, Sanford. Fred P. Cate, M; William H. Walker, SW; William E. Davis, JW; John Wright, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. Charles F. Parker, M; Charles S. Jordan, SW; John N. Swett, JW; William H. Cram, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. James W. Eastman, M; Benjamin T. Newman, SW; James Hobbs, JW; Tobias L. Eastman, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Locksley T. Ness, M; Lucian H. Thomas, SW; Llewellyn Lincoln, JW; Allen L. Maddocks, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. Dana S. Williams, M; George W. Lane, Jr., SW; William H. Hartshorn, JW; Edwin L. Goss, S. Meeting Wednesday after full moon; election, September. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. Elmer E. Crockett, M; Fred E. Sawyer, SW; Peter Anderson, JW; Rollins Y. Stinson, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Melvin G. Buker, M; James A. Proctor, SW; Charles W. Jack, JW; William R. Fairclough, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Lewis A. Snowman, M; William S. Bridges, SW; Norris S. Grindle, JW; Benj. H. Cushman, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Irving R. Saunders, M; Adelbert B. Gross, SW; Charles E. Gray, JW; Seth R. Hutchins, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. Charles E. Collamore, M; George A. Savage, SW; William K. Hallett, JW; Charles I. Collamore, S. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Albro A. Bennett, M; Edson E. Achorn, SW; Luther J. Kennedy, JW; William A. Jackson, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Rockland, 79, Rockland. Simeon M. Duncan, M; Orel E. Davis, SW; George E. Hill, JW; Albert I. Mather, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Rural, 53, Sidney. J. Emery Nash, M; Edman P. Fish, SW; Charles A. Graves, JW; James F. Warren, R. F. D. No. 3, Augusta, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election September. 12
- Saco, 9, Saco. Fred P. Granes, M; John P. Deering, SW; Ernest R. Woodbury, JW; Abram T. Lord, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19

- St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Harry W. Libby, M; Roland E. Bragg, SW; Edwin N. Miller, JW; Frederic W. Adams, S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6
- Saint Aspinquid, 198, York Village. William P. Cummings, M; Raymond F. Brewster, SW; Willie W. Cuzner, JW; Albert E. Cuzner, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- Saint Croix, 46, Calais. John R. Trimble, M; William E. Mann, SW; Herbert F. Beck, JW; Isaac N. Jones, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- Saint George, 16, Warren. Roland O. Wade, M; Ralph S. Robinson, SW; Fred E. Hahn, JW; Charles E. Blackington, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Saint John's, 51, South Berwick. Charles H. Sweat, M; J. W. Thurrell, SW; Benton Nason, JW; J. Willey Whitehouse, Berwick, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19
- Saint Paul's, 82, Rockport. Frank A. Campbell, M; Mortimer T. Hill, SW; Carleton W. Steward, JW; L. Henry Lovejoy, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Lincoln M. Harris, M; Lyman P. Orne, SW; Russell V. Matthews, JW; Henry S. Perkins, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Seabiscuit, 146, Clinton. Julian M. Estes, M; Arthur F. Roundy, SW; Perley L. Cotton, JW; Charles P. Loder, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 7
- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. Joseph E. Clement, M; Erwin G. Giles, SW; Charles E. Hill, JW; Almon F. Johnson, East Brownfield, S. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Carl C. Piper, M; W. Frank Choate, SW; Herbert O. Brown, JW; Eugene C. Herring, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Henry R. White, M; Sylvester H. Rowland, SW; Herbert L. Hall, JW; Albert L. Strout, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. Ernest C. Butler, M; Fred F. Lawrence, SW; Darius W. Bunker, JW; Charles M. Lambert, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Horace P. Webber, M; Arthur E. Horne, SW; Charles E. Jowett, JW; Willie F. Ferguson, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. Ralph W. E. Shaw, M; Rufus E. Gray, SW; Albert H. Butterfield, JW; Harold W. Dolloff, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon. election, December. 17

- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. Frank L. Penney, m; Dana W. Libby, sw; Samuel J. Harris, jw; Fred J. Whiting, s. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Edwin M. Soule, m; Leroy S. Knight, sw; Jesse E. Cook, jw; Reuel M. Berry, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Herbert E. Foster, m; Will E. Hayward, sw; Geo. M. Foster, jw; Levi E. Jones, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. Frank B. Spring, m; Edwin T. Mayberry, sw; Edwin J. Lavery, jw; Oliver A. Cobb, Box 64, s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Augustus D. Hayes, m; Willis S. Hatch, sw; Walter G. Hatch, jw; Charles E. Johnson, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. Charles E. Merrill, m; Arthur A. Pike, sw; John S. P. H. Wilson, jw; Arthur C. Sprague, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Seth W. Norwood, m; Harry Brown, sw; E. Leon Higgins, jw; George R. Fuller, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. J. Orin Smith, m; H. E. Wellington, sw; H. B. Holmes, jw; Renaldo H. McDonald, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. Amos E. Tibbetts, m; Lovetus H. Plummer, sw; George N. Leighton, jw; Varanus C. Plummer, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. Orrin A. Martin, m; Edward L. Charles, sw; Alvernon H. Briggs, jw; Lewin Jefferies, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Herbert L. Grinnell, m; Edgar W. Moody, sw; Edmund C. Harding, jw; Charles M. Lucas, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. James H. Fisk, m; Samuel B. Furbish, sw; Samuel L. Forsaith, jw; Henry C. Upton, s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. B. Porter Hurd, m; Alonzo H. Higgins, sw; Charles B. Cox, jw; Albert W. Ward, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. William A. Lord, m; J. Arno Wyman, sw; Willard A. Merriner, jw; James T. Staples, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12

- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Moses A. Gordon, M; Alvaro Gordon, SW; Emery L. Bean, JW; Joseph W. Allen, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Edward L. White, M; Milton Given, SW; Albion H. Hillmon, JW; Frank H. Purinton, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. Carl G. Wiswell, M; James R. Talbot, SW; Charles P. Dennison, JW; C. Hollis White, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December 27th. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Isaac A. Bailey, M; Herbert S. Hudson, SW; John G. Boody, JW; Almon N. Waterhouse, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Robert W. Chapman, M; Isaac B. Umphrey, SW; Venum E. Wilder, JW; Edward M. Hines, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. Edward E. Trecartin, M; George E. Boynton, SW; Thomas G. Mitchell, JW; Walter A. Harriman, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. Norman K. Fuller, M; George W. Townsend, SW; Sanger N. Annis, JW; Charles B. Davis, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. Fred J. Atwood, M; Asa C. Fisher, SW; Joseph Riley, Jr., JW; Charles W. Coombs, S. Meeting Thursday on or next before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. Caleb E. Mendall, M; George H. Strout, SW; Abbott A. Russell, JW; John N. Foye, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 15
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Colin H. Dascomb, M; La Roy G. Furnel, SW; Ernest P. Parlin, JW; Fred E. Trefethen, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. Nathan T. Bunker, M; Charles W. Jones, SW; Edward C. Hammond, JW; B. Frank Sumner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 21
- York, 22, Kennebunk. Bertelle A. Smith, M; Albert W. Meserve, SW; Leander G. Smith, JW; George A. Gilpatric, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. Fred H. Brackett, M; James A. Hussey, SW; Leslie L. Brackett, JW; Brainerd S. Drake, S. Meeting last Friday election, December. 19

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BRETHREN DIED DURING THE YEAR.

FROM MARCH 1, 1907, TO MARCH 1, 1908.

THOSE MARKED * WERE RETURNED AS BURIED WITH MASONIC RITES.

- 1 Portland, Portland. Grenville F. Sparrow, March 15; R. Edwin Dewey, April 18; Herman E. Murdock, June 15; Albion L. Williams, August 30; John L. Corey, November 11; Samuel R. Wilcox, November 11; Herbert S. Dyer, December 19; Jesse D. Bisbee, December 20; George A. Avery, December 31; Charles L. Drummond, January 30; William Y. Pomeroy, January 30; Peter S. Nickerson, February 20.
- 2 Warren, East Machias. William C. Cummings; J. R. Lawrence; J. Lowell Talbot; Jas. L. Robinson.
- 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. Isaac A. Macurda, July 31.
- 4 Hancock, Castine. Ira Webster, June 26.
- 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. William J. Tuck, April 9.
- 6 Amity, Camden. B. Frank Adams, April 6; Thomas B. Wood; April 19; Chas. W. Suttle, August 20; Oakes P. Hobbs, December 23; Uriah M. Lamb, in New York.
- 7 Eastern, Eastport. Wilford J. Fisher,* April 25; George W. Hilyard,* August 9; Harry B. Rogers, in Oakland, December 31; Andrew McLean, January 9; Daniel McCullough,* January 20; Eben A. Holmes,* February 9.
- 9 Saco, Saco. Augustus Lord, July 8; Joseph Howard Shaw, July 26; Ivory Hanson Towle, October 27.
- 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Abel Hunt, August 2; Nathan C. Spearen, August 26; Albion W. Dudley, October 8.
- 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. Albro R. Jenness, July 25; Albion P. Gordon, August 10; Frank E. Howe, December 22.
- 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. Francis R. Rounds,* June 21; Clarence W. Pierce,* November 29.
- 13 Oriental, Bridgton. Dorwin I. Draper, at Lynn, March 17; Fred P. Gould, at Standish, February 1.

- 14 Solar, Bath. Frank A. Welch, January 14; Edwin M. Oliver, March 7; Thomas B. Cutting, March 9; Orville C. Oliver, March 11; Charles H. Bowker, April 24; Elijah M. Fletcher, September 10; James C. Ledyard, September 26; George Moulton, Jr., October 27; Charles S. Colby, November 7; Newman F. Kennerson, November 18; Charles F. Greenleaf, November 29.
- 15 Orient, Thomaston. Fred D. Waldo, January 16.
- 16 St. George, Warren. James Teague, June 21; Augustus D. Hahn, September 9.
- 17 Ancient Landmark, Portland. Omar M. Colman, at Colorado, October 9; Jacob N. Jacobson, October 24; Frederick M. Libby, October 28; Augustus W. Parker,* November 10; Archibald Montgomery, January 6; Thomas S. Laughlin, February 15; Charles P. Waldron, February 27.
- 18 Oxford, Norway. Fred A. Foster,* December; William H. Helier,* February 3; Theodore L. Webb,* February 11; William H. Whitcomb,* March 12; John F. Devine,* April 1.
- 19 Felicity, Bucksport. Horace E. Buck, August 20.
- 20 Maine, Farmington. William Carpenter, July 23; William T. Brackley,* November 7; William R. Smith, in Mass., November 7.
- 21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. Andrew J. West, August 28; Charles R. Houghton, November 7; Leonidus Buck, February 8; Joseph Brown, February 15.
- 22 York, Kennebunk. John H. Otis, March 10; Benjamin F. Jellison, June 26; Andrew S. Biggar, P. M., November 21.
- 23 Freeport, Freeport. Jerome F. Thomas, March 25; Horace B. Townsend, October 30.
- 24 Phoenix, Belfast. George F. Ryan,* August 25; William W. Barnes, September 14; Frank O. Smith, September 17; A. Vanburen Sawtelle,* November 2.
- 25 Temple, Winthrop. James E. McIlroy,* April 6; H. M. Richardson, April 14; Daniel R. Hodgdon, June 18; Elliott Wood, July 23; George W. Parlin, September 4; William H. Pettengill,* November 17.
- 26 Village, Bowdoinham. James Sampson, raised in 1855, April 28.
- 27 Adoniram, Limington. Charles L. Cousins, June 9; Frank L. Harmon; Charles A. Smith, January 27.
- 28 Northern Star, North Anson. M. S. Howard, August; Isaac Noddin,* December 9; James J. Gallant,* December 22; Mark Emery,* January 11; Samuel W. Tinkham, February 27.
- 29 Tranquil, Auburn. William W. Bolster; Almon Young; A. C. Dun-

- ning*; W. S. Hathaway, October 7; Henry Willis, December 3; R. M. Sykes, December 19; Nelson Helms, December 21; Charles V. Martin, December 30; Lyman L. Ward,* January 9; John H. Twombly, February 10.
- 30 Blazing Star, Rumford Falls. Mark T. Adams, March 23; Rufus Horton Jones, August 20; Elwin H. Gleason, October 3; J. Lyman Ripley, February 3.
- 31 Union, Union. Theo. P. Tyler, January 8.
- 32 Hermon, Gardiner. Sanford N. Maxcy, July 9; Jason Collins, August 29; Joseph I. Martin, December 17.
- 33 Waterville, Waterville. Richard T. Beasley, June, 1906; Fred A. Spencer, April 16; Charles Kelsey,* October 5; Laurison L. Crocker,* October 1; Wm. Gullifer, December 11; Walter H. Dow, December 19.
- 34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Roscoe S. Hillman; Linwood M. Holbrook, April 28; James M. McFadden, November 5; Edward P. Page, January 3; Henry K. White,* January 12; George B. Safford,* February 23; Benj. N. Foss,* February 27.
- 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. Jackson M. Libby,* March 3; John M. Cross,* March 21; Hartwell Ware, August; H. Eugene Smith, December 5; Albert G. Andrews, December 29; Richard E. Norcross, February 6.
- 36 Casco, Yarmouth. Hermon Seabury, honorary member, March 8; Lorenzo L. Shaw, P. M., September 26; Charles Grant, February 3; Nicholas Drinkwater, retired sea captain, honorary member February 23; Henry Leavitt, February 28.
- 37 Washington, Lubec. Henry C. Mahlman, November 17; Emilus W. Brown, February 23.
- 38 Harmony, Gorham. George W. Crockett, May 28, 1906.
- 39 Penobscot, Dexter. Atwood J. Cobb, September 14; George B. True, November 2; Samuel Merrill, November 27.
- 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. Henry L. Rowe, April 7; Loring G. Emerson, May 8; Jeremiah Stratton, May 9; Josiah H. Higgins,* June 6; Charles E. Whitcomb, August 15; Moses C. Smith,* August 21; Edward A. Raymond, September 7; Samuel L. Lord,* October 28; Greenly Smith,* February 28.
- 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. John E. Lydston, March 8; John L. Elwell, May 11; John McManus,* August 27.
- 42 Freedom, Limerick. Frank E. Townsend, May 16; Alfred F. Lewis, September 15.
- 43 Alna, Damariscotta. James Stetson, March 18; Frank Smithwick, April 22; Alexander B. Weeks, June 2; Austin Miller, October

- 13; James H. Parshley, October 16; William A. Jones, November 23; Dwight A. Hussey, February 2.
- 44 Piscataquis, Milo. William R. Gifford*, March 10; William E. Goold*, March 31; Columbus L. Mitchell*, May 15; Thomas Farrell*, June 23; Ora M. Clement, October 3.
- 45 Central, China. Simon Strout, October 26.
- 46 St. Croix, Calais. John C. Ward, April 7; Zadoc Washburn, at Lynn, May; James D. Woodcock*, May 29; Martin Cone*, August 15; Michaelus Silverstone, January 12; John F. Martin*, February 21; Isaac K. Seymour, at Norfolk, February 25.
- 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. Silas T. Piper, March 3; John A. Gould, April 23; Rufus Small, April 26; Henry C. Cole, May 2; Walter F. Shute, May 8; Samuel W. Harris, October 1; Eben Burnham, December 10; Frank W. Richards, December 13.
- 48 Lafayette, Readfield. Warren Daggett, May 5, 1904; William C. Record, July 13; Charles D. Record, October 27.
- 50 Aurora, Rockland. William W. Achorn, in the west; Charles Price*, May 4; Sidney M. Bird, P. M., September 21; Charles N. Bean, P. M., October 5; Lorenzo D. Carver, October 14.
- 51 St. John's, South Berwick. J. E. L. Bradeen, P. M., September 5; Sewell B. Joy, February 5.
- 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. Willis Sanford, April 11; Wm. D. Blethen, May 25; Joshua Packard, July 8; William W. Thayer, September 5; Edward L. Emery, September 27; Franklin A. Whittier, January 23.
- 53 Rural, Sidney. Lauriston G. Tilley*, May 13.
- 54 Vassalboro, No. Vassalboro. Charles A. Priest, January 18.
- 55 Fraternal, Alfred. Joseph E. Evans, October 8.
- 56 Mt. Moriah, Denmark. Albion P. Merrill, January 9.
- 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. Walter N. Jackson, November 1.
- 60 Star in the East, Old Town. Charles M. White*, May 17; Leslie A. Buzzell*, October 13; Marion F. Tyler, January 24.
- 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. William G. Waltz*, December 29.
- 63 Richmond, Richmond. David W. Alexander, 84 years, September 20.
- 64 Pacific, Exeter. B. P. Hubbard, October 3; L. D. Butters, January 10.
- 65 Mystic, Hampden. Fred A. Cole, March 3; Lemuel K. Stubbs, April 12; Marcus Pierce, June 14; Lewis C. Smith, August 29; David Strachan, November 11.
- 66 Mechanics, Orono. Stephen H. Powell, July 13.

- 67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. Mason Parker, May 5; Benjamin W. Johnson, October.
- 68 Mariners, Searsport. W. H. Nickerson; E. W. Robbins,* November 16.
- 69 Howard, Winterport. Edwin G. Hutchinson, October 13; Nathan T. Woodman, December 8.
- 70 Standish, Standish. John H. Davis, January 18.
- 71 Rising Sun, Orland. Lyman A. Sawyer, August 23; Fred B. Ginn, December 9; Adelbert G. Webster, February 9.
- 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. David Duran; Nelson E. Tenney, March 12; Leonard C. Herrick,* March 14; Bert E. Walker,* May 9.
- 74 Bristol, Bristol Mills. Hiram McFarland, June 15; Albert Drummond, September 27; Joshua E. Gamage, November.
- 75 Plymouth, Plymouth. Daniel Andrews, July; Daniel C. Brown, October.
- 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Joseph A. Titcomb, September 14; William F. Walker, December 29.
- 77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor. Michael Stinson, 1906; Nathan Clark,* March 3; James Parker, August 25.
- 78 Crescent, Pembroke. David Howe, March 3; Raymond F. Damon,* June 11; Earle L. Bridges,* July 22; Lyman G. Smith,* December 2.
- 79 Rockland, Rockland. Joseph W. Davis, April 20; Thomas Devens, August; Theodore E. Simonton,* November 26; Samuel M. Veazie,* January 21; Henry E. Hutchinson,* February 28.
- 80 Keystone, Solon. Simon S. Dearborn, February 3, 1902; Alonzo Moore, P. M., May 20; Horace W. Chaney, P. M., June 30; Jonathan Moore, July 21.
- 81 Atlantic, Portland. William T. Bacon, March 30; Woodin G. Norris,* April 23; Robert L. Morse, August 30; Albert Benjamin, October 27; Melville F. Sawyer,* October 28; Jerome Rumery,* November 10.
- 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. Oliver P. Shepherd, March 25; John S. Fuller, May 17.
- 83 St. Andrews, Bangor. Herbert A. Arnold, January 13; Freeland H. Libby, February 13; David W. Potter, April 4; Hartson C. Pitcher, April 11; Hiram H. Fogg, May 12; James Adams, June 17; Geo. S. Lowe, June 25; Frank A. Adams, July 12; Jos. S. Kent, August 27; Harvey L. Jewell, September 6; Mark L. Potter, September 10; George B. Hook, September 17; Albert P. Baker, October 1; John M. Prilay, October 3; Joshua Ryder, November 16; Daniel A. Haynes, December 24.

- 84 Eureka, St. George. Orris Hathorn, July 3; Charles Lucas, July 28; Hudson Smalley, December 11.
- 85 Star in the West, Unity. Beniah Harding, March.
- 86 Temple, Westbrook. George W. Hawkes,* March 30; William E. Brown,* October 24; Henry K. Griggs,* December 11; Martin Coffin, December 23.
- 87 Benevolent, Carmel. Eben B. Libby, November 13.
- 89 Island, Islesboro. W. M. Whitcomb, July 1; E. W. Pendleton, January 15.
- 91 Harwood, Machias. Charles L. Stratton, March 4; George W. Flynn, May 7; Walter H. Bucknam, January 12; Ansel Tupper, January 14.
- 92 Siloam, Fairfield. Charles E. Duren.
- 93 Horeb, Lincoln. Alfred Gates, December 16.
- 94 Paris, South Paris. Sidney Perham, in Washington, April 9; Harry N. McKen,* November 27; Albert M. Yates,* December 30; William T. Marshall, in Auburn.
- 96 Monument, Houlton. Wm. H. H. Estz,* June 15; Wm. H. Gray, July 5; Charles E. Cottle, October 3; John R. Weed,* February 26; Henry C. Sharp,* March 7; James Dempsey,* March 10.
- 97 Bethel, Bethel. Moses R. Chandler, April 6.
- 98 Katahdin, Patten. John McDonald,* October 26.
- 99 Vernon Valley, Mt. Vernon. John B. Stain, April 15.
- 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. Fred T. Stevens, April 7; William H. Pearson, September.
- 101 Nezinscot, Turner. Charles H. Briggs, December 14; F. W. Harrison, January 10; H. A. Hildreth, January 25.
- 102 Marsh River, Brooks. H. R. Dawson;* Alonzo Morton, March 1.
- 104 Dirigo, Weeks Mills. John W. Boynton, December.
- 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. Donald Witherell, April 24.
- 106 Tuscan, Addison. Joseph H. Coffin, March 9; Harland E. Plummer, April 11; Harry N. Cole, April 26; Uriah W. Curtis, P. M., May 8; Ralph Corthell, July 11.
- 107 Day Spring, West Newfield. Sylvanus Littlefield,* February 15.
- 109 Mt. Kineo, Guilford. E. D. Wade; Josiah T. Ellis, October 11; Henry Douglass, November 12; David Pearson, December 15.
- 110 Monmouth, Monmouth. Harding L. Watts, March 6, 1905; Gustavus W. Lane,* June 13.
- 111 Liberty, Liberty. Samuel A. Douglass, in Hudson, August 27.
- 112 Eastern Frontier, Ft. Fairfield. Franklin Grant, June 17.
- 113 Messalonskee, Oakland. David E. Parsons, December 6; Charles M. Crowell, January 25.

- 114 Polar Star, Bath. Eugene O. Smith, at Boston, April 23; Zina H. Trufant, one of oldest members, January 23.
- 115 Buxton, West Buxton. Daniel A. Maddox, charter member, March 3.
- 116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. Charles A. Farnsworth, July 31, 1906; Joel H. Doyen, March 1; Corydon E. Veasie, July 29.
- 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. Frank Brown; John Hern, April 24; Eugene Wadsworth, May 13; S. Bradbury Durgin, June 5; J. Warren Flint, July 31; J. Warren Randall, September 21; Charles H. Clough, October 20; John F. Ridlon, February 24.
- 118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. Charles S. Cass,* October 11; James B. Moulton,* October 28; Geo. W. Merrill, December 23.
- 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. Henry S. Park, March 11; Edward N. Harriman, November 22; Charles R. Rendall, January 10; Benjamin Colson, January 14; James P. Stowers, January 18.
- 121 Acacia, Durham. Henry Sylvester, February 13.
- 122 Marine, Deer Isle. Elmer R. Haskell, March 13; Moses S. Joyce, April 13; Dudley H. Dow, May 14; Admiral G. Sawyer, June 7; John Haskell, June 14; Nathan R. Lowe, August 9; Francis T. Marshall, November 24.
- 123 Franklin, New Sharon. Charles N. Morse,* December 26; Benj. W. Lane.*
- 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. Benjamin F. Sanborn,* April 17.
- 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. Charles T. McLaughlin, June 4; Orin Libby, October 9.
- 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. George W. Wales, March; George W. Boulter, March 4; Augustus P. Mansfield, July 1.
- 127 Presumpscot, No. Windham. George A. Libby,* March 2; Christopher C. Hunt,* May 26; William H. Leavitt, June 4; Melvin L. Paul,* July 11; Otis Trickey, July 20; George W. Libby,* November 7; Beni H. Nason, February 14.
- 128 Eggmoggin, Sedgwick. Guy M. Hooper, September 18.
- 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. Leander O. Brown,* March 1.
- 130 Trinity, Presque Isle. T. B. Ross, March 31; R. T. Stowe, October 9; S. D. Howland, November 6; M. S. Husun, November 28; C. P. Ferguson, December 3.
- 131 Lookout, Cutler. Lucius E. Davis, March 26.
- 132 Mt. Tir'em, Waterford. Waldo T. Brown,* April 23.
- 133 Asylum, Wayne. Charles E. Smith, June 9.
- 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. John H. Tuttle, August 23; James A. Wiggin, October 19.
- 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. John Roix, February 2.

- 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. Edgar N. Nash.
- 141 Augusta, Augusta. Charles E. Knowles,* May 16; Horace B. Cony, August 16; George M. Smeltz,* November 25; Reuel W. Soule, February 20; Frederick Hamlen, February 22.
- 142 Ocean, Wells Depot. James L. Hayes, February 10; George Getchell, charter member, March 13.
- 143 Preble, Sanford. Ezra Hoyle, December 13.
- 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. Horace W. Pinkham,* October 5; Erving O. Campbell,* November 10; Alexander Hains, December.
- 145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Joseph D. Arey,* March 16; Henry L. Smith,* April 8; Edward Carlin, September 28; Elbridge Pendleton,* October 16; Lewis McDonald,* December 26.
- 146 Sebasticook, Clinton. Chas. Wentworth, April 27; Fred M. Brown, June 14; Allan Roundy, November 17.
- 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. William Armstrong Gerrish, May 23; Henry C. Ricker, August 21; Charles B. Atwood, October 6; James F. Bicknell, October 10.
- 148 Forest, Springfield. Fred C. Phillips,* November 2; Charles D. Chase, December 13; Charles B. Crandlemire, March 30.
- 149 Doric, Monson. Albert Dougherty, December 3, 1903.
- 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. Thomas W. Murch, March 11; H. N. Emery, March 31.
- 152 Crooked River, Otisfield. Reuben H. Cobb, P. M., March 13; Benj. S. Skillings, charter member, August 29.
- 153 Delta, Lovell. Edward L. Bell, April 5; Libeus B. Hatch, August 4; John Farrington, Jr., January 2; Augustus N. French, January 30.
- 154 Mystic Tie, Weld. Jacob F. Witham,* April 18; Joseph Howland,* July 19.
- 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. J. H. Brewster, P. M., August 31; William E. Stevens, December 2; Frederick A. Cooper, January 7.
- 156 Wilton, Wilton. Alburn O. Calden, July 2; Isaac B. Bean, January 27.
- 157 Cambridge, Cambridge. Wm. H. Burdin,* March 21; Charles Ham, July 13.
- 158 Anchor, South Bristol. Albion O. Gamage, February 13.
- 159 Esoteric, Ellsworth. Charles E. Hunnewell, lost at sea; James M. Neally, July 31; Albert M. Hopkins, August 3; William E. Emery,* September 19.
- 160 Parian, Corinna. John W. Pease, March.
- 164 Webster, Sabattus. Edson Greenwood, November 12; George Ramsay, November 22.

- 165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. Edward Gillespie, November 17.
167 Whitney, Canton. Oscar Hayford, January 27.
168 Composite, La Grange. Oliver H. Spaulding, May 29.
169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. William N. Carver, December 15.
170 Caribou, Caribou. Alonzo W. Boynton, January 13.
171 Naskeag, Brooklin. Austin E. Freethey,* in Lawrence, March 26.
172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. Charles H. Deering, June 20; Albert
Dennis,* July 16; Asa A. Smith,* October 12; Alexander
McClain,* November 29; Abiel L. Thompson,* January 22.
173 Pleiades, Millbridge. Benj. A. Cothell, August 29; Ansel M. Saw-
yer, September 9.
174 Lynde, Hermon. Charles S. Grant, April 24.
175 Baskahegan, Danforth. C. L. Hatch, April 22; Abraham A. Cox,
November 4; Charles W. Bubar, January.
177 Rising Star, Penobscot. Lester M. Sellus,* January 26.
178 Ancient Brothers¹, Auburn. John N. Foster, June 7.
180 Hiram, South Portland. Charles F. Willard, September 22; John
Q. A. Jordan, P. M., December 27.
182 Granite, West Paris. Thomas E. Stearns, charter member, Decem-
ber 11.
183 Deering, Portland. Albion Leighton,* May 29; Frank H. Low,*
June 9; Freeman A. Beeler,* August 19.
184 Naval, Kittery. Horatio W. Trefethen, June.
185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. Andrew J. Mills,* March 29; Edwin
C. Parker,* November 6.
186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Percy H. Walker; J. W.
Bacon; S. A. Cordwell; Richmond Edwards.
187 Ira Berry, Bluehill. Elmer E. Young,* May 10; Addison O. Rob-
bins, January; Charles A. Barrett,* January 12.
188 Jonesport, Jonesport. Charles Lamson, May 14; Morris Beal, Oc-
tober 19; Ephraim F. Kelley, January 26; Edwin Kelley, Jan-
uary 28.
190 Springvale, Springvale. Charles H. Pierce, January 19.
191 Davis, Strong. Alpheus Hunt, March 3.
192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. James A. Stevens, May 15; Na-
hum Stevens, October 8.
193 Washburn, Washburn. Frank W. Norton,* November 27.
194 Euclid, Madison. Lewis K. William, May 1; Edwin C. Blackwell,
June 3.
195 Reliance, Stonington. Levi K. Stinson, March 7.
196 Bay View, East Boothbay. John Adams, September 11.
197 Aroostook, Blaine. James H. Shaw,* charter member, April 14.

- 199 Bingham, Bingham. Charles F. Webster, June 17; Henry Washburn, February 21.
- 200 Columbia, Greenville. Orin A. Dennen,* July 3.
- 201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Moses Hawkins, February 10.
- 203 Mt. Olivet, Washington. Miles D. Cramer, May 8; L. A. Law, September.
- 205 Nollesemic, Millinocket. Christian W. Fox, April 2.
- 206 Island Falls, Island Falls. Benj. R. Walker, September 3.
- 210 Bagaduce, Brooksville. C. H. Perkins, June 17; Israel Webber, September 1.

List of Lodges by Districts.



DISTRICT NO. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master—CHARLES G. BRIGGS, Caribou.

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| 72 Pioneer, <i>Ashland.</i> | 170 Caribou, <i>Caribou.</i> |
| 112 Eastern Frontier, <i>Ft. Fairfield.</i> | 193 Washburn, <i>Washburn.</i> |
| 130 Trinity, <i>Presque Isle.</i> | 209 Fort Kent, <i>Fort Kent.</i> |

DISTRICT NO. 2.

District Deputy Grand Master—IRVING W. CASE, Lubec.

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| 7 Eastern, <i>Eastport.</i> | 78 Crescent, <i>Pembroke.</i> |
| 37 Washington, <i>Lubec.</i> | 138 Lewy's Island, <i>Princeton.</i> |
| 46 St. Croix, <i>Calais.</i> | |

DISTRICT NO. 3.

District Deputy Grand Master—FORREST S. STEVENS, Cutler.

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| 2 Warren, <i>East Machias.</i> | 131 Lookout, <i>Cutler.</i> |
| 88 Narraguagus, <i>Cherryfield.</i> | 173 Pleiades, <i>Millbridge.</i> |
| 91 Harwood, <i>Machias.</i> | 188 Jonesport, <i>Jonesport.</i> |
| 106 Tuscan, <i>Addison Point.</i> | |

DISTRICT NO. 4.

District Deputy Grand Master—CHARLES H. HOOPER, Castine.

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| 4 Hancock, <i>Castine.</i> | 177 Rising Star, <i>Penobscot.</i> |
| 122 Marine, <i>Deer Isle.</i> | 187 Ira Berry, <i>Blue Hill.</i> |
| 128 Eggemoggin, <i>Sedgwick.</i> | 195 Reliance, <i>Stonington.</i> |
| 171 Naskeag, <i>Brooklin.</i> | 210 Bagaduce, <i>Brooksville.</i> |

DISTRICT NO. 5.

District Deputy Grand Master—GEORGE S. WALKER, Charleston.

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| 39 Penobscot, <i>Dexter</i> . | 149 Doric, <i>Monson</i> . |
| 44 Piscataquis, <i>Milo</i> . | 163 Pleasant River, <i>Brownville</i> . |
| 52 Mosaic, <i>Foxcroft</i> . | 168 Composite, <i>La Grange</i> . |
| 109 Mount Kineo, <i>Guilford</i> . | 200 Columbia, <i>Greenville</i> . |
| 124 Olive Branch, <i>Charleston</i> . | 207 Abner Wade, <i>Sangerville</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 6.

District Deputy Grand Master—CLARENCE B. SWAN, Old Town.

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| 10 Rising Virtue, <i>Bangor</i> . | 83 St. Andrew's, <i>Bangor</i> . |
| 60 Star in the East, <i>Old Town</i> . | 87 Benevolent, <i>Carmel</i> . |
| 65 Mystic, <i>Hampden</i> . | 137 Kenduskeag, <i>Kenduskeag</i> . |
| 66 Mechanics', <i>Orono</i> . | 147 Lynde, <i>Hermon</i> . |
| 69 Howard, <i>Winterport</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 7.

District Deputy Grand Master—SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, Clinton.

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| 45 Central, <i>China</i> . | 111 Liberty, <i>Liberty</i> . |
| 58 Unity, <i>Thorndike</i> . | 120 Quantabacook, <i>Searsmont</i> . |
| 85 Star in the West, <i>Unity</i> . | 146 Seabastickook, <i>Clinton</i> . |
| 102 Marsh River, <i>Brooks</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master—JOSEPH A. SPRAGUE, Islesboro'.

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| 24 Phoenix, <i>Belfast</i> . | 119 Pownal, <i>Stockton Springs</i> . |
| 62 King David's, <i>Lincolnville</i> . | 126 Timothy Chase, <i>Belfast</i> . |
| 78 Mariners', <i>Searsport</i> . | 151 Excelsior, <i>Northport</i> . |
| 89 Island, <i>Islesboro'</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 9.

District Deputy Grand Master—ENOS E. INGRAHAM, Rockport.

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| 6 Amity, <i>Camden</i> . | 82 St. Paul's, <i>Rockport</i> . |
| 15 Orient, <i>Thomaston</i> . | 84 Eureka, <i>Tenant's Harbor</i> . |
| 16 St. George, <i>Warren</i> . | 145 Moses Webster, <i>Vinal Haven</i> . |
| 31 Union, <i>Union</i> . | 189 Knox, <i>South Thomaston</i> . |
| 50 Aurora, <i>Rockland</i> . | 203 Mount Olivet, <i>Washington</i> . |
| 79 Rockland, <i>Rockland</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master—ALBERT H. HUNTER, Damariscotta.

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| 3 Lincoln, <i>Wiscasset</i> . | 135 Riverside, <i>East Jefferson</i> . |
| 43 Alna, <i>Damariscotta</i> . | 144 Seaside, <i>Boothbay Harbor</i> . |
| 61 King Solomon's, <i>Waldoboro</i> . | 158 Anchor, <i>South Bristol</i> . |
| 74 Bristol, <i>Bristol</i> . | 196 Bay View, <i>East Boothbay</i> . |
| 103 Dresden, <i>Dresden</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 11.

District Deputy Grand Master—CHARLES A. KNIGHT, Gardiner.

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| 5 Kennebec, <i>Hallowell</i> . | 41 Morning Star, <i>Litchfield</i> . |
| 25 Temple, <i>Winthrop</i> . | 104 Dirigo, <i>Weeks' Mills</i> . |
| 32 Hermon, <i>Gardiner</i> . | 110 Monmouth, <i>Monmouth</i> . |
| 35 Bethlehem, <i>Augusta</i> . | 141 Augusta, <i>Augusta</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 12.

District Deputy Grand Master—LEON O. TEBBETTS, Augusta.

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| 33 Waterville, <i>Waterville</i> . | 99 Vernon Valley, <i>Mt. Vernon</i> . |
| 48 Lafayette, <i>Readfield</i> . | 118 Messalonskee, <i>Oakland</i> . |
| 53 Rural, <i>Sidney</i> . | 133 Asylum, <i>Wayne</i> . |
| 54 Vassalboro, <i>North Vassalboro</i> . | 166 Neguemkeag, <i>Vassalboro</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 13.

District Deputy Grand Master—MALON PATTERSON, Solon.

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| 28 Northern Star, <i>North Anson</i> . | 116 Lebanon, <i>Norridgewock</i> . |
| 34 Somerset, <i>Skowhegan</i> . | 161 Carrabassett, <i>Canaan</i> . |
| 80 Keystone, <i>Solon</i> . | 194 Euclid, <i>Madison</i> . |
| 92 Siloam, <i>Fairfield</i> . | 199 Bingham, <i>Bingham</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 14.

District Deputy Grand Master—WALLACE N. PRICE, Richmond.

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 8 United, <i>Brunswick</i> . | 63 Richmond, <i>Richmond</i> . |
| 14 Solar, <i>Bath</i> . | 114 Polar Star, <i>Bath</i> . |
| 23 Freeport, <i>Freeport</i> . | 121 Acacia, <i>Durham</i> . |
| 26 Village, <i>Bowdoinham</i> . | 155 Ancient York, <i>Lisbon Falls</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 15.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRANK L. WOODCOCK, East Wilton.

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| 20 Maine, <i>Farmington</i> . | 156 Wilton, <i>Wilton</i> . |
| 21 Oriental Star, <i>Livermore Falls</i> . | 167 Whitney, <i>Canton</i> . |
| 67 Blue Mountain, <i>Phillips</i> . | 191 Davis, <i>Strong</i> . |
| 123 Franklin, <i>New Sharon</i> . | 202 Mount Bigelow, <i>Flagstaff</i> . |
| 154 Mystic Tie, <i>Weld</i> . | 204 Mount Abram, <i>Kingfield</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 16.

District Deputy Grand Master—LEE M. SMITH, Norway.

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|---|---|
| 18 Oxford, <i>Norway</i> . | 100 Jefferson, <i>Bryan's Pond</i> . |
| 30 Blazing Star, <i>Rumford Falls</i> . | 147 Evening Star, <i>Buckfield</i> . |
| 57 King Hiram, <i>Dixfield</i> . | 152 Crooked River, <i>Bolster's Mills</i> . |
| 94 Paris, <i>South Paris</i> . | 182 Granite, <i>West Paris</i> . |
| 97 Bethel, <i>Bethel</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 17.

District Deputy Grand Master—CHAS. W. CARLL, Cumberland Mills.

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| 1 Portland, <i>Portland</i> . | 86 Temple, <i>Westbrook</i> . |
| 17 Ancient Land-Mark, <i>Portland</i> . | 126 Presumpscot, <i>North Windham</i> . |
| 36 Casco, <i>Yarmouth</i> . | 180 Hiram, <i>South Portland</i> . |
| 38 Harmony, <i>Gorham</i> . | 183 Deering, <i>Portland</i> . |
| 70 Standish, <i>Standish</i> . | 186 Warren Philips, <i>Cumby Mills</i> . |
| 81 Atlantic, <i>Portland</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 18.

District Deputy Grand Master—DANIEL B. CHAPLIN, Cornish.

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| 11 Pythagorean, <i>Fryeburg</i> . | 132 Mount Tir'em, <i>Waterford</i> . |
| 13 Oriental, <i>Bridgton</i> . | 153 Delta, <i>Lovell</i> . |
| 56 Mount Moriah, <i>Denmark</i> . | 169 Shepherd's River, <i>Brownfield</i> . |
| 117 Greenleaf, <i>Cornish</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 19.

District Deputy Grand Master—JOHN M. BURLEIGH, South Berwick.

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| 9 Saco, <i>Saco</i> . | 142 Ocean, <i>Wells Depot</i> . |
| 22 York, <i>Kennebunk</i> . | 162 Arion, <i>Goodwin's Mills</i> . |
| 47 Dunlap, <i>Biddeford</i> . | 179 Yorkshire, <i>North Berwick</i> . |
| 51 St. John's, <i>South Berwick</i> . | 184 Naval, <i>Kittery</i> . |
| 76 Arundel, <i>Kennebunkport</i> . | 198 St. Aspinquid, <i>York Village</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 20.

District Deputy Grand Master—DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE, Lincoln.

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| 93 Horeb, <i>Lincoln</i> . | 172 Pine Tree, <i>Mattawamkeag</i> . |
| 148 Forest, <i>Springfield</i> . | 175 Baskahegan, <i>Danforth</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 21.

District Deputy Grand Master—ANDREW P. HAVEY, Sullivan.

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|---|---|
| 19 Felicity, <i>Bucksport</i> . | 185 Bar Harbor, <i>Bar Harbor</i> . |
| 40 Lygonia, <i>Ellsworth</i> . | 192 Winter Harbor, <i>Winter Harbor</i> . |
| 71 Rising Sun, <i>Orland</i> . | 201 David A. Hooper, <i>W. Sullivan</i> . |
| 73 Tremont, <i>Southwest Harbor</i> . | 208 N. E. Harbor, <i>N. E. Harbor</i> . |
| 140 Mount Desert, <i>Mount Desert</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 22.

District Deputy Grand Master—MELVIN W. KNOWLES, Cambridge.

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| 49 Meridian Splendor, <i>Newport</i> . | 125 Meridian, <i>Pittsfield</i> . |
| 64 Pacific, <i>Exeter</i> . | 139 Archon, <i>East Dixmont</i> . |
| 75 Plymouth, <i>Plymouth</i> . | 157 Cambridge, <i>Cambridge</i> . |
| 95 Corinthian, <i>Hartland</i> . | 160 Parian, <i>Corinna</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 23.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIE F. FERGUSON, Springvale.

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| 27 Adoniram, <i>Limington</i> . | 115 Buxton, <i>West Buxton</i> . |
| 42 Freedom, <i>Limerick</i> . | 118 Drummond, <i>Parsonsfeld</i> . |
| 55 Fraternal, <i>Alfred</i> . | 143 Preble, <i>Sanford</i> . |
| 107 Day Spring, <i>West Newfield</i> . | 190 Springvale, <i>Springvale</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 24.

District Deputy Grand Master—LEWIS V. WINSHIP, Lewiston.

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| 12 Cumberland, <i>New Gloucester</i> . | 105 Ashlar, <i>Lewiston</i> . |
| 29 Tranquil, <i>Auburn</i> . | 150 Rabboni, <i>Lewiston</i> . |
| 73 Tyrian, <i>Mechanic Falls</i> . | 164 Webster, <i>Sabattus</i> . |
| 101 Nezinscot, <i>Turner</i> . | 179 Ancient Brothers', <i>Auburn</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 25.

District Deputy Grand Master—ALMON O. NUTTER, Mar's Hill.

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| 96 Monument, <i>Houlton</i> . | 197 Aroostook, <i>Blaine</i> . |
| 98 Katahdin, <i>Patten</i> . | 205 Nollesemic, <i>Millinocket</i> . |
| 165 Molunkus, <i>Sherman Mills</i> . | 206 Island Falls, <i>Island Falls</i> . |

=Recapitulation= 1908 =

Lodges enrolled,	210
" extinct,	9
" working,	201
" under dispensation,	0
" granted charters at communication, 1908,	0
" represented at communication, 1908,	185
" consolidated,	1
Number of representatives,	254
Lodges to make returns,	201
Making returns in time,	201
Initiated,	1,423
Raised,	1,430
Affiliated,	357
Re-instated,	96
Corrections,	16
Total increase,	—1,899
Dimitted,	384
Died,	516
Suspended for unmasonic conduct,	1
Expelled,	2
Lost membership by non-payment of dues,	170
Total decrease,	—1,073
Net increase,	— 826
Members, March 1, 1908,	27,356
Grand Lodge Receipts, ..	\$11,762.05
" " Disbursements,	\$7,448.04
Amount of Charity Fund, ...	\$52,304.60

Grand Lodges and

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.
Alabama, Dec. 3, 1907,	Hugh S. D. Mallory, Selma.
Alberta, May 27, 1908,	Rev. G. H. Hogbin, Calgary.
Arizona, Nov. 19, 1907,	Cyrus G. Jones, Tempe.
Arkansas, Nov. 19, 1907,	Martin W. Greeson, Prescott.
Belgium, 1908,	Descamps, Mons.
British Columbia, June 18, 1908,	William K. Houston, Victoria.
California, Oct. 8, 1907,	George M. Perine, San Francisco.
Canada, July 17, 1907,	Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton.
Cuba, April 4, 1908,	Calixto Fajardo, Habana.
Colorado, Sept. 17, 1907,	Joseph A. Davis, Boulder.
Connecticut, Jan. 15, 1908,	Edward E. Fuller, Tolland.
Delaware, Oct. 2, 1907,	Thomas J. Day, Wilmington.
Dist. Columbia, Dec. 18, 1907,	Augustus B. Coolidge, Washington.
England, April 29, 1908,	Lord Ampthill, London.
Florida, Jan. 21, 1908,	Elmer E. Haskell, Palatka.
Georgia, Oct. 29, 1907,	Thomas H. Jeffries, Atlanta.
Idaho, Sept. 10, 1907,	William C. Whitwell, Salmon.
Illinois, Oct. 1, 1907,	Alexander H. Bell, Carlinville.
Indiana, May 26, 1908,	Charles N. Mikels, New Castle.
Indian Territory, Aug. 13, 1907,	James B. Morrow, Checotah.
Iowa, June 2, 1908,	P. J. Martin, Waterloo.
Ireland, 1908,	Duke of Abercorn, Dublin.
Kansas, Feb. 19, 1908,	Henry F. Mason, Garden City.
Kentucky, Oct. 15, 1907,	Henry P. Barret, Henderson.
Louisiana, Feb. 3, 1908,	James C. Drew, New Orleans.
Maine, May 7, 1908,	Edmund B. Mallet, Freeport.
Manitoba, June 11, 1908,	Henry J. Pugh, Virden.
Maryland, Nov. 19, 1907,	Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore.
Massachusetts, Dec. 11, 1907,	John A. Blake, Malden.
Michigan, May 26, 1908,	Herbert Montague, Traverse City.
Minnesota, Jan. 22, 1908,	William P. Roberts, Minneapolis.
Mississippi, Feb. 11, 1908,	Edwin J. Martin, Meridian.
Missouri, Sept. 24, 1907,	John T. Short, Jefferson City.
Montana, Sept. 18, 1907,	S. C. Kenyon, Bozeman.
Nebraska, June 9, 1908,	William A. DeBord, Omaha.

Addresses of Grand Officers.

GRAND SECRETARIES.

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Henry E. Flavelle, Dublin.	None.
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GRAND LODGES.

GRAND MASTERS.

Nevada, June 11, 1907,	Robert Lewers, Reno.
New Brunswick, Aug. 27, 1907,	John S. D. Chipman, St. Stephen.
New Hampshire, May 15, 1907,	William A. Plummer, Laconia.
New Jersey, April 22, 1908,	William D. Wolfskeil, Elizabeth.
New Mexico, Oct. 21, 1907,	James W. Wilson, Roswell.
N. South Wales, June 12, 1907,	Sir Harry W. Rawson, Sydney.
New York, May 7, 1908,	S. Nelson Sawyer, Palmyra.
New Zealand, May 9, 1907,	Wm. Lee (Baron Plunket) Canterbury.
North Carolina, Jan. 14, 1908,	Samuel M. Gattis, Hillsboro.
North Dakota, June 30, 1908,	Sylvester J. Hill, Fargo.
Nova Scotia, June 10, 1908,	Charles R. Smith, Amherst.
Ohio, Oct. 16, 1907,	George D. Copeland, Marion.
Oklahoma, Feb. 12, 1907,	Earl Beebe, El Reno.
Oregon, June 12, 1907,	Lot L. Pearce, Salem.
Pennsylvania, Dec. 27, 1907,	George B. Orlady, Philadelphia.
Peru, April 14, 1900,	J. Artero Ego-Aguirre, Lima.
P. E. Island, June 24, 1907,	W. K. Rogers, Charlottetown.
Quebec, Feb. 12, 1908.	George O. Stanton, Montreal.
Rhode Island, May 18, 1908.	William L. Chatterton, Pawtucket.
Saskatchewan, June 17, 1908,	C. O. Davidson, Prince Albert.
Scotland, Nov. 7, 1907,	Sir Thomas D. G. Carmichael, Skirling.
South Australia, April 17, 1907,	Samuel J. Way, Adelaide.
South Carolina, Dec. 10, 1907,	James L. Michie, Darlington.
South Dakota, June 10, 1908,	Joseph J. Davenport, Sturgis.
Tasmania, Feb. 28, 1908,	Charles E. Davies, Hobart.
Tennessee, Jan. 29, 1908,	Milton H. Price, Memphis.
Texas, Dec. 3, 1907,	W. Lee Moore, Wichita Falls.
Utah, Jan. 21, 1908,	James H. Brown, Salt Lake City.
Vermont, June 12, 1907.	Charles A. Calderwood, St. Johnsbury.
Victoria, Dec. 18, 1907,	George E. Emery.
Virginia, Feb. 11, 1908,	Joseph W. Eggleston, Richmond.
Washington, June 11, 1907,	Ralph C. McAllaster, Seattle.
West Virginia, Nov. 13, 1907,	James A. Bryan, Parkersburg.
West Australia, April 26, 1907,	C. O. L. Riley, Perth.
Wisconsin, June 9, 1908,	James E. Durgin, Racine.
Wyoming, Sept. 4, 1907,	Francis S. King, Laramie.

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 John M. Shaw, Regina.
 David Reid, Edinburgh.
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 Jacob T. Barron, Columbia.
 George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls.
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 Robert A. Shirrefs, Elizabeth.
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 William M. Cunningham, Newark.
 W. M. Anderson, Enid.
 John M. Hodson, Portland.
 James M. Lamberton, Harrisburg.
 None.
 D. Preston MacNutt, Malpeque.
 E. D. T. Chambers, Quebec.
 Henry W. Rugg, Providence.
 F. S. Proctor, Qu'Appelle.
 None.
 None.
 W. M. Whitehead, Charleston.
 Samuel A. Brown, Sioux Falls.
 None.
 Henry A. Chambers, Chattanooga.
 Thomas M. Matthews, Athens.
 Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City.
 Marsh O. Perkins, Windsor.
 David Meadowcroft, Melbourne.
 Joseph W. Eggleston, Richmond.
 Stephen J. Chadwick, Colfax.
 Hiram R. Howard, Point Pleasant.

 Aldro Jenks, Dodgeville.
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Illinois—AMOS PETTIBONE, Chicago.
Indiana—WALTER VAIL, Michigan City.
Indian Territory—SAMUEL CLYDE FULLERTON, Miami.
Kansas—DAVID B. FULLER, Eureka.
Louisiana—JOSEPH MYERS, New Orleans.
Manitoba—ROBERT STIRTON THORNTON, Deloraine.
Maryland—THOMAS H. HOOVER, Union Bridge.
Michigan—WILLIAM WENTE, Manistee.
Minnesota—HENRY R. ADAMS, Minneapolis.
Mississippi—FREDERICK SPEED, Vicksburg.
Missouri—G. A. GOBEN, Kirksville.
Montana—
Nebraska—THOMAS K. SUDBOROUGH, Omaha.
Nevada—SAMUEL S. SEARS.
New Brunswick—JOHN STAR DE WOLF CHIPMAN, St. Stephen.
New Hampshire—STANTON OWEN, Laconia.

- New Jersey*—JAMES S. AITKIN, Trenton.
New York—JAMES H. BREEZE, Spencerport.
New South Wales—CHARLES A. Y. SIMPSON, Sydney.
New Zealand—FRANCIS JAMES SMITH, Christchurch.
North Carolina—DAVID BELL, Enfield.
North Dakota—CHARLES A. HARRIS, Grafton.
Nova Scotia—JOHN W. RUHLAND, Halifax.
Ohio—ORION P. SPERRA, Ravenna.
Oklahoma—HENRY H. WATKINS.
Oregon—JOHN MCCrackEN, Portland.
Peru—FRANCISCO L. CROSBY, Lima.
Prince Edward Island—GEORGE W. WAKEFORD, Charlottetown.
Quebec—JOHN BOTHRELL TRESIDDER, Montreal.
Rhode Island—ARTHUR A. RHODES, Pawtuxet.
Saskatchewan—ANDREW H. GORDON.
South Australia—
South Carolina—CLAUDE E. SAWYER, Aiken.
South Dakota—SAMUEL H. JUMPER, Aberdeen.
Tasmania—WM. G. WILKINSON, Launceston.
Tennessee—NATHAN S. WOODWARD, Knoxville.
Texas—STEPHEN M. BRADLEY, Denton.
Utah—ELMER ELLSWORTH CORFMAN, Provo.
Vermont—ALBRO F. NICHOLS, St. Johnsbury.
Victoria—HENRY J. ARMSTRONG, Kyneton.
Virginia—CHARLES A. NESBIT, Richmond.
Washington—LEVI ANKENY, Walla Walla.
Western Australia—THOMAS WALL HARDWICK.
West Virginia—CHARLES O. HENRY.
Wisconsin—GEORGE B. WHEELER, Eau Claire.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of Other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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- Alabama*—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, Liberty.
Alberta—JAMES M. LARRABEE, Gardiner.
Arizona—AUGUSTUS BAILEY, Gardiner.
Arkansas—JOHN W. BALLOU, Bath.
Belgium—ELMER P. SPOFFORD, Deer Isle.
British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE, Portland.
Canada—BENJAMIN L. HADLEY, Bar Harbor.
Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabattus.
Cuba—E. HOWARD VOSE, Calais.
Connecticut—AUSTIN D. KNIGHT, Hallowell.
Delaware—AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM, Bangor.
District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY, Portland.
Florida—MILLARD F. HICKS, Portland.
Georgia—BIAL F. BRADBURY, Norway.
Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland.
Illinois—WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, Skowhegan.
Indiana—EDWIN F. DILLINGHAM, Bangor.
Indian Territory—JOSEPH M. HAYES, Bath.
Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.
Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.
Manitoba—A. M. WETHERBEE, Warren.
Maryland—SAMUEL L. MILLER, Waldoboro.
Michigan—FESSENDEN I. DAY, Lewiston.
Minnesota—JOHN B. REDMAN, Ellsworth.
Mississippi—CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, Bangor.
Missouri—DANIEL P. BOYNTON, Monmouth.
Montana—LEANDER W. FOBES, Portland.
Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER, Pittsfield.
Nevada—LEANDER M. KENNISTON, Camden.
New Brunswick—MOSES TAIT, Calais.
New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.

- New Jersey*—ADELBERT MILLETT, Searsmont.
New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS, Ellsworth.
New York—HENRY R. TAYLOR, Machias.
New Zealand—HERBERT HARRIS, Portland.
North Carolina—CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Waterville.
North Dakota—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH, Auburn.
Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Fairfield.
Ohio—WILLIAM J. BURNHAM, Lewiston.
Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.
Oregon—ERMON D. EASTMAN, Portland.
Peru—ALFRED S. KIMBALL, Norway.
Prince Edward Island—CURTIS R. FOSTER, Ellsworth.
Quebec—JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH, Belfast.
South Australia—BENJAMIN AMES, Thorndike.
South Carolina—SAMUEL G. DAVIS, Denmark.
South Dakota—EDWARD G. WESTON, Thomaston.
Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY, Bath.
Tennessee—HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor.
Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY, Kent's Hill.
Utah—EDWIN C. DUDLEY, Augusta.
Vermont—GEORGE R. SHAW, Portland.
Victoria—GOODWIN R. WILEY, Shawnee, Oklahoma.
Virginia—CHARLES F. PAINE, Bar Harbor.
Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, Farmington.
Western Australia—FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Portland.
West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENLEY, Auburn.
Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport.

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GRAND * LODGE * OF * MAINE.

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Ninetieth Annual Communication.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 4, 1909. }

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine met in Annual Communication in Corinthian Hall at nine in the morning.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. W.	EDMUND B. MALLET,	Grand Master;
R. W.	ASHLEY A. SMITH,	Deputy Grand Master;
"	JOHN CLAIR MINOT,	Senior Grand Warden;
"	GEORGE W. HOLMES,	Junior Grand Warden;
"	MILLARD F. HICKS,	Grand Treasurer;
"	STEPHEN BERRY,	Grand Secretary;
"	HERBERT HARRIS,	Corr. Grand Secretary;
W. & Rev.	WILLIAM H. FULTZ,	Grand Chaplain;
W.	FREEMAN M. GRANT,	Grand Marshal;
"	SILAS B. ADAMS,	" Senior Deacon;
"	FRANK J. COLE,	" Junior Deacon;
"	CONVERS E. LEACH,	" Steward;
"	RALPH H. BURBANK,	" "
"	CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	" "
"	EBEN K. WHITAKER,	" "
"	LEVI C. EMERY,	" Sword Bearer;
"	ALBERT H. BURROUGHS,	" Standard Bearer;
"	WARREN C. KING,	" Pursuivant;
M. W.	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" Lecturer;
-W.	WALTER S. SMITH,	" Organist;
"	WARREN O. CARNEY,	" Tyler.

Also 249 delegates, representing 188 of the 201 lodges, 10 of the 12 Past Grand Masters living, with other permanent members and visiting brethren.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, with prayer by Rev. Bro. WM. H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,

Voted, To dispense with the reading of the records of the last annual communication, and that as printed they be confirmed.

On motion of Bro. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,

Voted, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during this annual communication.

On motion of Bro. HENRY R. TAYLOR,

Voted, That the Grand Tyler be authorized to employ assistants, not exceeding three, to aid him in the work of his office during the session of the Grand Lodge, and that the Committee on Pay Roll be authorized to place the names of such employees upon the pay roll, and that they receive the usual *per diem* for their services.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. CONVERS E. LEACH as Assistant Grand Secretary.

TRANSPORTATION.

Bro. STEPHEN BERRY submitted the following report, which was accepted :

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, May 4, 1909.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Transportation made the usual arrangements with railway and steamboat lines, save with the Boston and Maine Railroad, which declined to give reduced rates unless one hundred tickets were

guaranteed. As we could not safely guarantee twenty, no arrangement was made. The rates were given in the annual notices.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,
WM. FREEMAN LORD, } *Committee.*
JAMES E. PARSONS,

EXCUSES.

The following letters were received from Past Grand Masters:

AUGUSTA, ME., May 2, 1909.

MY DEAR BRO. BERRY:

I regret to say that owing to my health I shall be unable to attend the masonic meetings to be held in Portland this week.

Fraternally yours,

AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM.

NEW BRIGHTON, N. Y., April 19, 1909.

MR. STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary.

Dear Sir and Brother:—I find myself unable to attend the various meetings of the Supreme High Bodies of the Masons at their approaching sessions. Please remember me to all inquiring friends, and I hope everything will continue for their prosperity. And believe me ever a true Mason.

WM. P. PREBLE.

Best wishes for all inquiring friends.

CREDENTIALS.

BRO. SILAS B. ADAMS reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, }
MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, May 4, 1909. }

Your Committee on Credentials have attended to their duties and would report that the chartered lodges are represented as follows:

- 1 PORTLAND, by Arthur W. Read, SW; George F. Gould, Proxy.
- 2 WARREN, by Carl G. Wiswell, M.
- 3 LINCOLN, by Wm. D. Patterson, Proxy.
- 4 HANCOCK, by Frank E. Rea, M; Roland B. Brown, Proxy.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by Geo. W. Savage, M; Chas. E. Brann, Proxy.
- 6 AMITY, by Charles C. Pullen, M; James F. Burgess, Proxy.

- 7 ———EASTERN, not represented.
- 8 UNITED, by James H. Fisk, M.
- 9 ———SACO, not represented.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by Charles E. Collamore, M; Fred C. Chalmers, Proxy.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by Benjamin T. Newman, M.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Chester E. Chipman, SW; Lewis W. Symonds, JW; George H. Goding, Proxy.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by George R. Kimball, M; John G. Hamblen, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by W. Scott Shorey, Proxy.
- 15 ORIENT, by Elmer R. Bumps, SW.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by George J. Newcomb, M; G. Dudley Gould, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LANDMARK, by Joseph B. Reed, M.
- 18 OXFORD, by George L. Curtis, M; Merton L. Kimball, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by Frederick M. Mooney, Proxy.
- 20 MAINE, by Wilfred U. Turner, Proxy.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Samuel S. Wood, M.
- 22 YORK, by Albert W. Meserve, M.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Roscoe J. Dwyer, M; Perley T. Fickett, SW; Monroe V. Curtis, JW; Horace P. Rowe, Proxy.
- 24 PHŒNIX, by Adrian C. Tuttle, M; Wilmer J. Dorman, Proxy.
- 25 TEMPLE, by Levi E. Jones, Proxy.
- 26 VILLAGE, by Edward L. White, Proxy.
- 27 ADONIRAM, by Hardy H. McKenney, Proxy.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by Herbert H. Marston, M.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by John H. Merrill, Proxy.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by James B. Stevenson, SW.
- 31 UNION, by Warren Hills, Proxy.
- 32 HERMON, by Stephen A. Cobb, SW.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by Franklin Walker, Proxy.
- 34 SOMERSET, by Fred F. Lawrence, M; Darius W. Bunker, SW; Walter H. Hight, Proxy.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by Geo. C. Libby, M; Thos. H. Bodge, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by George W. Seabury, M; Perley E. Winslow, JW; Augustus H. Humphrey, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by Edw. E. Trecartin, M; Thos. G. Mitchell, JW.
- 38 HARMONY, by Everett P. Hanson, Proxy.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by Harry E. Hale, M; Albert L. Atkins, SW.
- 40 LYGONIA, by Herbert A. Ashe, M.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by Ralph W. Goss, M; Henry F. Woodard, Proxy.
- 42 FREEDOM, by Frank D. Fenderson, M.

- 43 ALNA, by George H. Melville, Proxy.
44 PISCATAQUIS, by Vernon K. Gould, M; Peter K. Holmes, SW;
Frank E. Monroe, Proxy.
45 CENTRAL, by Enfield J. Crosby, Proxy.
46 ST. CROIX, by William E. Mann, M; Isaac N. Jones, Proxy.
47 DUNLAP, by Arthur F. Cowan, M.
48 LAFAYETTE, by Merle J. Harriman, SW.
49 MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, by Edw. J. Kingsbury, M.
50 AURORA, by Arthur S. Littlefield, M; Edw. H. Maxcy, SW; James
A. Richan, JW.
51 ST. JOHN'S, by Herbert L. Butler, Proxy.
52 MOSAIC, by Eugene S. Genthner, M; Melvin F. Martin, Proxy.
53 RURAL, by Joseph E. Nash, M; Sewall A. Clark, Proxy.
54 VASSALBORO, by J. Arnold Wyman, M.
55 FRATERNAL, by Fred J. Sherburne, M.
56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Augustus S. Colby, M.
57 ———KING HIRAM, not represented.
58 UNITY, by Benjamin P. Hurd, M.
59 MOUNT HOPE,—*Charter surrendered in 1879.*
60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Samuel J. Harris, M; Dana W. Libby,
Proxy.
61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Thomas L. Richards, M.
62 KING DAVID'S, by Robie F. Ames, M.
63 RICHMOND, by Melvin G. Buker, M.
64 PACIFIC, by Charles F. D. Marsh, SW.
65 MYSTIC, by Martin K. Pomeroy, M.
66 MECHANIC'S, by Eugene Haley, M.
67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by James Morrison, Proxy.
68 MARINERS', by J. E. Wentworth, Proxy.
69 HOWARD, by Charles R. Eaton, M.
70 STANDISH, by Ralph W. E. Shaw, Proxy.
71 RISING SUN, by Irving R. Saunders, M.
72 ———PIONEER, not represented.
73 TYRIAN, by Jesse M. Libby, Proxy.
74 BRISTOL, by Almon P. Hatch, SW.
75 ———PLYMOUTH, not represented.
76 ARUNDEL, by George H. Tarbox, M.
77 TREMONT, by Harry A. Brown, M.
78 CRESCENT, by Frank C. Gardner, M.
79 ROCKLAND, by Jacob R. Stewart, Proxy.
80 KEYSTONE, by Ernest L. Paul, M; Elmer W. York, SW.
81 ATLANTIC, by Will H. Adams, M; Howard B. Chandler, JW; El-
mer A. Doten, Proxy.

- 82 ST. PAUL'S, by Mortimer T. Hill, M.
83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Roland E. Bragg, M.
84 EUREKA, by Charles G. Crocker, Proxy.
85 STAR IN THE WEST, by Leroy S. Knight, SW.
86 TEMPLE, by Oliver A. Cobb, Proxy.
87 BENEVOLENT, by William G. Clapham, M.
88 NARRAGUAGUS, by David W. Campbell, M.
89 ISLAND, by Alton S. Hatch, M.
90 HIRAM ABIFF,—*Charter revoked in 1868.*
91 HARWOOD, by Willis H. Allen, Proxy.
92 SILOAM, by Carl C. Piper, M.
93 HOREB, by J. Fred Clark, M; Ralph Craft, JW.
94 PARIS, by Lafayette L. Briggs, M; Arthur E. Forbes, Proxy.
95 CORINTHIAN, by R. Weston Webb, Proxy.
96 MONUMENT, by Frank A. Peabody, M.
97 BETHEL, by Alphonse Van den Kerchoven, SW.
98 KATAHDIN, by Frank O. Bates, M.
99 VERNON VALLEY, by Moses A. Gordon, M.
100 JEFFERSON, by Archie D. Felt, M.
101 NEZINSCOT, by Albert T. Bradford, M.
102 MARSH RIVER, by Harry M. Brown, M.
103 DRESDEN, by Chester L. Burke, Proxy.
104 ———DIRIGO, not represented.
105 ASHLAR, by Ezra A. Nevens, M; George O. Campbell, SW.
106 TUSCAN, by Lovetus H. Plummer, M.
107 DAY SPRING, by Thomas E. Mitchell, Proxy.
108 RELIEF,—*Charter recalled in 1894.*
109 MOUNT KINEO, by Carroll S. Douglass, JW.
110 MONMOUTH, by R. Crawford McIlroy, M.
111 LIBERTY, by Willis J. Greely, SW.
112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by George E. Bartlett, M.
113 MESSALONSKEE, by James H. Witherell, Proxy.
114 POLAR STAR, by Roy J. Buxton, SW; John W. Ballou, Proxy.
115 BUXTON, by John Berryman, Proxy.
116 LEBANON, by Harry D. Burgess, M.
117 GREENLEAF, by Leroi S. Syphers, M; Bion Bradley, Proxy.
118 DRUMMOND, by Francis C. Milliken, M.
119 POWNAL, by Harry Enos Rouillard, Proxy.
120 MEDUNCOOK,—*Charter surrendered in 1884.*
121 ACACIA, by Herbert J. Wagg, M; Ralph G. Vickery, SW.
122 MARINE, by Edgar W. Haskell, M.
123 ———FRANKLIN, not represented.

- 124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Herbert W. Leach, M.
125 MERIDIAN, by Everett D. Call, M.
126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Willis S. Hatch, M.
127 ———PRESUMPCOT, not represented.
128 EGGEMOGGIN, by Arthur H. Sargent, M.
129 QUANTABACOOK, by Ernest S. Wing, SW.
130 TRINITY, by Fred P. Stevens, Proxy.
131 LOOKOUT, by Charles E. Smith, Proxy.
132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Bertrand G. McIntire, M; Augustus G. Morse,
Proxy.
133 ———ASYLUM, not represented.
134 TROJAN,—*Consolidated with Star in the West Lodge, No. 85, in 1888.*
135 RIVERSIDE, by Alberto A. Bennett, M; Marden I. Johnson, Proxy.
136 IONIC,—*Charter surrendered in 1882.*
137 KENDUSKEAG, by Walter N. Bachelder, JW.
138 LEWEY'S ISLAND, by George M. Woodwell, Proxy.
139 ARCHON, by Fred M. Johnston, M.
140 MOUNT DESERT, by Charles G. Bondreaux, SW.
141 AUGUSTA, by Winfred A. Jackson, Proxy.
142 OCEAN, by Henry P. Allen, Proxy.
143 PREBLE, by Samuel J. Mitchell, Proxy.
144 SEASIDE, by Lincoln M. Harris, M.
145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Edward W. Arey, Proxy.
146 SEBASTICOOK, by Perley L. Cotton, M; Thomas H. Ward, SW.
147 EVENING STAR, by William C. Allen, Proxy.
148 FOREST, by Charles F. Weick, M.
149 DORIC, by William R. Hughes, M; Pierre Johnson, SW.
150 RABBONI, by George W. Lane, Jr., M; John L. Reade, Proxy.
151 EXCELSIOR, by Rodol A. Packard, Proxy.
152 CROOKED RIVER, by James S. Skillings, Proxy.
153 DELTA, by John A. Fox, M; Seth F. Heald, JW; Frank Harmon,
154 MYSTIC TIE, by Henry H. Skolfield, M; Elmer E. Payne, Proxy.
155 ANCIENT YORK, by Leroy E. Williams, M; George B. Shorey,
Proxy.
156 WILTON, by Ernest P. Parlin, M; Winfield S. Hinckley, Proxy.
157 CAMBRIDGE, by Herbert V. Chadbourne, Proxy.
158 ANCHOR, by Elliot P. Brewer, SW.
159 ESOTERIC,—*Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, Jan. 11, 1908.*
160 PARIAN, by Lewis E. Hutchins, Proxy.
161 CARRABASSETT, by Frank L. Rowell, M.
162 ARION, by J. Burton Roberts, Proxy.
163 PLEASANT RIVER, by William R. Howard, M; George H. Gallag-
her, SW.

- 164 WEBSTER, by Charles W. Coombs, SW; Frank E. Sleeper, Proxy.
- 165 MOLUNKUS, by Than S. Robinson, M.
- 166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Everett S. Coombs, M; Leonard A. Gilbert, SW.
- 167 WHITNEY, by Thompson A. Potter, Proxy.
- 168 COMPOSITE, by Leo G. Snell, M.
- 169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by Joseph E. Clement, M.
- 170 CARIBOU, by Albion Runnells, Proxy.
- 171 NASKEAG, by Eldoras H. Bridges, M.
- 172 PINE TREE, by John D. McCain, M.
- 173 ————PLEIADES, not represented.
- 174 LYNDE, by Charles H. Moore, JW.
- 175 BASKAHEGAN, by Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
- 176 PALESTINE, *Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, Sept. 23, 1895.*
- 177 RISING STAR, by Herbert C. Perry, SW.
- 178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by Isaac Goddard, Proxy.
- 179 YORKSHIRE, by James A. Hussey, M; Leslie L. Brackett, SW.
- 180 HIRAM, by William H. Ohler, Jr., Proxy.
- 181 REUEL WASHBURN—*Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, 1882.*
- 182 GRANITE, by Willie O. Bryant, Proxy.
- 183 DEERING, by Isaac A. Clough, M; Albert F. Austin, SW; Peter W. Wescott, JW; Francis E. Chase, Proxy.
- 184 NAVAL, by Frank E. Robbins, M.
- 185 BAR HARBOR, by Albert L. Morgan, M; Eben K. Whitaker, Proxy.
- 186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by John G. Boody, SW.
- 187 IRA BERRY, by Ithamar E. Stanley, Proxy.
- 188 JONESPORT, by Charles Wescott, M.
- 189 KNOX, by Charles Crowley, M; W. S. Clark, Proxy.
- 190 SPRINGVALE, by Charles H. Ogden, Proxy.
- 191 DAVIS, by Leslie A. Vining, M.
- 192 WINTER HARBOR, by Albert Rand, Jr., M; Edwin C. Hammond, SW.
- 193 WASHBURN, by Calvin D. Carter, M.
- 194 EUCLID, by James M. Spence, M.
- 195 RELIANCE, by Arthur D. Smith, Proxy.
- 196 BAY VIEW, by Converse O. Hodgdon, Proxy.
- 197 AROOSTOOK, by Howard Pierce, M.
- 198 ST. ASPINQUID, by William P. Cummings, M.
- 199 BINGHAM, by David G. Bean, M; Benjamin F. Smith, Proxy.
- 200 ————COLUMBIA, not represented.
- 201 ————DAVID A. HOOPER, not represented.
- 202 MOUNT BIGELOW, by Elmer A. Sampson, SW.
- 203 MOUNT OLIVET, by Charles A. Lynch, Proxy.
- 204 MOUNT ABRAM, by C. Frank Collins, M.

- 205 NOLLESEMIC, by William J. Heebner, Proxy.
 206 ISLAND FALLS, by Benjamin J. Dodge, M.
 207 ABNER WADE, by Angus W. Campbell, JW.
 208 NORTH EAST HARBOR, by William S. Holmes, JW.
 209 ———FORT KENT, not represented.
 210 BAGADUCE, by Wheelock C. Bates, M; Charles H. Babbidge, JW.

Chartered lodges 201; represented 189; delegates 249.

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present:

M. W.	CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,	-	-	-	-	-	P. G. M.
"	WILLIAM R. G. ESTES,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FESSENDEN I. DAY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALBRO E. CHASE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HENRY R. TAYLOR,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALFRED S. KIMBALL,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WILLIAM J. BURNHAM,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HUGH R. CHAPLIN,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	CHARLES F. JOHNSON,	-	-	-	-	-	"
R. W.	JOHN B. REDMAN,	-	-	-	-	-	P. S. G. W.
"	JOSEPH M. HAYES,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	DANIEL P. BOYNTON,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HERBERT HARRIS,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALBERT M. PENLEY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JAMES E. PARSONS,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	EDWIN A. PORTER,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	CHARLES W. CROSBY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	W. SCOTT SHOREY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JAMES M. LARRABEE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WILLIAM N. HOWE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JOHN W. BALLOU,	-	-	-	-	-	P. J. G. W.
"	ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	AUGUSTUS BAILEY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	BENJAMIN AMES,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	SAMUEL L. MILLER,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HOWARD D. SMITH,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WM. FREEMAN LORD,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	MOSES TAIT,	-	-	-	-	-	"

R. W.	BENJAMIN L. HADLEY,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	MILLARD M. CASWELL,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JOHN H. MCGORRILL,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ADELBERT MILLETT,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JAMES C. AYER,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	CHARLES F. PAINE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	EDWARD G. WESTON,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALBERT M. AMES,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"

And Grand Officers as follows:

M. W.	EDMUND B. MALLET,	-	-	Grand Master.
R. W.	ASHLEY A. SMITH,	-	-	Deputy Grand Master.
"	JOHN CLAIR MINOT,	-	-	Senior Grand Warden.
"	GEORGE W. HOLMES,	-	-	Junior Grand Warden.
"	MILLARD F. HICKS,	-	-	Grand Treasurer.
"	STEPHEN BERRY,	-	-	Grand Secretary.
"	HERBERT HARRIS,	-	-	Corr. Grand Secretary.
"	CHARLES G. BRIGGS,	-	-	D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.
"	IRVING W. CASE,	-	-	" 2d "
"	MILLARD H. WISWELL,	-	-	" 3d "
"	CHARLES H. HOOPER,	-	-	" 4th "
"	CLARENCE B. SWAN,	-	-	" 6th "
"	SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS,	-	-	" 7th "
"	JOSEPH A. SPRAGUE,	-	-	" 8th "
"	ENOS E. INGRAHAM,	-	-	" 9th "
"	ALBERT H. HUNTER,	-	-	" 10th "
"	CHARLES A. KNIGHT,	-	-	" 11th "
"	LEON O. TIBBETTS,	-	-	" 12th "
"	MALON PATTERSON,	-	-	" 13th "
"	WALLACE N. PRICE,	-	-	" 14th "
"	FRANK L. WOODCOCK,	-	-	" 15th "
"	LEE M. SMITH,	-	-	" 16th "
"	CHARLES W. CARLL,	-	-	" 17th "
"	DANIEL G. CHAPLIN,	-	-	" 18th "
"	JOHN M. BURLEIGH,	-	-	" 19th "
"	DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE,	-	-	" 20th "
"	WILLIAM H. DRESSER,	-	-	" 21st "
"	MELVIN W. KNOWLES,	-	-	" 22d "
"	ALMON O. NUTTER,	-	-	" 25th "

W. & Rev.	WM. H. FULTZ,	- - -	Grand Chaplain.
W.	FREEMAN M. GRANT,	- - -	" Marshal.
"	SILAS B. ADAMS,	- - -	" Senior Deacon.
"	FRANK J. COLE,	- - -	" Junior Deacon.
"	CONVERS E. LEACH,	- - -	" Steward.
"	RALPH H. BURBANK,	- - -	" "
"	CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	- - -	" "
"	EBEN K. WHITAKER,	- - -	" "
"	ALBERT H. BURROUGHS,	- - -	" Standard Bearer.
"	LEVI C. EMERY,	- - -	" Sword Bearer.
"	WARREN C. KING,	- - -	" Pursuivant.
M. W.	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	- - -	" Lecturer.
W.	WALTER S. SMITH,	- - -	" Organist.
"	WARREN O. CARNEY,	- - -	" Tyler.

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance:

Alabama—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL.
 Alberta—JAMES M. LARRABEE.
 Arizona—AUGUSTUS BAILEY.
 Arkansas—JOHN W. BALLOU.
 Belgium—ELMER P. SPOFFORD.
 British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE.
 Canada—BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.
 Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER.
 District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY.
 Florida—MILLARD F. HICKS.
 Georgia—BIAL F. BRADBURY.
 Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE.
 Illinois—WILLIAM R. G. ESTES.
 Indian Territory—JOSEPH M. HAYES.
 Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT.
 Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL.
 Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES.
 Maryland—SAMUEL L. MILLER.
 Michigan—FESSENDEN I. DAY.
 Minnesota—JOHN B. REDMAN.
 Mississippi—CHARLES I. COLLAMORE.
 Missouri—DANIEL P. BOYNTON.
 Montana—LEANDER W. FOBES.
 Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER.
 Nevada—LEANDER M. KENNISTON.

New Brunswick—MOSES TAIT.
 New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH.
 New Jersey—ADELBERT MILLETT.
 New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS.
 New York—HENRY R. TAYLOR.
 New Zealand—HERBERT HARRIS.
 North Carolina—CHARLES F. JOHNSON.
 North Dakota—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH.
 Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL.
 Ohio—WILLIAM J. BURNHAM.
 Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD.
 Peru—ALFRED S. KIMBALL.
 Quebec—JAMES C. AYER.
 Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE.
 Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH.
 South Australia—BENJAMIN AMES.
 South Dakota—EDWARD G. WESTON.
 Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY.
 Tennessee—HUGH R. CHAPLIN.
 Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY.
 Virginia—CHARLES F. PAINE.
 Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.
 Western Australia—FRANKLIN R. REDLON.
 West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENLEY.
 Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALLET,
 Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. ADAMS,
 RALPH H. BURBANK, } *Committee.*
 LEVI C. EMERY,

The report was accepted, and was left in the hands of the committee until two P. M., in order that additions might be made.

The Grand Master announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Doings of the Grand Officers.

HENRY R. TAYLOR, HOWARD D. SMITH, JAMES E. PARSONS.

On the Pay Roll.

FRED C. CHALMERS, THOMAS H. BODGE, FRANK E. MONROE.

On Unfinished Business.

JOSEPH M. HAYES, ALBERT M. PENLEY, ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.

He then delivered his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.*Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Maine :*

We are assembled here to-day for the purpose of opening this Grand Lodge. Many of you have laid aside the active affairs of life, and journeyed far to meet with your brethren. Many of you have for years been coming to the annual communication of this Grand Lodge, of meeting old friends, of making new ones ; some of you are for the first time in attendance, and filled with enthusiasm for the advancement of our order, eager to learn, ready to receive any information that may be given you at this time, and all strong in your allegiance to the great principles of Freemasonry. That this communication will be one of much interest, of profit, and pleasure to you all, and that you will be amply repaid for any sacrifice made in order to attend this communication I sincerely hope. We have assembled around the altar and offered our acknowledgments of the many blessings we have received since our last annual communication, and earnestly beseeched the Grand Architect of the Universe to vouchsafe to us a continuance of those blessings, to be with us at this time, to guide us in the determining of affairs that may come before us, and to be with us, and watch over us in the time to come.

Brethren, with a heart full of reverence for our beloved order, with a full acknowledgment of the honor you so graciously invested me with one year ago, I now fraternally and cordially welcome you to this the Ninetieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I am pleased to say that the year last past has been one of peace and harmony ; peace has been triumphant and harmony has prevailed throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions have remained most friendly and fraternal, and I am glad to report that through-

out this land, peace and harmony prevail, and the earnest desire of all is that this condition may remain so, to the end that Masonry may fulfill its highest mission.

The year last past has been a prosperous one, not so much as some that have preceded it, but the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction is at present, 27864, a gain of 508, and while we have not gained greatly, let us hope that the high standard has been maintained. I think you will agree with me when I say that too much care cannot be exercised in the material we receive into the order.

DEATHS.

Recognizing that God in his loving mercy doeth all things well, and bowing the head in humble submission to his will, it becomes my sad duty to report that two of our permanent members have been removed from among us; their stars have set on this world, and they have passed into the light that lies beyond the darkness of the Valley of the Shadow of Death. In vain we look and call for them here. We shall no more hear their voices, until we also shall have answered, in another world, the voice that has called them thither.

Right Worshipful Curtis R. Foster, Past Senior Grand Warden, and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island near the Grand Lodge of Maine, died at his home in Ellsworth, Friday, July 31, 1908.

Right Worshipful Alden M. Wetherbee, Past Junior Grand Warden and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near this Grand Lodge, died at Union, Me., October 15, 1909.

Brother Foster was a zealous member of the fraternity and was ever ready to fulfill every duty with which he was charged. Brother Wetherbee will be sadly missed. For fifty-four years he had attended this Grand Lodge in almost constant attendance. It is not my purpose to speak in commendation of these dear brethren, much as I would like to. Committees have been appointed to present memorials at this session, and I do not wish to encroach

upon their duties. No other deaths of permanent members have been reported during the year last past.

I appointed R. W. John B. Redman a committee to present a memorial of the death of R. W. Curtis R. Foster, and R. W. Edward G. Weston to prepare the memorial of R. W. Alden M. Wetherbee.

To our sister jurisdictions who have sustained losses by death we extend our deep sympathy. The list of deaths in sister jurisdictions will be reported to you by the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, thus ensuring a full list. Their loss is our loss, and their work will live after them and redound to the glories of Freemasonry.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Soon after the last annual communication I authorized R. W. Albert Hunter to install Rev. Bro. Robert L. Sheaff Grand Chaplain; R. W. Leon S. Howe to install R. W. Almon O. Nutter as D. D. G. M. of the 25th Masonic District; R. W. Frank H. Dexter to install R. W. Willie F. Ferguson D. D. G. M. of the 23d Masonic District; M. W. William J. Burnham to install R. W. Lewis V. Winship as D. D. G. M. for the 24th Masonic District; W. Frank L. Bradley, W. M. of Olive Branch Lodge, to install R. W. George S. Walker as D. D. G. M. for the 5th Masonic District; W. S. J. Harris, W. M. of Star in the East, to install R. W. Clarence B. Swan as D. D. G. M. of the 6th Masonic District; R. W. John B. Redman to install R. W. William H. Dresser as D. D. G. M. for the 21st Masonic District; M. W. Wm. R. G. Estes to install Levi. C. Emery Grand Sword Bearer, and in each case the installing officer reported his doings to the Grand Secretary.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

Waivers of jurisdiction have been approved by me in the following cases:

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, over George Warren Eastman, in favor of Golden Fleece Lodge of Lynn, Mass.

Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, over Harry G. Newton, in favor of Mt. Tom Lodge, Holyoke, Mass.

Columbia Lodge, No. 200, in favor of Fidelity Lodge, Megantic, Quebec.

Hermon Lodge, No. 32, over Richard Stevens Danforth, in favor of Bezaleel Lodge, No. 100, of New Hampshire.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year dispensations have been granted to the following lodges for the following purposes:

Bingham Lodge, No. 199, to hold a meeting in the town of Jackman, for the purpose of conferring the third degree on three candidates belonging to Bingham Lodge.

Island Lodge, No. 89, to hold a special meeting to elect a Master, Warden and all other officers, and a committee of finance; and to the following lodges to elect one or more officers at a meeting other than annual meeting, for good causes made known to me:

Island Lodge, No. 89,

Oriental Lodge, No. 13,

Hancock Lodge, No. 4,

Bay View Lodge, No. 196.

I have granted dispensations to the following lodges:

Eggemoggin, No. 138,

Wilton, No. 156,

Harmony, No. 38,

Timothy Chase, No. 126,

Piscataquis, No. 44,

Siloam, No. 92,

Fort Kent, No. 209,

Pleasant River, No. 163,

Seaside, No. 144,

Pownal, No. 119,

Corinthian, No. 95,

Davis, No. 191,

Meridian, No. 125,

Naskeag, No. 171,

Fraternal, No. 55,

Abner Wade, No. 207,

Phoenix, No. 24,

Sebasticook, No. 146,

Olive Branch, No. 124,

Asylum, No. 133,

Oriental Star, No. 21,

Lewey's Island, No. 138,

Preble, No. 143,

St. Croix, No. 46,

Riverside, No. 135,

to attend divine service in commemoration of St. John's Day.

Anchor Lodge, No. 158, to attend divine service other than St. John's Day.

I have not granted dispensations to enable lodges to receive application for degrees in less time than that provided for by our constitution. I have carefully considered each case and was fully convinced that in denying the petition I had complied with what I thought would meet with your approval. I am satisfied that candidates for the degrees of Masonry have ample time to apply and that there is no need of asking for a dispensation. While the Grand Master is clothed with great power, he should use that power only in cases of most urgent need.

NEW LODGES.

January 28, 1909, I received a petition for a lodge to be located at Friendship, signed by twelve masons. The application was approved by D. D. G. M. Albert H. Hunter, and every lodge whose jurisdiction could be affected consented to the formation of the lodge, and the dispensation was granted under date of February 15th.

I have received the petition of Master Masons residing in Surry and vicinity, petitioning for a lodge to be located in that town. These papers having been received so near this communication, I have not passed upon them, but directed the petitioners to bring their papers and present them directly to the Grand Lodge for your action.

BY-LAWS.

I have approved amendments of or additions to the by-laws of the following lodges :

Portland, No. 1,

St. Paul's, No. 82,

Freeport, No. 23,

York, No. 22,

Bay View, No. 196,

Granite, No. 182.

RESIGNATIONS.

R. W. Forrest S. Stevens having resigned as D. D. G. Master for the 3d Masonic District, I appointed R. W. Millard H. Wiswell as his successor.

R. W. Andrew P. Havey having resigned as D. D. G. M. for the 21st Masonic District, I appointed R. W. William H. Dresser as his successor, and they have been duly installed into their respective stations.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

July 8, 1908, I recommended R. W. Ashley A. Smith of Belfast to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine from the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

November 24th, R. W. Albert M. Ames, Stockton Springs, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

November 26th, R. W. George W. McClain, Henderson, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine from the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

DEDICATION OF HALL.

Tuesday, January 12th, a special communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Bethel for the purposes of dedicating the hall of Bethel Lodge, No. 97. I was assisted by Rev. Bro. William H. Fultz, Grand Chaplain, Freeman M. Grant, Grand Marshal, and Warren O. Carney, Grand Tyler, and the remaining stations were filled from brethren present. Although the afternoon and evening were stormy, a large number of the brethren were present, and the hall was dedicated in ample form. The brethren and their ladies assembled in the evening and the officers were publicly installed by the Grand Master. The brethren of Bethel Lodge are to be congratulated upon their masonic home. I was pleased to visit them and I am under obligation for courtesies extended. After the installation a bounteous banquet was spread and the

festivities extended well into the night. I predict a prosperous future for Bethel Lodge.

MASSACHUSETTS.

October 3d, 4th and 5th, I was in attendance at Boston, Mass., upon the 175th anniversary of St. John's Lodge, the oldest lodge in America, and instituted in the year 1733. The officers and brethren of St. John's Lodge are to be congratulated upon their efforts to make this occasion one long to be remembered by the visiting Grand Masters, representing the original thirteen States, with the exception of Georgia, whose Grand Master was detained at home. The Grand Master of Nova Scotia was in attendance. From the moment your Grand Master arrived in Boston until the last good-bye had been spoken, his stay was made pleasant. The program for each day's exercises was most appropriate. Time and space will not permit me to enumerate the attentions shown the visiting Grand Masters and their ladies. If the pleasure of the brethren of St. John's Lodge is to be measured by the pleasure given their visitors, then the cup of pleasure of St. John's Lodge must be overflowing. It was an honor they delighted in paying to the Grand Lodge of Maine, and not to me personally.

Saturday, May 1st, I attended a dinner given to R. W. John Albert Blake, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at the Hotel Somerset, by more than 225 of his masonic friends. The Grand Lodge of Maine was honored by this invitation to your Grand Master. Past Deputy Grand Master O'Dell, in beautiful words, presented Past Grand Master Blake with an elegant Past Grand Master's jewel, and although visibly affected, R. W. Bro. Blake responded feelingly.

GRIEVANCES.

Records of proceedings of lodges against members for alleged unmaſonic conduct have been received by me from the following lodges and have been referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

Naval Lodge, No. 184, against Charles B. Pinkham; Trinity Lodge, No. 130, against Renaldo H. McDonald; Freeport, No. 23, against Ralph W. Stetson.

QUESTIONS.

Many questions have been asked and answers returned. All of these could have been answered by reference to our Constitution and Masonic Text Book, or reference to decisions made by former Grand Masters. The questions sent to me have all been answered over and over again, and I have answered every one. I do not consider it necessary to take up the time of the Grand Lodge by presenting them here. I have made no decision the past year, as no question would be deemed worthy of being called a decision that would necessitate your passing upon.

I believe that the brethren in asking the questions were influenced by the desire to be sure of their position before acting hastily, and I may add that if all brethren, when controversies arise, would ascertain beyond doubt the true course to pursue, much trouble would be saved. I commend them for their anxiety to be right, and assure them that it was a pleasure to answer their questions.

I desire at this time to thank the District Deputy Grand Masters for their uniform courtesy to me and for their promptness in complying with any demands made.

I believe that D. D. G. Masters are of the greatest service when they understand their duties, and that officers and members of lodges are greatly strengthened by their presence and aid given in information imparted through visiting lodges.

I must add that three of the D. D. G. Masters have not as yet sent in their reports.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, I have given you an account of my stewardship for the year last past. The high honor you conferred on me one year

ago has brought with it the obligations and responsibilities that are ever attendant upon this great office. I have in my humble way tried to do my duty with an eye single to doing nothing that would tend to bring reflection upon our order, or to disgrace the fraternity. At the outset I determined to do that which would meet with your approval, and if I have succeeded I am content.

EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master.

The address was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

The Grand Master also presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, which were referred to the same committee.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, which was referred to the Committee of Finance, as follows :

PORTLAND, ME., May 4, 1909.

Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.,

in account with MILLARD F. HICKS, Grand Treasurer.

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RECEIPTS.

May	5.	Cash on hand, balance from old account,.....	\$12,157.14
	6.	Received from Charles F. Johnson, G. M., account dispensations to Marine Lodge, No. 122, Blazing Star, No. 30, Riverside, No. 135,.....	9.00
Oct.	1.	Received from Portland National Bank, Interest to September 20, 1908,.....	64.84
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Feb.	22.	Received from Edmund B. Mallet, G. M., account dispensation Lodge at Friendship,.....	25.00
March	30.	Received from Stephen Berry, Gr. Secretary, account dispensation McKinley Lodge,.....	25.00

April	8.	Received from Portland National Bank, Interest to March 20, 1909,	27.89
		Interest from Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co., to April 1, 1909,	69.88
		Interest from Fidelity Trust Co., to May 1, 1909, ..	87.08
29.		Received of Gr. Chapter 3/10 office expenses,	139.37
		Received of Gr. Commandery 2/10 office expenses,	92.91
		Received from interest on Meridian Water Co. bond,	12.50

Received from District Deputy Grand Masters as follows:

March	17.	John M. Burleigh, 19th District,	345.40
	24.	Lewis V. Winship, 24th District,	457.20
	25.	Willie F. Feruson, 23d District,	218.80
	30.	Charles A. Knight, 11th District,	440.40
		Albert H. Hunter, 10th District,	321.00
	31.	Millard H. Wiswell, 3d District,	240.60
April	1.	Daniel G. Chaplin, 18th District,	180.00
		Lee M. Smith, 16th District,	309.60
	2.	Charles H. Hooper, 4th District,	266.20
		Sullivan L. Andrews, 7th District,	133.40
		Charles G. Briggs, 1st District,	228.20
		Enos E. Ingraham, 9th District,	564.60
	8.	George S. Walker, 5th District,	356.40
		Almon O. Nutter, 25th District,	263.40
		Daniel W. Ballantyne, 20th District,	158.00
	10.	Irving W. Case, 2d District,	225.60
		Melvin W. Knowles, 22d District,	221.80
	12.	Malon Patterson, 13th District,	329.20
	13.	Frank L. Woodcock, 15th District,	316.60
	15.	Wallace N. Price, 14th District,	386.60
		Leon O. Tebbetts, 12th District,	246.80
	16.	Joseph A. Sprague, 8th District,	217.60
	23.	William H. Dresser, 21st District,	385.00
	26.	Charles W. Carll, 17th District,	798.40
	27.	Clarence B. Swan, 6th District,	366.60

\$20,688.01

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DISBURSEMENTS.

May	7.	Paid Pay Roll as per order,	\$2,542.80
	"	Charles F. Johnson, Gr. Master, sundry ex- penses as per bill,	9.24
	9.	" cleaning offices to date,	11.00
	11.	" Herbert Harris, services in Library,	6.75
	15.	" Warren O. Carney, services Grand Tyler, ..	30.00
	16.	" J. A. Merrill & Co., 2 dozen aprons at \$36...	72.00
	18.	" Arthur S. Littlefield, expenses, dinners, &c., Aurora Lodge,	17.80
	23.	" Albro E. Chase, 1 \$500 5 per cent. Meridian, Miss. water bond,	500.00
	"	Interest on above 20 days,	1.40
	29.	" Walter S. Smith, services as organist,	10.00
June	16.	" Portland Savings Bank, rent to Jan. 1, 1908,	100.00
July	9.	" Albro E. Chase, Com. on Correspondence, ..	100.00
	28.	" Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, salary to July 31, 1908,	162.50
Aug.	11.	" Stephen Berry, Gr. Secretary, 1908 proceed- ings, Correspondence &c.,	565.72
	"	notices, letterheads, envelopes &c.,	31.00
	"	1,000 envelopes	4.50
	"	mailing bill,	35.07
	12.	" Am. Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas, ..	100.00
	18.	" Portland Savings Bank, rent to Sept. 1, 1908,	100.00
	31.	" cleaning offices to Aug. 29, 1908,	10.00
	23.	" Warren O. Carney, 6 pairs gloves,	1.50
Oct.	27.	" Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, salary to Oct. 31, 1908,	162.50
	31.	" Albro E. Chase, 1 roll top desk and chair for Grand Lodge Room,	20.00
Nov.	2.	" M. F. Hicks, Grand Treasurer, 6 mos. salary to Nov. 21, 1908,	150.00
Dec.	8.	" Cleaning offices to Nov. 21, 1908,	14.00
	14.	" Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturers expenses attending Schools of Instruction,	75.21
	"	Salary for year,	25.00
	18.	" Albro E. Chase for J. C. Proctor, note se- cured by mortgage on real estate on Cum- berland Ave., Portland,	1,800.00
	"	Portland Savings Bank, rent to Dec. 1, 1908,	100.00

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Jan.	11.	Paid Stephen Berry, Gr. Sec., Vol. 4 Masonic Token and binding, Circulars and Record Vol. 7,.....	18.35	
		1,000 postal stickers,.....	1.75	
	11.	" Paid Albion E. Chase for J. C. Proctor, note secured by mortgage on real estate on Cumberland Avenue, Portland,.....	1,000.00	
	23.	" Johnston, Bailey Co., repairing chairs,.....	2.00	
		" Am. Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas,...	100.00	
Feb.	2.	" Stephen Berry, Gr. Sec., salary to Jan. 31, 1909,.....	162.50	
March	1.	" Cleaning offices,.....	16.00	
	8.	" L. F. Tobie, revising mileage rates for payroll,.....	7.50	
April	5.	" Portland Savings Bank, rent to March 1, 1909,.....	100.00	
	26.	" Pantagraph Ptg. and Stationery Co., 225 copies Lists of Masonic Lodges in the world,.....	77.50	
	30.	" M. F. Hicks, Gr. Treas., salary to date, sundry items of expense for past year,.....	4.95	
		Stephen Berry, Gr. Sec., salary to date,.....	162.50	
		" " Account with Gr. Lodge,...	52.52	
		" " Notices, circulars, &c.,.....	19.15	
		" " Items for Gr. Lodge room,...	4.56	
		Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent of halls for 1908,	125.00	
				\$8,771.27

EXPENSES OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1909.			
March	31.	Paid Willie F. Ferguson, 23d District,.....	\$5.00
		" Lewis V. Winship, 24th District,.....	8.93
		" John M. Burleigh, 19th District,	16.45
		" Charles A. Knight, 11th District,...	10.90
April	1.	" Lee M. Smith, 16th District,.....	17.11
	8.	" George S. Walker, 5th District,.....	22.74
		" Almon O. Nutter, 25th District,.....	19.46
		" Millard H. Wiswell, 3d District,.....	15.85
		" Daniel W. Ballantyne, 20th District,.....	18.33

April	1.	Paid Charles G. Briggs, 1st District,	16.98
	"	Charles H. Hooper, 4th District,	32.35
	"	Sullivan L. Andrews, 7th District,	18.35
	"	Enos E. Ingraham, 9th District,	40.60
	"	Albert H. Hunter, 10th District,	29.90
	"	Daniel G. Chaplin, 18th District,	21.15
	10.	Irving W. Case, 2d District,	9.15
	"	Melvin W. Knowles, 22d District,	33.00
	13.	Frank L. Woodcock, 15th District,	31.70
	16.	Malon Patterson, 13th District,	14.40
	"	Wallace N. Price, 14th District,	10.72
	17.	Joseph A. Sprague, 8th District,	25.01
	22.	Leon O. Tebbets, 12th District,	14.80
	23.	William H. Dresser, 21st District,	29.56
	26.	Charles W. Carll, 17th District,	8.60
	27.	Clarence B. Swan, 6th District,	18.55

\$9,260.86

Balance to new account:

Cash in Portland National Bank,	7,752.57
" " Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co.,	1,431.80
" " Fidelity Trust Co.,	2,242.78

\$20,688.01

Fraternally submitted,

MILLARD F. HICKS, *Grand Treasurer.*

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report, which was accepted, as follows:

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, May 4, 1909.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

The routine duties of my office will be reported upon by the several committees.

The list of regular lodges ordered purchased last year were received April 17th, and mailed to all the lodges by the 24th. They seem to be fully appreciated by all the secretaries who have acknowledged them.

Only forty-one, or one-fifth of the lodges, applied to the Charity Fund for additional relief last year, showing that strong and well managed lodges pride themselves in taking care of their own poor.

The returns came in very good shape this year; very few erred in bringing forward the number of members, although some new secretaries go back to initials instead of giving first name in full, and some used ink which was faded or faint. Good ink is important, as the lodges may need to refer to these very returns fifty years hence when their own archives are burned.

But we have many good secretaries, who use good ink, write plainly, give first names, balance their figures, put the dates all in, pay the dues correctly, give the proper addresses of officers when at different post-offices, and who send in the list of officers when elected without waiting for installation. These are our jewels.

Aurora Lodge, No. 50, of Rockland, gives us a surprise with 39 initiates, 8 affiliations and 7 re-instatements, a gain of 42. This is the more surprising because the work has been generally light during the past year, with a gain of only $2\frac{1}{2}$ to a lodge.

Masters, who find they have slow secretaries, should see that they promptly answer letters. Two lodges in distant states, after writing twice to Maine lodges without receiving answers, were obliged to apply to their Grand Secretaries. The Grand Lodges should not be burdened with private lodge correspondence, and a secretary who will neglect a sister lodge, writing on important business, to save labor, should be promptly supplied with an alert assistant.

An interesting letter from our Grand Representative in Belgium, ALBERT J. KRUGER, dated April 20th, has been received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence. He concluded by saying:

"Kindly convey to the Grand Master and brethren in session on May 4th next, my personal respects and best wishes for their happiness and prosperity."

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Grand Secretary*.

MEDUNCOOK LODGE.

The papers and dispensation of Meduncook Lodge, with a petition for the continuance of the dispensation, were presented and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

SARGIE L. WARREN.

The petition of Riverside Lodge, No. 135, for the

restoration of SARGIE L. WARREN, was presented and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

RETURNS.

BRO. STEPHEN BERRY, for the Committee on Returns, offered the following report and abstract, which were accepted :

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, Tuesday, May 4, 1909.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Returns would report that returns have been received from all the 201 chartered lodges and one U. D.

The following summary shows the comparison with the last four years:

	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.
Initiated,	1282	1237	1344	1423	1203
Raised,	1267	1218	1281	1230	1186
Affiliated	101	108	140	357	107
Re-instated,	74	72	68	96	89
Dimitted,	147	171	203	384	174
Died,	451	442	490	516	493
Suspended,	3	1	1	1	0
Expelled,	1	2	1	2	3
Susp. from membership, ..	150	221	135	166	225
Deprived of membership, ..	6	9	5	4	3
Number of members,	25,307	25,889	26,530	27,356	27,864
Rejected,	357	356	384	351	328

The gain is 508, about 1 8/10 per cent., a decrease from last year.

The death rate is 17.82 to a thousand, a decrease from last year.

The average lodge membership is 138.

The accompanying abstract will show the work in detail.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,
EDWIN A. PORTER, } *Committee.*
JAMES C. AYER,

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1909.

Nos.	LODGES.	Initiated.	Ratified.	Affiliated.	Re-instated.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended.	Expelled.	N. F. D.		No. Members.	Rejected.
										Suspended.	D. of Mem.		
1	Portland,	16	18	0	0	1	7	0	0	3	0	381	7
2	Warren,	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	131	1
3	Lincoln,	9	8	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	150	0
4	Hancock,	3	3	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	86	0
5	Kennebec,	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	136	0
6	Amity,	10	10	0	0	2	6	0	0	3	0	220	1
7	Eastern,	9	11	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	157	1
8	United,	4	5	0	0	3	6	0	0	1	0	215	3
9	Saco,	10	6	1	1	1	3	0	0	2	0	191	13
10	Rising Virtue,	3	5	3	1	1	5	0	0	1	0	202	2
11	Pythagorean,	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	5	0	112	0
12	Cumberland,	9	7	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	141	4
13	Oriental,	4	4	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	194	0
14	Solar,	7	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	1	0	238	1
15	Orient,	5	5	2	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	158	0
16	St. George,	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	0	121	1
17	Anc't Landmark,	21	23	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	525	9
18	Oxford,	5	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	186	1
19	Felicity,	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	114	0
20	Maine,	8	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	141	3
21	Oriental Star,	3	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	227	1
22	York,	4	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	149	0
23	Freeport,	7	6	0	0	0	2	0	1	5	0	142	3
24	Phoenix,	11	8	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	147	1
25	Temple,	4	3	1	1	2	3	0	0	2	0	96	2
26	Village,	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	120	0
27	Adoniram,	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	64	0
28	Northern Star,	4	7	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	122	1
29	Tranquil,	13	12	3	2	1	8	0	0	4	0	345	3
30	Blazing Star,	13	12	2	2	6	7	0	0	2	0	280	1
31	Union,	5	6	2	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	115	0
32	Hermon,	11	8	2	2	0	4	0	0	7	0	379	2
33	Waterville,	19	18	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	327	17
34	Somerset,	13	13	2	1	6	4	0	0	0	0	201	9
35	Bethlehem,	18	18	1	0	4	7	0	0	0	0	352	2
36	Casco,	5	5	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	176	1
37	Washington,	3	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	112	1
38	Harmony,	9	8	1	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	162	2
39	Penobscot,	5	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	159	2
40	Lygonia,	11	12	3	2	3	7	0	0	11	0	486	1
41	Morning Star,	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	2
42	Freedom,	7	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	73	1
43	Alna,	9	10	1	3	0	2	0	0	5	0	161	2
44	Piscataquis,	3	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	164	7
45	Central,	1	4	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	101	0
46	St. Croix,	6	6	2	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	191	2
47	Dunlap,	8	7	0	1	1	7	0	0	3	0	254	8
48	Lafayette,	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	111	0
49	Meridian Splendor,	7	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	147	0
50	Aurora,	39	33	8	7	1	9	0	0	0	0	338	3

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N.P. S.	Dues. D.	Mem.	R.
51	St. John's,.....	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	127	1
52	Mosaic,.....	8	12	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	163	0
53	Rural,.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	68	1
54	Vassalboro,.....	6	6	0	3	3	0	0	0	8	0	74	0
55	Fraternal,.....	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	71	1
56	Mount Moriah,...	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0
57	King Hiram,...	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	122	0
58	Unity,.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	56	1
59	Mt. Hope, (ch. sur.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
60	Star in the East,...	9	11	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	204	6
61	King Solomon's,...	4	4	0	1	2	1	0	0	5	0	112	0
62	King David's,...	8	9	1	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	64	0
63	Richmond,.....	21	18	1	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	141	1
64	Pacific,.....	3	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	79	0
65	Mystic,.....	8	7	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	130	2
66	Mechanics',.....	5	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	127	2
67	Blue Mountain,...	9	8	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	140	2
68	Mariners',.....	8	8	1	3	1	2	0	0	4	0	119	0
69	Howard,.....	3	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	126	0
70	Standish,.....	2	6	0	0	1	3	0	0	7	0	99	1
71	Rising Sun,.....	4	2	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	87	0
72	Pioneer,.....	4	5	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	139	4
73	Tyrian,.....	4	3	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	266	3
74	Bristol,.....	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	129	0
75	Plymouth,...	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	40	0
76	Arundel,.....	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	4
77	Tremont,.....	3	5	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	155	0
78	Crescent,.....	11	6	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	120	1
79	Rockland,.....	9	7	0	1	1	1	0	0	4	0	210	1
80	Keystone,.....	10	14	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	125	1
81	Atlantic,.....	14	12	0	3	1	7	0	0	3	0	305	3
82	St. Paul's,.....	10	11	0	0	2	6	0	0	4	0	190	0
83	St. Andrew's,...	11	9	0	0	2	4	0	0	2	0	251	4
84	Eureka,	1	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	0	97	0
85	Star in the West,...	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	92	0
86	Temple,.....	8	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	226	1
87	Benevolent,.....	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	66	0
88	Narraguagus,...	4	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	88	0
89	Island,	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	1
90	Hiram Abiff, (ch. rev. 68.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
91	Harwood,.....	3	3	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	170	0
92	Siloam,.....	8	9	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	195	2
93	Horeb,.....	6	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	175	0
94	Paris,.....	4	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	96	0
95	Corinthian,.....	6	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	103	0
96	Monument,.....	17	17	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	248	6
97	Bethel,.....	5	4	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	101	0
98	Katahdin,...	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	115	3
99	Vernon Valley,...	3	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	87	1
100	Jefferson,.....	4	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	87	0
101	Nezinscot,.....	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	95	0
102	Marsh River,...	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	70	0
103	Dresden,.....	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0
104	Dirigo,.....	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	91	0

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. Dues. S.	D.	Mem.	R.
105	Ashlar,	8	9	1	3	5	9	0	0	11	0	307	3
106	Tuscan,	3	3	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	160	1
107	Day Spring,	11	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	1
108	Relief, (<i>ch. rec'd</i>) '94	2	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	7	0	131	1
109	Mount Kineo,	8	8	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	125	0
110	Monmouth,	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	0
111	Liberty,	5	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	137	0
112	Eastern Frontier,	4	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	104	3
113	Messalonskee,	7	7	0	1	0	8	0	0	16	0	282	2
114	Polar Star,	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	104	0
115	Buxton,	1	2	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	95	1
116	Lebanon,	2	1	1	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	171	0
117	Greenleaf,	2	3	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	76	0
118	Drummond,	5	5	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	98	0
119	Pownal,	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	77	0
120	Meduncook, (<i>ch. s.</i>)	16	13	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	225	2
121	Acacia,	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	56	0
122	Marine,	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	80	0
123	Franklin,	1	4	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	144	2
124	Olive Branch,	3	4	2	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	122	3
125	Meridian,	6	6	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	105	0
126	Timothy Chase,	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	106	0
127	Presumpscot,	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	63	0
128	Eggemoggin,	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	0	57	7
129	Quantabacook,	13	16	2	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	54	0
130	Trinity,	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	79	0
131	Lookout,	4	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	59	0
132	Mount Tire'm,	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	105	0
133	Asylum,	2	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	7	0	100	0
134	Trojan, (<i>consol'd</i> , '88)	6	7	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	128	1
135	Riverside,	13	14	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	66	0
136	Ionic, (<i>ch. sur.</i> '82)	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	88	0
137	Kenduskeag,	3	3	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	320	2
138	Lewey's Island,	6	10	7	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	65	0
139	Archon,	5	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	163	12
140	Mount Desert,	10	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	241	0
141	Augusta,	9	9	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	229	1
142	Ocean,	6	7	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	119	3
143	Preble,	2	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	88	1
144	Seaside,	5	6	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	88	1
145	Moses Webster,	10	10	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	113	1
146	Sebasticook,	4	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	17	0	86	0
147	Evening Star,	9	15	0	1	2	7	0	0	4	0	258	1
148	Forest,	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	38	0
149	Doric,	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	99	0
150	Rabboni,	3	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	82	1
151	Excelsior,	5	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	68	0
152	Crooked River,	8	7	2	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	147	12
153	Delta,	5	5	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	141	2
154	Mystic Tie,	7	5	0	0	1	C	0	0	0	0	80	1
155	Ancient York,	4	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	74	2
156	Wilton,												
157	Bridge,												
158	Anchor,												

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N.	P.	D.	S.	D.	Mem.	R.
159	Esoteric, <i>Consol.</i> '08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
160	Parian,	8	8	0	1	1	1	0	0	5	0	80	0			
161	Carrabassett,	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	86	1			
162	Arion,	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	0			
163	Pleasant River,	15	12	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	187	5			
164	Webster,	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	55	0			
165	Molunkus,	5	6	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	85	2			
166	Negumkeag,	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	1			
167	Whitney,	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	92	0			
168	Composite,	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	4			
169	Shepherd's River,	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	1			
170	Caribou,	8	9	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	145	2			
171	Naskeag,	3	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	80	0			
172	Pine Tree,	2	6	0	1	2	1	0	0	6	0	128	1			
173	Pleiades,	5	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	156	1			
174	Lynde,	6	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	77	1			
175	Baskahegan,	5	6	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	145	1			
176	Palestine,	Con	sol	dat	ed	'95	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
177	Rising Star,	4	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	87	0			
178	Ancient Brothers,	19	19	1	1	1	3	0	0	2	0	239	1			
179	Yorkshire,	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	89	0			
180	Hiram,	15	10	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	268	13			
181	Reuel Washburn,	Con	sol	dat	ed	'92	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
182	Granite,	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	0			
183	Deering,	18	18	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	358	6			
184	Naval,	7	4	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	127	0			
185	Bar Harbor,	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	225	2			
186	Warren Phillips,	7	6	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	227	1			
187	Ira Berry,	4	4	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	60	0			
188	Jonesport,	9	11	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	144	0			
189	Knox,	8	8	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	67	0			
190	Springvale,	2	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	134	1			
191	Davis,	5	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	107	0			
192	Winter Harbor,	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	123	0			
193	Washburn,	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	79	1			
194	Euclid,	7	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	143	2			
195	Reliance,	9	9	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	186	0			
196	Bay View,	9	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	88	1			
197	Aroostook,	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123	4			
198	St. Aspinquid,	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	64	3			
199	Bingham,	8	10	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	139	8			
200	Columbia,	9	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	81	2			
201	David A. Hooper,	7	7	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	135	0			
202	Mount Bigelow,	2	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	59	3			
203	Mount Olivet,	6	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	58	0			
204	Mount Abram,	10	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	72	1			
205	Nollesemic,	10	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	130	10			
206	Island Falls,	11	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	116	4			
207	Abner Wade,	3	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	53	2			
208	N. East Harbor,	6	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0			
209	Fort Kent,	10	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0			
210	Bagaduce,	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	3			
	U.D. Meduncook,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0			
		1203	1186	107	89	174	493	0	3	225	3	27,864	328			

CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

Certificates of Charter were granted to the following lodges :

Nollesemic No. 205, Millinocket.
Timothy Chase, No. 126, Belfast.
Crescent, No. 78, Pembroke.
Cumberland, No. 12, New Gloucester.
Kennebec, No. 5, Hallowell.
Rural, No. 53, Sidney.
Unity, No. 58, Thorndike.

COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

Bro. WM. R. G. ESTES was appointed to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters in place of Bro. AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM, who was absent.

DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

Bro. HENRY R. TAYLOR presented the following report, which was accepted and the recommendations adopted :

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 4, 1909.

Your Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers have attended to their duties, and beg leave to submit the following report :

We recommend that the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

We recommend that the petitions for new lodges be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY R. TAYLOR, }
HOWARD D. SMITH, } *Committee.*
JAMES E. PARSONS, }

MEMORIAL ALDEN M. WETHERBEE.

Bro. EDWARD G. WESTON submitted the following memorial, which was accepted :

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN ALDEN MILLER WETHERBEE.

Almost invariably with the coming of each annual communication are we called to chronicle the demise of some member of this Grand Lodge. ALDEN MILLER WETHERBEE died at Union, Me., Oct. 15, 1908, aged 78 years, 6 months and 2 days.

BRO. WETHERBEE was born in Warren, April 30, 1830, and lived there until a short time before his death.

When a young man he associated himself with his father in a general store at the village, and later assumed the ownership, which he continued to run up to about 1890.

He was appointed postmaster under President Lincoln, and held the office for a period of twelve years. BRO. WETHERBEE was made a mason in St. George Lodge, No. 16, at Warren, March 1, 1852. He was Wor. Master of that lodge in 1858 and 9, and again in 1862, 3, 4. He was a member of King Solomon's Temple Chapter, King Hiram Council and Claremont Commandery of Rockland. It was in Masonry that we knew him best. He was a true mason, always interested in the welfare of the order, and willing to do what he could to further the interests of the same. He was much interested in masonic history in his vicinity, and owned a valuable collection of relics and old manuscript pertaining to the order.

BRO. WETHERBEE was elected Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, May 3, 1876. The best proof of his attachment to Masonry and to this Grand Lodge is the record he leaves behind, his attendance to our annual communication one year ago being his fifty-first consecutive one.

Personally our brother was a man of few words, and for that reason had few intimates. He was a man of deep thought, honest and strong in his convictions, and if called upon spoke them fearlessly. What was his duty to do he did, and knowing it was done right was all the reward he wanted. He rather disliked compliments or applause from others. To his few close friends which he had gathered around him he was a free and genial companion and much sought by them, and underneath his sober exterior his kind heart was ever willing to assist them in any worthy undertaking. He is survived by one son, who is a mason, a resident of Philadelphia. Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD G. WESTON.

MEMORIAL CURTIS R. FOSTER.

BRO. JOHN B. REDMAN submitted the following memorial, which was accepted:

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PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN CURTIS R. FOSTER.

How well and truly has it been said that :

"Before the fatal scythe of Death falls not the common grass alone, with worthless weeds and baser shrubs, but plants of renown: the tall and graceful cedar, the mighty oak that spreads its roots abroad, and the sweet lilies of the valley that neither toil nor spin. That with Death the robes of majesty and the rags of poverty find no distinction. He enters alike the humble cottage and the national palace, he drags the reluctant monarch from his throne and releases the galley slave from his toilsome oar."

On the thirty-first day of July, 1908, Bro. CURTIS R. FOSTER died at the Paine Private Hospital at Bangor. His illness, though brief, was most insidious, and only one week before his death did his sickness become alarming. In fact he was confined to his house but little more than a week when a consultation of physicians resulted in the decision that an immediate operation was necessary. He was taken to the hospital in Bangor, where skilled physicians operated upon him on Wednesday, July 28th, the operation disclosing the fact that the appendix was ruptured and that an abscess had formed. He rallied from the operation, but the disease had advanced so far that in the early morning of the following Friday he joined the innumerable caravan that is traveling on through the realm of space.

Bro. FOSTER was born at Ellsworth, Maine, July 25, 1861, and was 47 years of age at the time of his decease. As a very young man he entered the business of his father as a cabinet maker and undertaker and succeeded his father in that business. He added a furniture department, and later entered upon the marble and monument work which he conducted as a separate establishment. Bro. FOSTER was prominent in masonic circles. He had served as Master of Esoteric Lodge, High Priest of Acadia Royal Arch Chapter, and Commander of Blanquefort Commandery at Ellsworth. He was a member of the Council in Bangor. He had served as Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, and one year ago was appointed and installed as Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Maine. In all of these positions, while not so thorough a ritualist as some, he served the Masonic Order faithfully and was a popular presiding officer in the different masonic bodies over which he was called to preside. He was a member of Lejok Lodge, I. O. O. F., a member of the New England Order of Protection, a member of the Patrons of Husbandry and of the Dirigo Club of Ellsworth. He was a director of the Burrill National Bank and had served as a coroner for several years. He was prominent in the Maine Undertakers' Association and had served as President of that organization. He was a member of the Congregational Church and had been for several years one of its deacons. At the time

of his death he was the nominee of his party to the State Legislature from Ellsworth, and had frequently been urged to accept nominations for municipal offices but had always declined. He was active in religious, social, business and public affairs in the city. His natural instincts and genial disposition made him an especial favorite socially. In his varied activities he met people of many and numerous interests, and his death, the suddenness of which added to the shock, brought sorrow into many circles. Bro. FOSTER was of a family of ten children and his was the second death; all of the remaining brothers and sisters were present at the funeral. He married in 1882, Miss Minnie M. Goodwin, of Ellsworth, who with a daughter, Pauline, survives him. He was a most devoted husband and father. His was truly an ideal home life, where those who met Bro. FOSTER found him at his best. He was not only the devoted husband and father, but the genial host who thought only of his guests. Sunday, August 2, at the time of the year when nature had fully clothed itself anew in its coat of green, a perfect summer day, his remains were borne to the Congregational Church, where the funeral services were held. The floral offerings were mute but touching tributes to the memory of one whose ministrations at similar services could not be forgotten. There were more than one hundred of his masonic brethren in attendance, every seat in the church was occupied and many were unable to gain admittance. It was the largest attendance at any funeral in the locality for years. The impressive service was conducted by four resident clergymen; the funeral address given by Grand Chaplain, Rev. R. B. MATTHEWS, bore tribute to the life and character of this young man whose life work was thus suddenly closed.

While Bro. FOSTER was devoted to the Masonic Order and fraternity, he was a man of affairs in the community; his achievements and distinctions were not confined to the Masonic Order alone. He was persevering, earnest and prominent in every thing so far as his ability would allow that pertained to the welfare of his state, county and home city, and when we review what he had accomplished in the 47 years of his life, we dare to say that few if any with similar opportunities have ever closed a more successful career.

At 11.20 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 P. M.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, }
 Tuesday, May 4, 1909. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2.00 P. M.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the report on Foreign Correspondence in print, which was accepted, with permission to add reports on later proceedings. (*See Appendix.*)

FINANCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE, for the Committee of Finance, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 4, 1909.

Your Committee of Finance have attended to the duties required of them by the laws, and report that the bills have been audited, the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer have been examined, and their accounts are correct and are hereby certified. The records of the Grand Lodge are written up to date in a very satisfactory manner.

The receipts of the Grand Lodge for the past year have been as follows:

1908.	May 5.	Cash on hand from old account,	\$12,157.14
		Cash receipts for the year,	8,530.87
			<hr/> \$20,688.01 <hr/>

The expenditures have been,

1909.	May 4.	Cash on hand to new account,	\$ 9,260.86
			11,427.15
			<hr/> \$20,688.01 <hr/>

For the detailed account of the receipts and expenditures we refer to the report of the Grand Treasurer.

The amount of the invested fund to credit of Charity Fund is \$52,892.06.

The Committee submit the following recommendations:

That a Bond of the Meridian Water Co. for \$500 and a mortgage of \$2,800 now in the treasury of the Grand Lodge be turned over to the Trustees of the Charity Fund.

That to the Grand Lecturer be paid,	\$ 25.00
To the Grand Treasurer, including the cost of his bond,	300.00
To the Grand Secretary,	650.00
as compensation for their services for the year ending May 1, 1910.	
To the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for the year ending May 1, 1909,	100.00
Fraternally submitted,	

ALBRO E. CHASE, } *Committee.*
HUGH R. CHAPLIN, }

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was then accepted.

MCKINLEY LODGE.

A petition from nineteen brethren of McKinley, on the island of Mt. Desert, praying for a dispensation for a lodge to be called McKinley Lodge, was presented and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

ELECTION.

At 3 o'clock, the hour prescribed for the election of Grand Officers, the Grand Master invited to preside M. W. Past Grand Master HUGH R. CHAPLIN, who appointed the following committees to receive, sort and count votes:

- I. W. SCOTT SHOREY, WM. FREEMAN LORD, CHARLES F. PAINE.
- II. CHARLES W. CROSBY, LEANDER M. KENNISTON, MILLARD M. CASWELL.

These committees, having attended to their duties, reported the election of

EDMUND B. MALLET,	<i>M. W. Grand Master,</i>	Freeport;
ASHLEY A. SMITH, (Rev.)	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master,</i>	Belfast;
FRANK J. COLE,	" <i>Senior Grand Warden,</i>	Bangor;
WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY,	" <i>Junior Grand Warden,</i>	Lisbon;
MILLARD F. HICKS,	" <i>Grand Treasurer,</i>	Portland;
STEPHEN BERRY,	" <i>Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland.

Committee of Finance—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland; GEORGE R. SHAW, PORTLAND; HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor.

Trustees of Charity Fund for three years—ARCHIE L. TALBOT, Lewiston; LEANDER M. KENNISTON, Camden.

Trustee of Charity Fund for one year (to fill vacancy)—HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.

The reports were accepted.

The Grand Master resumed the East, thanking Bro. CHAPLIN for his assistance.

CERTIFICATE OF CHARTER.

A Certificate of Charter was granted to Mechanics' Lodge, No. 66, of Orono.

At 4:05 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 P. M. Wednesday.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, }
 Wednesday, May 5, 1909. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 P. M.

The Grand Master called to the East M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, who, after some

remarks, invited the officers of Deering Lodge, No. 183, of Portland, to occupy the stations and exemplify the Master Mason's degree.

Deering Lodge, ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Worshipful Master, assisted by the Temple Quartet of Lewiston, conferred the third degree upon one candidate.

The Grand Lecturer resumed the East, and, after some remarks, surrendered it to the M. W. Grand Master.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were unanimously voted to Deering Lodge for the beautiful and impressive work presented.

At 4:35 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, }
Thursday, May 6, 1909. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 A. M.

GREIVANCES AND APPEALS.

BRO. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, reported as follows :

IN GRAND LODGE, PORTLAND, May 6, 1909.
To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have carefully considered such matters as have been placed in their hands and respectfully present the following report, viz :

Several cases have come to us, some of which, we are glad to report, have been settled by the brethren interested, making reference to them here unnecessary.

The others are:

That of Trinity Lodge, No. 130, at Presque Isle, against RENALDO H. McDONALD, wherein Bro. McDONALD was expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry. We recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the doings of Trinity Lodge in this matter be approved and confirmed, and that Bro. RENALDO H. McDONALD be expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

Second, The case of Freeport Lodge, No. 23, at Freeport, against RALPH W. STETSON, wherein Bro. STETSON was expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry. We recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the action of Freeport Lodge, No. 23, in expelling Bro. RALPH W. STETSON, be approved and confirmed, and that Bro. RALPH W. STETSON be hereby expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In the case of Naval Lodge, No. 184, at Kittery, against Bro. CHARLES B. PINKHAM, in which Bro. PINKHAM was expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry. We recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the doings of Naval Lodge in expelling Bro. CHARLES B. PINKHAM be approved and confirmed, and that Bro. CHARLES B. PINKHAM be expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In the matter of the petition of Riverside Lodge, No. 135, at Jefferson, for the restoration of SARGIE L. WARREN, The facts are that Bro. WARREN was indefinitely suspended from his masonic rights for making false statements in his affiliation.

The brethren of Riverside Lodge believe, and your committee are convinced, that Bro. WARREN did not make these statements with any personal intention to defraud, but was unduly influenced by indiscreet friends. The committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and that Bro. SARGIE L. WARREN be relieved of his sentence of indefinite suspension, and be hereby restored to all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

C. I. COLLAMORE, }
JOS. M. HAYES, } *Committee.*
BENJ. L. HADLEY, }

The report was accepted, and the recommendations, after being severally considered, were adopted.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

BRO. ALFRED S. KIMBALL submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 6, 1909.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the proposed Standing Regulation, found on page 49 of 1908 Proceedings, relating to certificates in the nature of a dimit, to be granted by lodges to Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, have given the subject careful consideration, and are unanimously of the opinion that such legislation is not necessary, and would be of no advantage to the Fraternity. We therefore recommend that the same be not adopted.

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, {
C. L. COLLAMORE, } *Committee.*

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

BRO. WM. R. G. ESTES reported as follows :

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 6, 1909.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters beg to present the following report :

In the case of eleven petitioners for a dispensation for a new lodge in the town of Surry, we recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

In the case of nineteen petitioners for a new lodge in the town of Tremont to be called McKinley Lodge, which comes before us with the constitutional requirements and recommended by the District Deputy Grand Master of that district, we recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, the dispensation to be returned May, 1910.

In the case of continuing the dispensation of Meduncook Lodge, U. D., in the town of Friendship, your committee have faced an embarrassing situation, but have not shrunk from their duty, however embarrassing and unpleasant. We regret to say that we are not satisfied with the papers and book of record as presented to us. We do, however, recommend the continuance of the dispensation on the express condition that on or before July 6, 1909, a suitable record book be procured, a competent secretary selected, and the records, supposed to be the minutes and proceedings of the lodge from the beginning, be transcribed from the old to the new, in accordance with the form laid down as a model in our

Masonic Text Book, and hereafter kept as required by masonic usage, to the satisfaction of the Grand Master or his representative.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. R. G. ESTES,
ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, } *Committee.*
FRANKLIN R. REDLON,

The report was accepted, and the recommendations, after being severally considered, were adopted :

LIBRARY.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE submitted the following report, which was accepted and the recommendations adopted :

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 6, 1909.

The Committee on Library submit their report and include therein the report of the Librarian, as follows:

PORTLAND, ME., May 4, 1909.

To the Library Committee of the

Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Maine.

The following gifts for the Library have been received during the past year, and have been acknowledged by the Grand Secretary:

From the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, an interesting and valuable "History of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," Vol. I, 477 pp., coming down to the year 1786, compiled from the records of Lodge No. 2, of Philadelphia, by Bros. NORRIS S. BARRATT and JULIUS F. SACHSE, Grand Lodge Librarian.

From the Grand Chapter of Alabama, reprint of proceedings, 1823-1852.

The catalogues of the two libraries and the two catalogues of duplicates have been kept up to date.

HERBERT HARRIS, *Grand Librarian.*

As usual we recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be placed at the disposal of the committee with which to purchase books, and that power be given them to bind such proceedings as come to the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLET, }
ALBRO E. CHASE, } *Committee.*
JOHN W. BALLOU,

HISTORY.

BRO. HERBERT HARRIS offered the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

PORTLAND, May 6, 1909.

To the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Maine.

Your Committee on History has heard from but three lodges during the past year, as follows:

Ashlar, 105, Lewiston, 1894 to 1908, by M. W. WILLIAM J. BURNHAM; typed, bound and illustrated; 81 pp.

Monument, 96, Houlton, blue print historical chart of officers, from organization, 1858 to 1908, by CHARLES E. F. STETSON, Sec.

Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls, 1892 to 1906, typed, 22 pages.

The small number of histories received is not a surprise to your committee, it being assumed that the majority of the lodges have in preparation the instalment of their history which falls due in 1910. In this connection the committee ventures to repeat here one item of masonic history, as follows: In the year 1866 the Grand Lodge adopted this Standing Regulation :

"Resolved, That after all the lodges shall have furnished their histories to the present time, it shall be their duty once in ten years, commencing in 1870, to furnish their history for the preceding decade, or so much as shall be lacking."

A few old lodges, named in the report on History in 1908, have the unenviable distinction of having thus far ignored this duty to the Grand Lodge and to the Craft at large. Upon the representatives of those lodges who are here to-day your committee lays the responsibility of having the history of their lodges prepared before the older members, who can best furnish reminiscences of former times, shall have been taken away.

Besides these few old lodges, every lodge in Maine which has not furnished its history within the last few years should take immediate steps to have prepared such a history, from the date of their latest instalment to the end of 1909, and deposited with the Grand Secretary before the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

HERBERT HARRIS, } *Committee.*
F. L. DAY, }

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

BRO. HENRY R. TAYLOR presented the following report, which was accepted :

IN GRAND LODGE, May 6, 1909.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Condition of the Fraternity have attended to the duties assigned them and submit the following report:

Of the reports of the twenty-five District Deputies, twenty-two only have been received by your Committee. From these reports we are assured of improvement in the condition of the Fraternity throughout our Jurisdiction. All testify to the efficiency and zeal of lodge officers, improved condition of rooms and furnishing, financial methods, accuracy of work and a laudable ambition to make their work and teachings to the highest extent thorough and impressive. We especially commend the report of the Deputy of the 13th District. The meetings for instruction held by the Grand Lecturer are very important and should be continued. We note that the gain in membership was proportionately less the past year, but we feel confident that care is taken in the selection of candidates. The strength of any masonic body is not measured by its numbers, but by the character of the men who compose it.

It is encouraging to note that the Grand Master has granted no dispensations to confer degrees other than under the method prescribed by the Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY R. TAYLOR,
HOWARD D. SMITH,
ALBERT M. PENLEY, } *Committee.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Bro. WM. R. G. ESTES, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, reported that no business had come before them, and the report was accepted.

PAY ROLL.

Bro. FRED C. CHALMERS reported as follows:

PORTLAND, May 6, 1909.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Pay Roll have prepared a schedule which is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer,

FRED C. CHALMERS,
THOS. H. BODGE,
FRANK E. MONROE, } *Committee.*

Report accepted and schedule ordered paid.

CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

Certificates of Charter were voted to the following lodges:

- York, No. 22, Kennebunk.
- Wilton, No. 156, Wilton.
- Lewey's Island, No. 138, Princeton.
- Webster, No. 164, Sabattus.

TENNESSEE.

An "Address" from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was presented and was ordered on file.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

R. W. ALBERT M. AMES presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and was received and welcomed.

INSTALLATION AND APPOINTMENTS.

Past Grand Master CHARLES I. COLLAMORE was called to the East and Past Grand Master HENRY R. TAYLOR invited to act as Grand Marshal. The Grand Master elect, EDMUND BUXTON MALLET, was presented and was duly installed as M. W. Grand Master, prayer being offered by Rev. WM. H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments:

R. W.	HERBERT HARRIS,	<i>Corr. Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
"	HERBERT W. TRAFTON,	<i>D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i>	Ft. Fairfield
"	ISAAC N. JONES,	" 2d "	Calais
"	MILLARD H. WISWELL,	" 3d "	E. Machias
"	MOSES D. JOYCE,	" 4th "	Deer Isle
"	FRANK B. ARNOLD,	" 5th "	Dexter
"	JOHN E. EMERSON,	" 6th "	Hampden
"	WILLIS J. GREELEY,	" 7th "	Liberty
"	ISAAC HILLS,	" 8th "	Northport
"	WINFIELD S. CLARK,	" 9th "	S. Thomaston
"	LEWIS A. DUNTON,	" 10th "	Booth'y Har
"	JOHN M. PRESCOTT,	" 11th "	Monmouth
"	BERT K. MESERVEY,	" 12th "	N. Vassalboro
"	DAVID G. BEAN,	" 13th "	Bingham
"	N. GRATZ JACKSON,	" 14th "	Bath
"	CLEFF MAXWELL,	" 15th "	Weld
"	NED I. SWAN,	" 16th "	Bryant's Pond
"	FREDERICK H. DOLE,	" 17th "	Yarmouth
"	DANIEL G. CHAPLIN,	" 18th "	Cornish
"	JOHN M. BURLEIGH,	" 19th "	S. Berwick
"	DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE,	" 20th "	Lincoln
"	EDGAR J. TRUSSELL,	" 21st "	Bar Harbor
"	MELVIN W. KNOWLES,	" 22d "	Cambridge
"	JAMES H. LITTLEFIELD,	" 23d "	Alfred
"	LEWIS V. WINSHIP,	" 24th "	Lewiston
"	GEORGE H. MOOERS,	" 25th "	Ashland
W.	REV. WM. H. FULTZ,	<i>Grand Chaplain,</i>	Portland
"	REV. ROBERT R. MORSON,	" "	Yarmouth
"	REV. HARRY E. ROUILLARD,	" "	Stockton Springs
"	REV. LEWIS D. EVANS,	" "	Camden
"	FREEMAN M. GRANT,	<i>Grand Marshal,</i>	Freeport
"	SILAS B. ADAMS,	" <i>Senior Deacon,</i>	Portland
"	ALFRED H. BURROUGHS,	" <i>Junior Deacon,</i>	Westbrook
"	CONVERS E. LEACH,	" <i>Steward,</i>	Portland
"	GERALD A. PEABODY,	" "	Rumford Falls
"	CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	" "	Belfast
"	CHARLES T. HARRIS,	" "	Detroit
"	LEVI C. EMERY,	" <i>Sword Bearer,</i>	Skowhegan
"	JOSEPH A. SPRAGUE,	" <i>Standard Bearer,</i>	Islesboro
"	WARREN C. KING,	" <i>Pursuivant,</i>	Portland
"	CARL G. WISWELL,	" "	East Machias
M. W.	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" <i>Lecturer,</i>	Sabattus

W. WALTER S. SMITH,	<i>Grand Organist,</i>	Portland
" WARREN O. CARNEY,	" <i>Tyler,</i>	Portland

The officers elected and appointed, who were present, were installed by P. G. M. COLLAMORE, and proclamation was made.

The Grand Master resumed the chair and thanked Bro. COLLAMORE for his assistance. He then announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.

SILAS B. ADAMS, RALPH H. BURBANK, LEVI C. EMERY.

On Grievances and Appeals.

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, JOSEPH M. HAYES, BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.

On Publication.

FESSENDEN I. DAY, SAMUEL L. MILLER, MILLARD M. CASWELL.

On History.

HERBERT HARRIS, FESSENDEN I. DAY, WILLIAM N. HOWE.

On Dispensations and Charters.

AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM, ARCHIE L. TALBOT, FRANKLIN R. REDLON.

On Amendments to the Constitution.

WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, W. SCOTT SHOREY, HUGH R. CHAPLIN.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, CHAS. I. COLLAMORE, WILLIAM J. BURNHAM.

On Foreign Correspondence.

ALBRO E. CHASE, ALFRED S. KIMBALL, AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM.

On Condition of the Fraternity.

HENRY R. TAYLOR, HOWARD D. SMITH, ALBERT M. PENLEY.

On Library.

GRAND MASTER (*ex-officio*), ALBRO E. CHASE, JOHN W. BALLOU.

On Transportation.

STEPHEN BERRY, WM. FREEMAN LORD, JAMES E. PARSONS.

On Returns.

STEPHEN BERRY, EDWIN A. PORTER, JAMES C. AYER.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Bro. JOSEPH M. HAYES, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that the business of the communication was all transacted, which report was accepted.

The minutes were then read by the Assistant Grand Secretary and were approved.

At 11 o'clock the Grand Lodge was closed, prayer being offered by Rev. Bro WM. H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.

Attest :

*Stephen Berry,**Grand Secretary.*

The ninety-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge will be held at Masonic Hall, Portland, on Tuesday, May 3, 1910, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Reports • of • District • Deputy • Grand • Masters.

FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District.

I attended the School of Instruction at Bangor last fall and found it instructive and enjoyable.

During the year I have visited every lodge in the district and witnessed work in all of them.

I have examined the books and records in all of the lodges in the district, and in nearly every instance have found that the secretary and treasurer have failed to make a satisfactory report of the finances in their respective lodges at the annual meeting, and I have also found in many instances that there has been no mention made in the records that the Secretary and Treasurer have ever made reports, nor that the same were ever examined by the finance committee. To correct this error I have recommended in all lodges in the district that at the annual meeting of each lodge the Secretary and Treasurer should each file a report in writing of the funds received and paid out by him, which reports after being read should be referred to the finance committee by vote of the lodge. The finance committee should then make a report in writing, and then, by vote of the lodge, the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and finance committee should be accepted and spread upon the records. At the present time it is almost impossible for a visiting officer to ascertain the financial condition of a lodge in this district from any books or records that he can find. This certainty is not as it should be, and should the above recommendation be carried out it will then be an easy matter for a visiting officer to see how each lodge stands financially

by simply referring to the records of the last annual meeting. I should recommend that the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer should not only contain the amount of funds received and paid out, but also that the Secretary's report should show the membership of the lodge, the number raised during the year, the number dimitted, the number suspended and expelled for any cause, the amount of dues in arrears, and a list of such members as are sufficiently in arrears to be subject to suspension. The Treasurer's report should not only contain the amount of money received and paid out, but also a brief inventory of all property of the lodge.

At the present time the First Masonic District is composed of the following lodges: Pioneer Lodge, No. 72, at Ashland; Eastern Frontier Lodge, No. 112, at Fort Fairfield; Trinity Lodge, No. 130, at Presque Isle; Caribou Lodge, No. 170, at Caribou; Washburn Lodge, No. 193, at Washburn, and Fort Kent Lodge, No. 209, at Fort Kent. I wish to state that Pioneer and Fort Kent lodges are on the Ashland Branch of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad. By road Ashland is about thirty miles from Caribou, and Fort Kent is forty-two miles, and if these lodges are to be reached by team, two trips have to be made in order to do so. Visitations usually have to be made in the winter time, and on account of the extreme distance and bad roads it is almost impossible to visit them by team. In order to reach them by rail it is necessary to travel down the main line of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad through Houlton, thence to Ashland Junction and up the Ashland Branch, Ashland being one hundred and twenty-two miles from Caribou, and Fort Kent one hundred and seventy-two miles. The time required to reach Fort Kent from Caribou is greater than that required to reach Bangor. The other lodges in the district are in a radius of about ten miles from Caribou. The Twenty-fifth District is composed of Aroostook Lodge, No. 197, at Blaine; Monument Lodge, No. 96, at Houlton; Island Falls Lodge, No. 206, at Island Falls; Molunkus Lodge, No. 165, at Sherman; Katahdin Lodge, No. 98, at Patten, and Nollesemic Lodge, No. 205, at Millinocket. It strikes me that if Pioneer Lodge at Ashland, and Fort Kent Lodge at Fort Kent, were put in the Twenty-fifth District, and Monument Lodge at Houlton, and Aroostook Lodge at Blaine, were put in the First District, it would be much better for all concerned, besides being a great saving for the Grand Lodge. I have talked this over with all the lodges in my district and with Bro. HOWARD PIERCE, Master of Aroostook Lodge, and all agree with me that this arrangement would be much more convenient and inexpensive for all concerned. Aroostook Lodge is only about fifteen miles south of Presque Isle on the main line of railroad, and Monument Lodge at Houlton is only forty-five miles.

The business interests of the northern part of the Twenty-fifth District and that part of First District along the main line of railroad are much in common, and if this change could be made, I am satisfied that it would be a great improvement over the present arrangements.

March 1st, I made my official visit to Trinity Lodge at Presque Isle, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on one candidate, which was done in a creditable manner. I went over the books and record of Trinity Lodge during the afternoon and found their dues heavily in arrears, but the Secretary, Bro. VIVIAN HOWE, who has just been elected to that office and who has already taken this matter up in earnest, will undoubtedly make a different showing another year. Trinity Lodge is the largest in the district and is full of life and interest.

March 3d, accompanied by Bro. H. H. WHITNEY, Master of Caribou Lodge, I officially visited Eastern Frontier Lodge at Fort Fairfield and witnessed work in both the F. C. and M. M. degrees, which was very well and most impressively rendered, but few errors appearing. I looked over the books and records and found them in fair condition and dues fairly well collected. A banquet was served at the close of the work.

March 17th, accompanied by Bro. J. W. H. PORTER, Secretary of Caribou Lodge, I visited Washburn Lodge at Washburn and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate, which was very impressively rendered. There were some visitors from Trinity Lodge present, including the Master, Bro. HARRY E. WELLINGTON. This is one of the smallest lodges in the district, and although very little work has been done the past year it is in a flourishing condition. The members are a lot of good fellows and Masonry means considerable to them. The records are in the hands of Bro. E. M. HINES, who has held this office for many years, and I do not need to say they are in good hands. After the work we repaired to the banquet hall above and did full justice to one of Washburn's famous banquets.

March 23d, I left Caribou on the 6:40 train for Fort Kent and arrived there at 2:30 in the afternoon. In the evening witnessed work in the F. C. and M. M. degrees on one candidate, which under all circumstances was as commendably rendered as in any other lodge in the district. Fort Kent Lodge is the youngest lodge in the district, and owing to its location, being practically in a French community, it labors under a great many difficulties. Its two Past Masters, Brothers HOWARD PIERCE and WILLIAM N. GOULD, have moved away, and also its present Master, Bro. J. J. McASKILL, moved away some time ago, leaving the lodge in charge of the Senior Warden, Bro. HARDY A. SAWYER, who never held an office in a masonic lodge until elected Senior Warden last year. A great deal of credit is due him, however, for the amount of work done and time

spent in mastering the work, and the able manner that he has carried on the work since Bro. McASKILL went away. There were present many visitors, including Bro. JOHN E. WHITNEY, Master of Pioneer Lodge, Bro. CHARLES McNELLEY of Pioneer Lodge, Bro. WILLIAM N. GOULD of Fort Fairfield, Past Master of Fort Kent Lodge, Bro. AARON LAWSON, Master of Bethel Lodge at Edmundston, New Brunswick, and twelve other brothers from Bethel Lodge. The records of the lodge are in good hands, and dues fairly well collected. A banquet was served at the close of the work, after which Bro. SAWYER called upon AMAZIAH FENLASON to act as toastmaster. Bro. FENLASON was at his best, and the bright and witty way in which he called upon the various speakers created much laughter among the brethren. My visit to Fort Kent Lodge was certainly a very pleasant one and I shall always remember it.

March 24th, I took the 5:40 A. M. train from Fort Kent and arrived at Ashland shortly before eight o'clock. After dinner Bro. GEORGE H. MOOERS called for me at the Hotel Exchange and took me to ride about the beautiful village of Ashland, which I very much enjoyed. Later in the day I was called upon by Bro. JOHN E. WHITNEY, Master of Pioneer Lodge, who showed me their new masonic home. Pioneer Lodge certainly has an elegant home, and has the honor of being the only lodge in the district that owns a building devoted wholly to masonic work and one which has been constructed throughout on masonic principles, and they are deservedly proud of it. In the evening, work was witnessed in the M. M. degree and was very impressively rendered. Pioneer Lodge has an able corps of officers, who take great interest in the work. Bro. KALLOCH, who has filled the position of Chaplain for many years, recited the lessons and performed the other duties required of him in an exceedingly impressive manner. I found the records in good condition and dues fairly well collected. A banquet was served after the work.

I have not made an official visit to Caribou Lodge, No. 170, which is my home lodge, but have been present at nearly every meeting during the year. I installed its officers at its annual meeting in December, and have gone through the ritual with its officers and have from time to time made such corrections and such suggestions as I deemed necessary. The records are still in the hands of Past Master A. A. GARDEN and are in good condition, the dues being fairly well collected.

In December I was asked to install the officers of Eastern Frontier Lodge, Trinity Lodge and Washburn Lodge, but on account of taking a trip to the Pacific Coast during the months of December and January was unable to do so, which pleasure I very much regretted.

During my visits to the various lodges I have found it necessary to make some corrections and suggestions. Every lodge in the district is

in good condition, and on the whole Masonry in the First District is in a very prosperous condition.

All of the lodges in this district made reports promptly with Grand Lodge dues, which have been transmitted to the Grand Treasurer.

In conclusion, M. W., accept my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me as District Deputy Grand Master of the First District.

I also wish to thank the officers and brethren in the district for the very kind and courteous way they received me.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES G. BRIGGS, *D. D. G. M., 1st M. D.*

Carihou, April 15, 1909.

SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to herewith submit my second annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Second Masonic District.

On January 21st, I installed the officers of Washington Lodge at Lubec.

February 17th, I made an official visit to Crescent Lodge at Pembroke and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree. It was very nicely done. I also inspected the books and found them nicely kept. Bro. WILBUR is a very efficient Secretary. The lodge is in good financial condition.

March 1st, I visited St. Croix Lodge at Calais and witnessed the work in the E. A. degree. Bro. WILLIAM E. MANN, as Master, is doing excellent work, and he has a very efficient corps of officers. P. M. ISAAC JONES, as Secretary, is the right man in the right place. He makes an excellent record and has succeeded in collecting the dues in a fine manner. This lodge is in good financial condition, and hopes soon to have a new home.

March 10th, I attended the 21st annual convention of the lodges in this district. By invitation it was held with Crescent Lodge at Pembroke. It was one of the worst storms of the season, which affected the attendance greatly. Notwithstanding this all the lodges were represented, and about 175 were in attendance. The convention was called to order at 2.30 P. M., and this being a special meeting of Crescent Lodge, the lodge was opened in due form in the M. M. degree. Work was then suspended in the M. M. degree, and a lodge of E. A. opened.

The Master of Crescent Lodge invited the officers of Washington Lodge to assume the stations and exemplify the work in the E. A. degree. The work of the E. A. degree was well done by Washington Lodge, and after a few criticisms and corrections, the lodge of E. A. was closed without form. The Master of Crescent Lodge then invited the officers of Eastern Lodge of Eastport to assume the stations, and a lodge of F. C. was opened and work exemplified in the F. C. degree. The F. C. degree was worked in an excellent manner. Bro. FRANK C. JEWETT, of Eastern Lodge, makes an excellent Master, and he is ably supported by his officers. After a few criticisms and corrections, a lodge of F. C. was closed and work resumed in the M. M. degree. The lodge was then called from labor to refreshments, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a most excellent banquet was served by the ladies of Pennamaquam Chapter, O. E. S. The tables were finely spread with abundance of good things, and most excellent service was rendered.

At 7 P. M. the craft was again called to labor, and Crescent Lodge worked the M. M. degree. Very few criticisms were made, as the work was well done. After the work, pleasing remarks were made by several, and all agree that a greater degree of proficiency has been attained and a more uniformity of work established throughout the district as a result of these conventions. An invitation was extended by the Master of Washington Lodge, Bro. Trecartin, for the convention to meet at Lubec next year.

Washington Lodge being my home lodge, I have been present at nearly every meeting this year. This lodge is doing good work, the dues are well collected and the finances are in excellent condition. In the death of Past District Deputy JAMES B. NEAGLE this lodge has sustained a great loss. Bro. NEAGLE was one of the faithful ones. He never missed a session of the lodge when able to attend, knew its history perfectly and was excellent authority on Masonry. He was Treasurer of Washington Lodge for over 25 years and one to be counted on in all charitable work. He was probably better known throughout the Second District than any other mason. He will be greatly missed both in his own lodge and in the district.

I could not arrange to visit Lewy's Island Lodge, as it would take me three days from home the way the train connections are. I know the lodge to be in excellent condition and the records well kept and in excellent hands. This lodge has been the banner lodge in the district this year in the line of work, having initiated thirteen.

I did not visit Eastern Lodge, as I witnessed its excellent work in the convention and knew the records were perfectly kept by Past D. D. G. M.

WHEELER C. HAWKES. This lodge has been generously remembered, this year, in the will of one of its former members.

In general, Masonry in the Second District is in good condition. All the Secretaries were very prompt in sending in their returns.

In closing, I desire to thank all the officers and members of the several lodges in the district, for the very many favors shown and the kind and courteous way in which they have received me at all times.

And to you, M. W., accept my sincere thanks for the honor you conferred upon me in appointing me D. D. G. M. of the Second District.

Fraternally submitted,

IRVING W. CASE, *D. D. G. M. 2d M. D.*

Lubec, April 19, 1909.

THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

BRO. FORREST L. STEVENS was appointed D. D. G. M. at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in May, 1908. He resigned in December of the same year and I was appointed in his place December 31, 1908.

January 4, 1909, I was installed by Past D. D. G. M. Bro. WILLIS ALLEN, assisted by Bros. HERBERT BOWKER as S. W. and EPHIE FARNSWORTH as Marshal at a special communication of Harwood Lodge, No. 91.

January 13th, at a public joint installation of the Blue Lodge and O. E. S., assisted by Bros. E. E. TIBBETS as Marshal and S. M. BOWLES as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Tuscan Lodge, No. 106, at Addison. After the installation Bro. BOWLES delivered a fine masonic address. A substantial supper was served in the town hall at 6:30 P. M., previous to the installation.

January 18th, at a public installation of the lodge, with the assistance of Bros. WILLIS ALLEN as Marshal and T. ROSCOE as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Harwood, No. 91, at Machias. Refreshments were served at the close.

January 25th, assisted by Bros. WARREN SAWYER as Marshal, and HENRY GREY as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Pleiades Lodge, No. 173, at Milbridge. At the close of the installation I conferred the P. M. degree on Bros. HENRY GREY and H. H. BRAZZELL. Supper was then served.

January 26th, at a joint installation of the lodge and R. A. Chapter,

assisted by Bros. E. R. WINGATE as Marshal, and T. M. PATTISON as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Narraguagus Lodge, No. 88, at Cherryfield. Refreshments were served at the close.

February 2d, at a public installation, assisted by Bros. E. E. TIBBETTS as Marshal and E. C. BROWN as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Jonesport Lodge, No. 188, of Jonesport. I then conferred the P. M. degree on Bro. CUMMINGS, after which a fine banquet was served.

March 5th, at a public joint installation of the lodge and R. A. Chapter, assisted by Bros. F. L. TALBOT as Marshal, and F. K. ELLSWORTH as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Warren, No. 2, of East Machias. Supper was served at 6:30, previous to the installation.

March 9th, at a public installation, assisted by Bros. F. S. STEVENS as Marshal and E. C. BROWN as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Lookout Lodge, No. 131, of Cutler. A fine supper was served at the close.

March 17th, by courtesy of Harwood Lodge, No. 91, held a Masonic Convention at Machias. The members of this lodge were a great help to me and assisted in making the convention a success. Owing to the lateness of the season, bad weather, and sickness, Narraguagus, No. 88, and Jonesport, No. 188, were not represented, and Pleiades, No. 173, by only four members. Warren, No. 2, Harwood, No. 91, Tuscan, No. 106, and Lookout, No. 131, were well represented and the hall was well filled. In the afternoon Lookout, No. 131, worked the E. A. degree and Harwood, No. 91, the F. C. degree. Supper was served at 6:30 by Harwood, No. 91, and in the evening the M. M. degree was exemplified by Tuscan, No. 106. The working of the three degrees was closely followed by the members present, and remarks were made by them at the close of each degree. The work was all done in a creditable manner, and the convention was declared to be a success by the members present. It was voted to have the next convention at Machias, January, 1910, the exact date to be assigned by the Deputy. I take this opportunity to thank the brethren of the different lodges for their assistance. Without their help the convention would have been a failure. I hope at the next one every lodge in the district will be well represented and ready to work the degree assigned them.

I find all the lodges in the Third district in good shape, not rich, but paying their bills and dispensing charity without calling on the Grand Charity fund.

Every lodge has a good and efficient set of officers, and especially fine secretaries, and the district is making steady gains, having now over 900 members.

In 1867, the next year after the Second and Third districts were

formed out of the Ninth district, there were only 502 members in the Third district. Now we have 903, making a gain of 401, notwithstanding the fact that many other orders have been formed with large memberships.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLARD H. WISWELL, *D. D. G. M. 3d M. D.*
East Machias, May 1, 1909.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my second report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District.

I have officially visited every lodge in the district and I am pleased to report the general conditions most excellent; quite an amount of work has been done, and well done, and harmony prevails.

November 4th, I made my official visit to Naskeag Lodge at Brooklin. I witnessed the work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a creditable manner; this lodge has not done much work for the past year, but there was a good attendance. Records are well kept and neat and dues very well collected. I consider this lodge in a prosperous condition.

December 16th, I called a District Convention at Castine. The Convention was held in Emerson Hall, dispensation having been granted; every lodge in the district was represented and over two hundred masons were present. The Convention was called to order at 2 P. M. Rising Star Lodge of Penobscot exemplified work on the E. A. degree and the work was well done. Eggmoggin Lodge of Sedgwick exemplified the work on the F. C. degree. The officers of the lodge are young and interested, so the work was well done. At 6 P. M. a banquet was served, where over two hundred sat down, the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star serving the supper, and much credit is due them for their kindness. At 8 P. M. the Convention was called to order. Hancock Lodge worked the M. M. degree on WARREN P. HOOPER and the work was well done. After the raising remarks were made by several of the brethren, followed by music by the Castine Orchestra. The Convention was a success in every respect.

December 30th, I made my official visit to Rising Star Lodge, where I examined the books, which were well kept and the dues well paid up. Having seen this lodge work at Convention I did not ask them to ex-

emplify the work. This lodge is in a prosperous condition, with young and bright officers. I installed the officers in the presence of the masons and their families, assisted by P. M. GEORGE E. PARSONS as Grand Marshal.

January 2d, by invitation, I visited and installed the officers of Bagaduce Lodge in the presence of the brethren and their families, assisted by P. M. GEORGE E. PARSONS as Grand Marshal.

January 7th, I privately installed the officers of Hancock Lodge, my home lodge, assisted by P. M. JOHN F. REA as Grand Marshal. The officers are young and much interested in the work, so I have no doubt of the future of this lodge.

January 18th, I made my official visit to Ira Berry Lodge and witnessed the work on the E. A. degree upon two candidates. This lodge has not done much work for the past year, but the work was well done, the records are well kept and dues well paid up. By invitation I installed the officers of the lodge, assisted by P. M. STANLEY acting as Grand Marshal. After the installation we sat down to a fine supper.

January 25th, I made my official visit to Eggenoggin Lodge, Sedgwick, and witnessed the work on the E. A. degree which was very well done. The records are neatly kept and dues well paid up. This lodge is in a prosperous condition.

February 2d, I made my official visit to Reliance Lodge, Stonington, and witnessed the conferring of the M. M. degree, which was done in a satisfactory manner. By invitation of the W. M. I installed the officers of the lodge. The records are well kept, dues well paid up and the lodge is in a prosperous condition. A banquet was served after the lodge was closed.

February 23d, I made my official visit to Marine Lodge, Deer Isle, and witnessed the work on the M. M. degree. Both the ritual and floor work were fine. This lodge has done a lot of work for the past year, and all good material, and much more is left. All young members are interested and this is the largest lodge in the district. The records are in the hands of Bro. JOYCE, are well kept and the dues are well paid up. This lodge has a fine hall, banquet room, toilet and kitchen.

February 27th, I made my official visit to Bagaduce Lodge and witnessed the work on the E. A. degree. The work was very well done, considering that it was the first time the new officers had done any work. I made a number of suggestions, which were received in a masonic spirit. For the past year the records have not been kept as well as they were the year before, but they now have a new Secretary, and I impressed it upon the Master to have the books straightened out. This lodge labors under some difficulties, as they have no old Past Masters to

give advice and instructions, and the members are scattered over quite a territory. They need instruction and encouragement.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Grand Master, with this ends my duties as D. D. G. M. of the Fourth Masonic District. On account of my business I was unable to visit either of the Schools of Instruction, which I very much regretted. Now, Most Worshipful, please accept my sincere thanks for the honor that you have conferred upon me. I also take the opportunity to thank the officers and brethren of all the lodges in the district for the kind and courteous way in which they have treated me.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

CHARLES H. HOOPER, *D. D. G. M. 4th M. D.*

Castine, April 1, 1909.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my third annual report of the Fifth Masonic District.

I received my appointment late in the season and could not get installed until September 7th, which was done by P. M. FRANK L. BRADLEY.

On October 16th, I went to La Grange to install the officers of Composite Lodge in presence of a goodly number of invited friends. This lodge is getting along well, with one of the best halls in the district, but is somewhat indebted; they are meeting their payments as they become due.

In December I visited Doric Lodge at Monson, when they worked the Third degree, which was well done, each officer trying to see how well he could work, and when they all try you can consider that the lodge is in good hands. The books are well kept in a neat manner, and the financial condition of the lodge is good. Later in the winter I again visited Doric Lodge, and publicly installed the officers into their several stations in the presence of the Eastern Star and other friends.

In January, I visited Mt. Kineo Lodge at Guilford and installed their officers. I witnessed work in the E. A. degree. There were two candidates, and but few corrections were to be made on the first; but the second candidate got the degree, in my opinion, as well as any lodge can give it.

A fine supper was served in the refreshment room after the work was done. The financial condition of Mt. Kineo Lodge is good, so they can help the needy, hardly noticing that they have paid away any money.

Soon after this I was taken so ill that I could not ride with any comfort, and through the kindness of Bro. ANGUS O. CAMPBELL, of Sangerville, he visited Columbia Lodge at Greenville and Abner Wade Lodge at Sangerville. He reported that both of these lodges were doing good work; records well kept and the financial condition was good. Abner Wade Lodge is one of the youngest lodges, and as their territory is small it does not grow as fast as some others, but I think that where the applicants are few they have a better chance to be satisfied about their voting and make no mistakes.

In March, I visited Penobscot Lodge at Dexter. They worked the M. M. degree in a very satisfactory manner. This I think was the first work of the present officers in the M. M. degree, and as there was a large number of visitors present from other lodges, five or six different lodges being represented. I think it was a credit to them.

Olive Branch Lodge is my masonic home. I made no official visit, as I attended nearly every meeting. The financial affairs of the lodge are good, own their hall and have no debt.

Pleasant River Lodge and Mosaic Lodge I had to stay away from, not being able to ride, and knowing that they to do good work and intend to keep it up. With the number of Past Masters they have, that take such interest in their lodge as they do, they will keep on the level with the best.

And now, M. W. Grand Master, thanking you for the honor you conferred on me for the third time,

I am yours fraternally,

GEORGE S. WALKER, *D. D. G. M. 5th M. D.*

Charleston, April 16, 1909.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my official report as D. D. G. M. for the Sixth Masonic District.

While the current year has not been so prosperous in point of increase of members, having made only a net gain of twenty-nine members as against fifty-three for the previous year, all the lodges, with one excep-

tion, have made a net gain and that one a net loss of four. The same spirit of interest seems to be manifested and all the lodges are in a most prosperous condition.

My first official visit for the year was October 19th, when I installed the officers of my own lodge, Star in the East. The installation was private, at a special communication, commencing at 4:30 in the afternoon, with work in the M. M. degree on two candidates. Banquet at 6:30. Work was resumed in the evening, after which the officers were installed into their respective stations, Wor. Bro. V. E. TUCKER assisting me as Grand Marshal and Rev. Bro. FRED A. SNOW as Grand Chaplain. Have attended nearly every meeting of the lodge for the year and the work is well up to the standard.

On October 20th, I inspected Mystic Lodge of Hampden. The work was in the M. M. degree on one candidate; was very well rendered and fairly accurate; a few errors creeping in as in most cases.

On December 15th, I again visited Mystic Lodge and installed the officers assisted by Bro. POMEROY as Grand Marshal and Rev. Bro. FRENCH as Grand Chaplain. The installation was public and there was a large gathering of the brethren and their families. Banquet at the close.

On November 7th, I visited Lynde Lodge of Hermon and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate, which was very well and accurately rendered. I had previously inspected these same officers at the commencement of their year, and the improvement showed they had industriously occupied their minds in the attainment of the requisite knowledge to render good work. One of their usual excellent banquets was served at refreshment.

On December 14th, I again visited Lynde Lodge and installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. CHARLES N. PATTEN as Grand Marshal and Bro. CHARLES PHILLIPS as Grand Chaplain. The installation was public and a goodly number of the brethren and their families were present. Banquet at the close.

October 30th, I attended the lodge of instruction held in Bangor, which as in the case of the previous ones I have attended was most interesting and instructive. These lodges of instruction are of great assistance to the deputies and very beneficial to all the brethren who are able to attend. In the evening Saint Andrew's Lodge exemplified the work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The very impressive and most accurate manner in which the work was rendered by the officers was almost above criticism, in fact as nearly perfect as is hardly ever witnessed. It is not often that we are permitted to witness such perfect work, and the officers deserve great credit for the time and effort required to exemplify the work in such an efficient manner. On January 22d, I again visited Saint

Andrew's Lodge and installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. FREDERIC W. ADAMS as Grand Marshal and Bro. GEORGE W. E. BARROWS as Grand Chaplain. The installation was private.

November 11th, I visited Benevolent Lodge of Carmel and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was very well performed, only a few corrections being necessary. This is the first time in my three years as District Deputy that I have been able to make arrangement to inspect on a regular candidate, and although more of the regular officers were present than on any of my previous visits, yet there were several who were not there, and it would seem that it would not require any great effort on the part of the regular officers, if they were so disposed, to be present on the evening of the visit of the inspecting officer. Banquet at refreshment.

On November 18th, I visited Kenduskeag Lodge at Kenduskeag, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. Unfortunately, on account of illness, the Worshipful Master was unable to be present, but his place was very efficiently filled by R. W. Bro. F. ERNEST HARVEY. The work was impressively rendered and nearly accurate. A few things were noticed to which we called attention, which was most kindly received. Banquet at refreshment.

January 1st, I visited Howard Lodge of Winterport and witnessed work in the F. C. degree on one candidate. The work was very well rendered, only a very few corrections being necessary. Banquet at the close. Again on January 7th, I visited Howard Lodge and installed the officers. The officers of the Order of the Eastern Star were also installed on the same evening, and the excellent musical program and fine banquet rendered the evening a most enjoyable one.

On January 13th, I visited Mechanics' Lodge of Orono and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was very well and impressively rendered and very nearly accurate, the officers, particularly the Master, showing a high degree of proficiency. Banquet at refreshment.

Again on January 20th, I visited Mechanics' Lodge and installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. V. E. TUCKER, of Star in the East Lodge, as Grand Marshal, and Rev. Bro. BROCKIE as Grand Chaplain. The installation was public to masons and their families, and there was a large gathering present. The banquet was served at 6:30, before the work of the evening.

February 2d, I visited Rising Virtue Lodge and installed the officers, assisted most efficiently by Wor. Bro. FRANK J. COLE as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. CHARLES J. WARDLEY as Grand Chaplain. The installation was private, with banquet at the close.

On February 23d, I again visited Rising Virtue Lodge and inspected the work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was excellent, most impressive and almost perfect. Rising Virtue is to be congratulated on her present corps of officers. Banquet at refreshment.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for my re-appointment to this important office, and to express my appreciation for the kindness and courtesy accorded me on the occasion of my visits to the several lodges in the district.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE B. SWAN, *D. D. G. M. 6th M. D.*

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I submit herewith my second annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Seventh Masonic District.

There has been a decided decrease in the number of initiates as compared with the previous year, and this, with the added circumstance of considerable illness on my own part, has made it unusually difficult for me to be present at the proper time to witness work upon actual candidates in every instance.

I have made official visits to all but one of the lodges in the district and witnessed work in all except two of those visited.

I am very glad to report that the lodges in this district are all in excellent working condition and worthy of praise for the fraternal spirit shown and the condition of their finances.

October 3d, I made my official visit to Quantabacook Lodge at Searsmont, driving 30 miles for the purpose. Only nine members were present and no work was attempted. The regular business was transacted and some questions asked and answered to be best of my ability. The records are correctly kept and those officers present were efficient and interested. There were uncollected dues of a larger amount than seemed good for the welfare of the lodge and I advised an effort to collect them.

October 30th, I attended the Lodge of Instruction at Bangor in charge of the Grand Lecturer, Bro. SLEEPER.

February 5th, after due notice, I visited Thorndike for the purpose of making my official visit to Unity Lodge. A special communication had been called for that date, but owing to the inability of the candidate to be present no meeting was held. Wor. Bro. HURD had written me not

to come but I failed to receive his letter. I met several members of Unity Lodge and expressed my disappointment. I have been unable to make another visit to this lodge.

March 17th, I visited Central Lodge of China at a special communication of the lodge held for the purpose. I was again disappointed in my effort to witness the work. Several of the officers being ill and absent, the W. M., Bro. LEWIS, did not feel that it was possible to do the work. This lodge is in excellent condition, and merits my hearty approval for the manner in which its general affairs are conducted.

March 30th, I made my official visit to Star in the West Lodge at Unity. The E. A. degree was conferred upon one candidate. This lodge is fortunate in having the constant attendance and advice of Past D. D. G. M. CHASE, and is doing its work and transacting its affairs in a praiseworthy manner. The dues are well collected and the records kept correctly.

March 31st, after due notice, I visited Marsh River Lodge at Brooks, and witnessed work in the F. C. and M. M. degrees. This lodge has an excellent list of officers who are interested in their work and doing it in a creditable manner. I was pleased to meet Past D. D. G. M. JONES, who is a member of this lodge. The records are correct and the dues are unusually well collected.

I have made no official visit to Seabasticook Lodge, as this is my own lodge and I endeavor to attend its meetings regularly. This lodge is up to its usual standard, and the present officers are well qualified to govern it properly.

During the year I have delivered seven Past Master's diplomas to as many Past Masters who had served the proper time as W. M. of their several lodges.

I have been received with uniform courtesy and kindness by the members of the lodges I have visited, and am very grateful for this expression of fraternity.

In concluding my report, I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred in re-appointing me to this office.

Fraternally submitted,

SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, *D. D. G. M. 7th M. D.*

Clinton, April 8, 1909.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my second report as D. D. Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District for the year past.

October, I attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Bangor, which was well attended and very instructive. In the evening the Third degree was worked in a very impressive manner by the local lodge, after which we were invited by the Master to a banquet at the Bangor House, which was very elaborate and highly appreciated by all present.

December 14th, I visited King David's Lodge, No. 62, Lincolnville, and publicly installed their officers, assisted by Brother J. P. BRAGG as Grand Marshal and Brother J. E. THOMAS as Grand Chaplain, after which a bountiful repast was served.

January 13th, I publicly installed the officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 151, Northport, assisted by Bro. MARTIN BLACK as Grand Marshal and Bro. L. E. SMITH as Grand Chaplain, after which a fine supper was furnished and an hour spent in social enjoyment. This lodge has had no initiates this year, but the lodge is in fair working order and peace and harmony prevail.

January 21st, I publicly installed the officers of Island Lodge, No. 89, Islesboro, assisted by Bro. E. L. SPRAGUE as Grand Marshal and Bro. WM. F. KELLER as Grand Chaplain, the local band furnishing music for the occasion. Supper was served in the banquet hall at low twelve.

February 4th, assisted by Bro. E. L. SPRAGUE as Grand Marshal and Bro. J. W. VAUGHAN as Grand Chaplain, I publicly installed the officers of Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126, Belfast. I was greatly assisted by the Temple Quartet of Lewiston, who rendered some most excellent music. There were present on this occasion more than four hundred brethren and friends. After a most bountiful repast, the remaining time was passed in social enjoyment into the wee small hours of the night.

March 29th, I visited Phœnix Lodge, No. 24, Belfast, and witnessed work in Third degree, which was rendered in a thorough manner, after which a banquet was served and the inner man well satisfied.

April 6th, I again visited King David's Lodge, No. 62, Lincolnville, and saw the Entered Apprentice degree worked on two candidates, which was done in a thorough manner. This lodge has done good work this year, having initiated eight members. They have also painted, papered and tinted their hall and given the whole interior a cheerful look, which makes one feel that he is welcome.

April 7th, visited Excelsior Lodge, No. 151, Northport, and witnessed

work in the Master Mason's degree. There were several brethren present from other lodges and a good time was had. The banquet was fine and much enjoyed by all present.

April 13th, I visited Mariners' Lodge, No. 68, Searsport. There was a small attendance on this occasion, and not much interest manifested, but the brethren were in harmony with each other, and have decided to wake up and brighten up their hall with a new coat of paint and white-wash, which is sadly needed. Refreshments were served, and we had a good social sitting together.

April 15th, I officially visited this lodge and witnessed work in Third degree on three candidates, which was done in a very impressive manner, although a part of the work was not in accordance with the Grand Lodge views; yet I could see nothing that was forbidden by the Grand Lodge. The officers were thoroughly proficient in their work and performed it with great deliberation. Banquet after meeting.

Island Lodge, No. 89, Islesboro, being my home lodge, I have attended every meeting during the year and offered suitable advice and given such instructions as seemed necessary. This lodge has not done much work during the year, but have kept up a good interest and peace and harmony prevail.

Pownal Lodge, No. 119, Stockton Springs, I have not visited this year, although I made a date for April 9th, but the Secretary informed me that they met but once a month, and the Master informed me, through the Secretary, that it would not be convenient for him to call a special meeting, but that he would notify me when they would receive me, which they have not as yet done. I have made inquiry, and learn that they are prospering. I hope I may yet meet with them.

All the lodges in the Eighth District are in good working condition; their records are in the hands of true and competent Secretaries, and good will and harmony prevail. In every lodge that I have visited the brethren meet upon the level and part upon the square. I have been most cordially welcomed by my brethren throughout the district, and I feel proud to say that I have not made one visit during the two years that has not been made enjoyable by my brethren. I have given such instruction as seemed best in every case, which has always been pleasantly received.

In conclusion, let me say to you, Most Worshipful Sir, that I highly appreciate the honor conferred upon me by you.

Faternally submitted,

JOSEPH A. SPRAGUE, *D. D. G. M. 8th M. D.*

NINTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my second annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Ninth Masonic District.

I visited Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 203, Washington, on September 25th, installed the officers, looked over the books and investigated the financial condition. Was pleased to learn that the lodge was in a very prosperous condition, having initiated and raised five candidates the past year. Was also pleased to find that the candidates were all worthy material and young members. After the installation, supper was served in the banquet room. A Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star has been recently organized, which has had a tendency to create interest among the members. Was very courteously received by the brethren and treated in a hospitable manner. It was a very enjoyable visit.

On Monday evening, October 19th, I installed the officers of St. Paul's Lodge by request of the W. M., FRANK A. CAMPBELL, at a public installation. Was assisted by Bro. L. H. LOVEJOY as Grand Marshal, and Bro. J. R. LAIRD of Camden as Grand Chaplain. Am pleased to say the officers are of very good material. A fine supper was served in the banquet room at 6:30 P. M. Previous to the installation I conferred the Past Master's degree on Bro. MORTIMER T. HILL, Master-elect. The installation was followed by a musical entertainment in the banquet room. There were a large number present, many coming from other parts of the district.

Have not made any special visit to St. Paul's Lodge, as this is my home lodge, but have attended several of its meetings. Gave them a report of the instructions received from Bro. SLEEPER at the School of Instruction, Bangor, and have also given them such other information and made such corrections as I thought would be beneficial to them. The books are kept in excellent condition by Bro. L. H. LOVEJOY, Secretary, and the finances are all right.

On October 14th, I received a communication from C. E. BLACKINGTON, Secretary of St. George Lodge, No. 16, Warren, asking me to install its officers at a public installation on Monday evening, October 26th, which invitation I accepted. Was accompanied by a number of brethren from St. Paul's Lodge, Rockport. During the installation Bro. L. H. LOVEJOY of St. Paul's Lodge acted as Grand Marshal and Bro. FRANK E. SEAVEY of St. George Lodge as Grand Chaplain. The installation was followed by a supper in the banquet room. There was a large attendance, considering the fact that it was a stormy night. St. George

Lodge has, I think, a very able set of officers, and there are prospects of great gain in membership during the next few weeks. We were received very courteously by the brethren, who made it a very pleasant occasion.

October 30th, I attended the School of Instruction at Bangor, which was held at St. Andrew's Lodge, the members of which received and treated us in a very hospitable manner. Grand Lecturer, Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, was present, also many District Deputies, Past Masters and brethren. The instruction was given on the ritual and work in general, but more especially on the work of the First, Second and Third degrees. Dr. SLEEPER, as usual, was very patient and enthusiastic in explaining the ritual, and insisted on questions being asked, which made the instructions very thorough, not only on the work that we were going over, but in all matters pertaining to the Order.

After the instructions, work was performed by St. Andrew's Lodge on the Third degree in a very careful and interesting manner, so much so that few very corrections were made by R. W. D. D. CLARENCE B. SWAN, who was making an official visit at that time. After the work, W. M. HARRY W. LIBBY invited us to the Bangor House to a banquet, where we were entertained until a late hour. Many speeches were made in connection with the work, which made it very interesting. It was one of the best Schools of Instruction I have yet attended.

On November 16th, I made my official visit at St. George Lodge, No. 16, Warren. Was accompanied by a large number from Amity Lodge of Camden, and St. Paul's Lodge of Rockport. Work was performed on the Third degree in a very creditable manner. Looked over the books and investigated the financial condition, and am pleased to say it is in a prosperous condition. After the inspection supper was served in the banquet room. There was a very large attendance, nearly every lodge in the district being represented. It was a very pleasant occasion.

On December 10th, I installed the officers of Union Lodge, Union, at a public installation, with Bro. C. H. B. SELIGER acting as Grand Chaplain and Past District Deputy FRED C. MILLAY as Grand Marshal. The installation was followed by a banquet. A large number were present (the largest number I have ever seen in the hall), including the members of Orient Chapter, No. 30, O. E. S. It was a very pleasant occasion, one of the best I have yet attended.

On December 16th, I made my official visit to Aurora Lodge, Rockland. Was accompanied by Amity Lodge of Camden and St. Paul's Lodge of Rockport. A large number were present; in fact, nearly every lodge in the District was represented. Work was performed on the Third degree. The ritual was well followed and the work was exemplified in a very impressive manner. The floor work was, I think, the best I have

ever seen. This lodge has made a fine showing the past year, having conferred the degrees on 35, re-instated 5, and admitted 7, making a total of 47. A large number of petitions were voted on at this meeting. It is also unnecessary to say that the lodge has also made a big gain financially, and the books are still kept in excellent condition by Bro. L. S. ROBINSON, Secretary.

On January 19th, I installed the officers of Rockland Lodge, with the assistance of Bro. ELLIOTT BATES BARBER as Grand Chaplain, and Bro. L. H. LOVEJOY as Grand Marshal. A large number were present, including the members of Aurora Lodge, who were specially invited. Am pleased to say they have a very efficient corps of officers; most of them, including W. M. S. M. DUNCAN, were re-elected. Work on the Second degree was performed in a very creditable manner, the work of some of the officers not being excelled by any that I have ever seen. After the installation lunch was served in the banquet room. It was a very interesting and social occasion.

On Thursday evening, January 28th, in company with C. E. RHODES, Senior Warden of St. Paul's Lodge, I made my official visit to Union Lodge, No. 31. The work was performed on the Third degree in a very thorough and impressive manner, the ritual work being almost letter perfect. I examined the records, and, as usual, found that they were kept in a very neat and correct manner by Secretary C. M. LUCAS. Also investigated the financial condition of the lodge, and was pleased to find that it is in excellent shape, they having made a large payment the past year on their hall, recently purchased. After the meeting a supper was served in the banquet hall. It was one of the best visits I have made this year.

On February 6th, I made my official visit to Knox Lodge, South Thomaston, in company with Past Master FRANK A. CAMPBELL and Bro. F. C. ROBINSON of St. Paul's Lodge, and W. M. A. S. LITTLEFIELD of Aurora Lodge, Rockland. Work was performed in a very thorough and interesting manner by the new officers, who had held their stations only about a month. The lessons were given almost letter perfect. Bro. CROWLEY, the new W. M., is a very earnest and thorough worker, and I have no doubt the lodge will be as prosperous and that its interest will continue as it has under Past Master WINFIELD S. CLARKE. It was very gratifying to learn that during the past year this lodge had conferred the degrees on eight members and accepted two for membership, being a very fine showing for a town of the size of South Thomaston. Looked over the records and investigated the finances of the lodge, and was pleased to be informed that it has made a big gain financially the last year, having enough on hand to more than take care of all

its indebtedness. Conferred the Past Master's degree on Bro. CROWLEY, W. M.

On February 23d, I made my official visit at Orient Lodge, No. 15, Thomaston, in company with other brethren from St. Paul's Lodge, Rockport. As there was no candidate, work was exemplified on the First degree in a very satisfactory manner, especially so, as the officers were all new. Looked over the records and investigated the financial condition of the lodge, which I found to be all right. Bro. A. O. TOME, Secretary, is making extra effort to collect the dues, and they are reported to be coming in all right. After the inspection, lunch was served in the banquet room. Was received very courteously, and on the whole it was a very pleasant visit.

On March 2d, I made my official visit to Rockland Lodge, No. 79. Work was performed on the Third degree in a very interesting and impressive manner. Music by Bro. A. T. CROCKETT, Organist, made the floor work much more pleasing. This lodge has made a great improvement over last year, not only in the amount of material taken in, but the lodge room has been newly decorated in a very tasty and elaborate manner. The furniture has been upholstered, and many other changes have been made, which makes its quarters among the first in the district. It being the regular meeting, two petitions were balloted on successfully. The financial condition of the lodge continues to improve, and it is unnecessary to say that the manner in which the books are kept by Bro. A. I. MATHER is a great credit to the lodge. The dues are well collected, remarkably so for this time of year. The Master, Bro. SIMEON DUNCAN, has not relaxed his interest and he has the entire support of the lodge. After the meeting a very nice supper was served in the banquet room. The meeting was largely attended, and the district well represented.

On March 9th, in company with Past Masters FRED W. ANDREWS and W. L. BOWDEN of St. Paul's Lodge, and Bro. A. C. MOORE, I made my official visit to Moses Webster Lodge, Vinalhaven. It being the regular meeting, two petitions were balloted on successfully. Work was performed on the E. A. degree in a very commendable manner, with scarcely any errors or omissions. This lodge has a very efficient corps of officers. Bro. BRADSTREET is a very thorough and earnest worker, and most of the officers are capable and looking forward to the chair. After making few criticisms I called on the brothers for remarks, suggestions and questions in relation to the work. It led to one of the most interesting official visits I have yet made. After the meeting, supper was served in the banquet room, followed by music and a social gathering in the lodge room. The meeting was very largely attended. This lodge has been very successful during the past year, more so than for a number of years. I

looked over the records, and as usual they are kept in excellent condition by Bro. W. M. DAVIDSON, Secretary. The finances are also in good condition. At a late hour we all repaired to our homes, pronouncing this occasion a very enjoyable one.

On March 19th, I made my official visit to Amity Lodge, Camden. Work was performed on the M. M. degree in a very creditable and impressive manner, especially so as, on account of sickness, some of the stations were filled by substitutes. There was a very large attendance, there being present nearly 200 brethren, 20 past masters, and 16 lodges were represented. This lodge has already taken in more members than last year. Many candidates are coming along, and the prospects are that the coming year will be a very prosperous one for Amity Lodge. The books are kept in excellent shape by Secretary W. E. EASTON, and the dues are well collected. Bro. C. C. WOOD, Treasurer, reports that the financial condition of the lodge is all right. After the meeting a very fine supper was served in the banquet room, which was much appreciated by all the brethren present.

On March 27th, in company with FRED C. ROBINSON of St. Paul's Lodge, I made my official visit to Eureka Lodge, No. 84, Tenant's Harbor. Was received very courteously by W. M. DANA D. WRIGHT. An invitation was extended the members of Aurora Lodge, Rockland, and Knox Lodge, South Thomaston, to be present, which invitation was accepted. Work was exemplified on the First degree in an excellent manner. Looked over the records and found them to be kept in a very neat and correct manner by Bro. ELMER E. ALLEN, Secretary. Also investigated the financial condition and was pleased to learn that the lodge has reduced its indebtedness \$400 the past year, besides renewing its insurance, which I believe is some over \$100. Was informed that with a fairly successful year this lodge will be free from debt next year. The lodge has completed its history, which is, undoubtedly, already in the hands of the Grand Secretary. I requested the brethren to make inquiries in regard to any part of the work, not only on the First but on the other degrees, which was done, making the meeting very instructive and interesting. After the work a very nice supper was served in the banquet room. It was one of the most enjoyable occasions I have had during my term of office.

I have presented diplomas to the following Past Master's: FRANK A. CAMPBELL of St. Paul's Lodge; GEORGE E. ALLEN of Amity; HERBERT L. GRINNELL of Union; ROLAND O. WADE of St. George; ARTHUR S. LITTLEFIELD of Aurora; DANA D. WRIGHT of Eureka; and SIMEON DUNCAN of Rockland Lodge.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for my re-appoint-

ment to this office, and the officers and brethren of the several lodges for the fraternal and hospitable treatment which they have accorded me. Have visited all the lodge in the district and am pleased to say they have made excellent progress in the correctness of the work. Some of the lodges have not taken in as many candidates the last half of this term as before, but, so far as I have been able to observe, the highest degree of harmony prevails. They all have excellent masters and the officers are of the highest type. I recall no instance where I did not consider they would be capable of filling the chair in due time.

It is with deep regret that I close my second term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

ENOS. E. INGRAHAM, *D. D. G. M. 9th M. D.*

TENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report of work as District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District during the past year.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1908, I attended the Masonic School of Instruction at Portland and enjoyed it very much.

On December 13th, I installed the officers-elect of Anchor Lodge at South Bristol, assisted by Bro. JOHN F. HYNES as Grand Marshal, and Bro. FREEMAN KELSEY as Grand Chaplain. Excellent music was furnished by a quartet, which added much to the installation services. Previous to the installation I conferred the Past Master's degree on the Master-elect, Bro. MILES A. PLUMMER, assisted by the Past Masters present, Past Master FRANK W. JORDAN acting as Marshal. A fine collation was served after the installation, and some of the brethren gave us some music, which was enjoyed by all. The occasion was one long to be remembered.

Wednesday, December 8th, I publicly installed the officers-elect of Riverside Lodge, Jefferson, assisted by Bro. M. I. JOHNSON as Grand Marshal, and Bro. GEORGE ERSKINE as Grand Chaplain. After the installation services were over, a banquet was served in the dining hall, of which all partook. A very pleasant evening was passed and was enjoyed by all present.

On Monday, January 4th, I publicly installed the officers-elect of Bristol Lodge, No. 74, my home lodge, assisted by Bro. ELLIOTT P. BREWER of Anchor Lodge, No. 158, as Grand Marshal, and by Rev. Bro. C. F.

BEEBEE of Quantabacook Lodge, No. 120, of Searsmont, as Grand Chaplain. Good music was furnished by a quartet. After the installation, remarks for the good of the craft were made by Bros. BEEBEE and MILLS, after which a banquet was served in the dining hall. The services were enjoyed by all present.

On Friday, January 22d, I visited Seaside Lodge, No. 144, at Boothbay Harbor, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on two candidates. The work was rendered in the correct and impressive manner that this lodge is noted for, and with the efficient and able corps of officers, headed by W. M. HARRIS, this lodge has a brilliant future before it and is sure to increase in membership and influence. Bro. PERKINS, who has served the lodge faithfully for eighteen years, declined a re-election, and Bro. P. D. D. G. M. WILLARD T. MARR was chosen in his place, and I am confident will prove an able successor to Bro. PERKINS. A fine banquet followed the work. Several visiting brethren were present, one from Charleston, S. C., and one from Michigan.

On Thursday, January 28th, I visited Bay View Lodge, East Boothbay, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was very correctly and impressively rendered. Bro. BARLOW is a model Master, and has the welfare of his lodge at heart and uppermost in his mind, and I am sure the lodge will prosper under his guidance. Bro. FERNALD keeps the records neatly and correctly.

On Saturday, February 20th, I visited Anchor Lodge, No. 158, at South Bristol, and the lodge, having no candidate at hand, exemplified the M. M. degree, and though a lodge does not usually do as good work when they exemplify as when they have actual work, yet the officers of Anchor Lodge showed their ability to do good work; I found but few chances to make corrections. W. M. PLUMMER is showing his ability as Master, and the other officers are nobly supporting him. Bro. McFARLAND, the Secretary, keeps the records in his usual neat and correct way. Dues nearly all paid up and the lodge is flourishing finely.

On Wednesday evening, March 3d, I visited Riverside Lodge, No. 135, Jefferson, and witnessed the E. A. degree exemplified. Riverside Lodge sustains its good record for correct work in this degree as well as in the other degrees. The officers are all proficient in their work. An oyster supper followed the work which was enjoyed by all present. The lodge is in good condition financially and dues well paid up. Bro. W. A. JACKSON who has served the lodge faithfully as secretary for several years past was obliged to give up the office by illness, and Bro. HOFFSES was chosen in his place.

On Friday evening, March 12th, I visited King Solomon's Lodge, No. 61, at Waldoboro, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree, and I was well

pleased with the way the work was rendered, which was as nearly perfect as it is possible to render it. W. M. RICHARDS is the son of Past D. D. G. M. RICHARDS, and will no doubt make a fine presiding officer. He is supported by a good set of officers, able and efficient, and they all rendered their part of the work in a way that showed they knew what they were doing. Bro. MATTHEWS keeps the records in his neat and correct way. Dues well paid up and the lodge is prospering. An oyster stew after the work was enjoyed by all the brethren present.

On Thursday, March 18th, I visited Lincoln Lodge at Wiscasset, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was well rendered considering that this was the first time some of the officers had worked this degree since they were elected, and I found but few corrections or suggestions to make. W. M. LEIGHTON will make a good officer and under his direction old Lincoln Lodge will surely prosper. A banquet followed the work, and then came a smoke talk which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Bro. PATTERSON, the efficient secretary, gave us some interesting remarks about a well known brother who had lately departed this life, old and full of years, and at the time of his death was the oldest member of the lodge. Other brethren followed with reminiscences of Bro. NEAL. The lodge is in good shape and has a good set of officers.

On Thursday evening, April 8th, I visited Meduncook Lodge, U. D., at Friendship, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on five candidates. The brethren in Friendship are trying hard to revive the old lodge that was formerly here, and it looks now as though they would succeed. They start with twelve members and they are thoroughly in earnest and working hard to establish a lodge here. Affiliations are coming in and things are looking encouraging. They have a good and convenient hall which they occupy jointly with the K. P. lodge. They raised five candidates, all young men, who will probably make good material to have in a lodge and to have as possible officers. The officers are starting in well in their work, and are doing good work for new men in new places, and as they advance they will increase in knowledge and good work. Bro. ROBERT L. THOMPSON, the Master, I am sure will fill his position well; he has the confidence and esteem of the brethren, and all are working hard for the success of the lodge.

On Wednesday evening, April 21st, I visited Alna Lodge, No. 43 Damariscotta, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on one candidate. Alna Lodge does not need any words of praise from me; they always, do good work there, and the present officers are up to the standard of excellence that Alna Lodge is famous for. The work was rendered in a very impressive manner and so nearly correct that corrections were few and far between. Bro. TURKEY makes a fine Master, and is ably sup-

ported by a good team of officers. Bro. BARSTOW, the Secretary, keeps the records neatly and correctly. A good number were present and enjoyed a lunch after the work.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances I was not able to visit Dresden Lodge, but from the report of the Master, in my correspondence with him, I think the lodge is in as good shape as when I visited it a year ago, and trust that the coming year will be a profitable one for them.

I have been present at nearly every meeting of Bristol Lodge, my home lodge, and can report them in as good shape as last year; though they have had no work during the past year, yet they are hopeful that the tide will turn soon and candidates present themselves.

I thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor conferred upon me.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT H. HUNTER, *D. D. G. M. 10th M. D.*

Bristol, April 22, 1909.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District for the year ending May 4, 1909.

I have been able to witness work in all of the lodges in this district this year and have installed the officers in all but two. I have found all of the lodges in splendid condition, all showing a healthy growth.

KENNEBEC LODGE, NO. 5, HALLOWELL. On November 25th I inspected Kennebec Lodge, Bro. ROY PIERCE, Master. I reported excellent work last year, but this year's work showed a material improvement not only on the part of the Master, but by all of the officers, and showed that faithful work had been done since the last inspection. The work was in the M. M. degree. The books were in excellent condition, and the lodge showed a gain in membership of eight. There was a good attendance, and the work was followed by a fine banquet.

December 2d, I installed the officers, assisted by Past Master J. E. LUNT as Grand Chaplain, and Past Master CHARLES GETCHELL as Grand Marshal. The large attendance at this meeting proved the great interest the members are taking in the work of the lodge. A very enjoyable evening was passed, followed by a banquet.

TEMPLE LODGE, NO. 25, WINTHROP. On the evening of October 5th I installed the officers of Winthrop Lodge, Past Masters H. E. FOSTER and I. O. GAGE officiating as Grand Chaplain and Grand Marshal, respectively. The installation was private, with a fair attendance, the work being followed by a banquet and speeches. On March 1st, I inspected work in the M. M. degree. The work was performed in a very satisfactory manner, the work of the Worshipful Master being especially fine. Bro. CHESTER CLARK, a veteran member of Dirigo Lodge, substituted as Senior Deacon in a most creditable manner. The hall has been greatly improved by the installation of electric lights, which not only make it more attractive, but assist materially in the work of the degrees. There was a good attendance at the work, followed by a banquet. The books, as might be expected, are most accurately kept, the dues well collected, and the lodge generally in a very healthful condition.

HERMON LODGE, NO. 32, GARDINER. Although I have visited this, my home lodge, as frequently as possible, and knew the character of the work done, at the request of the Worshipful Master and officers, I officially inspected the work in the M. M. degree December 29th. The work was very well rendered, the officers interpreting the degree in a very intelligent manner. The mistakes in the ritual were comparatively few and unimportant. There was a large attendance, as there always is at the inspection of Hermon Lodge, and the officers had prepared an unusually fine banquet.

On January 5th, I installed the officers, Past Master DANIEL SHERMAN acting as Grand Chaplain, and Past Master S. G. DECKER acting as Grand Marshal. The evening was very stormy, which prevented a large attendance, but all present had a most enjoyable evening, followed by a banquet. The lodge still continues the largest in the district, and there is no reason to expect that it will not continue to prosper with the present officers. Past Master DECKER, who retired January 5th, was one of the most faithful, painstaking Masters that Hermon Lodge has had for many years. His general oversight of sick and unfortunate members set an example which all Masters should follow.

BETHLEHEM LODGE, NO. 35, AUGUSTA. This lodge has set a standard for splendid work, and it was well lived up to by Worshipful Master WILLIS M. SWIFT and his officers on the evening of November 9th, when I officially inspected the work. I saw no better work anywhere in the district than I saw this evening. I might say here that the floor work of both the Augusta lodges is exceptionally fine. Bro. SWIFT's interpretation of the ritual was practically letter perfect. There was an attendance of about two hundred brethren, twenty other lodges being represented. Following the banquet, very interesting and instructive remarks were

made by Bro. BRIAN ROBERTS, Rector of St. Paul's Church of Augusta. This lodge has made a substantial gain in membership, and is in splendid condition. There is every reason to believe that it will continue to be one of the strong aggressive lodges, not only of the district, but of the state.

MORNING STAR LODGE, NO. 41, LITCHFIELD. My first official work of the year was the installation of the officers of this lodge. I was assisted by Bro. GARDINER ROBERTS as Grand Chaplain and Past Master H. F. WOODARD as Grand Marshal. The installation was private, and the hall was filled to its capacity. The work was interspersed with a musical and literary program, which added much to the pleasure of the evening's work. A bountiful harvest supper was held at the close. On December 1st, I inspected work in the M. M. degree. I have nothing but words of praise for the manner in which the work was rendered. Worshipful Bro. Goss showed that in the short time that he had been Master, he had applied himself diligently to the mastery of the ritual, and showed perfect familiarity with its rendering. The work of the other officers was excellent. The regular monthly business meeting was held before the work, and the manner in which the officers and members handled several more or less intricate matters which came up, showed their interest in and knowledge of Masonry. There was a large number present to witness the work of the evening, and enjoy the fine banquet which was served. This lodge, although situated in a country district, is in a most healthful condition, and will always be one of the strong lodges of the district.

DIRIGO LODGE, NO. 104, WEEKS' MILLS. Last year I was not able to visit this lodge at all, and it was only after postponing appointments twice on account of bad weather and traveling, that I made my visit this year. At noon, about the time I had to leave Gardiner, it began to snow, and the result was one of the worst storms of the winter. I did not expect an attendance large enough to carry out the work of the evening, as members are scattered over a radius of seven or eight miles. The candidate was obliged to go about five miles, but the zeal of the lodge for Masonry was proved by an attendance of twenty or more members, and the work was carried out in a most creditable manner. Many of the offices were filled by substitutes, but the members proved equal to the occasion. The work of the master was especially good. Bro. SPROUL is a most efficient secretary and the dues were well collected and the books in an excellent condition. I found many well posted masons, and enjoyed the work of the evening very much.

MONMOUTH LODGE, NO. 110, MONMOUTH. I officiated at a public installation of the officers of this lodge on the evening of October 8th.

There was a large attendance of members and friends of the lodge. Bro. HARRY H. COCHRANE assisted me, acting as Grand Chaplain, and the veteran JOHN M. PRESCOTT acted as Grand Marshal. A most pleasing musical and literary entertainment followed the work. Elaborate refreshments were served, followed by a social hour, which was greatly enjoyed by all. On March 6th, I inspected work in the M. M. degree. This was the first time the new officers had worked this degree, and its rendition was most excellent. The floor work in some respects was the best I have ever seen, and the work of all the officers, especially the master, was unusually good. This lodge has been very prosperous under the zealous leadership of the former master, Bro. RALPH E. WOODBURY, assisted by its present master Bro. R. CRAWFORD McILROY and the other officers. The zeal and enthusiasm of these young members, combined with the accurate knowledge of Masonry of several of the older members, gives Monmouth Lodge a strong position, and assures its future. The attendance was good, and the banquet and smoke talk was much enjoyed by all.

AUGUSTA LODGE, NO. 141, AUGUSTA. This prosperous lodge I visited twice. January 12th, I inspected work in the M. M. degree. The evening was very stormy, but notwithstanding that fact, the zeal of the members was shown by a large attendance. There was also many visiting brethren from the legislature. Last year Bro. BURLEIGH set a standard of efficient work, which it will be difficult for any set of officers to follow, but none could have come nearer doing so than Worshipful Master JACKSON and his subordinate officers. The spirit of the degree was splendidly interpreted. A bountiful banquet was furnished, followed by speeches by D. D. G. M. MALON PATTERSON of the Thirteenth Masonic District, Past Master L. A. BURLEIGH and others. January 26th, I publicly installed the officers. Bro. CHARLES G. MOSHER acted as Grand Chaplain and Past Master PERCY GREGG assisted as Grand Marshal. There was a large number present to enjoy the musical entertainment furnished by the Abnaki Quartet, and the very delightful readings given by Miss Andrews. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the retiring master, WINFRED A. JACKSON. The very commendable custom of presenting the retiring master with a Past Master's jewel, has been observed by this lodge for several years. The presentation speech this evening was made by Past Master J. C. MINOT, now Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in his usual happy manner. Many visitors from other lodges were present, and after the banquet several of these made very interesting remarks, among whom were Bro. FRANKLIN R. REDLON, the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maine, FREEMAN M. GRANT, Grand Marshal

of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and D. D. G. M. MALON PATTERSON of the Thirteenth Masonic District, and others. The records of this lodge are well kept, and its condition, as in past years, is most prosperous.

Faternally submitted,

CHARLES A. KNIGHT, *D. D. G. M. 11th M. D.*

April 30, 1909.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twelfth District for the year ending May 4, 1909.

November 7th, by invitation, I installed the officers of my home lodge, Lafayette, at Readfield, being assisted by Bro. FRED M. LEIGHTON as Grand Marshal, and Rev. COSTELLO WESTON as Grand Chaplain; refreshments at close of installation.

January 6th, I made my official visit to Vassalboro Lodge, at North Vassalboro, and witnessed work in M. M. degree, which was done in a very impressive manner and close to the ritual. The officers of this lodge are all young men and are very much interested in the work. This lodge is doing the largest amount of work of any country lodge in this district. The records are very well kept by Bro. STAPLES and dues well collected. A banquet was served at the close of the work.

February 6th, I made my official visit to Messalonskee Lodge at Oakland, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on two candidates. The work of Worshipful Bro. JOHNSON was well done and very close to the ritual. This lodge has very fine rooms and seems to be in a prosperous condition, both in numbers and financially. The records of this lodge are still in the hands of Bro. O. E. CROWELL and are in very fine shape, with dues well collected. Banquet at close of work.

February 18th, by invitation, I visited Vassalboro Lodge at North Vassalboro, and witnessed work in M. M. degree by Past Masters of that lodge. The work was a credit to the Past Masters, especially that of Bro. JOSEPH WALL as Master. There were about seventy-five present, twenty coming from Waterville and other lodges. Banquet at close of work and speeches by the brethren present.

March 2d, I made my official visit to Vernon Valley Lodge at Mount Vernon, and witnessed work in F. C. and M. M. degrees; Worshipful Master GORDON and his officers did the work in a very dignified and

impressive manner. This is one of the best working lodges in this district, and the officers are all interested in their work. The records are in fine shape and dues well collected. Refreshments at close of work and a social hour enjoyed.

March 29th, I made my official visit to Waterville Lodge at Waterville, and witnessed work in M. M. degree on two candidates. The work of Worshipful Bro. TOWNSEND and his officers was very impressive, and could not fail to impress the candidates of the dignity and high importance of Masonry. Visitors are very cordially welcomed by this lodge. The records are in the hands of CHARLES B. DAVIS, a capable and efficient secretary of long experience. Banquet was served at close of work by ladies of the Eastern Star.

April 29th, I made my official visit to Neguemkeag Lodge at Vassalboro, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. This degree was worked very well indeed. The work of the Master was especially good, considering it being the only work for the year. This is the smallest lodge in the district, but they own their hall and are in good condition financially. Records are very neatly kept by Bro. CHARLES A. STILSON, with dues well collected. Refreshments at close of work.

Lafayette, my home lodge, I have not visited officially, but have attended most of the meetings during the year, and am pleased to say that they are well officered and are doing good work. Records are very neatly kept by Bro. ELLSWORTH E. PEACOCK, with dues well collected. The history of this lodge has been brought down to date and is now in the hands of the printer. It will be a very neat book of about 150 pages, and will contain all of the pictures of the Past Masters from 1828, the time of its organization, to date.

I have not been able to visit Rural Lodge at Sidney at the writing of this report, but have seen the master and secretary a number of times during the year and feel safe in reporting them in good condition. Bro. JAMES WARREN has been its efficient and faithful secretary for more than twenty years and the interests of the lodge are well looked after by him.

I have made no official visit to Asylum Lodge at Wayne. Two of the officers of this lodge have been called to that Grand Lodge above during the past year. In November last Bro. HAYFORD, its chaplain, met with a shocking death by being accidentally shot, and on December 3d it was my sad duty to attend the funeral of Worshipful Master JAMES M. MOULTON, who died after a short illness.

I have filled out and delivered five Past Master's diplomas during the year.

In closing my second year as District Deputy Grand Master for the Twelfth Masonic District I wish to say that I believe all the lodges in this district to be in a prosperous condition and the cause of Masonry well cared for. I also wish to thank you most heartily for my appointment as your deputy and to express my appreciation to the officers and brethren of the several lodges of the kind and courteous treatment which I have received from them.

Fraternally submitted,

LEON O. TEBBETTS, *D. D. G. M. 12th M. D.*

Augusta, May 3, 1909.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Thirteenth Masonic District.

On September 21st, I installed the officers of Euclid Lodge, No. 194, at Madison, by invitation. The ceremonies were public and largely attended and followed by music and entertainment. After very interesting remarks by many present we repaired to the banquet hall, where a very bountiful supper was enjoyed by all. I was assisted by R. W. Bro. G. D. PERKINS, Past D. D. G. M., as Grand Marshal, and Bro. K. C. GRAY as Grand Chaplain.

On October 14th, I installed the officers of Keystone Lodge, No. 80, of Solon. This was an all day session, the forenoon being taken up with reports of officers and the election. At noon a fine dinner was enjoyed by the masons and their families and invited guests. At 2 o'clock came the installation of the officers, in the performance of which I received the assistance of Wor. Bro. L. F. MCINTIRE as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. C. H. SEVERY as Grand Chaplain. Installation was followed by remarks, &c.

October 20th, I installed the officers of Carrabassett Lodge at Canaan, assisted by Wor. Bro. HARTSON GOWER as Grand Marshal. The installation was public and a large company was present among whom were a number of visitors from Skowhegan. This lodge always gives a hearty welcome to everyone who visits it. This was no exception and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, the installation being followed by music and remarks which were witty as well as instructive. R. W. Bro. LOWE, P. D. D. G. M., was present, adding much to the pleasure of the evening.

The installation was followed by a fine oyster supper with everything that goes with it.

On October 26th, attended a Lodge of Instruction called by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, and holden at Skowhegan with the brethren of Somerset Lodge. There was a large attendance of the brethren of the Thirteenth District, to whom this meeting was of much value and very much appreciated by them all. Every lodge was well represented by members and officers, but one master in the district was unable to come. This was an all day and evening meeting. A fine supper was furnished by the ladies of the O. E. S. in the new banquet hall. In the evening Somerset Lodge was inspected under the direction of M. W. Bro. SLEEPER and with the assistance of R. W. Bro. WINSHIP of Lewiston and R. W. Bro. WITHERELL of Oakland. Work in Master Mason's degree. In the evening R. W. Bro. LEVI C. EMERY was duly installed Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge of Maine by M. W. Bro. W. R. G. ESTES. The officers of Somerset Lodge are young men, capable and efficient, and do their work in an impressive manner. It is the largest lodge in the Thirteenth District, numbering 201 members and having had 13 initiates. Books in the hands of Bro. C. MILTON LAMBERT, a secretary of long experience, and it is needless to say this work is well done. The brethren are enjoying their new hall, one of the best in the state, and with the character and energy of the officers and members of this lodge it is evident a bright future is theirs.

December 1st, visited Carrabassett Lodge at Canaan for inspection. There being no candidate, they exemplified in the Masters Mason's degree. This was the same set of officers as in the preceding year and I was well aware of their proficiency, rendering the work in accord with the ritual. Records in the hands of W. Bro. NASON, well kept and books in good order. This is the smallest lodge in the district, but the members make up in enthusiasm and good fellowship what they may lack in numbers.

April 1st, visited Siloam Lodge at Fairfield for purpose of inspection. They had no candidate, but exemplified the work in the Master Mason's degree; work well and correctly done in a very impressive manner. Same officers as in preceding year, young men of intelligence and dignity, a fine hall, agreeable and hospitable members, doing a fair amount of work. Records in the hands of Bro. HERRING, a Secretary of much experience. Dues well collected. Prospects good.

April 5th, visited Euclid Lodge at Madison to inspect their work. Witnessed same on two candidates in the E. A. degree. These officers had done but little work in their respective stations, but showed a good knowledge of the work by going through in an impressive manner.

The brethren of this lodge are good and consistent masons, and it is always a pleasure to meet with them on any occasion, and any brother who avails himself of the pleasure of visiting them will find himself well paid for his trouble. Wor. Bro. SPENCE will make a very impressive officer, and will be well supported by his subordinates. Records, in the hands of Wor. Bro. NICHOLS, well kept and dues well paid. Good prospects for future growth.

There are three lodges in my district which I have been unable to visit, viz: Lebanon, at Norridgewock, Northern Star, at No. Anson, and Bingham Lodge at Bingham. I made arrangements to visit Lebanon Lodge in December, but when the time came I was advised by the Wor. Master that sickness made it advisable to postpone to some future date, and since which I have not found a convenient time. I made a date with Northern Star, but on account of business I could not get there, and had to disappoint Bingham Lodge on account of being sick myself. I hope to be able to visit one or more of these before the Grand Lodge meets, but knowing the officers of these lodges as I do, I feel no hesitation in believing that they are following in the ways of their predecessors and are doing good work.

Keystone Lodge at Solon, being my home lodge, I have not visited officially, but have attended their meetings whenever I have been in town. This lodge has a new set of officers who have not thoroughly committed their parts, but are earnest and endeavor to work correctly. Have done a good share of work, having had ten initiates. Records in the hands of Bro. P. S. LONGLEY, who keeps a "true and perfect record" and carefully looks after the dues.

I wish, in closing this, my second annual report, to express again to the brethren of the Thirteenth District my appreciation of the cordiality with which I have been received on every occasion, and assure them of the great pleasure it has given me.

I wish also to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred by appointing me your District Deputy.

Fraternally submitted,

MALON PATTERSON, *D. D. G. M. 13th M. D.*

Solon, April 12, 1909.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith present my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth Masonic District.

On January 7th, I visited Acacia Lodge, No. 121, at Durham, where I installed the officers and afterwards witnessed work in the F. C. degree. There was a good attendance and the work was done in a creditable manner. Records neatly and correctly kept and dues well collected.

January 13th, I visited Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, at Bath, where I witnessed the work in the M. M. degree, which was performed in a very impressive manner. There was a large attendance, including visitors from several lodges. Records correctly kept. Dues well collected.

February 9th, I visited United Lodge, No. 8, at Brunswick, witnessing work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very satisfactory manner. The financial condition is good. Dues well collected and records correctly kept.

March 29th, I officially visited Freeport Lodge, No. 23, at Freeport. Work in the M. M. degree was conferred in a highly creditable manner, the officers all being proficient in the ritualistic work. Dues well collected. Records neatly and correctly kept, and the lodge in a good financial condition.

April 5th, I made my official visit to Ancient York Lodge, No. 155, at Lisbon Falls, where I saw the work in the F. C. degree, which was rendered in a very impressive manner. The lecture given by the S. D. being particularly pleasing to me. Records were correctly and very neatly kept. Dues well collected.

April 9th, I officially visited Village Lodge, No. 26, of Bowdoinham, witnessing the work in the M. M. degree, which was rendered in an impressive manner. There was a good attendance, including many of the brethren of Freeport Lodge. Records were well kept and dues well collected.

April 12th, I visited Solar Lodge, No. 14, at Bath. I witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a creditable manner. Many visitors were present. Dues in this lodge are exceptionally well collected. The records are models of neatness.

To Richmond Lodge, No. 63, at Richmond, being my home lodge, I have made no official visit, but have been present at every meeting, and I might well add nearly every meeting during the sixteen years I have been a member, and I am pleased to say that Richmond Lodge has had one of the most prosperous years in its history. A good attendance at its meetings. Its financial condition is good, its dues well collected, and its records neatly and correctly kept. Its officers interested in the work and following the ritual very closely.

It has given me a great deal of pleasure to again visit the lodges in the Fourteen District, where I have been cordially received by all. I have had the pleasure of meeting several present and past Grand Offi-

cers. It was particularly pleasing to me, Most Worshipful, to meet you at Brunswick, Freeport and Bowdoinham.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor of my appointment. The duties have been pleasant ones for me, and I hope of service to the craft.

WALLACE N. PRICE, *D. D. G. M. 14th M. D.*

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I hereby submit my second annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Fifteenth Masonic District. I have visited all the lodges and found them in good working condition, strong financially, with officers and members interested. Each one of the ten lodges is very fortunate in having the services of a first-class Secretary, some of them holding the office for a long term of years.

October 7th, I installed the officers of Wilton Lodge, No. 156, at Wilton.

November 17th, I made my official visit to Mount Abram, No. 204, Kingfield. The M. M. degree was worked in a very pleasing manner. There was a good attendance and a good amount of interest shown. This is the youngest lodge in the district, but they have done the most work this year, and so far as I can judge it is good material. Records in Bro. WOODARD's hands are full and correct; dues well collected. Banquet.

MOUNT BIGELOW, No. 202, FLAGSTAFF, November 21st. At this visit the M. M. degree was exemplified, and considering that the Master is a brother quite a little past middle age, his work was very good; the other officers and also the members show a good interest. This is one of the youngest lodges, with a bright future, I believe. The officers and members need to be careful not to let little personal differences interfere with the best work of the lodge. Bro. HINDS' records are well kept and dues fairly well collected. Banquet.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, No. 67, PHILLIPS. October 7th, I met with this lodge; the work was the E. A. degree and well done. I found the work much improved from last year. W. M. HOYT assumed the East properly clothed as a Master, and I approve of the same. The lodge has done a good amount of work, with more in sight. Secretary HOYT's records are neat and correct and dues well collected. Banquet.

MAINE, No. 20, FARMINGTON. January 4th, I visited this lodge. Work was E. A. degree and was good work. Officers are young men and interested. This lodge has nice quarters and is in fine condition every way. The attendance was good. Bro. CRAGIN is one of the veteran secretaries that knows just what to do and always does it; his records are neat and full; dues *all* collected. Banquet.

ORIENTAL STAR, No. 21, LIVERMORE FALLS. January 6th. was the date of the semi-annual meeting of this lodge, and I very much regret that I was unable to be present at the afternoon session. I made my official visit at the evening session and witnessed the E. A. degree worked in a very impressive manner, with few mistakes. This is one of the most flourishing lodges and need to select their material carefully. The attendance and interest are good. Bro. EUSTIS, in charge of the records, is a guarantee that they are right; dues well collected. Banquet.

WHITNEY, No. 167, CANTON. February 4th, was the date of my visit to this lodge; witnessed work in the Entered Apprentice degree, which was well done. This lodge has this year revised their by-laws, bringing them up to date, which is a good thing, and more lodges should do the same. Bro. FOYE is one of the younger secretaries. His records are good; he is interested and always willing to learn; dues fairly well collected. Banquet.

FRANKLIN, No. 123, NEW SHARON. February 26th, by appointment, I met with this lodge and am pleased to report that this lodge, which has had so little work for the past few years, had an application in and I think have prospects of more. The M. M. degree was exemplified, and with some study, a few good rehearsals and a little smoothing up all around, they can, I feel sure, do very fair work. Although the membership or jurisdiction of this lodge is not large, they are in good condition, owning the part of the building they occupy with quite a snug sum in the bank. The attendance was double what it was last year. R. W. JAMES H. HOWES is still secretary. His records are good and he is very much interested in the lodge. He reports it a little hard to collect dues. Banquet.

MYSTIC TIE, No. 154, WELD. February 27th, met with this lodge. The E. A. degree was worked in the usual impressive way. This lodge has a smooth finished manner of working which few lodges attain. The officers and members are always interested in the work. There was a good attendance. Bro. PHILLIPS does everything in connection with the secretary's office just right and keeps the dues well collected. Banquet.

WILTON, No. 156, WILTON. April 7th, made my official visit to this, my home lodge. The E. A. and F. C. degrees were worked in a pleasing manner and close to the ritual. This lodge is in a very prosperous con

dition; own the building they occupy; have lately bought a new set of officers' collars; have new furniture ordered for their hall; and are to make some additions and repairs to building and ante rooms. Bro. FRED E. TREPETHEN is another of the veteran secretaries whose records are always right and dues well collected. Refreshments.

DAVIS, No. 191, STRONG. April 9th, met with this lodge. The M. M. degree was the work of the evening and was well done with very few mistakes. The attendance was good. Had the pleasure of meeting Past D. D. G. M. CHARLES B. RICHARDSON; he is present at nearly all the meetings and is a great help to his lodge. Bro. P. W. MASON is one of the younger secretaries, but his penmanship and records are fine and dues well collected. Banquet.

I have filled out and delivered a large number of Past Master's Diplomas. I hope that future D. D. G. Masters will see that past masters receive their diplomas as soon as they are entitled to them.

I wish to express the pleasure which the work has given me. I thank the officers and brothers of the lodges for the many courtesies received.

I have been most cordially and fraternally received everywhere, and, so far as I know, there has been nothing to disturb the harmony of the several lodges in the district.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK L. WOODCOCK, *D. D. G. M. 15th M. D.*

East Wilton, April 17, 1909.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixteenth District for the year ending May 4, 1909.

I have had the pleasure of visiting every lodge in the district and have witnessed work in all but one. I have been courteously welcomed by the brethren of every lodge, who have made my visits very pleasant. The lodges of this district are in good condition financially and fraternally and all have suitable halls in which to hold their meetings. Quite a number own their halls. I have been gratified to see how few corrections have been necessary in the work and what corrections have been made have been very kindly received.

I am pleased to report that the ritual work of each lodge is good. All

the officers seem impressed with the dignity of their positions and anxious to properly impress the candidates with the beauty and importance of Masonry. The lodges have had about the usual amount of work and have been careful to admit only those who promised to be a credit to the fraternity. The secretaries have been very prompt in answering all correspondence. The dues are well collected and the records correctly kept. I have installed officers whenever asked; have worked the Past Master's degree on three masters and have issued Past Master's diplomas to the following: HERBERT F. ANDREWS and VIVIAN W. HILLS of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, RAINSFORD PRICE of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, WALLACE B. STRICKLAND of Paris Lodge, No. 94, I. H. WIGHT of Bethel Lodge, No. 97, JAMES E. WARREN and WASHINGTON HEALD of Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, RUSSELL C. EDWARDS of Crooked River Lodge, No. 152, and CHARLES F. BARDEN of Granite Lodge, No. 182.

On October 14th, I attended the Masonic School of Instruction at Portland, at which I received much valuable information which I have tried to impart to the lodges visited.

OXFORD LODGE, No. 18. My first official work for the year was in my own lodge, when on October 9th, by invitation of the M. W., I privately installed the officers of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, of Norway. I was assisted on this occasion by Wor. J. E. DEAN, Master of Ancient Brothers' Lodge, as Grand Marshal, and Wor. C. F. RIDLON as Grand Chaplain. Previous to the installation, a lodge of Past Master was opened, and with the assistance of Wor. VIVIAN W. HILLS as Grand Marshal, and other Past Masters, the degree was conferred upon GEORGE L. CURTIS, the Master-elect.

CROOKED RIVER LODGE, No. 152. I made my official visit to Crooked River Lodge, No. 152, at Bolster's Mills, on November 5th, being accompanied by Wor. GEORGE L. CURTIS, Master of Oxford Lodge. This being the annual meeting, there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors. After the regular business of the evening was transacted, the F. C. degree was worked upon one candidate. The work was rendered in a manner to reflect great credit upon the officers, and was very impressive. Only a few minor corrections were found necessary. The officers showed by their work that they had made a careful study of the ritual. After the work came the annual election, at which most of the officers were re-elected, which is a guarantee that the work for the coming year will be well given. After the meeting we repaired to the hall below, where a nice banquet was served, after which a social hour was spent in the manner usual with masons. This lodge is out of debt and comfortably quartered in a building which the lodge owns. The dues are fairly well collected and everything indicates that this lodge is in a

prosperous condition. The records are in the hands of Bro. CHARLES E. AKERS, and are neatly and correctly kept. I took up the matter of lodge history and found that this lodge had their history written to within a few years. At this meeting a committee was appointed to bring it up to date.

BETHEL LODGE, No. 97. November 12th, by appointment, I went to Bethel and made my official visit to Bethel Lodge, No. 97. A large number of brethren were present, and among them I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. J. C. BILLINGS, P. D. D. G. M. The work of the evening was the conferring of the Master Mason's degree upon two candidates, which was done in an able and pleasing manner. It was a pleasure to listen to the lectures as given by Wor. I. H. WIGHT. Only a few errors were noticed and these were evidently mere slips. The rendering of the ritual showed a careful study by all the officers. After the work the officers for the coming year were elected. I am acquainted with the officers-elect and feel that the brethren made a good choice. The records are again in the hands of Wor. H. C. ROWE, and are a credit to the lodge. The dues are fairly well collected. The lodge is out of debt and has a large fund on hand. The lodge is soon to move into their former hall, which was burned out, and lately refurnished for the use of the lodge.

PARIS LODGE, No. 94. February 2d, by invitation of the W. M., I visited Paris Lodge, No. 94, at South Paris, and privately installed the officers. I was assisted by Wor. IRVING FROST, of Oxford Lodge, as Grand Marshal. All the officers, with the exception of the Secretary, who was unavoidably detained, were present to be installed. Before the installation services, with the assistance of Wor. Bro. FROST and other Past Masters, a lodge of Past Masters was opened and the degree conferred upon Bro. L. L. BRIGGS, the Master-elect. After the meeting came the banquet, which was enjoyed by all the brethren present.

BLAZING STAR LODGE, No. 30. Wednesday, February 3d, I visited Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, at Rumford. I was met at the station by Bro. JAMES B. STEVENSON, the S. W., and escorted to the hotel. The work of the meeting was the F. C. degree. The lodge had three candidates eligible, but owing to sickness none of them could be present. One of the brethren kindly offered himself as a substitute, and the officers proceeded to exemplify the F. C. degree, which was very nicely done. But very few corrections were found necessary and those of a trifling nature. All the officers were very much interested and anxious to give a correct rendering of the ritual. The average attendance of this lodge is large, which gives encouragement to the officers. This is the largest lodge in the Sixteenth District. The lodge room is one of

the best I have ever seen, and the furnishings are in keeping with the lodge room. The members of Blazing Star Lodge are to be congratulated on having such a nice abode. The records are still in the hands of Bro. W. O. RAYNES, and are models of neatness. The dues are well collected, and everything indicates that in all ways this lodge is in a flourishing condition. Before the work of the evening a lodge of Past Masters was opened, and with the assistance of Wor. FRANK P. REED as Marshal and several other Past Masters, the degree was conferred upon Wor. CLIFFORD H. RAWLEY. After the meeting, a banquet was served and a social hour spent.

EVENING STAR LODGE, No. 147. February 8th, I made my visit to Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, at Buckfield. This was a special meeting called at my request for the purpose of conferring the M. M. degree. A large number of brethren were present as well as visitors from Nezinscot Lodge at Turner. Here I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. FRED R. DYER and A. E. COLE, both P. D. D. G. M.'s. Two candidates appearing, the M. M. degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. The rendering of the ritual was certainly a credit to the officers and to the lodge. I noticed very few errors in the work as given. I found almost nothing to criticize but much to praise. The officers appear to have had careful training in their duties and are well supported by the brethren. I carefully examined the records of the secretary and treasurer and found them in fine shape. Bro. ALFRED COLE is still secretary and his records are kept in the same excellent manner as in former years. The dues are very well collected. After the meeting we repaired to the hall above to partake of a banquet, after which we returned to the lodge room and listened to music and speaking until a late hour.

KING HIRAM LODGE, No. 57. February 9th, I officially visited King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, at Dixfield. This lodge labors under the disadvantage of having had no work for some time and interest among the members seems to be at a low ebb. The records show a very small average attendance of members for a lodge of this size. What officers I met seemed to be very much interested and to understand their duties and want to make a good showing, but the members as a whole seem rather indifferent. The records have for some years been in the hands of Bro. C. L. DILLINGHAM, who makes an efficient secretary. The records are well kept and but very little unpaid dues are outstanding. The lodge occupies a very nice hall which it owns. The furniture is well suited to their needs. On the night of my visit the attendance was so small that it was impossible to attempt any work. I went over the ritual with the few officers present and trust that some good may come from my visit. I think that the officers will give a good account of themselves when work ap-

pears. I found the lodge in good condition in everything except attendance. A little more effort by the brethren, particularly the regular officers, to be present at the time of visitation would enable the visiting officer to better see the actual condition of the lodge. At Dixfield I met R. W. DON A. GATES, P. D. D. G. M. of this district.

OXFORD LODGE, No. 18. Oxford Lodge, No. 18, at Norway, being my home lodge, I have not considered an official visit necessary, since I have been present at all but one meeting, besides a number of rehearsals, at which times I have made corrections of the work as far as appeared necessary. The officers are all young men, and under the able leadership of Wor. GEORGE L. CURTIS are determined to maintain the same high standard that this lodge has set in the past. The records are in the hands of R. W. HOWARD D. SMITH, who has been secretary for the past 29 years. The dues are well collected and everything connected with the lodge is in a prosperous condition. Oxford Lodge has established a feature which seems to afford a great deal of satisfaction to its members. That is a Past Master's night, at which time the regular officers vacate their stations to a team of Past Masters who do the work of the evening. This lodge has 24 Past Masters, which makes it easy to fill all the offices. This event always calls out a large attendance to witness the work. Oxford Lodge occupies a hall owned in connection with other masonic bodies and has a large fund in the hands of trustees.

PARIS LODGE, No. 94. On the evening of February 23d, I made my official visit to Paris Lodge, No. 94, at South Paris. This was a special meeting called for the purpose of conferring the E. A. degree on one candidate. The degree was well given and but very errors occurred. This was the first work done by the officers, who were new to their stations, having been installed but a few weeks before. The lectures were given in a manner to properly impress the candidate. Banquet after the work. Besides the two meetings at which I have been present with this lodge in my official capacity, I have attended four other meetings as well as rehearsals, at which times many questions in regard to the ritual have been asked and answered. The officers are very much interested, and I think I may safely say that the degrees will be correctly given and all details carefully looked after. Wor. WALTER L. GRAY is again secretary and the records are in the same first class condition in which they have been kept by him in former years. The dues are unusually well collected and everything connected with the lodge indicates peace and harmony.

JEFFERSON LODGE, No. 100. February 25th, I went to Bryant's Pond and officially visited Jefferson Lodge, No. 100. The work was on the F. C. degree, which was conferred on one candidate, and I have to report that I have never seen a degree given so near the ritual. I did not find

a single error and had no criticism to make and took pleasure in congratulating the officers and brethren on the excellence and high quality of the work. This lodge, although the smallest in membership of any in the district, has been for years noted for the correctness of its work, and Wor. ARCHIE D. FELT and his present corps of officers are fully qualified to maintain the lodge's reputation in this respect. The records show a good average attendance and a visitor to the meetings of Jefferson Lodge will be impressed with the interest and enthusiasm of its members. The lodge holds quite a number of rehearsals from time to time to study the ritual and this practice shows in the work. This lodge has carried too much unpaid dues on its books in the past, but this year the amount has been materially reduced so that the amount now due the lodge is not large. The secretary is R. W. JAMES L. BOWKER, who has held that office for a long term of years. It is needless to say that the records are well kept and very complete. At Bryant's Pond I was entertained by R. W. ARTHUR E. RICKER, whom I shall always remember as installing me master of my lodge.

GRANITE LODGE, NO. 182. March 1st was the date of my visit to Granite Lodge, No. 182, at West Paris, to inspect work on the E. A. degree. The work on the degree was performed in a very able and impressive manner by the officers. Only a few minor errors needed correction, no more than one would naturally expect to see. The officers appear to understand the ritual and seem thoroughly interested in their work. I was informed that this was the first degree conferred by the new officers, which makes it all the more creditable. I examined the records, which are kept in fine condition by Wor. L. B. SWAN, who has been secretary of the lodge for many years. They are carefully recorded and the dues are well collected. The financial condition of the lodge is good. Last year the lodge built an addition to their hall, enlarging their ante rooms, which adds much to their comfort. At the same time the hall was very tastefully decorated.

This closes the report of my acts as deputy. I have enjoyed the year's work very much and shall look upon this year as a bright spot in my masonic life. I wish to thank the brethren of this district who have so kindly assisted me in performing the duties of my office.

In closing, I wish to sincerely thank you, Most Worshipful, for the confidence you reposed in me by appointing me to the office of D. D. G. M.

Faternally submitted,

LEE M. SMITH, *D. D. G. M. 16th M. D.*

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to herewith submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Seventeenth Masonic District.

October 14th, I attended the School of Instruction held in Portland by M. W. Bro. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. The three lodges in Portland furnished lunch at noon and a banquet in the evening. Portland Lodge, No. 1, worked the F. C. degree in the evening, the work being extra good, as it was the first work after the installation of officers. At this session I installed R. W. MELVIN W. KNOWLES as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-second District.

October 23d, I attended the School of Instruction held at South Berwick with St. John's Lodge, and the work was gone over very thoroughly.

November 4th, I visited Harmony Lodge, No. 38, at Gorham. The work was the M. M. degree and was good. After a visiting brother had been examined, he was introduced to the lodge, a practice which ought to be more general. I saw at this time a member's diploma written on sheep skin, and signed by WILLIAM SMITH, Grand Master, and WILLIAM LORD, Grand Secretary, in the year 1824. At the banquet Eastern Star ladies waited on the tables.

November 5th, accompanied by Bros. COUSINS, BOODY and VARNUM, I visited officially Standish Lodge, No. 70, at Standish. R. W. Bro. OWEN was present. The work was the M. M. degree. One of the candidates was a minister, who was deeply impressed by the beauties of Masonry. The work was rendered in a very pleasing manner. They had a new Secretary, who seemed anxious to learn, and I gave such instruction as I thought would be of help. Banquet served by the Eastern Star ladies.

November 10th, assisted by Bro. COUSINS as Marshal, I installed the officers of Hiram Lodge, No. 180, at South Portland.

November 16th, I visited officially Deering Lodge, No. 183, at Portland, the M. W. Grand Master being present, also Past Grand Master ALBRO E. CHASE and several Past D. D. G. M.'s. I was received in form, R. Wor. Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS acting as Grand Marshal. The work was the M. M. degree and was extra good, almost perfect. Over three hundred at the banquet.

December 5th, accompanied by Bro. BOODY, I made my official visit to Presumpscot Lodge at North Windham. The F. C. degree was given

in a very creditable manner. I conferred the P. M. degree upon the W. M. Refreshments at close of work.

December 30th, assisted by Bro. COUSINS as Marshal, I publicly installed the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 38, at Gorham. W. Bro. COUSINS at my request conferred the P. M. degree. Dr. SETH C. GORDAN was present and made the address of the evening before a large attendance. Refreshments.

December 31st, accompanied by Bro. BOODY, I went to Standish, and assisted by Bro. PARKER PAYNE, I installed the officers of Standish Lodge, No. 70. Refreshments.

January 13th, assisted by W. Bro. FRED BABB as Marshal, I installed the officers of Temple Lodge, No. 86, at Westbrook. Refreshments after installation.

February 8th, I installed the officers of Deering Lodge before a large number of members. W. Bro. COUSINS acted as Marshal, and at my request conferred the P. M. degree upon candidates. I had the unexpected pleasure of presenting five Past Master's jewels, which was a pleasure, even if unexpected. A fine banquet was served.

February 16th, was a very stormy night, but, accompanied by thirty visiting brothers, I made my official visit to Casco Lodge, No. 36, at Yarmouth. I was received with the private Grand Honors and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was rendered in a manner that would do credit to any lodge that had had plenty of work. Wor. Bro. SEABURY makes a very fine officer. Banquet at close of work.

March 3d, I visited Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, at Portland. I was cordially received by W. M. Bro. JOSEPH B. REED. The work was the F. C. degree, given in such a manner that I could make only a very few corrections. About three hundred were present. A fine banquet at close of work.

March 17th, I officially visited Atlantic Lodge, No. 80, at Portland. The E. A. degree was given in a way to please the most exacting and was given the closest attention. The secretary informed me that no member owed dues back of 1908; and that he expected to have 1908 dues all collected in a short time. A fine banquet at close of work.

March 23d, I officially visited Hiram Lodge, No. 180, at South Portland. The work was the M. M. degree. The W. M., Bro. WILLARD, gave his work in an exceptionally impressive manner and was ably assisted by a fine line of officers. The hall was crowded. I noticed Eastern Star ladies waiting on the tables at the fine banquet which followed the work.

March 31st, I made my official visit to Portland Lodge, No. 1, at Portland, and was received in form, R. W. Bro. OWEN acting as Marshal. The W. M. having died, the S. W. acted as M., and assisted by a fine

line of officers worked the F. C. degree in a way that held the closest attention of the three hundred or more present. Again a fine banquet closed the evening's work.

April 7th, I made my official visit to my home lodge, Warren Phillips, No. 186, at Cumberland Mills. The officers worked the F. C. degree before a large attendance, using with good effect the stereopticon views. The work was good. At this meeting the lodge drew an order paying for twenty-one Past Master's jewels to be presented on April 21st. Banquet at close of work.

April 14th, I officially visited Temple Lodge, No. 86, at Westbrook. The F. C. degree was given very finely before a large attendance, and again the stereopticon was used, bringing before the candidates certain points in the lecture. R. W. Bro. ALBERT H. BURROUGHS presented himself and I installed him as Grand Standard Bearer.

During my visits to some of the lodges my attention has been called to the readiness with which they voted to purchase units in the new Masonic Temple which is soon to be erected in Portland.

The only contention that exists among the lodges in this district is that noble contention or rather emulation of who best can work and best agree. I have in all of my visits been received with every courtesy and my suggestions and corrections well received. I extend my thanks to the officers and brethren for the uniform courtesy which they have shown me on my visits.

Most Worshipful, for my second appointment as D. D. G. M. of the Seventeenth District, I wish you to accept my sincere thanks.

Faternally submitted,

CHARLES W. CARLL, *D. D. G. M., 17th M. D.*

Cumberland Mills, April 23, 1909.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your D. D. G. M. begs leave to submit his annual report of the Eighteenth Masonic District.

MOUNT TIR'EM LODGE, No. 132, WATERFORD. On the evening of December 12th, accompanied by Bro. CHARLES F. DOUGHTY, of Oriental Lodge, of Bridgton, I made an official visit to this lodge. It was a special meeting to work the E. A. degree. Mount Tir'em had extended an invitation to Crooked River Lodge of Otisfield, and several of the

brethren from that lodge were present, many of whom were my boyhood friends, and it gave me great pleasure to take them by the hand as brethren. Mount Tir'em is to be commended for the zeal and ability with which they disseminate the genuine principles of our institution. The work was very impressively done and very near the ritual. There were very few corrections to make, and those were received with an earnestness that goes to show that they are willing and anxious to abide by the decisions and rulings of Grand Lodge. The records are in good form, and still in the hands of R. W. Bro. JEWETT, who, I was very, very sorry to learn, is not enjoying very good health, although he was present at the meeting, and we hope for his speedy recovery.

SHEPHERD RIVER, No. 169, BROWNFIELD. I made an official visit to this lodge on the evening of January 6th. There was no work, and by invitation I installed their officers, with the assistance of R. W. ISAAC S. LOWELL as Grand Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. WILLIAM R. COPE as Grand Marshal, from Greenleaf Lodge, No. 117, Cornish. Their records are well kept by Bro. ALMON F. JOHNSON. The dues are well collected. And one thing that I noticed was that they are electing young members to office who seem to be very much interested in their work.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, No. 56, DENMARK. I made an official visit to this lodge January 13th. There was no work, and, by invitation, I installed their officers, and was ably assisted by their Secretary, Bro. WILLIAM C. ORDDAY, as Marshal. Their records are in good order. Dues fairly well collected. I find this lodge has had some trouble in its ranks the past year, but from what I could learn, I think it is *about over*. Their Master, Wor. AUGUSTUS S. COLBY, seems to be a level-headed fellow, and will, I think, straighten matters out to the satisfaction of all.

DELTA LODGE, No. 153, LOVELL. On February 11th, I made a visit to this lodge and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. The work was well done indeed, considering that it was the first work done by the new officers. This lodge has an able coacher in R. W. Bro. NOYES. The records are still in the hands of Bro. PRESTON B. WALKER, which is a guaranty of good records. This lodge has a good fair standing financially. The dues are well collected.

ORIENTAL LODGE, No. 13, BRIDGTON. I made my official visit to this lodge March 6th. I found it about as I expected to. The work was in the E. A. degree; it was the first work done by the new officers. It was done in a manner that shows careful study by the officers, who are young men, and a credit to any lodge. The records are still in Bro. CHAPLIN'S hands. I will say they are as good, if not the best, I ever looked over. The dues are well collected. We need not have any fear for Oriental.

GREENLEAF LODGE, NO. 117, CORNISH. This being my home lodge I have not made an official visit, although I have been present at all of their meetings. We have not had much work the past year, but what has been done has been done very well. We have done a thorough job repairing our hall this year, expending over seven hundred dollars on it, and we have a beautiful hall which was much needed, as it was very much out of repair. The records are in the hands of Wor. Bro. WALTER P. PERKINS, who is a Past Master in the art. The dues are well collected.

PYTHAGOREAN LODGE, NO. 11, FRYEBURG. I made an official visit to this lodge April 5th. I found their hall undergoing repairs, which I understand are to be quite extensive, and which they can well afford to do. They have just had a valuable present from their late brother A. R. JENNESS, who gave to them not only their hall, but the entire building, with two stores underneath, that bring them in a nice income. There was no work. I examined their records, which are models of excellence and are still in the hands of R. W. Bro. EASTMAN. The dues are well collected. Their officers are young men of ability, and zealous masons, who will endeavor to their utmost ability to do good work.

In closing I will say I have found it a great pleasure to visit the several lodges of this district, where I have been treated with kindness and respect. I find the several lodges enjoying peace and unity with but a single exception. I wish to thank the officers and members of this district for the courtesy shown me. And thanking you, M. W., for my appointment, I remain

Yours fraternally,

DANIEL G. CHAPLIN, *D. D. G. M. 18th M. D.*

Cornish, April 8, 1909.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Nineteenth Masonic District.

During the year I have visited all the lodges in the Nineteenth District for the purpose of inspection, and have installed the officers in four. My official relations with the officers of all the lodges in the district have been most cordial, my reception most courteous, my entertainment most sumptuous, and such criticism as I have deemed it necessary to make has been most kindly received.

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I was appointed and installed D. D. G. M. on May 7th, and received my commission on May 19, 1908.

On June 8th, I visited York Lodge, No. 22, at Kennebunk, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on two candidates. The work was well done by W. M. B. A. SMITH, assisted by an able corps of officers. I found the financial affairs of this lodge in excellent condition, the dues well collected and the lodge prosperous. As there were two candidates, I raised one of them at the request of the master. Refreshments were served after the close of the lodge.

On October 23d, I attended the School of Instruction, held at South Berwick, under the personal supervision of M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. The School was in session both forenoon and afternoon, instruction being given in all the degrees, and in as thorough and careful a manner as the time would admit. Although the attendance was disappointingly small, the interest of those attending was great, and the result, I believe, excellent. I wish here to voice my approval of the Schools of Instruction, and to impress upon masters and officers of lodges, as well as District Deputies, the importance of attending one of them annually.

I am convinced that these schools are much more valuable to the officers of lodges, as officers, than are visits by District Deputies; that in this manner more thorough and correct instruction can be given than in any other way yet devised; that here those present not only hear our ritual correctly rendered, but receive suggestions and interchange ideas on working the degrees that are almost invaluable. In short, I am of the opinion that by means of these schools more correct, more available and more valuable instruction can be given and obtained, and that, too, at a smaller cost in time to members and in money to the Grand Lodge, than by any other method yet devised, and that at these meetings is engendered, in a marked degree, that fraternal spirit which is so desirable and is so essential to the best interests of Masonry. St. John's Lodge furnished refreshments at 12 and 6 o'clock, and in the evening worked the M. M. degree. M. W. F. E. SLEEPER, our Grand Lecturer, favored the officers of the lodge with such words of praise that it was with reluctance that I added a few words of caution and criticism, but as St. John's is my masonic home, I have had frequent opportunities during the year for correcting the faults of its officers. The records of this lodge are very ably kept by Bro. J. W. WHITEHOUSE, the dues well collected, and its financial affairs in a better condition than for years.

On November 18th, I visited Ocean Lodge, No. 142, at Wells Depot, and saw work in the F. C. degree on one candidate, and in the M. M. degree on another. In the unavoidable absence of the master, Past

Master L. F. GETCHELL presided, and conferred the degrees in an able manner. This lodge has had but little work in the immediate past, and its officers show a want of sufficient practice rather than suitable instruction, and are to be commended for what, under the circumstances, they have accomplished. The records and financial affairs of the lodge are in good hands. The exercises were followed by a very acceptable banquet.

On December 9th, I again visited Ocean Lodge and installed its officers. The ceremonies were public to masons and their families, but as the weather was inclement the attendance was smaller than anticipated, although those present apparently appreciated them as well as enjoyed the bountiful banquet that was afterwards served. I had the pleasure, at this time, to install as treasurer Bro. TRAFTON HATCH, who has been the very efficient treasurer of this lodge ever since it resumed work under its restored charter, and P. M. CHARLES H. WEST as Marshal, who has attended every meeting of the Grand Lodge either as master or proxy for more than thirty years.

On December 2d, I visited Naval Lodge, No. 184, at Kittery. The lodge was to have raised a candidate, but as he had been suddenly called away, W. M. FRANK E. ROBBINS exemplified work in the M. M. degree. At previous unofficial visits to this lodge I had noted that its work was somewhat affected by contact with the lodges in Portsmouth, N. H., but at this meeting I was pleased to note the beneficent effect of Schools of Instruction. The master and several members had attended the school at South Berwick, and it gratifies me to report that the rendering of the ritual in this degree was more nearly absolutely correct than any other I have had the pleasure this year to witness. I found the financial affairs of this lodge in every way satisfactory, the records, under the efficient care of Past R. W. DAVID G. WALKER, as they should be, and the dues well collected. Refreshments were served after the exercises.

On January 5th, I visited St. Aspinquid Lodge, No. 198, at York, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was finely done by W. M. WILLIAM P. CUMMINGS, assisted by an able corps of officers, of whom I wish to especially commend the senior deacon. This lodge also shows the good effect of the School of Instruction, and the tuition of Past D. D. G. M. SMITH, who materially aids it in its efforts towards perfection. The financial affairs of this lodge are satisfactory, and the records neatly and correctly kept. I took occasion to compliment the Secretary, Bro. CUZNER, on this fact, as well as that the records of each meeting had been signed by the master when confirmed. A nice supper was served.

On January 6th, I visited Arundel Lodge, No. 76, at Kennebunkport.

Work in the M. M. degree was here offered on a well prepared candidate. Before reviewing the work of the evening I felt it to be my duty and privilege to compliment the candidate on the good impression he had created by his practically faultless replies to questions on the whole of the first section of the preceding degree. The work of this lodge is satisfactory, in a measure undoubtedly due to the interest and assistance of R. W. ISAAC GOOCH, Past D. D. G. M., in its affairs. Although Bro. BENSON is serving his first term as Secretary, he bids fair to soon become very efficient in that office, as evinced by the records and affairs of the lodge.

On January 22d, I visited Yorkshire Lodge, No. 179, at North Berwick. As no work offered, the retiring officers exemplified the F. C. degree, after which I installed the newly elected and appointed officers. I sincerely hope that more work will be presented to this lodge during the coming, than has been offered during the past year; if so, I trust that the results will be satisfactory. The exercises of the evening were followed by refreshments.

On February 4th, I visited Arion Lodge, No. 162, at Goodwin's Mills. The W. M., OSCAR G. HANSON, a member of the state legislature was absent in Augusta, but the E. A. degree was conferred on one candidate. I wish to compliment the lodge on the promptness with which the work was done when once begun, and to criticize the seemingly unnecessary delay in beginning it. Of its officers, I desire especially to commend the senior warden, from whom much should be expected in the future, also the secretary, the conduct of whose office I found second to none.

On February 10th, I visited Arundel Lodge and publicly installed its officers. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, not only the public parade had to be abandoned, but the attendance was unexpectedly small. However, those present seemed not only to be impressed with the beauty and solemnity of the ceremonies, but also to enjoy the excellent banquet that followed the exercises.

On March 3d, I visited Saco Lodge, No. 9, at Saco, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree on four candidates. I have little but praise for the manner in which the work of this lodge was conducted, and was pleased to so inform its officers and members. Fourteen candidates presented their names to the lodge at this meeting for the degrees in its gift. A number that must have been highly gratifying to its officers and members. The quarters of Saco Lodge are most beautiful and convenient, and all of its officers have been selected with rare good judgment. One would, therefore, bespeak for Saco Lodge an era of interest and prosperity, but it appears that either a very large per cent. of the material that offers itself must be undesirable, or some of its members are very

particular, as many of the fourteen candidates had been previously rejected.

On March 8th, I visited Dunlap Lodge, No. 47, at Biddeford, and saw work on four candidates, in the M. M. degree. The lodge had but recently held their election, and the officers were new to their positions, nevertheless, the work progressed very smoothly and furnished but few opportunities for corrections or suggestions. The Master's lecture was delivered by Past Master JAMES E. ETHELLES, in such an impressive and correct manner that I felt compelled to congratulate the lodge on having among its members a Past Master whose continued active interest in its work was so evident and who was so well qualified to assist them. P. D. D. G. M. MINOT very impressively delivered the charge. The exercises of the evening concluded with a banquet in their spacious dining hall.

On March 18th, I installed the officers of St. John's Lodge at South Berwick. The ceremonies were public to masons and their families, of whom about 175 were present. The exercises were rendered more enjoyable and impressive by the music furnished by a mixed quartet, accompanied by the organ. At the close of the installation I presented, at the request of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel to the retiring master, CHAS. H. SWEET, also to the oldest living past master of the lodge, EDWARD A. CHESLEY. The ceremonies were followed by refreshments and a very enjoyable social hour.

Having concluded my official labors, permit me, Most Worshipful, to sincerely thank you for the honor you have conferred, and the pleasure and profit you have enabled me to secure, while acting as your deputy for the Nineteenth Masonic District.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the secretaries of every lodge in this district for their promptness in making their returns.

Faternally submitted,

JOHN M. BURLEIGH, *D. D. G. M. 19th M. D.*

South Berwick, March 20, 1909.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

The undersigned, D. D. G. M. of the Twentieth Masonic District, begs leave to submit the following report:

During the year I have made official visits to all of the lodges once, and to some of them more than once.

September 5th, I was invited to visit Baskahegan Lodge, No. 175, at Danforth, to install the officers-elect. I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. J. FRED. CLARK, of Horeb Lodge, who acted as Marshal. We were very much pleased with our reception, and also to see the almost luxurious home of the brothers of this lodge.

On September 12th, being again accompanied by Bro. CLARK, I installed the officers-elect of Forest Lodge of Springfield. It has been my privilege at different times in the past to visit this lodge, and while it means a carriage ride of twenty miles over some of the big hills of Maine, one always feels amply repaid for the effort by the cordial and hearty greeting and royal entertainment of the brethren of this lodge; and we have reason to believe that under the leadership of Wor. Bro. CHARLES WEICK and his able and efficient predecessors, who seem to continue in the harness, I have no doubt but they will continued to hold that enviable reputation of "who best can work and best agree." The records are still in the hands of Bro. COLE and need no criticism. Am also glad to report that there is good prospects that a much needed and commodious hall will be built here this coming year.

October 30th, I attended the meeting of a lodge of instruction held by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, at Bangor, and enjoyed a pleasant and profitable day.

January, I installed the officers-elect of Horeb Lodge, assisted by P. M. P. J. MILLS, as Marshal.

March 2d, I made a second visit to Baskahegan Lodge, accompanied by Bros. CHARLES F. PLUMLY and J. W. HASKELL. Bro. PLUMLY was for many years the efficient Secretary of Horeb Lodge. We witnessed work in the E. A. degree. The officers showed themselves to be well up to their work, rendering the ritual in a very creditable manner. Baskahegan Lodge is to be congratulated on having a very efficient corps of officers. The records are kept in fine shape by P. M. MARTIN L. PORTER.

April 3d, I made an official visit to Pine Tree Lodge at Mattawamkeag, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. It is perhaps needless to remark that I feel quite at home among the brothers of this lodge, as it is also the home of Mount Horeb Chapter, of which I am a member. I would feel that I was somewhat remiss in my duty if I failed to mention P. M. SMITH, whose thirty-six years of efficient service as Secretary finds him hale and hearty. Bro. SMITH enjoys the distinction of having an unbroken record of attendance since his first election.

Just a word about Horeb, my home lodge. We had the good fortune a few years ago to erect a fine masonic building of which we are justly proud, but owing to the financial depression and the suspension of work

in a large lumber mill, and the consequent exodus of a good many of the brethren, we are consequently struggling under a heavy debt.

In conclusion, I find the condition of the fraternity in this district, as the statistics will show, making a healthy growth and a good degree of prosperity among the craft.

I would take this opportunity to thank the brethren of this district for their uniform kindness and the courtesy shown me, and you, M. W. Grand Master, for this appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE, *D. D. G. M. 20th M. D.*

Lincoln, April 13, 1909.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to present my third annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-first Masonic District.

The amount of personal work on my hands at the time your request came to me to fill the unexpired term of Bro. ANDREW P. HAVEY, resigned, and the shortness of time before the annual session of the Grand Lodge, have made it impossible to do the work in a thorough and complete manner.

I have been unable to visit Felicity Lodge, No. 19, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, and Mt. Desert Lodge, No. 140, but have been in communication with them all; and, from their written reports, and from conversation with their officers, I feel able to report favorable work by them during the year.

I was installed by R. W. JOHN B. REDMAN February 5, 1909, and on February 6th, I visited David A. Hooper Lodge, No. 201, and installed the officers for the coming year. The records are correctly kept by Bro. CLAPHAM as usual, and David A. Hooper Lodge is prosperous.

By your request, I visited the town of Surry, where several brethren are anxious to establish a new lodge. My report of this visit and its result will appear in the report of Committee on Dispensations.

On April 7th, I visited Winter Harbor Lodge. A careful examination of the books of the lodge, kept by that veteran Secretary, B. F. SUMNER, showed more than the usual enthusiasm in Masonry. I found the record of forty meetings during the past, in which, if no work was on

hand, one of the degrees would be exemplified. Such interest in Masonry cannot fail of its reward in the end.

April 8th, I visited Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Mason's degree. The work was impressively rendered, and was up to the well known standard of Bar Harbor Lodge.

April 9th, I visited Northeast Harbor Lodge, No. 208, and met the W. M. and Secretary. I examined the books of the lodge, and found that Bro. GEORGE E. TURNER, as Secretary, still maintained the high standard which he gained as master. No lodge meeting was held. Northeast Harbor Lodge is a young but vigorous lodge,

On the same day I met with Tremont Lodge at South West Harbor. It was a very stormy night; but the number of brethren who came to greet me in the lodge room showed that Tremont Lodge is full of Masonry, and ready to promote the welfare of the order at a personal sacrifice. There was no work to present, and the evening was profitably spent in asking and answering questions, and in talks on Masonry.

April 10th, I met the master of Mt. Desert Lodge, No. 140, but the traveling was so bad that it was not deemed advisable to try to call the lodge together. Suffice it to say, you need have no fears of the success of Mt. Desert Lodge while it is in the hands of so conservative a body of men as its present officers.

April 17th, I went to McKinley, by request of the Grand Secretary, to investigate in regard to the petition of brethren of McKinley and vicinity for a new lodge. My report, and the results of my visit, will be found in the report of the Committee on Dispensations.

Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, is my own lodge, and I have been present at nearly every meeting during the year. The officers this year are all young men whose abilities are well known to the members, and while they are not veterans in Masonry, there is no cause of alarm that Lygonia will not give her usual report of good work.

In general, the work throughout the Twenty-First District has been less in quantity than for several years past, but the quality has not been impaired.

I regret exceedingly that I cannot give a better account of my stewardship, but as you are fully aware of my situation, I feel that you will look with indulgence on what failures I may have made.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. DRESSER, *D. D. G. M. 21st M. D.*

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-Second Masonic District.

I attended the Lodge of Instruction at Portland, October 14th, under the personal direction of the Grand Lecturer. I was very much benefited by attending this school, and have tried to impart to the several lodges the knowledge received as best I could.

On the same date, by your request, was installed by CHARLES W. CARLL, D. D. G. M. of the Seventeenth District.

I visited all the lodges and found them on the whole in a prosperous condition. Every lodge has had work and all are enjoying peace and harmony.

MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, NO. 49, NEWPORT. October 16th, I made my official visit to this lodge and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very creditable manner. It being the district meeting the attendance was good. Six lodges in the district were represented. I made a few necessary corrections. Several questions were asked by the brothers and all seemed interested. Records well kept and the dues very well collected.

PACIFIC, NO. 64, EXETER. November 4th, I made my official visit to this lodge. W. M. STILLMAN J. RIDLON not being present, DANIEL B. PACKARD, the present master, acted as W. M. Work in the E. A. degree. There were naturally some errors to which I called attention, but on the whole the work was satisfactory. Records well kept; dues well collected.

PARIAN, NO. 160, CORINNA. November 7th, I made my official visit to this lodge. Work in the F. C. degree. One feature of the work should be particularly commended, and that the very excellent examination passed in open lodge by the candidate. The officers worked the degree in a very pleasing manner and close to the ritual. The attendance was good. Records, in the hands of Bro. HUTCHINS, are carefully kept and dues well collected.

ARCHON, NO. 139, EAST DIXMONT. I made my official visit to this lodge December 31st. Work in M. M. degree. The work was done very well and the corrections were confined, for the most part, to minor ritualistic errors. The brothers seemed to be very enthusiastic and anxious to obtain information. The attendance was good. Records well kept and dues well collected.

MERIDIAN, NO. 125, PITTSFIELD. January 22d, I made my official

visit to this lodge. It was the annual meeting, no candidate being present. I examined the records, which are well kept and the dues are well paid. Having visited this lodge before, I know they do good work.

PLYMOUTH, NO. 75, PLYMOUTH. March 2d, made my official visit to this lodge. Work in the E. A. degree, which was very well done, but few corrections being necessary. From the report given last year, I think this lodge must be gaining. The attendance was small but seemed to show good interest in the lodge. Records and dues in the hands of Past D. D. G. M. HARRIS are well looked after.

CORINTHIAN, NO. 95, HARTLAND. March 3d, I made my official visit to this lodge, and witnessed work in M. M. degree upon two candidates. While some mistakes, were made they were no more than would be expected from any working lodge. The attendance was very good and much interest was shown. The records are in excellent condition and the dues very well collected.

CAMBRIDGE, NO. 157, CAMBRIDGE. As this is my home lodge and I have attended nearly all the meetings, I did not deem it necessary to make an official visit, having helped in the way of making corrections at times when needed. I privately installed the officers February 2d. I am pleased to say this lodge is in excellent condition. The work is up to the average with a good attendance. Records in the hands of Bro. HERSEY well kept and dues all collected.

In closing, my thanks are extended to the several lodges in the Twenty-Second District, for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me on my visits, also to the brethren who have kindly accompanied me on my official visitations to the different lodges.

And now, Most Worshipful, I wish you to accept my sincere thanks for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN W. KNOWLES, *D. D. G. M. 22d M. D.*
Cambridge, April 10, 1909.

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLEY,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-Third Masonic District.

Early last fall, on account of business relations, I was obliged to change my residence from Springvale to Alfred, and have not been able to visit the several lodges in the district as I had designed.

I made arrangements with Past Master L. M. SAWYARD of Fraternal, No. 55, to visit some of the lodges in my behalf, but he was unable to do so. I very much regret that I was unable to visit the several lodges.

November 3d, in company with 18 members of Fraternal Lodge, and Bro. E. F. DOUGHTY of Pythagorean, Bro. GEORGE F. PREBLE of St. Aspinquid, and Bro. GEORGE E. THING of Freedom Lodges, I visited Springvale Lodge, No. 190. There were also present several members of Preble Lodge. Work in the M. M. degree was performed on three candidates in a creditable manner, after which a very nice oyster supper was served.

January 5th, I again visited Springvale Lodge and installed the officers.

January 2d, I installed the officers of Fraternal Lodge, No. 55. This was a public installation, with Fern Chapter O. E. Star. After the installation a fine supper was served.

February 3d, I made my official visit to Fraternal Lodge. Work was done in the E. A. degree. The officers are all young men and some are young masons, and have a good chance to study.

I thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of my appointment as your representative in the Twenty-Third District.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIE F. FERGUSON, *D. D. G. M. 23d M. D.*

Alfred, April 3, 1909.

Since sending my report of the Twenty-Third District to you, I have visited Freedom Lodge, No. 42, by request of the W. Master, and I received a royal welcome from Bro. FENDERSON and all of the brethren. The M. M. degree was worked on one candidate in a very satisfactory manner. The officers are all very earnest in the work and eager for any instruction they could receive. I look for a very successful year for Freedom Lodge. One thing I was very much pleased about was, that when the master gave the lecture no one left the hall but all paid strict attention until the close. I am sorry to say that I have seen in the past, on several occasions in different lodges, nearly one-half of the members leave the hall when the lecture was given. I had the pleasure of meeting P. D. D. G. Masters J. MERRILL LORD and H. H. MCKENNEY, also representatives of at least six other lodges in the state, and altogether it was a most enjoyable evening. During the evening a very nice lunch was served.

Fraternally,

WILLIE F. FERGUSON, *D. D. G. M. 23d M. D.*

Alfred, April 24, 1909.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-fourth Masonic District for the year 1909.

May 7th, I received my appointment as D. D. G. M., and was installed at a special meeting of Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, June 15th, by M. W. WILLIAM J. BURNHAM.

October 26th, I attended a School of Instruction holden at Skowhegan, which was of great help in preparing myself for my official duties. I think these schools are doing much good toward perfecting the lodges in ritualistic work. Too much cannot be said of the courteous manner and good fellowship with which M. W. F. E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, conducts these meetings. In the evening we had the pleasure of seeing the M. M. degree by the local lodge, it being the occasion of the D. D. G. M.'s visit to that lodge. The work was nicely done and added to the instruction already received.

October 14th, assisted by Wor. CHARLES A. LITCHFIELD as Marshal, and Rev. H. B. HUTCHINS as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, at Lewiston.

December 9th, I officially visited Rabboni Lodge, and inspected the work in the E. A. degree. The officers of this lodge exhibit a good deal of interest in having the ritual work correct. The work was well done, a few corrections being noted and suggestions made, a good attendance and a large number of past masters being present. Records are well and correctly kept in the hands of Bro. E. L. GOSS. Bro. GOSS has a Member's Lodge which I think it would be well for the lodges of the state to adopt. After work we enjoyed the usual good time at refreshment.

December 31st, I spent a very pleasant evening in visiting Webster Lodge, No. 164, at Sabattus, and seeing the work exemplified in the F. C. degree. This being the home lodge of Grand Lecturer F. E. SLEEPER, it is perhaps unnecessary to say the work was well done and the officers showed that they had put time and study into their work. I found the records in good shape and the dues being well collected. A number of visitors were present from other lodges. Refreshments were served after the work and a general good time was enjoyed.

January 2d, in company with Rt. Wor. LIONEL O. BRACKETT of Ancient Brothers' Lodge of Auburn, I visited Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, of New Gloucester. Work was very nicely done in the E. A. and M. M. degrees. A few corrections were made and suggestions offered

and questions answered, which were all received in good spirit. This being one of the oldest lodges in the state, we observed a good many curiosities and souvenirs of ye oldene time. The records are neatly and correctly kept, a good fund on hand and the history is up to within a few years. A hot oyster stew was a good thing just before a cold moonlight drive of twelve miles.

January 6th, my visit to Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, of Auburn, was attended with a good deal of pleasure. This being annual communication, I found by the several reports that the lodge was in good financial condition, the records correctly kept and dues well collected. The M. M. degree was well rendered, and the snap and go of the officers was very noticeable. There was a very large attendance, including visitors from outside the district. After the work a banquet was served, followed by speeches by visitors and members.

January 18th, I visited my own lodge, Ashlar, No. 105, at Lewiston. The M. M. degree was worked on three candidates. All I will say as regards the work is this: Two Past D. D. G. M.'s sat near me, and they made the remark that I did not need to use up much of my pencil. The records are in the hands of that veteran Secretary, Wor. Bro. F. I. MORRELL, who has served the lodge in that capacity twenty-one years. The history is up to date, and a bound copy has been forwarded to the Grand Lodge. Refreshments and speeches were enjoyed in the banquet hall.

January 22d, with the assistance of Wor. Bro. EZRA A. NEVINS, of Ashlar Lodge, as Marshal, and Bro. E. C. WOODSIDE as Chaplain, I publicly installed the officers of Webster Lodge, No. 164, at Sabattus. I also had the assistance of the Temple Quartet of Lewiston. After the ceremonies a fine program was rendered by the quartet and gentlemen from Bates College, after which the inner man was attended to in the banquet hall.

February 4th, in company with a number from Lewiston and Auburn Lodges, I made my official visit to Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, at Mechanic Falls. Work was in the E. A. degree. The officers showed good enthusiasm and an eager spirit to know and do the work aright. The records are neatly and correctly kept in the hands of Bro. JEFFERIES. The lodge is in good financial condition. After the work, a very pleasant hour was spent in refreshment and a general social good time. There was a large attendance of the older members, and fourteen Past Masters were present.

February 22d. It is always a pleasure to see good work in a masonic lodge, and certainly this evening was an enjoyable one. I visited Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, at Auburn, and saw the M. M. degree in as nearly perfect following of the ritual as any I have seen in this dis-

strict. It showed that the officers had put a good deal of care and study into their work. I found the lodge in a good way financially, the records well kept and dues well collected. We enjoyed a very fine banquet at the close of work, which was followed by speeches from visitors and members.

March 6th. In my visit this evening, to Nezinscot Lodge, No. 101, at Turner, I was accompanied by about twenty of the brethren from Lewiston and Auburn. The work was exemplified in the F. C. degree. There is not quite the enthusiasm in exemplifying the work as in a real candidate, yet the duties of the several officers were well performed and the ritual followed very closely. I found this lodge has a good fund to their credit. The records were neatly and correctly kept, and everything pointed to a prosperous condition. After the work a very pleasant hour was spent at the tables in the ante rooms.

This, M. W., is the record of my official acts for the past year.

In conclusion, would say that the utmost harmony has prevailed throughout the district. The lodges have been doing good work and there seems to be an earnest desire among the officers to know and do the work aright.

I wish to thank you, M. W., for the honor conferred in appointing me District Deputy Grand Master of this district, also the members of each lodge for the many courtesies extended to me on my visits to them.

I think I am safe in saying that this is one of the banner districts of this jurisdiction.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

LEWIS V. WINSHIP, *D. D. G. M. 24th M. D.*

March 22, 1909.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-Fifth Masonic District.

September 7th, I was installed by R. W. LEON G. HOWE, P. J. Grand Warden, as I was not present at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

October 30th, I had the pleasure of attending a School of Instruction held in Bangor, presided over by M. W. G. L. FRANK E. SLEEPER, which I found to be very interesting and helpful.

December 12th, I installed the officers of Aroostook Lodge, Bro. N. E. DORITY acting as Grand Marshal.

March 2d, I visited Molunkus Lodge at Sherman Mills, and witnessed work in M. M. degree. The officers did their work very well. Made a few corrections, which were well received. Records are well kept, financial condition good.

March 3d, I visited Island Falls Lodge and witnessed work in M. M. degree, which was admirably done; the officers appeared to take great interest in the work, and the ritual was closely followed. This is an enterprising lodge, having erected a new masonic home the past year, which is a model in every particular, and are planning to dedicate the new building the coming June.

March 4th, I visited Nollesemic Lodge at Millinocket, and witnessed work in Third degree. Officers were close ritualists, and work well done, and I had few corrections to make. The records, kept by Bro. MARDEN, are a model in every detail. The entire property of this lodge was destroyed by fire last May, and some time elapsed before new quarters could be procured, but the lodge is now quite pleasantly located, in a large well furnished hall, and W. M. F. C. BAGLEY and other officers deserve much credit.

Owing to circumstances unforeseen, I was unable to visit Monument Lodge at Houlton, and Katahdin Lodge at Patten, on dates previously arranged, and sent Bro. HOWARD PIERCE, W. M. of Aroostook Lodge, and his report follows:

ALMON O. NUTTER, D. D. G. M. Twenty-Fifth District.

Dear Sir and Brother: In compliance with your request I visited Monument Lodge at Houlton on the 24th day of March. There was a large number present, the hall being filled with members and many visiting brethren. The F. C. degree was conferred in a very impressive and painstaking manner. The officers were new to their respective duties, but the manner in which the ceremonies were carried out showed ability and a careful compliance with the ritual. Few errors were noted and I would especially congratulate Monument Lodge upon having such an able and efficient corps of officers. The work of the senior deacon in this degree was particularly good, and I consider Bro. ARCHIBALD one of the best senior deacons that I have ever seen act in this capacity. A banquet was served after the ceremonies which was enjoyed very much by all present, and particularly the post-prandial remarks. The spirit of Masonry was as apparent in the banquet hall as it had been in the lodge room. The financial condition of this lodge is most excellent.

I also, on April 1st, visited Katahdin Lodge at Patten. This lodge

has not been doing very much work within the past year, and the interest did not seem to be as keen as should be expected. There being no candidate, the work was exemplified in the E. A. degree in a fairly satisfactory manner. There were a number of errors, due to the fact that the candidate was not a real one, also some failures to follow out the form and close application to the ritual. I made some corrections and gave some advice, which was happily and kindly received. After the lodge closed a supper was served and a general good time enjoyed. This lodge has excellent quarters, but needs to brush up on its ritual, and should be doing more work than it is.

Fraternally submitted,

HOWARD PIERCE.

I did not make an official visit to my home lodge, Aroostook, No. 197, but have attended nearly all of its meetings, and made corrections when needed. Am pleased to say that this lodge is in excellent condition and the best of harmony prevails. The officers are of good material and follow the ritual closely. W. M. HOWARD PIERCE is a conscientious, thorough worker and a very dignified officer, and commands the utmost respect of the members. Bro. JOHN M. RAMSEY is Secretary, and has filled the office since the institution of this lodge in 1891, and I am confident that no lodge in the state has better kept records. This lodge is prospering at present, and there are eleven candidates who have received the E. A. degree.

In closing, I wish to express the pleasure which the work has given me, and also to thank the brethren throughout the district for their courtesy and kindness.

I thank you for the honor conferred on me.

Fraternally submitted,

ALMON O. NUTTER, *D. D. G. M., 25th M. D.*

April 20, 1909.

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND,

Tuesday, May 4, 1909.

The Trustees met in the Grand Master's office at 4:30 P. M.

Present—EDMUND B. MALLET, *President*,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*,

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,

ARCHIE L. TALBOT,

LEANDER M. KENNISTON,

FRANK E. SLEEPER,

HOWARD D. SMITH.

The Grand Treasurer's annual report was presented as follows:

PORTLAND, May 4, 1909.

To the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the

Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.

Your Treasurer respectfully reports that the invested fund consists of:

	Fund.	Income.
25 shares Canal National Bank Stock,.....	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 150.00
37 shares Casco National Bank Stock,.....	3,700.00	222.00
14 shares First National Bank Stock,.....	1,400.00	84.00
20 shares Westbrook Trust Co. Stock,.....	2,000.00	80.00
14 shares National Traders Bank Stock in liquidation,.....		42.00
19 G. L.		

3 Sagadahoc Light & Power Co. Bonds,.....	1,500.00	67.50
1 Town of Brunswick Bond,.....	1,000.00	40.00
2 Northern Pacific Ry. Co. Bonds,.....	2,000.00	80.00
2 Rockland Water Co. Bonds,.....	1,500.00	75.00
2 Wladikawkas Ry. Co. Bonds,.....	2,000.00	80.00
2 Kennebec Light & Heat Co. Bonds,.....	1,000.00	50.00
1 Mousam Water Co. Bond,.....	500.00	25.00
1 Denver City Tramway Co. Bond,.....	500.00	25.00
1 Maine Central Ry. Co. Bond,.....	500.00	35.00
1 Portland Water Co. Bond,.....	1,000.00	40.00
2 Rumford Falls Power Co. Bonds,.....	2,000.00	80.00
1 Delaware Water Co. Bond,.....	500.00	30.00
2 Newton Street Ry. Co. Bonds,.....	1,000.00	50.00
3 Toledo Ry. & Terminal Co. Bonds,.....	2,200.00	99.00
2 Boston & Maine Ry. Co. Bonds,.....	2,000.00	40.00
1 Newton & Northwestern Ry. Co. Bond ex- changed for securities in the Fort Dodge, Des Moines & Southern Ry. Co., as follows:		
4 5 per cent. bonds, Nos. 178, 183, 184 and 59,.....	800.00	
3 shares pfd. stock cert. No. A 223,.....	300.00	
5 shares common stock cert. No. 203,.....	500.00	1,000.00
1 Mary E. Denny Note, sceured by Mortgage on Real Estate,.....	4,300.00	215.00
1 E. S. Moody Note, secured by Mortgage on Real Estate,.....	5,000.00	300.00
1 J. S. Proctor Note, secured by Mortgage on Real Estate,.....	2,200.00	
Maine Savings Bank,.....	62.20	2.66
Portland Savings Bank,.....	1,092.85	44.12
Augusta Savings Bank,.....	806.68	32.56
Skowhegan Savings Bank,.....	759.99	30.68
Waterville Savings Bank,.....	798.92	32.24
Wiscasset Savings Bank,.....	826.21	33.36
Bath Savings Institution,.....	806.14	32.56
Brunswick Savings Institution,.....	786.67	31.76
Gardiner Savings Institution,.....	792.45	32.00
Portland National Bank, Savings Department,....	1,596.91	64.48
Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co.,.....	1,191.86	53.58
Fidelity Trust Co.,.....	2,067.18	83.50
	<u>\$52,892.06</u>	<u>\$2,383.00</u>

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

1908.

May 5.	Balance from old account,	\$4,861.74
6.	Unexpended balance from Chas. F. Johnson, Grand Master,	250.00
	Savings Bank Dividends added,	550.01
Nov. 2.	First Dividend on 14 shares National Traders' Bank Stock in liquidation,	1,750.00
	Interest on investments, excepting Savings Banks,	2,059.08
		<u>\$9,470.83</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

May 7.	Paid beneficiaries,	\$1,197.00
"	Savings Bank Dividends added,	550.01
"	Placed in hands of Edmund B. Mallet, Grand Master,	200.00
12.	" Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co., rent of box in vault to May 13, 1909,	10.00
Nov. 3.	" Estabrook & Co., 2 B. & M. 4 per cents, Nos. 3802 and 3809, due 1926, at 97 $\frac{1}{4}$,	1,945.00
	" Interest on above bonds 2 months, 2 days,	13.78
28.	" Albro E. Chase for J. S. Proctor, note secured by mortgage on real estate Cumberland Avenue, Portland,	2,200.00
30.	" Dividend on Meridian Water bond, entered here by error, transferred to Grand Lodge, . . .	12.50
		<u>6,128.29</u>

Balance to new account:

Cash in Fidelity Trust Co.,	2,150.68
" " Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co.,	1,191.86
	<u>\$9,470.83</u>

Fraternally submitted,

MILLARD F. HICKS, *Grand Treasurer.*

The President stated that he had examined the securities, assisted by Bros. CHASE and CHAPLIN, of the Finance Committee, and that they found them correct. The report of the Grand Treasurer was then accepted.

The Secretary presented eighty applications for aid, which were referred to a committee of two.

Adjourned to 4:30 P. M. Wednesday.

Wednesday, May 5, 1909.

Met in Grand Master's office at 4:30 P. M.

Present—EDMUND B. MALLEY, *President*,

ASHLEY A. SMITH,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*,

ARCHIE L. TALBOT,

LEANDER M. KENNISTON,

FRANK E. SLEEPER,

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,

HOWARD D. SMITH.

The Committee on Applications for Aid reported a schedule which was accepted

Voted, That one represent seven dollars.

Voted, That \$1,334 be appropriated to pay the schedule.

The Grand Treasurer's bond, with the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co. as surety, to the amount of \$10,000, was presented, whereupon it was

Voted, That the bond be accepted and deposited in the hands of the Secretary.

At 5 P. M. adjourned *sine die*.

Attest :

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*.

Regulations of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

ARTICLE I.

The Fund is applicable to the following cases:

First, to poor and worthy members of lodges under this jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own lodges are not adequate to the exigency of the case.

Secondly, to poor and worthy masons resident in this state, not members of any subordinate lodge, and being in circumstances to render such membership not a masonic duty.

Thirdly, to poor and worthy masons being sojourners in this state.

Fourthly, to other cases of distress.

ARTICLE II.

The widows and orphans of deceased masons are to be relieved as the husband or parent would be upon the principle stated in preceding article.

ARTICLE III.

Applications for relief are to be made to the Recording Grand Secretary in writing, signed by the applicant or some Master Mason in his behalf who is personally cognizant of his circumstances, stating the peculiar circumstances of the case, accompanied with a certificate from the Master of the lodge to which the applicant belongs, or of the nearest lodge, vouching for his masonic standing and his need of the relief prayed for.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 5, 1858.

Voted, That every brother intrusted with funds be required to take receipts for the same, when paid, and forward said receipts forthwith to the Grand Treasurer.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1862.

Voted, That each Almoner be provided by the Grand Treasurer with one printed blank receipt for each person for whom such Almoner draws money from the Charity Fund, which receipts such Almoner is to cause to be signed by the beneficiaries respectively, and file the same with the Grand Treasurer.

Voted, That no Almoner who fails to file with the Grand Treasurer a receipt from each person for whose benefit money has been appropriated by this board for the full amount of such appropriation when the money has been drawn by such Almoner, shall be considered worthy to be entrusted with the sacred office of Almoner for this Charity Fund.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 4, 1871.

Voted, That hereafter no application for relief be considered by the Trustees, unless made in writing, according to Article III of the Regulations of the Charity Fund.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to make a list of such applications, including all that come to his hands up to Monday evening preceding the day of the Annual Communication, and that all applications presented after that time be referred to the next annual meeting of the Trustees.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary notify every lodge of this action, at least one month before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1872.

Resolved, That applications for relief from the Grand Charity Fund *must* state the amount expended in charity during the past year, by the lodge making such application, the names of recipients, and the condition of the finances of the lodge at last annual meeting, or such applications will not be considered by the Trustees.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 6, 1885.

Voted, That hereafter all applications for relief, not seasonably presented in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charity Fund, be passed over.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 5, 1886.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary, when he sends his papers to the different lodges for their returns, issue a circular to each lodge, notifying them that applications to the Board of Trustees for relief must be made in accordance with the rules of the Board of Trustees,—otherwise they will not be considered.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 3, 1899.

Voted, That whenever the Grand Treasurer has any money to invest, or considers any change should be made in the investments, it shall be

necessary that such investments and re-investments shall first receive the written approval of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, or either two of them.

A true copy from the Record of Regulations and Votes.

Attest: STEPHEN BERRY, *Sec'y of Board of Trustees.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE.

1909.



EDMUND B. MALLET, Grand Master,	Ex-Officio.
ASHLEY A. SMITH, Deputy Grand Master,	"
FRANK J. COLE, Senior Grand Warden,	"
WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, Junior Grand Warden,	"
STEPHEN BERRY, Rec. Grand Secretary,	"
FRANK E. SLEEPER, elected May 7, 1907, for three years.	
CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,	" 5, 1908, " " "
FESSENDEN I. DAY,	" 5, " " " "
ARCHIE L. TALBOT,	" 4, 1909, " " "
LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	" 4, " " " "
HOWARD D. SMITH,	" 4, " " one "

Amendments . to . Constitution.

ADOPTED SINCE EDITION OF 1893.

SEC. 35. The clothing of a Grand Officer shall be as the Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, prescribe. Permanent members of the Grand Lodge shall wear the apron prescribed for Grand Officers.

An officer of a lodge shall wear a blue velvet collar, a silver jewel, and white or figured apron. [1896, p. 64.]

SEC. 94. Every candidate must apply to the lodge in this state nearest his residence, *except* that he must apply to a lodge in the town in which he resides, if one is located there. But when a municipality, or a part of one, is annexed to another under the law of the state, the Grand Lodge may modify this rule in particular cases as it may deem wise. [1898, p. 65.]

SEC. 85. Each lodge shall pay annually towards the support of the Grand Lodge twenty cents each for all of its members, including honorary members and those absent from the state, and two dollars for every candidate initiated. Each lodge shall be entitled to receive as many diplomas from the Grand Lodge as they make Master Masons. And no dues will be remitted unless upon petition of the lodge and the report of a committee of the Grand Lodge thereon. [1898, p. 66.]

SEC. 96. No candidate whose application may be rejected by a lodge shall be initiated in any lodge under this jurisdiction other than the one which rejected him, except after five years from such rejection, unless the lodge recommend him to another lodge by a

unanimous vote—the vote to be taken by the secret ballot; *Provided, however*, that if the candidate shall, at the end of five years from such rejection, be a resident within the jurisdiction of the rejecting lodge, consent shall be granted unless there are more than three negative ballots. And if any mason knowingly assist, or recommend for initiation, to any lodge whatever, any candidate rejected as aforesaid, except as above provided, such mason shall be expelled from the Institution. [1898, p. 66.]

SEC. 25. The District Deputy Grand Masters shall visit the several lodges in their respective districts, once at least in every year; preside in the same, when present; and shall inspect their by-laws, records and mode of working; but if unable to visit any lodge, they may appoint some suitable brother to perform that duty.

They shall communicate to the lodges all such edicts and regulations of the Grand Lodge, as may be received by them from the Recording Grand Secretary; shall receive and receipt for all dues to the Grand Lodge; receive the returns of the lodges, and make their remarks thereon.

They shall, on or before the first day of April in each year, make a report of their doings to the Grand Master; and they shall attend annually in the Grand Lodge; and they shall pay to the Grand Treasurer all moneys in their hands, or transmit the returns and money to the Grand Treasurer, on or before the fifteenth day of April. They shall be re-imbursed their expenses in visiting the lodges, their accounts being first examined and passed by the Committee of Finance.

Each District Deputy Grand Master, on receiving from the Grand Treasurer the jewel of his office, and the record of the district over which he is appointed, shall give a receipt to the Grand Treasurer, in substance, as follows, viz:

“Whereas, I, ———, have been appointed and duly commissioned District Deputy Grand Master for the ——— Masonic District and have received the collar and jewel appertaining to said office, and the book of records of said district, I

hereby promise to return the same at the expiration or revocation of my commission, to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maine ; and in default thereof, I promise to pay the Treasurer of said Grand Lodge the sum of fifty dollars. [1899, p. 243.]

SEC. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions excepted, without permission from the Grand Master. And it is proper, as a mark of respect to the Chief Magistrate of the Nation or State, to permit lodges to appear in public either upon occasions of a public reception of him or of public mourning for his death. [1899, p. 243.]

SEC. 91. Every lodge must preserve one copy of the printed Proceedings in the hall, and when a volume is completed, should bind it for the use of the lodge. [1899, p. 245.]

ADD TO SECTION 117.

A brother suspended from membership for non-payment of dues will be restored by the payment or remission of the amount due at the time of his suspension at any time within five years thereafter ; but after that time he can be restored only upon his application and a two-thirds vote of the lodge, after payment or remission of the amount in arrears. [1900, p. 46.]

SECTIONS 112 and 114, relative to Registration, repealed 1904. [p. 73.]

SECTION 111. Every candidate who shall receive the third degree in any lodge in this jurisdiction, shall thereby become a member of said lodge, and the Secretary shall record his name upon the roll of membership ; provided, that this section shall not be so construed, as to prohibit any lodge in this jurisdiction from conferring any degree upon a candidate lawfully elected thereto by a lodge in any other jurisdiction with which this Grand

Lodge holds fraternal relations, on the request under seal from the electing lodge, the identity and standing of the candidate being fully established, in which case the membership of the brother shall remain in the electing lodge and the fees shall belong thereto. [1908, p. 48.]

STANDING REGULATIONS.

AMENDED SINCE EDITION
OF CONSTITUTION, 1893.



1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer pay to one delegate who shall be present on the first day of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and (unless excused by the Grand Lodge on account of his own sickness or that of his family) attend during the session, for mileage such sum as is granted by the several railroads or steamboats to Portland from the station or landing place in the town where the lodge is located, together with such additional sum for stage fare from the place of location of the lodge to such station or landing place when such is paid; and two dollars for each day's actual attendance, not exceeding three days, when the delegate is a member of the lodge he represents; and the same mileage and per diem to District Deputy Grand Masters and all permanent members. When a lodge is represented by more than one brother, the senior officer shall receive the mileage and per diem. [1900, p. 52.]

2. *Resolved*, That in the absence of Master and Wardens, the Proxy be paid the mileage and per diem of his lodge, unless his residence be nearer the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge, in which case he shall receive the mileage of the lodge in the town wherein he resides. [1903, p. 275.]

19. The Grand Secretary shall notify each Grand Officer, elect or appointed, who has not been installed in the Grand Lodge, of his election or appointment, and transmit to him an abstract of Section 10 of the Constitution. [1894, p. 57, *re-enacted*.]

32. *Resolved*, That when the hour arrives for the election of the officers of the Grand Lodge, as is provided in the Constitution, the Grand Lodge shall go into an executive session for that purpose, and none but members of the Grand Lodge shall be present without the consent of the M. W. Grand Master in each case. [1898, p. 68. Amended 1900, p. 49.]

22. Repealed 1898, p. 68.

33. *Voted*, That the jurisdiction of Deering Lodge, No. 183, be, and remain until the further order of the Grand Lodge, as it was before the annexation of the City of Deering to the City of Portland. [1899, p. 238.]

34. *Resolved*, That in the case of the death of a Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer, the M. W. Grand Master be authorized, in his discretion, to appoint a special committee to prepare a memorial and present the same to the Grand Lodge at its next session. [1900, p. 52.]

35. *Voted*, That hereafter, the M. W. Grand Master at the opening of the Grand Lodge, appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary to serve during the session, to be paid by the Grand Lodge. [1902, p. 72.]

36. *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Grand Secretary, in addition to the duties required of him by the Constitution, be the Librarian, and perform such duties and receive such compensation as the Committee on Library may advise. [1904, p. 44.]

37. To ascertain which of two lodges is nearer the residence of a candidate, the measurements must be made along the shortest established route or way which the candidate can take regardless of the fact that more people may use one route or way more than the other, and regardless of the fact that one route or way may be easier to travel than the other. [1905, pp. 217 and 241.]

38. *Resolved*, That in balloting upon applications for degrees, the ballot shall be taken upon each applicant separately,

[1907, p. 214.]

15. One lodge cannot confer a degree at the request of another lodge in this jurisdiction, unless the requesting lodge waives jurisdiction, and the other lodge accepts the candidate in the usual manner, and for its usual fees.

[Amended 1908, p. 48.]

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, 1908.

M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,	<i>Grand Master,</i>	Freeport
R. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH, (Rev.)	<i>Deputy Grand Master,</i>	Belfast
" FRANK J. COLE,	<i>Senior Grand Warden,</i>	Bangor
" WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY,	<i>Junior Grand Warden,</i>	Lisbon
" MILLARD F. HICKS,	<i>Grand Treasurer,</i>	Portland
" STEPHEN BERRY,	<i>Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
" HERBERT HARRIS,	<i>Corr. Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
" HERBERT W. TRAFTON,	<i>D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i>	Fl. Fairfield
" ISAAC N. JONES,	" 2d "	Calais
" MILLARD H. WISWELL,	" 3d "	E. Machias
" MOSES D. JOYCE,	" 4th "	Deer Isle
" FRANK B. ARNOLD,	" 5th "	Dexter
" JOHN E. EMERSON,	" 6th "	Hampden
" WILLIS J. GREELEY,	" 7th "	Liberty
" ISAAC HILLS,	" 8th "	Northport
" WINFIELD S. CLARK,	" 9th "	S. Thomaston
" LEWIS A. DUNTON,	" 10th "	Booth's Har
" JOHN M. PRESCOTT,	" 11th "	Monmouth
" BERT K. MESERVEY,	" 12th "	N. Vassalboro
" DAVID G. BEAN,	" 13th "	Bingham
" N. GRATZ JACKSON,	" 14th "	Bath
" CLEFF MAXWELL,	" 15th "	Weld
" NED I. SWAN,	" 16th "	Bryant's Pond
" FREDERICK H. DOLE,	" 17th "	Yarmouth
" DANIEL G. CHAPLIN,	" 18th "	Cornish
" JOHN M. BURLEIGH,	" 19th "	S. Berwick
" DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE,	" 20th "	Lincoln
" EDGAR J. TRUSSELL,	" 21st "	Bar Harbor
" MELVIN W. KNOWLES,	" 22d "	Cambridge
" JAMES H. LITTLEFIELD,	" 23d "	Alfred
" LEWIS V. WINSHIP,	" 24th "	Lewiston
" GEORGE H. MOOERS,	" 25th "	Ashland
W. REV. WM. H. FULTZ,	<i>Grand Chaplain,</i>	Portland
" REV. ROBERT R. MORSON,	" "	Yarmouth
" REV. HARRY E. ROUILLARD,	" "	Stockton Springs
" REV. LEWIS D. EVANS,	" "	Camden
" FREEMAN M. GRANT,	<i>Grand Marshal,</i>	Freeport
" SILAS B. ADAMS,	" <i>Senior Deacon,</i>	Portland
" ALFRED H. BURROUGHS,	" <i>Junior Deacon,</i>	Westbrook
" CONVERS E. LEACH,	" <i>Steward,</i>	Portland
" GERALD A. PEABODY,	" "	Rumford Falls
" CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	" "	Belfast
" CHARLES T. HARRIS,	" "	Detroit
" LEVI C. EMERY,	" <i>Sword Bearer,</i>	Skowhegan
" JOSEPH A. SPRAGUE,	" <i>Standard Bearer,</i>	Islesboro
" WARREN C. KING,	" <i>Pursuivant,</i>	Portland
" CARL G. WISWELL,	" "	East Machias
M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" <i>Lecturer,</i>	Sabattus
W. WALTER S. SMITH,	<i>Grand Organist,</i>	Portland
" WARREN O. CARNEY,	" <i>Tyler,</i>	Portland

List of Subordinate Lodges,

WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

As Returned March 1, 1909.

DISTRICT

- Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. Alton L. Carr, M; Harry M. Carr, SW;
A. Wade Campbell, JW; William A. Burgess, S. Meeting Monday
on or after full moon; election, September. 5
- Acacia, 121, Durham. Herbert J. Wagg, M; Ralph G. Vickery, SW;
Alzo S. Merrill, JW; Marcus W. Eveleth, S. Meeting Tuesday on
or before full moon; election, December. 14
- Adoniram, 27, Limington. Warren W. Ford, M; Oliver R. Christie, SW;
Ivory E. Smith, JW; James F. Pillsbury, S. Meeting Tuesday on or
before full moon; election, December. 23
- Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Robert K. Tukey, M; Harvey E. Winslow, SW;
Pearl L. Higgins, JW; Walter M. Barstow, S. Meeting Wednesday
on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Amity, 6, Camden. Charles C. Pullen, M; Fessenden W. Miller, SW;
George W. Varney, JW; Wallace E. Easton, S. Meeting Friday on
or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Miles A. Plummer, M; Elliot P. Brewer, SW;
Fred W. Seavey, JW; Walter H. McFarland, S. Meeting Wednesday
on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. Charles G. Ross, M; Edwin Hinkley,
SW; George C. Webber, JW; Frank L. Lowell, (18 Center Street,) S.
Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. 24
- Ancient Landmark, 17, Portland. Joseph B. Reed, M; Harry S. Boyd,
SW; William W. Andrews, JW; John S. Russell, S. Meeting first
Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Leroy E. Williams, M; Asbury M.
Blake, SW; Charles G. Kirschner, JW; William Parkin, S. Meeting
Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 14

- Archon, 139, East Dixmont. Fred M. Johnston, M; F. Lester Chadbourn, sw; Elnathan White, JW; John T. Porter, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Oscar G. Hanson, West Kennebunk, M; Arthur L. Roberts, West Kennebunk, sw; Rufus J. Lunt, JW; J. Burton Roberts, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 19
- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Howard Pierce, M; Edmund W. Hunter, sw; Judson C. Burt, JW; John M. Ramsay, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, November. 1
- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. George H. Tarbox, M; Frank E. Miller, sw; William M. Morrill, JW; Joseph H. Benson, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, February. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. Ezra A. Nevens, M; George O. Campbell, sw; George R. Hall, JW; Fred I. Morrell, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. James M. Moulton, M; Frederick L. Chenery, sw; Albert W. Riggs, JW; B. Frank Bradford, S. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. Will Horton Adams, M; Albert E. Cornish, sw; Howard B. Chandler, JW; Almon L. Johnson, S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. George F. Giddings, M; Ernest L. McLean, sw; Harry M. Lyon, JW; Winfred A. Jackson, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Arthur S. Littlefield, M; Edwin H. Maxcey, sw; James A. Richan, JW; Lorenzo S. Robinson, (Box 568), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. Wheelock C. Bates, M; Thomas T. Harvey, sw; Charles H. Babbidge, JW; Roscoe C. Ingalls, South Penobscot, R. F. D. Box 60, S. Meeting third Saturday; election, December. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Albert L. Morgan, M; Arthur W. Brown, sw; Charles W. Shea, JW; Benjamin L. Hadley, S. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahagan, 175, Danforth. Calvin L. Harding, M; Guy P. Rowe, sw; William T. Fifield, JW; Martin L. Porter, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. Harvey R. Barlow, M; Frank C. Adams, sw; George N. Hodgdon, JW; H. Elmer Fernald, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10

- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. William G. Clapham, M; Daniel A. Blagden, SW; S. Everett Collins, JW; Camillus K. Johnson, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, December 27th. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. Fred B. Merrill, M; Alphonse Van den Kerchoven, SW; Will C. Garey, JW; Herbert C. Rowe, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. George C. Libby, M; George M. Ryder, SW; Roy L. Wardwell, JW; Charles D. White, S. Meeting first Monday; election, November. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. D. G. Bean, M; Roy Badger, SW; E. E. Vitum, JW; George L. Baker, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford Falls. Clifford H. Rawley, M; James B. Stevenson, SW; Herman Martinson, JW; Walter O. Raynes, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Cony M. Hoyt, M; Colby B. Whittemore, SW; Carl B. Beedy, JW; Daniel F. Hoyt, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol. Ernest H. Hunter, M; Almon P. Hatch, SW; Thomas W. Nichols, JW; Edwin J. Ervine, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Fred B. Rand, M; Arthur B. Burnham, SW; Wilbur C. Townsend, JW; Cyril P. Harmon, S. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, January. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Ora V. Stafford, M; John H. Wilson, SW; Lincoln J. Felker, JW; Henry L. Watson, S (acting). Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Heber H. Whitney, M; David E. Johnson, SW; Floyd A. Smith, JW; Arthur A. Garden, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. Frank L. Rowell, M; Abel P. Gleason, SW; Elwood Richardson, JW; Alpheus Nason, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Tuesday in October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. George W. Seabury, M; William W. Loring, SW; Leslie E. Winslow, JW; Aug. H. Humphrey, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. Fred H. Lewis, M; Willis E. Ward, SW; Edward B. Taylor, JW; Thomas W. Washburn, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Charles F. Woodard, M; Ralph P. Brown, SW; Eugene W. Vaughn, JW; James E. Bigney, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5

- Composite, 168, La Grange. Leo G. Snell, M; Orman C. Ames, SW; Willard Snell, JW; Fred H. Savage, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. L. H. Blanchard, M; Charles A. Steward, SW; Robert Linn, Jr., JW; Daniel A. Packard, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Frank C. Gardner, M; Andrew B. Coggin, SW; Lorrimer McGlauflin, West Pembroke, JW; Eugene S. Wilbur, West Pembroke, S. Meeting first Wenesday; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Russell C. Edwards, M; George D. Skillings, SW; Harry I. Lowell, JW; Charles E. Akers, Harrison, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. John Gilman Davis, Empire, M; Chester E. Chipman, SW; Lewis W. Symonds, JW; Lewis E. Jordan, R. F. D., S. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. Andrew Doran, M; Robert Abel, SW; Guilford M. Farnsworth, JW; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. Leslie A. Vining, M; Ulysses G. Weymouth, SW; Phillip D. Stubbs, JW; Percival W. Mason, S. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. George T. Wilson, Newfield, M; Ralph P. Mitchell, SW; John B. Smith, JW; Luther E. Sanborn, Maplewood, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. Isaac A. Clough, M; Albert F. Austin, SW; Peter W. Wescott, JW; Francis E. Chase, 161 Neal St., S. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. John A. Fox, M; Ernest S. Hatch, SW; Seth F. Heald, JW; Preston B. Walker, (box 46) S. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. George M. Crommett, M; Eugene C. Rowe, SW; Welcome S. Reed, JW; Orren F. Sproul, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. William R. Hughes, M; Pierre Johnson, SW; Eugene H. Flint, JW; Charles W. Morrill, S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. John H. Mayers, M; Clarence J. Cheney, SW; Elbridge G. Bickford, JW; Charles G. Hall, Cedar Grove, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, Oct. 10

- Drummond, 118, Parsonsfield. Francis C. Milliken, East Parsonsfield, m; Samuel M. Boothby, sw; Chester A. Bisbee, jw; Albert R. Leavitt, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. Arthur F. Cowan, m; Hudson F. Staples, sw; Clarence B. Rumery, jw; John F. Burnham, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 19
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. Frank C. Jewett, m; Henry D. Davis, sw; John E. Bucknam, jw; Wheeler C. Hawkes, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. George E. Bartlett, m; Kimball C. Haycock, sw; Eben B. Holmes, jw; Hiram L. Stevens, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggemoggin, 128, Sedgwick. Arthur H. Sargent, m; Ralph H. Buckminster, sw; John W. Cousins, jw; Ralph E. Dority, s. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. James M. Spence, m; Ernest H. Ward, sw; Allen B. Copp, jw; Daniel M. Nichols, s. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Dana D. Wright, m; George W. Andrews, sw; Forbes M. Taylor, jw; Elmer E. Allen, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. James E. Warren, m; Howard P. Shaw, sw; Lester A. Ricker, jw; Alfred Cole, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Bartlett Wadlin, m; Harry W. Chapman, sw; George McCabe, jw; Rodel A. Packard, s. Meeting Wednesday nearest full moon; election, January. 8
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. Leland P. Lowell, m; William R. Beazley, sw; Fred S. Blodgett, jw; Frederick Wood, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Charles F. Weick, m; Oliver B. Abbott, sw; Wallace Lindsay, jw; Pitt H. Jones, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. J. J. McCaskill, m; Hardy A. Sawyer, sw; George H. Page, jw; George R. Bradbury, s. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. John M. Rowe, m; Jabez S. Mooers, sw; Charles F. Hooper, jw; James H. Howes, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15
- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Fred J. Sherburne, m; Harry G. Chadbourne, sw; G. Burton Chadbourne, jw; Henry F. Cummings, South Water-

- boro, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23
- Freedom, 42, Limerick. Frank D. Fenderson, m; Herman K. Tibbetts, sw; George Seaver, jw; George A. Carpenter, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Roscoe J. Dwyer, m; Perley T. Fickett, sw; Munroe V. Curtis, jw; Ernest E. Pinkham, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. Herman H. Wardwell, m; John E. Brock, sw; Clarence L. Ridlon, jw; Leonard B. Swan, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Le Roi S. Syphers, m; Clinton J. Stone, sw; Francis A. Norton, jw; Walter P. Perkins, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. Frank E. Rea, m; William J. Patterson, sw; Otis H. Porter, jw; Charles H. Hooper, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. George S. Burnell, m; Edgar F. Carswell, sw; Stephen E. Patrick, jw; Charles E. Cobb, s. Meeting Wednesday on or preceding full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Walter S. Coffin, m; Albert S. Allen, sw; Frank T. Crane, jw; Carl M. Hutchinson, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Frank L. Amesbury, m; Stephen A. Cobb, sw; John J. McKenna, jw; James M. Larrabee, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. Sherman G. Willard, m; Clarence E. Turner, sw; David E. Moulton, jw; George H. Weeks, (52 Ocean St.,) s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. J. Fred Clark, m; Edwin R. DeWitt, sw; Ralph Craft, jw; Daniel W. Ballantyne, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Monday in December. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. Charles R. Eaton, m; Daniel M. Spencer, sw; William A. Hill, jw; John H. Baker, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Bluehill. Arthur C. Hinckley, m; Ward W. Wescott, sw; John E. Webster, jw; Frank P. Greene, s. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro'. Alton S. Hatch, m; Melvin R. Trim, sw; Amasa E. Williams, jw; Leslie E. Smith, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. Benjamin J. Dodge, m; Elbridge C.

- Dumphy, sw; Amos F. Dumphy, jw; George H. Donham, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Archie D. Felt, m; Edwin J. Mann, sw; Albert H. Russ, jw; James L. Bowker, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Charles Wescott, m; Lewis Hinkley, sw; Warren L. Noyes, jw; Henry A. Mansfield, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Frank O. Bates, m; Fred Huston, sw; Walter Woodbury, jw; Ralph I. Miles, s. Meeting Thursday on or preceding full moon; election, December. 25
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. William E. Nason, m; F. Ernest Harvey, sw; Walter N. Batchelder, jw; John H. Everett, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. George W. Savage, m; George S. Trask, sw; George R. Dale, jw; Fred A. Tenney, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Ernest L. Paul, m; Elmer W. York, sw; Lester L. Patterson, jw; Perry S. Longley, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Robie F. Ames, m; Edward Goodwin, sw; Joseph E. Thomas, jw; Leslie D. Ames, s. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, December. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. Arthur N. Stowell, m; John A. Babb, sw; Leon M. Small, jw; Charles L. Dillingham, s. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 16
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. Thomas L. Richards, m; Harry D. Benner, sw; Roland T. Waltz, jw; Clinton E. Matthews, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Charles Crowley, m; Arthur Pierce, sw; Eugene Harrington, jw; J. Merrill Bartlett, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Charles M. Daicy, m; Merle J. Harriman, sw; Lewis W. Merrow, jw; Ellsworth E. Peacock, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Henry D. Burgess, m; Harry N. Carr, sw; Charles A. Bruce, jw; Charles A. Ward, s. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewey's Island, 138, Princeton. Howard A. Horsman, m; William Robinson, Jr., sw; Thomas C. Atkins, jw; Theodore Morrison, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2

- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Claburn H. Wellington, m; Willis J. Greely, sw; Arthur H. Norton, jw; Ambrose P. Cargill, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. Edward C. Leighton, m; Elden P. Munsey, sw; D. Edgar Badger, jw; William D. Patterson, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. Lucius E. Gardner, m; Roscoe E. Ackley, sw; Harry W. Gardner, jw; Forrest S. Stevens, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Herbert A. Ash, m; Harry C. Austin, sw; Abie L. Friend, jw; William H. Dresser, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Fred A. Gray, m; Claude O. Hunt, sw; Charles H. Moore, jw; Frank O. Prescott, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, U. D., McKinley. Albert D. Moore, Bernard, m; George M. Wallace, Tremont, sw; Fred J. Rich, Tremont, jw; Herbert P. Richardson, s. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. Samuel O. Tarbox, Jr., m; H. Burton Voter, sw; Fred G. Paine, jw; George B. Cragin, s. Meeting Monday in week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Edgar W. Haskell, m; Herman W. Small, sw; Emery W. Pickering, jw; Moses D. Joyce, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. John Murphy, m; George P. Carter, sw; Elmer Webster, jw; Clifton Whittum, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. Harry M. Brown, m; Harry E. Staples, sw; Frank R. York, jw; Elmer G. Roberts, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanics, 66, Orono. Eugene Haley, m; Perley B. Palmer, sw; Archie L. Grover, jw; Albert J. Durgin, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, U. D., Friendship. Robert L. Thompson, m; Frank A. Geyer, sw; Norman K. Burns, jw; Herbert C. Barrell, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon. 10
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. Everett D. Call, m; Edwin Childs, sw; William E. Spear, jw; Orin S. Haskell, s. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22
- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. Edward J. Kingsbury, m; Ernest E. Waters, sw; Lowell M. Brown, jw; Charles L. Chase, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22

- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Thomas E. Johnson, M; Henry L. Hunton, SW; Fred H. Leech, JW; Orestes E. Crowell, S. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Thanny S. Robinson, M; Charles L. Emery, SW; Irving T. Daggett, JW; John Gosnell, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Ronald C. McIlroy, M; Harry E. Taylor, SW; Carl F. Getchell, JW; Charles W. Prescott, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Frank A. Peabody, M; Charles A. McCanna, SW; Roland E. Clark, JW; Charles E. F. Stetson, (18 High St.,) S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Ralph W. Goss, M; Charles H. Allen, SW; W. Leslie Maloon, JW; Roscoe S. Bosworth, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Foxcroft. Eugene S. Genthner, M; Victor L. Warren, SW; Charles H. Norton, JW; James T. Roberts, Dover, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinal Haven. Edgar H. Bradstreet, M; Benjamin K. Smith, SW; Leon W. Sanborn, JW; William J. Davidson, (16 High St.,) S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. C. Frank Collins, M; Hartley B. Sprague, SW; Carroll E. Young, JW; Arthur C. Woodard, S. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. Mortimer D. Jacobs, Stratton, M; Elmer A. Sampson, Dead River, SW; William M. Viles, JW; Walter E. Hinds, S. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. Howard Norwood, M; Charles G. Bondreaux, SW; William M. Hamor, JW; Lyman H. Somes, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. Joseph T. Davidson, M; Lewis A. Houston, SW; Carrol S. Douglass, JW; Fred Mellor, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Augustus S. Colby, M; William A. Johnson, SW; Perley H. McKusick, JW; William C. Ordway, East Brownfield, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. George L. Sprague, M; George Rhodes, SW; William C. Achorn, JW; Freeman Light, Razorville, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. Bertrand G. McIntire, M; Arthur J. Stimpson, SW; Edgar L. Stone, JW; Isaac F. Jewett, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18

- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Martin K. Pomroy, m; Charles E. Lawrence, sw; Ralph W. Moore, jw; Charles S. Wales, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Henry H. Skolfield, m; Oliver D. Welch, sw; Henry G. Swett, jw; Orletus Philips, s. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. David W. Campbell, m; George G. Freeman, sw; Alvah Farnsworth, jw; William F. Campbell, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. Eldora H. Bridges, m; Horace M. Pease, sw; Alanson H. Mayo, jw; Roland A. Flye, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Frank E. Robbins, m; J. Edward Hatch, sw; Alonzo E. Titus, jw; David G. Walker, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, July. 19
- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. Everett S. Coombs, m; Leonard A. Gilbert, sw; W. Henry Purinton, jw; Charles A. Stilson, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Albert T. Bradford, m; William J. Ricker, sw; Charles C. Thompson, jw; Royal W. Bradford, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. Frederick C. Bagley, m; Arthur J. Walsh, sw; William E. Glenn, jw; George H. Marden, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. Fred W. Bucklin, m; Frank R. Ober, sw; William S. Holmes, jw; George E. Turner, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Herbert H. Marston, m; Fred W. Bunker, sw; Ernest E. Noddin, jw; Wilbur C. Simmons, s. Meeting Tuesday on or next preceding full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. Lyman F. Getchell, m; Charles H. Swasey, sw; Marcellus A. Donnell, jw; Frank L. Buker, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Herbert W. Leach, m; Amasa C. Titcomb, sw; William L. Ellis, jw; Oscar L. Smith, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Orient, 15, Thomaston. Bertram H. Copeland, m; Elmer R. Bumps, sw; William B. Matthews, jw; Alanson O. Tobie, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. George R. Kimball, m; J. Henry Halkett, sw; Charles C. Doughty, jw; D. Eugene Chaplin, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18

- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. Samuel S. Wood, m; Charles W. Gammon, sw; Arthur E. Grose, jw; George O. Eustis, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. George L. Curtis, m; Alvinzie L. Proctor, sw; Herbert F. Andrews, jw; Howard D. Smith, s. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. Daniel B. Packard, m; C. F. D. Marsh, sw; W. D. Elliott, jw; David E. Knight, Garland, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. Fred W. Burrill, m; H. L. Burrill, sw; R. S. Knowles, jw; L. Everett Hutchins, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. Lafayette L. Briggs, m; Sanford M. Brown, sw; Josiah N. Horr, jw; Walter L. Gray, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, at first stated meeting in year. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Harry E. Hale, m; Albert L. Atkins, sw; Nathan C. Buckman, jw; Charles S. Hutchinson, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. Adrian C. Tuttle, m; Herman Merriam, sw; Orris S. Vickery, jw; Clifford J. Pattee, s. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. John D. McCain, m; Warren S. Coombs, sw; Joseph M. Libbey, jw; George W. Smith, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. John E. Whitney, m; Clarence T. Orcutt, sw; Norman W. Kirk, jw; Arthur G. Andrews, s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Vernon K. Gould, m; Peter K. Holmes, sw; Frank W. Ball, jw; Frank E. Monroe, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Wm. R. Howard, m; Geo. H. Gallagher, sw; Harvey W. Rider, jw; Maurice W. Mosher, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. Harvey H. Brazzell, m; Joseph F. Leighton, sw; Andrew P. Leighton, jw; Nelson C. Wallace, s. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. La Forest C. Hopkins, (R. F. D. No. 2, Newport,) m; Henry S. Thorn, sw; George A. Varney, jw; Charles T. Harris, Detroit, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22

- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Irving C. Trufant, M; Roy J. Buxton, SW; Lucius M. Lemont, JW; Arthur G. Oliver, (41 Union St.,) S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. Theodore S. Johnson, deceased, M; Arthur W. Read, SW; Morrill H. Ames, JW; George F. Gould, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. John R. Merrithew, M; Frank L. Blanchard, SW; L. Albert Gardner, JW; Louis F. Murray, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. William H. Walker, M; William E. Davis, SW; John Wright, JW; Lionel H. Williams, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. Charles S. Jordan, M; John D. Leavitt, SW; Will C. Hawkes, JW; William H. Cram, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. Benjamin T. Newman, M; Alvin D. Merrill, SW; James W. Tarbox, JW; Tobias L. Eastman, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Locksley T. Ness, M; Ernest S. Wing, SW; Alton P. French, JW; Allen L. Maddocks, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. George W. Lane, Jr., M; William H. Harts-horn, SW; Irving E. Pendleton, JW; Edwin L. Goss, S. Meeting Wednesday after full moon; election, September. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. Fred E. Sawyer, M; Peter Anderson, SW; George W. Silver, JW; Rollins Y. Stinson, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Melvin G. Buker, M; James A. Proctor, SW; Charles W. Jack, JW; William R. Fairclough, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Lewis A. Snowman, M; Herbert C. Perry, SW; Norris S. Grindle, JW; Benj. H. Cushman, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Irving R. Saunders, M; Charles E. Gray, SW; George A. Wardwell, JW; Seth R. Hutchins, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. Charles E. Collamore, M; William K. Hal-lett, SW; George A. Savage, JW; Charles I. Collamore, S. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Alberto A. Bennett, M; Edson E. Achorn, SW; Luther J. Kennedy, JW; Everett A. Hofses, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 10

- Rockland, 79, Rockland. Simeon M. Duncan, m; Orel E. Davis, sw; Andrew H. Brown, jw; Albert I. Mather, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Rural, 53, Sidney. J. Emery Nash, m; Charles A. Graves, sw; Clyde G. Blake, jw; James F. Warren, R. F. D. No. 3, Augusta, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Saco, 9, Saco. John P. Deering, m; Ernest R. Woodbury, sw; Harry S. Sawyer, jw; Abram T. Lord, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19
- St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Roland E. Bragg, m; Edwin N. Miller, sw; Ralph H. Dunbar, jw; Harry W. Libbey, s. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6
- Saint Aspinquid, 198, York Village. William P. Cummings, m; Raymond F. Brewster, sw; Arthur E. Sewall, jw; Willie W. Cuzner, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- Saint Croix, 46, Calais. William E. Mann, m; Herbert F. Beek, sw; Frank V. Lee, jw; Isaac N. Jones, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- Saint George, 16, Warren. George J. Newcomb, m; Ralph S. Robinson, sw; Fred E. Hahn, jw; J. Morris Studley, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Saint John's, 51, South Berwick. Samuel H. Miller, m; John W. Thurrell, sw; Benton Nason, jw; J. Willey Whitehouse, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19
- Saint Paul's, 82, Rockport. Mortimer T. Hill, m; Charles E. Rhodes, sw; Benjamin H. Paul, jw; L. Henry Lovejoy, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Lincoln M. Harris, m; Lyman P. Orne, sw; Russell V. Matthews, jw; Willard T. Marr, s. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Sebasticonk, 146, Clinton. Perley L. Cotton, m; Thomas H. Ward, sw; Herbert C. Roundy, jw; Charles P. Loder, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 7
- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. Joseph E. Clement, m; Erwin G. Giles, sw; Charles E. Hill, jw; Almon F. Johnson, East Brownfield, s. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Carl C. Piper, m; W. Frank Choate, sw; Herbert O. Brown, jw; Eugene C. Herring, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Henry R. White, m; Sylvester H. Rowland, sw; Herbert L. Hall, jw; Albert L. Strout, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14

- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. Fred F. Lawrence, m; Darius W. Bunker, sw; Edward A. Parker, jw; Charles M. Lambert, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Arthur E. Horne, m; Charles E. Jowett, sw; Will H. W. Bartlett, jw; Willie F. Ferguson, Alfred, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. Rufus E. Gray, m; Albert H. Butterfield, sw; Chester B. Shaw, jw; Harold W. Dolloff, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. Samuel J. Harris, m; Arthur B. Larchar, sw; Frank L. McLellan, jw; Fred J. Whiting, s. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Edwin M. Soule, m; Leroy S. Knight, sw; Jesse E. Cook, jw; Reuel M. Berry, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Edward H. Soper, m; Will E. Hayward, sw; Edwin R. Stain, jw; Levi E. Jones, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. Edwin J. Laverty, m; Harry D. Allen, sw; John A. McClellan, jw; Oliver A. Cobb, Box 64, s. Meeting third Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Willis S. Hatch, m; Walter G. Hatch, sw; Charles A. Harmon, jw; Charles E. Johnson, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. Charles E. Merrill, m; Arthur A. Pike, sw; John S. P. H. Wilson, jw; Arthur C. Sprague, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Harry A. Brown, m; Henry L. Gray, sw; Eben F. Richardson, jw; William R. Keene, Manset, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Harry E. Wellington, m; Harry B. Holmes, sw; Thomas F. Phair, jw; Vivian E. Howe, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. Lovetus H. Plummer, m; George N. Leighton, sw; William C. Irons, jw; Varanus C. Plummer, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. Edward L. Charles, m; Linwood G. Sawyer, sw; Thomas W. Prince, jw; Lewin Jefferies, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Herbert L. Grinnell, m; Edgar W. Moody, sw; Edmund C. Harding, jw; Charles M. Lucas, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9

- United, 8, Brunswick. James H. Fisk, m; Samuel B. Furbish, sw; Samuel L. Forsaith, jw; Henry C. Upton, s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. B. Porter Hurd, m; Alonzo H. Higgins, sw; Charles B. Cox, jw; Albert W. Ward, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. J. Arno Wyman, m; Willard A. Merriener, sw; Herbert M. Hutchinson, jw; James T. Staples, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Moses A. Gordon, m; Alvaro Gordon, sw; Emery L. Bean, jw; Charles W. Mansur, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Milton Given, m; Charles S. Holbrook, sw; William E. Saunders, jw; Edward L. White, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. Carl G. Wiswell, m; James R. Talbot, sw; Charles P. Dennison, jw; C. Hollis White, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December 27th. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Herbert S. Hudson, m; John G. Boody, sw; Lemuel G. Babb, jw; Almon N. Waterhouse, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Calvin S. Carter, m; Isaac B. Umphrey, sw; Venum E. Wilder, jw; Edward M. Hines, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. Edward E. Trecartin, m; George E. Boynton, sw; Thomas G. Mitchell, jw; Irving W. Case, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. George W. Townsend, m; Sanger N. Annis, sw; Mark J. Bartlett, jw; Charles B. Davis, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. Linn A. Bangs, m; Charles W. Coombs, sw; Edward H. Danforth, jw; Herbert L. Jordan, s. Meeting Thursday on or next before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. George H. Strout, m; Abbott A. Russell, sw; J. Alton Tyler, jw; John N. Foye, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 15
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Ernest P. Parlin, m; La Roy G. Furnel, sw; Walter D. Bean, jw; Fred E. Trefethen, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. Albert Rand, Jr., m; Edward C. Hammond, sw; Campbell C. Baker, jw; B. Frank Sumner, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 21

York, 22, Kennebunk. Albert W. Meserve, M; Leander G. Smith, sw;
Eugene B. Taylor, jw; George A. Gilpatric, s. Meeting Monday
on or before full moon; election, December. 19

Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. James A. Hussey, M; Leslie L. Brack-
ett, sw; Benjamin A. Parker, jw; Brainerd S. Drake, s. Meeting
last Friday; election, December. 19

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FROM MARCH 1, 1908, TO MARCH 1, 1909.

THOSE MARKED * WERE RETURNED AS BURIED WITH MASONIC RITES.

- 1 Portland, Portland. Aaron A. Haskell, March 20; Edward N. Greely, May 3; Daniel O. Davis, September 1; Theodore S. Johnson, November 27; Levi P. Wiggin, January 6; Edgar R. Dow, February 17; George J. Thestrip.
- 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. Edward B. Neal, January 16.
- 4 Hancock, Castine. William H. Sargent, charter member, 91 years old, February 6; William W. Hatch, March 15; Frank V. Grindle, May 8; Isaac Hutchinson, charter member, July 17.
- 6 Amity, Camden. Robert S. Keene, March 12; Fred M. Richards, April 2; Charles Murphy, October 19; Fred V. Smith, November 26; William H. Banks, November 30; Edward Gleason, December 6.
- 7 Eastern, Eastport. Alden Bradford,* in Boston, April 7; Charles H. Nason,* drowned at East Millinocket, July 6; Edward E. Shead, in Boston, August 8; Ebed L. Shackford, in St. Paul, October 1.
- 8 United, Brunswick. Charles E. Humphreys, March 8; Woodbury L. Haskell,* May 1; Elbridge Cornish, September 16; George Nevens,* November 3; Francis A. Hussey,* November 7; William S. Harrington,* November 15.
- 9 Saco, Saco. George Parcher, April 1; Lucius L. Milliken, June 24; Elias Gould, December 13.
- 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Henry B. Dunbar, March 20; Alden B. Farnham, April 30; Charles B. Brown, January 19; Fred C. Low, February 3; George S. Kimball, March 1.
- 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. Williams Smither, in Nebraska, August 20; Isaac A. Walker, February 3.
- 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. Solomon A. Plummer,* March 7;

- William Thresher, April 27; Leander M. Douglass,* September 23; Merton J. Estes,* January 22.
- 13 Oriental, Bridgton. Freeman W. Brown, February 19; Astley L. Burnham, May 24; Clarence L. Barker, November 11.
- 14 Solar, Bath. John S. Lowell, August 20; Ocea Cahill, August 23; Thomas Passmore, November 5; James M. Taylor, December 19.
- 15 Orient, Thomaston. Oliver P. Jones, February 25; William J. Singer, March 19; C. A. Atkins, April 25; Lewis S. Colley, lost at sea; J. W. Peabody, October 24; F. F. Curling, December 11.
- 16 St. George, Warren. A. M. Wetherbee, October 15.
- 17 Ancient Landmark, Portland. Charles J. MacConnell, in Brooklyn, February 16; Bertram E. Brett, March 12; John W. Stockwell, at Philadelphia, March 19; Frederick J. Stevens, April 18; Thomas Hale Chase, May 13; Elisha W. Conley, June 14; Elisha D. Wescott, August 5; George W. Way, February 12.
- 18 Oxford, Norway. William C. Cole,* May 11.
- 19 Felicity, Bucksport. Walter Williams, October 21.
- 20 Maize, Farmington. Orville W. True,* June 27.
- 21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. George Tarr, November 7.
- 22 York, Kennebunk. George Bonser, June 23; Charles M. Courier, October 19.
- 23 Freeport, Freeport. Charles S. Kilby, May 1; Clarence E. Hodsdon, September 15.
- 24 Phoenix, Belfast. Martin F. Patterson, May 28; Wales L. Miller, July 8; George D. McCrillis, November 4; Corton W. Mears, December 21.
- 25 Temple, Winthrop. George A. Locke,* May 6; Virgil O. Gammon,* August 1; Charles H. Foss.
- 26 Village, Bowdoinham. Gilbert M. Gowell, May 6; Albion P. Maxwell, December 12; Loren C. Allen, January 24.
- 27 Adoniram, Limington. Henry L. Meserve, March 21; Stephen L. Purinton, December 16; George M. Small, December 21; Benjamin Small, January 11.
- 28 Northern Star, North Anson. Charles E. Eames.
- 29 Tranquil, Auburn. I. A. Trueworthy, April 19; W. M. Miller, May 7; John W. Hartley, August 28; T. A. Huston, September 3; Charles B. Merrill, November 19; David P. Field, December 3; Ferd Penley, December 29; Green D. Willard, December 29.
- 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. Oscar W. Pressey, May 1; Charles A. Dresser, May 7; Charles F. Chase, October 1; Charles W. Mills, October 5; George W. Roberts, December 14; Asa A. West, January 31; Hannibal Andrews, February 4.

- 31 Union, Union. C. Frank Wentworth,* March 13; Frank Pullen, April 7; Daniel J. Bowley, May 20.
- 32 Hermon, Gardiner. George W. Brown, March 27; Henry M. McCurdy, June 4; William F. Blanchard, September 3; Henry W. Peaslee, January 19.
- 33 Waterville, Waterville. Selden C. Goodwin, April 6; Emanuel Blumenthal, April 29; George A. West,* June 1; Simon S. Brown, September 6; Henry S. Percival, October 29; Horace Perkins, December 20; Charles W. Stevens, December 31; George W. Dorr, February 1.
- 34 Somerset, Skowhegan. William Doran,* March 22; John A. Heskett,* July 6; William P. Bailey, November 15; Harrison Baker,* February 27.
- 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. James C. Marson, March 10; Joshua A. Eugley, March 16; Orville D. Baker, August 16; George E. Messer, November 9; William M. Gifford, November 23; S. W. Lane, February 6; Edwin Hartshorn, February 28.
- 36 Casco, Yarmouth. Hiram S. Tuttle, June 18.
- 37 Washington, Lubec. Alfred Small,* March 5; John Thayer, September; William D. F. Trott,* November 25; James B. Neagle,* February 13.
- 38 Harmony, Gorham. Henry Mayberry, January 14, 1904; Charles A. Stevens, February 1; William H. Murch, June 8; Lewis Williams,* June 27; Charles E. Jordan, October 7; Howard A. McKenney, November 2; Charles H. Lowell, February 22.
- 39 Penobscot, Dexter. Edwin E. Libby, December 9.
- 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. Wallace H. Tucker,* March 21; Charles T. Bunker,* June 5; Curtis R. Foster, July 31; Edmund Garland,* September 2; Marcus M. Whittaker,* September; John E. Clark, December; Martin E. Curtis,* February 3.
- 42 Freedom, Limerick. Joshua C. Lane,* September 25.
- 43 Alna, Damariscotta. Fred D. March, June 7; John L. Thompson, October 15.
- 44 Piscataquis, Milo. Edwin S. Ireland,* May 21; George Lovejoy,* May 28; Elnathan D. Morrill, June 5; Calvin H. Rollins,* July 7; Elias Drake,* July 10.
- 45 Central, China. Ralph L. Baker, March 9; Samuel H. Bradstreet, April 24; George M. Richardson, September 28.
- 46 St. Croix, Calais. William Trimble, May 5; William G. Gibson, February 8; Stephen P. Polleys,* February 21.
- 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. George B. Andrews, April 8; Ernan S. Drown, May 21; Francis D. Swaney, June 22; Lucius H. Kendall, No-

- vember 19; William A. Hooper, December 20; Waldo Bridges, January 25; Lemuel Emerson, February 25.
- 48 Lafayette, Readfield. George C. Hunton, March 5; Hamlin Murphy, March 18; George M. Fillebrown, July 24; George W. Billings, September 29; John Wesley Richards, February 17.
- 50 Aurora, Rockland. Rev. Eben H. Chapen,* February 6; Addison R. Smith, in California, March 6; Cyrus B. Averill,* March 19; Charles E. Smith,* in Missouri, March 26; Lewis Brewer, August 2; Elias Larrabee,* August 12; John Longley,* December 2; David N. Bird, December 13; Warren L. Rhodes,* December 27.
- 51 Saint John's, South Berwick. George D. Emerson, May 23.
- 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. James R. Blake, January 8; Nehemiah W. Hersey, March 6; William Buck, August 9; James R. Martin, September 30; Daniel Cilley, October 31; Frank D. Parsons, December 25.
- 53 Rural, Sidney. Lorin C. Robinson,* August 20.
- 55 Fraternal, Alfred. John D. Taylor, July; John D. Fogg, November; John E. Chesley, January.
- 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. Emerson W. Murch, June 5; Hiram M. Cox, December 24.
- 58 Unity, Thorndike. Addison B. Sparrow, December 7.
- 60 Star in the East, Old Town. Albert L. Littlefield, May 7; Elisha W. Bassett,* October 17.
- 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. William E. Sproul,* December 7.
- 62 King David's, Lincolnville. Jason Hills, 91 years old, March 27; George E. Monroe, July 5.
- 63 Richmond, Richmond. Augustus L. Preble, March 19; John H. Fellows, May 4; George B. Randlette, May 27; John S. Chapman, September 7; Jesse L. Hatch, December 28.
- 64 Pacific, Exeter. William G. Hurd, January 20.
- 65 Mystic, Hampden. George A. Colley, November 8; Fred W. Wyman, January 10.
- 66 Mechanics, Orono. Albert White, August 28; Robert M. Hutchinson,* November 29.
- 67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. Cony L. Allen, May 23; Llewellyn P. Hammond, January 7; John F. Blodgett, January; Elliott Russell.
- 68 Mariner's, Searsport. C. G. Nichols, in Alaska, August; George A. Carver, September.
- 69 Howard, Winterport. Andrew J. Crocker, April 8; Odin C. Clifford, October 31; Albert E. Fernald, December 3.

- 70 Standish, Standish. William H. Bragdon, March 23; William H. Perry, May 26; Orville S. Sanborn, July 16.
- 71 Rising Sun, Orland. Fred A. Saunders, March 8; Elbridge G. Marks, June 11; Russell H. Cropford, August 6.
- 72 Pioneer, Ashland. Hugh McGilvery,* January 3.
- 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. A. G. Tinkham,* March 24; F. O. Beal, May 7; B. S. Verrill,* June 4; Thomas B. Davis,* December 26; Charles H. Milliken, February 13.
- 74 Bristol, Bristol Mills. Harrison Curtis, April 12; Samuel F. Huston,* June 5.
- 77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor. George L. Harman,* Roby M. Norwood.*
- 78 Crescent, Pembroke. Joseph J. Hollowell, April 1; John Ewan, May 5.
- 79 Rockland, Rockland. R. Fred Crie, March 12.
- 80 Keystone, Solon. Thomas Dodge; Sumner P. Hayden, January 31.
- 81 Atlantic, Portland. William P. Stearns,* March 27; Herman Kotzschmar, April 15; Daniel H. Patrick, July 26; Frank A. Hogan,* September 22; Walter Tolman, October 4; George E. Raymond,* October 19; Moses H. Dole, January 22.
- 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. Franklin P. Dailey, December 29, 1907; George W. Ingraham, April 2; E. Coleman Goodwin, May 2; Frank E. Achorn, October 9; George B. Sidelinger, November 7; Benjamin P. Achorn, November 24.
- 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. Edward J. Penney, June 24; Edwin J. Davis, October 1; Hiland L. Fairbanks, February 15; Millard E. Covell, February 16.
- 84 Eureka, Tenant's Harbor. William Hayes, March 6; Nathan Howell, April; Henry Dukeshire, August; John J. Kirkpatrick, December 15.
- 85 Star in the West, Unity. Herbert L. Green, June; Josiah W. Harmon, December 9.
- 87 Benevolent, Carmel. Asa W. Bradford, May 8.
- 88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. Fred I. Campbell, January 18.
- 91 Harwood, Machias. Lyman E. Wright,* March 5; G. Warren Cates,* May 28; Thomas W. McCabe, May 31; Eugene Elliott, June 3; Isaac P. Longfellow, September 23; Charles B. Watts, January 26.
- 92 Siloam, Fairfield. Suell Pratt, November 24; John H. Gibson, November 29; Albert B. Page, December 14.
- 93 Horeb, Lincoln. Frederick W. McDougal, November 12; Nathan C. Messer, January 4; Frederick Hodsdon, January 4.

- 94 Paris, South Paris. George Burnham, Jr., January 1.
95 Corinthian, Hartland. William Ballantyne, January 29.
96 Monument, Houlton. Llewellyn Powers, July 28; Hiram Smith,*
September 23; Almon H. Fogg,* October 19; Robert N. Ruth,*
December 14; John Mackey,* January 13.
97 Bethel, Bethel. Albert W. Grover, May 9; Elijah B. Goddard, Sep-
tember 14; William T. Fickett, February 2.
98 Katahdin, Patten. Charles B. Heald, September 10; Ezra Blake,*
January 20.
99 Vernon Valley, Mt. Vernon. Joseph W. Creasy, August 25.
100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. Freeman Irish, April 27; Kilben Perham,*
December 7.
101 Nezinscot, Turner. Albion W. Roberts, June 9; Thomas J. Owen,
September 10; William L. Loring, November 16; Henry W.
Copeland, December 30.
102 Marsh River, Brooks. Lester B. Cilley,* February 18.
104 Dirigo, Weeks' Mills. Albion Hisler; Eugene J. Peva; Harris Doe.
105 Ashlar, Lewiston. Orville V. Bisbee, April 7; Elbern T. Bowers;
Ernest A. Crockett, September 3; Ransom C. Pingree, Novem-
ber 14; Cyrus M. Lunt, November 21; Charles E. Baker, No-
vember 25; Alex. MacKenzie, December 4; James Cooper, De-
cember 20; Fred L. Odlin, January 20.
106 Tuscan, Addison. Frank W. Irons, April 6; Andrew M. Thorn-
burg, October 20; Eben F. Allen, January 1.
109 Mount Kineo, Guilford. E. W. McKechnie, 1907; David R. Straw,
April 18; Peris B. Beal, August 14; Manley R. Morgan, Sep-
tember 18; Columbus W. Ellis, January 3.
110 Monument, Monmouth. Lewis Holmes, May 14.
112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. L. K. Cary, February 15; E. A.
Houghton, April 27; James McCubrey, November 17.
113 Messalonskee, Oakland. Herbert A. Benson, January 22.
114 Polar Star, Bath. Samuel Anderson; William H. Collins, Decem-
ber 8; George F. Sturtevant, December 20; George H. Clark,
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ber 30; Clinton Child, October 8; Nathan Stiles.
116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. Charles H. Morton, June 12; William S.
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October 23; John N. Harris, January 25.
117 Greenleaf, Cornish. Calvin E. Woodbury, March 25; William G.
Davis, April 13; Daniel P. Cobb, December 5; Stephen Rounds,
January 10.
118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. Almond O. Smart,* January 4; Faris
Abdela, January 25.

- 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. Sanderson L. Hall, September; Albert C. Colcord, January 19.
- 121 Acacia, Durham. William D. Trufant, November 9.
- 122 Marine, Deer Isle. John Scott, April 11; Uriah J. Marey, December 10; Alvin B. Saunders, January 24.
- 123 Franklin, New Sharon. Duley Sampson; Henry K. Rand,* November.
- 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. Edward H. Whitcomb.
- 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. Nelson C. Smith, June 12; Charles H. Libby, October 24.
- 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. Robert Waterman, April 9; Maynard C. Bean, April 18; George E. Tufts, May 28; Oscar W. Pitcher, November 15.
- 127 Presumpscot, North Windham. Albert R. Hawkes, March 24; Benjamin F. Kimball, May 11; John B. Winslow, January 22.
- 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. Andrew F. Cole, August 4; William W. Cousins, January 12.
- 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. Llewellyn Lincoln,* April 21; Orren W. Berry,* August 9.
- 130 Trinity, Presque Isle. C. Gaylen Chandler, September 24.
- 131 Lookout, Cutler. Aburr McGuire, January 23.
- 132 Mt. Tir'em, Waterford. Moses H. Mosher, March 27; Louis H. Burnham, August 13; Jeremiah Woodward, September 14.
- 133 Asylum, Wayne. Augustus S. George, July 17; Albion C. Hayford, November 23; James M. Moulton, November 30.
- 135 Riverside, Jefferson. J. J. A. Hoffses, March; A. H. Farr, November.
- 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. Howard M. Doyen, July 9; Winfield S. Tolman, November 26.
- 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. Austin E. Fenlason, May 17; John H. Hoar, Sr., February 28.
- 139 Archon, East Dixmont. Hale C. Thurlough, May.
- 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. Herbert F. Page, March 27; George W. Richards, October 12; Stephen Smallidge, December 20.
- 141 Augusta, Augusta. John E. Martin, March; Voranus Kimball, July 5; Charles S. Leighton, July 21.
- 142 Ocean, Wells Depot. George Goodwin, February 17.
- 143 Preble, Sanford. Isaac Hanscom, December 10.
- 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. George T. Murry, September 7; Benjamin F. Blair, September 26; Arthur C. Brewer, October 4; William H. Perkins, November 25.
- 145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Robert A. Dyer,* April 5; George F. Smith,* September 30.

- 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. William P. Bridgham, 93 years old, March 21; William H. Allen, June 15.
- 148 Forest, Springfield. James W. Lindsay, June 22; Harrison P. Norton, September 8; Harry L. Richardson, February 14.
- 149 Doric, Monson. George A. Davis, April 27; Frank Gates, February 25.
- 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. Wesley M. Blanchard, April 11; Clarence V. Emerson,* June 11; Albion K. P. Knowlton,* September 16; Frederic W. Lunt, November 12; Daniel McIntire,* January 2; John B. Cotton, January 6; Fred S. Weymouth,* February 20.
- 151 Excelsior, Northport. Charles E. Rhoades, April 18.
- 152 Crooked River, Otisfield. John T. Maxfield, November 5.
- 153 Delta, Lovell. Dean H. Wiley, April 15; Ephraim P. Grant, May 29; Frank A. Keniston, November 6; Isaac Davis, November 18; James C. Stearns, February 8.
- 154 Mystic Tie, Weld. Joseph A. Witham, March 11; William T. Payne, October 1.
- 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. Nathaniel Purinton, June 1; Webster Nevens, August 23; George W. Curtis, September 8; E. L. Wilson, February 22.
- 156 Wilton, Wilton. Levi J. Clark, March 9; Eben H. Farnum, September 22; Anson Mosman, December 14; Fred J. Casey, December 24.
- 158 Anchor, South Bristol. Melville N. Greenlaw, January 23.
- 160 Parian, Corinna. Samuel Fowles, October 4.
- 161 Carrabassett, Canaan. Walter H. Smith, April 15.
- 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. Charles A. Howe, 1907; Luther B. Crosby, June; Auburt F. Ryder,* January 5; William T. Griffith,* January 16.
- 165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. John S. Rowe, in California, June; Benjamin F. Emery, July 19; Thomas T. Skidmore, December 19; Alfred Cushman, January 14.
- 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. Daniel Jackson, March 26; Albert G. Eaton, November 11.
- 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. Prince E. Dunifer,* June 14.
- 173 Pleiades, Millbridge. Henry H. Enfield,* April 30; Henry M. Leighton,* January 23.
- 174 Lynde, Hermon. Charles E. Phillips.
- 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. Lorin H. Floyd, December 5.
- 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. Augustus P. Grindle,* April 2; John L. Wardwell,* December 21.
- 178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. John Lincoln Wright, April 23; Daniel W. Jones,* September 5; William Horry Wiggin, January 2.

- 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. Oscar W. Junkins, December 4.
- 180 Hiram, South Portland. John W. Minott, June 23; William H. Manchester, June 11; Warren A. Merriman, October 9; Ira M. Davis, November 12; Frederic Huf, February 9; Andrew S. Sawyer, February 12.
- 183 Deering, Portland. William E. Knight,* April 10; Alexander Hannah,* May 7; Stephen W. Elder,* May 18; Charles W. Leighton,* February 1; Webb L. Dyer,* February 10.
- 184 Naval, Kittery. Frederick W. Hobbs, May 4; Charles W. Sowards, October 6; Frank P. Shannon, January 6.
- 186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Henry Anderson, September; William H. Hammond, September; Lewy O. Cobb, February.
- 187 Ira Berry, Bluehill. Nahum Hinckley, April; Francis M. Gray, June; Merrill P. Hinckley, November 8.
- 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. B. B. Bickford, September 24; George M. Rogers, January 5.
- 190 Springvale, Springvale. Joseph W. Yeaton; Isaiah B. Stiles.
- 191 Davis, Strong. James H. Bell, August 30; Thomas F. Holbrook, October 25; Charles H. Hinds, January 11.
- 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. F. R. Bunker, January 23.
- 193 Washburn, Washburn. Jarvis B. Harris,* September 24; George Fox,* November 19.
- 194 Euclid, Madison. Zenas Vaughn.
- 195 Reliance, Stonington. Harvey S. Merrill, May 1; Allen L. Barter, May 15.
- 196 Bay View, East Boothbay. Frederick Farnham, November 27.
- 199 Bingham, Bingham. W. R. Jordan, June; William Adams, June; N. W. Preble, January.
- 200 Columbia, Greenville. Ernest G. Judkins, December 18.
- 201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Hermon Smith, May 27.
- 202 Mount Bigelow, Flagstaff. Herbert S. Rogers,* March 6; Herbert M. Blackwell,* July 28.
- 203 Mount Olivet, Washington. Newell Jones, November 28.
- 204 Mount Abram, Kingfield. John Winter, January 21.
- 206 Island Falls, Island Falls. Lorenzo R. Crabtree, December 11.
- 207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. George L. Barrows, January 15.

List of Lodges by Districts.



DISTRICT NO. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master—HERBERT W. TRAFTON, Fort Fairfield.

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| 96 Monument, <i>Houlton.</i> | 170 Caribou, <i>Caribou.</i> |
| 112 Eastern Frontier, <i>Ft. Fairfield.</i> | 193 Washburn, <i>Washburn.</i> |
| 130 Trinity, <i>Presque Isle.</i> | 197 Aroostook, <i>Blaine.</i> |

DISTRICT NO. 2.

District Deputy Grand Master—ISAAC N. JONES, Calais.

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| 7 Eastern, <i>Eastport.</i> | 78 Crescent, <i>Pembroke.</i> |
| 37 Washington, <i>Lubec.</i> | 138 Lewy's Island, <i>Princeton.</i> |
| 46 St. Croix, <i>Calais.</i> | |

DISTRICT NO. 3.

District Deputy Grand Master—MILLARD H. WISWELL, East Machias.

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| 2 Warren, <i>East Machias.</i> | 131 Lookout, <i>Cutter.</i> |
| 88 Narraguagus, <i>Cherryfield.</i> | 173 Pleiades, <i>Millbridge.</i> |
| 91 Harwood, <i>Machias.</i> | 188 Jonesport, <i>Jonesport.</i> |
| 106 Tuscan, <i>Addison Point.</i> | |

DISTRICT NO. 4.

District Deputy Grand Master—MOSES D. JOYCE, Deer Isle.

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| 4 Hancock, <i>Castine.</i> | 177 Rising Star, <i>Penobscot.</i> |
| 122 Marine, <i>Deer Isle.</i> | 187 Ira Berry, <i>Blue Hill.</i> |
| 128 Eggemoggin, <i>Sedgwick.</i> | 195 Reliance, <i>Stonington.</i> |
| 171 Naskeag, <i>Brooklin.</i> | 210 Bagaduce, <i>Brooksville.</i> |

DISTRICT NO. 5.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRANK B. ARNOLD, Dexter.

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| 39 Penobscot, <i>Dexter</i> . | 149 Doric, <i>Monson</i> . |
| 44 Piscataquis, <i>Milo</i> . | 163 Pleasant River, <i>Brownville</i> . |
| 52 Mosaic, <i>Foxcroft</i> . | 168 Composite, <i>La Grange</i> . |
| 109 Mount Kineo, <i>Guilford</i> . | 200 Columbia, <i>Greenville</i> . |
| 124 Olive Branch, <i>Charleston</i> . | 207 Abner Wade, <i>Sangerville</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 6.

District Deputy Grand Master—JOHN E. EMERSON, Hampden.

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| 10 Rising Virtue, <i>Bangor</i> . | 83 St. Andrew's, <i>Bangor</i> . |
| 60 Star in the East, <i>Old Town</i> . | 87 Benevolent, <i>Carmel</i> . |
| 65 Mystic, <i>Hampden</i> . | 137 Kenduskeag, <i>Kenduskeag</i> . |
| 66 Mechanics', <i>Orono</i> . | 147 Lynde, <i>Hermon</i> . |
| 69 Howard, <i>Winterport</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 7.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIS J. GREELEY, Liberty.

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| 45 Central, <i>China</i> . | 111 Liberty, <i>Liberty</i> . |
| 58 Unity, <i>Thorndike</i> . | 120 Quantabacook, <i>Searsmont</i> . |
| 85 Star in the West, <i>Unity</i> . | 146 Sebasticook, <i>Clinton</i> . |
| 102 Marsh River, <i>Brooks</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master—ISAAC HILLS, Northport.

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| 24 Phoenix, <i>Belfast</i> . | 119 Pownal, <i>Stockton Springs</i> . |
| 62 King David's, <i>Lincolnville</i> . | 126 Timothy Chase, <i>Belfast</i> . |
| 78 Mariners', <i>Searsport</i> . | 151 Excelsior, <i>Northport</i> . |
| 89 Island, <i>Islesboro'</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 9.

District Deputy Grand Master—WINFIELD S. CLARK, South Thomaston.

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| 6 Amity, <i>Camden</i> . | 82 St. Paul's, <i>Rockport</i> . |
| 15 Orient, <i>Thomaston</i> . | 84 Eureka, <i>Tenant's Harbor</i> . |
| 16 St. George, <i>Warren</i> . | 145 Moses Webster, <i>Vinal Haven</i> . |
| 31 Union, <i>Union</i> . | 189 Knox, <i>South Thomaston</i> . |
| 50 Aurora, <i>Rockland</i> . | 203 Mount Olivet, <i>Washington</i> . |
| 79 Rockland, <i>Rockland</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master—LEWIS A. DUNTON, Boothbay Harbor.

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| 3 Lincoln, <i>Wiscasset</i> . | 135 Riverside, <i>East Jefferson</i> . |
| 43 Alna, <i>Damariscotta</i> . | 144 Seaside, <i>Boothbay Harbor</i> . |
| 61 King Solomon's, <i>Waldoboro</i> . | 158 Anchor, <i>South Bristol</i> . |
| 74 Bristol, <i>Bristol</i> . | 196 Bay View, <i>East Boothbay</i> . |
| 103 Dresden, <i>Dresden</i> . | U.D. Meduncook, <i>Friendship</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 11.

District Deputy Grand Master—JOHN M. PRESCOTT, Monmouth.

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| 5 Kennebec, <i>Hallowell</i> . | 41 Morning Star, <i>Litchfield</i> . |
| 25 Temple, <i>Winthrop</i> . | 104 Dirigo, <i>Weeks' Mills</i> . |
| 32 Hermon, <i>Gardiner</i> . | 110 Monmouth, <i>Monmouth</i> . |
| 35 Bethlehem, <i>Augusta</i> . | 141 Augusta, <i>Augusta</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 12.

District Deputy Grand Master—BERT K. MESERVE, No. Vassalboro.

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| 33 Waterville, <i>Waterville</i> . | 99 Vernon Valley, <i>Mt. Vernon</i> . |
| 48 Lafayette, <i>Readfield</i> . | 118 Messalonskee, <i>Oakland</i> . |
| 53 Rural, <i>Sidney</i> . | 133 Asylum, <i>Wayne</i> . |
| 54 Vassalboro, <i>North Vassalboro</i> . | 166 Neguemkeag, <i>Vassalboro</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 13.

District Deputy Grand Master—DAVID G. BEAN, Bingham.

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| 28 Northern Star, <i>North Anson</i> . | 116 Lebanon, <i>Norridgewock</i> . |
| 34 Somerset, <i>Skowhegan</i> . | 161 Carrabassett, <i>Canaan</i> . |
| 80 Keystone, <i>Solon</i> . | 194 Euclid, <i>Madison</i> . |
| 92 Siloam, <i>Fairfield</i> . | 199 Bingham, <i>Bingham</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 14.

District Deputy Grand Master—N. GRATZ JACKSON, Bath.

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| 8 United, <i>Brunswick</i> . | 63 Richmond, <i>Richmond</i> . |
| 14 Solar, <i>Bath</i> . | 114 Polar Star, <i>Bath</i> . |
| 23 Freeport, <i>Freeport</i> . | 121 Acacia, <i>Durham</i> . |
| 26 Village, <i>Bowdoinham</i> . | 155 Ancient York, <i>Lisbon Falls</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 15.

District Deputy Grand Master—CLEFF MAXWELL, Weld.

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| 20 Maine, <i>Farmington</i> . | 156 Wilton, <i>Wilton</i> . |
| 21 Oriental Star, <i>Livermore Falls</i> . | 167 Whitney, <i>Canton</i> . |
| 67 Blue Mountain, <i>Phillips</i> . | 191 Davis, <i>Strong</i> . |
| 123 Franklin, <i>New Sharon</i> . | 202 Mount Bigelow, <i>Flagstaff</i> . |
| 154 Mystic Tie, <i>Weld</i> . | 204 Mount Abram, <i>Kingfield</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 16.

District Deputy Grand Master—NED I. SWAN, Bryant's Pond.

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| 18 Oxford, <i>Norway</i> . | 100 Jefferson, <i>Bryant's Pond</i> . |
| 30 Blazing Star, <i>Rumford Falls</i> . | 147 Evening Star, <i>Buckfield</i> . |
| 57 King Hiram, <i>Dixfield</i> . | 152 Crooked River, <i>Bolster's Mills</i> . |
| 94 Paris, <i>South Paris</i> . | 182 Granite, <i>West Paris</i> . |
| 97 Bethel, <i>Bethel</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 17.

District Deputy Grand Master—FREDERICK H. DOLE, Yarmouth.

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| 1 Portland, <i>Portland</i> . | 86 Temple, <i>Westbrook</i> . |
| 17 Ancient Land-Mark, <i>Portland</i> . | 127 Presumpscot, <i>North Windham</i> . |
| 36 Casco, <i>Yarmouth</i> . | 180 Hiram, <i>South Portland</i> . |
| 38 Harmony, <i>Gorham</i> . | 183 Deering, <i>Portland</i> . |
| 70 Standish, <i>Standish</i> . | 186 Warren Phillips, <i>Cumb'd Mills</i> . |
| 81 Atlantic, <i>Portland</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 18.

District Deputy Grand Master—DANIEL G. CHAPLIN, Cornish.

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| 11 Pythagorean, <i>Fryeburg</i> . | 132 Mount Tir'em, <i>Waterford</i> . |
| 13 Oriental, <i>Bridgton</i> . | 153 Delta, <i>Lovell</i> . |
| 56 Mount Moriah, <i>Denmark</i> . | 160 Shepherd's River, <i>Brownfield</i> . |
| 117 Greenleaf, <i>Cornish</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 19.

District Deputy Grand Master—JOHN M. BURLEIGH, South Berwick.

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| 9 Saco, <i>Saco</i> . | 142 Ocean, <i>Wells Depot</i> . |
| 22 York, <i>Kennebunk</i> . | 162 Arion, <i>Goodwin's Mills</i> . |
| 47 Dunlap, <i>Biddeford</i> . | 179 Yorkshire, <i>North Berwick</i> . |
| 51 St. John's, <i>South Berwick</i> . | 184 Naval, <i>Kittery</i> . |
| 76 Arundel, <i>Kennebunkport</i> . | 198 St Aspinquid, <i>York Village</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 20.

District Deputy Grand Master—DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE, Lincoln.

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| 93 Horeb, <i>Lincoln</i> . | 172 Pine Tree, <i>Mattawamkeag</i> . |
| 148 Forest, <i>Springfield</i> . | 175 Baskahegan, <i>Danforth</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 21.

District Deputy Grand Master—EDGAR J. TRUSSELL, Bar Harbor.

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| 19 Felicity, <i>Bucksport</i> . | 185 Bar Harbor, <i>Bar Harbor</i> . |
| 40 Lygonia, <i>Ellsworth</i> . | 192 Winter Harbor, <i>Winter Harbor</i> . |
| 71 Rising Sun, <i>Orland</i> . | 201 David A. Hooper, <i>W. Sullivan</i> . |
| 73 Tremont, <i>Southwest Harbor</i> . | 208 N. E. Harbor, <i>N. E. Harbor</i> . |
| 140 Mount Desert, <i>Mount Desert</i> . | U.D. McKinley, <i>McKinley</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 22.

District Deputy Grand Master—MELVIN W. KNOWLES, Cambridge.

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| 49 Meridian Splendor, <i>Newport</i> . | 125 Meridian, <i>Pittsfield</i> . |
| 64 Pacific, <i>Exeter</i> . | 139 Archon, <i>East Dixmont</i> . |
| 75 Plymouth, <i>Plymouth</i> . | 157 Cambridge, <i>Cambridge</i> . |
| 95 Corinthian, <i>Hartland</i> . | 160 Parian, <i>Corinna</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 23.

District Deputy Grand Master—JAMES H. LITTLEFIELD, Alfred.

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| 27 Adoniram, <i>Limington</i> . | 115 Buxton, <i>West Buxton</i> . |
| 42 Freedom, <i>Limerick</i> . | 118 Drummond, <i>Parsonsfeld</i> . |
| 55 Fraternal, <i>Alfred</i> . | 143 Preble, <i>Sanford</i> . |
| 107 Day Spring, <i>West Newfield</i> . | 190 Springvale, <i>Springvale</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 24.

District Deputy Grand Master—LEWIS V. WINSHIP, Lewiston.

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| 12 Cumberland, <i>New Gloucester</i> . | 105 Ashlar, <i>Lewiston</i> . |
| 29 Tranquil, <i>Auburn</i> . | 150 Rabboni, <i>Lewiston</i> . |
| 73 Tyrian, <i>Mechanic Falls</i> . | 164 Webster, <i>Sabattus</i> . |
| 101 Nezinscot, <i>Turner</i> . | 179 Ancient Brothers', <i>Auburn</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 25.

District Deputy Grand Master—GEORGE H. MOOERS, Ashland.

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| 72 Pioneer, <i>Ashland</i> . | 205 Nollesemic, <i>Millinocket</i> . |
| 98 Katahdin, <i>Patten</i> . | 206 Island Falls, <i>Island Falls</i> . |
| 165 Molunkus, <i>Sherman Mills</i> . | 209 Fort Kent, <i>Fort Kent</i> . |

≡ LODGES IN MAINE ≡

With Dates of Precedence and Charter.

†Charter surrendered.

‡Charter re-issued.

§Revoked.

¶Consolidated.

LODGE.	LOCATION.	DATE OF PRECEDENCE.	DATE OF CHARTER.
1 Portland,	Portland,	Mch. 30, 1769.	Mch. 30, 1769.
2 Warren,	East Machias,	Sept. 10, 1778.	Sept. 10, 1778.
3 Lincoln,	Wiscasset,	June 1, 1792.	June 1, 1792.
4 Hancock,	Castine,	June 9, 1794.	June 9, 1794.
5 Kennebec,	Hallowell.	Mch. 14, 1796.	Mch. 14, 1796.
6 Amity,	Camden,	Mch. 10, 1801.	Mch. 10, 1801.
7 Eastern,	Eastport,	June 8, 1801.	June 8, 1801.
8 United,	Brunswick,	Dec. 14, 1801.	Dec. 14, 1801.
9 Saco,	Saco,	June 14, 1802.	June 16, 1802.
10 Rising Virtue,	Bangor,	Sept. 13, 1802.	Sept. 16, 1802.
11 Pythagorean,	Fryeburg,	June 13, 1803.	June 13, 1803.
12 Cumberland,	New Gloucester,	June 13, 1803.	June 13, 1803.
13 Oriental,	Bridgton,	Mch. 12, 1804.	Mch. 12, 1804.
14 Solar,	Bath,	Sept. 10, 1804.	Sept. 10, 1804.
15 Orient,	Thomaston,	Sept. 10, 1805.	Sept. 10, 1805.
16 St. George,	Warren,	Mch. 10, 1806.	Mch. 10, 1806.
17 Ancient Landmark,	Portland,	June 10, 1806.	June 10, 1806.
18 Oxford,	Norway,	Sept. 14, 1807.	Sept. 14, 1807.
19 Felicity,	Bucksport,	Mch. 14, 1809.	Mch. 14, 1809.
20 Maine,	Farmington,	June 13, 1809.	Jan. 13, 1810.
21 Oriental Star,	Livermore,	June 13, 1811.	June 13, 1811.
22 York,	Kennebunk,	Mch. 9, 1813.	Mch. 9, 1813.
23 Freeport,	Freeport,	Sept. 13, 1814.	Sept. 13, 1814.
24 Phoenix,	Belfast,	Sept. 9, 1816.	Dec. 30, 1816.
25 Temple,	Winthrop,	Sept. 8, 1817.	Oct. 6, 1817.
26 Village,	Bowdoinham,	June 9, 1817.	Sept. 16, 1817.
27 Adoniram,	Limington,	Sept. 9, 1818.	Sept. 10, 1818.
28 Northern Star,	North Anson,	Dec. 9, 1818.	Dec. 15, 1818.
29 Tranquil,	Auburn,	Dec. 9, 1818.	Dec. 9, 1818.
30 Blazing Star,	Rumford,	Mch. 10, 1819.	Mch. 11, 1819.
31 Union,	Union,	Dec. 27, 1819.	April 8, 1820.
32 Hermon,	Gardiner,	June 23, 1820.	June 23, 1820.
33 Waterville,	Waterville,	June 27, 1820.	June 27, 1820.
34 Somerset,	Skowhegan,	Jan. 11, 1821.	Jan. 11, 1821.
35 Bethlehem,	Augusta,	July 12, 1821.	May 3, 1866.†
36 Casco,	Yarmouth,	Oct. 11, 1821.	Oct. 24, 1821.
37 Washington,	Lubec,	Jan. 10, 1822.	Jan. 24, 1822.
38 Harmony,	Gorham,	Jan. 10, 1822.	Jan. 24, 1822.
39 Penobscot,	Dexter,	Jan. 10, 1822.	Jan. 24, 1822.
40 Lygonia,	Ellsworth,	April 11, 1822.	April 11, 1822.
41 Morning Star,	Litchfield,	July 11, 1822.	July 16, 1822.
42 Freedom,	Limerick,	Jan. 11, 1823.	Jan. 14, 1823.
43 Alna,	Alna,	Jan. 11, 1823.	Jan. 14, 1823.
44 Piscataquis,	Milo,	Oct. 9, 1823.	Oct. 28, 1823.
45 Central,	China,	April 8, 1824.	April 8, 1824.
46 St. Croix,	Calais,	May 29, 1845.	May 29, 1845.
47 Dunlap,	Biddeford,	Jan. 13, 1826.	Jan. 30, 1826.
48 Lafayette,	Readfield,	Jan. 13, 1826.	May 20, 1850.†
49 Meridian Splendor,	Newport,	July 13, 1826.	July 18, 1826.

LODGE.	LOCATION.	DATE OF PRECEDENCE.	DATE OF CHARTER.
50 Aurora,	Rockland,	July 18, 1826.	May 9, 1872.1
51 St. John's,	South Berwick,	Jan. 12, 1827.	Feb. 13, 1827.
52 Mosaic,	Foxcroft,	April 22, 1827.	July 16, 1827.
53 Rural,	Sidney,	April 12, 1827.	July 25, 1827.
54 Vassalboro,	No. Vassalboro,	April 12, 1827.	May 31, 1827.
55 Fraternal,	Alfred,	Jan. 10, 1828.	Jan. 10, 1828.
56 Mount Moriah,	Denmark,	Jan. 10, 1828.	Jan. 23, 1828.
57 King Hiram,	Dixfield,	April 10, 1828.	May 9, 1872.1
58 Unity,	Thorndike,	April 10, 1828.	May 15, 1828.
59 Mount Hope,	Hope,	Jan. 25, 1848.	May 4, 1848.1
60 Star in the East,	Oldtown,	Feb. 23, 1848.	May 5, 1848.
61 King Solomon's,	Waldoboro',	April 4, 1849.	Feb. 4, 1855.1
62 King David's,	Lincolnville,	June 16, 1849.	Jan. 13, 1850.
63 Richmond,	Richmond,	Jan. 1, 1850.	May 10, 1850.
64 Pacific,	Exeter,	Oct. 22, 1850.	May 12, 1851.
65 Mystic,	Hampden,	Mch. 1, 1851.	May 12, 1851.
66 Mechanics',	Orono,	Mch. 3, 1851.	May 12, 1851.
67 Blue Mountain,	Phillips,	July 12, 1850.	May 10, 1852.
68 Mariners',	Searsport,	Oct. 23, 1851.	May 10, 1853.
69 Howard,	Winterport,	Nov. 28, 1851.	May 6, 1853.
70 Standish,	Standish,	June 10, 1852.	May 10, 1853.
71 Rising Sun,	Orland,	Oct. 18, 1852.	May 10, 1853.
72 Pioneer,	Ashland,	Oct. 26, 1852.	May 5, 1854.
73 Tyrian,	Mechanic Falls,	Jan. 21, 1853.	May 10, 1853.
74 Bristol,	Bristol,	Mch. 1, 1853.	May 5, 1854.
75 Plymouth,	Plymouth,	May 9, 1853.	May 5, 1854.
76 Arundel,	Kennebunkport,	May 5, 1854.	June 26, 1854.
77 Tremont,	Tremont,	June 12, 1854.	May 3, 1856.
78 Crescent,	Pembroke,	July 4, 1854.	July 10, 1854.
79 Rockland,	Rockland,	Oct. 25, 1854.	April 4, 1872.1
80 Keystone,	Solon,	Dec. 16, 1854.	May 4, 1855.
81 Atlantic,	Portland,	May 3, 1855.	May 3, 1855.
82 St. Paul's,	Rockport,	Oct. 27, 1855.	May 2, 1856.
83 St. Andrew's,	Bangor,	Feb. 6, 1856.	May 3, 1856.
84 Eureka,	St. George,	July 27, 1855.	May 2, 1856.
85 Star in the West,	Unity,	May 4, 1855.	May 24, 1856.
86 Temple,	Westbrook,	Mch. 1, 1856.	May 5, 1856.
87 Benevolent,	Carmel,	Mch. 12, 1857.	May 7, 1857.
88 Narraguagus,	Cherryfield,	Mch. 25, 1857.	May 28, 1857.
89 Island,	Islesboro,	April 3, 1857.	Nov. 5, 1857.
90 Hiram Abiff,	West Appleton,	Jan. 27, 1857.	May 5, 1858.8
91 Harwood,	Machias,	April 8, 1858.	Oct. 15, 1858.
92 Siloam,	Fairfield,	Mch. 8, 1858.	Jan. 1, 1859.
93 Horeb,	Lincoln,	June 5, 1858.	May 5, 1859.
94 Paris,	South Paris,	June 15, 1858.	May 5, 1859.
95 Corinthian,	Hartland,	Sept. 13, 1858.	May 5, 1859.
96 Monument,	Houlton,	Nov. 18, 1858.	May 5, 1859.
97 Bethel,	Bethel,	July 6, 1859.	May 5, 1860.
98 Kathdin,	Patten,	Aug. 24, 1859.	May 3, 1860.
99 Vernon Valley,	Mount Vernon,	Oct. 28, 1859.	May 3, 1860.
100 Jefferson,	Bryant's Pond,	Feb. 8, 1860.	May 3, 1860.
101 Nezinscot,	Turner,	Mch. 1, 1860.	May 3, 1860.
102 Marsh River,	Brooks,	Dec. 24, 1859.	May 9, 1861.
103 Dresden,	Dresden,	Feb. 3, 1860.	May 9, 1861.
104 Dirigo,	South China,	June 12, 1860.	May 9, 1861.
105 Ashlar,	Lewiston,	Nov. 5, 1860.	May 9, 1861.
106 Tuscan,	Addison Point,	Dec. 27, 1860.	May 9, 1861.
107 Day Spring,	West Newfield,	Mch. 19, 1861.	May 9, 1861.

LODGE.	LOCATION.	DATE OF PRECEDENCE.	DATE OF CHARTER
108 Relief,	Belgrade,	Jan. 11, 1861.	May 8, 1862. §
109 Mount Kineo,	Abbot,	May 10, 1861.	May 8, 1862.
110 Monmouth,	Monmouth,	May 21, 1861.	May 8, 1862.
111 Liberty,	Liberty,	Nov. 8, 1861.	May 8, 1862.
112 Eastern Frontier,	Fort Fairfield,	May 8, 1862.	May 7, 1863.
113 Messalonskee,	Oakland,	May 15, 1862.	May 7, 1863.
114 Polar Star,	Bath,	Mch. 7, 1863.	May 7, 1863.
115 Moderation,	West Buxton,	Mch. 18, 1863.	May 7, 1863.
116 Lebanon,	Norridgewock,	April 30, 1863.	May 7, 1863.
117 Greenleaf,	Cornish,	April 22, 1863.	May 4, 1864.
118 Drummond,	Parsonsfeld,	May 7, 1863.	May 4, 1864.
119 Pownal,	Stockton,	July 4, 1863.	May 6, 1875. †
120 Meduncook,	Friendship,	Feb. 6, 1864.	May 4, 1864. †
121 Acacia,	Durham,	May 7, 1863.	May 4, 1865.
122 Marine,	Deer Isle,	Mch. 18, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
123 Franklin,	New Sharon,	May 4, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
124 Olive Branch,	Charleston,	May 4, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
125 Meridian,	Pittsfield,	June 7, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
126 Timothy Chase,	Belfast,	Oct. 26, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
127 Presumpscot,	Windham,	Nov. 19, 1864.	May 3, 1866.
128 Eggemoggin,	Sedgwick,	Mch. 1, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
129 Quantabacook,	Searsmont,	Mch. 28, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
130 Trinity,	Presque Isle,	July 17, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
131 Lookout,	Cutler,	July 18, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
132 Mount Tir'em,	Waterford,	Oct. 18, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
133 Asylum,	Wayne,	July 20, 1865.	May 9, 1867.
134 Trojan,	Troy,	Feb. 19, 1866.	May 9, 1867. ¶
135 Riverside,	Jefferson,	Mch. 13, 1866.	May 8, 1867.
136 Ionic,	Gardiner,	April 24, 1866.	May 9, 1867. †
137 Kenduskeag,	Kenduskeag,	May 3, 1866.	May 8, 1867.
138 Lewy's Island,	Princeton,	May 3, 1866.	May 8, 1867.
139 Archon,	Dixmont,	Sept. 26, 1866.	May 8, 1867.
140 Mount Desert,	Mount Desert,	Feb. 14, 1867.	May 8, 1867.
141 Augusta,	Augusta,	Mch. 21, 1867.	May 8, 1867.
142 Ocean,	Wells,	Mch. 22, 1867.	May 7, 1868.
143 Preble,	Sanford,	May 9, 1867.	May 7, 1868.
144 Seaside,	Boothbay,	Oct. 7, 1867.	May 7, 1868.
145 Moses Webster,	Vinalhaven,	Jan. 13, 1868.	May 7, 1868.
146 Seabaticook,	Clinton,	Feb. 3, 1868.	May 7, 1868.
147 Evening Star,	Buckfield,	Feb. 22, 1869.	May 5, 1869.
148 Forest,	Springfield,	April 1, 1869.	May 5, 1869.
149 Doric,	Monson,	May 7, 1868.	May 5, 1869.
150 Rabboni,	Lewiston,	Dec. 28, 1868.	May 5, 1869.
151 Excelsior,	Northport,	Mch. 1, 1869.	May 5, 1869.
152 Crooked River,	Bolster's Mills,	April 15, 1869.	May 5, 1870.
153 Delta,	Lovell,	May 5, 1869.	May 4, 1870.
154 Mystic Tie,	Weld,	June 8, 1869.	May 4, 1870.
155 Ancient York,	Lisbon Falls,	Jan. 1, 1870.	May 4, 1870.
156 Wilton,	Wilton,	Jan. 31, 1870.	May 4, 1870.
157 Cambridge,	Cambridge,	May 5, 1870.	May 4, 1871.
158 Anchor,	South Bristol,	May 5, 1870.	May 4, 1871.
159 Esoteric,	Ellsworth,	Sept. 3, 1870.	May 4, 1871. ¶
160 Parian,	Corinna,	Sept. 9, 1870.	May 9, 1872.
161 Carrabassett,	Canaan,	Mch. 2, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
162 Arion,	Goodwin's Mills,	Mch. 18, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
163 Pleasant River,	Brownville,	July 28, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
164 Webster,	Webster,	July 28, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
165 Molunkus,	Sherman Mills,	Aug. 26, 1871.	May 9, 1872.

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166 Neguemkeag,	Vassalboro.	Dec. 22, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
167 Whitney,	Canton,	Mch. 9, 1872.	May 9, 1872.
168 Composite,	La Grange,	May 9, 1872.	May 8, 1873.
169 Shepherd's River,	Brownfield,	July 1, 1872.	May 8, 1873.
170 Caribou,	Caribou,	July 27, 1872.	May 8, 1873.
171 Naskeag,	Brooklin,	Feb. 3, 1873.	May 8, 1873.
172 Pine Tree,	Mattawamkeag,	Nov. 14, 1873.	May 7, 1874.
173 Pleiades,	Millbridge,	May 7, 1874.	May 7, 1874.
174 Lynde,	Hermon,	May 7, 1874.	May 7, 1874.
175 Baskahegan,	Danforth,	Dec. 3, 1874.	May 20, 1875.
176 Palestine,	Biddeford,	May 5, 1875.	May 6, 1875.
177 Rising Star,	Penobscot,	June 17, 1875.	May 4, 1876.
178 Ancient Brothers',	Auburn,	June 21, 1875.	May 4, 1876.
179 Yorkshire,	North Berwick,	Sept. 18, 1875.	May 4, 1876.
180 Hiram,	Cape Elizabeth,	Nov. 1, 1875.	May 4, 1876.
181 Reuel Washburn,	East Livermore,	May 4, 1876.	May 3, 1877.
182 Granite,	West Paris,	Sept. 16, 1878.	May 8, 1879.
183 Deering,	Portland,	April 2, 1879.	May 8, 1879.
184 Naval,	Kittery,	May 8, 1879.	May 6, 1880.
185 Bar Harbor,	Bar Harbor,	April 19, 1882.	May 2, 1882.
186 Warren Phillips,	Cumberl'd Mills,	April 18, 1883.	May 3, 1883.
187 Ira Berry,	Bluehill,	Nov. 12, 1883.	May 8, 1884.
188 Jonesport,	Jonesport,	May 8, 1884.	May 8, 1884.
189 Knox,	So. Thomaston,	Sept. 6, 1884.	May 7, 1885.
190 Springvale,	Springvale,	May 7, 1885.	May 6, 1886.
191 Davis,	Strong,	May 7, 1885.	May 6, 1886.
192 Winter Harbor,	Winter Harbor,	Aug. 12, 1887.	May 3, 1888.
193 Washburn,	Washburn,	Dec. 14, 1887.	May 3, 1888.
194 Euclid,	Madison,	May 4, 1888.	May 9, 1889.
195 Reliance,	Green's Landing,	May 9, 1889.	May 8, 1890.
196 Bay View,	East Boothbay,	Dec. 20, 1889.	May 8, 1890.
197 Aroostook,	Blaine,	Dec. 17, 1890.	May 7, 1891.
198 St. Aspinquid,	York,	July 22, 1892.	May 4, 1893.
199 Bingham,	Bingham,	Dec. 23, 1892.	May 4, 1893.
200 Columbia,	Greenville,	July 23, 1894.	May 7, 1896.
201 David A. Hooper,	West Sullivan,	June 3, 1897.	May 5, 1898.
202 Mount Bigelow,	Flagstaff,	June 19, 1897.	May 6, 1898.
203 Mount Olivet,	Washington,	Nov. 24, 1897.	May 7, 1898.
204 Mt. Abram,	Kingfield,	May 4, 1900.	May 9, 1901.
205 Nollesemic,	Millinocket,	Nov. 17, 1900.	May 9, 1901.
206 Island Falls,	Island Falls,	Oct. 3, 1901.	May 8, 1902.
207 Abner Wade,	Sangerville,	June 3, 1902.	May 7, 1903.
208 No. East Harbor,	N. E. Harbor,	Sept. 2, 1903.	May 6, 1904.
209 Fort Kent,	Fort Kent,	Mch. 23, 1904.	May 4, 1905.
210 Bagaduce,	Brooksville,	Sept. 2, 1905.	May 3, 1906.
U. D. Meduncook,	Friendship,	Feb. 15, 1909.	
U. D. McKinley,	McKinley,	May 6, 1909.	

NOTE 59 Mt. Hope, charter surrendered 1879.

90 Hiram Abiff, charter revoked 1868.

108 Relief, charter revoked 1894.

120 Meduncook, charter surrendered 1884.

134 Trojan, consolidated with Star in the West, No. 85, in 1888.

136 Ionic, charter surrendered 1882.

159 Esoteric, consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, Jan. 11, 1908.

176 Palestine, consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, in 1895.

181 Reuel Washburn, consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1892.

Lodges enrolled 212; extinct 9; working 203.

Recapitulation--1909

Lodges enrolled,	212
" extinct,	9
" working,	203
" under dispensation,	2
" granted charters at communication, 1909,	0
" represented at communication, 1909,	189
Number of representatives,	249
Lodges to make returns,	202
Making returns in time,	202
Initiated,	1,203
Raised,	1,186
Affiliated,	107
Re-instated,	89
Corrections,	24
Total increase,	1,406
Dimitted,	174
Died,	493
Suspended for unmasonic conduct,	0
Expelled,	3
Lost membership by non-payment of dues,	228
Total decrease,	898
Net increase,	508
Members, March 1, 1909,	27,864
Grand Lodge Receipts,	\$11,389.96
" " Disbursements,	\$7,366.46
Amount of Charity Fund,	\$52,892.06
Income of Charity Fund,	\$2,933.01

Grand Lodges and

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Alabama, Dec. 1, 1908,	Hugh S. D. Mallory, Selma.
Alberta, May 26, 1909,	J. T. Macdonald, Calgary.
Arizona, Nov. 17, 1908,	Fletcher M. Doan, Tombstone.
Arkansas, Nov. 17, 1908,	Edgar A. McCulloch, Little Rock.
Belgium, 1908,	Descamps, Mons.
British Columbia, June 17, 1909,	Harry N. Rich, Ladners.
California, Oct. 13, 1908,	Oscar Lawler, Los Angeles.
Canada, July 15, 1908,	Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton.
Cuba, March 28, 1909,	Calixto Fajardo, Habana.
Colorado, Sept. 21, 1908,	John B. Haffy, Del Norte.
Connecticut, Jan. 20, 1909,	Weston G. Grannis, Jr., Litchfield.
Delaware, Oct. 7, 1908,	Henry I. Beers, Dover.
Dist. Columbia, Dec. 16, 1908,	Henry K. Simpson, Washington.
England, April 28, 1909,	Lord Amptill, London.
Florida, Jan. 19, 1909,	Louis C. Massey, Orlando.
Georgia, Oct. 27, 1908,	Thomas H. Jelfries, Atlanta.
Idaho, Sept. 8, 1908,	William R. Hamilton, Silver City.
Illinois, Oct. 6, 1908,	Alexander H. Bell, Carlinville.
Indiana, May 25, 1909,	William H. Marker, Tipton.
Iowa, June 1, 1909,	David W. Clements, West Union.
Ireland, 1909,	Duke of Abercorn, Dublin.
Kansas, Feb. 17, 1909,	Fred Washbon, Anthony.
Kentucky, Oct. 20, 1908,	Virgil P. Smith, Somerset.
Louisiana, Feb. 2, 1909,	Lee E. Thomas, Shreveport.
Maine, May 4, 1909,	Edmund B. Mallet, Freeport.
Manitoba, June 9, 1909,	J. D. Bain, Boissevain.
Maryland, Nov. 17, 1908,	Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore.
Massachusetts, Dec. 9, 1908,	Dana J. Flanders, Malden.
Michigan, May 25, 1909,	Arthur M. Hume, Owosso.
Minnesota, Jan. 20, 1909,	Eugene E. Swan, Stewart.
Mississippi, Feb. 16, 1909,	Wiley H. Clifton, Aberdeen.
Missouri, Sept. 29, 1908,	Robert R. Kreeger, Kansas City.
Montana, Sept. 16, 1908,	Cornelius B. Nolan, Helena.
Nebraska, June 9, 1908,	William A. DeBord, Omaha.

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Nevada, June 10, 1909,
 New Brunswick, Aug. 25, 1908,
 New Hampshire, May 19, 1909,
 New Jersey, April 21, 1909,
 New Mexico, Oct. 19, 1908,
 N. South Wales, June 10, 1908,
 New York, May 6, 1909,
 New Zealand, May 7, 1908,
 North Carolina, Jan. 12, 1909,
 North Dakota, June 22, 1909,
 Nova Scotia, June 9, 1909,
 Ohio, Oct. 21, 1908,
 Oklahoma, Feb. 10, 1909,
 Oregon, June 16, 1909,
 Pennsylvania, Dec. 28, 1908,
 Peru, April 14, 1909,
 P. E. Island, June 24, 1908,
 Quebec, Feb. 10, 1909,
 Rhode Island, May 17, 1909,
 Saskatchewan, June 16, 1909,
 Scotland, Nov. 5, 1908,
 South Australia, April 15, 1908,
 South Carolina, Dec. 8, 1908,
 South Dakota, June 9, 1909,
 Tasmania, Feb. 24, 1909,
 Tennessee, Jan. 27, 1909,
 Texas, Dec. 1, 1908,
 Utah, Jan. 19, 1909,
 Vermont, June 10, 1908,
 Victoria, Dec. 18, 1907,
 Virginia, Feb. 9, 1909,
 Washington, June 15, 1909,
 West Virginia, Nov. 11, 1908,
 West Australia, April 23, 1908,
 Wisconsin, June 8, 1909,
 Wyoming, Sept. 2, 1908,

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Illinois—WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, Skowhegan.
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Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.
Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.
Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES, Stockton Springs.
Maryland—SAMUEL L. MILLER, Waldoboro.
Michigan—FESSENDEN I. DAY, Lewiston.
Minnesota—JOHN B. REDMAN, Ellsworth.
Mississippi—CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, Bangor.
Missouri—DANIEL P. BOYNTON, Monmouth.
Montana—LEANDER W. FOBES, Portland.
Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER, Pittsfield.
Nevada—LEANDER M. KENNISTON, Camden.
New Brunswick—MOSES TAIT, Calais.
New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.

- New Jersey*—ADELBERT MILLETT, Searsmont.
New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS, Ellsworth.
New York—HENRY R. TAYLOR, Machias.
New Zealand—HERBERT HARRIS, Portland.
North Carolina—CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Waterville.
North Dakota—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH, Auburn.
Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Fairfield.
Ohio—WILLIAM J. BURNHAM, Lewiston.
Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.
Oregon—ERMON D. EASTMAN, Portland.
Peru—ALFRED S. KIMBALL, Norway.
Prince Edward Island—GEORGE W. MCCLAIN, Henderson.
Quebec—JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH, Belfast.
South Australia—BENJAMIN AMES, Thorndike.
South Carolina—SAMUEL G. DAVIS, Denmark.
South Dakota—EDWARD G. WESTON, Thomaston.
Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY, Bath.
Tennessee—HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor.
Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY, Kent's Hill.
Utah—EDWIN C. DUDLEY, Augusta.
Vermont—GEORGE R. SHAW, Portland.
Victoria—GOODWIN R. WILEY, Shawnee, Oklahoma.
Virginia—CHARLES F. PAINE, Bar Harbor.
Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, Portland.
Western Australia—FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Portland.
West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENLEY, Auburn.
Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport.

~ OFFICERS ~

OF THE

Grand . Lodge . of . Maine,

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO 1909.

GRAND MASTERS.

William King, 1820, '21.*	William P. Preble, 1863-'65.
Simon Greenleaf, 1822, '23.*	Timothy J. Murray, 1866-'68.*
William Swan, 1824, '25.*	John H. Lynde, 1869-'71.*
Charles Fox, 1826, '27.*	David Cargill, 1872-'74.*
Samuel Fessenden, 1828, '29.*	Albert Moore, 1875, '76.*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1830, '31.*	Edward P. Burnham, '77, '78.*
Nathaniel Coffin, 1832-'34.*	Charles I. Collamore, 1879-'80.
Reuel Washburn, 1835-'37.*	Marquis F. King, 1881, '82.*
Abner B. Thompson, '38-'40.*	William R. G. Estes, 1883, '84.
Hezekiah Williams, 1841.*	Fessenden I. Day, 1885, '86.
Thomas W. Smith, 1842-'44.*	Frank E. Sleeper, 1887, '88.
John T. Paine, 1845, '46.*	Albro E. Chase, 1889, '90.
Alexander H. Putney, '47, '48.*	Henry R. Taylor, 1891, '92.
Joseph C. Stevens, 1849, '50.*	Horace H. Burbank, 1893, '94.*
John C. Humphreys, '51, '52.*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1895, '96.
Freeman Bradford, 1853.*	Joseph A. Locke, 1897, '98.*
Timothy Chase, 1854.*	Winfield S. Choate, 1899, 1900.*
John Miller, 1855.*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1901, 1902.
Jabez True, 1856.*	William J. Burnham, 1903.
Robert P. Dunlap, 1857.*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1904, '05.
Hiram Chase, 1858, '59.*	Charles F. Johnson, 1906, '07.
Josiah H. Drummond, '60-'62.*	Edmund B. Mallet, 1908, '09.

*Deceased.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Simon Greenleaf, 1820, '21.*	Timothy J. Murray, 1864, '65.*
William Swan, 1822, '23.*	John L. Lynde, 1866-'68.*
Charles Fox, 1824, '25.*	David Cargill, 1869-'71.*
Samuel Fessenden, 1826, '27.*	Albert Moore, 1872-74.*
Peleg Sprague, 1828-30.*	Edward P. Burnham, '75, '76.*
Nathaniel Coffin, 1831.*	Charles I. Collamore, 1877, '78.
Amos Nourse, 1832.*	Marquis F. King, 1879, '80.*
Reuel Washburn, 1833, '34.	William R. G. Estes, 1881, '82.
David C. Magoun, 1835-37.*	Fessenden I. Day, 1883, '84.
Asaph R. Nichols, 1838-43.*	Frank E. Sleeper, 1885, '86.
James L. Child, 1844.*	Albro E. Chase, 1887, '88.
Asaph R. Nichols, 1845.*	Henry R. Taylor, 1889, '90.
Elisha Harding, 1846.*	Horace H. Burbank, 1891, '92.*
Samuel L. Valentine, '47, '48.*	Augustus B. Farnham, '93, '94.
John C. Humphreys, '49, '50.*	Joseph A. Locke, 1895, '96.*
Freeman Bradford, 1851, '52.*	Winfield S. Choate, 1897, '98.*
Timothy Chase, 1853.*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1899, 1900.
Jabez True, 1854, 1855.*	William J. Burnham, 1901, 1902.
Hiram Chase, 1856, '57.*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1903.
Josiah H. Drummond, '58, '59.*	Charles F. Johnson, 1904, '05.
William P. Preble, 1860-1862.	Edmund B. Mallet, 1906, '07.
John J. Bell, 1863.*	Ashley A. Smith, 1908, '09.

SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

William Swan, 1820, 1821.*	Alexander H. Putney, '45, '46.*
Charles Fox, 1822, 1823.*	John C. Humphreys, '47, '48.*
Samuel Fessenden, 1824, 25.*	Freeman Bradford, 1849, '50.*
George Thacher, Jr., '26, '27.*	Timothy Chase, 1851, 1852.*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1828, '29.*	Jabez True, 1853.*
Amos Nourse, 1830, 1831.*	Ezra B. French, 1854, 1855.*
John L. Megquier, 1832-'34.*	Isaac Downing, 1856.*
Joel Miller, 1835-'37.*	William Allen, 1857.*
Thomas W. Smith, 1838-'41.*	Gustavus F. Sargent, 1858, 59.*
John T. Paine, 1842-1844.*	John J. Bell, 1860, 1861.*

David Bugbee, 1862.*	Daniel P. Boynton, 1890.
Edmund B. Hinckley, 1863.*	George R. Shaw, 1891.
Francis L. Talbot, 1864, 1865.*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1892.
David Cargill, 1866-1868.*	Joseph A. Locke, 1893.*
Thaddeus R. Simonton, '69, '70.*	Herbert Harris, 1894.
Albert Moore, 1871.*	Winfield S. Choate, 1895.*
Edward P. Burnham, '72-'74.*	Albert M. Penley, 1896.
William O. Poor, 1875.*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1897.
Charles I. Collamore, 1876.	Elmer P. Spofford, 1898.
Marquis F. King, 1877, 1878.*	William J. Burnham, 1899.
Sumner J. Chadbourne, 1879.*	James E. Parsons, 1900.
William R. G. Estes, 1880.	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1901.
John B. Redman, 1881.	Edwin A. Porter, 1902.
Arlington B. Marston, 1882.*	Charles W. Crosby, 1903.
William H. Smith, 1883.*	W. Scott Shorey, 1904.
Frank E. Sleeper, 1884.	Curtis R. Foster, 1905.*
Joseph M. Hayes, 1885.	James M. Larrabee, 1906.
Albro E. Chase, 1886.	William N. Howe, 1907.
Horace H. Burbank, 1887.*	John Clair Minot, 1908.
Leander M. Kenniston, 1888.	Frank J. Cole, 1909.
Manly G. Trask, 1889.	

JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

Nathaniel Coffin, 1820, '21.*	Frye Hall, 1847.*
Josiah W. Mitchell, 1822.*	Joseph C. Stephens, 1848.*
Samuel Fessenden, 1823.*	Stephen Webber, 1849.*
George Thacher, Jr., '24, '25.*	Timothy Chase, 1850.*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1826, '27.*	William Somerby, 1851, '52.*
Amos Nourse, 1828, 1829.*	Thomas B. Johnston, '53, '54.*
Reuben Nason, 1830, 1831.*	William Kimball, 1855.*
David C. Magoun, 1832-'34.*	William Allen, 1856.*
Abner B. Thompson, '35-'37.*	John Williams, 1857.*
Stephen Webber, 1838-'40.*	Stephen B. Dockham, 1858.*
John T. Paine, 1841.*	Oliver Gerrish, 1859.*
Alexander H. Putney, '42-'44.*	Joseph Covell, 1860.*
John C. Humphreys, '45, '46.*	Francis J. Day, 1861.*

T. K. Osgood, 1862.*	E. B. Mallet, Jr., 1890.
F. Loring Talbot, 1863.*	Samuel L. Miller, 1891.
John H. Lynde, 1864, 1865.*	Howard D. Smith, 1892.
Thaddeus R. Simonton, '66-68.*	Wm. Freeman Lord, 1893.
John W. Ballou, 1869, 1870.	Gustavus H. Cargill, 1894.
Henry H. Dickey, 1871.*	Moses Tait, 1895.
William O. Poor, 1872-1874.*	Benjamin L. Hadley, 1896.
Charles I. Colllamore, 1875.	Enoch O. Greenleaf, 1897.
A. M. Wetherbee, 1876.*	Millard M. Caswell, 1898.
S. J. Chadourne, '77, '78.*	Franklin R. Redlon, 1899.
Edwin Howard Vose, 1879.	John H. McGorrill, 1900.
Archie L. Talbot, 1880.	Adelbert Millett, 1901.
Fessenden I. Day, 1881.	James C. Ayer, 1902.
Charles W. Haney, 1882.*	Charles F. Paine, 1903.
Goodwin R. Wiley, 1883.	George W. McClain, 1904.
Augustus Bailey, 1884.	Edward G. Weston, 1905.
Henry R. Taylor, 1885.	Albert M. Ames, 1906.
Benjamin Ames, 1886.	Leon S. Howe, 1907.
Wilford J. Fisher, 1887.*	George W. Holmes, 1908.
Samuel G. Davis, 1888.	Winfield S. Hinckley, 1909.
Algernon M. Roak, 1889.*	

GRAND TREASURERS.

Joseph M. Gerrish, 1820-'30.*	William O. Fox, 1880-'82.*
James B. Cahoon, 1831-'33.*	Frederick Fox, 1883-1894.*
Benjamin Davis, 1834-'43.*	M. F. King, June, '94-1904.*
Henry H. Boody, 1844-'52.*	Millard F. Hicks, Oct. '04-'09.
Moses Dodge, 1853-'79.*	

GRAND SECRETARIES.

William Lord, 1820-31.*	Charles B. Smith, 1846-'55.*
Asaph R. Nichols, 1832-35.*	Ira Berry, 1856-1891.*
Philip C. Johnson, 1836-44.*	Stephen Berry, Sept. '91-1909.
Charles Fox, 1845.*	

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. W. CURTIS R. FOSTER,

Senior Grand Warden in 1905.



Born at Ellsworth, July 25, 1861.

Died in Bangor, July 31, 1903.

AGED 47 YEARS AND 6 DAYS.



"But when the sun, in all his state
Illumed the eastern skies,
He passed through glory's morning gate,
And walked in Paradise."

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. W. ALDEN M. WETHERBEE,

Junior Grand Warden in 1876.



Born in Warren, April 30, 1830.

Died at Union, October 15, 1903,

AGED 73 YEARS, 6 MONTHS, AND 2 DAYS.



"And when in days to come you speak my name,
Say, though I've known life in both calm and storm,
I yet have kept my name and conscience fair,
And pray, forever, that you hold them so."

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Report • on • Correspondence.

≈ 1908 ≈

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of the State of Maine.*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally submits its annual report :

ALABAMA, 1907.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Benjamin M. Jacobs, a sketch of whose life, with portrait, introduces the proceedings, in his address says :

“ During the past year Alabama Masonry has not remained at anchor, neither has it drifted, but has plowed its way over and through the billows of doubt and difficulty, and is to-day, with its search lights of truth and benevolence, in the mid ocean of ‘progress,’ with every sail set, towards that haven, which is our eternal destiny, where our faith becomes merged in sight, where our hopes reach their fruition, where duty becomes a labor of love, and charity reigns supreme.”

He reported dispensations for nineteen new lodges, the re-organization of one lodge, the consolidation of two lodges, and for many other purposes.

The death of Grand Tyler, Bro. Charles A. Allen, is fittingly noticed, also a long list of the dead of other jurisdictions.

The following decision does not agree with our procedure :

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"Amendments or additions to the by-laws of chartered lodges need not be approved by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, before becoming effective."

Several of his recommendations are in accordance with the practice in Maine. He suggests the repeal of the law about the length of term of a Grand Master to which we alluded last year.

Considerable space is given to the result obtained by the Campaign Committee to procure the passage by the several lodges of the Amendment to the Constitution, by which a per capita tax of fifty cents was assessed for the establishment and maintenance of a Masonic Home. We quote in part:

"By the middle of January, I set aside all interests of a personal or business nature that might impede or in any manner hinder, my giving this work my undivided attention, and I devoted my entire time exclusively to the same, until the early part of July. I traveled into almost every section of the State, visiting numerous lodges, as well as arranging for joint meetings of the various subordinate lodges, at central points of their particular counties. Every argument that could be used to bear in favor of the amendment, was expressed, both through correspondence and appearing personally before the subordinate lodges. Every possible objection that could be offered was to the best of my ability, logically met with sound arguments. Our efforts touched a responsive chord in thousands of masonic hearts."

He made several recommendations bearing upon the Masonic Home.

The bonded indebtedness upon the Masonic Temple owned by the Grand Lodge has been extinguished.

Of the Grand Lodge library, the Grand Secretary, who has given much labor to it, says:

"At the present writing, we have about two thousand bound volumes of the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, and also many volumes of rare, miscellaneous works. Thus far we have purchased one hundred and seventy-eight Globe Wernicke Cases, in which the books are kept."

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized, and the request of the Grand Lodge of Greece for recognition was declined.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the decision of the Grand Master above quoted by us and add:

"But for fear of possible misapprehension of this ruling on the part of some, we call attention to the fact that the By-Laws must be consistent with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and the ancient land-marks of the order."

Since there must be that consistency between Constitution and By-Laws, ought not some authority to decide such questions be created by the Grand Lodge, and should not such authority pass upon the question of consistency before the By-Law becomes effective?

We also read in the report of the Committee on By-Laws:

"Owing to the fact that the By-Laws of many of the old lodges are obsolete and in many cases contain laws and rules entirely at variance with masonic custom, your committee would recommend that as early as practicable in the future, the Committee on By-Laws be instructed to revise and pass on any of the By-Laws older than ten years of all the lodges belonging to this Grand Jurisdiction. The method and time of so doing to be at the discretion of the said committee and all of said By-Laws at variance with masonic custom and law, to be ordered stricken out, the same as when passing on a new set of By-Laws.

"Your committee would further recommend that the Committee on By-Laws be instructed to draw up a set of By-Laws to be used as a guide for every lodge in the State in the preparation of new By-Laws, thereby enabling them to have their By-Laws conform with each other as nearly as practicable."

Bro. William Y. Titcomb made the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1907 receives its full share in his admirable report.

Commenting upon the decision of Grand Master Johnson relative to residence, he says:

"There are, surely, exceptions to such a rule. Not to use the flail too much upon a pile of old straw, take an illustration: X has lived in Washington several years, and still lives there. He has never had his name erased from the registration books at his old home, Rome, N. Y., but he with his family reside in Washington, where he holds an office. There he and his family eat and sleep, and go to church. There his children go to school; there his family and neighbors are the ones who are best acquainted with his habits. Which place is his masonic residence, Rome or Washington? Perhaps he makes a flying visit to Rome, on a Presidential year, to cast his vote; still he does not live there—he lives in Washington.

"He correctly ruled that one who had received the E. A. degree, could not be tried by a lodge for an offence alleged to have been committed before he was made a mason."

He further says:

"Bro. Chase quotes us correctly as to the shutting out of non-affiliates, but how that sentence made its way into our remark, passes our understanding. We must have been suffering from a confusion of ideas at the time. We have always been of the opinion that visits of non-affiliates should depend upon the willingness of the lodge to let them in."

Under New York, after quoting a decision, he says:

"Of the twenty-eight jurisdictions holding to a limited period, nine make it 5 years, viz: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Michigan, Oregon, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, District of Columbia, Arkansas. Ohio makes it 3 years. Twelve Grand Lodges make it 1 year, viz: Vermont, Florida, Indiana, North Dakota, Georgia, Montana, Arizona, Tennessee, Washington, California, New Mexico, New York. The remaining six of the twenty-eight make the limit six months. The eight Grand Lodges which make the limit the length of residence in their own respective jurisdictions are Indian Territory, Nevada, Virginia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Wyoming and South Dakota. The fourteen Grand Bodies adhering to the doctrine of Perpetual Jurisdiction are as follows: Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Delaware, Maryland,

West Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Illinois, Minnesota and Nebraska."

ALBERTA, 1907.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. O. W. Kealy, whose portrait appears, in his address, after a brief introduction pays true tribute to the memory of M. W. Bro. Thomas Tweed.

He reports trouble because a lodge under the jurisdiction of Scotland had made a mason of a man who had been rejected by a lodge of Alberta; and because "the jurisdiction of Alberta and Saskatchewan meet in the main street of the Town of Lloydminster."

Of his decisions we quote:

"A candidate was favorably reported upon, balloted for, and declared elected as a member. He subsequently appeared for initiation, when a brother then present objected to the degree being conferred. A committee was appointed, who reported vaguely, but the lodge decided that the objection was good. Other complications arose, and I was asked to solve the difficulty. I wrote the lodge with what I thought to be a solution, but it was not accepted by the brethren. I had, however, to hold that the candidate could present himself at any meeting of the lodge for initiation, when, if he was not objected to and the objection held to be valid, he could be initiated. It seems to me the Constitution is at fault in method. The Grand Lodge of Canada very properly, in my opinion, throws such a question upon the shoulders of the Master for him to decide. A candidate for initiation, if objected to, has absolutely no way open to him which will enable him to refute any charges made, as he would be able to do were he initiated. Seemingly after being elected a member he is required to be 'a man free born, of lawful age, and well recommended.'"

We have always supposed that objection before initiation was the same as a black ball; and that a candidate was not elected "as a member," but that the degrees within the gift of the lodge had been voted the applicant. Furthermore, that the candidate objected to had the same right to renew his application as a candidate rejected by the ballot.

But what are we to think of this evidence in this decision, viz: "I wrote the lodge with what I thought to be a solution, *but it was not accepted by the brethren.*" (Italics ours.)

Also he decided:

"That I could not dedicate a lodge room unless the building was a masonic one."

He signed ten dispensations to lodges to attend divine service masonically clothed, and in the same paragraph argues strongly against such action. Why grant the dispensations if not a believer therein?

The granting of dispensations to ballot upon rejected material, before

the expiration of the time limit for renewing the application, does not meet with our approval.

He reports visitations to all lodges save three.

He discusses the question of ritual and concludes:

"Why not a combined Ritual? It is generally acknowledged that the first degree in the Canadian work is finer than in the other; and that the second in the American is finer than in the Canadian; the third degrees are largely different in the two works. My suggestion is that a ritual be adopted containing the opening in the Canadian Rite and closing of the lodge in the American Rite; the first degree from the Canadian Rite, the second degree from the American Rite, and the third degree from both as alternatives. I think that the difficulty of the differences in the obligations can and should be overcome by setting one obligation for each degree. Regarding the third degree, I think the two forms we have will be most useful as alternatives. It is generally agreed that the third degree in the American Rite is very fine, if conferred by a trained team well drilled to their work, but to do this you require a steady attendance of the same members and a fairly large number of them; for country lodges and town lodges weak in membership, my experience teaches me the Canadian Rite is better, because the work is done almost solely by the Master. I have been brought up in the American Rite, and for that reason earnestly desire that we get one standard work to go by, as completely under the control of the Grand Lodge as the Canadian Rite is."

We assume that whenever the word "Rite" is used it is used for the word "work."

Many other subjects of local importance were discussed by him in the address.

The District Deputy Grand Masters for the three districts made quite full reports.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that five dispensations have been granted for new lodges, and the gain in membership for the year was 421.

We note under the report of a committee the following:

"In reference to charters being issued to lodges under charter at the time of the organization of this Grand Lodge, it appears that no disposition has been made of the old charters, and we recommend that they be surrendered to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, with a request that if the lodges wish it, they be returned by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to be filed among the archives of the lodge making the request."

Why surrendered to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba at all?

Thirty dollars were appropriated for the beginning of a Grand Lodge Library.

A large amount of business, local in character, was transacted.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

ARKANSAS, 1907.

Portraits of the M. W. Grand Master elect, Bro. M. W. Greeson, of Bro. Edmund Metcalf, Grand Tyler for nearly twenty-five years, and of Bro. George T. Sparks, appear in the proceedings.

Four hundred forty-eight out of the five hundred and twenty lodges were represented.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Jacob Trieber, notes with proper words of respect the memory of the once Grand Tyler, and of Bro. Sparks, and of the dead of other jurisdictions.

He reports a healthy growth in membership; granted five dispensations for new lodges; commends the work of the School of Instruction, from which has grown a "more thoroughly uniform" work; notes a rapid increase in the fund for the Orphans' Home; reports the usual request for dispensations, necessary and unnecessary; approved quite a large number of applications for relief by lodges from the other lodges of the State; and of the over five hundred matters submitted to him for ruling, found but four decisions to report.

We quote:

"A man was made a Master Mason in a duly constituted lodge of the Indian Territory. Removing to Cincinnati, Ohio, he procured a dimit from his lodge and joined a lodge in Cincinnati. Removing to this State, he took a dimit from the Cincinnati lodge and presented it with his petition to join a lodge in this State. The Cincinnati lodge from which he has his dimit is found to be a clandestine one, not entitled to recognition, but it is claimed that this fact was unknown to the applicant.

"DECISION.

"Every application for affiliation must be accompanied by a dimit from a duly constituted lodge. As the Cincinnati lodge is not such a lodge, he must therefore secure a duplicate of the dimit granted to him by the lodge in the Indian Territory which made him a mason and file it with his application. The lodge should thereupon make a thorough investigation for the purpose of ascertaining whether the applicant joined the clandestine lodge at Cincinnati in good faith, believing it to be a legally constituted lodge, or whether he knew it was a clandestine lodge either at the time he joined it, or after he had joined it and with such knowledge continued to hold intercourse with it. If the latter, he should not be permitted to join; otherwise the lodge may act on his application.

"Should a committee of investigation, when they report to the lodge, make any recommendation other than favorable or unfavorable upon the applicant for initiation, and can any member of the lodge make any remarks upon the qualifications or disqualifications of the applicant for initiation before ballot is spread, and if so, to what extent?

"DECISION.

"The report of a committee of investigation on an application for initiation should merely be favorable or unfavorable, without any explanation in the report.

"Before the ballot is spread any member of the lodge has the right to make such remarks as would throw any light on the application. The Master should see to it that the remarks do not take up too much time,

nor that anything be said which may in any way tend to mar the harmony of the lodge."

We very much doubt the advisability, if not the propriety, of a lodge listening to remarks, to say nothing of the situation in which the speakers might find themselves.

He reports that a claim had been presented to the United States for use of St. John's College by the United States troops during the late civil war; recommends the appointment of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

We again quote from the address :

"One of the great objects of Masonry has always been to maintain and promote peace among all mankind. Of late years philanthropists of every nation have held meetings at stated times for the purpose of promoting international peace. This year an international conference was held at the Hague, in Holland, which was attended by the representatives of all civilized nations, for the purpose of promoting this great object. In this country there is an organization of humanitarians which meets annually at Mohonk Lake, New York, which is called the Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration.

"In view of the great interest taken in this subject by all masons and masonic bodies, and the fact that there is no organized body which can exert a greater influence in every part of the civilized world, I would respectfully recommend to this Grand Lodge the authorization of some member to attend these annual conferences, as the representative of this Grand Body. By thus setting the example other Masonic Grand Bodies may follow it and thus contribute towards attaining the grand and worthy object of peace among all nations."

The report of the Grand Secretary is a full résumé of the work in his office for the year.

At the evening session of the first day the Grand Lodge called to refreshment and members of the Order of the Eastern Star attended and listened to an address from the Grand Orator.

We quote :

"It is liberal but not a supply for every want. It is charitable but it is not a church. The church takes in any man who will get down in the dust of humility and profess a belief in the orthodoxy, but Masonry might for various reasons reject that same man. The church adheres to its peculiar plan of salvation but Masonry recognizes all creeds as safe if they are in harmony with the God of the Universe. The church goes out into the high ways and the hedges and cries aloud for men to come to a throne of Grace but Masonry does not permit a member to solicit a friend to join the institution. Masonry does not claim to be akin to the church; it does not profess to exercise the function which the church fulfills and yet it is so closely allied with the church that the true Christian and the true mason go through life hand in hand and, when the true Christian stands free and alone before the Great White Throne, he intuitively looks around for the true mason. And I call to your minds the fact that in all communities where the church flourishes Masonry flourishes and, when the church is at a low ebb, Masonry is on the stand still in that community."

The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage approved and the following resolution was adopted :

“Resolved, That when a candidate presents himself for initiation, before being prepared he shall make affirmative answer to the following question : ‘ Do you seriously declare upon your honor that you believe in the existence of one True and Living God, and in the immortality of the soul ? ’ ”

We believe that we are justified in quoting the following :

“ And now, before we proceed to close, Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, I would ask your indulgence for a moment more, while I speak of a matter which is personal to myself. It is this : Sunday, the 24th of this month, will be my birthday. I will be sixty years old. It will gratify me very much, Brethren, if on that day I may be in your thoughts on account of it.

“ I have been inspired by the occasion to write a poem on the subject, to which I have given the title ‘ Sextennial,’ and which I ask permission to read to you at this time as expressing what moves me most on such an occurrence ; thereby making it the first time that it will have been read to anyone. The Poem is as follows :

SEXTENNIAL.

BY FAY HEMPSTEAD.

“ Is it the lees of Life, and nothing more,
When the years have come to the triple score ?
Is it only the close of a Winter’s day,
Where the sunshine fades in the West away ?
Is it only the tip of the mountain crest,
Where the lingering rays of the sunlight rest ;
And where, through the mists of the Past are seen
The ghosts of the joys that once have been ;
While down in the valley, far below,
Lie the graves of the things of Long Ago ?

“ Nay, nay. Not that. For he who holds
By the simple faith that the World enfolds,
Finds, unto Life’s last, feeblest spark,
That the daylight far exceeds the dark ;
That the Seasons bring, as they glide away,
More days of brightness than days of gray ;
That the Spring gives place, in its varying moods,
To the mellowing tints of the Autumn woods ;
And stars come out in the evening air,
Which we fail to see in the noonday glare.

“ And here, as I backward turn mine eye,
O’er the faded days that behind me lie,
How like a flitting glimpse appears,
The vista made by these sixty years !
Gone ; and forever. Beyond recall.
Each deed of itself to stand or fall,
In the eyes of Him who judgeth all.

“ But yet we cling to the firmer hope,
That each will be seen in its wider scope ;
And out of His mercy we be hailed
With large allowance where we failed.

"As the day dies out with a golden gleam,
 And the red West glows with its parting beam,
 So would I, friends, when it comes my lot,
 Wish to depart thus calmly, and not
 As the Old Year passes, sad and slow,
 Wrapped in the shroud of the Winter's snow,
 But the rather in twilight, fair and clear,
 Where the quivering discs of the stars appear."

We are also delighted to acknowledge the receipt from our Grand Representative, Bro. Jacob Trieber, immediately after the close of the Grand Lodge, of a letter giving us a brief account of the foregoing transactions.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1907.

Fine portraits of M. W. Bro. Henry Brown, Grand Master in 1882, of M. W. Bro. Edgar C. Baker, Grand Master in 1883, 1884, and of M. W. Bro. James H. Schofield, Grand Master in 1906, grace the proceedings.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James H. Schofield, wasted no words in his address. He reports a year of progress in Free Masonry; that no deaths have occurred among the present or past officers of the Grand Lodge, but reports the deaths in other jurisdictions of which he has been notified.

We quote his decisions:

"*Question 1.* Can a Past Master of this jurisdiction, who has dimitted from the lodge of which he is a Past Master, and who does not hold membership in this jurisdiction, but who is still a member of a lodge of the Grand Lodge of Canada, confer degrees in this Grand Jurisdiction?"

"*Answer.* He can confer degrees in this Grand Jurisdiction, providing he is requested to do so by the Master or Acting Master of any lodge.

"*Question 2.* Can a suspended mason prefer charges against a member of the lodge which suspended him.

"*Answer.* He cannot do so personally, but the charges may be laid by another mason who is in good standing.

"*Question 3.* Is a candidate eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry who has lost the first finger of his right hand between the second and third joints?"

"*Answer.* No."

He made an interesting report of his several visitations.

He says in his address:

"There is one thing above all others that I desire to call to the attention of this Grand Lodge, and that is the matter of suspension for non-payment of dues. If we look back through the records of previous years we find that in 1905 there were forty-one and in 1906 seventy-four suspended for non-payment of dues. Surely, Brethren, we have not had annually within our ranks such a large number of members who were able financially to pay their dues and neglected doing so wilfully. Some Grand Lodges handle this without suspension, and in my opinion this is the true masonic manner. I would strongly recommend that this Grand

Lodge take some action to amend the Constitution and prevent the possibility of a brother being placed upon the same plane as a masonic felon because he is or may be unable to pay his dues."

The Deputy Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Masters submitted able reports.

The following report of the Committee on Constitution was adopted:

"Whether the Grand Lodge of British Columbia could lawfully issue a warrant to a subordinate lodge in the Yukon Territory, it being at the time unoccupied territory."

"Your committee have carefully confined themselves to the constitutional aspect of the question, to the exclusion of all other matters, and have arrived at the following conclusion:

"That in their opinion the territory in question being 'unoccupied,' that this, no other Grand Lodge having exclusive jurisdiction therein, the Grand Lodge of British Columbia can lawfully grant a warrant for a subordinate lodge within this said territory."

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred dollars be donated to the Anti-Tuberculosis Society of British Columbia out of the Charity Fund of this Grand Lodge."

Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Delaware we read:

"The special communications of Grand Lodge are referred to. At one of these the Grand Lodge was escorted by the Knights Templar of St. John's Commandery, whose presence, the Grand Master says, 'added distinction to the public appearance of Grand Lodge.' How the presence of a body which has no connection with Masonry other than the fact that its members are masons, can add distinction to a masonic Grand Lodge, is something we have not been able to grasp."

Maine for 1906 receives most courteous notice.

Bro. Smith agrees to the principle of masonic relief as set out by Grand Master Chaplin.

In regard to the conferring of degrees by courtesy he says:

"We do not presume that we can give Bro. Chase any great amount of light on the subject, but he may be interested to know that in British Columbia we have no difficulty with these cases. The brother receiving the degrees becomes a member of the lodge at whose request the degrees were given and the fees also belong to it, whether in our own or another jurisdiction. The candidate is naturally examined as to his proficiency in the lodge conferring the degrees.

"Another point of difference is the installation of officers, which, in Maine, may be conducted in public."

Under Mississippi, writing about Masonic Homes, he says:

"It seems to us that in too many jurisdictions the Masonic Home proposition is undertaken without due consideration, and as is the case in Mississippi, force, almost, has to be used to collect the necessary funds.

"There is hardly a jurisdiction where the relief afforded by a Home could not be more efficiently and economically disbursed by a plan similar to that adopted by Indiana, and so far by our own Grand Lodge. From our reading, a Home appears to be an expensive and generally unsatisfactory way of caring for our charges."

Throughout his report Bro. Smith touches upon the standing of lodges chartered by the Scottish Rite. We quote under Mississippi:

"We are constrained to differ from Bro. Howard, however, on the regularity of bodies chartered by the Scottish Rite. He says that Mississippi has recognized some of these bodies because they believe that by so doing they have 'helped real masonic growth.' How can recognition of a body which has no masonic status 'help real masonic growth?'"

And again:

"We are glad to see that Brother Howard admits here—although he expresses a contrary opinion elsewhere—that the Scottish Rite has no right to confer the masonic degrees nor to warrant masonic lodges. He entirely mistakes our position, however, if he thinks we care in the least what kind of ritual a lodge uses. We are no stickler for uniform work, and so long as a lodge traces its descent from some legitimate source and adheres to the general law of Masonry we will find no fault with its ritual. As to 'living in a glass house' we plead 'not guilty.' It is true that all the lodges of British America do not use 'American' work, but none of them use the 'Scottish Rite' work. Many of them use the English work: one, we believe, uses the Irish work, and many more use work that is so like the work of the average lodge in the United States that we think Brother Howard would be puzzled to tell the difference."

As regards payment of dues by the brother suspended N. P. D. during his term of suspension, we quote under Nevada the arguments pro and con:

"Brother E. D. Vanderleith holds that ordinarily suspended masons should pay dues. No dues are required of them unless they seek to be freed of suspension. Dues have become a necessary part of Masonry and every member should pay his share. If a member refuses, and is suspended, dues should accumulate because his share is being carried by the other brethren, keeping active and alive an organization and its principles which he acknowledges are right and should be kept alive when he seeks to return and again share its benefits and privileges. A man pays storage on jewels which are kept safely for him until wanted. So should a suspended brother pay storage, in the shape of dues on his masonic treasures that are kept guarded for him until wanted. Is there justice in ninety members out of a lodge of a hundred allowing themselves to be suspended for non-payment of dues, in allowing the ten faithful ones to keep the lodge going for ten years, and then being privileged to come back without question and run things to suit themselves? If dues were not necessary and a lodge could be maintained without them a return of the prodigal without the exaction of a penalty would be all right, but in these days of dues and a necessity for dues, all should share alike in their payment. It would be all right if the States and counties would place in suspension a man's taxes while he is off in Europe for a year or two sightseeing and when he returns, for the proper officials to inform him that no taxes accumulated while he was away on his holiday, but now that he is back again must commence paying taxes. It would be all right

from the traveller's point of view, but just try it and run up against the other point of view. No, Brethren, better not take away the discretion from the particular lodges. It is a discretion that belongs to them and it can safely be trusted to them. There is too much legislation taking away discretions that belong to the constituent lodges as it is."

Bro. Smith says:

"It is unfortunately too true that on this continent dues seem to have become a necessary part of Masonry, and such being the case it is only fair that every brother who participates in the benefits which those dues secure should pay his quota. The brother who is suspended, however, loses the right to share in the advantages of lodge membership and consequently ceases to be liable for contributions for their support. What particular treasures are so carefully preserved for the suspended mason? Is one of them the right to demand assistance or relief? Is the masonic knowledge imparted to him during the ceremonies of the degrees one? These follow on his status as a mason and were conferred in consideration of his initiation fee. The benefits dependent upon the payment of lodge dues are the pleasures derived from meeting with his brethren and the right to participate in masonic functions of various kinds, and possibly the right to receive a masonic funeral when the time comes. These 'treasures' are not kept for the brother who is suspended but are enjoyed by those who remain in good standing and who, consequently, ought to pay for them. When the brother is restored to good standing he again becomes entitled to take part in the benefits of the lodge and his contributions again begin."

Under New South Wales he intimates his belief in a Supreme Grand Lodge of Masons.

CALIFORNIA, 1907.

The introductory paragraph of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edward H. Hart, whose portrait graces the proceedings, is a beautiful piece of work, discoursing as he does on Masonry.

Of the condition of the craft he says:

"During the past year no lodges have surrendered their charters, and none have lost their identity through consolidation. Dispensations have been issued to form eight new lodges, and the net gain in membership within the jurisdiction has been 2357, the greatest within the State since the formation of the Grand Lodge fifty-seven years ago, and exceeded only once by 33 when the newly formed lodges in the Orient added a considerable number to the net gain of the whole jurisdiction."

A final report of the account of the Masonic Relief fund incident to the earthquake is given, from which it appears that twenty per cent. of the contributions were returned to the contributors.

We quote from his decisions:

"Our interpretation of the resolution adopted at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge of California in reference to keeping secret the names of brethren appointed on Committees of Investigation

on petitions for degrees and applications for membership, and our judgment as to the proper method of procedure, are as follows:

"The intention of the resolution being to secure absolute secrecy, the names of the brethren appointed on these committees should not, in our opinion, be given by the Master to the Secretary, to enable him, as formerly, to notify the brethren of their appointment, neither should their reports be returned to the Secretary; but the Master himself should severally notify the members of the committees of their appointment, not revealing to one the identity of the others, and their reports should be rendered by them directly to him, and when practicable, should be given verbally, and if in writing, after having subserved the purpose of informing the Master of the results of the investigations, should be by him destroyed, and his simple announcement to the lodge of such results will be all the information concerning these reports conveyed by him to any one.

"No mason can rightfully vouch for a visiting brother unless he shall have sat with him in open lodge, or have examined him under proper authority."

He also decided that the anniversary day of a lodge was the date of its dispensation.

We quote the first paragraph under the title "Visits":

"A tour of visitation throughout the masonic districts of California impresses most forcibly upon one the immensity of our wonderful land. California is an empire covering an area more extensive than the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania combined, with a coast line, if measured upon the Atlantic seaboard, extending from the coast of Maine to that of South Carolina. There are in California fifty-four regular and four special masonic districts, making fifty-eight in all, and the Grand Master has, during the past year, visited officially and held district meetings in all of these fifty-eight districts, omitting none, and in some of the larger and more important districts we have visited nearly every individual lodge therein. He has extended his tour of visitation over the seas, exchanging fraternal greetings with our lodges in the Hawaiian Islands, more than two thousand miles from our shores—the so-called Forty-ninth California Masonic District; and the only district within the broad sweep of the embracing arms of the mighty jurisdiction of California not visited by the Grand Master during the past year is the so-called Fiftieth District, comprising the Philippine Islands, and the only reason why he failed to call upon this far away district was that the year contained only twelve months, instead of fourteen."

And wish that we had space to quote all the paragraphs, that our readers might enjoy beautiful word pictures of men and places.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized, and "friendly relations with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg," severed in 1855, were resumed.

The Grand Master decided:

"That San Bernardino Lodge had by virtue of its action in ordering its Junior Warden to prefer the charges disqualified itself from trying the same."

The Committee on Jurisprudence say:

"While your committee are not willing to establish the general rule that a lodge by ordering its Junior Warden to prefer charges thereby renders itself disqualified from trying the case, yet in this particular instance your committee find good and sufficient reasons in the correspondence of San Bernardino Lodge with the Grand Master to justify the transfer of the trial to Phoenix Lodge, No. 178, and commend his wisdom in so acting."

The Grand Lecturer, Bro. William H. Edwards, who had served in that capacity for ten years, resigned the position to become Superintendent of the Masonic Home at Decoto.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Jacob Nieto, delivered the annual oration upon the subject "What makes a man a Mason." We refrain from quotations because they would not display the beauties of the oration.

The General Regulations were amended so that a stenographic reporter, if a mason, may be employed at trials.

The decision of the Grand Master relative to avouchment was modified so as to read:

"No mason can rightfully vouch for a visiting brother unless he shall have sat with him in open lodge or has examined him under proper authority, or in case a member of one lodge has sat in open lodge with a visiting brother, such brother so sitting can vouch for such visiting brother to a member of any other lodge, all three being present, and such brother to whom such avouchment is made can then vouch for such visiting brother to the Master of his lodge; provided such visiting brother can and does produce written evidence under seal of his lodge that he is in good standing in his own lodge, and no proper avouchment can be made except as herein defined."

No report on correspondence.

CANADA, 1907.

A welcome was given to the Grand Lodge by the Mayor of Ottawa and by the Ottawa lodges.

Two hundred ninety-seven of the three hundred ninety-eight lodges were represented.

A deputation from the Grand Lodge of New York was in attendance.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James H. Burritt, says of the condition of the craft:

"Our prosperity, financially and numerically, is also a matter of sincere thankfulness. That Masonry should grow with the numerical growth of our fair Province goes without comment, and the financial growth, must or ought to be, in *pari materia* with the other. Our financial increase this year over last year, the most prosperous year in our history, is \$2,982.00. Our numerical increase is 3,000, and our capital account, as you will learn presently, stands at \$114,852, after an expenditure of \$34,351 for all purposes, including benevolence, whilst our total membership is over 40,000."

He speaks feelingly of the dead of his own jurisdiction and gives the list of the distinguished dead in other jurisdictions.

He announces the sending of \$1,000 to relieve the distress to the brethren of Kingston, Jamaica, caused by an earthquake.

He reports the constitution of thirteen lodges, three dispensations for new lodges; regrets that no more lodges of instruction were held.

Under the title Dispensations he says:

"I have issued dispensations to the respectable number of 267. For the information of Grand Lodges of some foreign jurisdiction on this continent, who issue very few, and cannot understand the occasion of so many issued by our Grand Lodge, I may say, to curtail all sorts of functions held under masonic auspices, Grand Lodge, in its wisdom, enacted that there could be no masonic function of a public character without a dispensation from the Grand Master. This was mainly done for the purpose of giving the Grand Master the circumspection and control of all public masonic doings during his term, in order that no thoughtless or doubtful act would be performed under the guise of Masonry, and to keep all public doings of our lodges under healthful control."

Of his decisions we quote:

"9. Can an illegitimate man, born of free parents, be made a mason? Answer. Yes.

"10. Is a man with a cork leg eligible? Ans. No.

"11. Is a man with left hand off at wrist eligible? Ans. No.

"12. A Fellowcraft lost one leg and part of other foot, can he be raised? Ans. No.

"13. Second finger of right hand gone. No disqualification.

"17. I was asked my opinion of the general practice of making Past Masters honorary members of their mother lodge. Answer. So far as Grand Lodge is concerned, by Section 218 it inferentially shows that conferring honorary membership should not be lightly dealt with, as it requires a three-quarter vote and with the restriction of a previous notice of motion. If all Past Masters were to be made honorary members the gift would become common and cease to stand out as a special mark, as I think it should."

He condemns canvassing for office in the Grand Lodge and reports a rather flagrant case.

Of his visits he says:

"I have been feted in many ways, fed in all sorts of good ways and at all hours, good and bad, by individual lodges and lodges in group, to such an extent that if possible for me to believe it was all for me I would be selfish. These hospitalities were extended to me as your Grand Master."

As usual, the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are full and interesting, requiring two hundred and forty printed pages.

The Board of General Purposes submitted many reports, financial and otherwise, tending to the welfare of the craft of the jurisdiction but not of interest to the Fraternity outside.

From the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry we quote:

"There have been no erasions or surrender of charters during the year, while on the other hand two new lodges have been established.

"All the lodges have been visited and inspected with the exception of four. The circumstances which rendered impossible visitation of these four lodges were unavoidable. The information at hand about them shows that they are in a healthy and prosperous condition, so there is no need to single them out for mention.

"The work is reported to be uniform and intelligently rendered in every district. While this is very satisfactory, your Board observes that a number of Masters are reported as unable to work degrees. This is a reflection on the lodges that elected them. No man who is too careless or too stupid to acquire the work should be allowed to rule a masonic lodge. The attention of District Deputy Grand Masters is directed to the wisdom of ascertaining that the regular officers are filling the chairs upon occasions of inspection, and should they find an incapable Master the Installing Board should be called to account.

"The Board regrets to state that little or no effort has been made to reduce the enormous amount of dues in arrears. It is worthy of remark that the large lodges are the most careless in this matter. The explanation is that small lodges cannot afford this careless luxury. They require the money and they get it. If each lodge would have a Committee of Investigation into this matter the Master could deal intelligently with the delinquents.

"The amount expended for benevolence by the Grand Lodge was about \$25,655.00. The amount expended by the private lodge for like purposes was about \$14,500.00."

Bro. Henry Robertson presented the Report on Correspondence.

We quote from his introduction:

"The conflict in France between the State and the Roman Catholic priesthood seems to be a case of history repeating itself. The State is said to be controlled by the Freemasons, in much the same way that the Order of the Illuminati were prominently concerned in the French Revolution of 1792.

"The Order of the Illuminati was founded in Bavaria in 1776 by Dr. Adam Weishaupt. Freemasonry seems to have given him the idea. The avowed aim of the Order was to illuminate the world with the aurora of philosophy; to ray forth from secret societies, as from so many centres, the light of science over all nations; to diffuse the purest principles of virtue and to re-instate mankind in primeval innocence and happiness. The speculations of St. Pierre, of Rousseau, and of Helvetius had tended in the same direction, and Morelly had previously proclaimed to the world a moral code based upon the unwritten laws of nature and a system of society which reproduced the idealities of Plato and More.

"Freemasonry supplied the hierarchical organization of the new Order and from the same fertile source was derived much of the machinery necessary for its working. To what he had borrowed from the Masonic Craft, Weishaupt added a variety of new mystical and symbolical ceremonies. A number of scientific men of liberal principles gradually became members. Among these were Mesmer, the founder of Mesmerism and clairvoyance, and the celebrated Condorcet, afterwards a distinguished member of the Girondist party in the French Convention.

"As the initiations increased, the system of affiliated societies was introduced and lodges were opened in various parts of Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France, those of each country being dependent upon the Grand Lodges, and the latter upon the Central Society in Ingolstadt.

Among the members initiated in France were the Duke of Orleans, Mirabeau and the Abbe Sieyes.

"In 1780 an elaborate Constitution was adopted. This divided the members into three classes, Novices, Scotch Knights and Rulers. Great numbers of Freemasons joined the new Society. The German Princes had become initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, esteeming it the highest honor to be associated with the literati and with those whose principles were virtue and philanthropy.

"The Illuminati absorbed into itself all the Freemasons who were looking forward to the regeneration of society, the triumph of philosophy and the government of opinion. They wish to commence with the minds the most advanced, that by the aggregation of these, the diffusion of the new ideas of the philosophy of progress might be more easily and rapidly effected. At first the princes of Germany were dazzled by the air of romance and mystery which the Illuminists contrived to throw around them.

"In 1785 the Bavarian Government issued an edict against the Order. Many of its members were imprisoned or compelled to leave their homes, and Weishaupt was banished. He found refuge at the court of Prince Augustus of Gotha. But when the French Revolution began to loom threateningly upon the horizon, the Illuminati were regarded as its authors, Royalty and aristocracy now looked upon them with abhorrence, and the Freemasons fell under the same ban. At the first looming of the danger, the Illuminists were encountered by this royal repudiation and condemnation, but their secret organization enabled them to elude the hand of despotic authority that was outstretched to crush them, and the melodramatic rapidity with which the events of the Revolution succeeded each other soon rendered secrecy no longer necessary.

"The French Revolution was the triumph of the Illuminati through its French members, and their reply to the despotism which had menaced their existence in Germany and the Netherlands.

"The Duke of Orleans was a member of the Jacobins, although distrusted by them. The Abbe Sieyes, the champion of the *tiers-etat*, had given to France the Constitution of 1791, the Revolutionary foundation. The voice of Mirabeau was potential in the new Assembly. Condorcet, the philosopher of the Gironde, exercised by his genius an undoubted influence on public opinion, and Romme, a mystical enthusiast, by his connection with De Mericourt, the Laïs of the French Revolution, became a link between the Illuminati and Jacobins, and the populace of the faubourgs."

He does not approve the action of Alabama in limiting the term of a Grand Master to one year; nor the approval by Delaware of the joint resolutions of England, Scotland and Ireland on the recognition of new Grand Lodges.

Maine for 1906 receives careful attention. Copious extracts, with his approval, are made from the address of Grand Master Chaplin.

COLORADO, 1907.

One hundred seven of the one hundred nine chartered lodges were represented.

The Grand Representatives were received and welcomed by the M. W. Grand Master.

After a brief introduction the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Arthur E. Jones, in his address, mentions the death of M. W. Bro. George K. Kimball, Grand Master in 1887, and the deaths of distinguished masons in other jurisdictions.

Five dispensations for new lodges were granted while one was refused.

He reports his visitations: the special communications of the Grand Lodge in nine instances of which one was "for the purpose of participating in, enjoying and more particularly for the purpose of lending our approval, by our presence, to certain ceremonies that were to be conducted on this day and evening pertaining to 'The Traveling Silver Trowel.'"

Many requests for conferring of degrees by courtesy were considered.

The use of the black ball is quite thoroughly discussed.

He recommended several amendments to the Book of Constitutions touching returns of the lodges, waiver of jurisdiction and residence.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized, as was the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The oration by Bro. H. W. Woodward, Grand Orator, is replete with beautiful thoughts.

Twenty-six of the Past Grand Masters were present, and they united in a fraternal letter to the twenty-seventh Grand Master who was unavoidably detained.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1906 receives full notice. In the matter of making known the names of a committee of inquiry he says:

"There is no occasion for the suppression of the names of the committee when the report is made. They are announced openly when the petition is received and are a part of the record. If there is any abuse resulting from this custom and candidates are informed of the names of the committee on their petitions, it is for the lodge to discipline those who are guilty of revealing the transactions of the lodge."

Touching the question of the recognition of Grand Lodges of Scottish Rite origin, he says:

"We fully appreciate the difficulties in the way of reaching any general agreement among Grand Lodges whereby such recognition can be extended. For this reason we have thrown out feelers from time to time to ascertain the opinion of our fellow members of the guild. We have no disposition to combat the strenuous views of Brother Jenks and Robbins regarding the appropriation of the Symbolic Degree by the founders of Rites. In the interest of Universal Masonry we have sought for some plan whereby brethren of the Latin Countries seeking to return to the fold of the Ancient Craft might be accorded shelter and recognition. We regard Master Masons made under the Scottish Rite as irregularly made, but not clandestine. The original propagators of the Rite, we have rea-

son to believe, were lawfully in possession of the degrees as individuals. The irregularity consisted in forming symbolic lodges without lawful warrant under the provisions of some apocryphal patent. This irregularity, usurpation or whatever term may best express it, took place between the years 1740 and 1760. In the Latin Countries, where the Scottish Rite subsequently took root and flourished, after being nourished in American soil and transplanted, no other form of Masonry was known. Can we justly claim that those who have grown up under such masonic environment are clandestine. As to any intentional wrong against the body of Masonry, they are innocent parties. As we cannot at this late day change the Masonry of such countries and substitute that of our own, or, the York Rite so-called, we claim that a great advance is made and in the interest of universality, when Scottish Rite Grand Lodges throw off their allegiance to Supreme Councils and declare their independence.

"As the membership in the Latin countries referred to is comparatively small, there is no reason for undue haste in the matter of recognition. It is a question that will not down and must be met in the near future. It should be carefully considered with a view to its solution in the best interests of Symbolic Masonry in all its varying forms."

From his conclusion we quote :

"First, let us dwell for a moment upon our Symbolism. Few of our brethren fully realize the grandeur and significance of this inheritance and possession of the Craft, which is the most exalted and inspiring that has ever engaged the thought of man. Other guilds and crafts have risen and flourished for a time, with initiatory ceremonies, whose phraseology was connected with their handicrafts, but none other save the building art could have furnished such a wealth of terms capable of moral application and in harmony with our conception of the creative work of the universe. The symbolism of Masonry thus stands pre-eminent above all other. It has its foundation in truth and is, therefore, eternal and unchangeable. It is a priceless heritage from the fathers who chose The Builder for its ideal and The Temple of Living Stones as its work and the aspiration of human endeavor. Despite the contention of some masonic writers and even members of our guild, we believe that the speculative era of Masonry antedates by many centuries the formation of the premier Grand Lodge in 1717.

"The tradition that our ancient brethren wrought in both operative and speculative Masonry is no myth and is susceptible of proof did time permit. Their connection with the operative art and familiarity with the tools and implements employed in construction, favored the transition to speculative contemplation, and they the more readily grasped the significance of the symbolism and its adaptability to the end in view, namely: the upbuilding of the Inner Temple by the square of virtue and the plumb-line of rectitude.

"If, as asserted, Masonry before 1717 was strictly operative in its character, why the concern and solicitude over the conduct of its members? Even the Apprentice who visited a town at night must be accompanied by a fellow to bear testimony that he was in honest company, etc. Surely merely operative conditions required no such surveillance and maintenance of moral standards. There must have been other reasons, was it not in the underlying speculative element which was intimately connected with the operative art.

"Though society may have been at a low ebb in the centuries preceding the eighteenth, the Old Charges show that the Fraternity held a higher standard of morality than commonly prevailed, that its great basic truths were a belief in God, the immortality of the soul and the brotherhood of man. We have discoursed on the antiquity of Masonry in former reports

and have no disposition to enlarge upon that question at this time. We merely throw out these queries, if there was no speculative element connected with our operative art, why these moral safeguards for its members, why these exalted truths and sublime principles? What connection had they with the operative art? Was not the skill of the workman then as now, the all important factor in the process of construction? Yet something more seems to have been required of the old Craftsmen. We leave the solution of the enigma to those who maintain the negative of the question."

DELAWARE, 1907.

It was a sad opening for the Grand Lodge, for its Grand Secretary, Bro. Benjamin F. Bartram, died early in the morning of the day.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert K. Stephenson, whose portrait graces the proceedings, after a brief introduction announces that during the year one Past Grand Master, Bro. John A. Nicholson, three Past Gr. Treasurers, one Past Grand Senior Warden and one Past Grand Junior Warden have passed away.

He recounts his visitations to sister Grand Jurisdictions and to all the subordinate lodges in his own jurisdiction, and says:

"I was much pleased with the proficiency and impressiveness with which the work was done, and the Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on the men in whose hands this work is."

In his address is a word of warning to Masters because their successors are not promptly installed; a word of commendation for lodges of instruction; and the following decision is reported:

"I decided that a brother having received the degree of E. A. and F. C., and who thereafter met with an accident in which he lost his left arm was not thereby disqualified to receive the degree of Master Mason."

The following resolutions governing card certificates were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That each lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Delaware be required to furnish each one of its members who are in good standing, a card certificate annually, one side of said card shall bear the imprint of the seal of the Grand Lodge or a fac simile thereof, and certifying that the lodge named on the opposite side is a legitimate lodge and operating under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Delaware. The signature of the Grand Secretary to be affixed thereto.

"The opposite side of said card shall bear the imprint of the seal of the lodge named thereon and certifying that the brother whose name shall appear on the margin in his own handwriting, is a member of said lodge in good standing. The signature of the Secretary to be affixed thereto. Be it further

"*Resolved*, That from this date all visitors to lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Delaware shall, before examination be required to produce a certificate of good standing."

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized, and fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington was renewed.

There was a large amount of business transacted.

Bro. L. H. Jackson submitted the Report on Correspondence. Under Indiana we quote :

"We have always asserted that a body of Blue Lodge Masons or a Grand Lodge of such should not accept the escort of Knights Templar. There is no congruity in such practice. Masons are Knights Templar, and none but masons can be such, but there is no Masonry in the Orders of Knighthood. They are built upon a different foundation. We are both Master Mason and Knight Templar, and know whereof we speak. To us there is nothing higher and nobler than the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry."

Maine for 1906 and 1907 was reviewed. He endorses the Maine idea of relief. We thank him for his information about his wife, although we do not recall either her father or herself.

He also says :

"Brother Chase noted our comment on a decision under Virginia, with reference to the incongruity of Knights Templar acting as escort to Blue Lodge Masons, and said he did not see the incongruity and would like some reasons for the opinion. Well, our main reason is that Master Masons represent builders and men of peace, plain and unostentatious in their bearing; while Knights Templar represent soldiers and men of war, full of pomp and pageantry. They are entirely different in character and there seems to be no consistency in their association in public parades or functions."

Under Pennsylvania he says :

"We agree with Bro. Lamberton that the requirement of documentary evidence is not in all cases a wise one. Those who would seek to gain admittance improperly would hardly hesitate at forgery or the use of papers belonging to another."

FLORIDA, 1908.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Elmer E. Haskell, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, makes its introductory paragraphs a little too apologetic, as it would seem from the work done by him.

He notes especially the death of Past Grand Master Robert Jasper Berry of Florida and the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions.

With many other jurisdictions he had correspondence touching many subjects, of which the most interesting is that appertaining to Masonry in the Canal Zone. In this connection he says :

"I recommend in the matter of Work by Courtesy, and in cases where petitioners have been rejected in other jurisdictions, that the lodges in Florida, be authorized to communicate directly with the lodges interested, as the practice of sending such matters through medium of Grand Masters, causes unnecessary delay, without benefit."

Seven lodges were constituted; six dispensation for new lodges were

granted; other dispensations were freely given; two halls were dedicated and two corner stones were laid.

Forty-nine matters received his consideration and were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence without presentation in his address.

The conclusion of his address is filled with thoughts worthy a true mason, and couched in language clear and appropriate.

The building of the new masonic building seems to be making good progress.

We quote :

"The following resolution was received and adopted :

"*Whereas*, It is currently reported that circular letters signed by some eminent masons have been mailed to the membership of the various particular lodges throughout the State advocating the election of certain candidates to political offices, and while these circular letters do not purport to be official or in any way connected with Masonry, yet, emanating from such high masonic sources and being signed "Fraternally" and directed alone to masons, are calculated to impress the recipient with its semi-official character; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Body that no past or present officer thereof should in the future, in their zeal for any particular candidate for political positions, write communications addressed "Fraternally" to the masonic membership that may be subject, in the remotest degree, to the suspicion of involving Masonry in politics, and that they should confine such letters on the subject of politics or advocating the candidacy of particular persons that they see fit to write, to such language and terms as can leave no doubt as to its being "individual" and entirely divorced from Masonry."

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized, while recognition was refused to the Grand Orient of Greece and of Paraguay.

We quote the following resolution which explains itself:

"*Resolved*, That we fully recognize the legitimacy of Master Masons made in lodges of A. & A. S. Rite in countries where that is the dominant Rite, and welcome them to our lodges for visitation and affiliation under the usual masonic restrictions the same as if made in lodges of our obedience."

During the afternoon of the second day the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple was laid with appropriate ceremonies. From the able address of the orator we quote :

"Masonry is the builder—not the destroyer. Her work is constructive, not destructive. She sees the dim outline of a Temple behind. She sees the rising architecture of a Temple before her, yea beyond the Temples of Earth she sees a Temple which is 'from everlasting to everlasting.' She looks back to antiquity and gathers all it has to teach, and then directs her attention to the future, believing it better and brighter than all the golden days of the past. She reflects upon the ages, and finds assurance that instead of the world going from bad to worse, it is making progress, and going from better to best. She has faith in man's capacity for growth, she believes in the capabilities of human nature. She is convinced of the

willingness of the Divine to reinforce the human. She stands for the betterment of the world. She trusts in those laws, and those truths symbolized by the Holy Bible, square and compass. Her signs and tokens serve as testimonials of character and qualifications. She points the way along which lies the promise and prophecy of the future. She teaches those things which make for the building up of a universal body of honest, intelligent, patriotic citizenship. She counsels respect for the opinions and the rights of others; good will and kindness, as distinct from envy and hate; mutual helpfulness, as distinct from selfishness; a desire to see your neighbor prosper as well as to prosper yourself, all exemplified in the spirit of Fraternity."

The work in the three degrees was exemplified before the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Silas B. Wright presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1906 and 1907 are reviewed.

Of the decisions of the Grand Master in 1906 he says:

"We wonder where and of whom the soldier would obtain the 'waiver of jurisdiction.'

"The second is not in accordance with the usual custom. If after initiation a serious offence is discovered to have been committed prior to the favorable ballot by the lodge, we see no good reason why the member should not be tried."

We suggest that the soldier once had a residence somewhere and of the lodge nearest that residence he could get a waiver.

The member might be tried for falsehood and deceit in signing a petition setting forth that he knew no moral or other reasons why he should not be made a mason, but for the offence itself we say nay.

Commenting upon our remark about certain Shrine resolutions he says:

"The writer fails to see where the Eastern Star is any more 'masonic' than the Shrine. Both require membership in the masonic bodies as a pre-requisite for membership. The writer thinks that Masonry should not be responsible for either, though of the two the Star is more creditable and desirable."

To which we reply that by inserting the words "Eastern Star" into our paragraph we did not mean to have it inferred that we believed it a masonic body.

From his conclusion we quote:

"It is generally held that American Grand Lodges should not 'recognize' and exchange representatives, with any Body other than a sovereign independent Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over symbolic degrees only.

"The question of requiring documentary evidence of all applicants for examination for initiation, is spreading, and it will be well for all masons to carry at all times receipts for dues with seal of their lodge attached and a diploma or certificate by the Grand Secretary that it is from a regular lodge."

GEORGIA, 1907.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Max Meyerhardt, again gives us in the introduction to his address fine thoughts clothed in beautiful language. He says:

"Our treasury is full beyond our greatest expectations. Our numbers have increased beyond our fondest hopes. The roll of lodges has grown to more than half a thousand. Our Home has sheltered all our helpless and dependent ones. And from the mountains to the sea, in all our jurisdiction, the principles for which we stand have been upheld and practiced with a loyalty and zeal unknown in all our glorious past."

He mourns the loss of Past Grand Masters, Bros. William A. Davis and Josiah I. Wright, and Past Junior Grand Warden John W. Akin, author of "Akin's Lodge Manual," the standard for Georgia.

Under decisions he says:

"I regret to say that there seems to be still a great lack of knowledge on the part of many of the brethren, regarding questions pertaining to the ballot and to physical qualifications. I can only again emphasize the fact that the secrecy of the ballot is inviolable, that no one, not even the Master, has the right to inquire who cast a black ball, nor into the motives that prompted the casting of a black ball. Every member has a perfect right to vote as he pleases without giving a reason therefor.

"As to physical qualifications, there seems to be an idea that the Grand Master has a right to grant a dispensation to allow those physically disqualified to be initiated into Masonry. Of course this is a grave error, for the Grand Master has no such right."

Of his decisions we quote:

"2. Where a lodge waives jurisdiction over a candidate in favor of another lodge, and after such waiver has been communicated to the other lodge, but before the candidate has been initiated, the lodge waiving jurisdiction finds that the candidate is unworthy and so notifies the lodge to which jurisdiction has been granted, it is error on the part of the latter lodge to insist on initiating the candidate on the ground that the first lodge has no right to reconsider its waiver. The second lodge should have refused to initiate the candidate as soon as notified by the first lodge that he was unworthy.

"3. A vote for advancement covers proficiency and character and not proficiency alone.

"5. A lodge receives the petition of an applicant for membership, accompanied by the fee. It was afterward discovered that the lodge had no jurisdiction and could not initiate the applicant. The petitioner was indebted to a certain firm for goods purchased by him, and this firm was informed that the lodge held the petitioner's fee, whereupon the firm garnished the lodge for amount of fee in its hands.

"I held that it was improper for a member to inform a creditor not a mason that the petitioner had applied for membership and that the lodge had no jurisdiction, and that the fee in its hands was subject to garnishment. Masonry is not a collecting agency, and certainly one not a mason has no right to be informed of what is transpiring in a lodge.

"6. The proprietor of what is known as a 'Bucket Shop,' in my opinion, is not a fit subject to receive the degrees in Masonry. We should not receive into Masonry those who earn their livelihood by operating a

place in which gambling in any form is carried on. I think the proprietor of a Bucket Shop stands on the same plane as the keeper of any other gambling house."

As regards No. 3, we believe that the ballot should be for proficiency only. If the character of the brother has been found to be such that he is no longer a desirable brother, charges, if they can be proven, should be preferred and a trial had.

In No. 5 we would strike out in the first sentence the words "not a mason," if it is a question of a creditor simply. As reported, the decision would infer that the "member" was quite a busybody.

The account of his many visitations is very full in its details.

Of Conventions he says:

"During the past year District Conventions were held in every District in Georgia and many County Conventions were also held. The spread of the Convention idea in Georgia has been truly wonderful and should result in great benefit to the craft. I have at all times favored District and County Conventions and have had the pleasure of organizing quite a number of them throughout the State. I believe the coming together of masons in such Conventions cannot fail to be of the very greatest benefit, and the public exercises usually connected with them bring out the social features of Masonry in a way that cannot be too highly commended. I trust that these Conventions will grow in number and in enthusiasm."

Many dispensations were issued, "to move into new halls, to dedicate halls, for new lodges, to constitute new lodges, to elect and install officers, confer degrees out of time, and for other purposes, to lay corner stones."

He ably discusses the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, which has no debts, with over \$34,000 in its treasury.

The Masonic Home and a new Temple receive in his address earnest attention.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Remarkable has been the influence of Masonry in Georgia. That influence has been altogether for good. The tidal wave that has swept our commonwealth for temperance and morality was set in motion by masonic precept and masonic legislation. Victory has perched upon our banners, yet much remains to be done. Let us go forward, not backward. Let us not lose the fruits of our great victory. From the mountain to the sea, let us declare that Georgia shall stand in the forefront of States, not only in material wealth and greatness, but in the triumph of law and righteousness over all the powers of darkness and of sin."

The Master's degree was exemplified.

A long document having reference to the powers of the Board of District Deputies was referred to the Committee on General Welfare, which reported upon the subject as follows:

"The Committee on General Welfare recommends that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens co-operate with the District Deputies in formulating uniform work in the Blue Lodge degrees.

"We endorse the organization of District and County Conventions and we believe these Conventions, held under the auspices of Grand Officers or District Deputies, will solve the problem of State uniformity.

"We recommend that the recommendations of the District Deputies, referred to this committee, be tabled indefinitely."

And their report was accepted.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

We are pleased to note that a proposition for a representative system to the Grand Lodge was defeated.

M. W. Bro. Meyerhardt, after seven years of service as Grand Master, retired and R. W. Bro. Thomas H. Jeffries, whose portrait adorns the proceedings was elected Grand Master.

Several propositions relative to the length of service of the future Grand Masters and of the payment of mileage and per diem to other than representatives go over to the next communication.

Bro. A. Q. Moody presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1906 is reviewed by a quotation from the address of Grand Master Chaplin, and by the quoting without comment two of the decisions.

Concerning our remarks about the admission of visitors he says:

"We think it would be exceedingly difficult to find 'a universal system acceptable to all.'

"If the brother has done his duty to himself and to his lodge, he can prove himself a mason without any other evidence."

And adds:

"Of more importance than this is the question of perpetual jurisdiction. Georgia limits jurisdiction of a rejected candidate to one year, and Maine, to five. Some limit to six months, and others have no limit. Like Tennyson's Brook, it 'goes on forever.'"

To our comment on government distilleries he says:

"As far as Masonry in Georgia is concerned, the operation of a distillery is not 'a lawful occupation.' No man connected in any way with the manufacturing, buying or selling of intoxicating liquors can be a mason in Georgia. The law is very drastic, but the Grand Master decided strictly according to the law."

He concludes his review with the following poem:

THE RIVER OF TIME.

"Oh, a wonderful stream is the river Time,
As it runs through the realm of tears,
With a faultless rhythm and a musical rhyme
And a boundless sweep and a surge sublime,
As it blends with the ocean of years.

- "How the winters are drifting, like flakes of snow,
"And the summers like buds between,
And the ears in the sheaf, so they come and they go
On the river's breast, with its ebb and flow,
As it glides in the shadow and sheen.
- "There's a magical isle up the river of Time,
Where the softest of airs are playing;
There's a cloudless sky and a tropical clime,
And a song as sweet as a vesper chime,
And the Junes with the roses are staying.
- "And the name of that isle is the 'Long-a-go,'
And we bury our treasures there;
There are brows of beauty and bosoms of snow—
There are heaps of dust—but, we love them so—
There are trinkets and tresses of hair.
- "There are fragments of song that nobody sings,
And a part of an infant's prayer;
There's a lute unswept, and a harp without strings,
There are broken vows and pieces of rings,
And the garments our loved used to wear.
- "There are hands that are waved, when the fairy shore
By the mirage is lifted in air;
And we sometimes hear, through the turbulent roar
Sweet voices we heard in the days gone before,
When the wind down the river is fair.
- "Oh, remembered for aye, be the blessed isle
All the day of our life till night
When evening comes with its beautiful smile,
When our eyes are closing to slumber awhile,
May that Greenwood of soul be in sight!"

IDAHO, 1907.

Twenty-six chartered lodges and one lodge under dispensation were represented.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William F. Smith, says:

"I congratulate you that the Order in our jurisdiction is in a flourishing condition, keeping pace with the prosperity that prevails throughout the land. Many of the lodges have largely increased their membership, and it is gratifying to report the accessions in most instances have been those of men who appreciate the duties and responsibilities they have assumed, which is the best indication that the outer doors of our tabernacle are well guarded."

He mentions the death of Past Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Peter Sonna, one of the pioneers of Idaho, and the deaths of other distinguished brethren of other jurisdictions.

Three special communications are reported for the purpose of laying corner stones and one for constituting a lodge.

He visited many lodges, but not all within the jurisdiction.

He says :

"When notifying lodges of my intended visit I deviated somewhat from the usual custom, by requesting that the banquet or lunch usually served on the occasion of the Grand Master's visit, be dispensed with, believing more good could be accomplished by remaining in the hall after closing, personally meeting the brethren, and instructing in the work, or discussing questions of interest to the lodge. In nearly every instance brothers would ask questions about the work, or bring up some point of law, who, on account of timidity or bashfulness, would not present them during the session of the lodge."

Dispensations, commissions, permissions, waivers of jurisdiction, and by-laws received his attention during the year.

The method of disseminating the work by the Grand Lecturer did not meet his approval and he suggests a Board of Custodians.

He decided that the age of a dimit is not to be considered; that life membership is not allowable; that an engineer in a brewery is not eligible for the degrees of Masonry; that a brother belonging to a lodge in Chili could not affiliate with a lodge in Idaho.

To a query about the attitude of Blue Lodge at a funeral of a Knight Templar who was to be buried under that form of burial, he says:

"No, it is not proper for a lodge of Master Masons to appear in the character of masons with white gloves and aprons at the funeral of a Master Mason when the lodge has not full control of the funeral services. To be buried under the auspices of Masonry, a brother while living should make a request to be buried masonically; if not, after his death, his relatives or immediate friends may request the lodge to perform that sad and solemn duty. If request be made to one of the societies you name and the ceremony of that particular institution be used, a lodge of Master Masons, with white gloves and aprons, would, in my opinion, be very much out of place.

"If a Master Mason who has attained the so-called 'higher degrees' prefers to be buried with the ceremony belonging to said 'higher degrees,' I see no masonic reason why Master Masons should desire to intrude, when they have no services to perform. There could be no objection for members of the lodge to attend the funeral as citizens or friends, but not as a lodge of masons."

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized, and also the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Western Australia.

The following report was adopted:

"The majority of your committee appointed to consider the recommendation by the Grand Master, regarding the 'Adopted Work' of this jurisdiction, beg leave to report the adoption of the following motion; and recommend that the Grand Lecturer be authorized and directed to prepare a cipher of such work and that one copy thereof be placed in the hands of the Worshipful Master of each and every constituent lodge in this jurisdiction, as also in the hands of the Grand Secretary."

A method of disseminating the work in accord with the above report was adopted.

Bro. George E. Knepper submitted the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Under Louisiana discussing one term for Grand Masters he says:

"To our way of thinking the Grand Master's office is a matter of *service* and not something to be doled out each year by rotation as a matter of 'honor' to the brethren. There are few masons fitted to be Grand Masters. That any one who is compelled to read Grand Masters' addresses can readily see. If it were not for the very efficient services rendered by Grand Secretaries, Masonry would suffer greatly in the hands of the annual recruit. Grand Secretaries usually die at their post and as a class they stand at the head when it comes to zeal for the cause and proficiency in their work. The Grand Master ought to be more than a presiding officer at annual communications.

Maine for 1906 is reviewed.

Grand Master Chaplin's views in regard to granting dispensations are copied with approval.

Anent the proposition to have certificates with which to visit, he says:

"Last winter we sat in the anteroom of a masonic lodge in a large city with two brothers, one from Missouri and the other from Canada. Our recent receipt for dues was accepted as satisfactory 'documentary evidence.' The two brethren not so fortunate were refused an examination. Our examination was conducted by *one* member of the lodge who looked upon it as an irksome duty and hurried through, only hitting the high places. So far as we could observe the receipt for dues had undue weight with our examiner, and we firmly believe that nothing good will come out of this innovation."

ILLINOIS, 1907.

Portraits of M. W. Grand Master Chester E. Allen, of Past Grand Masters Alexander T. Darrah (1885), John C. Smith (1887), John M. Pearson (1889), Monroe C. Crawford (1891), John R. Thomas (1884), and of Bro. Joseph H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary (1893-1906) are given in the proceedings.

That was a fine prayer that the Grand Chaplain made at the opening of the Grand Lodge.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, of the condition of the craft says:

"The total membership of the seven hundred and fifty-two chartered lodges which comprise this jurisdiction is now nearly 85,000. The net gain in membership for the year is approximately 4,930, a very substantial increase. Furthermore, my observation has been that the constituent lodges have principally taken into the fold strong and intelligent young men, representing the best of manhood in the several communities, indicating that the essential qualifications have not been overlooked in the zeal for numerical growth."

He pays due tribute of respect to the memory of the dead of his jurisdiction and of sister jurisdictions.

Ten lodges were constituted; two lodges consolidated; six halls dedicated; five corner stones laid: ten dispensations for new lodges issued; five schools of instruction held. Truly, this is a grand and great institution.

Under the title "Decisions," he says:

"During the year an unusual number of questions involving an interpretation of masonic law were submitted. The records do not show any new principles promulgated in thus applying the law, and I have, therefore, no new decisions to report to you at this time."

The Masonic Homes (two) are reported to be well managed.

Under the law he re-districted the State into fifty districts, an increase of twenty.

Of the work of the Grand Master for the two years he held the office, the Committee on the Address say:

"And now, brethren, at the close of another year in which so much good work has been accomplished, we cannot help but feel that our sincere thanks are due to M. W. Brother Allen for his untiring energy and unerring wisdom in the management of this, one of the greatest bodies of masons in the world."

The reports of the Trustees of the Masonic Homes are very complete. The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

An estate was left by will to the Grand Lodge, but it appearing that there were heirs who were in needy circumstances, the Grand Lodge donated two-fifths of the bequest to them.

From the report of the delegate to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada we quote:

"During the past two years the names and descriptions of 185 impostors have been published, and notice of 43 old offenders operating in new fields has been given. Photographs of eleven of the above have been published."

Recognition was denied the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

Bro. Joseph Robbins says in the report:

"All masonic jurists agree that it requires the concurrent action of at least three lodges to create a grand lodge; and certain it is that no grand lodge has been formed without that number in the last one hundred and sixteen years.

"Our information is that the body under consideration was formed by the unauthorized splitting up of one lodge into three divisions and calling these divisions lodges—although two of them must have lacked that indispensable pre-requisite to the making of a lodge, a charter—for the avowed purpose of securing the three lodges necessary to form a grand lodge."

Bro. Joseph Robbins presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"The subject of requiring documentary evidence of regularity from strange visitors still continues to engage the attention of several grand lodges; and it is curious to note that the hysterical, panicky feeling which prevailed when the magnified dangers of clandestinism were first exploited by grand masters, has given way to a sort of weariness of the subject that is not reassuring. Grand secretaries are the ones most keenly interested, because any system of certificates throws the chief burden upon that office. When a grand secretary brings forward a certificate plan, the grand lodge is too apt in its desire to be quit of further perplexity and responsibility, to adopt the method and turn all the details over to that officer. He must be a very broad minded man if the convenience of his office does not become a makeweight in the construction of his certificate; and from the fact that a large part of his business is to make people pay what they owe to the grand lodge, he is more likely to conceive the idea of making it as much a lever to secure the payment of lodge dues, as a protection against the interloper, and to this end the condition of the account between the holder and his lodge gets into his traveling card, when in truth that is a matter wholly between the member and his own lodge, and should so be kept. Other improper features get into the matter to become perhaps bad precedents, but we have no time to touch upon them."

The masonic reader can find in this report lists of the Grand Lodges recognized and unrecognized by the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

In regard to the right of lodges to do business between each other, without the aid of the Grand Masters, he says:

"It is manifest that we were not over-apprehensive when we predicted that this new departure would lead to the serious nibbling away of the rights of lodges and individuals, for all these matters referred to lie so exclusively within the domain of lodge interest and action that the implied claim of a Grand Master to any proprietary or directing interest therein is as absurd as the proposition of the historic devil who offered an option on the kingdoms of the earth when he didn't own a square foot of either."

Concerning the question of liquors under Alabama we read:

"Thus the signs multiply that in those jurisdictions that have by class legislation undertaken to determine the eligibility of applicants for Masonry by legislative enactment and in job lots—instead of by the ballot and individually, as the landmarks prescribe—the decision that a farmer who raises grain to sell to the distiller is ineligible and cannot enter in, is surely coming. In Arkansas it is manifestly over due. Corn and rye are indispensable to the manufacturer of whisky, and the man who raises and sells it to the distiller is therefore clearly an 'adjunct' and should be punished accordingly."

Under Kansas we quote:

"We had hoped to call attention to many good things in the report of Bro. Bro. Miller that we are compelled to pass by for a passing glance at the following, from his conclusion:

"We think the topics suggested by the following questions now stand well to the front for the consideration of the craft:

"1st. What would be a square deal basis for recognition?

"2d. Can *pseudo* Masonry be better overcome by legislation, or by more stringent avouchment?

"3d. Shall the cipher book take the place of the instructive tongue?"

"3th. Based upon the *ultra purist* claims now made for regularity, what Grand Lodge of England, Scotland or Ireland was regularly organized originally?"

"To the first we would answer that such a basis would be the majority decision to form a Grand Lodge, reached by a convention to which all the lodges in a politically autonomous, masonically open territory, had been bidden, such majority to comprise not less than three lodges, the genealogy of the lodges to be such that we can fellowship them without violating the agreements we entered into when we were installed Masters of lodges, and which we have exacted from every Master-elect as an indispensable pre-requisite to installation, notably the following: 'To respect genuine brethren, and to discountenance imposters, and all dissenters from the original plan of Masonry;' 'that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovations in the body of Masonry;' and 'that no new lodge shall be formed without permission of the Grand Lodge; and that no countenance be given to any irregular lodge, or to any person clandestinely initiated therein, being contrary to the ancient charges of Freemasonry.'

"To the second question we would say, by confining legislation to the domain of Free and Accepted Masonry, thereby excluding avouchment by legislation for *pseudo* masonic bodies, and confining individual avouchment to avouchment for those who in a regular lodge have been initiated into the Masonry which the grand lodge gives the highest possible evidence of holding to be 'genuine' by requiring its lodges to practice it, and it alone.

"Whether the cipher book shall take the place of the instructive tongue depends in great measure upon the proportion of those who compose the grand lodge becoming familiar with printed rituals—cipher or otherwise—in the so-called 'higher degrees' where their multitudinous extent is the despair of those who only look forward to three score years and ten.

"We do not overlook the fourth and last question, but as it seems to us so much like the question, If we were not ourselves who should we be?—destitute of practical application however answered—that we forbear discussing it."

Maine for 1906 passed before his critical eye.

The decisions of Grand Master Chaplin are approved.

We quote:

"Among Grand Representatives presenting their credentials was Past Grand Master W. R. G. Estes, the envoy from Illinois, who, although commissioned prior to that time was unable to be present at the communication of 1905, owing to severe illness. Like a former representative of Illinois near the Grand Lodge of Maine, George W. Deering, Brother Estes had previously been a member of our Grand Lodge. This was in 1858, he being at that time Junior Warden of Alpha Lodge, No. 155, at Galesburg, where he had resided for some years."

Under Mississippi we read:

"We have already expressed our opinion that entertaining an objection before the ballot is unwarrantable. In our jurisdiction the question of its effect on the withdrawal of the petition could not arise, as no petition can be withdrawn after it has been referred unless the petitioner is found to be disqualified by lack of residence or other reason not involved in the ballot."

Under New Jersey we read:

"We find the record of three dispensations to as many New Jersey lodges to perform the masonic burial services over deceased sojourners from Pennsylvania, New York, and the District of Columbia; and of two issued to two Pennsylvania lodges permitting them to cross the Delaware and bury deceased members at Camden and Beverly, N. J.

"The next logical step in this fanfaronade of hyper-regularity will be an edict from some ambitious Grand Master forbidding any invading sojourner to die within the lines of his dominions without having first secured a dispensation."

Under Wyoming we quote:

"Bro. Kuykendall takes leave of us with his eyebrows raised, as he says:

"Surely our brother does not hold that where a profane lives in one state a lodge in whose jurisdiction he lives can waive jurisdiction over him in favor of a lodge in another state without permission from the grand master or the grand lodge of the former."

"We surely do hold just that, and we think we are justified in saying that such was the universal consensus—so far as the idea of the grand lodge having anything to waive, was concerned, until a very recent period. Mississippi, and perhaps one other jurisdiction, did prior to that time, as it does now, prohibit the waiver of territorial jurisdiction altogether—although it permitted work by proxy—not because it was giving away something in which the grand lodge claimed an interest, but avowedly to compel the lodge to ballot for every person living within its jurisdiction who approached the temple of Masonry. Why, down to the time of the inauguration of the circumlocution office, or, in other words, down to the time when a self-sufficient grand master established the rule that all correspondence respecting waivers, or work by proxy, between a lodge in his state and lodges in any other state must pass through the hands of the respective grand masters—down to that time grand masters never knew when waivers were asked or granted. Out of the circumlocution office has come all there is of this modern—very modern—notion that territorial jurisdiction could attach to a grand master. In the nature of things it can reside only in a lodge; and it can be rightfully waived only by its possessor."

In the appendix also appear readable reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters.

INDIANA, 1907.

These proceedings are embellished with the portraits of M. W. Bro. Walter O. Bragg, the Grand Master, of R. W. Bro. Martin H. Rice, the Grand Treasurer, of R. W. Bro. Calvin W. Prather, the Grand Secretary, and of W. Bro. Edward H. Wolfe, Grand Inspector of the Grand Lodge.

Five hundred twenty-six of the five hundred and thirty lodges were represented.

From the introduction of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Lincoln V. Cravens, we quote one paragraph:

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"On January 1, 1907, our total membership was 47,353, being a net increase over the previous year of 2,294. When we realize that in the United States of America alone, there are more than one million wearers of the 'compass and square' and that Masonry stands to-day stronger in its influence than at any time since its organization, we may well be proud of our connection with the Order. Its mollifying influence on the asperities of men; its softening of the prejudices and passions in business, in politics, in religion, is forcing it to the front as the most potent influence for peace and for a broader and higher civilization. Its strength is mighty, because its principles are pure and its ideals high; our system, while reposing on the rock of ages, has vindicated itself against aspersion and unjust persecution. Truly it may be said, that at this time the 'wisest and best of men are encouragers and promoters of our art.'"

His tribute of respect to the memory of deceased brethren is couched in fitting language.

He reports three lodges constituted; dispensations for three new lodges; five masonic halls dedicated; seven corner stones laid; many dispensations to elect officers issued; and the by-laws of many lodges approved.

A case of invasion of the jurisdiction of Illinois by a lodge in Indiana was found by him to be true and he suspended the functions of the lodge for some time and then restored the charter.

He had a good word for the library of Most Worshipful Bro. Martin H. Rice and for the History of Indiana Masonry by Most Worshipful Bro. Daniel McDonald.

We quote under the title "Clandestine Mason":

"After a candidate had received the Entered Apprentice degree it was discovered that he had been a member of a clandestine lodge; that he had gone to some of the leading workers of the lodge, explained his situation and his desire to be made a mason in the regular way. On their advice, he petitioned in the regular way, thus ignoring entirely his former connection with the clandestine lodge. Feeling that the petitioner was acting in good faith, had not misrepresented himself in any way to the lodge, I ordered the Worshipful Master to confer the other degrees upon him."

Why should he not have received the Entered Apprentice degree? What sort of a petition could he present other than that presented by one who desired to become a mason?

He had trouble over the misuse of the blackball, and under his decisions we read:

"A brother's son had been rejected. He then declared that he intended to blackball every petitioner. I suggested that he be admonished, and if he was not willing to listen to fraternal reproof, charges should be preferred against him."

Of his other decisions we quote:

"A visiting brother cannot sit in a lodge room unless he has been vouched for by one of the members of the lodge or pass a satisfactory

examination before a committee appointed by the Worshipful Master. To vouch for a brother, one must know that he is a mason in good standing in the degree in which the lodge is open and which he desires to visit.

"The fact that a brother votes a white ball does not prevent him from raising an objection to the initiation of a candidate after the election and before the initiation.

"It is not proper for a blue lodge to act as an escort to a commandery of Knights Templar when the funeral ceremonies are being conducted by the Knights Templar. A blue lodge recognizes nothing higher than itself, except the Grand Lodge, and does not act as an escort to any body of any kind or description.

"Can charges of gross unmasonic conduct be preferred against a mason while he is under the penalty of indefinite suspension for non-payment of dues?

"Replying to the above, I answered no, as being suspended, the brethren of the lodge desiring to try him could hold no masonic intercourse with him, suggesting that the lodge could voluntarily remove the penalty of suspension by a majority vote, thus placing him in a position of non-affiliate. Then the charges could be preferred, and he could be tried without a violation of our obligations."

To this last decision we cannot give our assent.

In his conclusion he especially thanks, by name, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for their assistance.

The Grand Secretary in his report says:

"Your Grand Secretary is very much gratified to report to the Grand Lodge that all lodges made reports promptly and that the returns came in this year in better shape than ever before; that the dues were promptly paid, enabling the Grand Secretary to complete his financial and statistical tables in ample time for this meeting of the Grand Lodge."

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve the decision of the Grand Master relative to charges against a suspended member, but the Grand Lodge overruled their decision, which was correct.

The Grand Inspector made a very full report in which he criticized many acts of particular lodges. We quote:

"During the year there has been commendable effort and progress made toward securing 'uniformity' in the ceremonial and ritualistic work of the Order. Schools of instruction have been held, the 'work' exemplified, corrections made, and the few lodges that are not now endeavoring to comply with the requirements of the Grand Lodge on this subject are the exception. There is an occasional lodge that persists in 'sandwiching' into the ceremonies modern and novel features, intended more to please and entertain those who 'sit in the galleries,' than to impress the candidate upon whom the degree is being conferred."

A building is to be built jointly by the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Temple Association. We quote:

"The estimated cost of the whole of said building and ground, not including furnishings and decorations, is \$430,000.00, of which amount this Grand Body agrees to pay one-half, or \$215,000.00; but they are to re-

ceive from the Temple Association annually, interest on one-fourth of the total cost of the construction of said building, estimated at \$90,000.00, which will give this Grand Lodge an income from that source of \$2,700.00 annually. The Grand Lodge agrees to loan to the said Temple Association the sum of \$90,000.00 at four per cent. annual interest, payable annually."

Upon the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence it was decided "that it has always been the established and uniform custom in Indiana that relief be dispensed by the lodge within whose jurisdiction the mason, widow or orphan shall be at the time the relief is needed."

The following amendment was defeated:

"SEC. 132. Any mason who owes a just debt to another brother or brethren and who fails and refuses to pay the same within a reasonable time is guilty of unmasonic conduct and may be dealt with according to masonic law. A showing at the trial, of any brother so charged, of his inability to meet such obligation shall be a proper and complete defense."

Bro. Daniel McDonald presented the "Annual Review of the Proceedings of Masonic Grand Lodges of America and Foreign Jurisdictions.

Under Idaho we read:

"Brother George E. Knepper quotes and criticises liberally what we said about doing masonic work on Sunday; says we entered upon a hackneyed discussion of the Biblical Sabbath without arriving at any conclusion. Evidently he did not take the trouble to read carefully what we said about it. He concludes as follows: 'The fact remains that the United States is a Christian Nation, and many masons believe in the Christian Sabbath.' The statement that 'the United States is a Christian Nation' is simply an assumption that cannot be substantiated by proof. Undoubtedly 'many masons believe in the Christian Sabbath,' but that does not make a Christian organization out of the Masonic Institution. It was formed long before the Christian era and based on a belief in the existence of one great and powerful Supreme Being, and the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and from the fact that it has been kept free from sectarianism during the ages of its existence is undoubtedly the reason why it has existed for so many centuries. At the re-organization of Masonry in 1717 and for some years later, an attempt was made by some Christian preachers who had to do with the re-organization, to incorporate in its ritual signs and symbols to show that it was a Christian organization. Thus crept into it 'the Lines Parallel,' as symbols of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist as 'perfect parallels in Christianity as well as Masonry,' and to whom lodges are said to be dedicated 'in modern times.' It is well known to masonic students that neither one of these 'Patron Saints' was or ever had been a member of the great masonic fraternity. The Blazing Star was also inserted in the Mosaic pavement to symbolize 'the star which appeared to guide the wise men of the East to the place of our Saviour's nativity.' Originally, it was not intended for that purpose at all. It alluded to the Five Points of Fellowship, which, with the Lion's Paw, represented the 'Lion of the Tribe of Juda.' The Lion was represented on the banner of the tribe of Juda, the strongest and most numerous of all the tribes of Israel, as a symbol of strength and power, and as some think, has no reference to the 'Lion of the Tribe of Juda,' sometimes erroneously applied to Christ. It had been well if these interpolations had been left out of

the Ancient Craft degrees, for the reason that they do not belong there, but in the higher degrees, notably in the Order of Knights Templar."

Under Iowa we quote:

"In the light of our investigation of this subject we are of the opinion that the requiring of members to procure documentary evidence of their standing, would, if anything, make the matter worse. If the bunglesome and impracticable machinery of 'documentary evidence' was enforced, rather than go to the trouble of procuring it, visitation would practically cease. Masonry in its present form has stood over three hundred years, and it has only been found out during the past three or four years that every mason wishing to visit a lodge must be prepared with a lot of documents that were never deemed necessary by the fathers of Masonry."

Maine for 1906 receives nearly four pages of notice.

He quotes Grand Master Chaplin's views of the duties of a Grand Master and adds:

"That, it seems to us, is the correct view to take of the subject. In this jurisdiction rules have been adopted prohibiting the conferring of degrees on candidates 'out of time,' and thus relieving our Grand Master of granting dispensations to annul the constitution and laws which he has covenanted himself to see duly executed."

In regard to our report governing admission of visitors to lodges he says:

"There is already a universal rule whereby any well informed mason can prove himself a mason in good standing, if he is such, without the necessity for 'documentary evidence.' If a mason cannot prove himself a mason in good standing without the aid of 'documentary evidence,' surely he could not with it. Let us stick to the good old way."

Under Maryland we read:

"The entrance of the Most Worshipful Grand Master was announced by the Grand Marshal. He was received with the grand honors, and assumed his station in the Grand East.

"It has always seemed to us that this manner of conferring honor on the Grand Master should be more honored in the breach than in the observance. It is as much his duty to open the Grand Lodge as it is to preside in the Grand East after it is opened, or to close it after the business has been transacted. It would be just as appropriate for the Senior Warden of a subordinate lodge to congregate and open the lodge and then send a committee out to hunt up the W. M. and inform him that his lodge in his absence had been duly opened and awaited his pleasure, as it is to go through the same performance in the opening of the Grand Lodge. At least that is the way it looks to a man up a tree."

Under South Dakota we quote:

"A lodge under dispensation has no right to receive an application for affiliation. (We do not see why. It has always seemed to us that as a lodge under dispensation it has the right to receive petitions of profanes and confer degrees upon them and thus make them members of the lodge, why they do not have the same right to receive and act upon petitions for affiliation.)"

Is not a lodge U. D. the creation of the Grand Master? And by the dispensation is affiliation one of the favors granted to it? Can a brother dimitted from a chartered lodge affiliate with any lodge not of equal standing with that from which the dimit is taken?

Several selections of "masonic and other poetry" are in his review.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1907.

Representatives of one hundred thirty-five lodges were present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother William A. McBride, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, in his introduction to his address says:

"No preceding twelve months in the history of Freemasonry in Indian Territory has shown greater accession to our ranks, more zealous devotion on the part of the members or such avowed respect for our Order on the part of those without the fold."

He fittingly notices the death of Past Grand Master Silas B. Armstrong who "was a Wyandotte Indian of great prominence, having been a potent factor in the dealings between this tribe and the United States Government," and also the dead of other jurisdictions.

He quite fully discusses the proposed consolidation of the Grand Lodges of Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory when these territories become one state and wisely concludes:

"Brethren, to me, it is simply a plain case of taking down the cross fence, throwing both herds into one pasture and rebranding. The I. T. and O. T. brands will have to be laid aside and hereafter the masonic ranch of the coming great state will use the plain 'Circle O' brand.

"When the powers that be confer upon this people the inestimable boon of Statehood we shall see this masonic union consummated with dispatch and harmony.

"Until this much desired legislation is an assured fact, the discussion of attending details is in my judgment premature."

He reports five emergent communications to lay corner stones; dispensations for twelve new lodges; and for special purposes quite a few dispensations of which some might as well have not been granted.

Of his decisions we quote:

"*Question*: A was twice rejected in our lodge some two years ago. He moved into the jurisdiction of another lodge, applied for the degrees and asked for a waiver from the first lodge. The Worshipful Master refused to grant the waiver. Had he the right to refuse?

"*Answer*: If the Worshipful Master knew him to be unfit material and would object to making him a mason in his own lodge, he certainly had the right to refuse the waiver. The rejecting lodge has perpetual jurisdiction over its rejected material."

How does a Master of a lodge obtain a "right to refuse a waiver?" Is it the procedure in Indian Territory to grant this right to the Master?

"*Question* : Brothers A and B bet on a horse race, placing the money in the hands of Brother C as stakeholder. The race over, they go to Brother C for the money, who denies having received it. A and B then prefer charges against C for defrauding them.

"*Answer* : I instructed the lodge to dismiss the case as we cannot enforce profane law in a masonic lodge. The courts of the land are open for cases of this nature and should not be brought into the lodge."

Is there a law in Indian Territory against gambling, or betting at horse races? And is there a law which allows collection of debts incurred in either case? And if the law does not permit such doings why should not charges be preferred against all three, A, B and C?

He earnestly urges the establishment of the Orphan's Home, saying among other things:

"One of the strong factors in the successful operation of this Home will be the sisters of the Eastern Star. Men can provide a Home, but it takes a good woman to make the genuine article. I consider it a privilege to recommend that the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star be formally invited to co-operate with the Grand Lodge in this matter and a member of that Order be placed on our Home Committee. I hope to see the day not far distant when an Eastern Star Chapter will share every Masonic Hall with the Brotherhood."

He discusses at considerable length the misuse of the black ball and the evils of intemperance.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and of the Grand Treasurer give in detail the duties performed.

One of the pleasant incidents at this communication as recorded in the proceedings is the following:

"M. W. Brother Thos. C. Humphry introduced to the Grand Lodge Brother John Thomas Aud, of Checotah, the oldest mason in the Indian Territory. He was made a mason in Bloomfield Lodge, Kentucky, 59 years ago. He lived in the neighborhood with Posey, the author of *The Old Kentucky Home*. His grandfather was with Washington and his father was with Jackson at New Orleans. The Grand Master called upon the Grand Secretary to extend a welcome to Brother Aud, which he did in a few well chosen words."

The Orphans' Home was temporarily located at Atoka.

When the roll of Grand Representatives was called Maine responded in the person of W. Samuel C. Fullerton.

The Committee on Law and Usage reported upon the first decision quoted before as follows:

"We recommend the approval of Decision No. 1, with the following amendment: After the word 'Material' in the last line, add 'while in this Grand Jurisdiction.' And that the waiver should be granted or refused by the lodge."

And in the second their report is as follows:

"We recommend the approval of Decision No. 10, with this addition:
Charges should have been preferred against all three of the parties concerned, as they violated masonic law by gambling."

Bro. Thomas C. Humphry submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1906 is reviewed. To Grand Master Chaplin's statement concerning the trial of a mason for an offence committed before he was a mason he adds:

"However, if an applicant should make a false statement as to age or residence, or denies previous rejection by another lodge this would authorize charges and a trial."

Which holds in Maine.

IOWA, 1907.

A fine portrait of Grand Master W. F. Cleveland adorns this volume of proceedings. Would that all portraits given us might be the equal of this steel plate by Bather.

Public exercises, address of welcome, response, musical selections were held prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge.

The introductory paragraphs of the M. W. Grand Master's address are full of thoughtful sentences, of which we quote:

"As a people we are confronted by many perplexing governmental and sociological problems; there is an awakened public conscience, a demand for unquestioned integrity upon the part of those holding positions of trust and responsibility. As masons we should ever welcome all movements having for their object the assured honesty of those who occupy high places in both public and private life."

Of the growth of the fraternity in Iowa he says:

"On the second day of January, 1844, sixty-three years ago, a little band of twelve zealous masons assembled in Iowa City and there organized the Grand Lodge of Iowa, they represented four lodges with a combined membership of just one hundred and one Master Masons. From that small beginning it has grown in membership until to-day there are five hundred and eight active constituent lodges with a total membership of 37,838, showing a net increase in membership during the past year of 1,102, thus keeping up the average increase in membership for the past fourteen years."

He laments the dead; reports the constitution of three lodges, and the issuance of dispensations for three new lodges; discusses the time when the election of lodges must be held, and the disadvantage of holding stated meetings "by the light of the moon"; announces the laying of corner stones and the dedication of masonic temples.

No decisions are given. He says:

"I have found the laws of this Grand Jurisdiction sufficiently specific in every instance to meet all questions that have been submitted to me for answer during the year."

While commending the proficiency in conferring degrees, he wisely adds:

"Yet this is not all there is in Masonry. While a thorough and accurate knowledge of the ritual cannot be too highly appreciated, there are many good, true masons who, though not ritualists in the full acceptance of the term, are laboring for the upbuilding of Masonry quite successfully along other lines. The brother, who in addition to a perfect knowledge of our beautiful ritual, continues his studies and researches into the origin and symbolic meaning of our ceremonies is storing his mind with useful knowledge, that will broaden his views of life and lead to accept those moral truths upon which our masonic superstructure has been erected."

Many other subjects of local importance were touched upon in this able address.

The Grand Secretary makes an exhaustive report of his doings. Among other matters he discusses "Grand Lodge Certificate or Identification Cards" and submits a form for the same.

The reports of the Librarian and of the Grand Charity Fund are complete in information.

From the adopted report of the Committee on Chartered Lodges we quote:

"During the year many members of the order in Iowa have been denied admission to lodges in other states because they had no written evidence to submit that they were in good standing. In some cases a receipt for dues would answer, but many brothers who desired to visit in other states were denied admission even when they presented their receipts for dues because the Grand Lodge of these jurisdictions required further evidence of the standing and eligibility of visitors from other states. As the membership card is now being used in other jurisdictions with success, this committee recommends that such cards be provided by the Grand Secretary and furnished to each lodge in sufficient quantities to accommodate all brothers who desire them; and also that the Finance Committee recommend an appropriation sufficient to defray the expense."

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized; action on the request of the Grand Orient of Greece was deferred; while the request for recognition by the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina was refused.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by Bro. Charles C. Clark, whom we welcome to the reportorial corps. We introduce him to our readers by a quotation from his introduction:

"The writers, as a class, have always been the earnest, sincere, impartial and loyal champions of right, truth and justice, as God gave them to see the light. They have known neither friend nor foe in their search for the ultimate fact, and while animated perhaps by the old rule for conduct in an Irish shindy, 'wherever you see a head, hit it,' they have been

as ready to take as to give, have fought on the square and never hit below the belt. They have been exponents of the modern rule for conflict, 'don't flinch, don't foul, but hit the line hard,' yet so genteelly, courteously and unmaliciously has parry responded to thrust and thrust followed parry, so adroitly have the fancy hot-air balloons been pricked and so skillfully have untenable positions been mined and blown skyward, that in pure and unadulterated joy and with the riotous delight that every healthy man takes in a fight, be it physical or intellectual, we must perforce applaud vigorously, and, like the old woman, in wild admiration of the noble combat, impartially cry, 'go it husband, go it bear.'

"Yet when the opportunity came to 'quit ourselves like men,' we hesitated, sorely tempted to fling down the gauntlet and cry, 'up and at it,' but restrained by the fear of our inability to uphold, even measurably, the standard set by these seasoned veterans and especially by our virile predecessors. However, a sincere wish to do our little all for our beloved fraternity, coupled, if you please, with a very human desire to 'get into good society,' determined us to say yea to the Grand Master's request."

Under Arkansas we read:

"A resolution requiring visitors to show receipts for dues was turned down by the Grand Lodge. As elsewhere noted, we have little sympathy with the documentary fad, but especially vicious is that part of it which requires a receipt for dues as a pre-requisite to visitation. It seems not only strange, but positively impudent, for any lodge except the one to which a brother belongs to make any question in regard to dues. If one's own lodge makes no objection to his being back one, two, or even a dozen years, in his dues, it strikes us that the matter need give no concern to a lodge which the brother seeks to visit."

Under Kansas we quote:

"A complaint being made that a brother was selling an unauthorized cipher, the Grand Master, of course, became righteously indignant. Truly it was a monstrous crime. One is amazed to think that any member of the craft in Kansas should have the audacity to presume to interfere with the Grand Lodge's God-given pre-requisite of dispensing (we had almost added 'with') the true light by means of its official cipher. Such a felony must needs be forthwith investigated, such heinous offences must be nipped in the bud. The Grand Master accordingly promptly investigated and trailed the villian to his lair. It then transpired that the brother had not sold any ciphers *since* the Grand Lodge had gone into the business. This changed matters. The holy prerogative not having been interfered with, and a warning having been given to all trespassers and poachers on the royal preserves, the incident closed, and the Grand Lodge once more resumed her high moral station as conservator of the individual morals of the craft."

Maine for 1906 receives his critical attention.

Commenting upon Grand Master Chaplin's views about dispensation for ballot he says:

"Iowa has wisely provided in her Constitution that 'no ballot shall be taken on a petition for the degrees or for admission to membership except at a regular communication other than the one at which the petition was presented, and no prerogative of the Grand Master can avail to defeat this provision.' The results in Iowa have demonstrated that the benefits flowing from such deliberate action far outweigh the disadvantages. Indeed, in a somewhat extended personal experience we do not know of a

single case where the inhibition has worked any damage whatever to the fraternity."

Again, he says concerning the trial of a mason for offences alleged before becoming a mason :

"The Grand Master thinks that the question ought to be answered in the negative, but in his explanation we do not think he gets at the gist of the whole matter. If the offence is a misrepresentation of any of the essentials for initiation, or is a misrepresentation of a fact which was relied on by any brother in securing his admission into the lodge, he should, in our opinion, be disciplined, but if the lodge takes in an unworthy brother without proper investigation, and no fraud was committed on his part, the *ex post facto* law should operate and the brother be unmolested, but the lodge should perhaps be disciplined. Such is substantially the law of Iowa established in 1904."

Bro. Clark is opposed to documentary evidence, and under West Virginia he says :

"It has been the glory of the Masonic Institution for upwards of two hundred years that its methods of test were unique, and the departure here approved may result in the substitution of modern methods of exclusive card or certificate identification. Documentary evidence is useful as tending to identify a brother as belonging to a lodge recognized by the jurisdiction where he is examined, but for ourselves, unless a visitor is able to satisfy us by the old-fashioned method that he is unmistakably a mason, not all the cards or certificates in Christendom would prove him. We have examined some tremendously rusty masons, and have rejected some whom we have believed to be imposters, but never has a brother been so rusty that we were not able to fully satisfy ourselves. The rusty ones are not the ones to be feared. It is the bright, well-posted imposter who is dangerous, and one of these villains can get documentary evidence if he finds it necessary."

From the postlude we quote one paragraph :

"The thing that has impressed us most during the year is the proneness of Grand Lodges to attempt to cure all ills by specific legislation. Does the non-affiliate threaten, hit him with a law ; is dismission an increasing evil, check it with an enactment ; is temperance a burning question, regulate morality by a statute ; does the clandestine become a nuisance and the imposter annoy, soak them with a rigid regulation. In short, without waiting to find out whether the laws already in force are not ample or the case covered by ancient regulation, we rush into hasty, ill-advised and inconsiderate legislation. It is, perhaps, the age tendency, and therefore we should not complain. But the masonic fraternity numbers among its adherents the brainiest, broadest-minded men of every community, and if masons are not to be the leaders in every field, where, when, shall we look for guidance ? The statute books of every state contain hundreds of provisions which, enacted for the moment's seeming necessity, are without force or permanence, and we opine that many a Masonic Code is subject to a like criticism. Condensation, not amplification, should characterize our law making. Broad, general principles should be declared, and specific instances will easily fall in line. The founders of the craft built wide and deep, and a stricter adherence to ancient principles would save much hasty action."

KANSAS, 1908.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edward W. Wellington, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, in his address says:

"The year has been one of notable success and prosperity. The annual returns show a total membership of 30,468 on December 31, 1907, a net gain of 1,704. The number raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason was 2,297—more than ever before in the history of this Grand Lodge. Have we been careful to admit none but those who will give strength and character to the Institution, or have we been actuated by mercenary motives in our desire to build new temples or add to our treasury? If we have exercised due care, we have done well, and can honestly rejoice at our prosperity."

Six lodges were constituted; thirty-seven lodges visited; three dispensations for new lodges issued; two lodges consolidated and eleven corner stones laid.

We quote:

"During the past year, several request were made for new official ciphers to take the place of those reported lost. These requests were invariably refused, and affidavits required setting forth all the facts covering such losses. The result of this action was a more thorough search and the recovery of many ciphers.

"It is evident that the Masters of lodges do not fully appreciate their responsibility regarding these official ciphers, and have been too careless in the past in keeping track of them. To guard against further trouble, it is recommended:

"1. That no new official ciphers be issued to any lodge except to replace those returned to the Grand Secretary on account of their useless condition, or upon evidence that they have been destroyed.

"2. That when any lodge shall not be able to present the official ciphers with which it is charged, when called for by the Grand Secretary or District Deputy Grand Master, or furnish evidence that they have been destroyed, it shall pay a penalty of \$20.00 for each one not so presented."

His decisions were as follows:

"1. The suspension of a lodge under Standing Regulation No. 6 does not affect the individual rights of its members to prevent their visiting or taking part in ceremonies performed by *other* lodges.

"2. A civil employee of the United States government stationed by War Department orders at Fort Leavenworth and regularly carried on the rolls of the post quartermaster, is a sojourner in the 'military service,' and can petition Hancock Lodge No. 311, notwithstanding the fact that his family reside in the city of Leavenworth.

"3. If, after a lodge in a foreign Grand Jurisdiction has accepted a candidate, or conferred one or two degrees upon him, he shall become a resident within the territorial jurisdiction of a Kansas lodge, the latter may receive his petition for advancement without regard to the length of time of such residence, provided his petition is accompanied by a waiver of jurisdiction from the former lodge."

Contrary to the general practice he informs us that the tax commis-

sioners have decided that all lodge property, both real and personal, is subject to taxation.

From "a word of caution" we quote:

"Let us seek to abridge no law which safeguards the entrance of a man into the lodge. Let the scrutiny of mental and moral fitness be complete and the absence of personal dislike be total. Let the ceremony be decorous and without abbreviation. Let the candidate be required to exhibit unquestioned proficiency before being advanced. Let him be taught that the lodge—Symbolic Masonry—is the only form of Masonry on which the sun never sets; that the authority of the lodge over Symbolic Masonry is supreme and always has been; that no form of masonic philosophy is known whose root and essence is not found in the lodge; that the other associations of Masonry are all worthy of his patronage and support; that none can leap at a bound into moral, mental, social or masonic greatness but, even as it is the patience, skill and toil of the sculptor, not the block of marble, no matter how fine, how great, that produces the statue, so it is patient skill and the ceaseless application of the working tools of our mystic Craft that makes the mason. Thus it is that lodges are erected to GOD and dedicated to the Holy Saints JOHN.

The report of the Grand Secretary requires thirty-three printed pages.

W. Dallas Grover delivered an able oration on the theme, "Some Features of Freemasonry."

Of the many Standing Regulations adopted we quote the following:

"*Corner Stones.*—Hereafter it shall be unlawful for the masonic fraternity to lay any corner stone, which shall not have carved on one of its exposed sides the year of Masonry, the name of the M. W. Grand Lodge and the distinguishing symbols of the Craft."

Bro. Matthew M. Miller submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Illinois we read:

"We are optimistic enough to believe that the universality of Masonry, instead of being as now a chimerical dream with which a fanciful orator entertains a complaisant audience, will be an established entity, and we hope some day to attend a continental gathering of representatives of the North and South American Grand Lodges, say at Chicago, where, as we present to Bro. Robbins the Grand Masters of Mexico and Porto Rico, he will repay our courtesy by presenting the Grand Master of Cuba, and as we fraternize, about us will throng the representatives of the Grand Bodies that seceded from Washington, anxious to present to us both the Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, and then—look out for the Millennium."

Maine for 1907 receives a fraternal review. We quote:

"The name of Chaplin recalls a pioneer masonic funeral in the early seventies in Kansas over a Portland, Me., mason of the same name; mercury twenty or more degrees below zero; ground frozen solid to the bottom of the grave, and the prospect seemed good for all in attendance to be frozen before the service was concluded. The writer conducted the ceremony, but cut out a number of the long-winded platitudes in the service, and has ever since felt that it would improve the service to re-

duce its length about sixty per cent.; and he never has forgotten the bitter experience of that day or the name of the brother buried."

Under Maryland we read:

"We cannot understand any reason 'why in America a funeral ceremony in modern times should be performed by a Master while the lodge is at refreshment. In a country where all the work is done on the Apprentice degree, where the candidate is elected, made a mason with the right of voting, participating in public processions, attending funerals, being buried as a mason, and where it was, and perhaps still is, the custom to have the funeral feast and its accompanying libations, there would be ample reason for the craft to be under the care and supervision of the Junior Warden, but the reason does not exist in America, and it is just as unnecessary and senseless as the custom of the swell young man in Yuma, Arizona, who turns up a two-inch fold at the bottom of his trouser legs just because it is 'raining in London.' The brethren are not at refreshment, they are at labor; they are performing masonic work; the Master is in charge. If Masonry is a progressive science, the sooner we dispense with a lot of useless mummery which means nothing, and adopt a line of practical living and acting, the better it will be for all concerned."

KENTUCKY, 1907.

A pleasant episode at this communication was the courtesy to:

"Captain Thomas Todd, a veteran of the Mexican war, who to-day lacks but one and a half months of being 87 years of age; was made a mason over 65 years ago, and has been continuously a member of Solomon Lodge, No. 5—one of the immortals that formed the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. More than 54 years ago he was elected Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, which he first attended as representative 61 years ago and has been present at every one of its sessions since that good year."

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel K. Veach, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, in his address says:

"This has been a very successful and highly satisfactory year with the Grand Lodge, and we believe great good has been accomplished, the net increase in membership of the lodges is 1,977; this increases the income to the Grand Lodge and Widows and Orphan's Home \$3,944, all of which is very encouraging."

He laments the deaths of Bro. J. R. Coleman, Grand Marshal, of Bro. R. R. Russell, Grand Senior Deacon, and of Bro. Isaac A. Kelley, Superintendent of the Home.

He granted permission to lodges for many purposes. Among them we note the conferring of the E. A. degree on eight candidates; again on eleven candidates, and still again on fifteen candidates. Comment is needless.

He granted dispensations for twenty new lodges and says:

"I fear that the right to refuse consent for new lodges has been abused by some lodges. Masonry bestows benefits; if, then, you have had benefits, what right have you to refuse these benefits to your fellow man?"

"To my mind, Masonry is in the world to fraternize the great brotherhood of man; if so, then why not speed it all we can?"

He visited twenty-six lodges.

He decided that a book-keeper for a distilling company was eligible for the degrees

We also quote:

"The names of Committee on Investigation ought not to be made a matter of record, and it is doubtful whether their names should be reported to the lodge. The questions they are to inquire into are delicate and confidential. If the petition is unfavorably reported on, there is danger of disturbing the harmony of the lodge by incriminations of the investigators, to whom the secrecy of the ballot is, in effect, denied. Because of these facts, favorable reports are sometimes made to avoid personal animosities. Certainly the report of the committee ought not to be put as a permanent entry in the minutes.

"There is no written law to prevent the Master's re-election every year during his life, but there ought to be. Serving as Master of a lodge for many years is a reflection and not a matter to boast of. If he is a fully capable Master he will so instruct his Wardens and members, that there will be more than one who is 'worthy and well qualified' to take his place. Besides, it is selfish and unjust to retain one in office and keep competent brethren from the gratification of a laudable ambition, and thus neutralize a proper incentive for the members to make efforts to become proficient in masonic work and methods by placing the reward beyond their hope."

He had occasion to suspend the Masters of three lodges.

Discussing the finances of the Grand Lodge he says:

"For the information of the representatives, I desire to call your attention to the fact that the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Lodge are about \$84,000; about \$30,500 is per capita to the Widows and Orphans Home; about \$30,500 dues to Grand Lodge, and about \$23,000 income on this building."

From the report of the Grand Secretary we quote:

"If the printed proceedings that cost \$1,300 or more annually are worth the money expended, they are worth preserving, and ought to be in possession of subordinate lodges for whose benefit the printing is done. A few lodges keep them in cases, others have no receptacle for them. Those that can not afford to procure regular bookcases, can make a box, or cut a large box down to proper size, affix hinges and a lock to the lid, turn the box on its side so the lid will be in front, and put it on brackets at convenient height in the N. E. corner; paint it, or cover it with nice wall paper, and it will be a very sightly and useful case. It should be about three feet long, 11 inches high, by 8 or 9 inches deep from front to back, inside. When full, another like it can be put on top."

The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:

"It shall be unlawful for a Kentucky lodge to receive or accept into its membership one who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors as a beverage, except where such manufacture or sale is for medicinal purposes. Any and all lodges guilty of violating this provision shall be dealt with."

The following resolution was lost:

"*Resolved*, That it shall be unlawful for any subordinate lodge to receive the petition of anyone who uses spirituous, vinous or malt liquors in any form whatsoever—except for medical purposes."

The following resolution was adopted relative to work:

"The incoming Grand Master is authorized to appoint a committee consisting of seven members, not over two of whom shall reside in any one city or town, to be known as 'The Committee on Work,' whose duty it shall be to meet any agree upon a ritual for the use of lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, said work to be submitted to the Grand Lodge, either by exemplification or rehearsal at the next session, for its consideration.

"Conforming to the well established laws of this Grand Lodge, it is understood that no part of the work is to be written or printed."

A large amount of business local in character was transacted.

Bro. William W. Clarke submitted the Review of Proceedings of Grand Lodges.

Under Arizona we read:

"The Grand Master recommended 'that a system of Card Receipts be inaugurated that will enable each member when he pays his dues to get a receipt from the Secretary stating that he is in good standing, etc.'"

"We confess that we have never been able to decide whether the purpose of such legislation is to protect the order against impostors, or whether it is intended to assist Secretaries in the collection of dues. As a matter of fact a member of a lodge who is in arrears is in as good standing as one who has paid his dues; and as a matter of justice, indeed, as a matter of law, he is entitled to a certificate of that fact. But the Grand Master of Arizona goes further, and recommends that the card 'give such a description of the member as will identify him and prevent any who might accidentally or otherwise get possession of the card from making use of it.'"

"We believe it has not been suggested before, and we claim the credit of making the suggestion, that the member be measured according to the Bertillon system, and such measurements be noted on the card."

Maine for 1906 is reviewed, by quotations from the address of Grand Master Chaplin with approval. The report of the Committee concerning "visitors" is also approved as follows:

"But in the short report submitted, it appears to us, it so fully and forcibly states a fundamental objection to a rule of universal acceptance, the end aimed at, as we understand, that it leaves little more to be desired."

He replies to our criticism of one act of the Grand Master of Kentucky as follows:

"As a matter of fact the act of the Grand Master was *ultra vires*, as the amount of mileage and per diem paid representatives to the Grand Lodge is regulated by constitutional provision."

LOUISIANA, 1908.

The opening paragraphs of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Lee E. Thomas, treat of the beauties of Masonry. We quote:

"The spirit of Masonry in its search for wisdom flies through the vast domain of the universe, and gathers knowledge from them all. Ascending to the heaven, it takes the sun, moon and stars, and wraps them in the comet's fiery tail. Descending into mother earth, it brings forth chalk, charcoal, and clay, teaching us freedom, fervency and zeal. From the harvest field of nature it takes a sheaf of wheat and suspends it near a waterford, whilst amid strains of delicious music, it teaches a most beautiful and exalted symbolism.

"Like a beautiful stream rippling over the rocks and crags and pebbles of its channel, it flows by every door, singing ever and anon the same sweet song of untiring love, gladdening all hearts, while along its course spring fresh and fragrant flowers of beauty, innocence, and truth to adorn its life and lend a lasting perfume to its work of faith, its labor of love."

Of the State of the Order he says:

"We now have 106 active lodges in the State, of which 22 are located in New Orleans and 174 in the various towns and cities throughout the commonwealth. This is the largest number we have ever had in active existence.

"Our numbers to-day aggregate 11,761. This is a net increase of 1,177 members during the past year, which is a banner showing for good work accomplished.

"We have renovated and improved the Temple property, in accordance with your instructions, to the amount of \$21,382.00, paid all expenses and disbursed \$1,658.00 for relief and have a balance in the treasury with all debts paid in full."

Dispensations for eleven new lodges were issued; twenty-four lodges were visited; halls were dedicated; corner stones were laid; many dispensations granted and some requests for dispensations refused, one of which we quote:

"To Louisiana Lodge, No. 102, to receive the petition of a major in the artillery service of the U. S. Army, he having resided in the State only six months. This matter was submitted to the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, and an opinion was expressed that while the Grand Master had the power to grant the dispensation, it was ill advised to waive the regulations of the Grand Lodge except in cases of absolute necessity or matters of great importance. Accepting this opinion, the dispensation was refused. We ought to make an exception of army officers, the same as we do for mariners."

Of his decisions we quote:

"A question was submitted by Brother J. C. Drew as to whether a candidate was eligible for the degrees if he could give the signs only in an imperfect manner by reason of some physical defect. I ruled that he was eligible."

He also decided "that a lodge could ballot upon candidates at a special meeting, provided notice was given to all members within hail that the

lodge intended to ballot upon such candidates at the special meeting called."

We again quote:

"A M. M. had dimitted from a certain lodge in the city of New Orleans, which dimit was more than twelve months old, and the brother had not affiliated with any other masonic lodge. Meanwhile, he is charged with having committed a masonic offence by another brother, and the question is submitted in which lodge charges should be preferred.

"It was first thought by some that any lodge in the city of New Orleans would have jurisdiction of the case, while others were of the opinion that the lodge which originally granted the dimit should have jurisdiction to entertain charges.

"There being a diversity of opinion, and the matter never having been decided by our Grand Lodge, I requested it to be submitted to the entire Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence. This Committee, after mature deliberation, unanimously decided that the brother being a dimitted mason whose dimit was more than twelve months old, he did not owe allegiance to any particular lodge, nor did any particular lodge have the right to try him for any masonic offence; that the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana was the sovereign power which possesses the authority to try any dimitted mason whose dimit was over twelve months old, and passing judgment and punishing, if necessary, such dimitted mason."

He disapproved by-laws because "the section fixing the dues at \$2.00 per annum was insufficient to pay expenses, dues to the Grand Lodge, and provide any funds for relief."

He officially announced the death of Past Grand Master Robert H. Cage.

Under the subject "Relief" he says:

"On the general subject of relief I desire to say it is my deliberate opinion, after mature consideration of the subject-matter, that as soon as practicable we should erect in this State a Masonic Home for the helpless and destitute orphans who have positive claims on the Fraternity that cannot, and should not, be ignored."

In the report of relief disbursed by the Louisiana Relief Lodge we note that an applicant from Maine received \$40.00.

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and of Guatemala were recognized.

Action upon the following resolutions was deferred until next year:

"*Be it Resolved*, That it is the sense of this M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons that friendly and fraternal efforts should be made to bring into one perfect union of harmony, concord and fraternal recognition *all lawfully* organized and constituted Grand Lodges of the world wherever the fundamental principles of morality, brotherly love, relief and truth and the Brotherhood of Man are taught and inculcated without reference to particular forms, rituals or ceremonies of introduction.

"*Resolved*, That is is made the special duty of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to devote his attention and to ascertain and inform this M. W. Grand Lodge at its next Annual Grand Communication of

conditions of Grand Lodges of the F. and A. M., York Rite and of Grand Orients or Supreme Councils of the A. and S. Rite of Freemasonry in foreign countries, especially France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Mexico and the Central and South American States, with the view of establishing, wherever possible and permissible, fraternal masonic relations with such bodies.

"Be it Resolved, That this M. W. Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of the State of Louisiana do hereby recognize the legitimacy of Master Masons made in Lodges of the A. and A. Scottish Rite in countries where that is the dominant Rite, and welcome them to the right of visitation and affiliation under the usual masonic restrictions, the same as if made in lodges of our obedience."

M. W. Bro. A. C. Allen delivered an able address on the following lines:

"What this great philosophy of ours really is; what truths and duties it teaches to you and me: what is its history; what have its craftsmen done in the past and what does it expect us to do in the present in synthesis of social and moral development."

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, discussing a decision of the Grand Master, we quote:

"The conditions of admission to lodges in a jurisdiction other than our own is matter for them. When the 'applicant' who has been 'rejected' in this State departs permanently and acquires residence in another jurisdiction we have nothing more to do with him.

"It is for the lodge of the jurisdiction to which he applies to determine whether according to their laws he is eligible. Moreover, when questions of conflicting jurisdiction arise between two bodies in different States the issues must pass through offices of the respective Grand Masters."

The same committee also decided "that appointments of District Deputy Grand Masters is entirely within the discretion of the Grand Master, and he may lawfully appoint any Master Mason a District Deputy Grand Master."

But the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, notwithstanding the general custom and practice, that only active (Installed Masters) and Past Masters be appointed to the dignity and honor of District Deputy Grand Masters—that, as a matter of law, the power and discretion to appoint District Deputy Grand Masters lies entirely with the Grand Master, and in the exercise of this power he may confer appointment on any worthy Master Mason belonging to his jurisdiction."

The building occupied by a lodge was donated for the permanent use of the public schools in its neighborhood.

Upon the roll call of Grand Representatives, W. Bro. Joseph Meyers responded for Maine.

Portraits of Grand Master Thomas, of M. W. Bro. F. Francois DuBourg, Grand Master 1812-13-14, and of M. W. Bro. John H. Holland, Grand Master 1830-35, appear in the proceedings.

A large amount of business local in character was done.

Bro. Herman C. Duncan submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Georgia we read:

"We wish to repeat what we have long since asserted—that, under the Antient Charges as to physical qualifications, any man is eligible who is capable of serving his Master's Lord.

"The landmarks are not, however, comprehended in the Antient Charges exclusively. We take it that the 'penalties' are landmarks, and that, in a double sense, they are fundamentals, and they are among the strongest indicators of our antiquity as an institution.

"As to the means of recognition we do not feel quite so sure that they can be called landmarks. But necessity makes them unalterable, for, without universal consent, they cannot be changed without destroying intercommunication.

"Hence, it follows that we must require in our initiates a capacity, not only to serve the Master's Lord, but also a capacity to give and receive the means of recognition, and to indicate that the obligations and their sanctions are held in mind.

"Beyond these we care not for physical qualifications, and think they should not be sought. But this is a very different thing from saying that, if a landmark impede progress, away with the landmark.

"The landmarks are among the essential characteristics of Freemasonry, and without them it cannot exist as such. Take away a landmark and you sever your tie, and your institution becomes no longer masonic, but simply a modern humanitarian society. Such an institution may promote a certain kind of motion. It may be progress, and it may be retrogression; and it may promote it better than does Freemasonry. But it is not Freemasonry, though it be born out of Freemasonry."

Under Kansas we read:

"We are not quite ready to enroll ourself as an 'ultra-purist.' We shall content ourselves by noting that the environment to-day of all organizations of Masonic Grand Bodies is vastly different from what it was in the eighteenth century. The passage of time has revealed the wisdom of more stringent regulations at this day and hour. To cite a single illustration: To-day it is not only proper, but essential, that we ask by what warrant the lodges exist that unite in the organization of a Grand Lodge; but, in 1717, what folly it would have been for a lodge in Scotland, for example, to have inquired into the genealogy of the London lodges that organized the Grand Lodge of England.

"The question of the hour is: What must be required to be shown to justify the recognition of a new Grand Lodge? Not: What lack of regularity in ancient times can be found to justify lack of conformity to the agreed terms that the wisdom of the passing years has shown ought to be required of organizers of Grand Bodies to-day?

"But we must refrain, for we have a great dread of being thought of as that awful thing, an 'ultra-purist.'"

Maine for 1907 is reviewed.

Under New York he states the position of Louisiana as regards jurisdiction over candidates:

"While our laws regulating our own lodges might be interpreted in such wise as to place us in the second class territorial, yet, in respect to our intercourse with other jurisdictions, which is the matter the brother

was considering, we clearly belong in the first category, for we renounce all jurisdiction over rejected material removing out of the State after he has been absent three years, provided the party obtain a certificate from the lodge of his first application stating that he has no record or knowledge of charges against his mental or moral standing."

MANITOBA, 1907.

With a very brief introduction the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John McKechnie, in his address tells us of his labors the year past: a corner stone laid, the installation of the officers of the new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, the granting of dispensations for new lodges, the official visitations, and concludes as follows:

"I regret that I have been prevented during the past year from devoting the time and attention that the office of Grand Master demands. The duties of the office at times requires the services of one who is unembarrassed with other duties and has complete control of his time. If therefore, in the discharge of my official duties I have failed to properly discharge my task, or if in questions of doubtful construction I have erred, I hope you will attribute it to an error of judgment rather than one of intention, and if I have fallen short of your expectations, allow the fallibility of human nature to plead in my behalf, and award the verdict 'he has done the best he could.'"

The District Deputy Grand Masters submit very full reports of the condition of the craft in the lodges in their respective districts.

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry report:

"Your committee would note with satisfaction that notwithstanding the withdrawal of 898 members on the formation of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan the decrease in total membership is only 539.

"It is also gratifying to your committee to report that the efficient work performed by the several District Deputy Grand Masters is corroborative of the wisdom employed in their election."

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan, Puerto Rico and Valle de Mexico were recognized, but recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was deferred with the hope that the differences between the Grand Lodges of England and Queensland might soon be amicably settled.

From the report of the Committee on Grand Secretary's Report we note:

"Nine new lodges are reported as having received charters during the year and these lodges were duly constituted and consecrated by direction of the M. W. the Grand Master. Dispensations were continued for six lodges, and dispensations were issued for the formation of five new lodges formed since the last session of the Grand Lodge."

Two lodges were granted withdrawal from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to be admitted to the jurisdiction of British Columbia.

No report on correspondence.

MARYLAND, 1907.

At the semi-annual communication in May the Board of Grand Inspectors reported fifty-five visits to the several lodges, and that—

"The work, as a rule, is done correctly, and with impressiveness, harmony prevails, finances are in a satisfactory condition, and the steady increase of membership very gratifying."

We quote:

"Bro. James T. Dennis, P. M. of Manokin Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., Assistant Field Director of Excavations, presented the Grand Lodge with a mason's maul, a sample of an ancient working tool of the craft in long ago ages. In presenting it Bro. Dennis said:

"That it had been perhaps fifteen years since he last had the pleasure of attending a session of the Grand Lodge, that he missed many old familiar faces, gone no doubt to receive wages, refreshments and rest in the presence of the Supreme Grand Master; that among the faces recognized by him many knew that for several years past his work had taken him to Egypt, where he had been engaged in conducting a series of excavations.

"That for the past two years, his work had been in the neighborhood of Luxor, four hundred and fifty miles south of Cairo, on the site of the ancient city of Thebes. Here, he and his co-workers had been engaged in cleaning the site of a temple; the oldest temple yet found in Egypt, built by Mentuhoteb III Ra-Neb-Hapel, of the XI dynasty between 2700 B. C. and 2800 B. C.

"In the progress of the work, they came across several specimens of masons' mallets which were used by the old builders of over forty-five hundred years ago in the construction and decoration of the Temple.

"Unfortunately they were all imperfect, some being mere fragments; it was evident that when a workman broke his mallet, he cast aside the broken bits and selected another. Being distinctively of a masonic character, operative even if not speculative, it occurred to him that perhaps the Grand Lodge of Maryland might like to have a specimen for its cabinet, and as the soil of Egypt has preserved them for nearly five thousand years, he thought that he would try the experiment of seeing whether this honorable body of masons could do equally as well, though he expressed his belief that he would not live to see it."

It was decided that it was inadvisable to erect "a Home for aged, infirm and indigent masons."

Charters were granted to two lodges.

At the annual communication in November the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was further deferred.

We quote from the report of the committee on the address of the Grand Master:

"That we approve the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master concerning the indiscriminate erection of buildings by our subordinate lodges, which lodges are unable financially to pay for the same. And we recommend that a committee to consider this subject be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to report at the next semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge and that in the meantime no lodge of masons, nor

any masons, be permitted to erect any building for masonic purposes or using the name masonic without first obtaining the permission of the M. W. Grand Master.

"Third. That to prevent the continuance of the practice by non-resident lodges, requesting subordinate lodges to confer, as a matter of courtesy, the degrees of Masonry on candidates from other jurisdictions, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That no subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction be permitted to confer the degrees of Masonry, on any candidate from a sister jurisdiction, by courtesy, unless the candidate shall have received at least the Entered Apprentice degree in the lodge making the request, to a subordinate lodge."

Bro. Edward T. Schultz presented the Report on Correspondence. From his report we quote:

"It must ever be borne in mind that the formation of the Premier Grand Lodge at London in 1717, was not for the establishment of something new or novel, but it was for the resuscitation or revival of an ancient fraternity that had existed for centuries as a purely operative fraternity and later as both operative and speculative. It had its lodges with their Masters and Wardens, with a Grand Master at the head, and holding annual and quarterly assemblies.

"About the year 1700 the society had fallen into great disrepute, it having degenerated from an influential and privileged institution to little better than a pothouse companionship, and it was to correct this evil that it was resolved to revive the quarterly communications of the officers of the lodges, to hold annual assemblies, and to choose a Grand Master, resulting in the formation of the Grand Lodge.

"To show that it was not something new that the brethren were establishing is evidenced by the fact that they were requested to bring to the Grand Lodge any old writings and records concerning masons and Masonry, in order to show the usages of ancient times.

"Two learned Brethren, Rev. James Anderson and Dr. John Theophilus Desaguliers, were requested to collect old manuscripts for the compiling and publishing a code of Masonic Institutions. The duty performed by them was submitted in 1721 under the title 'The Ancient Charges and General Regulations of Freemasons. After some alterations, mostly of an explanatory character, they were approved by the Grand Lodge and together with the alterations made were published in the first Book of Constitutions in 1723.

"We have always regarded these Ancient Charges and General Regulations as the organic or fundamental law for the government of the masonic fraternity in all ages and wheresoever dispersed and we believe that such was the intention and expectation of the organizers of the Grand Lodge."

Maine for 1907 was reviewed.

He thus explains his views as to the procedure in making a mason at sight:

"When a Grand Master desires to exercise the right of making a mason at sight, he calls to his assistance six or more brethren as he may select and opens an *occasional lodge*, and forthwith confers the degrees of Masonry upon the gentleman whom he desires to honor. *No petition or ballot* is required nor is the consent of anyone asked, nor must it be done in or under the auspices of a chartered lodge, for in that case he would become a member of the lodge. Whereas a brother made under such cir-

cumstances is a 'mason at large' and can only acquire membership in a particular lodge by petition and unanimous ballot. We firmly believe that this power resides in the office of Grand Master, but it cannot be transferred to another. It must be exercised by himself alone, hence the term 'making a mason at sight by the *Grand Master*.'"

MASSACHUSETTS, 1907.

In the proceedings at a special communication held March 13, 1907, among memorials to deceased brethren is the memorial to W. Bro. Solomon A. Bolster, who was born in Paris, Me., and who received his degrees in Paris Lodge in 1863.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

At the quarterly communication in June a committee was appointed to consider the expediency of establishing a Masonic Home for the care of aged or infirm masons and the wives, widows and orphan children of masons.

At the quarterly communication in September the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

From an address by M. W. Bro. Charles T. Gallagher, concerning the events during his absence in Europe on masonic business, we quote with reference to the Grand Lodge of France:

"The Secretary was told that there would be little use to ask recognition by the Grand Lodges of the English-speaking world without the restoration of the name of God to their ritual, and the Bible being restored to the altar. As to the first, he referred to what I have stated and produced the ritual to be read. As to the second, he said that the Bible never had been on the altar and was not used prior to 1877, when the Grand Orient was recognized by the English-speaking masonic world, and that as a rule in all Latin countries the Grand Constitutions was the book used on the altar; and we found this to be true in the Bodies of the Supreme Council.

"These people claim that the Grand Orient is simply a political body, while their Grand Lodge claims to be free from politics, religion and anything but Masonry.

"It was stated to me that each body, the Grand Lodge and Grand Orient, charges the other with being nothing but a political body and that most of the members of each are Free-thinkers and Atheists, and that the use of the name of the Great Architect in the ritual is not obligatory if objected to."

A charter was granted to Damascus Lodge at Lynn.

At the quarterly meeting in December the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John Albert Blake, delivered the annual address, in which appear fitting memorials to the deceased brethren, an account of his visitations, the announcement of special warrants issued, the gift to the Lodge of St. Andrew Fund by that lodge of five hundred dollars, and under the Returns of Lodges says:

"During the past masonic year the number of rejections is 747. I realize the necessity of a rigid scrutiny of all applications, but the large percentage of rejections, being nearly twenty per cent. of the total number of applications, proves one of two things,—either sufficient care is not taken in the recommendation of applicants and the reception of petitions, or worthy applicants have been rejected for other than masonic reasons. Either result is deplorable and I sincerely hope that during the coming year the brethren will exercise the greatest care in the recommendation of candidates for the degrees."

The Committee on the Establishment of a Masonic Home reported and were continued to effect the purpose.

At the stated communication in December, 1907, the officers elect were installed and the Feast of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated in due and ancient form, upon which occasion the speeches delivered were of the high standard for which this jurisdiction is famed.

MICHIGAN, 1907.

The portrait of the M. W. Grand Master elect, Bro. Charles E. Sweet, with the portraits (grouped) of his associates in office appear in the proceedings.

Just after the opening of the Grand Lodge a letter from Bro. Hugh McCurdy was read asking excuse for his absence. We quote from this letter, the better to show the love of Masonry that this Grand Old Mason has:

"Our Order plants the flower of brotherly love in every mason's heart; brings down King and Baron on a level with the weak and humble; binds man to man with never a thought of cast or creed, pride or purse obtruding. Here are no distinctions—here is no cast. Every man's foot is on the broad level of equality and fraternity. It is one of the glories we should cherish, and always celebrate, that in Freemasonry are no degrees superior to the Master Mason's degree; and the brother who is not a good citizen and man, and loyal to his mother lodge—the dear masonic mother who brought him from darkness into light—is out of harmony with the so-called higher degrees."

Three hundred ninety-one of the three hundred ninety-eight lodges were represented.

An address of welcome to Bay City, the place of meeting, was delivered by the chairman of the Masonic Joint Committee.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles L. Stevens, died in January last, therefore the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Charles E. Sweet, presided and delivered the address.

At the outset he pays beautiful tribute to the late Grand Master, who served about eight months before his death.

The dispensations issued, the constitution of four lodges, the dedica-

tion of eleven Masonic Halls and Temples, the laying of four corner stones, and the dispensations for three new lodges are reported.

Of the decisions made we quote:

"Grand Lodge regulations say nothing about legal holidays, and where a regular communication falls on Thanksgiving, it will be perfectly legal to hold a meeting on that night.

"It is strictly against masonic usage and custom to allow Jewish people to use a Masonic Hall on the occasion of their New Year's, and feast of the Passover celebration.

"A brother cannot legally lodge an objection through the investigating committee. The objection must be made to the Worshipful Master in person, or in open lodge.

"A candidate for Masonry who has lived in the jurisdiction of a Michigan lodge for five years, but who has been rejected by a lodge in a sister Grand Jurisdiction previous to such residence, can apply for initiation in such Michigan lodge, even though the law of perpetual jurisdiction still obtains in the Grand Jurisdiction in which he first applied for initiation."

A full account of his visitations is given.

Of the dead of his own Grand Lodge Bro. Sweet says:

"Besides the loss of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, our Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden and two Past Grand Masters, eight hundred and ninety-four of the members of the craft of this Grand Jurisdiction have been called from their labor on earth to everlasting refreshment in the paradise of God.

"While the masonic year of 1905-6 was remarkable for the number of deaths among our distinguished brethren, that of 1906-7 is still more remarkable because of the loss of the head of our Grand Lodge, this being the first time in our history that a Grand Master has died during his term of office."

He recommended "that the Grand Lecturer give his undivided attention to the work of the office, and that he be given a salary and expense allowance sufficient to recompense him for the same."

And also that "a committee appointed to select an appropriate apron and purchase a sufficient number to provide each living Past Grand Master with one, and that the finance committee be directed to purchase one of the same style and make for each Past Grand Master in the future, to be presented to him at the same time that he receives his Past Grand Master's jewel."

The amount paid out for all expenditures by the Grand Lodge was \$20,283.47.

The net gain in membership was 2,215, making total membership January 1, 1907, 56,010.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we quote:

"I trust that I may be pardoned for taking a moment of your time in retrospect, as I am celebrating my twenty-fifth anniversary as a member of this Grand Lodge, to-day.

"My first attendance was at the annual communication in 1883 and I have never missed being in attendance at every annual communication

of Grand Lodge since that date. There are only five other faces here to-day that were here in 1883, those of Past Grand Masters Mitchell, Metcalf, Farnum and Look and Grand Treasurer Wentz, and of these only Brothers Farnum and Wentz, like myself, have never missed an annual communication of Grand Lodge since."

The Grand Lecturer recommended that the monitorial work of the second degree be revised because the language is too technical and abstruse, and the average Senior Deacon cannot learn the work.

Too bad! But from our experience we know that it is easier to fit a text book to the learner than to fit the learner to the text book.

He also recommends seventeen other changes of more or less importance.

The Board of Control of the Michigan Masonic Home submitted a detailed report.

The Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico was recognized; recognition of the Grand Lodge of Greece and of the Grand Orient of Paraguay was postponed; and recognition of the Grand Lodge Suisse Alpina was declined.

A portrait of Gen. Lewis Cass, the first M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, was presented to the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Lou B. Winsor submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1906 was fraternally reviewed.

MISSOURI, 1907.

Portraits of M. W. Bro. David M. Wilson, Grand Master 1906-7, and of M. W. Bro. Noah M. Givan, Past Grand Master, who died suddenly October 3, 1907.

M. W. Bro. David M. Wilson happily opens his address and then tells us of the material success of lodges in the building and ownership of halls, there being about 240 lodges which own their halls.

He notes feelingly the deaths in his own jurisdiction; expresses deeply his appreciation of courtesies extended to him; and thus commends the District Deputy Grand Masters:

"My Deputies have been uniformly prompt and faithful in the discharge of their arduous duties, and have in every instance at once responded to the calls made upon them. Much of the prosperity and high standing of our beloved Order is owing to their labors; and the satisfaction of duty well performed is theirs.

Dispensations for nine new lodges were issued; many permissions to reballoon on petitions were granted; corner stones were laid on seventeen occasions. In connection with this last function he says:

"In at least two of these instances the corner stones laid had no marks, words or inscriptions whatever to show that they had ever been laid by the masons. To these and all kindred corner stone layings I enter my emphatic and solemn protest. Had I been present I would have refused to proceed with the ceremonies. Those ceremonies as set out in our Book of Constitutions, provide that on the stone is to be engraved the year of Masonry, the name of the Grand Master, and such other particulars as may be deemed necessary, among which should always be the inscription that the stone was laid by the Grand Lodge. If those in authority are not willing for these things to appear, then, I, for one, say we will not lay your corner stone. I stand for the dignity and high importance of Masonry, and firmly believe that any organization is honored by having the corner stone of its building laid by the Order, and the least it can do in return is to let the stone so speak for itself."

He reported sixty-six decisions, of which six were upon questions involving the selling and use of liquor.

Of the others we quote the answer to one:

"You can not legally receive or act upon Brother B.'s petition for affiliation. Section 156, if not in direct terms, at least by implication forbids the reception of a petition for affiliation of a non-resident. As soon as Brother B. becomes a resident of this State you can receive his petition but not before."

Perhaps the law quoted by him would govern but we have always been taught that a mason was "free of the guild."

Again:

"The lodge received and passed upon the petition of a man who can neither read or write, for the degrees. He was initiated and passed.

Question.—Can we legally give him the Master's degree?

Answer.—Section 119 provides that all applications for the degrees or membership shall be by petition; for the degrees the petition must be signed by the applicant in person. Grand Master Houston ruled that one unable to write is not eligible as a petitioner, and this ruling was approved by the Grand Lodge in 1906.

"Notwithstanding the law and this ruling, your lodge received the petition of the brother you refer to, and elected him, and have already conferred two degrees on him. The lodge and not the petitioner is the violator of the law, and if any one is to suffer the penalty, it is the lodge and the brother who signed the petitioner's name. I can see no good that could result from stopping the brother now. Go ahead and examine him, and if he can pass a satisfactory examination confer the Master's degree. Be very careful, however, in the future that every petition for the degrees is signed by the applicant in person.

"Our tiler has been janitor also, but wishes to resign as janitor. A negro mason applied for the position.

Question.—Would it not be an unwise thing to employ the negro, who, of course, is a clandestine mason, even as janitor?

Answer.—The employment of the negro as janitor I leave with your lodge for settlement. You have a perfect right to decide it either way, as your own feelings and wishes may incline you.

"In January, 1906, F. was elected to receive the degrees. Soon thereafter, and before he received any degree, he moved to Huron, Ohio. The lodge there has been by us requested, F. asking therefor, to confer the degrees for us. No answers have ever been received to these letters. F.

now asks us to withdraw his petition and return him the fee. We want to do so.

"Question.—Can we comply with his request?

"Answer.—Yes. F. can not withdraw his petition, but you can lawfully and justly return him the fee. Section 126 provides that if the degree is not conferred within a year (and in his case more than a year has elapsed), the election is void. The lodge could, if it so desired, retain the fee, but as F. has not really been at fault, he should not be so dealt with. His money should be returned to him."

Of his recommendations we quote:

"That an ample appropriation be made for the holding of Schools of Instruction for the District Lecturers. This is a gilt-edge investment, and should not be overlooked.

"That a by-law be adopted requiring the funds of each lodge to be kept and deposited in a bank in the name of lodge.

"That a committee to be composed of the out-going Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lecturer be appointed to advise with the incoming Grand Master as to his appointments of District Deputy Grand Masters."

The Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. W. C. Atwood, delivered an able oration. The theme was "Freemasonry's Mission to the World."

This Grand Lodge has two Grand Orators. The other Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. John E. Swanger, delivered an oration based upon the following sentence:

"My duty this hour will have been done if I am able to lead you out into Masonry's fruitful field, and with you gather some of the sweetness, the beauty and the glory shed by the truths implanted there; so that there shall come to us, as a result of this hour's contemplation, a deeper love, a stronger devotion and a renewed consecration to its principles that shall send us forth to walk still more grandly before men as living exemplars of the lofty principles of our Order."

We quote one paragraph:

"Never before, in the history of the race, was there greater need for the true, brave, stalwart, manly man than to-day. We need them in official place, in business, in society, and in the home. Great problems are before us for solution. Human progress and human happiness are in our hands, and we must respond to the demands of the hour. The square deal must be vouchsafed to men everywhere; rich or poor, high or low; and this can come only through a manhood trained to the noblest impulses of life. Masonry must make answer to this want cry of the race. She must furnish her quota to that army of the good and true to which the world is to-day looking for the triumph of humanity's cause. Standing, then, in the presence of this responsibility, our building must be true; and if true, what grandeur of workmanship!"

Bro. Rufus E. Anderson presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Under Arkansas he says:

"And doubt not the 'bookkeeper' would have made a good mason. The sooner Masonry quits tinkering with *sumptuary* laws, and confines itself to its legitimate sphere, the better."

Under Indian Territory we read:

"Held it is contrary to masonic law for a mason to engage in running a 'pool hall or bowling alley.'

"How about the fellow that plays pool or bowls? We assert that the law of *Masonry* authorizes no such regulation. We never shoved a billiard cue nor had occasion to cry 'set 'em up,' but we know of good men and masons who do both, regarding it as healthy exercise, and of some good men and masons who run bowling alleys and billiard tables, without a saloon attachment, and to say that the same is 'contrary to masonic law' is simply preposterous. Though a mason and Methodist, we fail to see how in this case either the proprietor or the patron is a violator of the *moral* law."

Maine for 1906 receives his careful scrutiny.

Under New Jersey we read:

"We are among those 'old fogies' who believe that the cardinal virtue of temperance, as explained to the candidate on his first entrance into the lodge, is all that the founders of our Order deemed it necessary to say on this subject, and that it should be left to the determination of the individual members of the lodge by ballot, who shall or shall not be made a mason in that lodge. Hence we antagonized the initial legislation in our Grand Lodge on the subject and expect to be found antagonizing class legislation as contrary to the objects and purposes of Masonry."

Anent the Order of Eastern Star he says under Pennsylvania:

"We were, up to a few months ago, wedded to our Fraternity, and were opposed to any recognition of the 'Adoptive Rite,' and while we think each lodge ought to have a hall of its own, and occupy it exclusively, yet we find this is impracticable in many localities, yet, in view of the great help the Eastern Star renders in the dispensation of charity, we are willing to recognize our wives, daughters and sisters as co-workers, and so long as they do not demand to know our 'secrets,' and are content with ceremonies of their own, we ought to put the 'goat' in the vault, put the lid on the vault and turn Jephtha's daughter, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa, loose in our lodge rooms, and are heartily in accord with ex-Governor and Brother John L. Bates, of Massachusetts, when he says:

"What would be the canvas without the picture, or the harp without a tuneful melody, or the mountain without the valley, or the shore without the sea, or the cloud without the blue of Heaven? Such would be humanity, were it only a brotherhood without a sister.

"I know full well that the value of womankind is impossible of estimation. I have been told by the philosopher that no man has ever been able to discover the value of a woman, or of a gold mine, but that many a man has 'gone broke' trying to find out. And I believe it is true; but think of the other side. Here, in this city, the other night a young man was asking a young lady for her hand, and she said, 'No, John Henry, I don't think so. How much are you worth?' 'Oh!' he said, 'I haven't accumulated anything. I am not worth anything.' 'Well,' she said, 'I won't marry you; I won't marry a man who isn't worth ten thousand dollars.' And so John Henry went away very much sobered, cast down and disheartened; but he made up his mind the prize was worth working for. The next day he went to work and stayed away two weeks. On his return, he said, 'Mary, I have come back to see you again,' and she seemed to be warmer in her reception of him, but she said, 'John Henry, have you got the ten thousand dollars?' He said, 'No, Mary, but I have twenty-six dollars and seventeen cents.' All right, John Henry, I will trust you for

the rest.' Woman has to take man on trust. I believe that much of the strength and power of this fraternity throughout the world is due to the respect it teaches for sister and daughter, for the wife and the mother."

To his report, as an appendix, is a review by Bro. Claude Manning of New South Wales of "Foreign Territories."

NEBRASKA, 1907.

At the *fiftieth* annual communication two hundred nine of the two hundred thirty-four chartered lodges were represented. In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Zuingle M. Baird, states that:

"The returns as compiled by the committee show an increase of membership over any previous year, 565, the Grand Treasurer's report presents the largest cash balance on hand ever reported to the Grand Lodge; and as we are nearing the days of our Golden Anniversary, I bring you the glad tidings that peace and harmony, generally speaking, prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction."

He announced the death of Past Senior Grand Warden R. W. Brother Lewis A. Kent.

He reported the dispensations granted and refused, all of which seemed to be in accord with the Constitution.

He made a full report of his findings and action in the cases of the several weak lodges which were turned over to him at the last annual communication.

We do not remember of reading of accounts of troubles in and with so many lodges in any jurisdiction as in Nebraska. Perhaps other jurisdictions do not report their troubles as is done in Nebraska.

Of his decisions we quote:

"Dealing on the board of trade, or trading on the board of trade, is gambling, and a bad example for a Master of a lodge to set before the brethren.

"One who is not initiated within one year after his election must present a new petition. Having complied with the provisions of Section 86, as to the initiation fee, and the original fees not having been returned to the applicant, no new initiation fee should be required.

"I have confirmed the former decisions of this Grand Lodge that the Webb Monitor is the adopted work of this jurisdiction, and none other or any parts thereof shall be used in the work of this jurisdiction."

By-laws and seals were approved; corner stones laid; bonds of the Grand Officers discountenanced but approved; the method of managing relief to the distressed discussed and the payment of Grand Lodge dues, saying:

"One lodge with a membership of a little over one hundred and fifty has thirty-nine members on the list of those exempt from the payment of

Grand Lodge dues. The proportion of the expenses which these brethren should bear has to be paid by the others. Many of them are not as able to bear it as some of those who are exempt. Again, a brother who is exempt from the payment of dues too often soon ceases to take any interest in the affairs of the lodge. I know of no good reason why a brother who is able to pay his dues should be exempt. Masonry is worth the small sum charged as annual dues, and it is worth it each and every year, regardless of a brother's age or the number of years he has been a member. Think of the injustice of exempting a brother who is abundantly able to pay, and suspending one who feels that it is a hardship for him to pay not only his own proportion of the expenses of his lodge, but that of his well-to-do brother, also.

"In my judgment there should be only one reason for exempting members from the payment of dues, and that is their inability to pay them. I recommend that the law be changed so as to exempt from payment only when the lodge of which they are members will certify that they are unable to pay or that it would be a hardship for them to do so."

The Nebraska Masonic Home, of which we have the detailed report of its officers, was especially mentioned. We quote what are called "Irregularities," and it would seem that they were upon the statement made:

"Section 42 of our law is plain, but I have had more queries on the point of quorum than on any other one point of law. I beg the pardon of this Grand Lodge for incumbering the records and for interpreting the law in this report, but I wish to emphatically state that it is unlawful for a Master to open his lodge for the transaction of business with a less number than eight Master Masons, members of his own lodge, present. Read your law and save the Grand Master's time for other important duties.

"Section 107 of our law is plain, but there seems to be doubt in the minds of some Masters as to what constitutes a lunar month. The best definition I have at hand, and which I have quoted several times this year, and will repeat here, is: A lunar month is the time in which the moon makes one complete revolution of the earth, or appears to return to precisely the same point at which it started. This may be from change to change, from full moon to full moon, or in an indefinite number of other ways. The time of revolution is given us as properly twenty-nine days, twelve hours, forty-four minutes, and three seconds."

He also says:

"It seems to be the practice of many lodges to store away in some bank vault their charter, and hang the printed copy on the walls of their lodge room. Our law intends that the original charter must be present at all regular and special meetings."

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Codification of the Law several amendments to the laws were adopted.

The last clause in each sentence we do not approve:

"ENTERED APPRENTICES.—An Entered Apprentice may attend his lodge only when open as a lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons. He may not attend a funeral lodge nor join in any masonic procession.

"FELLOWCRAFTS.—A Fellowcraft may attend his lodge only when open as a lodge of Fellowcraft or Entered Apprentice Masons. He may not attend a funeral lodge nor join in any masonic procession."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, thus formulated the decisions of the Grand Master before quoted :

"Dealings on a board of trade, providing the transactions are bona fide purchases or sales, and where the intention of the parties is to deliver the actual commodities, are legitimate. But when the parties have no intention of delivering the commodities, but speculate upon the future price, and intend to settle the difference by the market quotations, it constitutes gambling, and is a masonic offence."

The following was adopted :

"Transactions commonly known as 'bucket shop deals' are unqualifiedly condemned as gambling, and will subject one, guilty thereof to masonic discipline."

An emergent communication was held June 10, 1907, "for the purpose of laying to rest the remains of our well beloved brother, Past Grand Master George W. Lininger."

Bro. Charles J. Phelps submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1906 was reviewed. We quote :

"The Grand Master (Chaplin) argues that the Grand Lodge should demand a recognition of its constitution as the supreme law of the jurisdiction, yet recognizes the prerogative of the Grand Master to set it aside on extraordinary occasions, and he had exercised the prerogative, among other things, by granting ten special dispensations to confer degrees 'in some manner not authorized without such dispensation.' In each case he had tried, he says, to do what he believed for the best interest of the institution, and doubtless it was. That the prerogative exists no fair minded man can doubt, and for a wise purpose, but that it should be wisely exercised, and only in sound discretion, is true. Hence it is that great care should be taken in the choice of a Grand Master. The late Josiah H. Drummond left a rich heritage in life and labor, immediately to Maine, broadly to the Freemasons of America. But it is in Maine that the imprint of his life's work will be found on every hand through succeeding generations."

We also acknowledge the receipt of bound volume containing the proceedings at the Semi-Centennial of the Grand Lodge at Omaha, September 23, 1907, which was compiled by the Grand Secretary.

Fine portraits of M. W. Bro. Robert C. Jordan, Grand Master 1857-1859, of M. W. Bro. George Armstrong, Grand Secretary in 1857, and Grand Master 1860-1862, of R. W. Bro. W. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary from 1872-1899, grace the book. There are also other half-tone pictures throughout the volume which enhance its value.

The exercises were of high order, and space only prevents quotations from the orations delivered on the occasion.

NEVADA, 1907.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Walter J. Harris, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, reports in his address the prevalence of harmony among the constituent lodges, and that the fraternal relations with other jurisdictions have in no way been disturbed.

He pays tribute of respect to a long list of deceased distinguished brethren, but none of them were of his own Grand Lodge.

Two corner stones laid; one lodge constituted; one masonic temple dedicated; no decisions reported; several dispensations granted; and one grievance announced.

From his account of his visitations we quote from one:

"The Worshipful Master and his officers deserve especial commendation for promptness and dispatchfulness, opening at eight o'clock, attending to routine business of a regular communication, conferring the degree and closing at 10:30. Not one brother retired from the lodge room, but gave strict attention to the full ceremony, including the Master's lecture.

"It is my opinion that when degrees are conferred, if the lodges opened promptly at the schedule hour and closed at not later than 10:30, a goodly attendance will always be assured.

"Most of the lodges that I have visited have musical instruments, but no musician. Would suggest that the officers of lodges endeavor to secure the services of a brother who is a musician, as the work can be made so much more impressive."

We quote his recommendations, all of which are provided for in the jurisdiction of Maine:

"First—That this Grand Lodge prescribe a definite form of opening and closing, and that each constituent lodge be required to conform thereto.

"Second—That this Grand Lodge select a monitor to be used in this jurisdiction, whether it be Mackey, McCoy, Sickels, Standard Masonic, or any other, the one selected shall be exclusive.

"That this Grand Lodge prescribe the manner of giving the public Grand Honors for use at funerals and other public ceremonies, and that each constituent lodge comply therewith."

A short address was delivered by the Grand Orator, W. Samuel Unsworth. The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

The Committee on Jurisprudence in their report, which was adopted, said:

"As to the recommendation of the Grand Master, relative to uniformity in opening and closing, in monitor, and in the Public Grand Honors, your committee believe there are many difficulties in the way of making, at this time, general uniformity. We therefore recommend that for the present uniformity in these respects be left to be accomplished by persuasion, if it can be so done."

In the record of the call of Grand Representative, the name of the Grand Representative for Maine does not appear.

Bro. A. L. Fitzgerald, Grand Commissioner of Review, made the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

We regret from his introduction to learn of the trouble of the eyes which has befallen Bro. Vanderlieth, who has previously written this report, and hope that by this time he has fully recovered. To Bro. Fitzgerald we extend a fraternal greeting and congratulate him upon his "Review."

Under Alabama, discussing candidates, he says:

"Everything in the lodge, its honor, its safety, its reputation, rests upon the force of individual character, and therefore, coming under the tongue of good report must be given its deepest significance in connection with all petitioners. Ofttimes lodges are prone to be too charitable as to the feelings of petitioners. Saying he's a good fellow and Masonry will straighten him out doesn't work for the upbuilding and strengthening of the craft. Being charitable is a masonic virtue, but it is better to exercise the charity in straightening out the petitioner before presenting his name, than, in a charitable way, to turn him over to the lodge for character building. We must grasp the fact that a masonic lodge is not a reformatory."

Under Indiana, anent opening and closing of the lodge, he says:

"The principle inferred is this: The Master's Lodge contains in its borders the Fellow Craft's Lodge and the Apprentice's Lodge, and opening the Master's Lodge opens either the Fellow Craft or the Apprentice's as the occasion may require. One 'opening' and one 'closing' are sufficient; the contained lodges may be simply 'called on' or 'called off.' We think an observance of this principle would be a gain on many occasions and in many quarters."

Maine for 1906 receives a very learned review. Discussing the address of Grand Master Chaplin, he says:

"We for emphasis re-state the last sentence of the second paragraph of the foregoing quotation:

"'Never more than now have conditions cried out for men who have convictions founded upon old-fashioned conscience, and who have the courage of their convictions.'

"Ah! That is it, the man of honest convictions and the courage to speak and fight for them. Machiavelli, as is perhaps vaguely recalled after these many years that have elapsed since reading him, divides men into three classes:

"First is the class of the man who knows simply on seeing, who needs not to be told, with whom seeing is knowing. This man, he says, is very rare and his value is immense, say, beyond price.

"Second is the class of man who knows on being told, whom seeing enlightens not, but by dint of words and perhaps words repeated, he may acquire; this man is worth something.

"Third is the class of man whom nothing seeing leaves in ignorance, but telling also, when words, words repeated, and often repeated, still leaves in ignorance. This man's value is naught.

"Were we classifying at the present day, we would put in the first class the man who has the cleanliness of heart and soul to seek for the right, the ability to see the right, and then the courage and honesty to fight for the right. The time-server, the trickster, political and other-

wise, the fraud and the cheat seem to be in this day the coming man, the man who succeeds. Let the true mason uphold the banner of truth and right and endeavor to overthrow those who would erect the banner of falsehood and wrong."

Commenting upon the fact that the Committee on Unfinished Business reported the completion of all matters brought before the Grand Lodge, he says:

"Yet we find no disposition made of the Grand Master's decisions by either the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence or the Grand Lodge. Did the phrase 'further time' in the request of the committee mean that the committee requested and received time until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, or indefinite time to make its reply? As grand old Judge Fletcher Harris Harmon of our Nevada jurisdiction used so often to say, 'Well there you are!'

"Have we in this matter 'overlooked something?' If so, we exclaim in advance *in a culpa* and ask absolution."

To which we reply that the Committee on Jurisprudence did attend to the matter referred to them, namely, the decisions of the Grand Master, by asking that "further time" be given them, and such permission was granted. If this action did not finish up the decisions of the Grand Master for the year 1906, so far as that communication was concerned, how could it be done? As we remember it the chairman of that committee was, owing to the severe illness of his wife, absent, and out of courtesy the decisions went over to the next annual.

Under Massachusetts we judge that he may have had a taste of Harvard University. We are of the class of '65, whence are ye?

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1907.

Portraits of M. W. Thomas Walker, Grand Master 1889-1894, 1897-1898, and of M. W. Julius T. Whitlock, Grand Master 1895-6, appear in the proceedings.

The Grand Representative, W. John D. Chipman, answered for Maine at this communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edwin T. Everett, in his address tells us that at no time has the Craft been in better condition, the membership is the largest in its history, and the finances are most satisfactory.

He announces the deaths of an unusually large number of members of the Grand Lodge, Past Masters; and of the distinguished dead in other jurisdictions.

From the reading of the account of his visitations we judge that he had great enjoyment at all of them.

All other matters connected with the welfare of the Grand Lodge were promptly and carefully attended to by him.

A form of "Funeral Service" was presented by the Board of General Purposes. From it we quote the "Public Grand Honors":

"Extend both hands downward, the palms open, toward the grave.

"Master says: His body we leave in the earth.

"Then both hands are crossed on the breast, the left outermost.

"Master says: His memory we cherish in our hearts.

"Then the hands are raised above head toward heaven.

"Master says: His spirit hath returned to God, Who gave it.

"All exclaim: The will of God is accomplished. So mote it be."

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and that of Valle de Mexico were recognized; further consideration of the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Guatemala and Chili and the Grand Orient of Paraguay was postponed.

The able reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters appear in the appendix.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1907.

A special communication was held to celebrate the centennial anniversary of Charity Lodge, July 25, 1906.

A special communication was held October 10, 1906, for the purpose of attending the funeral services of R. W. Bro. Albert S. Wait, who also had been the writer of the Foreign Correspondence for many years. We shall miss his work, for he was one of the most forcible writers, with clear views and accurate knowledge, so that his propositions were hard to dispute, and with all he was courteous, considerate and merciful to his fellow writers in the discussion of any question.

At the semi-annual communication held December 27, 1906, the several degrees were exemplified.

In his address at the annual communication in May, 1907, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Plummer, pays beautiful tribute to the memories of Bro. Wait, of R. W. Bro. Joseph N. Dickinson, of R. W. Bro. Royal H. Porter, of R. W. Bro. Fred E. Lovell and of R. W. Bro. Joseph Hartford. Portraits of each of these brethren are given.

The usual routine of business that falls to the lot of a Grand Master was next reported by him:—the granting of dispensations, the conferring of degrees by courtesy, the appointment of Grand Representatives, the approving of the by-laws of lodges, the waivers of jurisdiction, with a plea for a hospital in connection with the Masonic Home.

Of his decisions we quote:

*"Question:—*According to the recent legislation passed at the Grand Lodge session relative to release of jurisdiction of rejected candidate after five years: how ought the question to be answered in candidate's application, if he has been rejected in this state and same lodge, but not with-

in past five years? How, if in this state, but not in the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he had previously applied, been rejected and after five years?

Answer :—If a candidate has been rejected in a lodge in this state, and has since acquired a legal residence within the jurisdiction of another lodge in this state, he has a right to apply to the lodge which rejected him for a waiver of jurisdiction over him at any time within five years from the date of his said rejection.

"If the applicant was rejected in a lodge in this state more than five years and should apply for the degrees to another lodge in this state, he should state in his application when, and in what lodge he was rejected.

Question :—Can a brother who is a member of a lodge in this state, become an active member of a lodge in another state, and still retain his membership in the lodge in this state?

Answer :—No. The Grand Constitution of New Hampshire provides that no brother shall be a member of more than one lodge. (Grand Constitution, Section 124.)

"If a member of a lodge in this state joins a lodge in another state, he cannot retain his membership here, and would be subject to our discipline."

He also decided that an elected candidate who had not presented himself for initiation for a period of five years or more could after personal investigation by the Master and other conditions have the degrees conferred.

We believe that it would be much better to have a constitutional limit of time, and after that time has elapsed there should be a new application.

From his conclusion we quote :

"When the Athenians became citizens, Solon prescribed for them the following oath: 'I will transmit my fatherland not only not less but greater and better than it was transmitted to me.' So let us all to-day register a silent vow that we will transmit Masonry not only not less but greater and better than it was transmitted to us."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters disclose the actual conditions of the lodges.

The charter of Charter Oak Lodge, No. 58, located at Effingham Centre, was re-called.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

Bro. Harry M. Cheney presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

In his introduction he speaks of Bro. Wait, his immediate predecessor, with words which none too strongly speak of his worth and character.

We quote the last paragraph :

"What follows is the best we can do, a first and probably last effort of its kind to be undertaken by the writer. Kindly count it as emergency work; read it charitably, yet believe that there is in every word the deepest love for the institution and the principles of which we write."

We are delighted to notice among the appointments of the Grand Master that Bro. Cheney was retained and feel sure that we shall be edified by his work.

Bro. Cheney does not believe that the work belonging to the officers of the Grand Lodge to do should be done by substitutes; nor, that those who are engaged in the sale of liquors should be legislated upon by the Grand Lodge but should be left to the subordinate lodge.

Maine for 1906 is reviewed.

Under Minnesota we read:

"Special dispensations were granted for numerous reasons, the only ones attracting our attention being two granted to elect officers, 'they failing to have a quorum at the stated meeting.' With us three Master Masons still constitute a Master's lodge, as in the days of the long ago; but these two dispensations, granted because of no quorum, suggest that our Minnesota brethren have put this old-time 'three' on the shelf, displacing it with some modern number of their own. If our inference is correct, we ally ourselves at once with those who object to the innovation as being most decidedly unmasonic."

Under Oklahoma we read:

"The Committee on Rules and Order of Business then reported a form of procedure, consisting of thirty-seven articles, in which is announced the order in which all business must be transacted. It means tying up things by an iron-clad rule, which we dislike. With us, it is all in the hands of a Master of a lodge, or the Grand Master, to fix the order of business. Indeed, New Hampshire goes so far as to affirm that it is not within the power of a lodge to dictate to its Master the order in which business is to be transacted. Our method is surely masonic; the other is modern and out of place in our fraternity."

Of the Eastern Star under Washington we read:

"In answer to a request for a dispensation to permit a lodge to join in a public installation with the Eastern Star, the Grand Master answered that no dispensation was required. The dispensation not being required, we infer that the 'joining' in such service is permissible to Washington lodges. If so, we here discover that which we have been thinking might develop somewhere—the branding of the Eastern Star as being masonic—for that is what the decision virtually means. We had hoped that it might not be found, but here it is. If our inference is correct, we hope Washington will forever remain an isolated case. The Stars are doing a magnificent work, as we of New Hampshire have had so splendidly demonstrated in their interest in and substantial aid for our Masonic Home, but none of them has as yet set up the claim that they are masonic. That they are not such, and never can be such, does not in the least lessen the interest which good masons have in this organization. They must ever be closer to us than any others, but from them the designation of being masonic must be withheld."

NEW YORK, 1907.

This volume is embellished with the portraits of M. W. Bro. Stephen Van Rensselaer, Grand Master 1825-29, and of M. W. Bro. Townsend Scudder, Grand Master 1906-07.

After a few brief paragraphs, the M. W. Grand Master in his address thus speaks of the dead:

"He who stood in this place one year ago went out from among us apparently with many years of usefulness yet before him, fell as the leaves were falling, and passed on from the lodge militant to the lodge triumphant. Others, distinguished alike in the craft and in the community, have completed their earthly journey and entered the eternal home in realms beyond the skies."

M. W. Bro. Frank Hurd Robinson, County Judge, R. W. Henry A. Childs, Justice of the Supreme Court, and other distinguished masons of his own and other jurisdictions are referred to.

Then we read:

"Following the roll call of the dead by the Grand Secretary, assisted by the Grand Marshal, prayer was offered by R. W. Charles H. Fowler, Grand Chaplain Emeritus, followed by 'Taps' and the rendering of 'The Lost Chord' by the St. Cecile Lodge Quartet."

The dispensations granted, the Representatives appointed are reported; among the list of the latter we note the appointment of R. W. James H. Breeze, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Dispensations for five new lodges were issued.

We quote from his discussion of the question of jurisdiction:

"In connection with the question of jurisdiction over rejected candidates, it may interest you to know the law of the fifty Grand Lodges in the United States, its Territories, and the District of Columbia, in the matter.

"Twenty-eight of these limit the period of such jurisdiction; eight claim jurisdiction over rejected material only while remaining residents within their territory, and fourteen adhere to perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates, viz:

LIMITED PERIOD.

Maine.....	5 years	Georgia.....	1 year
New Hampshire.....	5 years	Montana.....	1 year
Massachusetts.....	5 years	Arizona.....	1 year
Michigan.....	5 years	Tennessee.....	1 year
Oregon.....	5 years	Washington.....	1 year
Wisconsin.....	3 years	California.....	1 year
Rhode Island.....	5 years	New Mexico.....	1 year
District of Columbia.....	5 years	New York.....	1 year
Arkansas.....	5 years	Colorado.....	6 months
Ohio.....	3 years	Idaho.....	6 months
Vermont.....	1 year	Iowa.....	6 months
Florida.....	1 year	Kansas.....	6 months
Indiana.....	1 year	Oklahoma.....	6 months
North Dakota.....	1 year	Utah.....	6 months

TERRITORIAL.

Indian Territory,
Nevada,
Virginia,
Kentucky,

Louisiana,
Missouri,
Wyoming,
South Dakota.

PERPETUAL.

Connecticut,
New Jersey,
Pennsylvania,
South Carolina,
Delaware,
Maryland,
West Virginia,

North Carolina,
Alabama,
Mississippi,
Texas,
Illinois,
Minnesota,
Nebraska.

He further says:

"The Grand Master of New York has been constrained to rule that, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, the jurisdiction of a lodge over rejected material lapses at the end of twelve months from the time of rejection.

"If, for reasons of comity, or any other reason, this Grand Lodge sees fit to change its constitution, the Grand Master will be governed by the change."

We trust that the Grand Lodge of New York will arrange to act under "comity."

Of the statistical standing of the Grand Lodge he says:

"From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that the lodges on our roll number seven hundred and seventy-five, with an aggregate membership of 146,026 as of date December 31, 1906, representing a net gain of 6,823 members during the year; that the Grand Secretary received for the year ending December 31, 1906, the sum of \$184,651.80, and has paid same to the Grand Treasurer, an increase of receipts over the previous year of \$27,377.77."

He discusses the situation of affairs at the Home in Utica, the management of their invested property, the present Constitution and Code, and many other subjects of importance to the Craft in that jurisdiction.

The Report of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, including as it does the report of the Home at Utica, occupies about thirty-seven pages.

September 2, 1851 fraternal relationship with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was suspended, because the latter granted a warrant to a lodge within the jurisdiction of the former, until the Grand Lodge of Hamburg recalled said warrant. That Grand Lodge has so done, and the Grand Lodge of New York at this communication restored the fraternal fellowship.

The Grand Historian added to his valuable reports the histories of twenty lodges. Space forbids us to extract from this work many pleasant and valuable masonic items.

From the able report of the "Judge Advocate," R. W. Bro. Abel Crook, we quote:

"I am pleased to report that the two actions brought by Kortright Cruger against the Grand Lodge, one for fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) damages for alleged libel, and one to restrain the enforcement of the Penal Code making clandestine operations felonies, have been tried during the past year. The former was tried in the Supreme Court before Hon. Victor J. Dowling, Presiding Justice, and a jury, and the complaint was dismissed at the close of Cruger's case. The latter was tried in the Circuit Court of the United States before Hon. George C. Holt, sitting in equity, who sustained our demurrer and granted judgment in our favor.

"As a result, the Grand Lodge is for the first time in several years free from pending litigation."

We read in the proceedings:

"The Grand Master introduced to the Grand Lodge Bro. E. B. Hayes, 95 years of age, a charter member of Lebanon Lodge, No. 191, and for over seventy years a member of the Fraternity."

A large amount of business was considered at this communication.

Bro. William Sherer of the committee evidently prepared the review of the English speaking lodges for the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and Bro. Emil Frenkel that part of the report which treats of the Foreign Grand Lodges.

Maine for 1906 is reviewed.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1907.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Grant S. Hager, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, in his address explains why as many visitations as were intended were not made.

He fittingly remembers R. W. Bro. George A. Luce, who was the only one of the Grand Lodge to be called to rest.

He reports the constitution of four lodges, three by himself; five dispensations for new lodges granted; the granting of a dispensation to a lodge to hold an open air communication on an island in a lake for the purpose of conferring the degree of Master Mason, of which the W. M. of the lodge reported:

"Before opening the lodge, ample precautions were taken to prevent the approach of eavesdroppers. The grounds were patrolled and the mysteries of the order preserved inviolate. The attendance was very large and the work and occasion so satisfactory that a desire has been expressed freely to secure another dispensation for the same place during the coming year."

Of the Condition of the Craft he says:

"During the five years last past we have established 17 new lodges and gained 1,942 members, or an annual increase of more than three new lodges and practically 390 members."

And discusses a growing surplus, recommending a decrease in the per capita tax.

He makes a strong plea for a Masonic Home which may be best for that jurisdiction. We believe that in Maine we are better, as we are without having a plant to maintain.

From the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, Bro. Robert M. Carothers, whose reports epitomize the doings and report decisions, we quote:

"There seems to be a growing conservatism along many lines, but in some jurisdictions there is a much to be regretted departure from the former holding as to physical imperfections. It is, nevertheless, refreshing as well as encouraging to see the steadfastness of some jurisdictions. With reference to this point it is certainly true, as the correspondent of Wisconsin says in criticising the style of our reports, that 'many of the decisions of Grand Lodges are notoriously incorrect and ill-considered.'"

M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Orator, delivered an able oration upon "Truth, Honor and Fortitude."

Much routine business was done.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1907.

The portraits of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles R. Smith, and of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Charles E. Puttner, grace the proceedings.

After the formal opening the Grand Lodge proceeded to St. Paul's Church, where divine service was held. The sermon was preached by the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Rev George C. Wallis, from the text "Love the Brotherhood." From which we quote:

"The spirit of Brotherhood underlies the whole structure of Masonry. The word Brotherhood occurs only once in the Old Testament, where the prophet Zechariah speaks of sundering the Brotherhood between Judah and Israel. It occurs also but once in the New Testament, and that in the passage chosen for our consideration this morning. Paul writing to the Thessalonians refers to the great duty of brotherly love, and exhorts them to continue and increase in it more and more. Long, however, before Paul, or Peter or the advent of the Gospel, a Roman writer had described the true principles of Brotherhood when he exclaimed—'I am a man, and nothing that pertains to man is foreign to me.'

"Brethren, when we examine our lives this morning in the light of this law of love, what do we find? Is the spirit of love and charity seen growing there as in a well-cultivated garden? Alas! in many instances I fear it is not; let me illustrate. In your lodges, do you not find that the ballot is used to display this want of love? Often when some one desires to enter our Order, of blameless life, character, upright before the world, honest, one who would be an honor to the craft, he is kept out through the petty spite or jealousy of some masonic brother? While we feel it our duty to guard the ballot-box, or to inquire into the moral standing of

all who seek an entrance into our Order, yet on the other hand, may God deliver us from the spirit of petty grudging, and fill us with that true charity which is the bond of peace and of all virtues."

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, speaking of the gain in membership, says:

"In addition to this increase in membership we have, during the year, virtually added two more lodges to our number, one now working under dispensation. the other a resuscitated lodge."

He speaks in high praise of the Masonic Fair which was held to assist in raising funds for a Masonic Home, nearly \$17,500 having been received therefrom.

The project of the Masonic Home receives words of commendation.

To the fraternal dead he pays loving tribute.

His decisions need not be quoted, inasmuch as the matters considered therein were decided in accord with Maine practice and with what we consider to be right.

The account of his official visitations is interesting.

Under "The Good of the Craft" he says:

"Again, may I remind you that to make the Masonic Society and the Masonic Circle what we would wish to have them there is work for all to do. Officers of lodges should be regular and punctual in their attendance at the lodge meetings, otherwise how can they blame or find fault with the dilatory attendant. And as officers do not constitute the whole lodge, members should be equally regular and render every assistance to the W. M. and officers. Yes, brethren, if we expect good, progressive, active lodges every member should, as far as possible, be at his post, for Masonry expects every member to do his duty. And, finally, bearing in mind that it is quality more than quantity we are after, guard well the outer door. Be careful as to the candidates you propose for the mysteries of Masonry, and at all times vigilant as to our membership and thereby we will have a Society of which we shall be justly proud, and worthy not only of our own confidence and esteem but of those around us."

The District Deputy Grand Masters made minute and interesting reports.

A large amount of business incident to the requirements of the jurisdiction only was transacted.

Bro. Thomas Mowbray presented the Report on Correspondence.

Maine receives his kind attention. We wonder if the forms of all the proceedings were made up by the printer as was the one which we received.

OHIO, 1907.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Horace A. Irvin, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, in his address after a brief introduction, fittingly mentions the death of M. W. Bro. Charles A. Woodward, P. G. M.,

of R. W., Bro. Sidney Moore, P. G. J. W., and of the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions.

He reports his doings about many matters of business entrusted to him, and then, in view of a net gain of 3,574 members the past year, he says:

"Brethren, we are making too many masons. Many of our lodges, especially our city lodges, are *too large*. There can be no spirit of fraternity where there is no personal acquaintance or close personal contact. There is no masonry where there is no fraternity. I would rather belong to a small lodge, doing a limited amount of work each year, where all remembered and practiced the five points of fellowship, than belong to a lodge of from five hundred to a thousand members, every one of whom were students of masonic philosophy, but too engrossed in the study of it to remember the meeting night of their lodge or the names of its officers. More fraternity and less ancient history; more knocks at the homes of your less fortunate brethren and fewer knocks at the doors of your preparation rooms, will promote the healthiest kind of growth in our lodges and the fullest realization of the high ideals of masonry."

The dispensations granted were many and for many purposes; those declined were "to hurry the work, to confer more than one degree on the same candidate at one meeting, to ballot at special meetings, to accept petitions from persons physically disqualified, to solicit aid from our membership or from lodges or to occupy indefinitely—for the purpose of saving expense—halls of other societies, or to permit societies, other than those enumerated in Section 79 of the Code, to occupy our lodge rooms, except temporarily and in cases of emergency."

Four dispensations for new lodges were issued; by-laws were approved; corner stones were laid; lodge rooms were dedicated; lodges were constituted, and visitations were made, all of which, except the latter, are reported in full.

Of his decisions we quote:

"*Held*: That any member in good standing in his lodge may file written objection to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft at any time prior to the obligation by handing the same in the lodge room to the master or secretary of the lodge, but such objection must not be presented to the lodge until after a favorable ballot for such advancement has been declared."

Eleven subordinate lodges received especial mention because of acts committed in them by masters or others.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, in their report in the matter of relief given to a member of a lodge in Ohio who fell into distress in California, say:

"This Grand Lodge has ever recognized the doctrine that masons in their relations to each other and in their status in the lodge, and that

lodges, in their relation to their members and in relation to each other, are under no contractual obligation to afford each other financial relief; and that human distress appeals directly to every mason, and that it is the duty of every mason to afford relief in such cases whenever he can without material injury to himself or family, and that this duty, though not enforceable in law, is binding upon him in the court of conscience. The Subordinate Lodge in Ohio, under ordinary circumstances, has no resources except annual dues from its members, which are designed to meet the usual expenses of the lodge, and are quite inadequate as a relief fund and not intended for such purpose. There may be occasions when it is the duty of the lodge to pay out of its lodge funds for the care of a worthy distressed mason, but it has never been held in this Grand Jurisdiction that it was under enforceable obligation to reimburse others for relief afforded one of its members, unless it had expressly agreed to do so, or had caused expenditures for such relief to be made."

The Centennial Celebration of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio will be held October 21, 1908, in the city of Cincinnati.

The end of the contest between the loyal and seceding members of New England Lodge, No. 4, was reached apparently, and the Grand Lodge endorsed the action of the lodge as follows:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge desires to express its high appreciation of the earnest and unfaltering spirit which has actuated the loyal members of New England Lodge, No. 4, at Worthington, during the past sixteen years in supporting legitimate Masonry in that town and vicinity, and upholding the action of the Grand Lodge in its attempt to vindicate its authority as the great governing body of Masonry in the State of Ohio; and that we all most heartily congratulate the faithful brethren of that lodge upon the final termination of the contest which they have so bravely waged, and which has resulted in a complete victory, and the restoration of the property and masonic effects to their lodge."

A large amount of business, local in character, was done.

Bro. Wm. M. Cunningham presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Alabama we read:

"The Grand Lodge of Ohio has no sympathy whatever with the Grand Orient of France, and does not consider it in any manner a masonic body. Its atheism, political participations, elimination of the name of the Deity from all of its observances, and the removal of the Holy Scriptures from its altars are certainly a sufficient justification therefor; and its later proposed elimination of the veil of secrecy from its ceremonies will not lessen the objections to any recognition whatever of that body or its membership."

Maine for 1907 receives his fraternal notice. We gladly quote this able writer on one matter:

"Under Kentucky Bro. Chase expresses his disapproval of the requirement of a unanimous ballot to reinstate to membership a brother suspended for non-payment of dues. It is to be hoped that the period of commercialism in Masonry and its resultant extreme penalties for non-payment of dues and non-affiliation will, in the near future, be rele-

gated to the oblivion of the ancient laws that administered capital punishment for the theft of a sheep and imprisoned a man for impecuniosity often upon a starving diet."

From his introduction we quote:

"The Degree of Present or Past Master, as it is termed by Thomas Smith Webb, or Installed Master, as its corresponding grade is termed in England and other Grand Lodges in Great Britain, has, unjustly, been brought into disrepute, its important lessons disparaged, and its pertinent masonic connection ignored on account of the iconoclastic detractions of its enemies and puerile, coarse, and jocular innovations of ritual tinkers, or the '*Progressive*' efforts of those who would convert Freemasonry into a series of modern club organizations, with social features and life and health insurance attachments.

"A number of writers have claimed that the grade was of modern origin, and the invention of Webb; but like that of the Royal Arch, ascribed to Laurence Dermot, the research of masonic students has proven the falsity of the claim in both instances—the Royal Arch now known to have existed before the initiation even of Dermot, and the Past Master's degree some years before the first publication of Thomas Smith Webb."

OREGON, 1907.

With a brief opening the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. T. Williamson, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, in his address tells us that the System of Custodians was not satisfactory, and hopes "that a Grand Lecturer once tried and displaced or some other system will be adopted"; also that his appointed Committee on Uniform Work may "mature some plan or procedure by which our mysteries may be the more safely transmitted unimpaired to the latest posterity."

As usual, corner stones were laid, one for a building to be used by the "Commercial Club," which does not appear to us to come under the category of buildings for which the masonic service should be used.

Of his dispensations he says:

"Twelve special dispensations have been granted, two for changing place of meeting; one to change date of same, and one for a special election. The remaining eight being to waive time in conferring degrees."

Many other matters of importance locally, were reported by him.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we quote:

"Since my incumbency of the office of Grand Secretary in 1895, our membership has almost doubled. The membership of 1895 being 4,803, while now it amounts to 8,085 'good men and true.'

"No lodge reports itself in debt, nor has the knowledge of any dissension reached your Grand Secretary."

The Grand Orator, Bro. Thos. F. Ryan, delivered an interesting address.

The Grand Lodges of Alberta, Queensland, and Valle de México were recognized.

The petition to organize a lodge of Past Masters did not receive the sanction of the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence.

Exemplification of the three degrees was had before the Grand Lodge.

We quote in full:

"To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon in Session:

"We, your Special Committee on Custodian and Uniformity of Work beg leave to report:

"That we have considered the matter of work in this jurisdiction and having witnessed the exemplification of degrees by the Committee which was appointed last year commend their zeal and industry but we feel that the work as presented is too wide a departure from the work taught in Oregon: we therefore recommend that the same be not adopted.

"Uniform work is something greatly to be desired and all our lodges should teach the same work, which can only be accomplished through a Grand Lecturer. The work generally used in Oregon and recognized as the Oregon work is that which was taught by our late Brother Bushee, while he was Grand Lecturer.

"We therefore recommend that Past Grand Master S. M. Yoran be appointed Grand Lecturer of this Grand Jurisdiction and that his salary be fixed at one hundred dollars per month and traveling expenses while he is actually engaged in such work; his salary and traveling expenses to be paid quarterly on the approval of the Grand Trustees."

Which, as we understand it, was not adopted.

A delegation from the Grand Lodge of Washington were visitors on the third day.

Action was had looking to the revision of the secret and monitorial work so as to "correct all errors of grammar, diction and logic, according to the proper use of the English language, adhering, however, as closely as possible to the text of the work generally used in this jurisdiction commonly known as the Bushee Work."

Prof. J. M. Hodson presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1906 has given to it its full share of space by this delightful, able writer.

To our enquiry last year about the length of time that working degrees by courtesy had been in existence, he says:

"More than forty years ago the custom prevailed in the Grand Jurisdiction where we were a member, and the fees went to the lodge petitioned, and the petitioner became a member of the lodge petitioned. It was purely an act of courtesy, as in Oregon to-day.

We again quote our statement in 1906, and his reply:

"What becomes of those brethren who became life members or honorary members and have no dues to pay? Very soon after being made a mason, some 35 years ago, we paid the fee required for life membership in the lodge, and have paid no dues since, and therefore have had no receipt.

"Personally we do not believe in life membership, besides just think of the solid satisfaction he has lost by not having to walk up to the Secretary's desk at least once a year and digging up the necessary amount. We think a receipt for dues of late date the very best documentary evidence which can be produced; and if we were on an examining committee, a good fresh one would be a 'powerful extenuating circumstance' in favor of an otherwise rusty visitor."

We rejoin: Just think of the solid satisfaction that I have had in knowing that my life membership placed into the charity fund of the lodge has earned an amount yearly nearly if not quite equal to my annual dues; and that it was paid when the payment was least felt, before the home life began with its attendant cares; and the solid satisfaction, too, that never will come the time when "non-payment of dues" will stare me in the face.

In discussing the liquor legislation we cannot agree that the keeper of a saloon licensed by public authorities is in the same category as a sworn gauger in a government distillery.

Under Ohio he thus speaks of physical perfection:

"Men may and do need Masonry, but no man is essential to Masonry, no matter how brainy or how many legs, arms, fingers or toes he may be the lucky possessor of, but the ancient law under which the Fraternity has prospered, grown great and powerful, is good enough for us. Oregon decision is, we think, just right: In case of slight mutilation, if the candidate is able to receive and communicate correctly all the ceremonies, he is eligible. We do not demand absolute perfection, either moral, mental or physical. If we did, who should sit in judgment? Absolute perfection along either line is at best only approximate; but we do not want any wooden limbs or shady, doubtful characters."

Which is about as near Maine doctrine as are two peas in the same pod.

From his conclusion we quote from the topic, "History and Tradition":

"Of the circumstances attending the calling of a general assembly of masons at York, England, 926 A. D. there is little except tradition, and the iconoclastic writers declare that even that little is false, but when we consider the probable conditions surrounding King Athelstane, and his reasonable desire to improve them, we can think of no act by any potentate of the past more likely to have been done, than his authorizing Edwin to call together the Ancient Craftsmen, remnants of the builders, artisans and mechanics, and taking council with them for the betterment of his kingdom. Hence we fully believe there was a Grand Lodge at York, and that as late as 1561 Lord Sackville was Grand Master, whose great-great grandson Sir Charles Sackville, in 1730, struck medals, some of which are yet preserved, in honor of his family connections with the craft, a thing he would hardly have presumed to do had no such connections ever been maintained.

"In the make-up of either history or tradition, that which did not occur in any form is of course not mentioned. The record is colored by the prejudices of the recorder, and the tradition is repeated from the

view-point of the relator, and one is as likely to be true as the other. But few, if any, either historical or traditional stories, of importance worth mentioning, ever obtained recognition, without an element of truth to start with.

"We are told that Solomon was our first Most Excellent Grand Master, and that Masonry originated at the building of the temple. The element of truth in this tradition is that he probably took advantage of the organized forces of builders, and sought the aid of Hiram Abif, their chief officer, and Hiram of Tyre, their chief patron. Again we are told that Masonry originated in 1717, and that prior to that date there was no such organization. Yet Gizeh, the most wonderful monument ever builded by man, was many thousand years old before Solomon was born, and Europe was studded with magnificent cathedrals, the great buildings of London had been erected, kings, princes, lords and noblemen had erected their palaces and castles, and been not only patrons of the craft, but members of it.

"In the years after the calling of the first General Assembly at York up to 1717 each king had his 'Master Mason,' or chief executive officer, who superintended the erection of such edifices as the king desired, and in that sense performed the functions of a Grand Master of the operative craft, often employing several lodges with their officers in completing one building. They were called surveyors, overseers, king's master, or other name, indicating their office. There is ample evidence, both written and traditional, that for several centuries before 1717 many of the leading men of both England and the western portions of Europe were accepted masons, who never participated in operative labor. Near the date of the transition from operative to speculative Masonry these Accepted Masons had become so numerous that a few lodges were maintained entirely by them. Of such were Elias Ashmole, Sir Christopher Wren, Dr. Desaguliers, and nearly all of them were students of the Rosicrucian system of philosophy, from which the great Masonic historian, Robert Freke Gould, thinks our present system of Masonry largely obtained our symbols and mystic teaching.

"About 1710 A. D. the operative system of Masonry appears to have gone into a decline, incident to the fact that nearly all the great cathedrals had been completed, London had been largely rebuilt, subsequent to the great fire, St. Paul's, London, the last great work presided over by Sir Christopher Wren, was finished, and the call for the operative work of the lodges had almost ceased, hence the most natural thing in the world of thought to be done was for the speculative or Accepted Masons to take such action as would perpetuate the Rosicrucian philosophy of the Ancient Fraternity. This they did by meeting in general assembly almost immediately after the death of Sir Christopher Wren, which occurred in 1716, and electing Anthony Sayers Grand Master, and completing the organization of the first Grand Lodge of Speculative Free and Accepted Masons, and from which has sprung either directly or indirectly the numerous Grand Lodges of the world. St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1717, is the universally accepted date of the organization of modern Masonry.

"Somewhere we hear of landmarks, which are said to be laws and usages so old that no living man, nor no records tell of their enactment, or how they came to be landmarks and unchangeable. Now if Masonry does not antedate 1717 by a long period, when, where and by whom were they brought into use? We confess to the belief that it was a pretty thoroughly organized system of thought, as well as practical use, ages before 1717."

PENNSYLVANIA, 1907.

The excellent portraits of Bro. Michael Nisbet, R. W. Grand Master, 1831-32, and of Bro. J. Steele, Jr., R. W. Grand Master, 1833-34, grace the proceedings.

At the quarterly communication in June memorial addresses were delivered in memory of Bro. Past Grand Master Samuel B. Dick.

A special communication was held in September to perform the burial service for the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, Bro. Thomas R. Patton, who died September 13, 1907.

From the address of the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. George W. Kendrick, Jr., delivered at the annual communication, we quote:

"It is a matter of profound gratitude that Freemasonry has now reached the highest mark in point of membership in this jurisdiction; and it is a matter of even more sincere thanks that the character of the membership has improved with the numbers. Peace and harmony prevail, and with a deep feeling of personal pride I leave the exalted station to which you called me two years ago, with confident assurance that our members practice, as well as preach, the highest principles of humanity; and in helping others, help themselves thereby.

"With our Masonic Home, the William L. Elkins Masonic Orphanage for Girls, and the contemplated Thomas R. Patton Orphanage, splendid strides have been made in outward exemplification of our inward faith and belief in charity.

"Our financial condition is all that could be expected. I am pleased to report that all dues from subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction have been paid in full up to this date. During the last two years we have reduced our indebtedness from one hundred and twenty-five thousand to seventy-three thousand.

"The methods of electioneering adopted in recent years have greatly changed in character, and, unless restricted, will bring discredit upon the craft.

"Candidates for office, or their interested supporters, sometimes seem to think that anonymous circulars, misleading in the presentation of their facts, contribute to the selection by the Grand Lodge of its officers; and the solicitation of votes on election day, within and without the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge, has become so extensive that a halt should be called upon this practice."

Of his decisions, we quote:

"It is not lawful to petition one lodge in this jurisdiction and receive the degrees in another."

We assume that it is meant that the degrees could not be conferred in another lodge in Pennsylvania.

Again:

"One not a citizen of this country may be approved and initiated into Freemasonry, but must not be elected Worshipful Master."

The above decision we cannot approve.

"The Treasurer should pay no money except on orders when lawfully drawn. This means that the bills should be passed upon by the lodge

at a stated meeting, and orders for the amounts drawn therefor signed by the Master and Secretary.

"A man blind in one eye is physically disqualified.

"Charges against a mason cannot be preferred in a lodge by one not a member of the Fraternity.

Of his edicts we quote :

"Set aside the action of a lodge in remitting the dues of one suspended for non-payment thereof.

"Set aside the action of a lodge in meeting and initiating candidates at a wrong date.

"Set aside the action of a lodge in approving and initiating one physically disqualified.

"Healed the action of a lodge in approving and initiating one upon whom the Committee of Inquiry had not reported within due time under our law."

Six lodges were constituted.

The late Grand Treasurer, Bro. Thomas R. Patton by his will "devised and bequeathed the rest, residue and remainder of his estate, real and personal, to Grand Lodge for the establishment and maintenance of an institution for the support and education of male orphan children of Master Masons who were at the time of their decease members in good standing of some subordinate lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The institution is to be called the 'Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys,' as a memorial to testator's only child Thomas Graham Patton, and is to be available for the beneficiaries not earlier than twelve nor later than twenty years after testator's death, which occurred on the 13th day of September, 1907; Grand Lodge having full power to commence said institution at any time between said periods." This part of the estate is estimated at \$1,040,735.

We again quote :

"Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother George B. Orlady addressed Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother George W. Kendrick, Jr., and in behalf of the Grand Lodge and with very appropriate remarks presented to him a Past Grand Master's Jewel, a beautiful silver loving-cup and the gavel which he had used during his administration as Grand Master."

Bro. James M. Lamberton submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1907 receives that careful attention which he gives to all proceedings.

We fully agree with Bro. Lamberton that "one who has been a mason, is *entitled* to advancement unless charges are preferred and sustained and those charges should be preferred in open lodge."

Bro. Lamberton, in discussing the advancement of an Entered Apprentice mason who had lost his leg, says :

"Had this misfortune happened to the person before he was initiated, we should not agree either to his initiation or advancement, but having once been made a member of the Craft, and then having met with this misfortune, we should favor his being advanced, that which is necessary being communicated to him, orally or some other way."

In which opinion we fully concur.

We agree with him that documentary evidence of good standing is not a necessary pre-requisite for admission to a lodge.

Anent Mexico, he says:

"No amount of 'revolution' can create a regular Grand Lodge out of a body formed, according to its official history, in disregard of the fundamental principle regarding such formation, and there being no regularly formed Grand Lodge within the Republic of Mexico that we know of, that may with right be regarded as open territory."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1907.

After a brief introduction, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. K. Rogers, in his address pays due respect to the memory of the dead, then gives a full account of his visitations to the lodges, each of which were visited.

He fully explains the reasons for granting in three cases dispensations to confer the degrees in less time than required by the Constitution.

His one decision was in full accord with the practice in Maine.

He urges the increase of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund which by his personal effort was increased by subscriptions more than \$1,700.00.

He recommends the providing "traveling cards"; the insisting upon the prompt payment of dues by the members; the sending to every Master Mason in membership a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; the change of the time in holding the annual communication from June to August.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The recommendations of the Grand Master were concurred in by the Committee on Address of Grand Master.

No Report on Correspondence.

RHODE ISLAND, 1907.

A fine portrait of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Walter A. Presbrey, graces the proceedings.

In his address the Grand Master pays fitting tribute to the memory of deceased members of the Grand Lodge, among whom we note, Past Grand Master Edward L. Freeman, who was born in Waterville, Me., in 1835, of whom Bro. Henry W. Rugg presented a beautiful memorial;

and of Past Deputy Grand Master James H. Armington, of whom Bro. Geo. H. Burnham submitted a memorial.

He reports his dispensations, among which we note some to hold stated communications at dates before the stated communication was to be held.

We believe that the dispensation should be for a date *after* rather than *before* the date of the stated communication.

We note the appointment of Bro. Arthur A. Rhodes as Grand Representative, Maine, vice Bro. Edward Freeman, deceased.

He reported the laying of two corner stones, and the dedication of a Masonic Hall.

He decided that the Marshal of a lodge, so long as he held the office, could not be granted a dimit. We have read his discussion on this decision quite carefully, and although nothing is said in the discussion, we would like to ask why the Marshal could not have resigned the office.

He decided that the initiation fees of clergymen could not be remitted.

He discusses the Past Master's degree and concludes as follows:

"It seems to have been satisfactorily settled that a virtual Past Master can have no knowledge of the degree of the actual Past Master, and *vice versa*; and I am free to say that I can not see how Grand Lodge, as a Grand Lodge, can have knowledge of a degree which is not and can not be a common possession of all its members. In view of the necessity of some recognized ritual for this degree, if it is to be perpetuated, I recommend this matter to the consideration of our Committee on Grand Officers' Reports."

Other matters of importance to his jurisdiction are treated by him in his address.

The District Deputy Grand Masters submit brief reports.

No Report on Correspondence.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1907.

We acknowledge the receipt of the pamphlet which gives the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at its organization, August 9, 1906.

At the first annual communication, the M. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, was on the Throne.

From his address we quote:

"The progress we have made in the past ten months places matters in a different light from that we had when we formed on the 9th of August last. I must confess that I did not like the idea of the formation of the new Grand Lodge, and severing from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, but, recognizing the great distance our northern brethren had to travel in attending Grand Lodge, the great inconvenience to Grand Lodge offi-

cers, and the distance they had to travel in making official visits, the great progress of the western country, it is evident that our action of the 9th of August was all for the best.

"I am pleased to state that from the District Deputies' reports you will notice most lodges are in prosperous condition. I am also pleased to state that during the nine months, with but one or two minor exceptions, perfect harmony prevails throughout the whole jurisdiction, and I sincerely trust that it will do so for a considerable time to come."

We note the appointment of R. W. Bro. H. Gordon, Duck Lake, as the representative for Maine.

The corner stone of a masonic temple was laid.

He decided:

"That not more than one candidate can be obligated at once in the first and third degrees, but after obligation and raising, candidates can then be taken together."

And that an applicant must be "perfect bodily as well as morally."

Other matters of importance to the jurisdiction only were referred to.

Some of the District Deputy Grand Masters submitted full reports.

Charters were granted to eleven lodges.

From the report of the Committee on Grand Master's address we quote:

"We also most heartily agree with the remarks of the Grand Master in regard to this most important subject, and recommend that this Grand Lodge enjoin on the subordinate lodges the duty of attending divine service in a body at least once a year, and would suggest that the D. D. Grand Masters be instructed to have this matter attended to by every lodge."

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1907.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert H. McCaughey, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, we learn that there was a net gain in membership of 341 for the year.

Under the title "Necrology" he laments the death of the Grand Tyler, Bro. Frank Kunerth, eighty-two of the membership, and the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions.

He reports the constitution of five new lodges, the issuance of dispensations for three new lodges, the approval of sundry by-laws, dispensations for several purposes, but none, save one, for conferring degrees out of time.

All of the decisions are in accord with the practice in Maine.

From the report of the Grand Lecturer, made to the Grand Master, we quote:

"The ritualistic work of our jurisdiction is, with very few exceptions, closely adhered to.

"Obedience to edicts of Grand Lodge regarding use of so-called keys, is NOT general. The theory is, they are not used; the condition is, they ARE used."

Many other matters of business of local importance were mentioned by him.

Considerable time was taken by him to receive greetings from the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and a response to the same. We read that "South Dakota is one of the first states to recognize and exchange annual greetings with the Order of the Eastern Star," and we hope that there will be no more states to follow the plan.

A considerable amount of local business was transacted.

Bro. S. A. Brown presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1906 receives his careful attention. We quote his remarks upon the Maine doctrine of relief as set forth by M. W. Bro. Chaplin:

"We think all well informed masons will agree with us that in this declaration the Grand Lodge of Maine has done itself great injustice; but this is not written to inform that historic Grand Body.

"The fundamental principles of our Institution require us to give relief to *all poor distressed worthy Brother Master Masons so far as their necessities may require*, and they are entitled to receive it. No man, in our opinion, who has been raised in a regularly constituted Lodge of Master Masons, will like to assert the contrary.

"Our brethren have also wrought under the fundamental principles of our Institution, when they were building up their magnificent charity fund of nearly fifty thousand dollars.

"Is there no mason so sick, destitute and worthy as to be entitled to have his distress relieved out of even the income of this magnificent capital? Our brethren's action show plenty of them so regarded.

"Masonic relief * * * * never creates a debt."

"One poor mason finds another poor mason in great distress, which he has no means to relieve. If he can say that the masons will pay for necessities people will give him credit. Our brethren, if sure about it, would pay debts thus created."

Under Texas, we read:

"That where Lodge 'A' renders financial aid to a member of 'B' Lodge, there is no obligation upon 'B' to re-imburse Lodge 'A' for the amount so advanced to one of its members, 'B' Lodge not having been consulted before rendering the assistance to one of its members.

"This also is inelastic. A member of Lodge 'B' is liable to become destitute, fall dangerously and critically ill away from home, and be in great and imperative need. The lodge nearest which he is laid up may itself not be financially able to give the necessary aid without injury to those having prior claims upon it, as often happens. This decision warns the masonic world that no one need furnish him relief on the credit of his masonic membership, and that only by getting an authorization before the help is given, can there be any obligation upon 'B' Lodge to re-imburse the expenditure.

"True Masonry asks never more than three questions. Is the brother

poor? Is he in distress? Is he worthy? In case of an affirmative answer his lodge is under the most solemn obligation to help him. Otherwise not.

"It is claimed by some that a mason is entitled to no relief from his own lodge when outside of its territorial jurisdiction, but we say that masonic charity is co-extensive with the world, and must of necessity reach as far as the rights of the lodge; one of which is that a brother, wheresoever he may abide in all the world, must send annually to the lodge of which he is a member all dues and assessments he would pay if he remained at home, and that under penalty of suspension from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

"A person belonging nearest Lodge 'B,' if he takes his degrees in Lodge 'A' without 'B's' consent, subjects that lodge to all sorts of pains and penalties even to the loss of life itself, and Lodge 'B' persists with the most Rhadamanthine severity to exact from Lodge 'A' the uttermost farthing of fees paid by him.

"It is in our opinion an undeserved opprobrium upon Masonry for any man or body of men to publish a declaration that the jurisdiction of a lodge extends throughout the world for the purpose of exacting fees and dues, but is cribbed, cabined and confined when it comes to the relief of one of its own members, because he is away from home.

"Want, sickness and death do not wait on stated meetings, quorums and authorizations. It is perfectly right for a lodge to protect itself against imposture, to refuse to pay fancy prices for relief, to make the fullest investigation in any case to determine what is right, but it is perfectly wrong for it to repudiate bills incurred for necessities in favor of a member who is worthy and destitute, even although the suffering brother may be away from home and among strangers."

TENNESSEE, 1908.

Four hundred eighteen lodges were represented, fifteen not represented, at this communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George E. Seay, in his address states:

"The condition of the lodges has been good; the relations which exist between the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges have been harmonious, and the spirit of fraternity and good fellowship has so abounded that it has been a source of gratification to the Grand Master to behold 'How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.'"

He especially mentions the death of M. W. Bro. William S. Smith, Grand Master in 1891, and the dead of other jurisdictions.

He reports in detail his many official acts, which are of importance to the jurisdiction alone.

His official rulings require ten pages of the printed proceedings for the exploitation, the larger part of which were apparently answered by the "Masonic Code (1907)." Perhaps the enquirers had not received a copy of the Code before asking questions.

The M. W. Grand Master ruled that a lodge *U. D.* could affiliate a mason; that a lodge may be called off from day to-day for the purpose

of conferring degrees; that a candidate who did not appear for initiation for seven or eight years must make a new application.

We give two in full:

"P. formerly resided at Calais, Maine. Less than twelve months ago he permanently removed to the jurisdiction of this lodge. Desiring to petition this lodge for initiation, waiver of jurisdiction by the lodge at Calais was applied for. The Secretary of Calais Lodge suggested that waiver of jurisdiction by the Grand Master of Maine is necessary, and Somerville Lodge requests that I take up matter with the Grand Master of Maine and have him send Somerville Lodge a waiver.

"*Answer.*—Edicts 21 and 23 declare what is required of one who petitions lodge in Tennessee for initiation, and it must be accompanied by the certificate required by edict 7. These edicts control. There is no requirement of waiver by the Grand Master of the Grand Jurisdiction whence a petitioner has permanently removed to this State; the Grand Master of Tennessee can not add to or suspend the operation of any edict of the Grand Lodge. The petitioner in this case must simply comply with the edicts and laws of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in filing a petition in a lodge within its jurisdiction.

"*Question No. 3.*—Is the killing of a deer out of season a valid ground for refusing to allow a dimitted mason to affiliate with our lodge?

"*Answer.*—The G. M. can not determine the question for the lodge. I know nothing about the circumstances, and if I did it would be immaterial; the fitness of an applicant is the question for the members of the lodge to determine in the first instance and one they should be careful in deciding."

His visitations, not as many as he could have wished, were of a most pleasant nature.

The Grand Secretary made thirty visitations. From his report we quote:

"The increase of business in the office precludes the making of as many visits as I would like, and those made have been, in most instances, to those lodges that I have never before visited. Situated as most of them are, in the interior, away from railroads, and inconvenient to reach, a Grand officer is seldom seen. In these lodges I met many of the best men and the truest masons in the jurisdiction. On one occasion I rode ten miles in a two-horse wagon, mostly through the woods on a new road, that had not been worked by the road overseer, but at the end of the journey I met one of those warm-hearted, whole-souled masons whose genuine hospitality cannot be exceeded by any one."

It cost, including repairs, \$131.78 for the support of each person in the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home for the year.

A complete set of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from its organization in 1813 to and including the year 1907, the only complete set known to be in existence, was presented to the Grand Lodge by Past Grand Master Bro. Americus V. Warr.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted a report on the Cipher question, from which we quote the propositions upon which the Grand Lodge of Tennessee stands as a platform:

"1. Freemasonry has as essentials certain secrets of ritual which it forever conceals and never reveals to any person in the world except its own members.

"2. These ancient mysteries are communicated only by the instructive tongue to the attentive ear and are safely lodged in the faithful breast; and any other mode of communication in Ancient Craft Masonry is most positively forbidden in solemn form and manner.

"3. So likewise is forbidden the writing, printing or marking in any manner of these secrets or any sign or letter thereof, whereby the same becomes legible or intelligible to any person, lest these secrets might become known to the profane.

"4. No individual mason is exempt from the obligation of profound secrecy, and no human power can authorize him to write, print or mark masonic secrets in any manner whatsoever.

"5. These secrets are ancient landmarks of Freemasonry, and no body of men, inside or outside of lodge or Grand Lodge, has power to make innovations in Ancient Craft Masonry.

"Standing upon these ancient precepts of our brotherhood we are not at liberty to violate them, nor to encourage or sanction their violation by others of our fraternity and obligation. We must obey them, and so must all within the sacred precincts; and the inevitable consequences of disobedience must rest upon those who will not obey. It is no excuse or justification for any that men are eager to break these laws, or that men have broken them before, or that in other degrees or orders of American Masonry cipher rituals may be in common use. Our duty and obligation, as Ancient Craft Masons, compels our obedience to these ancient regulations."

We regret that our brethren of Tennessee still think it necessary to print all the details of the cases of appeals and grievances.

Recognition was granted to the Grand Lodges of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Western Australia and Queensland.

A large amount of business incidental only to the work of the Grand Lodge was transacted.

Bro. Henry A. Chambers submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

We quote one paragraph from his introduction:

"Clandestine Masonry has not received as much attention this year as it did a year or two ago. The very agitation and the legislation in New York and elsewhere seems to have given it, at least, a temporary check. Virginia is opposed to requiring certificates of good standing, while California, Delaware, Iowa, Nebraska, New Jersey and Texas favor it."

Discussing the use of the black ball, he says:

"And yet how many who recommend candidates do so more from careless good nature than from knowledge of character? And how do Committees of Investigation really investigate? We think as much evil comes from those sources as from the spiteful, single black ball."

Maine for 1907 has its full share in his report.

From his conclusion we quote:

"The impression left by such information as we have obtained from pamphlets is that while as a rule we may with safety and profit form and maintain friendly relations with German-speaking masons, our relations with the masons of the Latin races, including those of Mexico, the Isthmus, South America and West Indies, should for the present at least be of a waiting rather than an actively friendly nature. But the rapidly growing and important trade relations between the people of the United States and the Latin peoples south of us and the consequent individual intimacy makes it incumbent upon masons in this country to inform themselves more thoroughly than heretofore about Masons and Masonry among our Southern neighbors, with a view to future friendly action."

TEXAS, 1907.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John P. Bell, submits the record of his work for the year. Among other matters we note dispensations for eight new lodges; one dispensation to confer degrees out of time, although several were refused; twenty cases of physical disqualifications, of many of which we do not agree, and we quote:

"I have held that a man who had sores on his body, but which have long since permanently healed, leaving large scars, is not by reason thereof physically disqualified."

He decided that "saloon keeping and tending bar is not a masonic offence"; that a Fellow Craft had a right to visit a lodge while at labor in that degree.

We quote other decisions:

"A Master Mason signs petition of an applicant for degrees, as one of the recommending brethren, before the petition is filed the said recommending brother dies, should another Master Mason sign the petition in order to make it regular and legal? I answered in the affirmative.

"Our Junior Warden makes a practice of going hunting with dogs and gun on Sunday. Is this unmasonic? I answered, while such action on the part of the Junior Warden was not commendable, same was not a masonic offence.

"The Shriners desire the use of our lodge room for their meetings and conferring their degrees. Question: Can this be done? Answer: No, as the Shrine is not recognized as a masonic body.

"Has the lodge a right to confer degrees on June 24, St. John's Day? Answer: No."

There were some seventy decisions.

We again quote:

"Quite a number of District Deputies have made reports of their official acts during the masonic year. These reports show in most instances a healthy condition of Masonry in Texas, that they have been zealous and painstaking in the discharge of their onerous duties, and to these brothers I now extend many thanks for the valuable assistance they have rendered me in enforcing the laws and the interest they have taken in maintaining peace and harmony in the various lodges in their respective districts."

The Directors of the Widows' and Orphans' Home made a report from which we learn that the per capita expense for the year was \$173.63.

Of one of the decisions quoted above the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence say:

"We do not approve of the ruling of the Grand Master that a lodge cannot permit the 'Shriners' to meet in its lodge room. It is known by the public literature of that order that those composing the Shrine are masons, as well as by general reputation and the statements of brethren belonging to that order. In fact, their status as masons is as well established to the Master Mason as is that of the Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar, and we can see no impropriety in the 'Shriners' being permitted to meet in lodge rooms, if the members of the lodge are willing to it. In the case of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Grand Lodge adopted a report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence in which it was said that the spirit of Arts. 281 and 282, Masonic Laws, was not infringed by permitting that order to meet in the lodge rooms. (Art. 283, Masonic Laws.) In the article cited it is said: 'The Order of "Eastern Star," "Good Samaritan," and like associations, being composed of masons and their families, are not included in the inhibition in the last two articles, and may be permitted to meet in lodge rooms. Lodges may also allow the wives and daughters of masons to assemble occasionally in the lodge rooms.' That language would sustain the right to permit the 'Shriners' to meet in lodge rooms."

The cases of appeals take up a large amount of space in the proceedings.

A proposed change in the manner of disseminating the work was defeated.

A revision of the Taylor Monitor by Past Grand Master Hamilton was accepted and adopted.

Bro Thomas M. Matthews, Sr., presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Alberta we read:

"We are sorry to see that the Grand Lodge authorized the use of printed rituals to be obtained from the Grand Lodge of Canada. Better, brethren, throw your printed ritual to the dogs; or better still, to the devil, and teach and transmit the work in the good old way, 'from mouth to ear.'"

Maine for 1907 receives due and fraternal attention.

Under New Jersey we read:

"Without arguing the question now, we will say, our brother does not convince us that anybody, even though he be the Grand Master, ought to make a mason at sight. We are aware that it is done; though, as we are pleased to know, rarely in some jurisdictions; but among the best informed and most conservative masons the trend of opinion is against it, and we hope the time is not far distant when it will never be done. The fact is, as we believe, we are making masons too fast—and too many of them now—for the good of the Craft, and that a halt ought to be called, and the sooner the better."

Under South Dakota reporting upon financial assistance he says:

"We have always contended, as those who have done us the honor to read our former reports may remember, that while no legal or general statutory obligation obtains in such case, yet there is involved a moral obligation that should always be fulfilled, and that governed by it the brother himself, if able, should make restitution, and if not, then his lodge should do so for him. But at the same time we do not think that either should be required, for burial expenses particularly, to pay unreasonable charges. We are all bound, legally and morally, to 'relieve a brother's distress, or that of his wife, widow or orphan, so far as their necessities may require, and our ability will admit'; but no farther. If possible, the lodge of the brother needing help should always be consulted as to how much should be expended; then no complications could or would arise. As this cannot always be done, the necessity should be met, but always keeping within reasonable bounds.

We quote his conclusion:

"The questions are often asked, 'Is Masonry a religion?' 'If not a religion, what, then, is the difference between Freemasonry and natural and revealed religion?' Freemasonry is not a religion, nor is it a system of religions. Masonically we know not, nor do we care, whether our brother be Christian, Jew, Gentile or Mohammedan; but we do require that he believe in a Supreme Ruler of the Universe—in God; and we respect his faith, whatever it may be, as he has a right to demand of us, and we demand of him. While it is indisputably true that, in one sense, all masons—true masons, truly good men—are Christians, it is not true that all Christians are masons. Or, to state it more broadly or plainly, a man cannot be a true mason and not be a Christian, yet he can be a Christian and not be a mason. Masonry helps a man in the enjoyment of this life, and teaches him that there is a life to come. Masonry is not a religious sect. It has no creed save a belief in God—and in the final day a resurrection, in which all good masons agree. It selects for no man the manner in which he shall worship his Maker; designates no particular church in which he must offer up his devotions; erects no form of altar upon which he must place his offering, but leaves his religious principles a matter for his own conscience to determine—to be settled between his God and himself. It points its votaries to the hope and expectation of a future and a better world, to a Celestial home above, and to the Eternal Lodge, where the Supreme Grand Master presides. It directs us how to reach the beautiful city in the beyond and reminds us of that *Faith* which should never waver, of that *Hope* that should never grow weak, and of that *Charity—Love*—that should never become weary in well doing.

"While there are many religions, there is but one Freemasonry. And while we would not be understood as endeavoring to elevate Freemasonry above Christianity, we offer no apology for saying that, while religion has caused many tears of sorrow to flow, made millions of widows and orphans, imprisoned disbelievers, tortured them upon the rack, and burned them at the stake; has devastated cities, and swept them from the face of the earth, desolated lands, and blotted out nations, Masonry has done none these of things. Freemasonry has no armies, no navies, no arsenals, and no magazines, nor implements of war or death. On the contrary, if all men were good and true masons there would be no more war. Its sons are the hosts of peace; its aims, good deeds; its banner Love, and its countersign and battle-cry, 'Peace and good will upon earth.'"

We have finished this review with pleasure and with regret; with pleasure because we have read the work of one who believes in the "old way" of Masonry, of one brother whose beliefs as expressed agree in the

general with those which we were taught, but it is with regret that we read that our good Bro. Matthews feels the effect of old age. Physically he may be growing old, but mentally he has not reached his dotage.

UTAH, 1907.

A sketch of the life, with portrait, of R. W. William J. Barrette, Grand Master elect, graces the proceedings.

From the introduction of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Sidney W. Badcōn, we quote one passage which would serve for a text for many sermons:

"Our Grand Lodge and our country are growing old if we would measure them by man's brief span. Yet we are reminded that the great principles that are the true life of our fraternity, or of a nation, cannot be measured by weeks and years. Man's life or a generation is the mere tick of a clock, whose dial indicates centuries, and whose chimes toll out ages and eons."

He mentions the death of Past Grand Master Charles W. Bennett, accidentally killed whose portrait appears in the proceedings; and dispensations for one new lodge.

We quote his single decision:

"*Question*.—Can a Worshipful Master alone examine a brother for visitation?"

"*Answer*.—He can not. The Worshipful Master or the presiding officer must appoint a committee of not less than two brethren."

Two Masonic Temples were dedicated; one new lodge was instituted; and peace and harmony were reported as the prevailing spirit in all the lodges.

The address was very brief, and all other matters touched upon in the address were applicable to the jurisdiction only.

From the report of the Grand Secretary:

"On the 21st day of March, 1906, I passed the 75th mile-post on my life's journey. To the Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers and brethren coming from near and far, who remembered the day and presented me with a beautiful set of cut and ornamented Rhein wine glasses the feelings of my heart and my gratitude are best expressed by a quotation from Longfellow: 'This was my birthday, and a happier one was never mine.'"

We congratulate our able brother Diehl upon his strength, and wish him many returns of the day.

The Grand Lodge has moved into the new Masonic Temple at Salt Lake City. Of that part occupied by the Grand Secretary and library it is said:

"The office of your Grand Secretary in the new temple is satisfactory in every respect. It is nicely carpeted and furnished, roomy, well lighted, and during the winter months provided with steam heat to make it comfortable.

"The library room, besides being fireproof, is very neat and convenient, with plenty of light and air."

We read with no satisfaction and with clear distaste the words underscored:

"The M. W. Grand Master announced that this evening at 7.30 o'clock the Grand Lecturer would exemplify the Second Degree work *with scenic display* on the stage in the Auditorium, and requested all the Grand Officers and representatives of lodges and brethren to be present on the occasion to witness the work."

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

Of the decision of the Grand Master the Committee on Jurisprudence say:

"It is the opinion of your committee that while ancient law only required that a strange brother should be cautiously examined in such a manner as prudence shall direct, that the Craft may not be imposed upon by a pretender, still we think the custom of a Worshipful Master in appointing an examining committee of at least two, has ripened into law, and that now a strange visiting brother can only visit a lodge upon first being examined by a committee of at least two who have previously been appointed by the senior officer in attendance. We therefore approve the decision of the Grand Master."

It may have "ripened into law" in Utah, but not in all other jurisdictions.

We do not approve the following resolution which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to any lodge within the jurisdiction of this M. W. Grand Lodge to use stage equipment in conferring the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees, such as are similar to that provided in the Masonic Temple at Salt Lake City. The work in conferring such degree must, however, conform in every respect to the Standard Work of this jurisdiction."

We have been intensely interested in reading the account of the Masonic Temple at Salt Lake City, recently finished.

There is also a brief sketch of Masonry in Utah from its beginning in 1859, with a half tone of the first Masonic Hall in Utah.

Bro. Christopher Diehl submitted his thirty-first annual report on Correspondence.

Under Indian Territory he says, with our full accord:

"Col. William Burly, Inspector General of the Scottish Rite Bodies, was introduced, conducted to the Grand East and received with the Masonic Grand Honors. In Utah only the Grand Master or Past Grand Masters are received with the Grand Honors. In our Grand Lodge Symbolic Masonry comes first and last and nothing is known of other masonic institutions. The record says that Bro. Burly replied 'in a graceful and fitting manner, stating that though masons rise to higher degrees they must not lose sight of the fact that the Master Mason's degree is the

foundation of all Masonry.' It is and ever will be the alma mater of Freemasonry."

Maine for 1906 has a good notice.

Under Wyoming, we quote:

"In Utah lodges the Junior Warden confers the Entered Apprentice degree, the Senior Warden the Fellow Craft degree and the Worshipful Master the Master Mason degree. The custom is a good one. It gives the brethren a chance to judge whether the Warden is fit to be advanced to the East, and if he lacks the necessary qualifications, his name is Dennis."

VERMONT, 1907.

Representatives of eighty-three subordinate lodges were present at the annual communication.

From the introductory paragraphs of the address of M. W. Grand Master Bro. Charles A. Calderwood we quote:

"One hundred and thirteen times have masonic seed-time and harvest come in Vermont since first the seed of growth and development was sown in the humble gathering of the brethren to form the Grand Lodge of Vermont at Rutland, October 14th, 1794. How great the change from that day to this. Five brethren representing three feeble lodges formed the root from which our present Grand Lodge, with its hundred lodges and twelve thousand members has grown. True to the ancient landmarks and foundation principles it has been blessed and prospered because it deserved to be; because in the development of our commonwealth and the building up of the highest manliness, it had a part to perform. No institution endures for a century and exerts great influence, except it be in harmony with the progress of the race. It is only the fittest that survives."

He fittingly remembers M. W. Bro. Nathan P. Bowman, the oldest Past Grand Master in years and the oldest, save one in the service, who died in August, 1906; also M. W. Bro. Charles R. Montague, Past Grand Master and Lecturer, who died in April, 1907. He also laments the deaths of Past Deputy Grand Master Bro. Will T. Lewis and of Past Grand Junior Deacon, Bro. George F. Flanders.

He argues more or less conclusively in favor of "documentary evidence," concluding as follows:

"And it seems to me that a due regard for our own protection requires that we take some action looking to this end and I trust that this communication will not be closed without giving the subject due consideration."

To which we suggest that any member of a lodge could by objection prevent the visitation of a stranger.

His discussion of waivers of jurisdiction are quite to the point, but this is still within the power of the lodge to grant or refuse.

No decisions were reported.

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The Grand Lodges of Alberta, Queensland and Porto Rico were recognized.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence legislation upon the subject of documentary evidence was postponed; and the expense of holding district meetings was referred to the District Deputies to consider at their annual meeting. The expense of the banquet is the stone in the way.

The Grand Lecturer and the District Deputy Grand Masters submit valuable reports.

Bro. Marsh O. Perkins submitted the Report on Correspondence. Maine for 1906 receives that discriminating review which he gives to the several proceedings.

VIRGINIA, 1908.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Silvanus J. Quinn, by the introductory paragraphs of his address, reminds us that there are fables and myths upon which can be founded beliefs almost beyond compare.

The dead of the jurisdiction are most fittingly mentioned. Among them we note Wor. William C. Wilkinson, who served as Grand Tyler for nearly a quarter of a century; M. W. Bro. Robert E. Withers, who was a most distinguished man and mason; M. W. Bro. Robert T. Craig-hill, and M. W. Bro. William H. Lambert. Portraits of these brethren appear in the proceedings.

He reported thirty decisions, most of which accord with the practice in Maine. We especially note his disbelief in the installation of a Master by proxy; that by the laws of the Grand Lodge life membership in lodges is impossible; and this:

"Three members of a lodge met in the lodge room the day of a stated communication, with one visitor. The three were Senior Warden, Secretary and private member. Business transacted: Private member dimitted, Secretary resigned, accepted and dimitted. Senior Warden resigned, accepted and dimitted. The lodge was then closed. The dimitted Secretary, under seal, submitted the question of legality. Held, that the communication was illegal, and all business transacted thereat was null and void and of no effect whatever. Ordered, that the proceedings of the meeting be expunged from the record book."

Dispensations for five new lodges were granted; corner stones were laid; many invitations received and accepted; other official acts reported.

He also states that there was a deficit for the support of the Masonic Home for the year, and appeals to the members to rally to its support.

He has a word to say about visitors' certificates, the new Virginia Text Book, and the question of seniority of Grand Lodges, claiming

that, disregarding the provincial Grand Lodges, Virginia is the senior by reason of its organization in 1778.

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Queensland were recognized.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters submitted reports of the condition of the lodges in their respective districts.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a report.

Under Alberta we read:

"Of course their ritualistic troubles are many and great, but we regret their disposition to resort to print.

"We have no criticism for their incorporating lodges, in view of their laws not recognizing trust titles, but it is a pity."

Under Cuba we read:

"Again there is evidently a fine Foreign Correspondence report. It is nowhere signed, before or behind, but it looks like good reading throughout."

And we would enquire if the correspondence of Virginia for 1908 was signed anywhere?

Under Illinois we quote:

"Bro. Robbins said of the Past Master's degree:

"How does the Grand Master and the Approving Committee know that the Past Master degree as conferred in a Provisional Lodge of Past Masters and the degree of the same name received in a Royal Arch Chapter are one and the same unless they know it as Royal Arch Masons. If they know it as Royal Arch Masons, what right have they to disclose it to the Master-elect or to Past Masters who are not Royal Arch Masons? Moral: Cut the whole thing out."

"We can answer his question by informing him that the Grand Chapter of Virginia was formed in 1808 by the Grand Lodge surrendering control of the Royal Arch and granting to the Grand Chapter *concurrent* control of the Past Master's degree. We know it also because chapters sometimes confer it for lodges, and chapters never reconfer it on those who have received it in Provisional Lodges."

Maine for 1907 has courteous mention.

We quote:

"He decided that a mason could not be tried for an offence committed prior to his initiation, and the committee agreed with him.

"The decision is logical, it is just, and, therefore, good masonic law, though many have held otherwise. And yet the Committee on Grievances and Appeals sustained a sentence of suspension of a brother for fraudulently misstating his residence in his petition."

Do we understand that the writer of the above thinks that an *offence* as considered by the Grand Master comes under the same category as the case before the Committee on Appeals?

Under New York we read:

"We have in Richmond 'Masons' Hall,' built in 1785, and it has not only been continuously used for masonic meetings, but not otherwise

used except that a Past Master of Richmond Randolph Lodge, No. 19, which has never met elsewhere, save during repairs of fire damage, holds a mission Sunday School in its basement. Lafayette visited it in 1824, and No. 19 has unbroken records back to 1787. NEXT!"

Some thirty or more pages of the proceedings are devoted to a history of St. John's Lodge, No. 36.

WASHINGTON, 1907.

One hundred forty of the one hundred forty-two lodges were represented at this communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edward F. Waggoner, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, has quite a long but interesting introduction to his address.

The list of dead as announced by him contains the names of very distinguished masons of Washington: M. W. Bro. William H. Upton, R. W. Bro. Thos. Cranney, R. W. Bro. Alphonso F. Learned, and R. W. Bro. Benj. L. Sharpstein.

He speaks with great satisfaction of the pleasure to him to dedicate the Masonic Temple at Spokane, which had its inception when he was Master of Spokane Lodge.

He reports other "public functions" of the same character; the constitution of five lodges; the approval of many by-laws; the dispensations granted and refused, beside other matters of similar routine character.

Of his decisions the greater part would be accepted in Maine. We quote two upon subjects that we do not recall:

"A lodge having received the petition for the degrees, and not having acted upon same prior to the removal of the applicant to another jurisdiction, cannot elect the applicant to receive the degrees in that lodge.

"It is not permissible for any lodge outside of this jurisdiction to confer the degrees in a lodge in this jurisdiction.

"No lodge shall make out a receipt for dues in any other name than that of the member as shown by the records, unless absolute proof is given of unintentional error."

A by-law proposing to have posted in the lodge rooms two weeks before the presentation of the petition of the applicant to the lodge the name of the applicant to be proposed was not approved.

Dispensations for six new lodges were issued.

Many subjects relating to the welfare of the jurisdiction were mentioned, and especially the desirability of the District Deputy Grand Master System.

He submitted many recommendations of which we may write upon the report of the committees.

Bro. Stephen J. Chadwick, of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented one of the clearest reports upon the legitimacy of Scottish Rite Masons hailing from countries where that is the dominant rite, that we have ever read. He accomplished in the report what he sought to do, viz: "to strip the subject of useless historical detail and to reduce the whole subject to its lowest terms."

We would like to quote the whole report but must rest content with one quotation:

"In many of the countries the Scottish Rite is said to be a political factor. This it is asserted is especially so in Catholic countries, and considering the unsettled political conditions prevailing in places where this rite is dominant, it seems to me that it would be unwise to recognize or affiliate with masons hailing from these countries, for that would be in effect, an approval, perhaps indirect, of what such masonic bodies stand for, and we have nothing whatever to do with either the religion or politics of any country. But the greatest, and it seems to me an insuperable objection to this resolution, lies in the fact that we believe in Supreme Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, and in many, if not all of these Scottish Rite Jurisdictions, there have been attempts by our masonic brothers to establish independent and supreme Grand Lodges. In some they have succeeded, and when it has been made plain that they are independent they have been recognized. In others they have failed, but the work will go on. This movement is a step in the direction of universal Masonry, to the end that brethren of Ancient Craft Masonry may fraternize and affiliate wheresoever dispersed. They are fighting, advancing to our lines, and for us to say now, when the battle is on, that we will recognize and affiliate with masons from Scottish Rite Jurisdictions, as contemplated in this resolution, would destroy every inducement and incentive on the part of those there domiciled to establish independent lodges and Sovereign Grand Lodges, for the real purpose of such independence, visitation and affiliation would be thus accomplished."

The resolution which brought about the report upon his recommendation was not adopted and is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That we fully recognize the legitimacy of Master Masons made in lodges of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in countries where that is the dominant rite, and welcome them to the right of visitation and affiliation, under the usual masonic restrictions, the same as if made in lodges of our own obedience."

The Grand Orator, Bro. Henry W. Canfield, delivered an able address, and what it was not and what it was is set forth in the following paragraphs:

"To my present purpose it is of no importance whether Masonry was formed, and shaped, and molded and received its lessons and its life at the building of the famous temple from the wisdom of Solomon and the two Hirams or arose in England centuries later. It is immaterial whether the event which occurred in England in the seventeenth century among the trades guilds was a transition of our order from operative to speculative Masonry, or was the foundation and birth of that venerable and majestic society. Any of these alternatives may be true or all may be false, and not one stone thereby taken from the proud arch of Freemasonry.

"My thought has rather to do with the intellectual parentage and en-

dowment of the Order. The inquiry is not so much who formed its ritual, as what was the cause of its existence? Why was and is it useful to man? What need does it meet and satisfy? What is the distinctive principle for which it stands? What will preserve it for future generations and what destroy? What is our duty as men and masons toward this precious inheritance from the past?"

The Peace Conference at The Hague was supported by a resolution.

An able memorial address upon the life and services of Past Grand Master William H. Upton was delivered by Bro. John Arthur, which is marred by one allusion to the dead and was unnecessary, as the spoken words are the opinion of the living and opinions differ.

Of the decisions the Committee on Jurisprudence say of one previously quoted:

"That Decision No. 6 be not approved, as in the opinion of your committee jurisdiction is acquired at the time the petition is presented and accepted."

Of the recommendations of the Grand Master, there was, on the report of the same committee adopted those to the effect that dimitts shall accompany the petition to form a new lodge; that a Master Mason shall pass an examination in open lodge on the Master Mason's degree within sixty days after receiving the degree.

Bro. Stephen J. Chadwick submitted the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

We wish we could quote all the sayings of this writer but we must be content with a few.

Under Kentucky:

"The Grand Secretary, Bro. Grant, among many suggestions and recommendations complains that the duty (imposed in 1896 on the Grand Secretary) of taking official notice of Representatives who become intoxicated while in attendance at Grand Lodge is a hardship and should be assigned to some Grand Officer who would be more likely to see such departures, etc. Inasmuch as Grand Officers are usually selected from among those who are not frequently in position to see dissipation, we would suggest that the Grand Lodge adopt regulations defining the strength, quality and number of drinks a man should (not) take in a day, juleps to be exempted from the rule, and then elect a Grand Overseer to see that the brethren do not convert the means of refreshment into intemperance and excess; it being presumed, of course, that the Grand Junior Warden is busy with other things—his campaign for the West, for instance. It was settled by imposing the duty on the Grand Marshal. We had always believed the current rumor about Kentucky was a libel, and it may be, but Bro. Grant has aroused suspicion."

Maine for 1906 has a creditable, discriminating review.

He quotes the view held in Maine of a mason's right to relief and adds:

"I make special mention of this because all of us desire to have the fundamental principles of our Institution preserved, and because some

masons, even in this jurisdiction, seem to specially persist in trying to nullify or override the particular principles above stated. We should all be on our guard to prevent any such thing."

Commenting upon the report of the committee which considered the proposed "Collegium" he says:

"We would like to attend such body if ever gathered together, not as a participant, but as a spectator at the ring side.

"We have all sorts of trouble in our local lodges, in this new country, of necessity, we have masons from all parts, and we have never known one that had worked in another jurisdiction who did not believe the work of his mother jurisdiction to be the best work, and generally will insist upon working it in whenever opportunity offers.

"It would be so at the Collegium; we would lose confidence in our Grand Lecturer if he did not stand for and insist upon Washington work, which, by the way, *is the cleanest cut, best work we have ever seen.* And it would be so with all others. They would have a good time, no doubt, but agree? Two boys were fighting one Sunday when the parson came upon them exclaiming, 'What are you boys doing, don't you know that it is wrong to fight?' 'But please, mister, we were only playing,' said one. 'But how did you get that black eye?' responded the preacher. 'Oh, I just ran against his fist,' said the young philosopher. We fear it would be so with the masonic scrap, if it is ever started."

Here is another quotation which tells a truth:

"The committee combats the idea mentioned by almost every novitiate that he became a mason with a mission reserved to him alone to correct its grammar and to harmonize it with profane history. We used to feel that way ourselves."

Under Wisconsin we read:

"We quite agree with Bro. Jenks that the present rush of Grand Lodges to the 'certificate plan' and 'card system' is unwarranted and hysterical. In his thirty years of active service he recalls no instance of visitation by a clandestine. This spasm will pass away in time. It will fall into disuse, for it is inconsistent with the original plan of Masonry. Think of it! If Bro. Jenks, for instance, should happen into our town, and having forgotten his certificate, be refused admission to our lodge after the usual tests. It would be impossible. It will not work out. If it does, in a few years a card will be all-sufficient, and the attentive ear and the instructive tongue will become legends. The faithful breast will alone remain. Upon it we will hang our card, and go where we will. The best safe-guard is individual honor, and the pledged word of a man. Men will act a lie who will not speak one, and we firmly believe that in a few years we shall have forgotten this new fad entirely."

WEST VIRGINIA, 1907.

With a brief introduction to his address, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Tom G. Strickler, pays tribute to the memory of Past Grand Master Bro. George Davis, and mentions the illustrious dead of other jurisdictions.

Many dispensations were granted, and two were refused. A dispensation for a new lodge was issued.

Nineteen special communications of the Grand Lodge were held for constituting lodges, dedicating Masonic Halls, and laying corner stones, at all of which the Grand Master was represented by proxy.

We notice the granting of one waiver of jurisdiction in favor of a lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine.

The following was the only decision reported:

"A brother who was engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors prior to the adoption by this Grand Lodge of the resolutions on that subject, to wit: November 15th, A. D. 1906; A. L. 5906, is not liable to the penalty, as the resolution does not apply to members who were engaged in selling intoxicating liquors at the time of the passage of said resolution.

"A brother who has been initiated and passed before the adoption of said resolution is ineligible to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason while he is engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes."

To the following paragraph we give our hearty support:

"I very seriously doubt the wisdom of excluding the reports of the Deputy Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Lecturers from the printed journal of this Grand Lodge. Brethren who are competent to fill these positions should be able to prepare reports that are worthy of a place in the printed journal as information to the craft."

The old saying that the wedge has but to enter to make the cleavage may prove false in the case of the Eastern Star. But in the jurisdiction of West Virginia the order has reached that position that a Grand Master mentions it in his address and commends them to the craft. Why not mention the "Rebekahs" or "The Daughters of Pocahontas" or the "Pythian Sisterhood"?

The Grand Secretary submitted an exhaustive report, by which we should judge that he did not waste many minutes during the year of service and that his labors were of inestimable value to his Grand Lodge.

Bro. Hiram R. Howard, of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made one of the clearest reports in regard to the history of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico that we have read. Although admitting "that its constitutionality and regularity hangs by a slender thread" he concludes with special pleading and recommends the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico but the Grand Lodge of West Virginia indefinitely postponed the recommendation.

Recognition was denied the Grand Orients of Greece, of Brazil and Paraguay and Grand Lojia Chili and was given to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan upon the recommendation of Bro. Howard.

The regulations were so changed that candidates for the degrees must live within the jurisdiction of the subordinate lodge as well as the Grand Jurisdiction for at least one year prior to the application.

Among the by-laws of lodges disapproved was one providing that one in arrears for dues could not vote for officers.

Bro. Hiram R. Howard submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Florida we read:

"The committee did not agree with the conclusion that the Grand Master can by dispensation authorize advancement before demonstration of suitable proficiency by regular examination. I agree fully with the committee. A curb should be put upon this 'railroading' of candidates through the degrees. There are entirely too many dispensations asked for and granted by American Grand Masters setting aside the established and written laws and edicts for the purpose of gratifying the whims and desires of candidates and their friends, which neither increases the beneficiaries' veneration for Masonry, nor elevates the standard of practice of its principles or of its membership. In short, it is detrimental to Masonry generally. Let them 'wait a time in patience.'"

Maine for 1907 receives its full share of notice in the proceedings.

We quote:

"I note that contrary to the custom in West Virginia, District Deputy Grand Masters are installed. With us a warrant or commission is issued and with it and without further ceremony the Deputy is authorized to proceed with his duties. I believe this to be the proper course, as the District Deputy is but the personal appointee of the Grand Master and is responsible to him alone for his official actions; in short, is the Grand Master's proxy. However, I don't find fault with their being installed; the fact of its being done, perhaps, lends dignity to the office and may make it 'more binding' on the recipient of the honor."

"The warrant or commission" is not wanting in Maine. Should our Bro. Howard hear the installation ceremony of the District Deputy Grand Masters he would believe in it. With us, too, they are recognized not merely as personal appointees of the Grand Master, but are enumerated among the list of "appointive officers."

We agree with him in the proposition advanced in the following paragraph found under Michigan:

"Why disregard the law of the jurisdiction in which the candidate was rejected? Think you that your jurisdiction-made mason will be received and welcomed as such in the jurisdiction whose law has been trampled upon and set at naught? While I favor limited territorial jurisdiction, I believe that those that hold to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction have some rights in that respect that fraternal comity demands should be respected."

From his conclusion we quote:

"That there is a lack of uniformity as to what constitutes legitimate Masonry, some holding that masons made in Scottish Rite Consistories or in symbolic Lodges of Scottish Rite origin, are irregular and illegitimate, while others equally as well informed hold to the contrary doctrine; some contending that if there is no Grand Lodge of symbolic masons, and the Scottish Rite the controlling masonic authority of the

country, that then the masons made in that country are regular and legitimate; some that Grand Lodges formed by lodges owing allegiance to Scottish Rite Masonry, although having thrown off their allegiance and declared themselves free and sovereign, are outside the pale of legitimacy and should not be recognized; and this leads up to what Bro. Robbins, of Illinois, characterizes as Recognized, Unrecognized and Recognizable Grand Lodges, some Grand Jurisdictions recognizing Grand Lodges declared Unrecognizable, and some again denying recognition to those declared Recognizable, and even some of those named as Recognized are refused recognition on account of illegitimacy by Grand Lodges with which we and many other Grand Lodges are in fraternal correspondence. 'And so, there you are, Hinnissey: what are you going to do about it?' I have no remedy to suggest, and it is supposable that every Grand Lodge will, as heretofore, 'pick its company,' however much it is to be deplored."

WISCONSIN, 1907.

The M. W. Grand Master, Edwin J. Farr, in his address feelingly mentions the dead of his own and other jurisdictions, especially making mention of Past Grand Master Fred Ring and Past Deputy Grand Master Alexander Meggett.

He granted dispensations for three new lodges and eighty other dispensations, of which fifty-five were to dispense with constitutional provisions.

Of his decisions we quote:

"1. Brother ——— was made a mason in a lodge working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France. He petitioned to Lodge A, presenting his dimit, or certificate, from that lodge with his petition to Lodge A. Lodge A received the petition, and elected him a member of the lodge. After remaining a member of Lodge A nearly three years, he dimitted and presented his petition to Lodge B, which, after ascertaining all the facts, referred the matter to the Grand Master.

"Question: What shall we do with the petition?

"Answer: The brother having been a member of Lodge A for nearly three years, Lodge A was ordered to re-obligate him in the three degrees, which being done, Lodge B was notified that Brother ——— was a mason in good standing.

"3. Question: Can a lodge legally receive a petition from a man employed in a brewery?

"Answer: Yes. If the man is not a stockholder in the corporation and receives no other remuneration from the company other than that for his daily labor."

He also says:

"If the Craft in this jurisdiction is to occupy the distinction of just and upright masons in its broadest sense, living up to the tenets and precepts which are taught in all the lectures of the several degrees, then the habit of electioneering for or against a candidate for office should cease.

"It is unfortunate that these conditions exist in some of our lodges, and wherever it does exist, it is contrary to the plain teachings of Free-

masonry, and subversive of the best good of the Craft. This Grand Lodge should take some positive position in respect to lodges guilty of these practices, but the Grand Lodge itself should first free itself from a suspicion that some of its officers in the past have been elected by little cliques and rings for the purpose of elevating himself or his friend and brother to office, irrespective of qualification or fitness. In the name of our noble Fraternity, in the name of all the Craft, if we would have 'peace and harmony,' let us all unite in condemnation of politics in subordinate or Grand Lodge."

He proposes certain rules to be read to the candidate after he has received the Master Mason's degree, setting forth what conduct might be construed as unmasonic conduct.

From his conclusion we quote:

"It is unnecessary for me to say to the Craft in closing my address, that for fifty years my life has been devoted in my humble way to the adherence of the tenets of this, our beloved brotherhood. It is a noble heritage to be a mason and we should all strive as best we can to so live that all its precepts be exemplified in our daily lives.

"Masonry is one of the links in the great chain of human existence. Its influence upon the hearts of men who have come within its dominion and who have come under the warm sunlight of its affection is among the most benign offered to mankind."

An official stenographer was authorized for the use of committees to facilitate the business of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lecturer in his report says:

"My observations, while visiting lodges, lead me to believe that the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees are being slighted, that is, there is not as much attention given nor preparation made when conferring either of above mentioned degrees, as there is when the Master Mason's degree is to be conferred. In questioning officers regarding attendance and interest manifested by members in lodge affairs, the answer generally is that it is good when the Master Mason's degree is conferred; at other times, not so good."

We wonder if observation would disclose the same condition in Maine.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported on Decision 3, above quoted as follows:

"Decision No. 3. Amend by striking out all after the answer 'Yes,' and insert the following in place thereof, 'If not engaged in selling liquor,' and as so amended, approve."

The committee thought that too many dispensations were granted; did not believe that the edict in regard to unmasonic conduct should be read at the close of the conferring of the Master Mason's degree.

They further say:

"The Constitution and Edicts of the Grand Lodge do not prohibit the use of robes and stereopticons, but we are of the opinion that their use adds nothing to the impressiveness of the teachings of Masonry, but rather distracts the mind of a novitiate from the beautiful and impressive lessons taught by masonic symbolism."

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

Other matters of business incident to the welfare of the craft in Wisconsin were transacted.

Bro. Aldro Jenks presented his tenth annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Connecticut we read:

"The Grand Secretary is of the opinion that Grand Lodges composed of Lodges of Scottish Rite parentage may be recognized if they have thrown off the yoke of allegiance to the parent Supreme Council. As the stream cannot rise higher than its source, we fail to understand how throwing off allegiance can legitimize such lodges. If legitimate in their origin, why insist on their severing allegiance to those rightfully creating them, and if they are not before regular and legitimate, how can it be that they can become so by an act of rebellion and violation of their obligations to conform to and abide by the laws, rules and regulations of the Supreme Council?"

Under Kentucky we find ourselves in accord with his position:

"An amendment to the Constitution was proposed making it unlawful for a Kentucky lodge to receive into membership one who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors. The objection to such a regulation is that it deprives a mason of his masonic status without charges or a trial, and for no other offence than that of engaging in a lawful business.

"We yield to no one in our detestation of the liquor traffic, but we have learned by experience that it is best to permit each lodge to determine for itself the moral qualifications of its own members."

Maine for 1906 is reviewed.

Under Pennsylvania we agree with his views as expressed in the following:

"The recent fad of requiring all correspondence between lodges in different jurisdictions to be transacted by the medium of the several Grand Masters thereof obtains in Pennsylvania. This we consider an unwarranted interference with the inherent prerogatives of the Subordinate lodges."

WYOMING, 1907.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Peter S. Cook, in his address, as introductory matter, touches upon the prosperity of the state, and of Masonry, upon the necessity of carefully guarding the open door and upon the courtesy due officers in criticising the work.

Among those summoned from earth was M. W. Bro. Nathaniel R. Davis, Grand Master 1886-8.

The official acts are reported in full but none are of general importance.

He recommends the raising of a fund for the establishment of a Masonic Home and the granting to a Master of the lodge the power to de-

clare a member suspended for non-payment of dues without the formality of a trial.

Subsequently the by-laws were so amended that a brother could be suspended by a vote of the lodge after due notice.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

Five hundred dollars was set aside for special fund for a Masonic Home and fifty cents per capita levied annually for the fund.

Very wisely the Grand Lodge declined to enact any law requiring the candidate receiving the Master Mason's degree to pass an examination therein before he could, well, do hardly anything.

We note that the Grand Secretary was authorized to cast the unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge for the Grand Treasurer. To which action we most respectfully dissent as contrary to masonic practice.

Bro. W. L. Kuykendall submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

By the way, we note a preponderance of names with initials among the list of officers.

Bro. Kuykendall does not have any use for the Past Master's degree with reference to Ancient Craft Masonry; does not believe in dispensations compelling members to attend church; nor in laying corner stones on the day commonly called Sunday; nor in dual membership; and "the less masonic organizations in this country have to do with the Masonry on the Continent of Europe, the better it will be for our fraternity."

Maine for 1906 is fraternally reviewed.

We quote, in answer to our question:

"Wyoming law provides for a ballot for each degree, and candidates must pass an examination in open lodge as to proficiency in the work of preceding degree before ballot for advancement to next degree. The lodge electing a candidate for Masonry *only* can confer the E. A. degree, but any lodge either in or out of this State can, when requested by the lodge electing him as aforesaid, confer either or both of the other degrees after said electing lodge has elected him for advancement. When he receives the M. M. degree in any lodge so requested to confer it, he becomes a member of the Wyoming lodge electing him, and the fees belong to that lodge unless there is an agreement to divide them. A Wyoming lodge can also waive jurisdiction over an E. A. or F. C. in favor of another lodge either in or out of this State, in which case he becomes a member of the lodge conferring the M. M. degree upon him. (See Sec. 48, Wyoming By-Laws, 1906.) Such was always the custom before the adoption of said law. New York and some other States have the same law or custom. Others allow *all* the degrees to be conferred by request, whilst a few, Pennsylvania and Texas in particular, do not permit the conferring degrees by courtesy. A few years ago Louisiana, we believe it was, did not permit such waiver. One of its E. A.'s moved to Texas; the latter refused to allow the other degrees conferred by a Texas lodge by courtesy, and the other State could not under its law waive jurisdiction, and so far as we know he remains hanging up as an

E. A. between the two. Such, it will be seen, is the great diversity of law on this subject, and the books are full of such upon divers other questions."

Under New Hampshire we quote:

"Attendance at lodge meetings is the proper way to ascertain who are candidates, and we go further by saying that members who seldom attend lodge should not be informed verbally or otherwise regarding lodge meetings by those who do attend, much less be notified in writing of lodge business."

From his conclusion we quote:

"There is no question about all legitimate Masonry having its start from the Grand Lodge of England. Such being the case, either the Masonry on this continent has departed widely from the original plan, which we do not believe will be admitted, or the present Masonry on the Continent of Europe has departed therefrom to such extent in nearly every way as to establish two very different kinds of masonic belief, teachings and principles. We do not believe there can be two brands of regular Masonry, and the universality we hear so much about must be of one brand or the other. If of the brand holding fast to the three great lights as the first and main requisite of regularity, freedom from being in any way a political machine, independent of any and all control of the government of the country in which they exist, as well as that of any other masonic power or body, and free from entangling alliances with clandestine as well as irregular Masonry, then such universality should only include and be extended to those so holding, otherwise it will only be a question of time before all legitimate Masonry so holding fast to the original plan will become contaminated with some, if not all, the heresies practiced by clandestine and irregular masonic bodies which shall have been recognized and included in the far-reaching word 'universality.' We believe, as expressed in former reports, that several so-called Grand Lodges have been recognized here and there which are not entitled to be hailed as in the universal class, and that the limit of recognition has already been reached so far as many bodies seeking recognition is concerned. We are further of the opinion that the heresy of the claimed right of the individual mason, and not his Grand Lodge, to determine the status of masons owing obedience to Grand Lodges not recognized by the latter as regular, should be given attention before it spreads beyond the few who have advanced that doctrine in the face of the obligation they have assumed."

ADDITIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

ARIZONA, 1907.

Eighteen chartered lodges were represented at this communication, which was held in the Lone Star Stope under the town of Morenci. "A stope is a space from which the ore has been worked out."

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Herbert Brown, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, gives a detailed account of the matters referred to him during his administrative year.

We gladly note that he would not allow a waiver of jurisdiction to override the requirement of residence.

He reports the charge made by a lodge in California for conferring the second and third degrees, by courtesy, upon an Entered Apprentice of a lodge in Arizona, believing that fees should not be paid under that condition.

He also reports that the requirement upon the Grand Lecturer to visit all lodges to exemplify the work had caused dissatisfaction.

The following dictum was adopted after the consideration of a case which came up between Arizona and Texas:

"This Grand Lodge has adopted the principle that each Grand Lodge, as well as its subordinate lodges, are responsible for the indigent of its own jurisdiction and that this jurisdiction holds it to be good masonic law that when a subordinate lodge is unable to care for its needy, the Grand Lodge should supply the required relief."

The Grand Lodge of Alberta and the Grand Orient of Greece were recognized.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved:* That this Grand Lodge in regular communication assembled, adopt a standard Ritual of Work in the several degrees, for this Territory, that the same be made of record, reduced to cypher, *published in that form*, and a copy furnished the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens of each lodge in this jurisdiction, in order that the uniformity that should exist throughout this territory may be absolutely maintained."

Legislation was had to the effect that the Committee on Investigation shall not be made known, and after the ballot has been taken the reports are to be destroyed.

No report on correspondence.

CONNECTICUT, 1908.

From the introduction of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Andrew J. Hallock, we quote one paragraph:

"Masonry is popular, and because of its present popularity many are now knocking at its doors for admission. Has not the time come when it is absolutely necessary that we exercise the closest scrutiny into the character and qualification of those who seek admission into our order? Let us, brethren, see to it that none but those who are good citizens, and are living clean lives, gain admission. We should not be compelled to apologize for brethren admitted through inefficient and careless investi-

gation, or from a desire on the part of the lodges to increase their membership. Let us rather strive to elevate the standard of the fraternity in which membership is sought by the wisest and best of men in every walk of life."

He laments the death of Past Grand Chaplain Rev. Bro. Andrew C. Hubbard, and of Past Grand Master Bro. Asa Smith, both of whom were buried by the Grand Lodge.

A full account of his visitations, which were many, is given in the address, and this, with the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, discloses the actual condition of the lodges.

He granted several dispensations to omit stated communications, and to hold same at date subsequent to the date of the stated, except in two instances. He refused a dispensation to change date of an annual communication to allow attendance upon a meeting of the Mystic Shrine.

A release of jurisdiction by a lodge in Maine is noted.

He himself recognized the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and made an interchange of Representatives.

He calls attention to the haste displayed by young masons in getting through the several degrees for ulterior purposes; to the omitting of the lectures in their entirety for the benefit of the candidate; to the lack of proficiency of officers in the ritual and in questions of law and lodge government; of the need of care in the re-instatement of brothers who have been unaffiliated for many years; and the careful consideration of the applicants for admission to the Masonic Home, which receives words of commendation.

The revised rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge were adopted.

A large amount of business, of local importance, was done in harmony, and it must have been a most delightful communication but for the illness of their loved Grand Secretary, Bro. John H. Barlow. We join with them in their wish for his complete restoration to health.

Bro. John H. Barlow presented the Report on Masonic Correspondence.

Maine for 1907 has a fraternal notice.

Under Wisconsin we read:

"We think it at least an important law among American Grand Lodges, that every Grand Lodge should be supreme within its jurisdiction and subject to no higher power, and we think recognition should be withheld until they become such, not that they are necessarily clandestine, in other words Scottish Rite origin should not prevent their recognition, especially in countries where there is no other. In Louisiana there are, if we are correctly informed, lodges under its jurisdiction which use the Scottish Rite Ritual. If we insist on the York Rite origin there is no legitimate Masonry in a large portion of the globe, we should insist that the three great lights be displayed upon its altar and belief in Deity required."

We have read his report with much pleasure and profit.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1907.

These proceedings contain a full account of the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple. A brief description, with a view of the building, is given.

At the stated communication in September the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized; the rule for the examination of visitors was established and the committee to prepare resolutions on the death of Past Deputy Grand Master John Lockie made their report.

At the annual communication we note that the Grand High Priest and the Grand Commander were "fraternally greeted." What is the community of interest between the Grand Lodge and the bodies which they represent?

Of the Condition of the Craft the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Francis J. Woodman, whose portrait faces the title page, in his address says:

"The past year has been a strenuous and most prosperous one for the Craft. The lodges have been earnest and zealous in every good work; excellent material has been received and many good masons have been made; and with it all peace and harmony have prevailed between the several constituent lodges and no contention has arisen."

He fraternally laments the death of M. W. Bro. Robert B. Donaldson, Past Grand Master, of R. W. Bro. William E. Hutchinson, Past Senior Grand Warden, of R. W. Bro. George W. Balloch, Past Junior Grand Warden, of R. W. Bro. Andrew Glass, Past Senior Grand Warden, and of many others of his own and sister jurisdictions.

His many official acts are clearly set forth with reasons for his action, but are not of general interest.

A lodge U. D. asked for a charter, and the Grand Secretary in his report says that the lodge has fixed \$100 as the fee for degrees and \$20.00 as the annual dues.

The Committee on Work and Lectures say:

"Never in the history of the Craft in this jurisdiction has there been such a uniformity and proficiency in the ritualistic work; never before have such a number of officers of the lodges been so thoroughly qualified to impart the work; never before has there been such zeal for perfection in the work and lectures.

"The credit for this is, in a great measure, due to the zealous and untiring labors of the Grand Lecturer in disseminating the work, both in private and in the School of Instruction."

The Committee on Accounts made a most elaborate report demanded by the proposed change from the present Masonic Home to the proposed new Masonic Temple.

A large amount business was transacted.

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Bro. George W. Baird presented his eighth annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Georgia we read:

"The Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina is making strenuous efforts to make Masonry universal, but, as Bro. Moody says on this subject, there is a diversity of opinion between the Grand Lodges in the United States. We believe a man is first made a mason in his heart, and it matters but little to him whether it is the York, Scottish, French or Memphis rite which does the rest. The candidate is not permitted to be the judge, but is sometimes the sufferer. In the District of Columbia we do not reject the man who can comply literally with the requirements of our ritual. We do not reject a man who has but one eye, or but one lung, or who is minus a toe, but we do draw the line on a cork leg or a wooden head. We do not refuse to pass an Entered Apprentice who has become maimed after initiation. We essay to regard the internal qualifications first, the visible qualities second."

Maine for 1907 receives two pages in his able review.

Of the arrangement of our report he says:

"He places 'foreign jurisdictions' under a separate caption, which may be advantageous for reference, and perhaps better for several reasons. Our own view of it is that Masonry is more than international; it is universal. Indeed, should we be able to institute a lodge on another planet our laws would not prevent. There is nothing in Masonry that pledges its members to oppose any nation, creed, or race, and that is our reason (possibly not a good one) for placing all Grand Lodges under one caption. They are sovereign and equally potent."

Under New Hampshire, commenting upon the remarks of the Grand Master, relative to the life of Admiral John Paul Jones, he says:

"The writer is a member of the Paul Jones Club, and believes the entire membership is composed of masons. The masonic burial service is essentially a committal service, and as it was not the intention of the Navy Department to inter the remains of Admiral Jones at that time (1905) there was really no masonic work to be done. When the chapel at the Naval Academy is completed the remains of Admiral Jones will be placed in a marble sarcophagus and deposited in the crypt of the chapel, under the canopy of the great rotunda, after the fashion of the sarcophagus of Napoleon I, in the Hotel des Invalides at Paris. Then will be the proper time for the Grand Lodge of Maryland to ask the privilege of committing the body."

We regret to note the intimation in the conclusion that this is to be the last report from our esteemed Bro. Baird.

These proceedings are valuable beyond measure for the account of the commemoration of Bro. John Paul Jones at Annapolis April 24, 1906.

MINNESOTA, 1908.

Two hundred twenty-three out of two hundred forty-six active chartered lodges were represented.

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Gustaf Widell, whose portrait graces the proceedings, in his address tells us of the new lodge constituted, of a dispensation granted for a new lodge, of sixty-three requests for dispensation to confer degrees on more than five candidates at the same communication, and of dispensations granted for other purposes.

Under "By-laws approved" he says:

"In several instances, where the proposed by-laws and amendments proposed to exempt members from the payment of dues, I have refused to approve the same on the ground that such action is contrary to the spirit of Masonry, as well as masonic law. In refusing to approve the by-laws exempting members from dues I have specifically stated that such refusal did not conflict with the remission of dues for just cause."

Of his decisions we quote:

"2. Question: A petition was presented to the lodge duly made out. It was referred to a committee and the chairman given possession of same. The chairman lost the petition. In the meantime the petitioner requested a withdrawal, which was refused. Will it be necessary for the lodge to submit a new blank petition to the petitioner for his signature, merely for the purpose of placing same on record, or would a certified copy be sufficient? If presented to him and he refuses to sign, what procedure would be pursued?"

"Answer: It would not be necessary to submit a new petition. The Secretary should file a certified copy in his archives. The petition cannot be withdrawn unless favorably reported on by the committee on investigation, and then only by unanimous vote of the lodge.

"3. Question: Does the jurisdiction of a lodge extend halfway in a straight line from the door of a lodge to the door of any lodge in any direction, even if this jurisdiction extends into a city?"

"Answer: The jurisdiction of a lodge extends in every direction, halfway between it and the nearest lodge. In case of concurrent jurisdiction in cities the distance should be measured to the nearest city lodge."

The last clause in the answer to No. 3 we do not understand.

"6. Question: (a.) Is it ever allowable in a lodge for a brother, either before the ballot or after the rejection of a candidate, to discuss the character of such candidate, and particularly after the rejection to express regret at the action of the lodge?"

"Answer: No.

"(b.) Is the Worshipful Master warranted in calling a brother to order who undertakes to make such a speech?"

"Answer: Yes.

"(c.) Suppose the brother refuses to desist, but continues in a defiant manner to speak until he has had his 'say,' although called down by the gavel, what is the proper recourse?"

"Answer: To reprimand him, and if conduct is persisted in, to prefer charges."

Many other matters which fall to the lot of Grand Masters to attend to are touched upon by him, among which was "District Deputies." He says:

"With reference to the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters, the results have not been as satisfactory as was expected. Some depu-

ties have furnished excellent and complete reports, some have furnished partial reports, some have made no reports at all. It would be well for the districts in selecting their representatives to select those who can devote some time to the interest of the work. The office of D. D. G. M. is of great importance, and experience has shown that where an active District Deputy has looked after his work properly, the interest in masonic work and the standing of the lodges have been greatly benefited thereby."

A proper tribute of respect was paid to the memory of R. W. Bro. Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary for more than eighteen years, who died June 7, 1907, and to the memory of deceased distinguished brethren in sister jurisdictions.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

A large amount of business local in character was transacted.

Bro. A. O. Eberhart delivered an oration upon "The Duties of a Mason," from which we select one paragraph from the many worthy of citation:

"Intelligence and character are the greatest factors of modern civilization, and hand in hand with faith they must proceed to suppress ignorance and superstition, prejudice and nationality, intemperance and vice, corruption and crime, wherever they may be found in our social and political fabric, not like Alexander stopping at the sea, but ever onward, diffusing the sunlight of hope and liberty, until it shall illumine the remotest corners of the earth, and until all mankind shall enjoy the blessings of right and freedom, and through undying ages, when empires have crumbled and diadems faded, be united in one great brotherhood, with equal opportunities for all."

Bro. Irving Todd submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Idaho we read:

"Bro. Knepper admits voting for a cipher ritual a few years ago, and knowing much of its practical workings would do the same again. This is a matter which chiefly concerns Idaho. We would not care to have our own Grand Lodge go into the publishing business, nor is it necessary. The board of custodians are disseminating the work adopted in 1869, and those who attend the schools of instruction are enabled to correct the errors that are bound to creep into the best governed lodges. Mouth to ear is a very pretty sentiment, but every ritualist from Thomas Smith Webb down has been obliged to have something to fall back upon."

Under Illinois we read:

"The committee on correspondence submitted a special report on grand bodies accorded full recognition, those accorded qualified recognition, and those deemed to be without authority in craft Masonry, a list too long for reproduction. As we view the situation recognition is largely sentimental, growing out of the custom of exchanging grand representatives, and is practically a matter of courtesy. When the Masonry of a country passes from the mere degree peddlers into the control of a better element it commands the confidence and respect of the organized bodies of the masonic world, either expressed or implied, which is neither added to or taken away by a mere resolution. The Masonry of

the Latin countries cannot rise above the average plane of the people, and will be no more stable or enduring than their other institutions, religious or political. They are fickle, changeable, because the people themselves are thus constituted. The grand orient or supreme council appeals more strongly to their love of titles and decorations than the Grand Lodge, and perforce becomes the dominant governing power. Consequently we must accept Masonry as we find it, not as we would like to have it. In seaport towns, where visitors from all parts of the world are a daily occurrence, recognition has a practical value not possessed in Minnesota. Hence we do not fall over ourselves in the haste to extend it upon the slightest provocation. The grand bodies recently organized will undoubtedly flourish and prosper, if properly handled, whether we extend formal recognition or withhold it."

Also:

"A Minnesota lodge is authorized to confer degrees by courtesy, upon request of a lodge in another jurisdiction, without dispensation. Probably the practice in Michigan requires such requests to be transmitted through their grand master, a waste of time and postage."

Maine for 1907 is reviewed. We quote one paragraph to show his appreciation of a good thing—water:

"The librarian reported serious injury to many of the books by a leak in the waterpipes, which might be expected in a prohibition state."

The proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association are bound in. To be a member of the association one must have been a mason twenty-one years.

MISSISSIPPI, 1908.

After a somewhat lengthy but able introduction with reference to the teachings and purposes of Freemasonry the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry C. Yawn, fraternally remembers the dead of his own and sister jurisdictions.

Fourteen lodges had been constituted by proxy.

The Masonic Home receives a large share in the address. He says, in part:

"The Home is no longer a dream, but a reality. The advisability of building it at this time is no longer a question. No matter what difference of opinion may have existed along this line, the masons in the State, by their representatives in Grand Lodge assembled, said, *Build it!* and now its support must come from you. It occurs to me that we cannot depend on the uncertainty of subscriptions in this matter, it must be, in my opinion, a per capita tax, and one, too, sufficiently large to meet the demands. Fifteen thousand masons in our State should not only be able and willing to maintain this Home, but should add a substantial amount each year to the endowment fund."

Of his decisions we quote the only one that brings up any question foreign to the practice in Maine:

"Our lodge holds its meetings in the second story of a school building. The building is owned by Brother Ikeler. We have, for lack of room below, allowed the lodge room to be used for school purposes. Now, they want to erect a stage in the lodge room and conduct their closing exercises there. The Master of the lodge objected, but later yielded. 'Did I do wrong,' he asks, and 'is it lawful to teach school in lodge rooms.'

"*Answer.*—It is the policy of our Order, and in fact it is the law that no other society or body shall have access to our lodge rooms. This seems to be the idea that has obtained, and the rule that has been laid down for guidance all along. However, conditions may arise that render it necessary to deviate from this policy, especially with bodies that are orderly and not antagonistic to Masonry. Since you have extended the school the privilege of using your room for its session, I think you are entirely consistent in permitting its use for the closing exercises."

Dispensations were issued for seven new lodges; seven corner stones were laid and several visitations were made.

The Grand Lecturer and the District Deputy Grand Masters made interesting reports.

From the report of the Committee on the State of the Craft we quote:

"We gain that the attendance upon stated and working communications is good:

"That harmony prevails;

"That our membership is increasing;

"Financial conditions fairly good;

"That proper care is taken on petitions and applications;

"That visiting brethren are critically examined;

"That the lodges as a rule own their own lodge rooms, some improving their halls, while more contemplate building outright."

The Committee on Law and Jurisprudence reported the following:

"We have in our lodge a brother who is concerned in the liquor selling business, in an indirect way. We summoned him to come before lodge and offer explanation, which he did at our last meeting. (Not being a quorum present, we did not meet.) But we discussed the matter with the brother. He gave the following explanation of how he became involved. First: When the saloon was opened at McH——, Miss., he owned the building and fixtures in which it was run. The first man who ran it failed. The second man who ran it failed also and he lost \$600.00, and the third man, who runs it now, could not purchase the stock unless some one stood security for the money. The brother stood security for him, and the arrangements were made through the brother with the wholesale people, so the brother assumed this liability and he is also keeping books for the saloon. He states positively that he does not desire any profits therefrom, but acknowledges that he is guilty of masonic offence, and will quit the business if given a reasonable time to do so. The brother owns the building and fixtures, and is guilty, under our masonic laws to expulsion. Now which would you advise, try him immediately, or give him a chance to quit? Brother D. is a good man and a worthy mason in every other way. In this building and fixtures he has about \$1,500.00 invested, and he says if he can dispose of them he will quit the business for good. However, we will act promptly on your advice.

"*Answer.*—This may be a very unfortunate case, but the law is inex-

orable. The brother is guilty of a violation of the law, and, in our opinion, the lodge should proceed at once to try the brother. He can take an appeal from the judgment of the lodge to the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge can say then whether or not he is entitled to clemency. As we take it, it is the duty of the committee to construe the law, and the brother has evidently violated the law, and if this be true, it is the duty of the lodge to enforce the penalty for such violation."

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

From the closing remarks of Bro. Frederic Speed we quote :

"The Grand Lodge of Mississippi is descended through both the Ancients and the Moderns, and from the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. We trace our descent as follows: The Grand Lodge of Virginia was formed by lodges which received their charters from the Grand Masters of both the English Grand Lodges and those of Scotland, Ireland and Pennsylvania—the latter deriving its authority from the Grand Lodge of England, but one of its constituent lodges, by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which was chartered by the Grand Master of England. Virginia chartered Lexington Lodge, No. 25, at Lexington; Paris, No. 35, at Paris; and Nos. 46 and 57—Virginia enumeration—(probably Georgetown and Hiram,) and these four, through their representatives, organized the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky chartered Harmony Lodge, No. 7, at Natchez, which, in consequence of some confusion in the Craft, surrendered its charter and received a new dispensation and was chartered as No. 33. The Grand Lodge of Scotland chartered the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and that body chartered Harmony Lodge, No. 1, of Nashville, Tennessee Lodge, No. 2, of Knoxville; 'Town of Franklin,' and Newport, No. 4, all in what is now the State of Tennessee. These three lodges formed the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and charters were granted by it to Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 15, at Natchez, and to Washington Lodge, No. 17, at Port Gibson."

Bro. Harry T. Howard presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Indiana we read :

"Past Grand Master Daniel McDonald presented his report on the doings of the Grand Lodges of America and Foreign Jurisdictions, in which by some curious mistake, he includes the District Grand Lodge of South Africa. This, to us, is not a Grand Lodge. Is not the District Grand Master appointed by the Duke of Connaught, the Grand Master of England, who lives thousands of miles away? What right has he to govern South Africa? And if he does, why should we recognize South Africa as worthy of review, when it is only a part of the English Grand Lodge. It is not a Sovereign Grand Lodge, is it, Brother McDonald? You will notice in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England held December 5, 1906, that the District Grand Master of South Africa, Daniel Haarhoff, was present, not as a visitor, but as a part of the Grand Lodge of England, being seated in the third position or that of Past Grand Master. And again at the quarterly of March 6 of this year.

"The District Grand Lodges in Queensland are under the English, Scotch and Irish Constitutions, and we do not consider them Grand Lodges in the sense of sovereign and supreme, and, therefore, recognized the new lodge formed there lately as a Grand Lodge, claiming, as we do, that Queensland was open territory and the lodges had a perfect right to

form a Grand Lodge. And the brethren of South Africa have that same right, in spite of the blustering of the old lady in Freemasons' Hall, London."

Maine for 1907 has a brief review.

We quote two of his conclusions:

"VII. The Past Master's degree is being omitted in some jurisdictions in the installing ceremonies of the Master.

"There is little authority for conferring the degree, as the rituals state that there shall be three degrees and no other can be conferred.

"In some jurisdictions the Master is installed if he has received the degree in a chapter.

"This is rather unfortunate, to say the least, for by what right do Blue Lodge Masons disclose the secrets of the Royal Arch Masons.

"The mistake made about the whole matter is in the name given to a part of the ceremony of installing a Master, for there is no such degree in Blue Masonry.

"VIII. And, last, the liquor question.

"All over the United States and Canada the whiskey maker and seller are being shut out from Masonry. Many of the older masons think this should be left to the subordinate lodges. They fail to grasp the magnitude of the prohibition question, and that it has passed beyond the power of the black-ball."

NEW MEXICO, 1907.

The address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Abram N. Pratt, after a very brief paragraph of welcome, announces the deaths of brethren in his own and sister jurisdictions.

Dispensations were issued for election and installation of officers, for joint occupancy of halls, for three new lodges.

We quote of his decisions the following:

"10. *Question:* In the latter part of 1906, and at a regular meeting of this lodge, an application was received for the degrees, and duly referred to the proper committee. Before the next regular meeting took place, an objection was secretly made to the Worshipful Master against the party who made the application. At the meeting the Worshipful Master stated that an objection had been made, and ordered the committee not to report until further notice, and the objection spread upon the minutes of that meeting, omitting, of course the name of the objector. On December 27, 1906, a new W. M. was duly installed, the old W. M. retiring. At our last meeting, February 23, 1907, the W. M. was asked if any objection was made to him against the party who had made the application. He replied there was none, and he did not think it was necessary as an objection was made to the old W. M. and should stand until released. The contention was then made how would he know when one came forward to release the objection? that he was the proper person to do so, as the retiring W. M. had not given him the name of the objector. The law says that an objection shall be made to the W. M. The one to whom the objection was made is not now W. M., and there is nothing to show the W. M. who the objector is. Your decision on this subject is awaited. Should not the name of the objector be given to the present W. M.?"

“Answer: Your Worshipful Master is correct in his decision; the objection holds with the same force as a black ball. The objection may be withdrawn. Now, regarding this, my opinion is the objection may be withdrawn in the following manner: The objector may go to the last Past Master and state to him that he withdraws the objection made to him and he (the last Past Master) to the present Master, or the objector may come to your present Master and on his statement that he was the objector, withdraw it in that manner. The present Master would then make the announcement to the lodge that the objection was withdrawn.

“11. Question: If an application is received and application rejected should a dimit be so marked?

“Answer: No; it should not be marked on returning it to its owner. All lodges in the jurisdiction should be notified, as is done in that of any rejected candidate.”

How easy it would be for all parties in question 10, did the regulations of the Grand Lodge provide that an objection was to the same effect as a black ball; and yet, in this case, what was the nature of the objection? To the candidate? By what procedure is it that an objection to a petition can hold up a candidate? The Grand Master treated the case as if it was an objection after a clear ballot, and in that it would seem that he is correct, but was that the question at issue?

To his answer in question 11, we object to the last sentence. We have never understood that a petitioner for affiliation was subject to the same regulations in every respect as a candidate for the degrees.

The Grand Lecturer in his report says:

“I have no reason to believe that any of the lodges have lapsed from the state of efficiency in which they were reported last year, and I have certain knowledge that some of them have greatly improved. I feel justified in reporting, therefore, that the condition of the subordinate lodges in this respect are as satisfactory as we can reasonably expect, and in some cases it may be termed excellent.”

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

Of the decisions of the Grand Master quoted above the Committee on Grand Master's address say:

“It is the opinion of your committee that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has not answered Question No. 10. The question is: ‘Should not the name of the objector be given to the present Worshipful Master?’ We think it should. In our opinion an objection of this nature should not be permitted to stand indefinitely. A rejected applicant for the degrees in Masonry has, in this jurisdiction, the right to renew his application annually. Therefore, an objection to the acceptance of a candidate should renew his objection annually, or the same ceases to be in effect.

“Regarding question No. 11: We find no law whereby lodges throughout this jurisdiction should be notified of the rejection of a petitioner for affiliation.”

An appropriation was made to defray the expense of an iron fence to enclose the grave of Bro. Christopher (Kit) Carson.

Bro. James H. Wroth submitted the report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Colorado we read:

"Apparently the most important action of the Grand Lodge during this communication was the memorial of Past Grand Master Teller regarding the powers and prerogatives of Grand Lodges, much of it being historical, and much of it the opinions of many reviews of proceedings. As we read it we infer that it is a desire to exercise masonic control, as far as recognition is concerned over all forms of masonic degrees that claim to take their membership from Master Masons.

"Brother Jenks of Wisconsin seems to have struck a bright idea in the fact that all these prohibitions and attempts to control neither prohibit nor control, that the moment Grand Lodges attempt to say what particular rites their members shall belong to after attaining Master of Masons degree is followed by a beautiful and fertile crop of clandestine lodges. Elsewhere in this year's report and last year's report we have given our own idea in regard to the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges in this matter, and although we belong to other rites than the American, we deprecate any attempt on the part of Grand Lodges to say which are and which are not the proper rites for their members to join, so long as they keep within the laws and edicts of Ancient Craft Masonry."

Under Idaho we quote anent liquor legislation, a question proposed to the Grand Master of Idaho and Bro. Wroth's most sensible remarks thereon:

"*Question.* Shall a lodge in this jurisdiction confer the second and third degrees of Masonry upon an Entered Apprentice, who is proprietor of and engaged in conducting a hotel in connection with which a bar is run; he having received the first degree in a lodge in another jurisdiction, which has duly requested this lodge to confer the remaining degrees. *Reply.* It shall not.

"Idaho is perfectly consistent in her view of the temperance question, but at the same time it strikes us that this E. A. was in no way Idaho material,—that as far as conferring the degrees, he was subject and amenable to the laws of the jurisdiction in which he had taken his Entered Apprentice degree, and that the laws of Idaho would in no way have been violated by conferring the other degrees upon him. At the same time the applicant, by engaging in a forbidden occupation, is amenable to the laws, both civil and masonic, of Idaho, and for that should have had charges preferred, and been tried for this offence. The writer is able to see this distinction, but it impresses more forcibly than ever upon his mind the ultimate necessity of a 'clearing house' for masonic offences, and the unfortunate progress of the microbe of legislation working in Grand Lodges, and from time to time extending and increasing the number of so-called offences against masonic law, which offences are not the same in adjoining jurisdictions. If there is such a thing as a masonic offence, it is a violation of the universal masonic law, and we doubt very much if a jurisdiction has the power to decree other things masonic offences, which are in themselves no violation of the general unwritten law recognized by the fraternity the world over. If these conflicts over the penal code go on, it will be necessary to have a digest of all the codes in existence, so that a visitor may know what he can and what he cannot do in the next county. In these remarks we are not scoring Idaho, because we have a great respect for her, and admire her for her consistency in the matter, but we do feel that the making of

masonic offences of matters which are not universally accepted as such is not a square deal, besides the old chestnut still lives, 'Molasses catches more flies than vinegar.'

Maine for 1907 passes under his critical eye.

From his conclusion we quote:

"In brief resume of the year's work I feel that I have to ask the consideration of the craft on account of illness and pressure of work, and in looking over the field it seems to me in my small area of vision that our American jurisdictions are afflicted with the desire to legislate upon anything and everything that might come along, forgetting that the immutable laws of Masonry, like those of the Medes and Persians, require no change and need no legislation. A little common sense and a recognition and study of the fundamental laws of Masonry would prevent very much of this, but unfortunately, like that august body that sits in Washington, something must be made to fit the individual case, forgetting that the strength of our institution depends upon adhering closely and rigidly to the old construction, even if some innocent parties suffer by the construction.

"This craze for legislating on every topic under the sun has led many jurisdictions into anomalous positions, from which we fear they can extricate themselves only with difficulty, and probably by taking a back track."

We regret to read of his illness and trust that his health has been restored.

QUEBEC, 1908.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George O. Stanton, in his address bestows high encomium upon Masonry in the introductory paragraphs.

He mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Past Grand Master James Dunbar and others of his own jurisdiction, and extends sympathy to sister jurisdictions for losses by death of distinguished brethren.

Three lodges were constituted; harmony exists and the net gain in membership was 291.

Dispensations were granted to wear regalia at lodge socials or "At Homes"; to confer degrees within the time limit, but for no better reason than because they were to leave the Province for another place of residence; to initiate a candidate under twenty-one; and for other purposes which appear in accord with usual masonic usage.

The rulings of the Grand Master appear to agree with the articles of the Constitution as quoted by him.

Three lodges were constituted and other official visitations reported.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters reported upon the condition of the lodges in their respective districts.

R. W. Bro. the Rev. Herbert Symonds, D. D., delivered an able address upon the Symbolism of Masonry.

The Grand Lodges of Alberta and Saskatchewan were recognized, while the recognition of Grand Orients was determined to be undesirable.

M. W. Bro. T. P. Butler was appointed the official legal adviser of the Grand Lodge at a salary of one hundred dollars per annum, and five hundred dollars was voted him for services for the five years last past.

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented his ninetyeth Report on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote with approval the following paragraph:

"There is a mawkish sentimentality abroad in regard to the universality of Masonry, which seems born of a fear that any pronouncing the masonic shibboleth should be debarred from the privileges of the Craft, or denied recognition among regularly constituted Free and Accepted Masons. Let us not fail to remember that signs of recognition do not prove one to be a regularly made mason, and that legitimacy of masonic origin must be satisfactorily established before a man, a lodge or a Grand Lodge, is entitled to our recognition as such."

He further says in the same connection:

"Many very absurd, very improper things have been done from time to time in the name of Freemasonry by the Grand Orients and others of Latin origin, and so much so, in fact, as almost to make us fear that there is very little, if any, legitimate Masonry at all, to be found outside of English-speaking communities. None know better than do the masons of the Province of Quebec, how much the public policy of those Grand Orients which we in this jurisdiction hold to be entirely outside the pale of Freemasonry, has been exploited by the enemies of the Craft as a reason for its unqualified condemnation. We may and we do repudiate any connection with the Grand Orients that interfere in public quarrels with church or state, but of what avail is such repudiation, when some of the English-speaking Grand Lodges, with which we exchange correspondence and Grand Representatives, thoughtlessly extend official recognition to those Grand Bodies whose legitimacy we deny, and which a little investigation would prove to be unworthy of any consideration at the hand of regularly constituted Grand Lodges."

Under Georgia, commenting upon liquor legislation, he pertinently says:

"If only liquor is bought or sold on credit, the book-keeper becomes an essential part of the machinery for carrying on the business. If any blame attaches, he is as much to blame as the man, who dispenses the drinks. They are both agents of a third party.

"Let us play the game fairly. If we are going back thus far in the 'This is the house that Jack built' kind of a story, what punishment shall we mete out to the farmer that grew the grain from which the liquor was distilled, to the smithy who made his plough and shod his horses, the miner who dug the ore from which the material for his farm implements was refined, the man who threshed the grain, he who made the glass for the bottles that hold the whisky, the dealer who sold the corks, and so on to the end of the chapter? Why stop at 'the rat that ate the malt,' when we go back just as logically to 'the cow with the crumpled horn that tossed the dog, that worried the (said) rat,' or further back still to

the wedding at the end of the chapter, after which it is to be hoped that they lived happy ever after.

"But, seriously speaking, it is too bad that our lodges should be deprived of their own inherent right to decide for themselves who are fit and proper persons to be admitted as brethren among them, out of those possessing the qualifications that Ancient Craft Masonry declared to be necessary."

Maine for 1907 receives due attention.

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

CHILE.

We acknowledge the receipt of a copy numbered 194, of the last official report of the Grand Lodge of Chile, for the year 1906-1907.

These proceedings are entirely in the Spanish language, and from our limited knowledge of the language we can make no comment. We judge that this Grand Lodge was instituted in Valparaiso in 1862, and transferred to Santiago in 1906, October 21.

COSTA RICA, 1906-7.

Without specifying at which quarterly or other communication the business was transacted, we quote the following action:

"The Ritual Committee having reported favorably on the desire expressed at the last meeting to revive the use of a semi-annual password among those lodges that use the Scottish Rite ritual, it was resolved that this practice be permitted and that the Grand Master be authorized to communicate the password through the Grand Secretary.

"That official relations be entered into with the Grand Orient of Italy, and that an exchange of representatives be effected.

"That official relations be established and an exchange of representatives be effected with the Grand Lodges of Greece, Hungary, Prussia and Egypt; with the Grand Orient of Brazil and Portugal; and with the Supreme Council of the Argentine Republic, all of which was approved."

The Grand Master-elect in his allocution said:

"Indeed, at the outset, I find the affairs of the craft in a precarious state: one lodge is suspended, others are working under unfavorable conditions, lack of enthusiasm and want of vitality are prevalent.

"We are not alone in being called upon to meet periods of depression and discouragement; let us but meet our time of adversity with courage and determination, and we shall surely see our troubles disappear. For

the immediate present we cannot better employ our energies than by concentrating our efforts on obtaining the fulfillment of our cherished scheme of providing the craft with a temple worthy of our traditions."

CUBA, 1906-07.

These proceedings, for the most part in Spanish, make a very creditable book to the eye in its make-up and printing.

The address of the Grand Master is translated into English. From it we quote:

"The sons of Cuba being deeply separated, Freemasonry is the institution destined to unite them with the strong bonds of fraternal love. Brethren bearing different political ideals and aims meet in the lodges; there they must respect and love each other, acquiring the moral elements necessary to realize such beneficent mission outside the closed precinct of the lodge, conveying to the outer world in order to practice and propagate among strangers to Freemasonry the fraternal principles of our institution, as the accumulators are charged with electricity at the dynamos to be used later by industry, either as mechanical power, or as producers of a dazzling light.

"Let us accumulate, Worshipful Brethren, in the lodge and by the healthful heat of tolerance and love to be found there, all the fraternal fluid that our hearts are able to contain; so that in leaving the temple we may convey by our common efforts to the press, the club, the meeting, and the polls, the powerful strength of love and the dazzling light of tolerance, that law and justice may reign forever.

"That must be, Worshipful Brethren, our constant aim at the present circumstances. We must render our country the great service of contributing firmly and with an unconquerable will to the re-establishment of moral peace, playing in the political strife, as I have said in another occasion, the part of lubricating oil to the engine, smoothening roughness and preventing embarrassment in the well ordered mechanism of the machine."

There is a Report on Foreign Correspondence in which Maine receives notice.

ENGLAND, 1907.

The principal business at the several communications during the year was the consideration of the difficulties at Queensland, the having candidates for the office of Treasurer pay the expense arising from the election, what to do with Freemasons' Tavern, and the election of officers.

IRELAND, 1907.

The Deputy Grand Master, Sir James C. Meredith, LL. D., submitted an address in which he lovingly mentions the distinguished and worthy brethren who had passed into the beyond during the year.

Of the general condition of the craft he says:

"It is pleasant for me to be able to say that the general condition of the Order throughout this country, and throughout the various Colonial Lodges which depend upon this Grand Lodge, is eminently satisfactory. There is hardly any complaint to be heard anywhere, and for the most part those complaints which have arisen have been but trivial."

VALLE DE MEXICO, 1907.

The business at the annual communication was brief, and needs no comment nor quotation.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John C. Mordough, in his address speaks of the lodges as "confederated lodges," which by their representatives meet annually in regular session.

We quote:

"I must at the same time put on record, that the Supreme Council of the Free and Accepted Scottish Rite and Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico continue to be closely united in perfect harmony, although each body exercises sovereign and independent authority within its own sphere of action."

Two lodges have been organized; two have temporarily suspended work and three have surrendered their charters.

We again quote:

"I take pleasure in reporting, that during my frequent visits to the lodges I have observed nothing contrary to the good order and perfection that must govern our labors, and I am satisfied with the zeal displayed by the Worshipful Masters in procuring that those labors should be carried out in accordance with the ritual."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made report from which we quote:

"The principal matters to which we would call the attention of our brethren in the United States are two:

"1st. The fact that legitimate Symbolic Masonry under the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico has been greatly strengthened through the agreement made on the first of this year by which the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite withdrew all its claims over Blue Lodge Masonry, and counseled the dissolution of the Grand Lodge which it had formed in 1899—the Grand Lodge Santos Degollado, leaving Valle de Mexico supreme, independent and unchallenged as the Grand Lodge in the Federal District.

"2d. The recognition of Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico by the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland."

Maine for 1906 has a hearing in the report.

We said in 1906:

"Evidently Mexican Masonry as practiced in the United States is not yet understood."

To which is the reply:

"The fact is that because Masonry in Mexico is being practiced as it is in the United States, so far as Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico is concerned, this notice was immediately given to the Grand Lodges near our border so that they might protect themselves against being surprised by the members who had been guilty of disputing the laws of the Fraternity. Since that time it may be added the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite in Mexico has renounced its claim to control and charter symbolic lodges, and it is recognized now in Mexico that the Grand Lodges have sole and absolute jurisdiction over the Blue Lodges. Such acts as the one above noted on part of members of the Sonora Lodge cannot again occur."

Under Virginia we quote :

"It would seem to us that holding such views he might readily see the justice of recognizing Valle de Mexico. We are neither under the control of the so-called higher degrees nor are we practicing politics. We hope that Brother Eggleston will investigate Valle de Mexico further, as we feel that under a careful investigation he will be convinced that Virginia should join the many other American Grand Lodges and the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland in giving Valle de Mexico recognition."

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1907.

In the perusal of these proceedings we have marked for quotation the following:

"The Grand Lodge of New Zealand, having suggested the arranging of a Conference of Representatives of the Grand Lodges of Australasia, with a view to the formation of a Council of Reference, to whom questions of masonic autonomy and other matters of reciprocal interest may from time to time be referred, the Board of General Purposes took the matter into consideration and has furnished a recommendation.

"A letter was received from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, stating that all the Grand Lodges of Australasia had agreed to the Masonic Conference, with the exception of the Grand Lodges of Tasmania and Victoria, and suggesting that the matter be postponed, with a view of obtaining a complete and uniform representation from all the Grand Lodges.

"A message was received from the M. W., the Grand Master, informing the board of the result of his efforts to bring about harmony between the Grand Lodge of England and this Grand Lodge in reference to the matter of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and enclosing a copy of the Report of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England on the matter. The board resolved that the message of His Excellency, the M. W., the Grand Master, be received, and regret expressed that his efforts to bring about peace, love and harmony between the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland and Queensland have not been successful, and placed on record their appreciation of his efforts in the matter.

"Three new lodges have been opened during the year, making the total of lodges now in active work 209, with about 12,000 subscribing members."

The Grand Inspector of Workings submitted interesting reports. We quote the following, with especial attention to what is said about installations:

"The duties of Grand Inspector of Workings lie in the way of regular lodge meetings rather than installations, and while I would have been delighted to have been present at more installations, was unable to do so owing to one, and sometimes two, other lodges meeting on the same night. An installation meeting is the one show night of the year, and pleasant though it may be to be present thereat, the occasion, as a rule, is not one calling for the presence of the G. I. W. The position of Grand Inspector of Workings is the one which brings the holder in keen close touch with masonic life. It is full of responsibilities, but to the brother unhampered and unenthralled, and with a realization of those responsibilities, it presents great opportunities for not only upholding, but improving the standard of lodge work. The fact that Freemasonry is showing so much advancement is due, in a measure, to the vigilance of a succession of Grand Inspectors of Workings. Each year sees the lodge work better conducted. The brethren entrusted with the various charges are realizing more and more that the subject matter has a meaning. Without permitting any infringement of our rights, or deviation from established customs, Worshipful Masters are employing better methods in the arrangements of the affairs of the lodge, while masonic work generally is not only being more intelligently executed, but lifted to a higher level in impressiveness and improved in administration."

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized, as was the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submit an able report.

Maine for 1906 is ably reviewed.

We quote:

"The State of Maine is divided, masonically, into 25 districts, each being under the supervision of a District Deputy Grand Master. These officers each report to Grand Lodge, and from the reports it appears that the duties of supervision and inspection are performed in an efficient manner. Some of the events reported would, if practiced in this State, be regarded as strange. For instance, the Officers of Masonic Lodges are frequently installed in public before a mixed audience. Once, the ceremony was performed in a theatre. The banquets which follow are frequently prepared by the ladies belonging to the 'Order of the Eastern Star,' and, in at least one case, a public installation was held, where the Officers of the Masonic Lodge and the Officers of the Eastern Star were jointly installed by the District Deputy Grand Master. In one lodge, during the conferring of the F. C. degree, the lecture was illustrated by lantern slides."

Under Wisconsin we read:

"If our Wisconsin brethren continue to defer recognition of Queensland Grand Lodge, or refuse to record recognition, it will be, seemingly, because they are disinclined to wound the susceptibilities of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and that consideration is, therefore, more potent in influencing their action than is the inclination to do what they apparently feel to be right and just, viz: to hold out the hand of fellowship to the new body. To follow out the argument adopted in the foregoing extract, they would be prepared, for the sake of the perfect amity referred to, to recognize 'clandestine and illegitimate' masons. We trust, however, that our Wisconsin brethren will not overlook the moral obligations they are under to assist their brother masons of the

Queensland Grand Lodge in their legitimate and natural aspiration to secure for themselves management of their own local masonic concerns. Their cause is the right one, and must ultimately succeed. 'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished."

NEW ZEALAND, 1907.

The death of M. W. Bro. Richard T. Seddon, Past Grand Master, is lamented.

The trouble with the Grand Lodge of Scotland has not been settled.

Dormant English lodges in Auckland district are revived, as it would seem, in an unfair manner to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

Four new lodges were added to the roll during the year.

English lodges seem desirous of joining the territorial Grand Lodge, but the Grand Lodge of England refuses consent.

The proceedings at the installation of the M. W. Grand Master and investiture of Grand Lodge officers is given in detail.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master we quote:

"One word of warning I feel called upon to make. In the course of my masonic peregrinations I have heard it deplored that this or that lodge was not making progress, and that the officers must be at fault, as there were less initiations than in the previous year.

"Quality not quantity is what we must strive for, and the lodge which consistently keeps to that policy is certain not only ultimately to obtain a large membership, but what is far more important, to raise Freemasonry in the public eye.

"It has come to my notice on more than one occasion that there is a firm impression in the minds of some brethren outside our body that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand refuses to allow lodges of other constitutions to forward their circular appeals to our lodges. In other words, that we are so neglectful of our solemn obligations, so half-hearted in our charitable feelings, so dead to the cardinal masonic virtue of brotherly love, that we will help no deserving mason unless he belongs to our constitution.

"The truth, as you all know, is that we are proud to help all poor and necessitous brethren, regardless whether they be of an English, Irish, Scotch, Foreign or New Zealand lodge. Our only rule is that our Grand Master's sanction must first be obtained, and that he be satisfied the requirements cannot be met without serious sacrifice by the petitioning lodge or the collective efforts of the lodges under the same constitution. This is a salutary rule, and has saved much abuse and much squandering of money."

The Grand Superintendents of Districts submitted reports of the condition of the lodges in their several districts.

There is not any Correspondence Committee, but the pamphlet contains extracts from the proceedings of a few Grand Lodges.

PERU.

Interest in Masonry in Peru, so far as the Grand Lodge and its dependencies are concerned, seems to have died out, so we are informed. For several years it would appear that the Grand Lodge has held no communication. One lodge in this jurisdiction is reported as active.

The Italians show masonic life. In Lima they have a lodge "Estela d' Italia," which is regular in its meetings, and holds a charter from the Grand Orient of Rome. The R. A. chapter originally under the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland is in their hands as well as the Supreme Council A. & A. Rite, so that they control all the degrees from 1° to 33°.

At Callao it is reported there are still a few lodges and a charter holding under Scotland.

PORTO RICO, 1907.

The pamphlet before us, in Spanish, contains the list of officers, the report of the Treasurer, the address of the Grand Master, and the report of the Grand Secretary.

QUEENSLAND, 1907.

We have carefully read the proceedings of the several quarterly and special communications of the Grand Lodge of Queensland and find nothing of general importance for our readers.

Considerable space is given in this pamphlet to the position which this Grand Lodge occupies towards the Grand Lodge of England and to the position which other Grand Lodges have taken in the question of the legality of its existence. The Grand Lodge of Queensland apparently has the best side of the argument as presented.

QUEENSLAND, DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, (ENGLAND), 1907.

The proceedings at the regular meetings in March, June, September and December have been received and read.

We quote therefrom:

"The Board have had under full consideration a case in which a country lodge had initiated, on behalf and at the request of a town lodge, a candidate who had been balloted for and elected in the latter. Several important constitutional questions were opened up by the irregularity of this procedure. The candidate having been initiated, passed and raised in the country lodge has now been balloted for and duly elected a joining member therein. The Board deem it necessary to emphasize the fact that no

lodge can initiate a candidate on behalf of another lodge, and that, in accordance with the Book of Constitution, a brother initiated in a lodge *ipso facto* becomes a member thereof, unless he relinquish that right prior to initiation. Both lodges have been admonished to be more careful in the future."

SCOTLAND, 1907.

We note:

"Communications were read from lodges Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii, No. 822, and Maui, Kahului, Maui, Hawaii, No. 984, craving to have a District Grand Lodge erected for the territory of the Hawaii, and Bro. Henry Ernest Cooper, Past Master of Lodge Pacific, No. 822, appointed to the District Grand Mastership. It was unanimously agreed to recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1907.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

Fifty pounds was donated to the relief of the distressed masons of San Francisco.

One new lodge was opened.

Twenty-one beneficiaries were relieved during the year to the amount of £380 from the Freemasons' Hall Trust Fund, and £217 granted to other beneficiaries from other funds.

TASMANIA, 1907.

Wet note among the appointments of Representatives:

"R. W. Bro. W. G. Wilkinson, representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near this Grand Lodge, *vice* Bro. W. Stroud, resigned."

We quote as contrary to our procedure:

"No less than four lodges have, during the past half-year, sought for guidance on cases where a brother, excluded for non-payment of dues, desired to pay up his arrears and be re-instated as a member of the lodge. The Board ruled that exclusion under Reg. 184 constituted an absolute severance of a brother's connection with that lodge, and that, although under Reg. 185 the lodge might remove that exclusion upon payment of such arrears, and grant the brother a clearance up to the date of his severance of his membership, but it was distinctly provided that 'such lodge can only re-admit him as a joining member.'"

From the Report of the Pro. Grand Master we quote:

"I have found the work in all the lodges to be of a high standard, closely following out your instructions and precepts. There prevails throughout the lodges an earnest desire on the part of the officers and brethren to perfect themselves in the work and adhere to the required standard."

At the installation ceremonies of the M. W. Grand Master there were present delegations from the Grand Lodges of South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, and New Zealand.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master we quote :

"One striking feature in connection with our members is, that although we have issued since the foundation nearly 1,700 certificates, only about half of that number continue to take an active part in masonic matters, or are attached to private lodges. It is somewhat difficult to assign a reason for this, for after allowing for deaths amongst the brethren, and also admitting that many have left the State, there is still a large discrepancy to account for. One reason that may be assigned for this is, perhaps, inability to meet the demands in connection with masonic dues, while on the other hand it may be that many brethren, having apparently satisfied their curiosity, have not sufficiently realized the objects and aims of our Institution, and their own responsibility in connection with it, and have gradually withdrawn from us."

He concludes with the following:

"It isn't the thing you do,
It's the thing you leave undone
Which gives you a bit of a heart-ache
At the setting of the sun;
The tender word forgotten,
The letter you did not write,
The flower you might have sent,
Are your haunting ghosts to-night.

"The stone you might have lifted
Out of the brother's way,
The bit of heartsome counsel
You were too much hurried to say;
The loving touch of the hand,
The gentle and winsome tone,
That you had no time or thought for
With troubles enough of your own.

"For life is all too short,
And sorrow is all too great,
To suffer our slow compassion
That tarries until too late.
And it's not the thing you do,
It's the thing you leave undone
Which gives you the bitter heart-ache
At the setting of the sun."

In connection with this annual meeting and gathering of distinguished masons there were given many entertainments and festivities. There was also an impressive masonic service on Sunday when the Grand Chaplain of South Australia delivered an able address from which we quote:

"Are you a Mason?
Aye, I am!
But stay,
The mere profession of its principles,
When unsupported by the daily acts
Of duty it involves, proves false the tale,

And Truth, that attribute divine, the sure
Foundation of masonic heritage.
Shrinks back appall'd at such a mockery,
Which, like the barren fig tree, fair to sight,
Is but the semblance of a fruitful tree.
‘Faith without works is dead’;
Profession without practice dead, also;
A man is a mason only when he strives
To make his practice quadrate with his creed.

“What is a Mason?

Symbol of a race
Grand and historic, 'neath whose steadfast hands
The mighty fabric of the Temple rose,
Until in beauty and strength it stood
Harmoniously proclaiming, God is Great!
Though—at the dictum of the power to whom
'Twas raised—o'erthrown and crumpled into dust,
With not a fragment left to mark the place,
Or tell the tale of its magnificence;
The art survives, but not alone
In perishable stone.

Through faith in God,
And hope of immortality, we build
A spiritual temple to His name;
Founded on Truth and righteous Charity
Oh, glorious fellowship! We seek the Truth,
In Love, the refulgent essence of all Truth,
Which is of God alone, and God is love.
He, then, who takes the compasses in hand
To circumscribe his daily life, will find
The centre in that Love to God expressed
In deeds of charity and love to men.”

VICTORIA, 1907.

The reading of the proceedings discloses no business of importance to the Fraternity at large. Many matters of interest to the Grand Lodge of Victoria were discussed at the several quarterly meetings.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1907.

From the Grand Master's address it would appear that time might bring about the union of all lodges in the state.

He says:

“It is very full of interest to us all to hear of the popularity of our order in other states in Australasia. This is emphasized when we see that the State Governors accept the office of Grand Master. His Excellency, Lord Plunkett, has just been installed Grand Master of New Zealand. His Excellency, Lord Chelmsford, has been elected Grand Master of Queensland, and we know that His Excellency, Admiral Sir Harry Rawson, is now Grand Master of New South Wales.”

At the next quarterly he says:

"I am all in favor of local masonic bodies managing their own affairs. Just consider what we have gained by forming a local Grand Lodge. We started with 33 lodges, now we have 80; we started with nothing in the treasury chest, now we have £5,000, £2,000 of which is for benevolence. Instead of being in the position of a Grand Lodge which sends its spare cash home, and has had to borrow money to carry on and had nothing for relief—we are naturally able to help on our distressed members, and all other masons from other constitutions who can show a reason why they are in need."

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

Again we quote:

"I have looked into the whole question of Queensland as far as I was able, and I came to the conclusion that in the interests of Masonry in that state we should not only recognize the new Grand Lodge, but that we should give it all the assistance in our power. I believe that a Grand Lodge was necessary. I believe that it was formed in the best way possible under the circumstances of the case. I believe it has come to stay. I know that it is composed of some of the best brethren in the state. And I concluded that the best thing to do in the interests of Masonry was to make this Grand Lodge so strong and popular that other lodges would quickly join."

From the report of the Grand Inspector of Workings we quote:

"I am pleased to note that lodge officers are beginning to understand that not only is a correct rendering of the ritual essential to success, but that impressiveness and earnestness are indispensable attributes where it is intended to convey to the mind of the candidate a true conception of the beauties of the craft."

We congratulate this Grand Lodge upon its determination to continue a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and we congratulate the committee upon its able report.

Under District of Columbia, anent the Past Master's degree, we quote:

"This is vastly different to existing methods here, where any three Past Masters are sufficient to form a Board of Installed Masters and confer the degree on a Master-elect, after he has been duly obligated as such. Nor can we imagine why a sister body with a separate organization and government should possess any such rights regarding presiding officers of lodges over which, as a matter of fact, they have no control whatever."

Again on the liquor question, under Florida, we read:

"In other words 'growers of fruit who make wines for sale under the laws of the state' are excluded from Masonry under the law, but it is not considered by the committee the intention of the Grand Lodge to so exclude them. Who is to be the judge when the sale of liquor is 'prejudicial to the interests of the neighborhood in which they live?' And what is the theoretical difference between the man who supplies the publican and the publican who supplies the people? We cannot follow some of our American brethren on this question."

Maine proceedings had not been received.

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Fraternally submitted,

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② Appendix ②

Report • on • Correspondence.

— 1909 —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of the State of Maine:*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report:

ALABAMA, 1908.

The proceedings give us the portrait and a sketch of the life of the M. W. Grand Master, Hugh S. D. Mallory.

At the annual communication the Representative of Maine was absent. Three hundred ninety-one lodges were represented, with the full line of officers and five past Grand Masters.

The Grand Master, in his introduction to his address, expresses some beautiful thoughts on the duties of one who has assumed the masonic tie.

He reports that dispensations have been granted for the formation of seventeen new lodges and one for the re-organization of a lodge; also a number of dispensations to confer the degrees out of time; and to several lodges either to sell or to mortgage lodge property.

This last mentioned matter is a thing not known in Maine. It may have a good controlling effect upon lodges to prevent hasty and ill advised action by them, but, generally speaking, we believe that each lodge should be left to govern its own financial affairs.

APP. 10 G. L.

He notes with pleasure his official visitations; reports the laying of corner stones and the dedication of halls; has a good word for the Widows' and Orphans' Home; announces the deaths of M. W. Bro. John G. Harris, Past Grand Master, and of the Senior Grand Deacon, W. Bro. Joseph H. Edwards, of whom he most highly speaks; gives the names of prominent masons of other jurisdictions of whose death he has been officially notified.

Sixty-six decisions are reported. From a superficial examination of the Masonic Manual of Alabama of 1905, it would seem that many of them might have been withheld as decisions, and the one who asked for a decision could have been referred to the manual. We quote a few for comment:

"7. A brother having dimitted more than six months before his death, and not having an application for affiliation, pending at his death, and not being within any exception to the general rule, cannot be buried with masonic ceremonies.

"12. One having been elected to receive the entered apprentice degree cannot, on declining to receive it, demand the return of the fee paid for the same.

"17. Legitimacy of birth is not a pre-requisite to membership in our Order, if the candidate is otherwise qualified.

"18. (a) The effect of the reversal by the Grand Lodge was to restore the brother to the rights and privileges of Masonry, but not to lodge membership.

"(d) If restored to membership the lodge could proceed to dismiss the charges, if good reason was shown therefor and this would require only a majority vote of a quorum.

"25. A brother dimitted from his lodge, and made application for membership in another lodge, accompanied by his dimit. He was rejected. He then petitioned his original lodge for membership. Before acting on the petition, this lodge must have the consent of the lodge rejecting him."

No. 7 we think is a little unjust. "Once a mason always a mason" has been generally observed. The right to bury a dimitted mason ought to be left to the lodge under whose jurisdiction he resides. If his conduct in life was upright, why deprive him of the right of burial? Perhaps he was poor when he dimitted and proud, so wished not to have his dues remitted. Leave it to the lodge, which ought to know how to do justice.

No. 12 does not meet our approval if we understand its intent. Of course the applicant cannot *demand* the money as something his due, but should not the lodge return the fee as being unwilling, according to masonic teachings, to take from any one money for which nothing had been given?

No. 17 is reported because it is contrary to the decisions and discussions in the Middle Atlantic jurisdictions.

A lodge suspended a member for cause for two years. The Grand

Lodge sustained an appeal against the decision and remanded for new trial. Certain questions arose. No. 18 (a) is one answer. We hold that the brother was restored to its original position before the trial. How could you proceed to try a suspended member for the same offence for which he was once suspended when he had not been restored? It also appears that he could not be restored on his own motion without acceding to all the provisions required for a profane and then comes in No. 18 (d).

If all this procedure is fair to the defendant, from our standpoint there is not much justice in it. Let him by the action of this Grand Lodge be placed in just the position that he was when the appeal was made, a brother with charges made against him.

No. 25 appears to us to be against the general masonic doctrine, as we have been taught, "that the mason was free of the Craft." A dimitted mason could apply to any lodge for membership and that lodge was to determine whether or not they would have him as a member without regard to the action of any other lodge.

He reports that upon appeal to the subordinate lodges for assistance to the sufferers from a severe storm, such a generous response was given that there remained unexpended \$1,663.31.

From his conclusion, we quote:

"In conclusion, brethren, let us ever bear in mind that Masonry lays on us the duty to lead clean, pure, useful, temperate and charitable lives; that in every condition and circumstance of life, we should remember our high calling; that we should know and do charity, not only in the relief of financial distress, but in all the ministrations that love dictates to the just and generous heart; that we should never forget our duties as citizens, and in all the responsibilities of citizenship be true in private and public life; that in the home relations our lives shall be such that content, comfort and happiness shall reign, and that as we journey we shall hold aloft the light of truth, making clear the way to those who follow."

The Grand Secretary reports several lodges as delinquent in the payment of their dues.

The Grand Orient of Brazil was not recognized.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Home showed that \$36,000, at least, was available, and it was upon their recommendation to decide upon a location and to obtain plans and specifications for the building.

Upon the recommendation of the committee a proposition limiting jurisdiction over rejected candidates to three years was entertained.

Bro. William Y. Titcomb submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Florida, he says:

"There is no good reason for requiring all communications between lodges in different jurisdictions to be made through the respective Grand Masters."

Maine for 1908 receives a careful and pleasing review. He concurs in the opinion of Grand Master Johnson as to illiteracy; likes the Maine rule for determining distance of a candidate from the lodge; quotes for its brevity Grand Secretary Berry's report; and gives one of the clearest reviews of the doings of the Grand Lodge that we have ever read.

For his courteous review and extracts from our report of last year we extend thanks.

Under Maryland Bro. Titcomb thus expresses himself in a discussion with Bro. Schultz of that jurisdiction:

"It is, we think, generally conceded that every lodge which has rejected an applicant for the degrees, possesses the right to act upon the question of giving consent to the initiation of said applicant by another lodge. This being admitted, it follows that, when another lodge elects that rejected candidate without asking the consent of the rejecting lodges, the latter are possessed of grounds of complaint; hence we conclude that, when more lodges than one have rejected a candidate, if only the first lodge that refused his petition is asked for its consent, and gives such consent, in that case said lodge assumes to speak for the other rejecting lodge, or lodges as the case may be, an error is committed. Thus the matter is regarded through the writer's spectacles, it appearing to him evident that the consent given by the first rejecting lodge does not deprive the second such lodge of the right to give or withhold such consent."

Bro. John Gideon Harris, Past Grand Master, died during the year. He was a lawyer by profession, a soldier of merit during the Civil war, of highest Christian character, and an honest, loyal citizen. Many honors, masonic and civic, had been conferred upon him.

ALBERTA, 1908.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of revising its Constitution was held for three days.

At the annual communication there was present a full list of grand officers, many representatives of lodges, and the Grand Representative of Maine.

M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, Grand Master, in his address sets forth fully his official acts, and among his dispensations we note one to act on the petition of a "Lewis," thirteen for new lodges, one to hold a meeting on top of Cascade mountain, and one to confer the degrees upon one who had lost his left hand.

Of the Condition of Masonry he says:

"Probably in no other Grand Jurisdiction has the percentage of gain been as great as in ours, being nearly 30 per cent. For the twelve months

of 1907, our net increase is 555, 134 more than the previous sixteen months of our existence as a Grand Lodge. Truly this is encouraging, but I want to sound a warning to the subordinate lodges, I want them always to remember that it is quality not quantity that is wanted. In a country like ours, where new people are continually coming, much more care is required on the part of the Committees on Character, than in an old settled community where the majority of the applicants have been born and brought up in the neighborhood. In such places the work of such committees is not nearly so arduous as with us. In our jurisdiction many of the applicants have only completed the term of residence required by our Constitution, and the greatest care should be taken by the committee. They should not be content with local inquiries."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are well worth the cost incurred to obtain them.

\$500.00 was voted to the Alberta Masonic Home and School Fund.

Of general interest we quote from the Report of Committee on Condition of the Fraternity the following recommendation, which was adopted:

"Further, we recommend, that requests to confer a degree or degrees on candidates from without the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be received only through our Grand Secretary at the request of the Grand Lodge holding jurisdiction over the lodge making the request."

We also quote from the report of the Committee on Ritual:

"Until such time as a ritual is prepared and adopted by the Grand Lodge, the ritual authorized by our Mother Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and termed 'Ecce Orienti' (latest edition) be authorized for use in these and all other lodges practicing the Ancient York Rite in this jurisdiction, also that the Grand Secretary notify all such lodges in the matter, and that he is prepared to furnish the necessary rituals.

"Your committee view with a good deal of alarm the ease with which rituals are procurable in this jurisdiction, and the number that are in circulation, and with the object of checking this abuse would recommend that the restrictions adopted by Grand Lodge at the last annual communication regarding the distribution and care of the rituals termed 'Canadian Work' also apply to the distribution and care of Ancient York Rite rituals, also that the lodges be requested to eliminate from among their membership all rituals and exposures that may be in their possession."

No Foreign Correspondence.

ARKANSAS, 1908.

At the annual communication there were present a full line of officers, eleven Past Grand Masters, the Grand Representative of Maine, and the representatives of four hundred fifty-one lodges.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. M. W. Greeson, we quote:

"I do not think we can too strongly stress the importance of these

schools and the work of the District Deputies. Uniformity is essential; the custodians keep the work pure and expressed in simple but forcible language, so as to make a deep imprint on the mind of the candidate, and the District Deputies thus give it to the lodges. If we are to bring our work up to a high degree of proficiency I believe the present method should be adhered to and even enlarged by requiring each District Deputy to hold a school of instruction in his district which shall be attended by each Master in the district. I do not know but that I should go further and say, before being installed, a Master must stand an examination on the work. Think of it! In the beautiful symbolic degree we reveal to the candidate the whole problem of life, death and immortality. No broader view of life and the duties of man can be given when the journey from the beginning to the climax is properly made, and the ceremonies are couched in pure and simple language. On the contrary, and as we frequently have it, the whole thing is a farce, the beautiful truths are not unfolded and the candidate is frequently disgusted. Let us plan and legislate for perfection in the work."

Of his decisions we mention:

"Hitchcock's Analysis of the Bible should not be used on the altar in lieu of the Bible.

"*Ques.* Would a lodge whose charter has been destroyed by fire have the right to hold meetings?

"*Ans.* Yes; such a lodge may meet and transact business in the usual way until a duplicate charter is had."

In Maine a dispensation is usually granted by the Grand Master for the lodge to continue work until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge when the duplicate charter is granted.

He issued twenty-one dispensations for the election or installation of officers; twenty-six to work a candidate because he was to leave home. He apologizes for the number in this last case and we think he ought to.

Dispensations for ten new lodges were issued; one lodge surrendered its charter.

We again quote:

"For more than a quarter of a century our Grand Lodges have known the pleasure that comes from an efficient and methodical Secretary, the most important officer for any deliberative body. Further, from time to time, the members have been delighted and enchanted by the charming poems that have come from the pen of our Right Worshipful Brother Hempstead. These have been of such merit and purity as to attract the attention of others. Different Masonic Journals throughout our broad land have frequently published his productions with the most favorable comment, and finally, on the 5th day of October, in the city of Chicago, under the auspices of Ravenswood Lodge No. 777, Brother Hempstead was crowned Poet Laureate of Freemasonry."

He thinks that the law should be changed so that there should be a single ballot for the three degrees instead of each separately.

The following resolution explains itself:

"*Resolved*, That it is not expedient for this committee or for the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, to take any action affecting the status, or attempting to determine the authenticity of any organization of which masons may

become members, unless it should appear in point of fact that such other organization is immoral in its tendencies or subversive of the principles of Masonry."

The Grand Orient of Greece, Bro. Nicholas Burbagly, Grand Master, was recognized.

Quite a large amount of local business was transacted.

The appendix contains the "History of the Laureation of R. W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Poet Laureate of Freemasonry."

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1908..

Portraits of M. W. Bros. William Dalby, Grand Master in 1886, and of Francis Bowser, Grand Master in 1907, grace the proceedings.

The Grand Representative of Maine was present.

From the addresses of M. W. Bro. F. Bowser, Grand Master, we quote:

"It is my pleasant duty to report that nothing of importance has transpired to disturb the peace and harmony that should always prevail in a Masonic Jurisdiction.

"I have refused all requests for special dispensations to confer degrees in less time than is required by the Constitution."

Dispensations were granted for four new lodges.

Of his decisions, we quote:

"No lodge room once dedicated to Masonry shall, while occupied by masons, be used for other than masonic purposes. Please inform us if it is a violation of this section for the Chapter of the Eastern Star, who have been using our lodge room in the past, to continue so doing.

"*Answer.*—The answer hinges on the last two words of this section, 'masonic purposes.' One of the benevolent purposes of the masonic institution is to enlarge the sphere of social happiness, and its great object is to promote the happiness of the human race, and as the members of that Society are all connected with the Craft, either by blood or marriage, you may allow them the use of your lodge room until other arrangements are made."

The record of his official visits is very pleasant reading.

The Deputy Grand Master and the District Deputy Grand Masters submitted reports giving succinct accounts of their labors.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized and the Gran Logia "Cosmos" was refused recognition.

A fine address was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, W. Bro. Rev. H. G. F. Clinton upon the text, "Charity never faileth."

Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Idaho, he says:

"We regret to have to record the fact that by a vote of eighty-one to fifty-one the Grand Lodge adopted a recommendation to have a cipher ritual prepared. The preparation of the cipher was placed in the hands of the Grand Lecturer, but we hope that that officer will remember the charge delivered to him when he received the third degree, and that he will let no motive make him swerve from his duty, violate his vows or betray his trust, but will imitate the example of a certain celebrated artist who laid down his life rather than forfeit his integrity."

Under Iowa, we read:

"We have always held that in dealing with masonic offences Masonry is a law unto itself and should not be bound down to legal procedure. The object of a masonic trial is to elicit the truth, while in a legal trial it is a struggle between the crown to convict, and the defence to secure the acquittal of the prisoner, by whatever means. As to the power of a masonic lodge to secure evidence, we do not agree with our learned brother. Certainly a lodge cannot compel the attendance of profanes, but, on the other hand, because of technicalities, evidence is often excluded from legal trials which would be admissible in trials before a lodge, and which might alter the verdict completely."

Maine for 1907 passes under his critical and learned observations, but with no adverse criticism except that he would like better to know our opinions.

This Grand Lodge mourns the death of M. W. Bro. Eli Harrison, Sr., Grand Master 1878-80. The burial services were conducted by the Grand Lodge. He was 83 years old.

CALIFORNIA, 1908.

All the Grand Officers but three, seven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of two hundred and eighty-three lodges were present at this communication. A letter announcing his ill health and declining any further favors from the Grand Lodge was read from R. W. Reuben H. Lloyd. The Grand Lodge adopted resolutions of sympathy.

From the introduction of the address of M. W. Bro. George M. Perine, Grand Master, we select one paragraph:

"Every institution, society or order is beneficial in its ultimate results just in proportion as it enlists, encourages and assists the individual to fight this battle and gain this victory. Spasmodic fevers of charity will never gain the battle of life. Character is to be found in the permanent disposition of the mind, in the governing purpose of the life. This purpose is the result of a deliberate, unreserved commitment of the Spirit to the ends of worthiness. To overcome this selfish power, it is absolutely necessary for the individual to commit himself fully, firmly, deliberately, unreservedly to the ends of benevolence. What the man needs, what the interests of his moral nature demand in this conflict with these

selfish tendencies, is some individual, some influence, some institution which will lead or induce him to rise up to worthiness. The smallest acquisition of such in any quarter is so much good to the commonwealth of men."

A full account of the duties done is recorded in his address—the laying corner stones, the dedication of masonic temples, dispensations for new lodges.

We quote from his address:

"I received a communication asking if the daughter of a deceased mason who, at the time of his death, was a member in good standing and who was living with her husband, a 'profane,' and a minor son, the husband by reason of sickness or physical disability being unable to support her, was entitled to relief from the funds of the lodge. I held that the daughter of a Master Mason does not forfeit her rights to be treated as such merely because she has married a man who is not a mason, and I know of no reason why the rule should be different where the daughter of a Master Mason continues to live with her husband (a non-mason). She is still the daughter of a Master Mason and is none the less worthy of fraternal consideration because she does not leave her husband. Under such circumstances the lodge of which her father was a member may very properly grant her the necessary assistance to such an extent as may be reasonably sufficient to cover her individual needs. The relief extended, however, should be limited to such an amount as is necessary for the wife alone. The question of the amount required for this purpose must necessarily be left entirely to the discretion of the lodge and its officers."

The Grand Lecturer says:

"Now that the candidate's lectures have been made uniform, there still remains something lacking. It should be made compulsory for the candidate to learn a lecture of the third degree, so that when a brother visits a lodge and is obliged to pass examination, he can give the lecture of the third degree the same as the other two. Committees who examine new members invariably find that the brothers know but little of the third degree. The lodges might make it an incentive for the candidate to learn the third degree by presenting him with a Grand Lodge diploma when he has made the necessary proficiency. These diplomas could be gotten up in a smaller form than the present ones, so that they could be conveniently carried in the pocket. I hope that some action will be taken in regard to this matter by this Grand Lodge, and that the custodians of the work be given power to formulate the lecture."

From the report of the Board of Relief we observe that there were two cases from Maine at a cost of \$166.85; and that Bro. Hiram S. Tuttle, of Casco Lodge, No. 36, had been buried with masonic honors.

The Relief Board of Los Angeles spent \$20 for the relief of a brother from Maine.

Interesting data concerning Masonry in the Philippine Islands, involving to a greater or less degree the question of Masonry in Spain, appear.

From the report of the Committee on the Report of the Grand Lecturer we quote:

"We are especially glad that the Grand Lecturer has emphasized the

extreme care which should be taken by Masters of lodges in selecting their appointive officers. The greatest trouble which we have in producing good material for Masters is the fact that the incoming Masters do not select with discrimination their lower appointive officers; do not seem to have in mind that such men should have the possibility in them of making good Masters themselves, and as the Grand Lecturer so well puts it, they must also have the willingness to learn. We have all seen men of excellent ability who, through inattention, have made very poor masonic officers, and all these are difficulties which should be met by intelligent selection of the Masters in their appointments."

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

The brochure from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, with reference to rituals, received the approval of the Grand Lodge.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That no spirituous, malt, or fermented liquors shall be served at any masonic banquet or gathering."

To make a doubtful point clear the Code of By-Laws was amended as follows:

"Any Master Mason in good standing, whether or not a member of the lodge, may be appointed Tyler."

The following action does not meet with our approval:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary prepare and cause to be printed a uniform receipt for dues and holder for same, and keep, at all times, a sufficient number on hand to supply all the lodges in the jurisdiction; the same to be the only receipt to be used, and sold only by the Grand Secretary, at a price to be fixed by the Committee on Accounts."

The Grand Lodge became a subscriber to the "Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada."

The following action was had:

"That the reports of Committees of Investigation appointed on the petition of applicants for the degrees of Masonry, or for applications for membership, shall not be read in the lodges, except so far as the announcement of the character of the report is concerned; nor shall the names of the brethren appointed on such committees be announced in the lodge."

The report of Committee on Correspondence is submitted by the chairman, Bro. Alonzo J. Monroe. Although restricted in the number of pages to be devoted to correspondence, our brother has presented a most concise and readable report, from which it is almost impossible to quote.

Maine for 1906 and 1907 receives notice. Commenting upon the trial of an E. A. for an offence committed before he was admitted, he says:

"According to this ruling a defaulter, or a murderer or other criminal, whose crime had not been discovered until after his initiation, could not be tried for the offence by a masonic lodge. We cannot subscribe to that."

We reply by asking if he thinks any crime which the man might have

committed would not have been known? What kind of an investigating committee would that be who would not from boyhood up investigate into the life of an applicant? Then in Maine he must have lived one year in the state and six months within the lodge, and the "down east Yankee" is mighty inquisitive.

From his conclusion we quote:

"The writer believes that the Reports on Correspondence justify the expense of making and printing them, speaking generally and not referring to the present report. The methods and procedure of masonic organization and masonic charity and fellowship are not yet perfect. Upon the improvement of these things are focussed in the many jurisdictions some of the brightest minds of the world. Advances are constantly being made in administrative methods and a wider spirit of brotherhood, in some jurisdictions, worthy of adoption in others. The correspondence report helps to bring these improvements to the knowledge and consideration of the brethren everywhere. They serve to protect, also, the ancient fabric of Masonry from illy considered innovations, ignorantly proposed or hastily adopted. So, too, they assist in uniting the whole body of Masonry by promoting uniformity in methods and regulations in the different jurisdictions and bringing all masons into closer fellowship.

"No one can read the proceedings of the doings of masonic brethren in all parts of the world without being both exalted and humbled; exalted in feeling and in his respect for common human nature by the evidence of noble aspiration and high achievement by masons in different lands, and humbled by the thought of his own failure to live up to masonic ideals."

CANADA, 1908.

At this annual communication 320 of the 401 warranted lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative of Maine was absent.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Augustus T. Freed, we quote:

"The year which has elapsed since the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge has been one of continued prosperity. There has been a gratifying increase in our membership; and the income of Grand Lodge has been greater than in any former year. But, above all, we have reason to be grateful for the peace that has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction and the harmony that has reigned in our councils."

From his decisions, we quote:

"4. A Past Master from another jurisdiction affiliated with a lodge in this jurisdiction, and was elected Master, he not having served as Warden in this jurisdiction. Is the election legal? No; the election is void, and the brother must not be installed.

"8. The Secretary of a lodge sent out a notice of meeting in regular form and proper time, without the names of candidates to be balloted for. Three days before the meeting of the lodge he sent out a separate notice

containing the candidates' names. Ruled that the ballot was void. A new ballot must be taken after regular and proper notice."

Warrants were granted to four lodges; dispensations to two lodges continued; dispensations for eight new lodges issued; twelve lodge rooms were dedicated and six corner stones were laid.

In the matter of the lodge at Jerusalem, he says:

"Soon after the last communication of this Grand Lodge the warrant issued to the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, was returned to the Grand Secretary, and the affairs of that body may now be considered a closed chapter in our history."

\$44,154.29 is reported to the credit of the Semi-Centennial Fund. It is hoped to make it \$100,000.

He rightly condemns the use of "chain letters."

The District Deputy Grand Masters' reports are interesting to read, giving as they do, clear accounts of the condition of the lodges under their respective charge. They cover 212 printed pages in the report.

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry summarize these reports and we quote from their report:

"The District Deputy Grand Masters during the past year appear to have been most assiduous in the discharge of their duties. Every lodge in the jurisdiction except two was inspected, many of them receiving several visits, and had it not been for the severe illness of one District Deputy every lodge would have received a visit. The representatives of the Grand Master, by advice, admonition and instruction, have done much to improve the general condition of the Craft.

"The work is reported to be correctly and intelligently rendered in nearly every lodge, which speaks volumes for the instruction heretofore given and the education and diligence of the thousands of officers who are serving the Craft.

"With very few exceptions the lodges carry substantial fire insurance on their properties.

"The board notices that, with very few exceptions, Masters are reported able to work degrees, and the percentage of those incapable is decreasing year by year."

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

In regard to decision 4 quoted herein, the Committee on Grand Master's address say:

"That the M. W. Grand Master in using words 'from another jurisdiction,' means a jurisdiction other than the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Without thought, his quoted expression might be taken to mean the jurisdiction of a lodge outside of the jurisdiction of the lodge in which occurs the matter referred to in the case mentioned."

Bro. Henry Robertson presented the Report on Correspondence.

For the benefit of our reading constituency we quote from his introduction:

"The Carbonari (Italian, *Carbonaro*, Charcoal maker) had no direct connection with Masonry, but a large number of its forms were borrowed from

that source. It was in Italy, towards the close of the Napoleonic wars, that this society first began to assume importance. In 1808 the Republicans, disgusted alike with the Bourbons and Napoleonists, retired to the mountain resorts of the Abruzzi and Calabria. In this latter region charcoal burning was the chief industry of the poorer classes, and these Republicans, forming themselves into a secret society, borrowed their phraseology in numerous instances. Thus a lodge was called a *baracca* (or hut), an ordinary meeting a *vendita* (or sale), while an important meeting was *alta vendita*, all well known terms in the charcoal burning industry. The Carbonari were Christian, but anti-Papal, and borrowed their rites from that religion; thus Christ the Lamb, as the victim of tyranny, put to death by the wolf, gave them their watchword. There were four grades of the Carbonari, with *Alta Vendita* at Naples and Salerno. These two latter lodges tried to exercise authority over the rest, but failed in their efforts.

"Coaxed to join the Bourbons, the Carbonari were driven back to their mountain fastnesses by King Murat, and their leader, Cabobianco, was treacherously betrayed and put to death. A few years later they helped to overthrow the French power in Naples, but Ferdinand, when once in power, proved false to them and refused them permission to establish their lodges in Naples, as they had previously done in Sicily under English supremacy. Enraged at this treachery, they conspired against the Bourbon Government, and rapidly formed lodges all over Italy. They were the prime movers in several rebellions that took place about this time. The Neapolitan revolution of 1820, the disturbances in the Papal States the same year, and the Piedmontese revolution in 1821 can all be traced to them. Originally composed of members of the lower classes, about this time they obtained thousands of recruits from all classes of society. Army officers, students, artists, and even priests flocked to their standard, and their numbers are said to have reached 700,000. So strong did they become that at last Austria became alarmed and the military power of this nation was called in to crush them. Though still remaining active until 1831, they never fully recovered from this set-back, and most of their numbers were swallowed up by the society of 'Young Italy,' founded by Mazzini.

"In 1820 the Carbonari took root in France, where their organization was much more perfect. A Supreme Council, presided over by the great Lafayette, and a complete hierarchy of societies, by which the will of the Chief was handed on from the highest to the most remote lodge. Attempting to raise an insurrection in 1821 at Belfort, LaRochelle, and other places, they were promptly suppressed and suffered terribly, but owing to the wonderful fidelity of the members only those immediately connected with the revolution could be punished. The Carbonari still continued to take an active part in all revolutionary matters till 1831, when, after helping in the July revolution of that year, the majority of its members associated themselves with the government of Louis Phillipe. Dating from this time the society became practically extinct."

Maine for 1907 is mentioned.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Master in 1884-5, and was the Grand Secretary, which office he had filled for four years:

"Born in Scotland in 1843, and residing there until 1860, when he emigrated to Canada, he had the advantage of that solid educational and

religious training enjoyed by the Scottish people, fitting him for the performance of any duty, and laying the foundation of probity and honor exemplified in the life of our distinguished brother. Take him all in all, there are few that will come up to the honest, out-spoken and fearless Hugh Murray—*Primus inter pares*."

COLORADO, 1908.

A sketch of the life of M. W. Bro. Andrew Sagendorf, with portrait, and his connection with primitive Masonry in Colorado, appear in the proceedings.

So also are we made acquainted with the life of Bro. John B. Haffy, Grand Master elect, and his portrait is given.

All the officers, one hundred and nine of the one hundred and fourteen chartered lodges and the Grand Representative of Maine were present at the annual communication.

The Grand Representatives were invited to the East, where they were welcomed by the Grand Master. The response to the welcome was made by the Grand Representative of Saskatchewan.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Joseph A. Davis, after a brief introduction, read the list of the fraternal dead of other jurisdictions, then gives the list of three dispensations for new lodges, and a long list of dispensations for divers purposes "that were not inconsistent with the Grand Lodge By-Laws."

Of his decisions we quote:

"3. A member of a lodge who has been granted a dimit, but did not receive a certificate of his dimission, is nevertheless a dimitted mason, and must petition in regular form for affiliation. A lodge can not pass a resolution restoring the brother to membership the same as if no dimit had been asked for or granted.

"5. A brother applying for a dimit cannot withdraw the application after the same is before the lodge for action."

He made forty visitations during the year, traveling between forty-five hundred and five thousand miles.

He had a few cases of discipline which were troublesome, and other matters of local importance to attend to.

He also made several recommendations which were not approved as presented.

The Grand Lodge listened to a learned and interesting oration by the Grand Orator, Bro. Melvin Edwards, from which we quote the final paragraph:

"So love is the alkaloid of our great Order. By its dictates our ancient brethren were enabled to lead the race by the hand of gentleness down through the ages of savagery and iron to the one inaugurated by

the 'Prince of Peace,' and by inculcating its benign principle there has been handed on down through the centuries unimpaired, the great tenets of our profession. To us it is the one light that never dims; the one sun that never sets, and the countless sons of our Order now and forever will follow where its holy light leads."

We suppose that there must have been "a nigger in the wood-pile" to cause the presentation and adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That it is unmasonic for any brother to act as an attorney for the prosecution or defence in a masonic case for pay, either monetary or other consideration."

A resolution was passed requiring secretaries of proposed lodges U. D. to pass a satisfactory examination in the proper way to keep records before the dispensation shall be granted.

Decision five was not approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We have not in hand the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, which probably would tell us how the Grand Lodge is composed, but if it is anything like the Constitution of Maine the following resolution could not have passed:

"*Resolved*, That in special recognition of his zeal, ability and faithful services for nearly half a century in behalf of Masonry in this Jurisdiction, Brother Henry T. West be and he is hereby made a permanent member of this Grand Lodge."

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf submitted his twenty-fourth Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1907 had his attention.

We were as much "surprised" as was Bro. Greenleaf when we heard that a "collective ballot" had been taken in a lodge of Maine. This, we think, was the first time that it ever happened, and by the action of the Grand Lodge it will be the last time.

Under New Mexico, discussing the announcement of the names of an investigating committee, he says:

"Not only has it been the general practice to announce the names of the committee, but in former times it was not at all uncommon for members to discuss in open lodge the character of applicants. If it has come to this, that secrecy in these matters cannot be maintained, it is time for severe disciplinary measures. If members of committees are to be called to account for the discharge of their duties and their report, which should be held sacred, is disclosed to the petitioner, let the offender be ferreted out and promptly dealt with."

From his conclusion we quote:

"In the matter of conducting the correspondence of lodges in different jurisdictions through their respective Grand Masters, there is a wide diversity of opinion. We have not hesitated to oppose the practice as an invasion of the inherent rights of the lodges, and to declare that where it has been engrafted upon Craft Masonry, it has been copied from a similar enactment in a semi-military concordant Grand Body.

The practice has crept into this jurisdiction of late years, but we have failed to find any law justifying the same, and in the absence of any such enactment, our lodges are at liberty to conduct their own affairs as they see proper, within constitutional limits. Our views on this question have been endorsed by some of the ablest writers, and should the matter come before our Grand Lodge for formal determination, we are certain there will be no unanimity of opinion.

"Many Grand Orients of Scottish Rite origin are requesting recognition from Grand Lodges of the York Rite, but with indifferent success. In our opinion, as heretofore expressed, there must be some common ground of agreement before such recognition can be generally extended. Whether complete severance of allegiance to Supreme Councils will be regarded as sufficient to justify recognition, remains to be determined."

DELAWARE, 1908.

Of course, by this time our Delaware Bro. Harrison has discovered that the title page did not agree with the body of the Report as to date of holding the annual communication.

At the annual communication all the officers save two, thirteen Past Grand Masters, the Grand Representative of Maine, with a large number of other brethren were present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas J. Day, whose portrait graces the proceedings, in his address names the dead; reports three special communications, one for the dedication of new hall and two for laying corner stones; states that he has visited all the lodges, and three Grand Lodges; and under the topic of waiver of jurisdiction, says:

"That I have been unable to find any law which gives us the right to hold perpetual jurisdiction over a rejected candidate who has moved to some other jurisdiction, and would recommend that the Grand Lodge pass an amendment to the by-laws governing this subject."

We also quote:

"It is true that modern standards have made a distinct change and it is essential that we should devote more time to business, yet the social side demands its share of attention and if we fail to grant it, we fail to live up to the ideals of our Fraternity.

"We pass a brother on the street, we know him, yet fail to notice him. Is this fraternal love? Does such an action lead him to have a more favorable view towards his fellow beings? Is it charitable? No! we are wrong and we must mend our ways, lest the great aim of Masonry becomes lost and the fraternity degenerates into a mere mercenary body."

There was quite a large amount of local business transacted.

Bro. L. H. Jackson presented the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1908 receives good notice.

Yes, we were on the earth in 1846, but oh, so young that we do not know of anything that happened that year except as it has been told us.

This Grand Lodge mourns the death of R. W. Elihu J. Morris, Past Senior Grand Warden, the oldest member of the Grand Lodge. He became a member thereof in 1855.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1908.

At the first stated communication of the Grand Lodge in March the esoteric portions of the three degrees were exemplified to the satisfaction of the Grand Master.

At the second stated communication in May recognition was refused to the El Gran Logia Cosmos, of Chihuahua. Several matters of local interest were attended to.

A special communication was held in September for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Temple to Freemasonry.

At the third stated communication in September the most important act of business was the appointment of "a special committee of five to inquire into the revenues and expenses of the Grand Lodge and make such recommendations as in the opinion of the committee would be for the best interest of the Grand Lodge and the constituent lodges."

The annual communication was held in December in the new masonic hall, with the presence of a full line of Grand officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representative of Maine.

From the introduction of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Augustus B. Coolidge, we quote:

"In the review of the year there is nowhere to be found a suspicion of discord. Intelligent and faithful officers and interested members have worked together for the upbuilding of our lodges and the advancement of masonic ideals. The ranks of those who have served as officers of this Grand Body remain unbroken. The year closes with largely increased numbers on our rolls, with peace and harmony abounding, with brighter hopes, with greater possibilities for accomplishment than ever before."

The dead of his own and other jurisdictions are named; the dispensations granted are mentioned, and also the purpose of the dispensation.

Correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Chili was had because Chili had exchanged Representatives with "the so-called Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia of Prince Hall antecedents."

Other matters of great importance to the jurisdiction alone are mentioned.

The Committee on Jurisprudence having given consideration to the question whether an appeal lies to the Grand Lodge from a verdict of acquittal by a lodge, decided that an appeal lies in case of either acquittal or conviction by a lodge.

Unless the appeal, in case of acquittal, was made because of irregularities connected with the trial, we do not approve their decision.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

The Committee on Revenues and Expenses of Grand Lodge made an exhaustive report. They believed that there was no call for an increase in the per capita tax, but that the printing bill could be lessened by decreasing the number of the reports printed and by omitting to print the names of the members of the lodges.

Bro. George W. Baird presented his ninth Report on Foreign Correspondence.

We, with pleasure, acknowledge that from his review we get the best knowledge of Masonry in what we call foreign jurisdictions.

His views of what a report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals should be commend themselves to us.

Of the residence of one enlisted in the United States service he says:

"He is asked of what State he is a resident. It has been ruled that he neither gains nor loses a residence, and unless, by his own volition, he changes his residence, he remains a citizen of the State or Territory he claimed when he entered the United States service."

Maine for 1908 has two pages.

Under West Virginia we quote:

"Bro. Howard 'hears of no kickers' in consequence of the recent prohibition laws in the fraternity, which is a matter of congratulation. But have those laws, resolutions, and edicts stopped tippling, or diminished drunkenness? We spent part of last summer in Maine, where prohibition has existed these many years, but there was no trouble in getting liquor, and the oldest inhabitants say there are as many drunkards now as there were before."

In his conclusion he says:

"There seems to be a growing tendency in our Western and Southern Grand Lodges to substitute *prohibition for temperance*, which, we think, is going a little too far. We heartily justify every effort to diminish drunkenness, but fear very much that prohibition does not accomplish it. We have noticed in our extended travels that where the people drink light wines and beer there is not much drunkenness, but where strong alcoholic (distilled) liquor is the favorite beverage, drunkenness is more common. Drunkenness may be diminished by diminishing the tariff on light wines and malt liquors, and increasing it on distilled liquors."

Again:

"The establishing of a home seems to be the aim of almost every jurisdiction. While it is well to provide the means to establish a home, we do not think it wise to actually build the home until it is apparent that the aggregate cost of maintenance will be less in the home than to support the beneficiaries in some other way. The cost per capita per day for maintenance in large hospitals varies from 48 to 60 cents, from which a comparison may be made."

GEORGIA, 1908.

The Grand Representative of Maine was present.

The introductory to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas H. Jeffries, is quite lengthy.

The Fraternal dead are mentioned; the dispensations to lay corner stones are recounted; twenty-five new lodges were constituted; dispensations for ten lodges were issued; and five pages of dispensations for other purposes.

We note especially the appointment of Bro. W. B. Kent, of Mt. Vernon, as Representative of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

His official visitations were more than forty and his miles of travel more than six thousand miles.

By this decision we have the "Maine Law" as it is understood in Georgia:

"I have been asked if a mason can engage in the sale of 'near beer.'

"Near beer" being a relative term, and not being familiar with the constituency of 'near beer,' I decided:

"No mason may lawfully engage in the sale or barter, for valuable consideration, either directly or indirectly, or give away to induce trade at any place of business, or keep or furnish at any other public places, or manufacture, or keep on hand at his place of business, any alcoholic, spirituous, malt or intoxicating liquors or intoxicating bitters or other drinks, which, if drunk to excess, or if drunk at all, will produce intoxication. Provided this shall not apply to licensed druggists selling for medical or scientific purposes only, as provided by the laws of the State of Georgia."

Discussing District Deputies, he says:

"Would it not be better to reduce their number, fix the tenure of office at three years, at least, and increase their powers in enforcing the work they seek to promulgate? My own opinion is, from a close observance of their work, that the Craft is amply repaid for the outlay in maintaining the Board of District Deputies. However, I am persuaded, that, if greater care was exercised in their selection, and a longer tenure of office guaranteed to them, and further power granted them to enforce their work, that a few years would work a vast improvement in both the character and uniformity of the work done in the State. Let your thoughts be seriously upon this question of such vital importance to the Craft."

The Home, the building of a Masonic Temple for the Grand Lodge, and the financial condition of the Grand Lodge are fully discussed by him.

Among his "beliefs" mentioned in his conclusion, he says:

"I do not believe that a Grand Lodge composed of a thousand members, the first two days, ought to reduce itself to two or three hundred the last day, when the most important matters are being considered and acted upon."

Recognition was refused the Grand Lodge Swiss Alpina and the Grand Orient of Greece.

A large amount of business was done.

Bro. A. Q. Moody submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1907 is honored with review, also 1908 review is complete.

Under Rhode Island we read:

"The Grand Master could find no authority for conferring the degree of Past Master.

"What do members of a Blue Lodge, not members of a chapter, know about the Past Master's degree? If it is necessary to have some sort of degree, to induct a Worshipful Master into office, why not have a ritual prepared suitable for the occasion? We are happy to state that the Past Master's degree does not trouble the Masons of Georgia."

From his conclusion we quote:

"Georgia allows a candidate residing within its own jurisdiction to make application again at the end of twelve months, and there does not appear to be any reason why a distinction should be made in case of a candidate, who once resided in another jurisdiction."

IDAHO, 1908.

Upon roll call at the annual communication all the Grand Officers and the representatives of thirty-eight chartered lodges responded.

The Grand Representative of Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William C. Whitwell, after a brief introduction speaks of the deaths in his own and other jurisdictions.

He gives a full account of his visitations; mentions his dispensations; and gave five *permissions*. These latter are generally known as dispensations.

Of the work he says:

"I am impressed with the fact that the plan adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last session of disseminating our adopted work, is producing good results, and the work is rapidly becoming uniform all over the jurisdiction. To make this plan still more efficient I would recommend that the Grand Lodge require the Idaho work to be given correctly by every subordinate lodge under such penalties as the Grand Lodge may impose. I would further recommend that the Grand Master and also the Wardens and Senior Deacon of each lodge receive a copy of the cipher key, under the same restrictions that now apply to Worshipful Masters."

The decisions are in accord with the practice in Maine. We quote his answer to one question as it is outside the general trend:

"Request denied, for the reason that the Grand Master has no power to grant a dispensation to any Past Master or Master of a lodge to convene a Grand Lodge except for the following purposes alone: To lay the corner-stone of some public edifice, to dedicate and consecrate Masonic Halls and to constitute new masonic lodges. Our official Monitor contains no ceremony for unveiling memorial windows, etc., and to do so

would, in my opinion, be contrary to the customs, rules and regulations of Masonry in this jurisdiction."

The Grand Secretary in his report intimates that the method of the distribution of the "Key to the Adoptive Work" did not prove entirely satisfactory, and he complains of the dilatoriness of lodges in making their returns.

It was determined from knowledge had that it was expedient to amend the By-Laws by adding the following clause: "And a separate ballot shall be taken on each petition."

Maine had the same experience.

Bro. George E. Knepper submitted the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Under Connecticut he thus expresses himself:

"If a brother becomes 'unaffiliated for a number of years' and asks for a re-instatement, it should be granted if he is a good man and true morally. If he made a mistake in allowing membership in the brotherhood to lapse, when he sees the error of his ways, he should be welcomed back, even though he might become 'a burden' (?) upon the lodge. Spell CHARITY with larger letters; don't call it a burden."

Maine for 1907 and 1908 is reviewed.

We quote:

"The Committee on Condition of the Fraternity sees only one danger and that is in the admission of poor material. It believes that the character of every candidate should be fearlessly investigated. 'Better turn down ten good men than admit one unworthy man.' The last sentence, as quoted, may admit of a lucid explanation, but we are too dense to see it. There is little place for chance in recommending a candidate. If a man is known to be bad he is 'turned down,' if he is known to be good he is recommended. If the investigating committee does not know, it waits until it does know. In sifting the chaff from the wheat there is no place for guesswork."

May 5, 1908, Most Worshipful Brother Francis Edward Ensign died, Grand Master in 1881. "He filled many important positions in civil life. He was generous and liberal; his integrity and the sterling qualities of his character will be ever cherished."

ILLINOIS, 1908.

From the opening of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Brother Alexander H. Bell, we quote:

"Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is certainly in a most flourishing condition. Never in our history have there been such accessions to our numbers as during the past year, and I believe that it can truthfully be said that considering the numerical strength of our organization

and the great number of lodges in the state, there has been an unusual measure of harmony and of true fraternal spirit among the brethren."

Eleven new lodges were instituted; eight lodges were constituted eight corner stones were laid; one Masonic Hall was dedicated; five schools of instruction were held for which he has the highest words of praise.

He fully discusses the propriety of masonic lodges attending services on Easter Sunday at a church, and at services in commemoration of St. John the Baptist, and by his reasoning concluded not to issue dispensations for either purpose.

He decided "that it is not proper for masonic lodges to appropriate their funds for any purpose not masonic, either for promoting railroads, establishing factories, assisting in the building or repairing of churches or public buildings, or otherwise for the promotion of any sectarian or non-masonic concern."

He argues the case at length and finally decided "that no lodge in Illinois has any use for trustees."

The restoration of members suspended for non-payment of dues takes two pages to show an implied conflict between the laws of the Grand Lodge and the laws of some lodges. The simpler and more appropriate way is for the suspended member to pay the amount for which he was suspended to the secretary and thereby be placed in the situation in which he was when suspended.

When we read that part of his address (six pages) we concluded that proper care could not have been exercised in amending the laws relative to that subject.

The legal name of the Grand Lodge is also fully discussed by him.

Full reports of the various Masonic Homes were presented.

When we came, in the reading, to the second day, we wondered why the prayer by the acting Grand Chaplain was not reported in full.

The time of the meeting of the Grand Lodge was changed from the *first* Tuesday in October to the *second* Tuesday of the same month.

R. W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach, Grand Orator, delivered a learned and interesting oration on the subject, "International Brotherhood."

We quote:

"That a time may come when nations shall go forth to war no more, when the material resources of the civilized nations of the earth shall no longer be worse than squandered in the maintenance of vast and demoralized aggregations of men called armies, trained for the fearful and wicked work of mutual destruction, when the earth shall no longer resemble a human slaughter field where brothers descended from a common parentage shall meet on the field of battle as butchers to dye their hands in the blood of their own kindred, when universal peace shall be assured, not alone by the fact, but by the recognition on the part of all

civilized states of the existence of a Universal Brotherhood, has been the inspired hope of the world for centuries.

"The time is at hand when broad-minded, just and humane men of all countries should regard the great family of nations as separated only by the barriers erected by nature, and as really constituting a world federation of powers, united by a thousand ties and bound together to work out a common destiny in the economy of the universe, which shall be the development, upbuilding and happiness of the whole human family.

"Every generous and just impulse of the human heart, as well as every consideration of self-interest, warns us against a repetition of the history of the nations that are gone. Profound and thoughtful students of history have declared that Greece died because the men who made her glory had passed away—sacrificed to the evil God of War. The Greeks of to-day are not the descendants of Leonidas and Miltiades, but for the most part are sons of the stable boys and scullions and slaves of the day of her glory. Rome fell because of the lack of men,—the destruction of the bone and sinew of the nation through centuries of continuous war. So fell Carthage, Egypt, the Arabs and the Moors, because, their soldiers dying, the nations bred real men no more. The man of the strong arm and the quick eye gave place to the slave, the man with the hoe, whose lot changes not with the overthrow of dynasties. May we learn from the past, profit by the errors of the centuries, and by wisdom and humanity point the way to Universal Peace through the Brotherhood of Nations."

A large amount of business, as the jurisdiction numbers about 90,000, was transacted.

Maine was ably represented by Bro. Amos Pettibone.

Bro. Joseph Robbins presented the Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence, three hundred and fifty pages, and all of them are good reading and give great information.

Under Arkansas he thus speaks of the proposed peace congress :

"We greatly regret this action, and particularly that feature of it which provides for the official representation of the body of Masonry, through the appointment of delegates to a non-masonic organization or conference. Masonry has its own methods for teaching the doctrine of the brotherhood of man, far more potent and without the perils which attend any departure from those methods, than any coalition however innocent it may appear. Any projected or suspected use of Masonry as a body in the politics of the world, the state, or any sub-division thereof, is fraught with danger only too clearly emphasized by the history of the century. That this Arkansas movement is in line with all our sympathies, makes it none the less the distinct beginning of the same disintegrating process which has honeycombed the Masonry of a considerable portion of Continental Europe out of all semblance to the Masonry of the original plan, and laid it under suspicion of being inimical to the peace and good order of society."

Under Delaware, discussing documentary evidence, he says:

"It has been the boast of Masonry, and a feature that differentiated it from the numerous imitative societies surrounding it, that its members carried their credentials in their heads instead of their pockets; and we do not see how any thoughtful mason can view without concern any step which tends in any measure to rob it of this distinctive feature. The existence of clandestine lodges does not in our judgment warrant the

panicky feeling which has led several Grand Lodges into taking this step, whose tendency is unquestionably in the direction of robbing the fraternity of one of its characteristic, immemorial features. Moreover, it is a question whether this plan, by unduly magnifying the value of documentary evidence, does not increase rather than diminish the facilities for imposition. With increased vigilance along the old lines, and with lists of regular lodges within easy reach of every lodge, we believe the fraternity is already amply equipped to protect itself from the intrusion of clandestines."

Maine for 1907 receives attention. We quote:

"An amendment to the constitution was proposed avowedly for the purpose of clearing the way for a regulation permitting lodges to confer degrees upon the elected candidates of another lodge, at the request of the latter. Work by courtesy has not heretofore been permitted in Maine, although elsewhere the usage has been pretty general. Generally, too, we think, it has antedated any Grand Lodge legislation regarding it, being naturally and properly regarded as a matter concerning only the two lodges interested, but finally attracting the notice of the Grand Master and through him of the Grand Lodge, on account of the question of membership being mooted."

Maine for 1908 also passes under his critical notice. We quote:

"The Grand Master reported having 'approved' five waivers of jurisdiction in favor of lodges in other states and provinces, leaving us wondering whether such waiver would not have stuck without his O. K."

Under West Virginia we read:

"We observe that the theory still lingers in West Virginia that the loss or destruction of one of the evidences that a given lodge is a duly chartered body—the parchment called a charter—cripples the lodge; at all events in the case of a lodge whose charter was burned up, a dispensation was issued authorizing it to continue work until Grand Lodge meeting, should give an opportunity to ask for a duplicate charter. It is convenient to have the portable evidence of the right of the lodge to work, within convenient reach, but its absence does not invalidate the work of the body."

We commend our readers to the report of Bro. Robbins, as it contains meat enough to last one almost a life time.

R. W. Bro. Gilbert W. Barnard, a well known mason, a member of the Board of Examiners, died June 19, 1908.

We have also received a circular announcing the death on November 23, 1908, of Bro. Loyal L. Munn, R. W. Grand Secretary from 1881 to 1893. "He was in his life and character an exemplar of the teachings of our venerable institution and taught the world the worth and dignity of true masonic manhood."

INDIANA, 1908.

At the annual communication there were present all the grand officers, eighteen Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of 526 of the 531 chartered lodges.

The Grand Representative of Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Walter O. Bragg, in his address reports his official labors, showing a busy year. Lodges were constituted, halls dedicated, corner stones laid, dispensations issued, by-laws approved, complaints adjusted and action had thereon, and decisions rendered. We quote from the latter:

"After one year, the amount of the dues for which a brother was suspended having been paid it should be returned to him if the lodge rejects the applicant or refuses to restore the brother to membership. As the suspended brother is by action of the lodge still deprived of all his rights and privileges, it would be unfair and unjust to keep his money."

We agree with the decision, but we believe that the brother upon payment of his dues should be re-instated without any further action of the lodge.

All the other decisions accord with Maine usage.

We quote with approval:

"In answering letters making inquiry as to the duty of the lodge to the afflicted and dependent Master Masons, I have replied that to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on every mason, that one of the great objects of Masonry is charity, but in dispensing it it is the duty of the lodge to make inquiry into the condition and surroundings of a brother, to judge of the merits of the case presented, and if worthy to not permit him to want for the necessary comforts of life, but aid and assist him in a manner thought best and as the judgment and conscience of the members of the lodge might decide."

From a letter issued by him to the officers of lodges we quote:

"Lodges should discontinue the use of spurious rituals, purporting to give the secret work of the Order. Innovations of any kind are dangerous, and will lead to doubt, contention and strife, and will impair the solemnity, dignity and stability of our time-honored institution. The use of these so-called rituals has been prohibited by the Grand Lodge."

From the report of the Grand Inspector we quote:

"There are still a few lodges in which one, or all, of the following unlawful and questionable methods prevail, viz: Advancing candidates through the degrees without any requirement as to proficiency; omitting 'lectures' when degrees are conferred; conferring degrees on the 'installment plan,' by accepting partial payment of the 'fee' as degrees are conferred; soliciting for petitions, and invading the jurisdiction of other lodges."

And again:

"Some of our 'modern-day masons' have conceived the idea that Masonry, in its ritualism, is 'behind the times'—not 'up to date,' and so

they propose to 'modernize' the institution by the introduction of new and novel features when conferring degrees. Many of the older and far better informed members of these lodges have unavailingly protested against the introduction of these new things, and it is needless to say that I have on all proper occasions discountenanced such innovations and departures."

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that the preamble and resolution of the Grand Lodge of Washington relative to peace be indefinitely postponed.

The same committee also reported against the use of the word "Masonic" in a proposed incorporation of the "Indiana Masonic and Eastern Star Home" inasmuch as the Grand Lodge had taken no action to establish such home.

Decision before quoted was not sustained by the Committee on Jurisprudence because it was not in accord with existing law. It was right all the same, as we understand it.

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and of Alberta were recognized.

Bro. Daniel McDonald presented the Indiana Annual Masonic Review.

Maine for 1907 has two pages.

Under Michigan we read:

"The more we consider the question of objection to advancement after a candidate has received the first degree, the more we have come to the fixed conclusion that objection ought not to be allowed. If there is any reason why a candidate should be stopped on his advancement, the cause is sufficient to justify the objector in preferring charges against him in the lodge and give the candidate a chance to meet his accuser face to face, and if the evidence is found sufficient to convict him, let the members vote to inflict such penalty as may be deemed just. Objecting is never satisfactory. There is no more reason why a Master should be put in possession of the causes for the objection than any other member of the lodge, only that he is invested with power to stop further proceedings. The regulations point out that an objection (to the W. M.) has the effect of a negative ballot, and the objector may really have no cause whatever against the candidate, but wants to annoy him and his friends from some fancied grievance. About every Grand Lodge whose proceedings we have examined this year have had to do with this objecting trouble. A rule such as we have herein indicated will effectually do away with all this trouble, and at the same time will not impair any of the rights of the lodge or any member thereof."

Wherein he argues for the way it is done in Maine.

Under New Hampshire we read:

"We suppose the question of 'dotage' will 'bob up serenely' as long as young masonic students think they have discovered something that ought to be answered by the Grand Master—just as though a Grand Master knew anything more about it than anybody else. When our ancient brethren inserted 'dotage,' in the ob. they ought to have added a foot note stating what they meant by what they said. As it is, 'dotage' is as hard to understand as are 'what are the Ancient Landmarks?' and where can they be found? In the same connection there are several

conditions named, any of which are as difficult of understanding as the condition called 'An Old Man in His Dotage.' For instance: 'A Young Man in non-Age;' 'An Atheist;' 'An Irreligious Libertine;' 'A Madman,' or 'A Fool?' Who is going to determine if a petitioner is any or all of these, and to what degree he is afflicted? If he is a fool, what kind of a fool is he? A d—n fool, or just a common every day simpleton who ought to be sent to the asylum for incurable idiots?"

Under Nebraska he says:

"We have never taken kindly to this certificate plan of proving oneself a mason, and for the further reason it advertises legitimate Masonry as being afraid of clandestine organizations as being of a great deal more consequence than they are. The good old way is good enough."

Under Wisconsin he says:

"The object, we have always thought, in the use of stereopticon views is to illustrate and bring more vividly to the comprehension of the candidate the impressive lessons taught by masonic symbolism. It depends, of course, something on the manner of delivery of the lectures and a good deal on the ability of the candidate to comprehend and understand what it is all about. What will greatly impress one man, will have very little effect on another. We have had long experience in giving the lectures with and without 'stereopticons,' and believe that the lectures properly given with stereopticon views in the third section of the Entered Apprentice degree, and the last half of the last section of the Master Mason's degree add greatly to the effectiveness of the beautiful lessons taught therein. A Senior Deacon who is 'on to his job' can make a splendid impression on an intelligent candidate with stereopticon views in conducting him through the Middle Chamber. As to the use of 'robes,' the present scrivener does not believe they add anything to the beauty or solemnity of conferring the degrees; but he does believe that stereopticons are useful in enabling the lecturer in impressing the candidate with the beauty and grandeur of the system, and that they have come to stay."

Past Grand Master M. W. Bro. Christian Fetta died October 1, 1907. A native of Germany, for almost half a century a worker in the field of Masonry, a wise and safe counsellor at all times, he was highly esteemed and loved.

Past Grand Master M. W. Bro. Martin H. Rice, the senior in that office, died August 3, 1908. At the time of his death he was the publisher of the "Masonic Advocate." He was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Council since 1884.

"As a ritualist and an exemplifier of the unwritten work he had few equals. His standard was high and his motto was: 'Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well.' As Grand Master, Grand High Priest and Illustrious Grand Master, he proved himself a most excellent presiding officer, his decisions rarely being questioned. His knowledge of masonic law and jurisprudence, and his good judgment in all matters pertaining to the craft were clear cut and to the point, being widely quoted and always regarded as good masonic law by other jurisdictions as well as Indiana."

Indiana also laments the loss of M. W. Brother Simeon Stevens Johnson, Grand Master in 1898, a native of Vermont, who died Jan. 19, 1909.

He was beloved by all the craft.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1908.

One hundred thirty-six lodges were represented at the annual communication.

As an introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James B. Morrow, recites the ancient legend of Hafaz, the Egyptian.

He reports the large amount of business that was done during the year. Among the dispensations issued were nine for new lodges.

We quote one decision which was given by the Deputy Grand Master but approved by the Grand Master:

"8. *Question*—Can a Master Mason hold the position as local agent for the State Dispensary and continue in good standing as a Master Mason?

"*Answer*—It is a violation of masonic law in the spirit, if not in the letter, for a mason to connect himself in any way with the sale of intoxicating liquors. It is unmasonic for a mason to engage as local agent for the State Dispensary, and charges should be preferred against him if he continues so doing.

The ill health of the Grand Master during his term of office was a serious drawback to him in the performance of duties, many of which had to be done by proxy.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we clip one paragraph:

"The correspondence of this office during the past year has been unusually heavy. Since Uncle Sam turned the spot light upon Oklahoma by admitting her as a State, business in this line has picked up wonderfully. I am constantly receiving letters asking a thousand and one questions about conditions here, character and price of lands, climate, water, schools, churches, society, laws et cetera ad infinitum. Scores of people make request for favors ranging all the way from asking assistance in securing a beautiful and wealthy Indian bride to dime chain letters."

The Grand Master of Oklahoma, with a delegation, were present as guests of the Grand Lodge and to consider the proposition of the union of the two Grand Lodges.

A delegation of six members was appointed to act with the delegation from Oklahoma.

From the report of the Committee on Law and Usage we quote:

"We find from the report of the Grand Master that he has granted nine dispensations to confer degrees out of time, no reason being given in any of the cases. It is true that the Grand Master has the inherent power to do this, but under our law and the well settled usage of this

jurisdiction, this power should be used sparingly and only in cases of emergency."

This committee also approved the proposition that lodges under dispensation might receive applications for affiliation; but when they said so much they immediately had to recommend that "authority to receive applications for affiliation be inserted in the dispensation."

Bro. Fay Hempstead of Arkansas was endorsed by the Grand Lodge as the poet Laureate for Masonry in the United States.

The Grand Orator, Bro. William H. Talmage, delivered the address, from which we take the conclusion from which may be deduced the thought of the oration:

"What induced you to become a mason?

"That you might work?

"Woe then unto the mason who in that solemn hour discovers that he has not been loyal to the admonitions of his vows and the teachings of his Order.

"Fortunate to all eternity the mason who finds his work and does it."

A report for the consolidation of the Grand Lodges of Indian Territory and of Oklahoma was made and of its reception we quote:

"The report was not signed by the committee. Some of the members were willing to sign it, others were not. Some of us felt that the committee from Oklahoma Territory asked too much. At first they asked that both Grand Lodges should be dissolved or disbanded and a new Grand Lodge be organized out of the ruins of both. We secured a modification of this somewhat. To those of us who had been laboring with all our energies for thirty-five years to build up the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, and had seen our labors crowned with great success in the establishment of a Grand Lodge that stands equal to any other in the world in growth and good character, it was awful hard to consent that the identity of the dear old Grand Body should be lost and after a noble life of thirty-five years begin life over again with the first annual communication of the United Body to be numbered One, and so on. Eighteen years ago the lodges in the Oklahoma Territory seceded from us of their own free will and accord, and even contrary to our wish and will. Now, instead of returning to us and taking their original place with us, they ask that we disband and form a new Grand Body in union with them. It was more than some of us could bear, but when the report was read it was immediately adopted as a whole with a whoop and a yell, almost unanimously. Of course those of us whose hearts were broken were compelled to yield to the will of the majority. Our prayer is that God will bless the new Grand Lodge and make it a great power for good to Masonry and to humanity.

"NOTE—Since the Grand Lodge meeting the members of this committee have authorized Grand Master Muldrow to sign their names to the report.

Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey submitted his sixth Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1907 is amply reviewed.

From his conclusion we quote:

"The question of investigation into the character of the petitioner for degrees, and the mode of appointment of the committee has been discussed, and in Masonry, as in all things else, it is said great men will differ. In this review the writer has given his opinion as to the BEST WAY. We repeat, when the petition has been read the W. M. should appoint a committee of investigation, and the Secretary write in his Journal the names of the committee; and at next stated meeting when the W. M. reached in the order of business, 'Reports of Committees,' the committee should make its report verbally to the lodge, and not in writing, and the Secretary should state in his record that the committee upon the petition of _____ reported and was discharged. Then when order of balloting for candidates was reached, and the W. M. made the usual announcement, the brethren would know what the report was, but no record anywhere would be made as to how the committee reported."

Again with the hope that he is not a good prophet:

"To the brethren of the round table we desire to say, that we now have one state with two Grand Lodges, but as soon as we can, we will all be in one Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and it is probable that this will be my last report, so we mentally take each one of you by the hand and say Good-bye."

IOWA, 1908.

Attending this annual communication were all the Grand Officers except the Grand Master, who was absent because of the serious illness of his wife, eleven Past Grand Masters, and the representatives from four hundred and thirty-one lodges.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. R. M. Hunter, we quote:

"The chronicler of Masonry in Iowa of the past year can say little. Yet that little means much. Peace has reigned within our border; the order has made an unprecedented growth within the past year. One year ago the records in the Grand Secretary's office showed a membership of 37,838; the records now show a total membership of 39,504, a gain of 1,666, which is 40 per cent. greater than any previous year in the last decade. No trouble exists between us and sister jurisdictions. Death has made no unusual demands, and the horizon, scanned in all directions, reveals no cloud. I am pleased to present to you that retrospect, and this prospect."

He reports corner stones laid; masonic halls dedicated; lodges constituted; the issuance of six dispensations for new lodges; and rightfully denied dispensations to hold a regular meeting of a lodge at some other time than that designated by the by-laws.

After reading that part of his address entitled "Dispensations," wherein he says that he has both granted and refused petitions to re-ballot on petitions when but one black ball was cast, we are inclined to believe that our practice, which allows the ballot to be spread a second time when but one black ball appears, is better.

He fraternally scores Masters of lodges for their apparent lack of knowledge of masonic law because they ask for decisions on many questions already settled by the Masonic Code.

He decided that a mason could not engage in the saloon business although he complied with the so-called mulct law; that a bookkeeper for a brewery could petition to a lodge; and then we read:

"A brother mason, who is a druggist, is indicted for keeping a liquor nuisance, pleads guilty, and is fined. Is it the duty of the Worshipful Master of the lodge to order an information filed against the brother charging him with a masonic offence?"

Ans. No more so than in any other masonic offence."

From another decision we infer that a non-resident dimitted mason cannot join a lodge in Iowa.

We again quote:

"The work done by our District Lecturers needs no encomium from me. Probably there is not a member of this Grand Lodge but has felt the benefit of their labors. Yet it is not all of Masonry to be letter perfect in the ritual.

"I wish that some scheme might be devised whereby the true spirit as well as the letter of Masonry might be diffused among the brethren, and when this time comes, if ever it does, we shall have a system of masonic instruction devoutly wished for. The report of the custodians is hereto appended."

We would be remiss in our duty as reviewer if we did not speak of the splendid library of this Grand Lodge and of its librarian, who is earnestly working to enable posterity to know Masonry as it existed in the present times by the preservation of material for future use.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reversed the decision of the Grand Master that a bookkeeper for a brewery was eligible as a candidate.

They also make clear a point referred to by us.

We quote:

"On taking his dimit he became a non-affiliate mason without lodge membership, and is subject to the law of the jurisdiction of his residence, and in this jurisdiction affiliation must be by petition and not by a return of the dimit, whether to the lodge of his former membership or to another."

A large amount of business, local in character, was transacted.

Biographical sketches, with portraits, of Bro. Rollin M. Hunter, M. W. Grand Master in 1908, of Bro. Philo J. Martin, M. W. Grand Master elect, of Bro. William Hutchinson, R. W. Senior Grand Warden elect, of Bro. Frank F. Wood, R. W. Junior Grand Warden elect, of Bro. William G. Newsome, R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, and of Bro. John W. Barry, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, (appointed) are given.

Bro. Liberty E. Fellows presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Under Alabama, discussing a decision of the Grand Master that discussion of a case by the brethren at a trial after its conclusion and before voting he asks "What is the masonic law on this subject?" For Maine we answer that our law allows discussion as Bro. Fellows argues.

Maine for 1907 receives its full share of attention. Quotation is made from the address of the Grand Master.

Under New Jersey we read :

"Who is to determine when the use of the black ball is improper and unmasonic? It is the universal law of Masonry that a single ballot may reject, and that each brother has a right, for reasons of his own, and which he is under no obligation to disclose, to cast a black ball. Of course, everyone should act conscientiously and for the good of Masonry, regardless of any personal feelings or prejudice, and in all cases maintain absolute secrecy. After all, the really improper and unmasonic part of the business is the removal or attempted removal of the ban of secrecy. The character of a ballot cast should not be disclosed by the brother casting it, nor should it become a matter of inquiry by others. It is not really the use of the black ball that usually causes the trouble, but the improper discussion following its use. A little wholesome discipline of those who improperly disclose or discuss what should remain secret would do much to correct an evil of which so much complaint is made."

Under New York, discussing Masonic Homes, he sensibly says:

"We may be accused of antagonizing a popular method of dispensing 'Masonic' charity, but with the light we have been able to obtain as to the practical workings and the results attained in establishing Masonic Homes, and in the light of our own experience as a Grand Lodge, we feel justified in venturing the opinion that the establishment of Masonic Homes is not only financially burdensome, but a practical failure to meet our full obligations in extending masonic charity."

From his conclusion we quote :

"To join the brilliant corps of writers who have for many years occupied seats at the masonic 'round-table' was to enter fast company, and having no ambition in our first, and probably only report, to acquire the reputation of being a critic, deemed it more pleasant and more profitable to the craft to compliment others by selecting from their writings what appeared to be choice and valuable gems of thought and practical ideas pertaining to Masonry."

We congratulate our Brother Fellows on his report, and trust that we may have the pleasure of reading many more made by him.

KANSAS, 1909.

The Report of the Committee on Credentials is of the best in its clearness and, especially in the summary, from which we learn that sixteen Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Officers, forty-three Grand Representatives were present with a representation of two hundred seventy-seven lodges.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry F. Mason, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, we learn that "judged by any criterion, the history of Masonry in Kansas for the past twelve months is a source of gratification from whatever angle it may be viewed."

He fully believes in the system of District Deputy Grand Masters and commends their services for the craft.

Of Special Dispensations he says:

"Special dispensations have been granted during the year to the number of 106. Where the dispensation was for the convenience of an individual or was occasioned by the neglect of the lodge or its officers the fee fixed by the regulation has been charged, the amount from this source collected and turned over to the Grand Secretary being \$235.00, as will appear in his financial statement. When the object sought was one of general interest, or when special circumstances seemed to justify it, the fee has been waived.

Ten dispensations for new lodges were granted; six corner stones were laid; only three decisions were reported which appear to be good law; chain letters were troublesome; official ciphers have troubles.

He discourses at length upon the legislation that is needful because of the repeal of the law which created a permanent committee of three members known as Custodians of the Work, whose duties were as summarized by him:

"1. To preserve the work, and in any case of doubt to determine finally all questions relating to the ritual.

"2. To pass upon the qualification of Assistant Lecturers.

"3. To send Lecturers to lodges making application therefor, and to adopt other methods of instruction.

"4. To hold schools of instruction and give instruction in person, this including the rehearsal of the ritual."

We also for information of our readers quote the following upon the same subject:

"In twenty-four of these jurisdictions Grand Lecturers have charge of the work, usually performing it without assistance; they are: Alabama, Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Idaho, New Hampshire, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Vermont, Nova Scotia, Oklahoma, Prince Edward Island, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin; Massachusetts and Louisiana have each two. In nine cases they are elected by the Grand Lodge, and in fifteen appointed by the

Grand Master; the term of service being one year, except in a single instance, where it is ten. Some of them are paid a salary by the Grand Lodge, varying from a merely nominal amount in several States to \$1,800 a year, besides expenses, in California; (in New York the Grand Lecturer receives \$2,400 a year and \$1,000 for expenses, but is not classified here because he works under a Board of Custodians); others are paid on a per diem basis by the local lodges; occasionally the methods are combined; still others serve without compensation. Three other States have substantially the same system, although in two of them. New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the officer is called an instructor, and in the third, Indiana, an inspector. In Wyoming the work is in charge of the Grand Master, and in Montana of the Grand Secretary. In eleven States Custodians are maintained, although not always called by that name: Arkansas, Florida, Iowa, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Utah. They are generally elected or appointed in rotation for a term of years. Various other methods are in vogue, the work being entrusted in five instances to District Deputies, in others to several Lecturers, by districts or otherwise, and in one—Illinois—to five Grand Examiners and 160 Grand Lecturers."

He thus speaks of the Masonic Home:

"The cap sheaf of masonic achievement in this State, its crowning glory, is the fraternity's Home here in Wichita. There may be those to whom for one cause or another Masonry does not appeal, or who find in some of its features an obstacle to fellowship or even to sympathy, who perhaps do not appreciate it because they do not understand it, and do not understand it because they do not appreciate it. But every friend of humanity understands and appreciates the work that is being done at the beautiful Home in the western part of this city."

From the report of the Librarian (The Grand Secretary) we quote:

"The Librarian would recommend that the appropriation of \$200.00 for the purchase of books, pamphlets, etc., be renewed at this communication of the Grand Lodge, and that an appropriation of \$750.00 be made for the purchase of bookcases and other equipment for the library, museum and Grand Secretary's office, also an appropriation of \$400.00 for binding."

W. Bro. Elrick C. Cole delivered an oration upon the subject "Let there be light." Here is one paragraph:

"Student of Masonry, know thyself. The great Order of which each one of us is an integral part has for centuries conveyed by the instructive tongue to the attentive ear a code of morals which modern Masonry has clothed with beautiful forms and ceremonies; but neither the teachings nor the ceremonies are the light; they are only the helpers by the aid of which each individual mason may make more beautiful that inner temple of his life where dwells the Infinite. Their power depends upon the individual use of the means provided; their results upon the individual understanding of the true light. He who, sitting at the feet of those teachers who have striven for years to learn of the truth, grasps the true meaning of those teachings, has ascended the first round of the ladder. He who, through difficulties and disasters still strives for greater light has ascended the second round of the ladder, and let him not faint, even though he shall not obtain that perfect knowledge which entitles him to be called Master, until the tools shall have fallen from his nerveless fingers, his labors here be ended and he shall have reached that higher lodge

where the source of Infinite Light and Love shall crown his efforts with full fruition."

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Western Australia were recognized.

The amount of local business transacted was large.

Bro. Matthew M. Miller submitted his seventh report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Here is one of the plain talks to be found in his correspondence:

"Those who have progressed so far in their attainments toward perfection as to blatantly proclaim, 'Masonry is a good enough religion for me,' have not advanced anything to the credit of Masonry, but have simply reversed the telescope to show us how infinitely small is their conception, both of religion and Masonry, souls so small that the wonder is they were ever considered capable of attaining to a conception of the height, depth or breadth or even the morality of Masonry. Now we are not content to believe even with the backing of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Indiana that the mason of Indiana who is a 'regular church goer' is generally a drone in the hive of Masonry. 'The gentleman from Indiana' was in the Kansas hamlet when we came there thirty-six ago. He was a deacon and an organizer of the Methodist Church; he was minister and organizer of the Presbyterian Church; he constituted a majority of the organizers of the masonic lodge. The deacon was the first Senior Warden; the preacher was one of the most faithful attendants. One of the Masters from Indiana early in its organization, later helped in the organization of another lodge. None of the brethren from Indiana were drones in church or lodge. The good old deacon has gone home. He was faithful to his church and lodge to the last. The elder of his church (a mason) preached the funeral sermon. An elder of the other church acted as Master and consigned his body to the grave. Perhaps Indiana Christians and Masons improve in Kansas; more probably, however, no general characterization of Christian Masons as drones, and 'good enough religion' masons as emanators of virtue in Christian congregations, is worth consideration anywhere for either its truth or sense."

Maine for 1908 is ably reviewed.

KENTUCKY, 1908.

The portraits of M. W. Bro. Henry P. Barrett, Grand Master 1907-8, and of M. W. Bro. Virgil P. Smith, Grand Master 1908-9, appear in the proceedings.

From the address of the Grand Master we quote:

"The year just finishing, with all of its joys and sorrows, its triumphs and failures, with its commercial depressions and its abundant harvests, marked, I regret to say, by more of hatred, strife and lawlessness within the confines of our otherwise proud old Commonwealth than it has known since the dark days of the civil war, has, none the less, been one of the most prosperous years in the history of this Grand Jurisdiction."

From his decisions we excerpt:

"5. Having been suspended for non-payment of dues over two years, and having since paid his dues in full and petitioned in the regular way, he was by ballot rejected. What is his masonic standing?"

"Held: You remain suspended and until you are re-instated by the lodge through the ballot box you will remain suspended for non-payment of dues, notwithstanding the fact that the dues for which you had been previously suspended have since been paid in full."

If ever there was an unjust masonic law or regulation the above decision shows one. Just think! One suspended for dues owes a debt to the lodge; he pays the debt; the lodge then determines whether or not it will make a member of him. We do not care to write more: that regulation or law is a premium to one not to pay his masonic debts.

Dispensations were granted for twelve new lodges; several corner stones laid; dispensations for public installations were freely granted but those for permission to confer degrees out of time and on candidates physically disqualified were refused.

Circumstances prevented many visitations of lodges, but he found the three lodges which he made in good condition.

The Masonic Temple, he says, has seen "its gloomiest days." The Old Masons' Home is outgrowing its quarters and a new location with better facilities is demanded. The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home "is at once the source of our greatest pride and our greatest blessings."

The Deputy Grand Master decided:

"I am truly sorry that your request cannot be granted for special dispensation to confer degrees on Roland L. Ambig out of regular order and in less than a month. This cannot be done legally, and would, if permitted, open the gate to endless trouble and confusion. We must adhere to the ancient landmarks."

And the Committee on Jurisprudence say of it:

"The decision is correct, because the Grand Master has sworn that he would not do it. Not because he would violate the landmarks in doing it."

The Committee on Henry Clay Monument reported that the General Assembly of Kentucky had appropriated ten thousand dollars for the purpose of its restoration.

There was referred to the Committee on Work the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky declines to adhere to or to accept the statement made in the exemplification of the first degree, that the sun 'sets' in the west."

A new Constitution was adopted.

A large amount of local business, growing out of the many enterprises in which the Grand Lodge is interested, was transacted.

Bro. William W. Clarke submitted the Review of Proceedings of Grand Lodges.

Maine for 1907 and 1908 receive just treatment.

He says relative to the granting a certificate by a lodge to an E. A. or a F. C. of that fact, so that in some other lodge he may obtain the M. M. degree, as follows :

"[While this is not in accord with the more general usage, it is a much less cumbrous method than the present mode of waiving jurisdiction. It is safe in all jurisdictions in which the one ballot system prevails, for, of course, such a certificate would not be granted if objection to advancement had been made and disposed of in favor of the candidate.]

"No report was made at this communication of Grand Lodge by the committee. We suggest that it would be still in accord with correct usage to recognize Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts as masons, and when they desired it, grant them dimits. Candidly, we have never been able to understand why masons of these degrees were prohibited by some jurisdictions from dimitting."

From his conclusion we quote :

"There is, however, one tendency, plainly observable, to which attention should be called, and against which a voice should be raised. We allude to the disposition, manifest in every jurisdiction, to legislate on every conceivable subject, the result of which is not only the multiplication of unnecessary and, in some instances, as might be expected, the enactment of vicious laws, but the extinction of every vestige of right and privilege of the subordinate lodges, and the centralization of all authority in the Grand Lodge. If a halt is not called, the time is not distant, we fear, when the sole function of subordinate lodges will be to make masons."

MANITOBA, 1908.

The Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, M. W. Bro. Robert S. Thornton, was in attendance at this communication.

In the annual address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James Scroggie, we find these words with reference to District Deputy Grand Masters :

"From the nature of their office, their labors are so general that they are brought into close contact with all relationships, and are called upon constantly for advice and direction—it is therefore of supreme importance that brethren chosen for this important office, be men of sound wisdom and great tact, besides being thoroughly conversant with the general work which the character of their office presumes."

He thus comments concerning his visitations :

"With respect to these visits, I may say that in the majority of cases, the meetings partook of the character of Lodges of Instruction and in every case exemplified the wisdom expressed by several of my predecessors, that the interest in masonic work, already deeply grounded, would be greatly strengthened by the impartation of further knowledge of ma-

sonic history in respect to its work, along such line of thought, as could be taken up by a Grand Lecturer, an appointment highly favored by other jurisdictions as the result of their experience.

"I am pleased to note the absence of innovation in the work throughout the jurisdiction, and of any other feature which might properly be a subject for criticism."

He comments upon the having two systems of masonic work; condemns the canvassing for office in the subordinate lodge; congratulates the Grand Lodge because no appeal had been presented; makes no decisions; granted two dispensations for new lodges.

The District Deputy Grand Masters reported the condition of the lodges in their respective districts.

The Grand Librarian made a very satisfactory report for the year past, for there was quite a large number of valuable books added to the library.

From the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry we quote:

"From the information contained in the reports, your committee finds that, with few exceptions, the lodges in the various Districts are in a prosperous and satisfactory condition. The financial condition is also satisfactory, many of the lodges showing a considerable balance to their credit. The membership also shows a steady increase, and, as none of the D. D. G. M.'s report any decision as having been asked for, harmony appears to be the rule, and your committee are of the opinion that the general condition of Masonry throughout the jurisdiction continues steadily to improve."

M. W. Bro. G. F. Newcomb, Grand Master in 1877-9, died during the year. He had "a warm place in the affection of his brethren."

The Grand Tyler, since 1883, Bro. John McBride, died March 4, 1908.

We have also received notice of the death of M. W. Brother Thomas Robinson, Grand Master in 1897. "A kingly man, and an exemplar of our Craft."

MARYLAND, 1908.

At the semi-annual communication in May the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, delivered a short address from which we quote to give an exact account of the great calamity which came to our brethren in January when their commodious temple was destroyed by fire:

"The destruction of the Temple by fire for the second time during my Grand Mastership is indeed a great calamity; but fortunately, we were fully insured, and the loss to the Fraternity will be only in the discomfort of not having our own home for the meetings of our lodges in the City of Baltimore and for the Grand Lodge during the period of rebuilding.

"Whilst the destruction of the Temple by fire and by water is practically

complete; yet, owing the splendid service of our fire department and the salvage corps, much of our furniture and all our records were saved, but the building was so thoroughly damaged by water, that the Board of Managers very wisely decided to erect it entirely new, with the exception of the walls and the front; and, in order to take care of the future, will add another story. This will result in the enlargement of all our lodge rooms and in addition, give us a number of committee rooms and one additional large lodge room; so that when the building is completed, it will be ample for the growth of the Fraternity for the next twenty-five years.

"In addition to enlarging the Temple, it will this time be erected as nearly fireproof as it is possible to make a building. The whole interior will be of steel and marble. The architects have practically eliminated all wood construction, so there will be nothing in the building to burn, with the exception of the furniture, and the possibility of a fire in the future will be reduced to a minimum."

Two lodges were granted charters.

The following was adopted:

"We recommend the appointment of a committee annually, to be known as the Committee on Masonic Halls, and that no building for masonic purposes, or using the name masonic, be erected until after the plans for same, and the financial status of the proposed undertaking have been submitted to said committee and received its approval."

At the annual communication in November the M. W. Grand Master "made an address in which he detailed" the work of reconstruction of the temple but the address was not in print.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The officers were duly nominated, "and there being but the necessary nominations to all the positions were declared duly elected."

Bro. Edward T. Schultz, our much esteemed brother, submitted the twenty-second Annual Report on Correspondence.

Under British Columbia we read:

"As a matter of fact the Past Master's degree is not officially recognized by the Grand Lodge of Maryland; there is no mention whatever of that degree in our written Constitution, but ever since the organization of our Grand Lodge it has been held by the *unwritten* law to be a prerequisite for a Master-elect, before he can be installed, to receive the Past Master's degree. By the same *unwritten* law it has been regarded an inherent right of the brethren in possession of that degree to assemble, open a lodge, and confer this degree on the Master-elect whenever requested to do so."

Under Kentucky we quote:

"We are not a little surprised to learn that anyone, especially a Past Grand Master, should think that a Grand Lodge could exist without lodges, 'by virtue of its permanent membership.' This is not true, but the contrary is true. A Grand Lodge may exist without either Grand or Past Grand Officers.

"In the absence of the Grand Officers, the Masters of the oldest lodges according to seniority occupy their stations. We have an indistinct recollection of having seen our Grand Lodge opened by the Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge, No. 3. We are not quite certain of this

but have frequently seen the stations of Grand Wardens occupied by the Worshipful Masters of Washington and Concordia Lodges, the two oldest in this jurisdiction. As long as there is a quorum of lodges existing in a jurisdiction (usually five, the number required to form a Grand Lodge, although some of the Grand Lodges of our country were organized by the representatives of four lodges,) a Grand Lodge may be holden, although it might be, by death or casualty, deprived of all its Grand and Past Grand Officers.

"The Representatives of these lodges could assemble and immediately choose a new Grand Master and other Grand Officers, or they could defer the election of Grand Officers until the next time of choosing, the Master of the oldest lodge acting, ad interim, as Grand Master.

"In these days, when we see year after year Grand Lodges infringing upon the rights, privileges and prerogatives of the lodges the individual brother needs to be reminded how important a factor the lodges are in the construction of a Grand Lodge. It is they and they alone, by their representatives, who form the Grand Lodge and choose its first officers and with them, when installed, adopt a constitution or regulations for the government of the new Grand Lodge. By this constitution they may, or may not, as they see proper, confer membership rights upon Past Masters or even Past Grand Officers."

Maine for 1908 is kindly reviewed.

He says:

"We regret to find Bro. Chase is imbued with the modern notions entertained by some of our brethren and Grand Lodges:

"We believe that the ballot should be for proficiency only. If the character of the brother has been found to be such that he is no longer a desirable brother, charges, if they can be proven, should be preferred and a trial had."

"To our mind there is nothing more preposterous than to hold a secret ballot to determine the question as to whether a brother had or had not shown proficiency in the preceding degree."

Now we plead guilty to the charge if the paragraph quoted was so written. But if we wrote the paragraph we did not write what we believe. For we do *not* believe that there should be a ballot for proficiency but as does Bro. Schultz by a show of hands; and we further believe that if there are objections to the advancement of a brother, (and we hold that when a profane has received the E. A. degree he is a brother) he should have a knowledge of the objections made and an opportunity to answer thereto.

Under Oregon we read:

"Brethren may believe and say as much as they please that it is cruel and unjust to subject an Entered Apprentice to the ordeal of a second and third ballot and therefore contend that it is right and proper for Grand Lodges to require an objector to be sustained by two-thirds of the membership of the lodge.

"But to do this successfully they will be confronted: *First*, by No. 6 of the old Regulations, which declares that no one can be admitted a member without the unanimous consent of those present, and that this refers to admission to the second and third degrees, as well as the first, is evidenced by the fact that a separate hallot was required for a period of a hundred and fifty years.

"*Secondly*, they will be required to hold that the desire of a person to obtain something is paramount to the wishes of those from whom they must *request* that something.

"*Thirdly*, to force an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft into Fellowship with the members of a Master's lodge against the protest of one-third of its members is to hold that the peace and harmony of a lodge (which might be seriously impaired by such proceedings) is of less importance than the desire of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft for advancement, and finally the abolition of the ancient usage and custom which we said and now repeat may justly be claimed a landmark will necessitate a change and recasting of the ritual and ceremonials, these now clearly recognizing the right of a member of a lodge to object to the advancement of an applicant for a higher degree at any stage even to the horns of the altar.

"If to do these things, or either of them, be not making changes, or innovations, in the body of Masonry, abrogating a Landmark, we cannot imagine what would be considered an innovation or an abrogation of a Landmark."

MICHIGAN, 1908.

A sketch of the life, with portrait, of the Grand Master elect, M. W. Bro. Herbert Montague, appears in the proceedings.

There is also a group portrait of the several other officers of the Grand Lodges, eleven in number, of which seven are clean shaven, and three quite bald.

Only nine of the four hundred six lodges were unrepresented. The Grand Representative of Maine was present.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles E. Sweet, we quote:

"The past year has been the banner year of this Grand Jurisdiction. Four thousand six hundred and twenty-three members have been added to our rolls, and a net gain of two thousand five hundred and thirty-two has been made in our membership, making a total, January 1, 1908, of fifty-eight thousand five hundred and forty-two Master Masons in good standing; and, as the work of the past five months has been phenomenal, I have no doubt that we now have on our roster the full number of sixty thousand true and lawful men and masons."

Seven new lodges were constituted; ten corner stones laid; eleven halls were dedicated; one dispensation for a new lodge was granted and ever so many for dispensations to confer the degrees out of season.

We do not approve of this method of doing business, nor do we think that a Secretary ought to be empowered to open a lodge; nor do we know why a Junior Warden needs any dispensation to open a lodge when the Master and Senior Warden are absent; nor how a lodge can hold a regular (stated) meeting a week later than its regular time; and why some other dispensations that were granted were necessary.

Of his decisions we quote:

“Question. Where a candidate for Masonry has received one degree, and something occurs in his conduct which displeases one of the brethren of the lodge, and that brother approaches the Worshipful Master in the presence and hearing of men who are not masons, and in a profane and emphatic manner, tells the Worshipful Master that the candidate can go no further in Masonry, is this a lawful objection, and shall it be so treated by the Master?

“Answer. No. While it is not necessary that an objection shall be in writing and filed with the Worshipful Master, or that it shall be absolutely private, still it is necessary that the communication of such objection shall be absolutely private so far as those outside of Masonry are concerned, and one who is so careless of his obligations and duties as to make an objection in the manner stated, is not only noentitled to have his objection considered, but should be dealt with for unmasonic conduct.

“Question. Where a candidate for Masonry has been elected in a foreign jurisdiction, paying his fee therefor, but has removed to this Grand Jurisdiction before receiving the Entered Apprentice degree, and, where upon request of the lodge in this jurisdiction, the foreign lodge has released him to the Michigan lodge, can the Michigan lodge proceed to confer the degree of Entered Apprentice upon the candidate without the formality of a petition and election.

“Answer. No. He having never received any degrees in Masonry, comes to the door of the Michigan lodge without any masonic rights whatever, and must, therefore, petition in the usual way, the release of the foreign jurisdiction only acting as a waiver of the five year limit.”

The account of his visitations to places masonic and otherwise is very pleasant reading; and the account of his official visitations, since it was so much in detail, must have pleased the listeners, especially if they were partakers on the several occasions.

We cannot understand what “The Craftsmen” mentioned by him has to do with Masonry.

His address covers seventy-one pages.

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve one of the decisions and we quote from their report:

“Your committee disapprove of decision number 15. This decision holds that after a candidate for Masonry has received one degree and something occurs in his conduct which displeases one of the brethren of the lodge, and that brother approaches the Worshipful Master, in the presence and hearing of men who are not masons, and in a profane and emphatic manner tells the Worshipful Master that the candidate can go no further in Masonry, that this objection, made in this manner, is not a lawful objection and should not be treated as a lawful objection by the Worshipful Master, and that the brother making the objection is not entitled to have his objection considered.

“The right of a brother to object to a person becoming a member of the lodge of which he is a member is as old as masonic law; indeed it is one of the landmarks of Masonry. Every brother has a right to object to a person being made a member of the lodge of which he is a member or to a brother's advancement in that lodge, provided he does the same timely, and no one, not even the Worshipful Master, has a right to question either his reasons or his motives therefor. It is enough if he says he objects, and this right is given to every member of a lodge while he is in good standing in the lodge.

"In the case under consideration there is no dispute but that the brother making the objection was in good standing in the lodge. That being the case, it is the opinion of your committee that the objection so made would be good and should be treated so by the Worshipful Master.

"If, however, the brother made the objection at an improper place or in an improper manner, it would be the duty of the Worshipful Master, while treating the objection as good, to cause charges to be preferred against the brother for unmasonic conduct in making the objection in the manner in which it was made. We think in this case the Worshipful Master should have received the objection and treated it as valid and then ordered charges preferred against the brother making the objection, for unmasonic conduct."

Now of course we like the way in Maine best. Before a candidate receives his E. A. degree objections lie and act as a black ball. But after the candidate receives that degree charges must be preferred and tried¹ had, but it is to be borne in mind that in Maine one ballot elects to all degrees.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

A form and style of jewels for the various Grand Officers were adopted.

Many changes in the Monitor and Ritual were considered and adopted.

We note the return to "white gloves and aprons."

No more "garments" and aprons.

Aprons were purchased and given to the several Past Grand Masters, twenty in all, at an expense of four hundred dollars.

Bro. Lou B. Winsor submitted his fifth annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1907 is noticed.

We made careful search in the report and we could not find any opinions expressed by him and not any criticisms except that Texas did not have a statistical report.

During the year three Past Grand Masters have finished their labors on this earth:

M. W. Bro. Irving Babcock, in 1890; M. W. Bro. Matthew H. Maynard, in 1876; and M. W. Bro. Hugh McCurdy, in 1873.

All distinguished men in their respective spheres of life; greatly loved and highly respected. Perhaps Bro. McCurdy was the better known to masons throughout the world. We mourn their loss.

MISSOURI, 1908.

A portrait and a sketch of the life of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John Thomas Scott, appears in the volume of proceedings.

From his address, we quote:

"The year just passed has been one of harmony and good will, and the progress made, I trust, has been beneficial and lasting."

The various matters requiring his oversight and care were promptly attended to by him, and his report gives exhaustive accounts of each function.

Among these duties we notice the issuance of dispensations for eight new lodges, the laying of corner stones, but he made no decisions, since an answer to all questions was found in the by-laws or decisions already made.

The holding of Lodges of Instruction, used by Maine for many years, was adopted a year ago, and the Grand Lecturer, under whose control these meetings are, reported of them:

"The brethren who attended these Lodges of Instruction were most attentive to every part of the work. They took every advantage of the opportunity afforded by these Lodges of Instruction to perfect themselves in the work, and went forth with confidence in their ability to instruct, and, as before stated, I have confidence in them."

"A most instructive Oration" was delivered by R. W. Brother I. N. Evrard, Grand Orator, from which we quote:

"What I want to call attention to is, that in this twentieth century there is a tendency in some quarters to neglect that cultivation of human abilities which, as masons, we ought particularly to develop in ourselves and train in those who will be masons of the future. We have a peculiar unmasonic conception of values, some of which have come from bad precept. We have heard iterated one erroneous motto until we have accepted it as truth, that 'honesty is the best policy.' Masons at least should know that it is not a policy at all. Men who are honest because honesty seems to be a good policy need constant watching or they will fail to pay their premiums. Honesty, my brethren, is not a policy at all, but a *principle*. It is not an affair of the head, but of the heart. It is not comprehended in its fullness by one who does not know and do his 'duty to his God, to his neighbor and himself.'

"That uplifting influence has been removed from the literature of the schools, and, very appropriately, the power behind its removal has been the power that has ever been the arch enemy of Freemasonry. Search the readers through that your children study, and you may find God mentioned in a purely impersonal way; prayer may be alluded to but it is doubtful; but you will not find anywhere in any reader published in recent years a simple mention of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of the world. True Freemasonry is not a Christian Order, but it is an Order based upon a belief in God; and the God of America is the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob and of Jesus Christ. Freemasonry is not a religious Order, but it receives its fundamental teachings and its power from the book on yonder altar whence emanates the religion of our land. And I want to submit to you, my brethren, this question: If the endurance of our Order is in any way dependent upon the influence of that book, if it is well that these men of Missouri and masons all over the world should behold it first upon entering a regularly constituted lodge, would it not be worth while for us to see that at every desk in this land where sits the American and the mason of the future there may be an open Bible; not that there shall be taught from it any

system of theology, but that it may send out its gently prevailing power for truth and righteousness."

We trust that the time will come when the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri will contain only the findings of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances. The full report may, if required, be read before the Grand Lodge to enable it to determine the question of the finding, but can we not be spared the twenty-five or more pages of statements and decisions.

We do not approve the following:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Master may, upon the petition of ten Master Masons in good standing authorize the formation of clubs to teach the ritual and work of the Grand Lodge under the supervision and control of the District Deputy Grand Master for the District in which the club is located.

"The District Lecturer shall be authority in the work and have sole charge of teaching it; and may appoint competent instructors. *Provided*, That the club shall meet in a regularly inspected and dedicated lodge hall, and be duly tiled; and, *further provided*, That none but Master Masons in good standing, and duly vouched for, shall be admitted."

The report of the Committee on Chartered Lodges is a gem.

A revision of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge was made.

Provision was made by which receipts for lodge dues shall come from the office of the Grand Secretary.

Bro. Rufus E. Anderson presented his fourth Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Under Alabama we read:

"We have expressed our views on the 'liquor question' and do not care to elaborate them any further. We say that it is a question with which the Grand Lodges ought never to have meddled, and the sooner they leave that matter to the consciences of the individual members and discipline them when they violate the cardinal virtue, 'Temperance,' the better it will be for the Craft. We do not visit saloons, nor do we use whisky as a beverage, but we know many good men and masons who do. So long as corn and barley grow, so long will whisky and beer be made, and so long will it be drunk. One hundred years have elapsed since the first anti-liquor society was formed, and the manufacture and use of intoxicating liquor is greater to-day than it has ever been. The sooner we realize that we can not legislate men into morality the better."

Maine for 1907 has a splendid review.

We again quote his conclusion; and we trust that such a disease as is that of which he discourses may not be our lot:

"This report has been prepared under serious difficulties. Early in the spring our stomach became affected with a soreness in the vicinity of the cuniform appendix, and we were apprehensive that we would have to take up with the latest fad, and have our appendix removed. We consulted several *reliable* physicians and found that the affection was above the appendix and too near the surface for appendicitis, but none of them could

tell us what the trouble was. An osteopathic doctor located it in the duodenum (we think that is what he called it,) and said the soreness was produced by nerve sympathy. So we had him knead our stomach, twist our spinal column and wrench our right arm for a week, and, finding it did not remove the ailment, we concluded that the intense frigidity of the circumambient atmosphere, joined with the humidity of the climate, and combined with the porosity of the earth, had discomberated our respiration and affected our theoretics, and so, suffering under this terrible ailment, this report has been prepared, and whatever defects there are in it we trust will be overlooked."

In the proceedings is the report of the Committee on Obituaries and the remarks of many brothers in connection therewith. We would like to quote the many brilliant thoughts that were uttered.

The Grand Lodge mourned the loss during the year of M. W. Bro. Noah M. Givan, Grand Master, of M. W. Bro. Joshua B. Thomas, Grand Master in 1894, of M. W. Bro. William R. Stubblefield, Grand Master in 1880, of Bro. Martin Collins, Grand Senior Warden in 1865, and of Bro. Howard Watson, Grand Junior Warden in 1904.

To give even an abstract of the lives, work and worth of these brothers would take more space than can be given. When we say that they were true to their profession as masons we know that their duty to their families, to their neighbors and to their God was beyond dispute.

MONTANA, 1907.

A portrait, with sketch of life, of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Alexander D. Macdonald, appears in the proceedings.

After a brief introduction the death of their beloved Grand Secretary, Past Grand Master Bro. Cornelius Hedges, is appropriately commented upon and he announced that all but ten lodges held memorial services for him on the same day.

The corner stone of the building to be used as a Masonic Home was laid.

Four lodges were constituted.

Of the official work he says:

"It is difficult to account for the ignorance of many of the lodges as to what is the official work. It would appear that the members never attend Grand Lodge, read the proceedings, or visit other lodges; neither do they listen to the admonitions of Grand Officers. I have received numerous letters from officers and members inquiring which of several so-called masonic rituals is the official work. It seems to be customary to place these works in the hands of the Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts in order that the members may be relieved of the burden of posting

candidates in the lectures. Officers too, in some cases, have used these books from which to read the degree work in open lodge. My reply in all cases after giving the desired information, has been to the effect that if the lodges would send to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge representatives with a desire to learn, they would at least know what is the Montana work. The officers who would not take the trouble to perfect themselves in the work are unworthy of the honor bestowed upon them. That if the brethren could not find time to post candidates in the usual way, then the lodge should refrain from receiving petitions; and, lastly, that if the practices as stated were continued, the penalty as prescribed at our last annual communication would have to be inflicted."

Dispensation was granted for two new lodges.

His visitations were comparatively few in number but evidently of the pleasantest kind.

The per capita tax was increased to two dollars, of which one dollar is used for the support of the Masonic Home.

The description of the Signet Ring which is designed for the Grand Master to use in his official documents is taken from the presentation speech to his successor by the retiring Grand Master:

"It is made, as I am informed, of pure gold taken from the sands of Alder Gulch—that locality which first saw the dawn of masonic light in the Territory of Montana. The perfect circle of its form, surmounted as it is by a plate bearing the Lion's Paw, should remind the wearer that so long as he keeps his actions circumscribed by the tenets of a mason's profession he may reasonably look for the support of which the surrounding emblem is our pledge."

No Report on Correspondence.

The portrait of P. G. M. and Grand Secretary, Bro. Cornelius Hedges, the correspondence writer for thirty-six years, the learned masonic jurist, is found in the proceedings.

NEBRASKA, 1908.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Ornan J. King, we quote:

"During the past year a large measure of prosperity has been meted out to the Fraternity in this state, the number initiated being the largest of which we have any record. The net increase is also the largest during any one year in the history of the Grand Lodge. Our funds are ample, if properly expended, for all necessary purposes; and it can be safely said that at no period of our history have we made greater advancement than during the past year."

He gives a brief account of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Grand Lodge; enumerates his many dispensations for conferring degrees without regard to time; states the issuance of dispensations for six new lodges; mentions the approval of the seals and by-laws of lodges; and states his decisions. We quote:

"An objection to a candidate of a subordinate lodge of another jurisdiction, upon whom a degree is being conferred by courtesy, should be made to the lodge for whom the degree is being conferred.

"A man, who has lost the first and second fingers of his left hand at the third joint and the third finger of his left hand at the second joint, but whose thumb and little finger of his left hand are perfect, is not thereby disqualified by physical imperfections.

"A member of a subordinate lodge in another jurisdiction, before being examined for the purpose of visiting a lodge in this state, must present documentary evidence, not over one year old, attested by the seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction whence the visitors comes."

We regret to read that some lodges had to be disciplined.

Under the title "Relief" he says:

"Our present system of relief is rather complicated, and in my judgment is in the hands of too many organizations or committees. We have our Masonic Home managed through the Board of Trustees; our regular Grand Lodge Committee on Relief; and the Committee on Orphans' Educational Fund. All three of these are distributing relief in one form or another; and I find in some cases parties are receiving aid from two of the sources given above."

And submitted laws which should bring them under closer control and easier management.

The courts had been called upon to decide the right of the taxation of lodge property. We copy the conclusion:

"By this decision, the part of any building, that is owned and used exclusively for lodge purposes—that is for the meetings and legitimate work of the lodge—and its furniture and paraphernalia so used, and any money on hand which constitutes and is used as its legitimate charitable fund, and for the running expenses of the lodge, are each and all exempt from taxation. But any property of the lodge which is rented or loaned, or otherwise invested for the purpose of its earning an income, is not so exempt."

W. Bro. Roscoe Pound, Grand Orator, delivered an erudite oration, from which we quote:

"My brethren, we of all men, owe it to ourselves and to the world, to be universal in spirit. Universality is a lesson the whole world is learning and must learn. But we ought to know it well already. We ought to be upon the front bench of the world's school, setting an example to our more backward school-fellows. Wherever in the world there is a lodge of masons, there should be a center of the new idea of universality, radiating reason to put down prejudice and advance justice in the disputes of peoples, and making for the peace and harmony that should prevail in this great lodge of the world."

Bro. Charles J. Phelps submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1907 has a good review.

Under Wyoming we find:

"R. W. Brother William L. Kuykendall presents the report on correspondence. Under Nebraska we find the following:

"If not mistaken, the following was adopted: "The senior Past Master of the lodge present may open a lodge and preside therein, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, at any special meeting regularly called by the Master, or Warden acting as such, or at a meeting called for the purpose of conducting a funeral."

"What is the matter with his presiding at a regular meeting in the absence of the Master and Wardens? It seems the above is a distinction without a difference."

"Answering our brother we have to say: Yes, that is our law. A Past Master cannot preside at a regular meeting, that is, a meeting where the regular business of the lodge may come up, because the Master and his Wardens are responsible to the Grand Lodge for what is done in and by the lodge, and a Past Master is not. A Past Master may preside at a special meeting, called for a special purpose, that for conferring a degree, for instance, or for a funeral, but no general business can be transacted at such special meeting. By the oldest written authority, 'The Old Charges,' a Past Master could only preside after the Master, or Warden, had congregated the lodge, and then a Past Master, upon invitation, might preside.

"When his Grand Master issued a special dispensation, he says that it was not by virtue of the 'powers and prerogatives' of a Grand Master, but under their own legislation. Yes, but that legislative act but announces the common law of Masonry as affecting Grand Masters, a landmark that no man, or body of men, can alter or change without making innovation in the body of Masonry."

NEVADA, 1908.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert Lewers, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, in his address tells us of his pleasant visitations; reports the dispensations granted; notes a large increase in membership; and laments the illness of the Grand Secretary, who seemed to be improving.

He speaks of relief as follows:

"I would like to urge upon the officers of all our lodges caution in doing this work. If a sojourning brother asks for relief, or needs relief, it is your duty to extend immediate relief and then to notify his lodge of the facts in the case. Do not extend the relief in the belief that the sojourner's lodge will have to reimburse your lodge. It is the judge of what it can and will do. Explain the cost of nursing, medical attendance, etc., carefully to Eastern lodges, for they do not understand why they are so high in the West. The cost of a hearse—\$15—staggeres them. Sending a body East requires double fare, and this paralyzes the treasury of a little lodge. If the foreign lodge does not pay, your lodge becomes responsible and you have your own members to consider. Be charitable; it is your duty. Be careful, for it will save trouble."

He fully discusses the question of "Ritual" and concludes as follows:

"I earnestly ask you to provide for the appointment of a commission of say three to be appointed to select a standard work for use in Nevada and to report at the next Grand Lodge prepared to exemplify the work."

A uniform opening and closing of the lodge and the method of giving

the public grand honors was exemplified. These forms were recommended to the several lodges, but as they were not made compulsory the lodges can go on in the way which they have always done, and which, from the fence, appears to be any way that pleases the Master for the time being.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

Bro. Robert Lewers, Grand Master, being unable to find one to write the Report on Foreign Correspondence, wrote it and acknowledges the value to him of his work, and we congratulate him on his report.

Under Connecticut we quote:

"What I am sure of is that you get the sulks too quick.' May we not apply this to masonic work. Members anxious to go ahead and reach the Master's position, are often so anxious that they neglect to learn the work of their minor officer and perhaps do not attend regularly. You cannot fool the rank and file of Masonry, for they notice these things and are apt to think of fitness and constancy when voting for officers. The minor officer fails to advance and is sulky and Masonry seems to be going to the very dogs. So the J. W. or the S. W. is disappointed and quits attending lodge, and waits to hear of the general decline of Masonry. Well—it does not happen and it won't happen for any such trifling cause. Keep a stiff upper lip and keep pegging away in the service of the order and you will not always be forgotten. In fact you cannot be ignored."

Under Georgia he pertinently says:

"We do not think a mason carries out his masonic teaching if he lets prejudice influence him in voting against a candidate, nor do we believe he is doing his duty when he lets friendship make him vote for a masonically unworthy candidate. It is the duty of the officers and writers upon masonic subjects to instruct masons along these lines, but when a mason fairly and honestly makes up his mind that a candidate is worthy or unworthy, and casts his ballot in accordance with his best judgment, no one can question his right to vote as he wishes."

Under Illinois, discussing the card identification system, he says:

"Maybe other societies use this system because they have found it a good one. Are we afraid to imitate a good thing? Are we progressive if we do not imitate it? It is sometimes a good thing to look a proposition squarely in the face, and not to look for objections. You can always find them."

But do not these other societies use them because of the benefit system connected therewith? And also as a source of revenue?

Under Washington we quote:

"We hardly like the expression, 'mummery of the ritual,' but we understand the sense in which it is used, and approve the real meaning. We think the ritualistic work should be impressive. We believe each officer should devote time and thought to his work; that he should feel the meaning of his part, and give it as though it was from the heart; that he should not so stumble over his words as to give the impression that he was dealing with strangers, and that his sole task was to get to the end. Too many officers are not readers of masonic or other litera-

ture, and do not appreciate the significance of the work. Words fitly spoken are alive, and arouse the interest of the initiate. Not every one can be an orator, but every officer can be in earnest and this is more than oratory."

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1908.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John S. D. Chipman, whose portrait graces the proceedings, in his address feelingly and at length discourses of the distinguished masons of the jurisdiction who have died during the year.

Much of his address is devoted to visitations.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that forty-one dispensations were granted, of which twenty-two were for conferring degrees at short intervals.

The matter of Traveling Certificates was referred to the Board of General Purposes to report next year.

R. W. Bro. Arthur I. Trueman, Grand Master 1901-4, died February 7, 1908.

"Great confidence was justly reposed in his judgment, while his genial and pleasant nature won for him the good feeling of all with whom he was intimate."

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1908.

At the semi-annual communication held in Manchester in December, the several degrees were exemplified.

Fifty-six lodges were represented at the annual communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Plummer, in his address, without prelude, proceeds to give an account of his stewardship.

The dispensations, of which there were four for conferring degrees out of time, granted, and also other routine matters were reported.

The semi-centennial anniversary of Washington Lodge, the restoration of the burial place of Gen. John Sullivan, the first Grand Master of masons in New Hampshire, the dedication of Masonic Temple at Dover, have pleasant mention.

The decisions are in accord with the practice in Maine.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters give accounts of the several particular lodges.

The Grand Lodges of Valle de Mexico and of Saskatchewan were recognized.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made an exhaustive report on Dual Membership and Life Membership. The committee did not favor either and their views were adopted.

The money returned from California was to be returned to the contributors pro rata.

The commission appointed to investigate the subject reported in favor of a lodge at Hanover and their report was accepted.

Bro. Harry M. Cheney presented his second report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine is carefully reviewed.

Under New South Wales we quote:

"Taking an excerpt from the address of our Grand Master Chase, in the case where he ordered that in printing lodge notices the names of candidates to be balloted for should not be printed, Bro. Manning says that this

"Would seem to differ very materially from our constitutional law, which requires the lodge to do the very thing which New Hampshire objects to. Surely it is much better, for the purpose of safeguarding our portals against the admission of unworthy persons, that the members of the lodge should know who were seeking membership, so that in the event of some candidate being proposed who should not gain admission to the craft, he could be refused membership."

"The basis of our requirement is the belief that the lodge room, and not from notices publicly circulated—and these printed notices are essentially public property—is the place for members to learn who is seeking membership. It is a matter so important, both to the lodge and to the applicant, from our point of view, that nothing we do is held to be more sacred or secret, save the ballot alone. And the member who does not care enough about such an important matter to find out all which he is entitled to know, in the lodge itself, doesn't care enough about it to be told in the convenient yet lazy way of having printed notices in advance. The latter way seems to us to be wrong, pernicious, dangerous, and we prohibit it. And it was the doing it by one or two lodges only that called forth the prohibition. We hit quick and hard when we saw the thing."

The Committee on Necrology presented memorials of Bro. Robert Ford, District Deputy Grand Master 1879-80; of Bro. Daniel Crane Roberts, Grand Chaplain, 1882-1907; of Bro. Horace Ames Brown, District Deputy Grand Master 1877-78, and of M. W. Bro. John Hiram Rowell, Grand Master 1866-67. These memorials with portraits are published, and from them we obtain a knowledge of their great worth to Masonry and to the world.

NEW JERSEY, 1908.

One hundred seventy lodges were represented, and nine lodges were not represented at the annual communication.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Austen Hall McGregor, whose fine portrait graces the proceedings, is one of the finest that ever we have read. We quote:

"I am glad to say that the affairs of the Craft during the year have been carried on with that harmony, system, accuracy and enthusiasm which we rightfully expect and which has made Masonry, in all ages and wherever found, the pattern fraternity of the world. New Jersey prides herself on holding fast to the ancient traditions and most rigid interpretation of the ritual of our fraternity, and has thereby won first place in the admiration and confidence of Freemasons throughout the land. It is to be hoped that in future years there will be no departure from the sound practice that has strengthened us at home and commended us abroad.

"Masonry is also a progressive force. It is anxious at all times to have its members know the truth and be set free from the shackles of superstition and ignorance. Whatever the times have to offer to men of red blood and vigorous thought and pure ambitions, Masonry is willing and eager to have them receive. The ideal mason is a full-grown man, patriotic, intelligent, reverent, devoted to home, alert to business, and an unfailing friend. He will always be found on the side of his country, his race and his God."

When the Grand Master was reading that part of it devoted to necrology, the reading was discontinued and the Grand Chaplain discoursed on death.

Dispensations were issued for two new lodges, but none for conferring degrees out of time.

The laying of corner stones is reported; the visitations to sister jurisdictions and to lodges in his own jurisdiction are pleasantly mentioned.

Under the subject of District Deputies he says:

"The reports of the District Deputies all show a continued interest by the officers of the lodges in the endeavor to learn the standard work perfectly. Naturally there are a few exceptions where a Master feels enough confidence in his knowledge of the work to be able to remain away from the Schools of Instruction, aided sometimes by a reliance on a Past Master who imagines he has never forgotten. But in every instance where a lodge or Worshipful Master has acted in this manner, when called upon to show work in the Lodge of Instruction, they have proven to be the most inaccurate. No lodge can afford to slight the schools, and it is a gratuitous insult to the District Deputy without the slightest excuse. As a District Deputy expresses it, 'This lodge is rather a hard one because they have a number of Past Masters who think they are very proficient and who take instructions of any kind with rather bad grace.'"

He reported the discipline of a lodge because its Master caused to be published in the public print matters that concerned the lodge alone.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized, so were the Grand Lodge D'Alpina and the Grand Orient of the Netherlands.

The following action was had:

"The Finance Committee having amended the second recommendation of its report to read that an annual appropriation of \$300.00 be made to R. W. Brother Bechtel, late Grand Treasurer, during his lifetime, and that an annual appropriation of \$1,500.00, payable monthly during his lifetime, be made to R. W. Brother Redway, late Grand Secretary, the recommendation as amended was, on motion, duly seconded, concurred in."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs.

Under Delaware, upon the question of blackball, he comments:

"It is noticeable in this year's proceedings that a number of Grand Masters and some Grand Lodges are considerably exercised over their helplessness to rectify the exceedingly plain injustice done to 'upright and excellent men' by members of the fraternity whose conscienceless malignity is scarcely concealed; in fact, in small communities is usually publicly known. Human nature so strongly asserts itself then, that the usual outcome is the disruption of the lodge.

"It is a subject that deserves wholesome consideration, and the only solution offered thus far is the logical but Utopian one, of never admitting to the fraternity any one not possessed of a good working conscience."

Maine has a brief review. He says:

"We hope he will appreciate the compliment we pay Maine in deliberately abbreviating this review of one of the best regulated and least 'legislated for' Grand Lodges in the U. S. A."

How could we (as a Grand Lodge) be otherwise, so long as the teachings of Bro. Drummond last?

The German Grand Lodges with which the Grand Lodge of New Jersey is in fraternal relations are learnedly and pleasantly reviewed by Bro. Adolph Klee. A brief sketch of the early history of German Freemasonry is given.

NEW MEXICO, 1908.

Twenty-five lodges were represented.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James W. Willson, we quote:

"The last masonic year has been one of prosperity for the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. The lodges, as a general rule, have been fortunate in having competent and zealous brothers in charge; most excellent work has been accomplished; many new lodges have been formed; and above all peace and harmony have prevailed, not only between the several subordinate lodges, but, with few exceptions, among the individual brethren as well."

Dispensations were granted for six new lodges; for installation of lodges, fourteen in all, being nearly one-half of the whole number; and many others for various purposes.

He made the following decisions:

"A lodge owning its own building cannot lease or permit any portion or part thereof, no matter how far removed from the lodge room, to be used for saloon purposes. Neither can a lodge rent, consecrate, dedicate and occupy (unless temporarily by permission of the Grand Master) a room in any building in which liquor is retailed and served to the general public.

"Held that perpetual jurisdiction is not recognized in this Grand Jurisdiction. Advised, however, that a lodge receiving a petition from an applicant who had formerly been rejected by another lodge communicate with the lodge claiming jurisdiction, and should reasons be stated, the committee on investigation should give the same careful consideration."

We regret to read the following recommendation:

"I recommend that all official communications relating to the conferring of degrees, by request, between lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction and those of other Grand Jurisdictions be conducted through the respective Grand Masters thereof."

In the conclusion, he says:

"While I have not been able to visit a great many of the lodges, I have ever been in close touch with them through competent advisers and can intelligently report that Masonry has prospered within New Mexico during the past year as never before. However, my brethren, we have no right to be satisfied with present conditions, for should we reach that point where ambition no longer stimulates, growth and progress will stop and decline and decay begin."

The committee on the address of the Grand Master rightly did not approve the dispensation granted to open a lodge when the master and wardens were absent.

Bro. James H. Wroth of that committee did not approve the recommendation of the Grand Master that all correspondence between lodges of different jurisdictions must be carried on through the office of the Grand Master, saying:

"It is my impression and belief that such matters are an inherent right which no Grand Lodge can take away from its subordinates, and I believe that masonic history will prove that in the formation of Grand Lodges by subordinate lodges, this is one of the rights that were not given up by subordinate lodges, and that legislation in this matter by a Grand Lodge is a violation of the rights of its component members."

He was overruled, although we believe that he is right.

A masonic Home Fund was created by transferring thereto the fund known as the charity fund and adding thereto the sum of five hundred dollars from the general fund.

A proposition to allow Life and Honorary Membership was held open for consideration.

Bro. James H. Wroth submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under British Columbia we read:

"He agrees with the writer that documentary evidence, so called, as required from visitors, under the present conditions is all foolishness. He states that it is proper that a visitor should be required to produce proof that he comes from a recognized Grand Lodge, but his standing in his own lodge is a matter which is entirely between himself and his home lodge, and does not affect his standing, so far as the lodge he desires to visit is concerned. We are heartily in accord with this idea."

Under District of Columbia we find:

"Bro. Baird, in his criticisms on Valle de Mexico, expresses his surprise at the loss of 20 per cent. of the membership of that Grand Lodge.

"There is simply a leaven working among Mexican Masons, which will probably account for this, and from information derived by personal inquiry among both Mexican and American members of that Grand Lodge, there is something doing, which has probably led many of the Mexican members away from the fold of Valle de Mexico.

"Our Spanish brethren in political life, instead of organizing political clubs with a view to the future, and making their fight, if fight is necessary, in the open as do their Anglo-Saxon brethren, have the habit of organizing masonic lodges which disappear as soon as the necessity disappears. This certainly explains the number of defunct lodges which existed in the past absolutely upon paper alone.

"In a report of this kind, politics are not allowed. At the same time, there is, within the next two years, coming up within Mexico, a political question—somewhat of a silent, though decided opposition between church and state—and within the last year, the ranks of very many of the purely Mexican lodges, *not under the control of Valle de Mexico*, have been largely increased, and it is the opinion of men on the ground, familiar with the subject, that this increase is almost entirely due to the fact that lodges have been revived or instituted by purely political motives, and that when the end is attained, or defeated, there will be a large number of semi-extinct lodges, existing by name only.

"The control of the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico, for the past four years, has been in the hands of conservative men, both Spanish and American, who have been working out pure masonic ideas, and it becomes necessary for the American jurisdictions not to confuse the increased number of masonic lodges in that Republic, with any growth or lack of growth, on the part of Valle de Mexico; but in the event of visitation, it would be well to ascertain from the roster of lodges in good standing with that Grand Lodge, if or not, they are properly a part of the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico.

"Some years ago, a Grand Master of Texas came very near having insomnia over some of these paper lodges, which last an insignificant time, and disappear as soon as the reasons for their existence have passed away.

"This trouble will probably continue to exist from time to time, and for that reason, it behooves us to recognize but one masonic authority within the Republic, and that recognition to exist just as long as they do true masonic work."

Maine for 1908 is reviewed.

Of the proposed resolution touching the advancement of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft he says:

"While this is not in accord with the more general usage, it is a much less cumbrous method than the present mode of waiving jurisdiction. It is safe in all jurisdictions in which the one ballot system prevails, for of course such a certificate would not be granted if objection to advancement had been made and disposed of in favor of the candidate."

The oldest Past Grand Master, living within the jurisdiction, Bro. William B. Childers, and Past Grand Master, Elias E. Day, died during the year and are greatly lamented.

NEW YORK, 1908.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Townsend Scudder, in his introduction is eloquent, and when he speaks of the dead he speaks words that reach to the soul of man.

Dispensations were issued for five new lodges.

We quote one paragraph that is well worth reproduction:

"Not more so than heretofore, but all too frequently, we find Masonry used as a medium of advertising the business of some individual or combination of individuals. And it sometimes happens that some such enterprise seeks by questions addressed to the secretaries of lodges information upon the standing of men whom it is endeavoring to allure through masonic affiliations. I caution the craft against giving out such information promiscuously, and believe that it will be to the interest of the fraternity to discourage, as far as we can, and, if possible, to secure legislation forbidding the use of the word 'masonic' in connection with any enterprise other than that embracing the legitimate sale of masonic goods."

He fully discusses the question of "Proxies."

The management of the affairs of the Grand Lodge is very fully discussed by him.

In discussing the Home at Utica he says:

"During the fifteen years since our Home opened, it has cost the fraternity for maintenance, including small repairs, the sum of \$963,129.22; it has housed 843 inmates, and 490 have died within its walls. Of the inmates, 157 have been children. It shelters now 341 members, of which 80 are children. For the care bestowed upon, and the comfort given to, the old people committed to our care, our work is not open to valid criticism, and many of these charges, from the standpoint of physical comfort, are perhaps to-day better off than they ever have been. To these the Home is indeed a place of rest, and, we hope, of happiness.

"With regard to our efforts in behalf of our children, our work has not been a success, and figures become of interest because they bring home to us, without need of characterization, what we have done."

The histories of particular lodges is continued.

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and of Alberta were recognized.

The deaths of many distinguished masons are recorded. Among them we especially note the deaths of M. W. Elbert Crandall, Past Grand Master; of M. W. John Stewart, Past Grand Master; of M. W. William A. Sutherland, Past Grand Master.

The proceedings are embellished with steel portraits of John Jacob Astor, and of Frederic Morris, besides numerous cuts of the meeting places of several lodges.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1908.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Francis D. Winston, in the introductory to his address, says:

"This Grand Lodge was formed before North Carolina entered the union of States. Many of the great sons of the State, who were its leaders in debate, in Congress and in battle, were masons. They applied the principles of our Fraternity in the formation of our government. American independence was born in the effort to establish the brotherhood of man. In that hour the principles of Masonry took root the world over, and they have since become the inheritance of society."

The prelude to his mention of the dead is couched in the most pleasing language.

Of the growth of Masonry in the jurisdiction he says:

"Our members now exceed 18,000. New lodges are being constituted as rapidly as the needs of the situation will permit. The work of the fraternity is in excellent condition. Most of the lodges are active and alive. The dead lodges are in many instances those that make no change in their officers. A long continued service by Masters and Wardens is not always best for the lodge. In many Grand Jurisdictions the terms of these officers are limited. In them the work is often of the highest order, and I again recommend that this Grand Lodge consider the proposition of limiting the terms of Masters and Wardens. In this way many more brethren are called to responsible positions and become better acquainted with the work, and become more enthusiastic."

We do not believe in any legislation upon this subject. The lodge should determine what it wants.

His decisions were in accord with the practice in Maine, except one which we never heard before. It is as follows:

"The Master of a lodge has no right to lecture the member of the lodge who votes against a petition for degree. It is highly improper for him to do so. Each ballot is sacred. It is not proper to question the vote of any brother."

He recommends the establishment of chapters called "The Eastern Star."

He makes an appeal in behalf of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, closing with the quotation:

"Are there not a thousand masons in North Carolina who will contribute \$10.00 a year for ten years to raise an endowment of \$100,000.00 for this great charity?"

From the report of the Secretary we learn that five dispensations were issued for new lodges; one lodge was revived; one lodge surrendered its charter; six corner stones were laid.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

Bro. Jno. A. Collins presented the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1907 is courteously reviewed.

Bro. Collins criticises M. W. Bro. Johnson as being inconsistent in granting dispensations to lodges to attend church "in lodge formation in all the bravery of fine regalia," and then, in his address, declaring his belief that dispensations should be cautiously used. We think if Bro. Collins would re-read the address he would find that the clause quoted had reference to the granting dispensations to confer degrees in less than the required time.

Maine does not need public display to obtain candidates, and yet it does believe in attendance at church, even in lodge formation.

No, we do not agree with Bro. Collins about the establishment of Masonic Homes in jurisdictions like Maine. We do not know the circumstances attending that matter in other jurisdictions and believe that each should follow its own plan, so we quote from both sides that the craft may read each side, to the end that they may form correct opinion.

Under Pennsylvania we read:

"In the following decision we cannot agree with the Grand Master. Every Master Mason of good repute and properly vouched for is entitled to apply for membership in any regular masonic lodge in the world, and if found worthy and well qualified, to be admitted to membership, independent of nationality."

Under Rhode Island we again read:

"We are, however, very heartily in accord with his view that clergymen, as well as any one else, should pay degree fees and dues, and thus contribute to the support of their lodge."

Bro. Benjamin W. Hatcher, who was the Grand Lecturer from 1869 to 1907, died July 1, 1907. He was most highly esteemed.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1909.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel M. Gattis, says of the Condition of the Craft:

"Masonry in this State is steadily growing in usefulness and numbers. The returns of the subordinate lodges show a total enrollment of about

nineteen thousand members. In a great many communities the lodges are live and active. The young masons are enthusiastic and the older brethren are directing this vigorous enthusiasm in proper channels for the accomplishment of the greatest good. With a few exceptions, peace reigns among the craft, and the blessings of Heaven seem to rest upon the Fraternity throughout this entire Grand Jurisdiction."

He reports the laying of thirteen corner stones and in this connection says:

"There seems to be a very general opinion among masons in some sections of this State that all that is necessary to lay a corner stone is for the Grand Master to designate the Master of the nearest lodge or some other mason of the place to officiate, and that the presence of the Grand Officers is not necessary."

He decided that illegitimacy would not debar one from taking the degrees; that the secretary and treasurer of a whiskey dispensary was eligible.

We quote in full:

"'A' Lodge requests 'B' Lodge to confer F. C. and M. M. degrees on an E. A. of 'A' Lodge. Members of 'B' Lodge have reason to believe the candidate should not be advanced. Can 'B' Lodge demand a ballot as per Section 14 of Article X of by-laws?"

Answer.—No ballot can be had on his advancement in 'B' Lodge. 'B' Lodge is not required to confer the degrees on request of 'A' Lodge. Its doing so is simply an act of courtesy and it may for good reason refuse to do so. If members of 'B' Lodge have reason to believe the E. A. unworthy to be advanced, 'B' Lodge may notify 'A' Lodge where a ballot may be had, if desired by 'A' Lodge. Should 'A' Lodge vote to advance the E. A., 'B' Lodge may still decline to confer the degrees. No lodge ought to confer degrees, as a courtesy to another lodge, on a candidate who would not be admitted to the lodge as a member after the degrees had been conferred.

Dispensations were issued for eight new lodges.

A good word is spoken for the Oxford Orphan Asylum and he adds:

"I want to call attention also to the great importance of having a closer scrutiny of applications for admission of children into the Orphan Asylum. These applications are all referred by the Board of Directors to the subordinate lodges for report, and I desire to impress on these lodges the necessity of making full and careful answers to the questions asked them. This is imperative because of the large number of applications being made for admission each year."

The Masonic Temple is completed but the indebtedness thereon is yet to be met.

The District Deputy system is commended; but why he thought it necessary to mention the Order of the Eastern Star, we know not.

We quote:

"At Halifax in this State is the unmarked grave of Right Worshipful Joseph Montfort, who was the first, last and only Provincial Grand Master of America. He was appointed Provincial Grand Master of and for

America January 14, 1771, by Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. Joseph Montfort was a prominent men in the Province of North Carolina and a member of Royal White Hart Lodge at Halifax, where his commission as Provincial Grand Master was long preserved. This commission was at the request of Grand Master Robt. Williams presented to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina by Royal White Hart Lodge No. 2 in 1812, and is one of the most valued possessions of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. In 1771 Joseph Montfort organized a Grand Lodge which met sometimes at Newbern and sometimes at Halifax, and several lodges in this State and perhaps in other States were chartered by the Grand Lodge over which Montfort presided. He died March 25, 1775, and owing to the disturbed condition of affairs during the War for Independence he had no successor in office. He was the highest masonic official, so far as I am informed, that ever lived on the continent of America. It is a reproach to our order that he has so long remained unhonored. Through the active efforts of Bro. Harry W. Gowan and other members of Royal White Hart Lodge, No. 2, at Halifax, N. C., the Joseph Montfort Memorial Association has been organized for the purpose of raising funds to erect a suitable memorial to this distinguished mason."

The Grand Orator delivered the Annual Oration. It treated, mainly, of the history of the Orphan Asylum.

The Committee on Home for Aged and Indigent Masons were continued with authority to canvass for funds with the hope to obtain five thousand dollars for a beginning.

The following resolution was adopted:

"That the Grand Secretary immediately notify each Deputy Grand Master and the Master of each lodge of the amendment to Article 12, Section 6, of the by-laws, and that each master be instructed to obtain and destroy all exposes or cypher works of Masonry."

The Grand Lodge per capita tax was changed from seventy-five cents to ninety cents to meet increased liabilities.

Bro. John A. Collins submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Indian Territory we read:

"Some of the brethren in Indian Territory, like brethren in other Grand Jurisdictions, seem to think that they can legislate in such a way that the names of the members of investigating committees will never be known. To our mind, the plan would not succeed, and hence it is needless."

Maine for 1908 is pleasantly reviewed.

He commends North Dakota for its proposed method of dispensing masonic charity. It is practically the same as Maine has always used.

The death of M. W. Bro. Fabius H. Busbee, Grand Master in 1885-6, was announced by the Grand Master. His presence was greatly missed at the annual communication.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1908.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John Riessbeck, of whom a fine portrait is given, we read:

"The past year has been a prosperous one for Ancient Craft Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the extension of masonic light has kept pace with the material development of this great commonwealth. In a little more than a decade the number of lodges in the state has nearly doubled. In 1897, when I first attended the communication of the Grand Lodge, there were forty-six chartered lodges, while at the present time there are eighty-two in this Grand Jurisdiction, and seven lodges under dispensation."

Owing to the holding of primary elections the time of holding this communication was postponed until June 30th.

Four lodges were constituted; dispensations granted for six new lodges; two Masonic Temples were dedicated, and one corner stone laid.

The decisions given appear to have been in accord with their Code of Procedure. Some questions came up because of the liquor legislation. One arose because of the inspection of the ballot box upon the election of a candidate. To us it seems that the end would have been more readily reached if the brother who had cast the black ballot had filed objections to the initiation of the candidate.

The Grand Secretary in his report bitterly complains of the remissness of secretaries.

The committee made the following recommendation, which was adopted:

"We, therefore, recommend that the incoming Grand Master be instructed to call a convention of the secretaries of the particular lodges at as early a date as practicable, and, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, lay this matter before the convention for full consideration; that the opinions and the ideas of those present, who will be the workers upon said books and accounts, be obtained; that the conclusions of said convention be, and are hereby made, the mandates of this Grand Lodge; that the incoming Grand Master and the Grand Secretary shall immediately thereafter have such books and forms printed as shall be adopted by the convention for the use of particular lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction."

The Committee on Jurisprudence say of the decision of the Grand Master which we have mentioned before as follows:

"This decision is disapproved. The ballot once spread, inspected and declared is final. It cannot be attacked at a subsequent meeting by collateral evidence. It is the duty of the Master, upon declaring the ballot, to destroy it; and upon the declaration of the Master, after the inspection of the ballot, the candidate is elected and entitled to the degrees, if the ballot is clear."

The following is quoted to call attention to the ease with which procedure falls away from the general rule which the committee ably lays down:

“*Statement of Facts.*—The lodge at W expelled Brother X for unmasonic conduct some years ago. X moved away and has lived in the jurisdiction of another lodge long enough for the lodge to acquire jurisdiction.

“*Question.*—Has the lodge at W lost jurisdiction over X, and, consequently, has no masonic legal right to receive and act upon his application for restoration?

“*Answer.*—Under a decision of Past Grand Master Blacklock, 1904, as modified by the Committee on Jurisprudence, we find that when an expelled mason moves beyond the jurisdiction of his lodge, that lodge loses jurisdiction over him. Our Code of Procedure under ‘Status of one Expelled—Re-instatement Under Expulsion,’ page 128, Code of 1906, provides that an expelled mason must petition the lodge for restoration from which he was expelled.

“In the conflict between the decision referred to and this provision of our Code of Procedure, I recognize the fact that the decision was made subsequent to the enactment of the Code provision. Yet, subsequent to either is the re-adoption of the present Code. Yet this latter fact, however, weighs but little in my conclusion, for I am forced back to those fundamental laws which first governed and now, in absence of a direct revocation, still govern the craft, and one of these fundamental laws was the right of a lodge to discipline its members and to restore them to good standing when it deemed it advisable. The law as it now stands, does not prohibit the expelling lodge from receiving and acting upon a petition for restoration of one, a member, it has expelled. It only says that it has lost jurisdiction over him, which, I construe, to mean that the expelled mason may petition the lodge which expelled him for restoration, or may petition a lodge for the several degrees in Masonry in whose jurisdiction he has gained a masonic residence. In other words, which course he pursues is optional. This construction, I believe, is in accord with the more liberal spirit that has modified the perpetual jurisdiction rule; at the same time, it preserves the right of a lodge to restore that which it took away.

“*Question.*—After an expelled mason is restored to good standing, can the several obligations be administered on the same night? If the expelled brother resides elsewhere, can the obligations be administered by the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides or sojourns?”

“*Answer.*—To each of the foregoing questions, my answer was, “Yes.”

“This decision is a fair construction of the existing laws and decisions of this Grand Lodge, but the Committee on Jurisprudence lays down the following rule for lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction: The expelling lodge can alone restore to membership, or receive the petition for degrees, of the expelled person, while he resides in this Grand Jurisdiction. Upon restoration, the several obligations can be administered to him at the same meeting, or such obligations may be so administered by the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides, if requested so to do by the lodge which expelled, and which subsequently restored him.”

The Committee on Masonic Home says:

“It is the opinion of your committee that the establishment of a Masonic Home, if attempted at all, should only be by Grand Lodges larger than our Grand Lodge will be for many, many years to come; that it is

doubtful if the dispensation of charity through a Masonic Home is practical or even expedient; that under the present system of accumulating funds the founding of a Home for this Grand Jurisdiction is so far in the future, that the present generation will never see it, and, in the meantime, the money accrued for that purpose would be idle wealth, and from which no one would receive benefits. With the fund available through trustees, relief can at once be extended where it is required, and our charities be now and with us, rather than in the generations to come, and the unfortunates of the present not famish because we desire to relieve some one in the future."

No Report on Correspondence.

The passing away of Past Grand Masters John F. Selby and Robert M. Carothers is recorded, together with obituaries of these faithful masons. The first was Grand Master in 1891, the latter in 1907. Both were natives of Pennsylvania, and both lawyers.

"Selby and Carothers gone! What greater loss could be sustained by our Grand Lodge! As members of the Jurisprudence Committee, their guiding hands had moulded our legislation and kept the tessellated field free from the weeds of ill-timed, visionary, impracticable and ill-advised laws."

NOVA SCOTIA, 1908.

After the usual ceremonies of opening the Grand Lodge a procession was formed and the Grand Lodge proceeded to Holy Trinity church, where an able discourse was delivered by the Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Chas. R. Smith, in his address says:

"On the 31st of March last, the end of the present masonic year, we had an active membership of 5,363, a gain of 343, the largest for any one year in our history, over the year 1907, which showed an increase of 316 over the previous year, 1906."

He reports that the mortgage on Freemason's Hall, Halifax, is paid.

He made many official visitations, which were greatly enjoyed by all concerned.

The subject matter of unpaid dues receives attention.

He decided that a Jewish Rabbi was a minister of the gospel; is emphatic in his decision that wardens of a lodge cannot confer degrees in the absence of the Master; that a candidate, who received his first degree, then was absent some four or five years from the jurisdiction, must submit to a ballot before further degrees were conferred; that dual membership was permitted to a brother, member of a lodge outside of Nova Scotia, but not permissible in the jurisdiction itself.

Having seen in his visitations many practices which he did not approve, he makes many valuable "Suggestions" which we hope will be observed.

Nine District Deputy Grand Masters submitted more or less extended reports of their findings of the particular lodges in their several districts.

A property was bought for a Masonic Home.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The following resolution was adopted :

“That this Grand Lodge recommends that no subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction shall, in future, knowingly, entertain the application for the degrees or for affiliation of any person engaged in manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors.”

Bro. Thomas Mowbray presented the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1907 was received and noticed.

OHIO, 1908.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George D. Copeland, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, we quote :

“One hundred years ago, on the 4th day of January, 1808, the Representatives of a handful of lodges had met in the town of Chillicothe, for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge of Masons for the State of Ohio, and on the last days of that year were again on their way for the purpose of holding the first communication of this Grand Lodge, and on January 2, 1809, that first Grand Communication was held, the one hundredth anniversary of which we now celebrate.

“Turn back, if you can, in your imagination and picture that scene. In the whole State of Ohio there were about one hundred and fifty thousand people of all kinds, nearly one-half of her territory still occupied by Indians, and the whole territory in a state of nature. Not one road worthy of the name existed, and these brethren came from long distances, alone and on horseback, along narrow pathways overhung with snow-covered branches of the forest trees, over frozen ground, in the bitter cold of dreary winter.

“Her first communication was held in a primitive log cabin of the pioneer, and to-day the doors of a score of magnificent Masonic Temples are swung widely open for her reception.”

The dead are reverently mentioned.

He appointed M. W. Bro. W. M. Cunningham, a Master Mason for fifty-eight years and who had attended the last fifty annual communications of the Grand Lodge, as Grand Historian of Ohio.

One hundred and two special dispensations were issued.

He declined to issue dispensations to hurry the degrees, giving as his reasons:

“1. Because, if such a request does *not* show that the petitioner is actuated by some mercenary or other unworthy motive, it certainly does show that he is *not* prompted by a sincere desire to be useful to his fellow-men.

“2. When such haste is made it is impossible for the candidate to commit to memory the instructive and useful lectures pertaining to the

several degrees, and I have never known a brother who has slighted the lectures to be an active and useful member of the Order, and it almost universally happens that a brother who thoroughly understands the work lectures of the degrees becomes an interested and active, useful, and whole-hearted masons. If one does not understand the work, how can he impart it?"

Dispensations were issued for three new lodges.

This paragraph sets forth his many duties:

"In addition to my visitations, officiating at dedications and the laying of corner-stones, I have endeavored, by carrying on the most voluminous correspondence, to keep in touch with the exact condition of every lodge in the State.

"A brother who neglects and refuses to commit and recite the lecture pertaining to the Master Mason's degree after having received that degree, and after having received notice from the Master of his lodge that the reciting of such lecture is required, is subject to charges of unmasonic conduct and liable to discipline."

Of his decisions we quote:

"The report of a majority of a committee is the report of the committee, although the minority of the committee may file a separate report.

"When a subordinate lodge of Ohio is conferring the degrees upon a petitioner at the request of a subordinate lodge of another State, the requirements of the Grand Lodge of Ohio as to the lapse of time between the conferring of the degrees and the committing and reciting of the work lectures shall govern the case and not the requirement of the Grand Lodge within whose jurisdiction is located the subordinate lodge which has made the request for the conferring of the degrees."

Discussing the great increase in membership he recommended that the minimum fee for conferring the three degrees be fixed at not less than twenty-five dollars.

We wish that we could read in the report of the Grand Secretaries the following quoted from the report of Grand Secretary Bromwell:

"I am glad to be able to report that every return from the 514 lodges was received within the required limit of time, has been checked up, and errors corrected and the results tabulated. I wish also to state that the same improvement as to neatness and correctness, to which I have referred in former reports, is shown in the returns for this year."

The first volume of the History of the Grand Lodge was reported as ready for the printer.

Permission for the occupation and use of Masonic Halls by the "White Shine of Jerusalem," to which no one is eligible except members of the Order of the Eastern Star, was refused.

One John Allshouse was illegally expelled in 1892 and on his petition was restored in 1909, provided that he pay all the annual dues during that time.

If this is not a most unjust decision we never read one. Here is a brother without any vote of the lodge, but, on the other hand, found not guilty by the lodge, expelled by the act of the Worshipful Master, restored

if he will pay all the dues that have accrued. What matters if he did accept the situation! He might not have had any one to advise him. We thought that Masonry taught that we should aid a brother and not take advantage of his misfortune. But here we find a brother made to pay at the end of sixteen years a sum of money for privileges which had been denied him by a wrongful act of another.

The annual reports of the officers of the Ohio Masonic Home appear in the appendix.

Bro. W. M. Cunningham presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under British Columbia we quote:

"When the chaotic condition of Grand Lodge government in England, prior to the Union in 1813 and the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England, is considered, with the fact that the Grand Lodge of the Antients was recognized as early as 1725 by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and later by other English Grand Bodies, with its statement that it possessed a larger number of subordinate lodges and a larger membership than the so-called 'Premier Grand Lodge,' any claim by the 1717 Grand Lodge of England—founded upon four London lodges only—of its supremacy over the Freemasonry of Great Britain, is fallacious in the extreme.

"The Grand Lodges of the Antients and the Grand Lodge of Ireland recognized higher degrees, so also other bodies in England, and at the Union in 1813 the contention in that regard by the Antients was concurred in by the United Grand Lodge of England.

"That the Scottish Rite and Royal Order of Scotland was long since conceded to have existed in England as early as 1754, and perhaps earlier in Scotland and Ireland, is too well established to require the reproduction of further proof in that connection."

Under Illinois we read:

"Without entertaining any pessimistic views, pro or con, in relation to the subject, your committee believe that the possession of documentary evidence of standing as a mason is an ancient and a wise procedure upon the part of every mason, and that it also is the duty of every subordinate lodge to be *satisfied* that every visitor is a Master Mason in good repute as such, and if documentary evidence is necessary therefor, in any particular case, the lodge has the right to demand it, the determination of which, however, is the province of the subordinate lodge; hence,

"Whilst a Grand Lodge doubtless has the power necessary therefor, yet the adoption of all such iron-clad obligatory enactments is not only unwise but is in a measure an abridgment of conceded rights of its subordinates.

"Recommendatory enactments with the necessary facilities for obtaining Official Diplomas or any other satisfactory form of documentary evidence with its Grand Lodge identification is commendable and just."

Maine for 1908 is reviewed.

OKLAHOMA, 1908.

The address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Earl Beebe, whose portrait appears, is very business like.

He speaks of the growth of Masonry in his own jurisdiction; remembers the dead; reports the constitution of eighteen lodges; issues dispensations for twelve new lodges; states the laying, by deputy, of five corner stones.

Many dispensations were granted to confer degrees without regard to statutory time.

He submitted twenty decisions, from which we take:

"Where a petition for the degrees has been referred to an investigating committee and the committee fails to make a report within four weeks, and makes no request for further time, the master may, even without vote of the lodge, appoint a new committee and if that committee is prepared to report at that meeting they may do so, and a ballot may then be taken. It is not necessary that this new committee should have the petition in its hands for four weeks before reporting, and a ballot may rightfully be taken the same evening on which they make their report.

"The donation of money from the treasury of the lodge for the purpose of assisting in building a house for a church organization is improper.

"Where only two members of an investigating committee are present and one reports favorably and the other unfavorably, it does not amount to a report of the committee, and the master erred in ordering a ballot in such case."

The Masonic Home fund, in round numbers, \$35,000.00, is highly commended.

The consolidation of the Grand Lodges of Indian and Oklahoma Territories is discussed.

The R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. James S. Hunt, having reached an age when his strength was not equal to the duties, was made an Honorary Grand Secretary for life, with a salary of \$75 per month for one year and then \$50 per month for life.

Politics seemed to have influenced the question of the appointment of a Deputy Grand Lecturer.

The Committee on Laws and Usages suggested that dispensations to confer degrees out of time should be granted only for the most urgent reasons, and then the reason why granted should be stated by the Grand Master.

The first decision quoted by us was disapproved.

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan, Western Australia and Alberta were recognized.

A brief sketch, with portrait, of the life of Bro. James S. Hunt appears in the proceedings.

So likewise appears the life and portrait of M. W. Bro. Charles Day, Grand Master in 1891, who died in 1907.

Bro. W. M. Anderson presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. We quote the introduction because Maine was not reviewed:

"In making my report for this volume of our proceedings, in order that those jurisdictions whose work has not been reviewed may understand why, I desire to state that this report was far along at the session of Grand Lodge, and when I was elected to the office of Grand Secretary, Bro. J. M. Hamil of the committee undertook to finish the report.

"He made a careful review and jotted it down in short hand to be dictated to his stenographer, but this note book was lost, and he in consequence failed to finish the report, and I am compelled to go to press with the proceedings of only the following jurisdictions."

Under California he says:

"Once a brother has achieved the rank of past master by having been installed and served as master of a regular lodge he is entitled to be recognized as such among all regular masons entirely regardless of jurisdictional lines, just as one who has been made a Master Mason in a regular lodge is entitled to recognition as such under similar conditions, and on the same principle, viz: That all regular masons are bound to give full faith and credit to the lawful masonic acts of any regular masonic body in any matter over which such body has rightful jurisdiction."

Under Illinois we read:

"The ranking Warden succeeds to the duty of Master in his absence and the election of Master is not absolutely necessary. It has been held that when a Master removes permanently from the jurisdiction that he can resign, and dispensation is usually granted by the Grand Master to elect both a Master and Wardens should vacancy occur, so that should the Wardens advance their vacancy could be filled."

We hold that the Master cannot resign by reason of permanent removal.

OREGON, 1908.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Lot L. Pearce, in his address says:

"I am pleased to be able to report that Masonry in our jurisdiction is enjoying an exceedingly healthy growth, and that our membership shows a considerable increase during the past year.

"One item which attracted my attention is the matter of brethren 'relieved from dues' which has grown to 521, or approximately one for every sixteen members in the jurisdiction.

"It would seem to me that this is too great a percentage, and it quite materially decreases the income of the Grand Lodge, as well as the several lodges.

"It is the intention of our laws to render it possible for any member

who has contributed for twenty years or more within this jurisdiction to be relieved from further payment of dues, *if, in the opinion of his lodge, he is unable to contribute further*, but I fear that some of the lodges consider it obligatory to relieve all who have paid dues for that length of time without considering their ability to pay, and I fear that many who are amply able to pay dues have been relieved through a misunderstanding of our laws."

Two corner stones were laid. The Grand Lodge was opened in E. A. degree for this ceremony.

The surplus fund on account of the California disaster was returned to the several donors pro rata.

Dispensations were issued by him for seven new lodges.

He made several decisions upon questions of physical deformity and as follows:

"When charges of unmasonic conduct are presented regularly against a brother, his standing is impaired, and he should not be permitted to attend lodge until such time as the merit of the charge is decided upon by the lodge, and if he is present he should be required to withdraw from the meeting. The lodge should then proceed to try the case with reasonable dispatch, in accordance with the by-laws of the Grand Lodge."

Of his special dispensations he says:

"I have granted special dispensations as follows: One to elect a Worshipful Master for a lodge whose master had died; eleven to confer degrees, waiving statutory requirements as to time; one to receive, refer, report and ballot upon a petition for initiation at one and the same meeting; one to meet and discharge the functions of a Chartered Lodge until this meeting of the Grand Lodge, the charter having been destroyed by fire; twelve to change place of meeting; three to elect officers to fill vacancies occurring by reason of resignation; two to elect officers at other than the regular time; and one to install officers after December 27th."

The revised work was exemplified, and subsequently the work was adopted and the printing of the revised monitor authorized.

The Grand Orator delivered an address upon "the spirit, method and purpose of Freemasonry as manifested through its symbolic forms."

We quote just one paragraph that the nobility of the oration may appear in these pages:

"The legend of the craft isn't much in itself, but it is the seed of much, for the growth of spirit. Symbols and even enigmatical forms have ever been employed to carry truths; and the nature of man is such that it must be so. No form or rite of religion is cultivated for itself. No creed exists for itself, but everyone that has vitality exists because its use is of service to man. Those things are helps, not ends. So with Freemasonry. To elevate the soul and purify the spirit is the purpose and end sought through the use of all forms."

A stenographer to the Grand Master to enable him to take care of an increasing correspondence was authorized.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported:

"The sixth decision is 'that a charge of unmasonic conduct against a brother impairs his standing and he should not be permitted to attend lodge until such time as the merit of the charge is decided upon by the lodge, and if he is present he should be required to withdraw from the meeting.' In this your committee believe that the decision is not correct. It is a familiar and well known principle of jurisprudence, legal, and we believe masonic, that no man is presumed to be guilty until he is so proven on trial. And we believe that a mere charge of unmasonic conduct does not impair a brother's standing, and that he is entitled to sit in lodge until such time as his guilt is established."

The salary of the Grand Secretary was fixed at the sum of sixteen hundred dollars.

A resolution raising a committee to inquire into the matter of Masonic Homes was passed.

The Grand Lodge is going to have a banner, a baton, and aprons suitable for the Grand Officers.

A large amount of local business was done. Some of it arose from the seeming dual membership of members of a lodge who were petitioners for a lodge *U. D.*

Bro. J. M. Hodson presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Bro. Hodson is discussing Scottish Rite Masonry with Bro. Robbins of Illinois. Bro. Hodson says:

"Bro. Robbins will remember the history and traditions of the craft, about 1717, when the masons of England took the step from Operative to Speculative Masonry, that they looked up all their authorities, traditions and records, not only those of England, but from 'beyond the seas,' and Anderson and his co-laborers made up from all sources at his command a compilation since known as 'Anderson's Constitutions.' Masonry had in some form existed all over the continent of Europe and parts of Asia and Africa before it was brought to England. Many of the matters upon which is based the esoteric as well as historic work of the Fraternity occurred in Western Asia; therefore, it is no stretch of imagination to claim that the Masonry of the Continents was in all and every respect as legal as the Masonry of England or any other country. In 1717 the English masons reorganized their government, and in 1762 Frederick the Great promulgated the Rite of Perfection, which began with the Ancient Craft degrees. He and his co-laborers had just as much a legal right to the Ancient Craft degrees as Anthony Sayers and his co-laborers, and the history of the period and many subsequent years show that the different organizations worked side and side, affiliated with each other and in all respects recognized the legal right of each party to use the Ancient Craft degrees. These conditions had existed from time immemorial, bodies of laborers and guilds or lodges of masons wherever or whenever the opportunities for usefulness existed, either to build cathedrals, castles, fortifications or other edifices, many of them remaining as mute witnesses of the presence of the craft in past ages, long before the English masons provided the constitutions and established the usages under which we have lived since 1717, and also long before the date when French, German or Scandinavian peoples

or any of them sought to systematize their societies, and reduce them to orderly and regular succession. On August 27, 1761, there were sitting in the city of Paris the Grand Lodge of France of the three Ancient Craft degrees, also the Supreme Council of the Rite of Perfection, which not only embraced the three Ancient Craft degrees, but various added degrees reaching twenty-five. These bodies were in harmony, intermingled, and many of the brethren were members of both bodies. Bro. Stephen Morine was one who stood high in the esteem of each body, and being about to depart for America and the islands adjacent, he was by each body commissioned to organize and extend Masonry in the then new world. The three Ancient Craft degrees were recognized and used by both bodies. It does not appear that he organized any lodges of simply three degrees, but, when he planted a lodge, he communicated additional degrees also, and from them grew up the present Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

"We have thus gone into detail to show why we should have said that it was right to recognize Grand Lodges of the three degrees, when organized on the same basis and independent, as our York Rite Grand Lodge, and to affirm that originally the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States was as legally in possession of the three degrees as any of the York Rite Grand Lodges, a position which we feel fully able to defend, even if some of the most able writers of to-day, among which we class Bro. Robbins, do think the Scottish Rite three degrees clandestine, as he evidently does, else he would consent to recognition of Costa Rica.

"There is but one more principle we wish to express and in which we think he will agree. The addition of the Capitular Rite, the Cryptic Rite or the Order of the Temple does not in any way affect the quality nor the legality of the Blue Lodge degrees, neither does the addition of the Scottish Rite from 4th to 32d degree affect them in the least; hence in countries where no other Masonry exists, as in Central America, at the date of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, when the Ancient Craft degrees erected a Grand Lodge, it was and is legitimate and right for all other Grand Lodges to recognize them."

Under Iowa we learn the status of the Oregon work, for he says:

"He notes the action of our Grand Lodge on uniformity of work and says he will look with interest to the report of the committee. Well it reported—even exemplified what they believed to be the old 'Webb Work,' and it had been so long since the older ones had seen or heard it, and the young Oregonians had never seen it, hence they did not know 'Webb' when they saw it, turned the work down and put an Iowa man, Bro. Past Grand Master Yoran, in the field to teach the brethren his conceptions of the Oregon work, and the last we heard from him he had visited 100 lodges and was pegging away at the remainder. What we shall yet 'do to be saved' awaits future development."

Maine for 1907 is reviewed.

Bro. Hodson, writing of the District Deputy system, says:

"It has always seemed to us that there was a big lot of intricate machinery and of very little real benefit."

The machinery is not intricate, but very simple. A few benefits:—uniform work; correctly kept records; correct returns, with dues, made in time; the examination of buildings suitable for masonic purposes; the visitation to and inspection of each and every lodge; and many others, as has proven in Maine by trial since 1820.

He also comments upon the policy of the Grand Lodge as to Grand Wardens. Some time we may speak our mind upon this subject. Suffice it to say now we are perfectly satisfied in the way our Grand Masters are selected.

From his learned conclusion we quote, with apology for cutting so able an article:

"We have thought it worth while to mention a few things which we do, and suggest the reason why, or the origin of the same.

"The ancient nations imagined the earth was the center and most important part of the universe, and that the sun and the other heavenly bodies revolved about it. The early nations were situated in countries north of the equator, and in the worship of the sun held daily services at sunrise and at its greatest northern declination, or about the twenty-fourth of June each year, it being the Summer Solstice, at which time the Mystics held a great festival, adored the sun and marked its position to the north of east at its rising to begin the day; hence, the first position of the newly made mason is at the northeast angle of the lodge, where he begins his masonic career. It is also the point for the beginning of the foundation of a new building and comes from the same thought and originated with the sun worshipers. This festival has been celebrated since the Christian Era as that of Saint John the Baptist. As the months of the year passed by, the sun apparently arose each day further to the south until it reached its furthest southern declination, about the time of year represented by the twenty-seventh of December or the Winter Solstice, immediately after which time the sun began to ascend again, which was celebrated like that of the Summer Solstice, by a great festival, and is perpetuated by the masons in Christian countries as Saint John the Evangelist's Day.

"The reason the north is a place of masonic darkness is derived from the philosophies of the ancient Mysteries. They taught that the sun moved around the earth on the circumference of a great circle and when nearest the zenith, it being at its meridian height, it was the hour of the greatest light, and when nearest the Nadir it was as far north as it was at noon south, and it being midnight it was the hour of greatest darkness; hence, the masonic student is taught that no light can come out of the north, and he must look to the east where the master sits for that good and wholesome instruction whereby he may pursue his labor. There are stations in the east, south and west, because the sun appears at these points and none in the north because it does not; hence, the north, masonically speaking, is a place of darkness.

"That which we call Free Masonry presents many sides; social, fraternal, religious. The entire network of human duty is comprehended within its scope. To learn from whence we came, to know why we are now here, and to appreciate the destiny toward which we tend, are high accomplishments, but are to a limited extent within the grasp of every earnest student. It is well that we sprang from the purest philosophy and noblest impulses, it is better that we have continued by having builded the most enduring human monuments and taught the purest morals, but it is best if we add to our physical and moral achievements the erection of the most beautiful, mental and spiritual temples."

We sympathize with Bro. Hodsdon in his bodily affliction, but rejoice that he has again regained to some degree his health. But his report shows that his mental powers were not touched by his physical condition.

We have received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Jacob Meyer, Grand Master in 1888, who lived an active and useful life.

PENNSYLVANIA. 1908.

We quote from the proceedings:

"The Right Worshipful Grand Master received the manuscript charges of St. John's Lodge, signed by Thomas Carmick, dated 1727, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and turned the gift over to the Committee on Library to be properly cared for."

The estimated receipts for the year were \$155,000.00 and the expenditures \$149,186.00.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, delivered at his re-election, we quote:

"We have paid off the last dollar of our debt on this Temple, and this result has been attained by such gradual processes, that the honor of the liquidation must be given to each administration since the debt was incurred, in 1868.

"Relieved of this obligation, we have again pledged the faith and credit of this Grand Lodge to new liabilities incident upon the location, erection and maintenance of a Masonic Home for our helpless and dependent brethren, their wives and children. We have adjusted our rates and income so as to be able to meet and discharge all the responsibilities of the future, and we face the coming years confident of our ability, and zealous in our purpose to fulfill our promises."

The address is mostly devoted to historical matters connected with Masonry in Pennsylvania, but he also says:

"Our charities have been continuously increasing; the Grand Lodge Charity Fund amounts to \$115,548.95, and disbursement was made last year by the Almoners of \$6,760.00 'to dispensing relief to needy respectable widows, orphan children, mothers and unmarried sisters of Master Masons in good standing at the time of their decease.'

"The Girard Bequest amounts to \$73,958.53, and the Stewards made a disbursement last year of \$2,750.00, which was distributed to 'Poor and respectable Master Masons in good standing.'

"The Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund amounts to \$113,642.08, and an annual disbursement of \$3,000.00 was made by the Bursars 'for the relief of poor respectable widows of 45 years and over, whose husbands were Master Masons in good standing in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, within three years of their decease.'

"Other funds for specific purposes are accumulating, and our charities have been so zealously administered, that within the past eight years we have made about fourteen thousand disbursements, aggregating \$350,000, under the bequests and donations as above stated.

From the decisions we quote:

"Our lodges are not permitted to confer degrees upon Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Masons of other jurisdictions, unless and until they withdraw therefrom and affiliate with us.

"A lodge-room owned and occupied by a lodge or by an association of masons should not be rented or occupied by other societies, which are not masonic.

"An installed officer can not resign his office. He may resign from his lodge."

In connection with this decision may we ask what is understood by "resign" from his lodge?

"A lodge room is especially and distinctly set apart for lodge work, and every other thing is expressly excluded from it by decision and decrees.

"The formation and maintenance of a 'Club,' for the purpose of teaching the 'Work' and social enjoyment is unlawful, and is not only not permitted, but is prohibited.

"The Committee on Temple, with the approval of the Grand Master has directed that intoxicating liquor as a beverage is prohibited in any part of this Masonic Temple.

"After consultation with the Committee on Temple, I have concluded that the fire-risk, incident to the use of lighted cigars, cigarettes and pipes in the ante-rooms, and lodge rooms, makes it my imperative duty to decree that the use of lighted cigars, cigarettes and pipes in any ante-room and lodge room in this Temple is prohibited."

Bro. James M. Lamberton, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, which is somewhat curtailed because of the amount of matter in the rest of the volume, but is as interesting and instructive as usual.

Maine was not reviewed.

The proceedings form a most delightful and valuable book. It has within its covers a steel portrait of a fine looking man, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George B. Orlady; another of M. W. Bro. Samuel Badger, Grand Master in 1829-30. Then appear illustrations, all but one in colors, of the places of meeting of the Grand Lodge and interior views in the Masonic Temple. These beautiful embellishments would almost surpass the mental activities displayed in the proceedings were it not for the reading between the lines of the great work in Masonry in Pennsylvania.

The great sums of money in their various charities enable them to do much for the betterment of mankind, and their wise administration of these funds bespeaks the highest praise.

We note in the proceedings the appropriation of \$20,000 to be expended upon the Masonic Temple; the increase of appropriation for Masonic Homes and the expenses of the Grand Master.

The Committee on Masonic Homes made an elaborate and exhaustive report from which we quote:

"With the most elaborate and costly Masonic Temple in the Western World, entirely free of any debt, and with an increasing annual membership and income, it becomes our fraternal duty to organize and maintain a central Home for the care, maintenance and education of all who are

entitled to our charitable regard, which Home should be under the direct supervision and exclusive control of this Grand Lodge.

"No investment made by any subordinate lodge, either for a Lodge Charity Fund or for any other purpose, should be affected by any action taken by the Grand Lodge in relation to a Masonic Home."

R. W. Bro. Matthias H. Henderson, Grand Master in 1895-6, died September 18, 1908, and R. W. Bro. William T. Kelley, Grand Master in 1897-8, died October 20, 1908. These two were remembered by beautiful memorial addresses, from which we judge that they were men and at all times masons.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1908.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. K. Rogers, in his address mentions the dead; gives an account of the official visitations, being to every lodge save one.

We notice the appointment of R. W. Curtis R. Foster, as Representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine, since deceased.

Only three dispensations were granted.

He fully discusses the "Benevolent Fund," regretting that he could not secure subscriptions to the amount of one thousand dollars.

From his conclusion we quote a few thoughts:

"Socially, Masonry has a character of its own as unique as it is distinct; and in this respect it may be said to supply a need of humanity which no other institution ever has or ever can. Other organizations have attempted to pattern after this Order in this, and have succeeded only just so far as they been able to copy Masonry. This social feature of Masonry is founded upon the universal brotherhood of the human family, and the consequent principle of universal charity which pervades the whole system.

"But it may be asked, if this is so why make any secret about it? Why make public professions of these noble sentiments only to put them in practice according to mystic ritual? We answer, mysticism and secrecy have nothing to do with the precepts and principles of Masonry. These may be known and read of all men. Secrecy is assumed only as a shield and protection, a shield from our enemies who would destroy, and a protection from the unworthy, who would betray."

The Grand Lecturer in his report says:

"There is no occasion to-day to bring in any lists of variations in work or ritual and ask for judicial decisions. The uniformity is most gratifying.

"In addition to the natural importance of the office as instructor in ritual, by common consent apparently there has been added arbiter in minor jurisprudence and inspector general of records, yet there is no position on the Grand Lodge floor, no collar jewel nor other insignia to distinguish him as an officer, and this year his name has been dropped from the Grand Lodge list. Evidently the intention is that his work shall

be performed outside the Grand Lodge, and carried on without ostentation or show."

Considerable local business was transacted.

No report on correspondence.

QUEBEC, 1909.

Fifty-eight lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine, M. W. J. B. Tresidder, was present.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George O. Stanton, we learn that many lodges and individual shareholders have transferred their stock in "The Montreal Temple Company" by which a majority of the stock is now held in trust by the Grand Lodge, thereby permitting the Grand Lodge to raise money by mortgage, to expend upon needed renovation of the building.

The dead are feelingly mentioned and then he says:

"The condition of Masonry in our jurisdiction appears to be, on the whole, very satisfactory."

A dispensation for a new lodge was issued; and also dispensations were granted for other purposes, of which four were to confer the degrees without the time limit.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters furnish the reader with a clear account of the particular lodges.

R. Wor. Bro. the Rev. George H. Williams, District Grand Chaplain, delivered an able address upon the subject, "The Credentials of Masonry."

The matters entirely of local interest which came before the Grand Lodge were many and need no special mention.

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented his twenty-second Report on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"The enormous importance and the great interest of these for all serious masonic students it is impossible to over-estimate. It is not too much to say that many of the most sparkling gems of masonic literature, much of the most carefully prepared analysis of masonic traditions and history, almost all there is of the jurisprudence of the fraternity, much of its poetry, much more of the exposition of its teachings, and many of the most beautiful thoughts that were ever clad in words first appeared in print in the pages of the volumes of proceedings of the English-speaking Grand Lodges of the world."

Under Alabama, mentioning the Roman Catholic applicant, he says:

"In our jurisdiction we have two French-Canadian lodges, whose members are almost entirely Roman Catholic. Our English-speaking lodges do not hesitate, as a rule, to explain to Roman Catholic petitioners for

the degrees that while religious belief does not constitute a basis for rejection, it is difficult to see how a Roman Catholic can be at the same time a good member of his church and a good Freemason."

Maine for 1908 finds a place in his review.

RHODE ISLAND, 1908.

Thirty-five lodges were represented at the semi-annual communication, in November, 1907.

The overplus money returned by California was proportionally distributed to the contributors.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The Committee on Grand Officers' Reports say:

"The Grand Master has reported a decision:

"That an officer in a lodge in good standing who has paid his dues in full is not entitled to a dimit. The committee finds itself unable to concur in this decision. Art. VII, § 22, of the Grand Constitution provides that 'any member in good standing, and having paid all dues, shall be entitled to a dimit.' This language is positive, imperative, and without exception. An officer is a member, and neither waives nor forfeits his rights as such by accepting office. Were his official obligations to be construed as a waiver of his right to a dimit, a lodge by neglecting or refusing to elect or appoint his successor might indefinitely prevent him from severing his connection with the lodge.

"In those jurisdictions in which the right to dimit is denied Masters and Wardens the denial is usually founded on an express constitutional provision.

"The right, even of a Master, to dimit seems to have been recognized in a regulation adopted by the Grand Lodge of England, November 25, 1723: 'If a Master of a particular lodge is deposed or dimitts the Senior Warden shall forthwith fill the Master's chair till the next time of choosing.' (Mackey Mas. Jur. 366.)

"There being in this jurisdiction no constitutional restriction upon the right to dimit, it would appear that the language of Art. VII, § 22, quoted above, must receive the full natural interpretation of the words used.

"The committee, therefore, recommends that the decision be disapproved."

Thirty-two lodges were represented at the annual communication in May, 1908.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Arthur H. Armington, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, feelingly mentions the dead.

Of his decisions we quote:

"That a lodge has power to make an assessment upon its members to defray the expense of the celebration of an epoch in its history which it considers important."

This decision was given on the appeal of a member because he was a life member and not liable to special assessments.

The usual dispensations were granted; by-laws approved; Grand Representatives appointed.

He reports requests for releases of jurisdiction and in connection therewith the difficulties which he and his immediate predecessors had met in obtaining answers from the officers of the Grand Lodge of a sister jurisdiction.

Does not his report show the uselessness of circumlocution officers, and the need that lodges should do business, the one with the other?

His visitations were pleasant and profitable; his invitations many and his receptions upon his response thereto cordial and fraternal.

He also says:

"A matter which I believe Grand Lodge should consider and regulate, if not forbid, is the making and distribution of cypher copies of the ritual. There seems to be a desire, which may almost be called general, among the craft to possess these cyphers, and a very large number of them have been made.

"It is, of course, desirable that each brother should be familiar with the work, but that it is so important as to make it proper that these aids to memory should be so numerous as they are I do not believe. No brother who has one in his possession can say with certainty that it will not be lost or stolen, and the time will certainly come when his death will leave it in other, and perhaps improper, hands. It is said that no cypher can be invented which cannot be deciphered, and those of our ritual which I have seen are no exceptions to the rule.

"During the year two cases have come to my notice which seem to show a dangerous tendency in this regard. In each case a brother had formed a purpose to reproduce—one with the printing-press, and the other with some contrivance for producing multiple copies—a large number of copies of these cyphers, in one case, I was informed, for sale, and in the other, possibly, only for gratuitous distribution. In the first case the type had been set on a linotype machine, and I directed that it be consigned to the melting pot. In both cases, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the purpose has been abandoned.

"I am informed that printed cyphers have been prepared, and that they are in use by the officers of some of our lodges in teaching the lectures to candidates. My Masonry is so much of the old-fashioned sort that I believe all concerned in the preparation or publication of such have violated their masonic obligations and should be disciplined therefor. I think it is quite possible that this is one of the results of the action of this Grand Lodge in directing the writing of one copy of its work. I hope, however, notwithstanding its own bad example, that it will take some action to stop the pernicious practice.

"The Grand Lodge of New York has made the following declaration on this subject:

"No printed or written work of any kind, pretending to contain any of the secrets of the Masonic Work and Lectures, has ever been endorsed or recommended by this Grand Lodge or any officer thereof, and the standard work of this Grand Lodge *taught orally*, and not otherwise, by the R. W. Grand Lecturer and his assistants, is the only Work, Ritual, or Lectures adopted by this Grand Lodge, and the composers, publishers, or users of any other are liable to discipline."

But the Grand Lecturer in his report says:

"While holding this office my attention has been called several times, by well-known Craftsmen, to the apparently reckless and wanton inter-

perspersion of words and phrases throughout the esoteric work approved by Grand Lodge. Upon inspection, I am led to believe that most of the changes were made immediately following the acceptance of the revised work, more than fifteen years ago; a few, however, have been made since then, and without the knowledge or consent of the custodian.

"The work certainly is in a condition that leads to 'confusion in the temple,' and warrants something being done; therefore, if within my province, I would like to suggest the appointment of a competent committee to rewrite the work, and when completed to have the authority to destroy the present mutilated copies."

Purely local matters occupied the rest of the time of the Grand Lodge.

No extended Report on Correspondence.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1907.

After a very brief introduction, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. F. E. Harrison, feelingly mentions the dead; states that he has issued dispensations for six new lodges; reports the laying of five corner stones; commends the "Eastern Star"; regrets that the money for the Masonic Home accumulates no faster; announces the dispensations granted and refused, of which nine were for conferring degrees out of time.

His decisions accord with the practice in Maine in general.

A pleasant episode was the presence of the Deputy Grand Master of Virginia, Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston, who said, among other good things:

"To mark this my visit, and at the same time to link together our Grand Lodges, I have brought you a jewel. Not for its intrinsic worth or value, for it has none. It is not made of gold or silver, nor is it set with precious stones. It is of cold iron. It consists of a square, compasses and G, made of old nails hammered out on an anvil and driven in that old building one hundred and twenty-two years ago. I ask that while time shall last, it may be worn every year in this Grand Lodge by Virginia's representative."

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized; the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland was not recognized.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

Bro. J. T. Barron submitted the "Correspondence Report."

The Grand Representative of South Carolina near the Grand Lodge of Maine is an employee of the United States government who *resides* in Maine and has his *home* in Washington, D. C. The writer does not remember to have seen him but once in the Grand Lodge of Maine since his own attendance thereon.

We are glad to know that Grand Master Harrison is of the Shrine. So are we, but we do not like to see portraits of Grand Masters who are adorned with the badge of the Shrine appear in the Grand Lodge proceedings.

Under North Carolina we read:

"This volume contains the proceedings of several special communications of the Grand Lodge to lay corner-stones, where not a single Grand Lodge officer was present. We think in such cases the Grand Master should issue his dispensation to the subordinate lodge to do the work. The Grand Lodge officers are regularly elected and appointed, and we do not believe the Grand Lodge can be legally opened in the absence of all its officers, even by dispensation. In one instance the minutes of the special communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina do not show any dispensation or other authority for the meeting; and in another, a telegram was read from the Grand Master 'authorizing the officers of Mt. Olive Lodge, No. 208, in the absence of any of the officers of the Grand Lodge, to perform the duties required for the occasion'; whereupon the Grand Lodge was opened in form, etc."

Under Utah we quote:

"The Grand Master ruled that the Master of a lodge cannot alone examine a brother for visitation! And the Grand Lodge approved the decision on the report of the Jurisprudence Committees, on the ground that the custom to appoint a committee of at least two had ripened into law. How absurd! The examination is for the purpose of seeing that the brother is a mason in good standing, entitled to visit, and not an imposter. If the Master represents the pillar of wisdom in the lodge, surely no one is better qualified than he to determine the truth of the brother's standing. The Master is generally worth 'a cowpen full' of unskilled brethren for such work as this. If one brother can vouch for another, why can't one examine him? We suspect that fear of hurting the Grand Master's feelings, by reversing him, had more to do with the determination of this matter than anything else."

From his conclusion we quote one paragraph and congratulate him upon the strict adherence to his plan:

"In selecting what to quote, refer to or comment on in the proceedings of other jurisdictions, we have aimed to direct the attention of our own officers, grand and subordinate, to matters which, we trust, will emphasize their own duties and encourage them in the enthusiastic discharge thereof; to present to the brethren matters that are novel as well as interesting to South Carolinians; and to note legislation and opinions bearing on questions of general interest and those most prominent in South Carolina."

South Carolina mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. John R. Bellinger, Grand Master in 1904-5, who died August 27, 1908.

"The law of service was the rule of his life, whether in the legal profession which he adorned, the exalted masonic stations which he so ably filled, his attachment to his friends, his love for his Church or the sacred ties of family and home. He was a man of clean thoughts and clean speech, and his daily life was that of a high-toned Christian gentleman."

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1908.

The fine portrait of the fine looking Grand Master, Bro. William E. Milligan, with sketch of life, appears in the proceedings. But how could he remain a bachelor?

An emergent communication was held at Aberdeen to lay a corner stone and to participate in the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Aberdeen Lodge. The M. M. degree was worked:

"It was an occasion unique in the history of Masonry in South Dakota, in that the work was done exclusively by the brethren who had reached the dignity of the position of Grand Master. And that the candidate was the son of a Past Grand Master, and that there was present between two and three hundred Master Masons. At the conclusion of the work the lodge was closed and the members repaired to the banquet hall where a fine course dinner was served by the members of Minerva Chapter, No. 5, O. E. S."

It appears that one of the charter members was Bro. Samuel H. Jumper, who came from Maine and was named as Junior Warden of the new lodge. He made a speech, too, on this occasion. He is also our Grand Representative.

Several group pictures adorn the volume.

At the annual communication the Grand Master in his address bids hearty welcome to the assembled brethren; reverently remembers the dead; reports the constitution of two lodges; announces that dispensations for four new lodges had been issued; a few to confer the degrees out of statutory time.

Of his decisions we quote:

"3. Statement:—Charges had been preferred against a brother and at the trial no one appeared against him. The Worshipful Master accepted a motion to lay the matter of a trial on the table and, later a motion to reconsider, and that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, thinking that would dispose of it forever. Now, the brother, against whom the charges were preferred, applies for a dimit. *Question*:—Can we grant a dimit, without again bringing up the old charges? *Held*:—The action of the lodge, as stated, does not dispose of the charges and I think that direct action on them should be had before a dimit is granted. (It does not appear well to me that this old time cinch motion should be permitted in masonic lodges.)

"6. *Question*: Has a subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction the right to donate money from its treasury for the purpose of assisting in the purchase of an ambulance for a hospital in no way connected with Masonry? *Held*: That in my opinion it has. I find no law in this Grand Jurisdiction restraining subordinate lodges in the exercise of their discretion as to the donation of lodge funds for masonic purposes. Provided such action is not in conflict with the general laws."

From the report of the Grand Secretary, we quote, and call particular attention to the last paragraph:

"I would suggest that our by-laws be changed so that a visiting brother, unless vouched for by a member, shall be required besides his regular

examination, to show printed or written evidence that his receipt for dues is from a legitimate lodge, working under a legal Grand Lodge."

"The new receipt for dues is working out as anticipated, not only assisting in the identification of the brother visiting, but lodges that are using them report that they are not only a great assistance in collecting dues but have a great tendency in payment of dues in advance, thus keeping the lodge in a good healthy condition, and the result is that the suspension for non-payment of dues is almost nil."

A committee was appointed to prepare a monitor.

The Grand Lodges of Puerto Rico and of Saskatchewan were recognized.

A delegation from the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, were introduced into the Grand Lodge while it was at refreshment.

Bro. S. A. Brown submitted the Report on Correspondence.

* Under Idaho we read:

"What is the status of the secrets of Freemasonry? Are they Landmarks? If so, by what authority does the Grand Lodge of Idaho 'prepare' them, so that they may become legible or intelligible to these members who cannot learn them orally? Are they a part of the Constitution? If so, how can the Grand Lodge lawfully do what it has done by a simple resolution adopted by only a majority vote?"

Maine for 1907 finds a place. We quote:

"Bro. Edward G. Weston appearing for South Dakota. One does not know what relation there is, if any, between our brother and Edward Payson Weston, who yesterday started at the age of 69 to walk from Portland to Chicago in 26 days, undertaking to make an average of fifty miles a day on foot, but we can say that if he has the same staying qualities as his namesake there is good hopes that we shall not have to change our Representative in the Sunrise State very soon."

Under Michigan we read:

"Members of 40 years standing and 65 years of age may hereafter be granted a certificate of life membership for long and distinguished services to the Craft. We do not regard this even in such a mild form as good policy. It is depleting the lodge treasury for no good reason. Honoring a mason who deserves it is most commendable, but not at the expense of the lodge funds. If he needs the money give it to him, it is his right to be borne upon the books gratuitously, but if it is for distinguished services let those who wish to compliment him buy him some gift, or propose him for the honor of Grand Lodge office, but spare the future funds of the lodge. If one gets it the others will all feel entitled to it. In Connecticut nearly 5,000 members have accepted gratuitous membership. In Nebraska one lodge of 150 members has 39 who have claimed freedom from dues. Brother Lininger in his life time used to help out Nebraska, we do not know who will come to the rescue of Connecticut, Minnesota and Michigan. There is, however, always hope that some one will come forward and take up the work dropped by idle fingers."

The proceedings of the eighth meeting of the Masonic Veterans' Association close this interesting volume.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1908.

For the several addresses of welcome and other functions it was some time after the congregating of the Grand Lodge before it got down to actual business.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. H. H. Campkin, in his address says:

"To-day we meet in the second annual communication with thirty-four chartered lodges, thirteen under dispensation, and with a membership of about 2,000."

The dead are fraternally remembered; the constitution of eleven lodges reported; ten lodges were instituted by dispensation; four dispensations were issued to confer degrees out of time. He further says:

"In the matter of refusal to give dispensation to wear regalia at balls and gatherings where other than masons are present, and charges for admission are made. I am informed that some of the brethren feel this is rather too drastic. Brethren, it may be, but I detest to see a parade made of Masonry. Let our lives and conduct to the outside world be the proclamation that we are masons, and not the wearing of the insignia of office, or the apron proclaim it."

We regret that business prospects troubled him, and thereby prevented him from making his proposed visitations to lodges.

The several District Grand Masters submitted intelligent and interesting reports.

Twenty-nine lodges were represented at this communication; five were not represented. Legislation looking to the establishment of a benevolent fund was had.

One thousand dollars were received from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba as a part of the surplus fund which was on hand before the formation of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

The Committee on the Address of the Grand Master report:

"The committee are pleased to note that our cherished ceremonial for the laying of corner stones of public buildings has been invoked during the past year. It is one of the few occasions where the Order can appear before the public, and the beautiful ceremonial invariably impresses persons not members of the Order, and affords food for thought.

"The committee fully agree with the decision of the Grand Master regarding the wearing of the apron in public. It should only be worn when at work. If the brethren are desirous of wearing a distinguishing badge when attending divine service or at festive gatherings, we think a small ribbon or other such badge would be more fitting.

"The committee agree with the Grand Master that 'in no circumstances should a subordinate lodge of this jurisdiction enter into official correspondence with a lodge in another jurisdiction, except through the Grand Secretary.'"

This report was adopted. We do not agree to the last proposition:

The rank of P. G. M. was conferred upon a M. W. brother.

TENNESSEE, 1909.

Four hundred and twenty-five lodges were represented, ten not represented, at the annual communication.

Let us assure the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Milton H. Price, that we sincerely regret the affliction that was his during his administration and sympathize with him in this an hour of need.

In his address the dead are remembered; the official acts recounted; the laying of corner stones reported; dispensations granted and those which were refused.

His visitations fall into pleasant places.

Of his "official rulings" we quote:

"A brother, a member of the lodge, objected to the advancement of a brother E. A. of the lodge. This objection was made in writing to the Worshipful Master. Does this objection not come under the head of charges and to be preferred by Junior Warden?"

"*Answer.*—It does not; the objection holds until withdrawn by the brother making the objection, or until he ceases to be a member of that lodge.

"A letter requesting ruling on an unmasonic offence committed prior to the brother being a member of the lodge. I decline to answer, as the question does not actually exist before the lodge.

"At stated meeting in June, a candidate for initiation was balloted upon and rejected. The Worshipful Master spread the ballot at three different times and the result was announced before anyone left the lodge-room. It seems on this particular occasion a dimitted brother was present and by oversight was permitted each time to vote, and from remarks made by the brother previous and since the ballot was taken, the presumption was that the brother in question cast the black ball. The Worshipful Master requests permission to reopen the ballot, he assuring me that the dimitted brother did vote on the occasions mentioned.

"I declared the ballot foul and the result null and void and ordered the Worshipful Master to summon his lodge for next stated meeting, giving notice in the summons that ballot would be taken upon the petition in question."

We extract from the proceedings:

"Bro. Henry H. Ingersoll, Past Grand Master, introduced to the Grand Lodge the oldest affiliated mason in Tennessee, the venerable and much beloved brother Gen. John Ewing Garner, of Western Star Lodge, No. 9, of Springfield, Tennessee.

"Our venerable brother has been well known for many years as a distinguished lawyer, a learned judge, a devoted father, a zealous mason, an upright, public-spirited citizen, and the most universally polite gentleman within the borders of the Volunteer State, and was accorded an ovation by his brethren of the Grand Lodge.

"Bro. Garner fittingly responded to the welcome given him, and was personally introduced to the Grand and Past Grand Officers, and to many members of the Grand Lodge."

We think that perhaps the Worshipful Brother, who was drunk while in attendance upon the Grand Lodge, merited the punishment he received, but how about the punishment of brethren without due trial?

The following resolution was adopted :

"That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to select a brother in each of the subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, and, by personal letter, urge upon him to place before the brethren of his lodge the importance of increasing the endowment fund, and to use his utmost endeavors in securing donations thereto."

A sketch of the life of the Grand Master, with portrait, appears in the proceedings.

Bro. Henry A. Chambers presented the report of the Committee on Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote :

"Of course many questions have arisen, as they always will arise in the conflict between operative and speculative Masonry, as to physical qualifications. During the year under review, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Indian Territory, Iowa, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and Wisconsin have held to the strict construction, while Alberta, Canada, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Nova Scotia, South Dakota, Utah and Washington have followed a liberal construction. Utah probably went to the greatest extreme. There it was held that an Entered Apprentice who by accident had 'suffered a loss of both legs, the right leg being amputated above the knee, and the left leg below the knee,' might be advanced as 'though no accident had occurred.' The report to this effect was adopted by a vote of forty-two to fourteen.

"We have found little, in the proceedings reviewed, on the 'Cipher.' Some of the writers of the reports on Foreign Correspondence who had received our published proceedings for 1908, mentioned, and a few commented on, the Tennessee address on the 'Cipher.' Some favored it. Some opposed it, or regarded it with doubt or indifference. Some published it without comment. Such comments as were made were only the personal views of the writers.

"But no Grand Lodge, as such or in its official capacity, except California, took any notice of it whatever.

"We have been shown by Grand Secretary Garrett about 160 letters received by him in response to his official letters sending out the Tennessee address. The letters received by him are from Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, Grand Lecturers, Past Grand Masters and others. Some of them are mere acknowledgments. Some say their personal views coincide with Tennessee, but their Grand Lodges have taken other action. Others strongly commend, and still others urge active concert and co-operation."

Maine for 1908 is fraternally reviewed.

M. W. Bro. John T. Irion, Grand Master in 1880-1, died August 9, 1908:

"He was a teacher and writer, and found grateful employment and service in the labor and duties of Freemasonry, and during fifteen years (1870-1885) was employed much of his time in affairs of our fraternity, to his own great pleasure and our abounding profit, and we cherish his memory as a fraternal benediction in all the fullness of brotherly love."

TEXAS, 1908.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. Lee Moore, in his address says:

"A comparison of conditions of to-day with those that prevailed the short space of twenty years ago will show a most gratifying improvement in these respects. Then, with a membership of less than twenty thousand, a large majority of the lodges were poorly furnished; very few owned their lodge property, and the ritualism as taught and practiced was largely made up of an amalgamation of the work of various Grand Lodge jurisdictions. Now with an affiliated membership of more than double what it was at that time, most of the lodges are well furnished—many owning valuable lodge property, which is yielding a handsome income in rentals; there is practical uniformity in the work and lectures, and in almost every lodge will be found some one who can confer the degrees with substantial accuracy. Such a comparison will also disclose a marked decrease in the common vices of intemperance, gambling and profane swearing, and a consequent falling off in the labors of the Committee on Grievance and Appeals of the Grand Lodge."

The dead are fittingly remembered.

Twenty-two lodges were constituted; dispensations were granted for nine new lodges and were refused to nine other petitioners; twenty-eight dispensations were granted to lay corner stones, and one only to confer degrees out of time.

He had many perplexing questions concerning physical disqualification, jurisdiction and the property of demised lodges, all of which he handled with good judgment.

Of the "Home" he says:

"It gives me much pleasure to report that the Home is in a prosperous condition.

"Texas masons have a right to be proud of the fact that in less than sixty years after the first lodge had been opened in Texas, they had established and were successfully conducting a Home for the destitute widows and dependent orphans of their deceased brethren."

He read quite an essay upon "profane swearing and kindred vices."

The Grand Orator delivered a learned and an instructive address.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge condemns as unmasonic the sending out or distribution by mail or otherwise of circulars, letters (printed or written), recommendations or endorsements of any mason for any office in the Grand Lodge, whether the same be sent or approved by any subordinate lodge, committee or individual mason, or number of masons; and it is also declared to be unmasonic for any committee of this Grand Lodge or the members thereof, or any caucus or combination of masons, to electioneer for or use their influence in favor of the candidacy of any one for an elective office in this Grand Lodge; and, further, it shall be deemed unmasonic for any mason to electioneer with any lodge or mason in order to obtain support or influence for himself for any office in this Grand Lodge. Any infraction of this resolution will subject the offender to charges of unmasonic conduct."

The laws of the Grand Lodge have been revised and provision was made for printing, electrotyping and binding copies.

The full text of all appeal cases still appears in the printed proceedings.

A large amount of business, local in character, was transacted.

Bro. Thomas M. Matthews, Sr., presented the report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

We very much regret to read of his serious illness and trust that he has completely recovered.

Under Alberta we read:

"We very much regret to see that the Grand Lodge appointed a committee to draft and print a ritual, with a view to having a uniform work. Don't do that, brethren, and so perjure yourselves and bring reproach upon Masonry. Adopt a ritual, and then teach it from mouth to ear, through lecturers or Schools of Instruction. You say you 'view with alarm the ease with which rituals are procurable in this jurisdiction, and the number that are in circulation,' and yet you propose to make and print another, thus adding fuel to fire. Be consistent, brethren; practice what you preach, and let rituals and ciphers severely alone. To do so will save you trouble."

Under Kansas we read:

"This Grand Lodge authorizes the use of cipher rituals, and itself has them printed and distributed to its lodges and lecturers. It now appears that some of the copies given out have been lost (or stolen, more probably, we think), and the Grand Master recommended that the better to safeguard exposure, more stringent laws be enacted, among which he suggests one, that 'a lodge which has lost a copy, and fails to show that it was destroyed, shall pay a fine of \$20.00 for each copy lost.' This, later, was done by the Grand Lodge, as well as enacting additional ones, upon the subject. If you want your degrees conferred impressively, and to prevent 'exposure,' do away, brethren, entirely with the abomination. Burn up all the copies you now have, and put to masonic death any one who hereafter makes, or helps to make, a ritual. There will then be no danger of losing the thing, and surely your consciences will be easier. *A fine of \$20.00.* Is there any Masonry in that? Pshaw!!"

Maine for 1908 was received and reviewed. From the review we quote:

"We notice that the Grand Lodge adopted an edict similar to one existing in Texas, that 'one lodge cannot confer the degrees at the request of another until the requesting lodge waives jurisdiction.' Is this not, we venture to ask, at variance with Sec. III of the Constitution?"

We reply that we think Bro. Matthews did not observe that we intend to allow lodges to do "work" by courtesy for lodges outside of the jurisdiction of Maine, but not for the lodges within the jurisdiction, and by a second reading he will observe that in his quotation he left out the words "in this jurisdiction," which were inserted after the words "request of another."

Under New Mexico we quote:

"A lodge under dispensation asked of another lodge, also under dispensation, to confer, for it, the degrees upon a candidate as a matter of courtesy. The Grand Master ruled that this could not be done, because 'a lodge under dispensation is given very limited authority, and cannot rightly make such requests.' From this ruling we take it that a chartered lodge might make such a request. If such be the case, we ask, why the privilege is denied the lodge under dispensation? To it is given the right to perform much more important functions, as, for instance, the making of masons; then why not this also? We know that in many jurisdictions that lodges under dispensation are denied many privileges allowed to chartered lodges, but we could never see any good reason for making this distinction, and we do not think that it is right or just to do so."

Texas lost from its rolls during the year two Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Tyler, M. W. Bro. Norton Moses, Grand Master in 1877, died May 21, 1908. For forty-eight years, with only three exceptions, he attended the Grand Lodge. He was highly honored.

M. W. Bro. William Bramlette, Grand Master in 1873, died July 21, 1908. He was a strong man.

Bro. Alex. Alexander, Worshipful Grand Tyler, died February 1, 1908. Born in 1836, made a mason in 1860, he was a "most estimable brother."

UTAH, 1908.

A sketch of the life, (with portrait,) of the M. W. Grand Master elect, Bro. James H. Brown, introduces the volume of proceedings.

All twelve lodges were represented.

After a brief introduction he speaks delightfully of his visitations to ten of the particular lodges. He criticized the attempt to do too much work at the same communication and suggested that more time be allowed the Wor. Master elect to learn the work.

Under decisions he naively says:

"I urge that the brethren study the code more: it would even be better to run the risk of developing a few contentious parliamentarians and statutory constructionists, for the sake of leavening the loaf, than to go along presenting the same or similar perennial questionings."

He granted dispensations for one new lodge; for an E. A. to receive the remaining degrees although he had lost both feet by an accident after the receiving of the E. A. degree.

Of the State of the Craft he says:

"On the whole a healthy growth has marked the life of the constituent lodges during the year. In each of the lodges there is enthusiasm, good feeling and good fellowship. Only one lodge in the jurisdiction received no new members, another received but two and another but three. But these lodges have done better than merely increase their membership;

they have kept the faith. The peculiar problem in the civic life of this State reaches the acute state in these communities, and the material from which only can our membership come is limited there. Enthusiasm seems not to wane with them however; at Hiram Lodge, No. 12, for instance, though three of the principal officers, including the two wardens, have to drive distances of from seven and a half to ten miles to reach the lodge, they are always on hand. This should furnish food for reflection for some of the officers and members of our larger and stronger lodges who can be turned away from their lodge meeting by the most trivial circumstance."

He reports the proceedings of the reception of the traveling silver trowel from the jurisdiction of Wyoming and of its presentation to the jurisdiction of Idaho, and says:

"Surely the trowel incident was a happy one for the three states of Wyoming, Utah and Idaho. While we are of the land of magnificent distances, yet were we reminded that after all we are not far apart, and that the Unity of Brotherhood which Masonry teaches is not a myth, but a moving power, a living reality."

The Grand Secretary in his report says:

"For my age I was rather gay, perhaps too much so, last summer and autumn. In my earlier days I traveled with knapsack and staff through the Fatherland, Switzerland and upper Italy; in later years by stage, railroads and steam vessels through this country and Central America, but I do not remember to have ever enjoyed a trip more than the automobile ride from Corinne to Salt Lake City on that beautiful moonlight night of September 22, 1907. There is but one Utah in the world."

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan, Valle de Mexico and of Ham-burg, Germany, were recognized.

The Grand Lodge decided to assist in the bi-centenary celebration of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, June 24, 1917.

Lodges were prohibited from using postal cards for notices "except for invitation to masonic festivals and for regular or special meetings."

Of the case of the E. A. who lost both feet and to whose advancement objections were made, he said:

"The Committee on Jurisprudence are of the opinion that there is a wide distinction between the status of a profane and that of an Entered Apprentice. While in the former case the contention of the objector might well be considered conclusive, it would not at all follow in the case of an Entered Apprentice, for he is already a mason and may not be deprived, in the absence of any act of moral turpitude, of receiving the remaining degrees to which he had been elected when a perfect man. While perhaps the question being a new one and so far-reaching in its consequence it would have been the part of wisdom to have awaited the presentation of the case to the Grand Lodge, still your committee believe it was within the power of the Grand Master to give an authoritative answer and report the same to the coming session of the Grand Lodge."

Bro. Christopher Diehl presented his thirty-second annual report on correspondence.

Under Illinois we read:

"Bro. Robbins is opposed to the subject requiring documentary evidence of regularity from strange visitors of which he says: 'It is curious to note that the hysterical panicky feeling which prevailed when the magnified dangers of clandestinism were first exploded by Grand Masters, has given way to a sort of weariness of the subject that is not reassuring.' We confess that ever since the subject appeared on the surface of the masonic sea we sometimes, to use the expression of Bro. Eggleston of Virginia, wobbled on the question, but the more we have thought over it the more we have come to the conclusion that the old way, i. e., 'from mouth to ear,' is the best way."

Maine for 1907 had his attention.

We quote:

"The Grand Master also held that 'a collective ballot taken for several candidates by unanimous vote of a lodge is illegal.' That calls to mind the voting on petitions in the three Mormon Masonic Lodges in Nauvoo, working under dispensations issued by Grand Master Helm of Illinois in 1842. They never balloted for less than an even dozen and initiated them at the same meeting they were elected. The Grand Lodge of Illinois, however, soon stopped their wholesale making masons and recalled the dispensations, but that did not trouble Joe Smith and Brigham Young, they just continued the old game till the whole outfit was expelled."

Under Massachusetts:

"The toasts and responses delivered at the feast of St. John are all published in full, but we really do think that a few of the responses had better been left out. The following, for instance, delivered by a Rev. Brother, which no minister of the gospel in this wild and woolly West would express at a masonic banquet table or anywhere else.

"I had to leave you a little while ago, during the dinner. I went out hearing the sweet strains of 'How Dry I Am!' and do you know, I was very glad to hear them. You remember that the ancient Romans used to mark their festival days with a white stone: we are following in their footsteps and we are marking our feasts with a 'White Rock.'"

"In Utah, intoxicating liquors of any kind are not served at a masonic banquet. While we have no law against it, the stuff is not served because it might tempt a brother to fall by the roadside. 'Temptation hath a music for all ears.'"

Since Massachusetts has no correspondence and we think that sometimes the child should speak for its mother, may we suggest that there is a famous spring-water to which is given the name "White Rock."

Under North Carolina we read:

"The Grand Master presents a very fragrant bouquet to the ladies of the North Carolina Order of the Eastern Star. That they are deserving of it we doubt not, nevertheless it is to be hoped that the District Deputies when visiting the lodges officially forget the following: 'I recommend that the District Deputies be charged with the work of extending the organization of the Order of the Eastern Star.' The writer being a member of that Order would give the good ladies all the privileges they are entitled to, but to charge an officer of a Grand or Constituent Lodge with a duty as proposed by Grand Master Winston we would object to forever and a day."

Under Virginia we read:

"As to the trips of our Grand Masters when visiting lodges, we can assure our good brother that it is not an easy job. One of our lodges in the southern part of the State is located nearly three hundred miles from 'Zion' and there is no other lodge on the whole line. A long distance, is it not? To go to another lodge and return home takes just three full days. Besides the time these visits consume our Grand Masters have to dig down in their pockets to pay all their own expenses. No chance for any kind of a graft there, is it? Verily, a Utah Grand Master who visits all our lodges earns the jewel, costing fifty dollars, on retiring from the exalted office."

"The Grand Lodge has lost one of its oldest and staunchest members," M. W. Bro. John F. Hardie, Grand Master in 1897-8, who died January 22, 1907.

VERMONT, 1908.

A brief sketch of the life (with portrait) of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles A. Calderwood, appears in the proceedings.

Eighty-eight lodges were represented at the annual communication.

After an instructive and touching introduction the M. W. Grand Master in his address fittingly remembers the dead, then gives a glowing account of the meeting of the District Deputy Grand Masters. Of them he says:

"And just a word regarding the selection of deputies,—do not select a brother from a certain lodge simply because it is that lodge's turn to have the deputy. Carefully look the ground over and select the brother who is best fitted for the duties of the office, regardless of location. He is the recognized head of the district, and for that reason should be carefully chosen. The ambition of no brother should be gratified to the detriment of the craft."

He attended eleven of the District meetings and thus speaks of the reform:

"It gives me great pleasure to be able to say that the reform inaugurated one year ago has been accepted by nearly all the districts throughout the State. I refer to the manner of paying for the banquet. The old proverb is homely though true, that those who dance must pay the fiddler. If a brother eats his supper at the hotel, he expects to pay for it; if he eats it in the masonic banquet hall, is there any reason why he should not pay for it there?"

He joins Rhode Island in his opinion of Massachusetts, for he says:

"I have asked for two waivers from Massachusetts, one for Benton Lodge, No. 88, of Guildhall, and one for Memphremagog Lodge, No. 65, of Newport. With the usual Massachusetts courtesy, no reply has been vouchsafed to either of my requests."

One lodge was constituted and one masonic hall dedicated.

He argues strongly in behalf of documentary evidence, and says:

"There are only three jurisdictions in the list of Grand Lodges in the world but what have numbers. These are Cuba, Ireland and Massachusetts, and the clandestine lodges within her jurisdiction have numbers. How many of the brethren sent to examine visitors know this fact?"

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The Grand Lodge decided to require documentary evidence of the affiliation of a visiting brother, also to test the right of the city of Burlington to tax the property of the Grand Lodge.

The reports of the Committee on Grievances take up a large part of the proceedings.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters give a good account of the condition of the several particular lodges.

Bro. Marsh O. Perkins submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under British Columbia we read:

"Bro. Smith still maintains that a lodge having elected a candidate to receive the degrees thereby gains jurisdiction which cannot be released except by itself. We hold differently, especially in the case of removal from one State or country to another. In such cases it rests with the party in question, in our belief, to determine for himself his masonic domicile. In other words, if he chooses to abandon such rights as he may have gained by election to receive the degrees he may do so without 'if' or 'and.'"

And of the lodge at Queensland he says:

"We do not know how a more legal body can be erected, or one whose independence is or can be more deserving of recognition than the existing Grand Lodge in that Australian Territory. The new Grand Lodge was organized exactly as other like Grand Bodies in the colonial dependencies, and its experience in securing recognition from the mother Grand Lodges is practically the same as theirs. Time has fully demonstrated the justice and right of their claims and action, and we believe will bring the same recognition in due time to Queensland."

Maine for 1907 has his attention:

He says:

"The reports of the Grand Lecturer and District Deputies reflect a delightful condition of harmony and unanimity among the lodges, and reaffirm the value and importance of our school and convention systems which have proved so beneficial in our own jurisdiction."

Under Tennessee he speaks of their action in regard to cipher rituals as follows:

"Possibly Tennessee seeks to revolutionize the masonic world. She may interpret for herself the landmarks of Freemasonry, but it is beyond her province to undertake their interpretation and the manner of their enforcement in other Grand Jurisdictions. The action of Tennessee in this case might imply that the secrets of Freemasonry have been disclosed to the profane world by means of cipher rituals. We have seen a number of compilations purporting to be such, but as yet have never found one that disclosed in aught matters that are universally conceded to be the only true secrets of the institution."

From his "Statistical Comparisons" we quote:

"New York is the premier Grand Lodge of the world in numerical strength, having a membership of 146,026. No other Grand Lodge exceeds the 100,000 mark. Illinois ranks second with upwards of 80,000 members enrolled. Other Grand Jurisdictions with more than 50,000 to their credit are, in the order named, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and Massachusetts. Those exceeding 25,000, but showing less than 50,000, are Indiana, Missouri, Texas, Iowa, Canada in Ontario, California, Kentucky, Georgia, Kansas and Maine. In this numerical standing Vermont ranks twenty-eighth."

VIRGINIA, 1909.

M. W. Grand Master Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston, after a most entertaining introduction, fittingly remembers the dead, then passes to his official visitations which were of the most pleasing nature, especially his visit to Boston at the one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary of St. John's Lodge.

Business in the way of laying corner stones was good. The Grand Master laid eight and gave permission for the laying of twenty-five more.

Of his decisions we quote:

"1. That it is improper to refer petitions to a committee. The whole lodge is an investigating committee, and the burden of proof of fitness is on the avouchers.

"3. That the Order of the Eastern Star is in no sense under the protection of Masonry, and that it is not necessary that we devise means of mutual recognition by signs or otherwise.

"6. That it is not necessary that a question be seconded before it is put to the vote of the lodge.

"7. That the Worshipful Master can properly refuse to entertain any motion he deems obscure or not conducive to the interests of the lodge. That is one of the things he is there to do.

"13. That no member can file a permanent objection to the admission of any visitor. His right of objection only applies when he is present and at that communication.

"18. That to the question, 'How should a brother be dealt with who comes out and actively electioneers to have himself elected to an office?' I replied, every member, as a matter of conscience, should vote against him.

"37. In answer to the question: 'Has a W. M. of a lodge the liberty of descending to the center of the lodge for the purpose of examining a candidate for advancement, and leave his station unoccupied during said examination?' my answer was, that he wears an immovable jewel, and his station should never be vacated without a substitute, except at the times made necessary by the ritual, of which examining a candidate is not one."

Many other decisions were rendered which are in harmony with masonic usage in general.

Dispensations were given to confer degrees out of time; and for six new lodges.

Many matters of local importance were acted upon by him and with seeming good judgment.

Of non-payment of dues he says :

"I recommend that there be some change in our law as to suspension for non-payment of dues. As it now stands our brethren are being subjected to a too severe penalty for an offence which is as much the lodge's fault as theirs. If we imposed only suspension from membership and permitted the offender to re-instate himself by paying his arrearages and an added penalty, we would be more nearly just. On this subject of non-payment of dues I would call your attention to the fact that it is, and has been for years, a great evil. Masters dislike to seem harsh in doing their plain duty, and lodges carry delinquents on from month to month on the statement of some member that 'he feels sure it was an oversight and that he will pay up, etc.,' until the sum becomes too large for the delinquent to pay, and it is, surely, too large for the lodge to lose. I think that some change should be made, and perhaps a penalty be put upon every lodge for failing to collect dues, and that all sums delinquent exceeding twelve months be reported to the Grand Lodge. This is a very important matter, and I think it would be well if a special committee were appointed to study this subject and report next year. If that committee should devise a remedy for the evil they would deserve the thanks of masons wheresoever dispersed."

But the Committee on Propositions said :

"Your committee is of the opinion that the laws of the Grand Lodge, with regard to the payment of dues by members of the Subordinate Lodges, are full, ample and explicit, and that no change is necessary or desirable."

And the views of the committee were upheld.

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was recognized.

The amendments to the Methodical Digest that were adopted bring their law in accord with the practice in Maine.

Portraits of M. W. Bro. B. R. Wellford, Jr., Grand Master in 1877-8, and of M. W. Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, Grand Master in 1894-5, appear in the proceedings.

We know that our readers will not regret the space that we are giving to record the following "Unique Event":

"Just preceding the Grand Annual Communication, on the evening of February 8, 1909, a special communication of Richmond Randolph Lodge, No. 19, A. F. and A. M. (which lodge has continuous records from 1787 to date), was held in the 'Masons' Hall,' Richmond, Va., the oldest masonic building in America and the first erected for purely masonic purposes.

"This communication was held for the purpose of tendering a reception to Worshipful Leonard G. Roberts, Master of St. John's Lodge, Boston, Mass., the oldest masonic lodge in America, chartered in 1733.

"The sentiment inspiring the event was intensified by the fact that on April 3, 1865, in the midst of the excitement of the evacuation of the city and the great fire, when thousands of negro slaves had been set free in a moment, all law and order abolished, hoodlums, deserters, spies and criminals, crawling from their hiding places to burn and pillage, and one-

third of the city—its business section—in flames, a Federal colonel halted the column of United States troops and put a guard, composed of masons, over the building, and thus preserved this historic building and those priceless records.

"The sentiment was also intensified because St. John's Lodge, Boston, had, in October, 1908, entertained at their 175th anniversary the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, together with the Grand Masters of the old thirteen States, Maine, Vermont and Nova Scotia, except the Grand Master of Georgia, who could not be present. Worshipful Brother Roberts and his wife were in Richmond as the invited guests of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. He was escorted to the lodge by Grand Master Joseph W. Eggleston, Grand Junior Warden William L. Andrews and Grand Senior Deacon Philip K. Bauman. When introduced to the lodge, he found wood fires burning in the two great fire-places (the first time for nearly fifty years), the room lighted both by candles and electric lights, thus linking the eighteenth and the twentieth centuries, and fifteen of the officers and members in colonial costumes, impersonating John Blair, Governor of Virginia and Grand Master; James Mercer, Chief Justice of Virginia (who wrote Mary Washington's will) and Grand Master; Edmund Randolph, Governor of Virginia and Grand Master; Alexander Montgomery, Grand Master; Thomas Matthews, Grand Master; John Marshal, Chief Justice United States and Grand Master; Robert Brooke, Governor of Virginia and Grand Master; Benjamin Day, Grand Master; William Austin, Grand Master; William W. Hening, Grand Master; John H. Foushee, Grand Master; Solomon Jacobs, Grand Master; D. W. Patteson, Grand Master; Robert G. Scott, Grand Master; William H. Fitzwhylson, Grand Master.

"There were more than two hundred present in this old hall, for many years the meeting place of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The old records were on exhibition, beginning in 1787 and including the reception given Lafayette there in 1824, with his and his escorts' signatures. There were also many records of bygone days displayed, among them a sabre left in the ante-room by one of the many United States soldiers, who met there, voluntarily, to devise means of relief of the sufferings of the families of Confederate soldiers still fighting their way to Appomattox.

"The ceremonies were elaborate, and reflect credit on the Worshipful Master, C. P. Eldridge, and the other officers and members of this historic lodge. Brother Roberts was presented with a large, framed picture of the building exterior, lodge room and chapter room. He was also presented with a portrait of His Excellency, Governor Randolph, who signed the charter and after whom the lodge was named; a complete set of working tools, fashioned from the timbers of the building, including a trowel hammered out of nails. The portrait of Edmund Randolph was presented by Right Worshipful Ben P. Owen on behalf of Manchester Lodge, No. 14. A roasted 'possum,' with an apple in its mouth, was brought in on a platter and formally presented by Right Worshipful Brother Owen on behalf of the same lodge, which has had a 'possum feast' annually for more than a hundred years. The feast which followed was in imitation of those of the eighteenth century, and consisted in part of the 'possum' and included the bowl of punch, which our fathers thought indispensable.

"Thus were the oldest lodge and the oldest building linked together."

Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Idaho he says:

"They are having trouble about lost ciphers, with all their restrictions and care, as is true everywhere where they are allowed at all. Our personal sympathies will not be here expressed, as they would be too feeble to be appreciated. We cannot even assent to the proposition that it is none of our business, for it is the business of every mason, and we should all continue to demand the burning of every copy everywhere."

Under Iowa we read this solid piece of wisdom:

"Nothing else of general interest occurs in the proceedings proper, except that they officially recognized the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. We do not mean to criticize Iowa or to suggest that they pursue any other course than the one they deem proper, but Virginia saved a world of trouble many years ago in Cerneau days by taking the high ground that Masonry, and Masonry has for ages, been defined as consisting of the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, together with the Holy Royal Arch, recognizes no other body as masonic. Of course, that is applied only to official recognition. The Grand Commander is, if only a Master Mason, admitted only as a visitor. We should never lower the dignity of ours, the oldest and grandest of human institutions, by putting it on a par with anything, no matter what."

Maine for 1908 is reviewed.

To our interrogatory of last year he replies:

"He certainly does, Bro. Chase, but if wrong would like to be put right."

To which we rejoin:—The Grand Master in his decision had reference to offences that might have been committed against the moral and, perhaps, the civil laws, which offences, by some means, came not to knowledge of the Committee of Enquiry nor of any member of the lodge until after the applicant became a member of the lodge. Such things do happen, although we believe that such things ought not to happen in a well regulated lodge; but, even, if it was true that an offence had been committed and the applicant had shown by his after life that he had repented and had lived as one, worthy to be made a mason, ought to live, should he be tried for that offence after he became a member?

The case before the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was that of one who committed an offence when he put in his application to be made a mason. He had done an act which brought him within the masonic law. He told not merely an untruth, which as an honorable man he ought not to have told, but he told it to the lodge of which he hoped to become a member. We hold that the application was necessary to his becoming a mason, and that untruthful statements therein, discovered after he became a mason, were of the nature of a fraud practiced upon the lodge, and having procured his admission by a fraudulent act, he should therefore be punished.

We thank him for his appreciation of our Grand Master, Bro. Mallet. Under Missouri he says:

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"Now, without stopping to debate the question as to whether or not prohibition is or is not right or best, it is essentially a political question, and masons should, as such and in lodges, eschew political and religious discussion, is it not true that the modern extremist would, as did the Pharisees of old, condemn Jesus himself as 'a wine bibber?' Would not his act at Cana have rendered him ineligible for Masonry in some of our 'improved' and 'progressive' jurisdictions? Better stick to broad, general principles and let specific questions be fought out by political parties on the hustings."

Under Wyoming we read:

"Bro. Kuykendall strongly argued in his conclusion in favor of documentary requirement previous to examination of visitors. It doubtless does some good, but any document can be forged—seal and all. One such we have already seen. The holder did time eventually, but he visited lodges and preyed on masons in four States before he was caught."

WASHINGTON, 1908.

A sketch of the life (with portrait) of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster, forms the introduction to the volume.

One hundred fifty-seven of the one hundred sixty-one chartered lodges were represented.

The presence of the Grand Lodge in Tacoma, where the annual communication was held, was happily welcomed by W. Bro. George Lawler, to whom the Junior Grand Warden replied as happily.

In his address, while rejoicing that the official ranks have been unbroken, he pays tribute of respect to the dead of his own and other jurisdictions.

He reports the constitution of nine lodges; dispensations issued for ten new lodges; the laying of three corner stones; the granting of no dispensations to confer degrees out of time and but few others.

Under the heading, "Instruction and Inspection," he says:

"These and some other points I have called to the attention of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which has in charge the recommendation of Past Grand Master Waggoner relative to District Deputy Grand Masters. My comment on that recommendation would be that the number of districts should be increased, so that every appointee may be able to visit each lodge in his district. This board should constitute the instructing and inspecting force of the Grand Lodge. The business of the Grand Lecturer should be to instruct these deputies, and they should be appointed by the Grand Master on his recommendation. They should not only instruct in the work, but should inspect the books and supplies used by the lodge, the method of procedure of each lodge as they do the ordinary things required of them, and should see that such things as I have mentioned, together with any other irregular practice into which the lodges may have fallen is corrected."

This is practically the way in Maine. But the Grand Lodge pays the expenses, and to make the plan a perfect success it must be so paid. A

little increase in the per capita tax will do it and every one contributes to the expense.

We quote:

"The question of our members being engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors is one involving our good name to a very large extent. We have prohibited the reception of candidates of that class, we have provided that our members who engage in it commit a masonic offence, but we have not yet gone far enough. We should make the punishment for the offence expulsion, and not leave it to the whim of a few friends of a man to mitigate that punishment and still leave the fraternity open to censure for the retaining of a member of that character.

"A still further step should, in my opinion, be taken in the matter. Those of our members who were engaged in that business at the time of the adoption of the prohibition, and were by its provisions exempted, and who, in spite of the teachings of the fraternity and the oft-repeated declarations of condemnation of that business which have been made by this Grand Lodge, still persist in remaining engaged therein, should, *ipso facto*, stand suspended from all the rights and benefits of the Order until they have retired from the business. The dealing out to our fellow-men, for a monetary consideration, of all the multitudinous evils which follow in the wake of strong drink is not consonant with the dignity and character of a Master Mason. One or the other should be laid aside. We shall as an institution show a proper respect for our position on this question only when we compel our members to stand together. We cannot explain to an outsider with any real sincerity why we permit on the part of some of our members conduct which we declare to be immoral and forbid to others. The matters hereinbefore referred to tend to show that action should be mandatory, should be as nearly automatic as possible, and, I believe, should be made to apply to all members. If expulsion does not seem right to those who were in the business when we resolved to part company with it, they should lay aside their masonic privileges till they do as the fraternity has done."

Arrangements were made for the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary by the Grand Lodge on December 7, 8, 1908, at Olympia.

The following amendment to the Code was adopted:

"Hereafter it shall be a masonic offence, with the penalty of expulsion, for a mason in this jurisdiction to enter into the business of selling intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Provided, this shall not apply to masons engaged in the business June 1, 1897."

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. William H. Acuff, delivered an address replete with pure masonic spirit.

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Queensland were recognized. Provision was made for a Grand Historian.

A motion to pay Past Grand Masters who were not on any committee mileage and per diem was lost; afterwards it was proposed to put them all on an "advisory committee."

How would it do to continue the term of office of a Grand Master for two years and not have so many of them as to make it burdensome to pay them for attendance at annual communications?

Bro. Stephen J. Chadwick presented the Report on Correspondence:

Under Canada we read:

"I have always felt that the attitude of the Catholic church toward us grew out of a misconception of the facts. It has been struck, outraged, its property confiscated, its sacred edifices pillaged, and its holy vessels desecrated by those who assumed to be, and whom it believed to be, Freemasons. We have had occasion to and have frequently sought the opinion of individual Catholics with reference to Masonry, and we have yet to find one who does not honestly believe that Freemasons, French, English or American, are one and the same, and all allied against the church of Rome. They do not understand that we denounce and detest the professions and practices of those Grand Orients on the Continent, which, being controlled by scheming politicians, have by denying the all wise Creator of the Universe and removing the Holy Bible from their altars put these so-called masonic bodies further from the pale of Freemasonry than is the Catholic church itself.

"With the liberal spirit prevailing in the United States, in England and its dependencies, we doubt not that the church will, in time, realize that we are not its enemy, but its coadjutor in its fight against the atheistic monstrosities which have stolen our name to give credit to their machinations. The livery of heaven is the favorite garb of those who would serve the devil."

Under Indian Territory we quote:

"A candidate who puts his trust 'in himself and in the lodge' was summarily removed by the Worshipful Master and his fee returned. Sufficient time was not given to the candidate to collect his thoughts. He had 'failed to understand the full purport of the question through a keen desire to be on his guard against anticipated pranks and jokes.' He was afterwards received without a new petition. We are not now prepared to quote authority, other than the power of the master to rule and govern his lodge and to at all times dispense true masonic light, but it does seem to us, the petitioner having declared his belief in his application—otherwise it could not have been received—and he being known to be 'a firm believer in the One True God, holding no skeptical views whatever,' that the master should have directed the Senior Deacon to prompt the candidate, and thus save embarrassment to him and to the lodge. The suggestion of the one word ————— would have disarmed the candidate of his fears and impressed upon his mind in the strongest possible manner that no 'pranks' would follow.

"It may have been the ancient practice to receive candidates without petition and declaration of belief, and in such event the action of the master might be justified. As it was, he displayed an utter misconception of the rights of the candidate and his duty in the premises. We know it can be done, for we have done it."

Under Iowa:

"An Emergent Communication was held and attended by many distinguished masons, including His Excellency, the Governor of the state, to receive the Symbolic Trowel, now on its way in a due westerly course around the world. It may be all right for masons as individuals to indulge in the pastimes of childhood, but for a Masonic Grand Lodge to meet and 'kow tow' over a traveling trowel, is, to say the least, lowering the dignity of the fraternity. The Grand Master says:

"The trowel is now continuing its journey towards the setting sun, and when it has completed its circle of the globe it is hoped that it may find a final resting place in the Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids."

"We would suggest that it be placed in the Postal Museum at Washington along with the postoffice dog (now stuffed), the express agent's hat, and other curios designed to interest the children attending our great expositions."

Maine for 1907 is reviewed.

Of the decision of the Grand Master that an E. A. could not be tried for an offence committed before he was initiated, he says:

"This is probably in accord with the general rule, but in our opinion is wrong in principle. It may be that a man has offended against society, that his offence is understood by the brethren and is condoned *with full knowledge of the facts*. In such event, *if charged*, after having been made a mason he should be privileged to *plead such facts as a defence*. But to say that one who has been made a mason may thereby estop a lodge from inquiring into an offence committed prior to the time of his initiation is destructive of the first right and most important duty of a lodge; that is, to work only upon and with perfect material. There is a duty upon the candidate to bare his life and character, and to make known every fact that would be a proper subject of investigation. We receive none *knowingly* into the fraternity who are not moral and upright. If we receive them unwittingly or upon misrepresentation, it is possible that we are precluded from protecting ourselves and the lodge from aspersions that must of necessity detract from our own standing and give weight to the idea, too generously prevalent, that Masonry is an asylum for the unworthy, where he will be protected by his brethren regardless of his shortcomings. Possibly it was to overcome this unfounded idea, the notion that initiation was a sort of pentecostal deliverance from one's sins—from the world, the flesh and the devil—that section 477 of our Code was adopted, which provides for suspension or expulsion for the practice of misrepresentation or concealment in obtaining the degrees."

We have already commented upon this question, and only say that we appear to agree with our Bro. Chadwick.

Under Utah, anent non-affiliates, he says:

"The habitual non-affiliate is like a balky horse, or rather like the confirmed backslider. We coax and insist and he reunites with the lodge; he becomes our most faithful member for a time; his emotions cool, and he lands where he started—a derelict upon the sea of Masonry. The trouble lies deeper than many seem to think. In nine cases out of ten the non-affiliate becomes such because he has no real love for Masonry. He has not been and is incapable of being impressed by its precepts or examples. He is spasmodic by nature. He is like the old darkey who, when asked to what denomination he belonged, said: 'Well now, boss, when dem Methodists come 'long in de wintah and hab der exhortations, I feel dat I am a Methodist, and I'se sprinkled as such about ever Christmas. But when dem Baptists come 'long in de summah and preach der damnation to everybody what aint regenerated by the reiver watah, I just join the Baptists and am wet all ovah about every Fourth of July.'

"So it is with the habitual non-affiliate. We never know where to find him or how long he will stay when found. Time, patience and perseverance are too valuable to waste, and the writer would not move a hand to bring a non-affiliate back into the fold."

Under Virginia, speaking of the laying of corner stones, he says:

"To lay a corner stone for a building to be devoted to trade or commerce, is foreign to the purposes and objects of Masonry, and a Grand Master should never allow the Grand Lodge to be convened for any purpose other than the promotion of the tenets and cardinal virtues of the Fraternity. The ceremony is in fact a dedication of the structure to charity and benevolent uses, albeit we include within the definition, education, legislation, or whatever tends to the diffusion of the true light as masons understand the term."

Under Wisconsin, discussing the question of recognition of Grand Lodges, he says:

"Speaking of those Grand Lodges, 'the large majority,' which are willing to recognize other Grand Lodges originating in Grand Orients and Supreme Councils, upon condition that they have renounced all connection with the parent body, he says:

"If we could close our eyes to the illegitimacy of the parentage of lodges forming such Grand Lodges, this solution of the difficulty would be a happy one. For one we cannot reconcile ourselves to such a course of conduct consistently with the obligations we have assumed."

"We have no doubt of the sincerity of our brother, but we are reminded of the soldier who returned home after four years of service and found a bouncing boy a year or so old. To the consternation of his friends he took his place as the head of the family. A friend, however, protested that possibly he did not understand the course and order of nature in such cases, and there might be some question about the paternity of his 'son.' 'Oh, that's all right,' said the soldier; the boy ain't responsible, and in a few years he will make a hand on the farm, and if he is a good one I'll keep him, and if he won't hoe corn I'll kick him out."

"It seems to us that the only question with which we should concern ourselves in regard to the Grand Lodges that have become independent of Grand Orients is, 'are they hoeing corn?'"

WEST VIRGINIA, 1908.

A sketch (with portrait) of the life of the M. W. Grand Master elect, Bro. Emmet M. Showalter, appear in the proceedings.

It takes eighteen pages to give an account of the special communications of the Grand Lodge held during the year.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James A. Bryan, opens his address with a brief and pleasing introduction, then pays due tribute of respect to the dead.

The occasions of holding special communications were reported; the dispensations issued were announced, of which none were for the purpose of conferring degrees out of time. He says:

"I have refused all requests for dispensations to confer degrees out of the regular order. This may not have been the most popular arrangement, but I am convinced it is for the best interests of all concerned. There are occasions when this prerogative of the Grand Master should be exercised, for instance, a candidate belonging to the regular army and not at home a sufficient time to receive the degrees. My observation in an experience of thirty years has been that the hurry-up process has not

been good for the candidate nor for the benefit of the lodge, nor do the candidates appreciate the value of the degrees under such circumstances."

When we read his list of requests for waiver of jurisdiction we thought that we might have been heaping up trouble by consenting to the conferring of degrees by courtesy.

Of his decisions we quote :

"That it is the duty of the Secretary of the subordinate lodges to issue certificate of suspension or expulsion to the Secretaries of the Masonic Bodies of which the brother is a member.

To which we do not agree. Courtesy may allow, but this is the first time that we remember to have seen it laid down as a "duty," and that, too, just by a decision which does not appear to be founded upon the by-laws of the lodge nor of the Grand Lodge.

"Concurrent jurisdiction does not give a brother of another lodge the right of franchise, but it does clothe him with the power of objection, and even if the ballot is clear his objection shall be effective, and has the same force as a cube and stands for one year unless the objection is removed. His right to object under the circumstances should not be questioned, and ought to be held as sacred as if he had voted a ball or a cube. This is in keeping with our obligation to a brother."

This is another decision that is new to us. We never understood that it required the consent of all members of the fraternity to elect one to receive the degrees but it did require the unanimous consent of the members of the lodge to which the petition was presented.

Dispensations were granted for two new lodges.

The District Deputy Grand Masters are commended for their faithfulness to duty.

He approves not perpetual jurisdiction and thought that a term of five years was sufficient.

Seventeen pages are given to the detailed reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was recognized.

Bro. H. R. Howard submitted his third annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Idaho he expresses his views on the cypher question :

"I dislike to criticize the legislation of a sister Grand Lodge, but I can not refrain from saying, and that with sorrow, that the worst and most regrettable feature that I find in the proceedings is the resolution to depart from the ancient, time-tried and honored method of preserving and imparting the work by oral communication, to what is considered by the oldest and most learned brethren, a violation of the first obligation in Masonry, the ordering of the preparation of a cipher book, and scattering it throughout the jurisdiction to Worshipful Masters."

Under Iowa, anent re-balloting, of which *custom* we know nothing in Maine, he says :

"I know of no more pernicious tampering with a fundamental, universal and sacred law of Masonry—a landmark—than the act of a Grand Master exercising the power, and if a prerogative one of doubtful expediency at best, of granting dispensations to re-ballot on a rejected candidate. There may be instances possible where it would aid in righting an actual mistake, but such a record of mistakes as reported by Iowa's Grand Master leads the wary stranger to a vague suspicion that 'there's a nigger hid in the woodpile.'"

Maine for 1908 is reviewed. He comments upon granting dispensations to confer degrees out of time thus:

"The Grand Master issued four dispensations for conferring degrees in less than the usual time. The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers commented upon this action, expressing the 'hope to see the time when none are issued for the purpose,' and this seems to be the universal sentiment among well-read and thinking brethren of experience. The good old conservative way of waiting the time prescribed by custom and law furnishes ample material of good quality, while the 'hurry up,' 'quick lunch' sort are usually found to be without 'any mark of the Craft,' and do not even have to be 'heaved over among the rubbish,' for, as masons, they have always been there."

We fear that his opinion as expressed in the following will meet with some opposition, and we think that there is a little inconsistency between his two propositions:

"I do not quite fully agree that a lodge has the legal power to specially assess its members to provide the expense incurred in a celebration of the anniversary of its organization, for it is not strictly a masonic purpose. However, I believe if a lodge has funds in its treasury to spare from its work of purposes fully masonic, then it is otherwise, as these hours of refreshment are, to say the least, quasi masonic in their nature."

During the past year there has passed on to the other life R. W. Bro. Henry Byron Baguley, Junior Grand Warden, who as a man and mason had exerted a good influence.

WISCONSIN, 1908.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Spencer M. Marsh, in his address, after the usual greetings, comments upon death, and mentions the illustrious dead and also tabulates the number of deaths per year for the last eleven years. In 1907 there were 336 deaths out of about 24,000 members.

He reported the several special communications of the Grand Lodge for various purposes; the dispensations for forming two new lodges.

Fifty-two dispensations which had to do with the conferring of degrees were issued. Five of these allowed a candidate to be initiated within the six days after election as provided by the Constitution.

We cannot see why there should be any such a provision in the Con-

stitution. Is it expected that a candidate would go wrong within that six days?

He says :

"The number of requests for special dispensations has run up into the hundreds, and I have felt obliged to refuse a great majority of them. The urgent and persistent requests for these special dispensations have perhaps constituted the greatest annoyance of any of the work connected with the office.

"By far the greater number of these requests are for waiver of the constitutional provisions relating to residence of one year within the jurisdiction of the lodge, and two years within the State, as the qualifications of petitions for membership."

The decisions reported appear to be in accord with the Wisconsin practice.

We quote :

"My attention has also recently been called to one or two lodges within the jurisdiction, where one or more of its members who are wealthy and influential citizens of the community in which they reside, but who, unfortunately for themselves and the Craft, are addicted to the intemperate use of intoxicating liquor, and who are permitted to retain their membership in the Craft year after year, without any action being taken by the lodge relative thereto.

"Now I realize that this is not a pleasant subject to discuss; that it would be more agreeable if I were to talk about the beauties of Masonry in general or the rareness of these June days, and sing with poet of the blushing rose, the modest violet, the glistening dew drop, and the murmuring rill; but there is a practical as well as poetical side to Masonry. A Worshipful Master cannot consistently continue to deliver his lecture on the cardinal virtues, and at the same time permit continued and repeated violation of these principles to pass without attention. True Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth, honors or influence. If a man gains admission to a masonic lodge and thereafter so far loses his respect for Masonry, his respect for himself and for his family, as to give himself up to debauchery, and all kindly efforts on the part of his brethren in the way of attempted reformation have been exhausted, there is but one course to pursue, and that is to take the necessary steps to rid the Craft of that sort of a barnacle, no matter how many dollars he possesses, no matter to what social standing these dollars may have elevated him."

The Grand Lecturer says:

"I am pleased to report that good progress is being made among the lodges in the ritualistic work of this jurisdiction, and that the work is becoming more uniform than it has been. The officers and those charged with the duty of posting are generally anxious to acquire the work as nearly as possible according to the ritual. Much interest is manifested in the school of instruction, though in a few cases interest appears to be lacking."

A proposed new Constitution, Laws, Edicts and Resolutions were adopted.

There was a large amount of business local in its character.

Bro. Aldro Jenks presented his eleventh annual report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Alabama, about Masonic Homes:

"Bro. Jacobs has been very active in his endeavors to procure sufficient funds with which to build a Masonic Home, and it would seem as if his labors were to be crowned with success, substantial progress having been made during the year. However, the expense connected with such an undertaking is not in the original institution of a home, but in maintaining it year by year. We honor most highly the sentiment that prompts this form of generosity, but cannot commend the business sagacity of those who think it economy to dispense masonic charity in this form. Experience has shown that it is the most extravagant manner in which masonic charity can be dispensed; that it too frequently reaches those who, by their vices, have made themselves objects of charity; and that the most deserving still possess sufficient pride to cause them to endure all kinds of privation rather than become inmates of any charitable institution. We think that when a mason does alms it should be in that scriptural manner which does not permit the left hand to know what the right hand is doing."

Under Colorado, about the black ball:

"Considerable space is taken up by the Grand Master in discussing what he terms 'unmasonic use of the black ball.' It may be as well to scold the Craft occasionally on this subject, and to set forth the principles by which masons should be guided in the discharge of this sacred duty, but after all has been said and done, the rule itself cannot be changed without involving greater mischief by the change than that which we would thus try to remedy. The mischief is not usually done or a lodge harmed by the use of the black ball, whether this be done in the masonic spirit or otherwise. The fly in the ointment is usually that of unmasonic discussion of the ballot afterwards. If the Craft will but receive the result of a ballot of this kind cheerfully, and indulge in the presumption that the brother casting a black ball acted conscientiously and as he believed for the best interests of Freemasonry, no harm whatever can result, for there is an abundance of material at hand."

Under Delaware, about certificates:

"Hereafter all visitors to lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Delaware shall before examination be required to produce a certificate of good standing. Grand Lodges are a great deal like young ladies, they must follow the prevailing styles at whatever cost. We have yet to see the necessity of departing from the ways of our fathers. In this we suppose we are somewhat old-fashioned, but we like to adhere to the old ways."

Under Florida he hits another fad:

"A very sensible suggestion is that of the Grand Master, that lodges in Florida be permitted to communicate directly with lodges interested where work is being done, as a matter of courtesy, although we do not think any permission from the Grand Lodge is necessary. It is only within the last five years, so far as our knowledge goes, that it was deemed necessary anywhere to get permission from the Grand Master before communicating directly with the lodge interested. It is one of those innovations in Masonry that spring up somehow, and some Grand Master, thinking that he is a rival of King Solomon in autocratic power, conceived the idea that all correspondence of this nature must be sanctioned by him before it could become legitimate."

Maine for 1907 is reviewed. We quote:

"Masonic residence is defined to be 'The home where the party has the right to vote, and is bound to pay taxes.' Although this decision has the sanction of the great name of Drummond, we cannot consider it as entirely accurate. One must pay taxes wherever the law of the land decrees, provided he has property situate within the taxing district, so that the payment of taxes cannot be made a criterion of residence. There are many men whose residence is in Washington, D. C., who, under the law, have the right to vote in the place whence they came. We should say that a person's masonic residence is 'the place where he and his family (if he has one) is domiciled with no present intention of leaving the same, and where he purposes to live indefinitely, without regard to whether he votes or pays taxes there.'"

We think that Bro. Jenks has not much bettered the definition of masonic residence. Perhaps if he had left out the clause "and where he purposes to live indefinitely," he would have settled the question. No doubt many people live in Washington who will continue to live there during their life time, and there may be many who reside there and who pay taxes there, but who *live* somewhere else. Do not senators and representatives to Congress own their residences? Mayhap they do not have to pay taxes. Masonic residence is one of the questions that comes up like a "Jack in the Box" just whenever one touches the spring. Perhaps it might be determined by the Grand Lodge in each jurisdiction requiring an actual personal residence for a stated length of time within its jurisdiction before an application could be made to a subordinate lodge.

We quote under Mississippi the following paragraph to say that Maine has the same rule, which is the only true rule:

"We learn from one of these decisions that in Mississippi a member suspended for non-payment of dues is re-instated immediately upon payment of amount due, without any action of the lodge. The same rule prevails in Wisconsin."

We wish our readers might read his travesty upon Bro. Vanderlieth as being the "Tiphis of the Nevada Reviewing Argo." This travesty is witty and well worth producing if space would allow. But to give an idea of his "trenchant" pen we quote what he says about an act of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota at its annual communication:

"At one stage of the proceedings, the Grand Lodge was called from labor long enough to receive a delegation from the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, which was in session at Lead at the same time that the Grand Lodge was in annual communication. The Grand Master addressed them as 'Dear Sisters of the Eastern Star,' and alluded to the 'honor conferred by their noble order in extending to us (the Grand Lodge of South Dakota) your earnest fraternal greeting.' We should say that at least the honor was equally divided. Among the 'sisters' on this occasion was Mrs. Madeline V. Conklin, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. After a harmless exchange of courtesies, the dear sisters withdrew, and the Grand Lodge was again called to labor."

From his conclusion we quote :

"The movement towards requiring documentary evidence from visiting brethren seems to be subsiding. Some Grand Lodges which became somewhat hysterical over the supposed ease with which the Craft were being imposed upon have apparently come to the conclusion that for the most part their fears were groundless.

"Another fad is now engaging the attention of those Grand Masters who, placed in the brief possession of autocratic powers, imagine themselves the peer of King Solomon in absolutism, and that is requiring all correspondence between lodges in their Grand Jurisdictions with lodges in a Foreign Jurisdiction, to first pass their scrutiny and censorship. This phase of usurpation of the rights of lodges does not date back longer than a single decade. Lodges need to be on the alert to prevent the growing encroachment upon their ancient rights and prerogatives by Grand Masters and Grand Lodges. Power is very arrogant and aggressive, and this latest phase of usurped authority cannot be too strongly condemned."

WYOMING, 1908.

We quote from the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Francis S. King, the better to show the zeal of our brethren in that state as follows :

"My brethren, it speaks well for the teachings of our order to see here assembled a body of men like this, from all parts of this vast state. To do this you have had to travel many days, some by stage and some by rail, distances vast enough to cover half this continent, and yet you are here, not for personal gain, but to further the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

We also quote a fanciful (?) thought :

"Commencing with men, perhaps but little removed from the animals in many respects, with huts of skins stretched on poles scarcely erected, they at once raised their altar in the center of their building and lighting a fire thereon by means of two sticks twirled one on the other, divided the fire into three parts and with the embers kindled a bundle of seven twigs. Taking this burning bundle, they circumambulated their lodge or tent three times, stopping in front of each of the three openings situated East, South and West, and made for the purposes of light, entrance and warmth ; and there, stamping three times with the right foot, called upon the God of whom they had a dim conception to protect them from the evil spirits and marauders they were afraid might gain entrance. This idea embodied in this order continued through those priests and philosophers who in India, Chaldea, Persia and Egypt and aboriginal America, studied the arts and sciences and naturally obtained a more intimate conception of the Great Author of All. It came on down to most recent times, the era of the study of law and reason, when man more fully understands man's duty to his fellow man, and became the defender of humanity from the manacles of ignorance and oppression that a corrupt priesthood and debased rulers strove to place upon it."

The dead are remembered by calling the roll of the departed in the presence of the standing brethren.

One lodge constituted, three dispensations for new lodges issued, the jewels provided for the Past Grand Masters sent to them, and the approval of by-laws, were among the duties done by him.

Here is a decision that is all right perhaps for the case which required it:

Question.—Do the members of a lodge ballot on the proficiency of a candidate, or only on the advancement?

Answer.—The Master of the lodge is the proper judge of the proficiency of a candidate, and can pass his examination if he sees fit; if in doubt, he may ask for a vote of the members who were present during the examination. Those present not having heard the examination should not vote on the question.

"The ballot is taken on the advancement only."

We quote again to show a practice when balloting upon candidates entirely different from that practiced in Maine:

"Instead of allowing the S. D. to move around the lodge when asking the Wardens how the ballot is in their respective stations, the Master should stop the Senior Deacon opposite to and on north side of the altar, and while he is standing there the Master should ask the Wardens concerning the ballot at their respective stations. If they agree, the S. D. advances to the east and the Master examines the ballot and declares the result. Questions like this show that carelessness was used in the manner of conducting the business of the lodge."

Two corner stones were laid; several dispensations to work out of statutory time were granted; and the account of his visitations, with their difficulties and pleasures, is entertaining reading, and we quote:

"In thus traveling through this Grand Jurisdiction I have traveled about 3,500 miles, 468 of which have been by stage. It is only by such a means that one is able to realize the size and extent of territory that this Grand Jurisdiction governs, and also to comprehend the territory covered by some of the lodges in this state. During conversation with different brethren on my visit to some of the lodges I was often informed that the brother had driven or ridden fifty and sometimes as much as seventy-five miles to attend the meeting. The zeal that actuates the members, and the sacrifice to personal comfort, that they make to attend lodge demonstrates in a remarkable manner their appreciation of the good we are achieving, and that the truths that Masonry inculcates are appreciated."

When we reached the following statement we forgave the dispensations granted to confer degrees out of time for the jurisdiction of one lodge covering territory "as large as Delaware, Rhode Island and Connecticut combined, with one-half of New Jersey thrown in."

"Mount Moriah Lodge, at Green River, is to-day larger in size than Massachusetts; it is as large as Delaware, Rhode Island and Connecticut combined.

"Encampment, the lodge having the smallest area under its jurisdiction of any other lodge in the state, still has more square miles than Rhode Island."

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That no lodge within this jurisdiction shall hereafter receive a petition from or confer degrees upon anyone engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors."

Also the following, which touches upon the question of documentary evidence:

"Resolved, That hereafter all Secretaries of subordinate lodges shall be required to secure and issue certificates of good standing furnished by the Grand Secretary to members upon payment of dues."

The rest of the business was of a local character.

Bro. W. L. Kuykendall submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Illinois we quote his argument in favor of the "circumlocution office":

"We are now more than ever surprised at our brother's position and with all due respect for his great ability as a reviewer, we can but think he has allowed his opposition to Grand Masters handling correspondence between their jurisdictions to warp his judgment to the extent that he loses sight of the fact that ever since he has been a reviewer, and we cannot say how long before, adjoining Grand Lodges were and have been trying to reach agreements that lodges closer the line of one state could without waiver of jurisdiction accept material permanently residing within the jurisdiction of a lodge in the adjoining state, but much further removed from said line, and thus do away with continual requests for permission to secure waivers from lodges if possible in such cases. Such agreements exist and have existed in a few cases ever since we have been a reviewer, and when we took hold of the reportorial pen Grand Lodges and Grand Masters were requiring that before any lodge of their obedience should waive jurisdiction over any material actually residing within the state in favor of a lodge in another state, permission to vote on the question of such waiver should first be obtained from the Grand Master or Grand Lodge by said lodge. Evidently the reason for such a requirement is that the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge extends over every inch of its territory, and it may not want to invite complications with a sister Grand Lodge through its own act or allow its subordinate lodges without let or hindrance to act in any case that may create friction with a sister Gradd Lodge. We agree perfectly with our brother's 'in the nature of things it (waiver) can reside only in a lodge; and it can be rightfully waived only by its possessor.' But right there the Grand Master acting for the Grand Lodge rightfully steps in and says you cannot vote upon the question of waiver without permission. The Grand Lodge has the first claim upon all material within its territory and knows when it may be proper or desirable to release such claim and give the lodge a chance to say by its vote whether or not it will waive jurisdiction. Personally if I had my way very few if any waivers in cases cited would be granted for two reasons. I believe a profane residing in one state if he desires to and is acceptable should become a member of the nearest lodge therein, then he will be in position to regularly attend the meetings of a lodge in an adjoining state, which may be much nearer his residence, or he can take a dimit and test the boasted claim that a non-affiliate can make his home anywhere by trying to become a member of said nearest lodge. If accepted therein, all chance of friction will be removed."

Maine for 1908 is carefully reviewed.

Discussing the "degree by courtesy," he says:

"It sounds very much like Wyoming law except that our law and that of New York and other jurisdictions does not allow any but the electing lodge to confer the Entered Apprentice degree. Of this our Maine brethren should take notice and govern themselves accordingly. We must say we do not understand the following in the light of the above, as it seems to prohibit one Maine lodge from conferring a degree by request of another lodge of that state for the latter.

"One lodge cannot confer a degree at the request of another lodge in this jurisdiction, unless the requesting lodge waives jurisdiction, and the other lodge accepts the candidate in the usual manner and for its usual fees."

Yet he does state the case exactly. As we have herein taken extracts from the proceedings showing the magnificent distances in Wyoming, so, to the contrary, in Maine there is no reason why an accepted candidate cannot easily and with but little expense get to the lodge that accepted him to take the degrees.

We further quote:

"It would seem that in Maine a Committee on Visitors is not required, neither is documentary evidence allowed, and as personal vouching for all visitors is an impossibility, all a visitor, unless objected to, has to do is to clothe himself properly and take his seat in a lodge. Surely Maine does not permit the latter. Several times we have noticed the objection that documentary evidence will prevent worthy brethren from visiting. According to our brother objection by a member will do the same thing. We may in our conclusion answer some of the objections to documentary evidence we have heard advanced."

The usual practice in Maine:—A brother (?) appears in the anteroom, is accosted by or accosts the Tyler; is waited upon to a retiring room; the W. M. is informed; either the W. M. or a selected brother of the lodge visited examines the visitor, perhaps in the presence of others, and if satisfied that he is a brother he is admitted to the lodge. He is or is not formally introduced. This is left to the visitor to determine. This procedure may take place before the opening of the lodge or after the opening of the lodge. In the latter case the Tyler sends in word that the visitor is in the room of the Tyler.

Under Tennessee we read:

"We never have believed that a man can reasonably be a resident of two places at one and the same time any more than he can be personally present in two different places at the same time. Therefore, where he has a fixed home through actual residence for a length of time sufficient to acquire citizenship under state law and the right to apply for Masonry under Grand Lodge law, it should be held to be his home for all masonic purposes."

Does this quite agree with the other definition of "Masonic Residence?"

From his conclusion we quote:

"Two or three other reviewers have objected to its use on the ground that 'it is simply an agency for collecting dues and should not be adopted for that reason.'

"Now the fact is, we do not believe one of its advocates ever thought of its being used for that purpose. That, however, is one of the very best reasons why it should be adopted everywhere, for it would save many from being suspended for non-payment of dues, probably most of whom have become residents of other jurisdictions when so suspended."

December 21, 1908, there departed this life R. W. Bro. John S. Taylor, Deputy Grand Master; a native of England, a resident of Wyoming since 1888, prominent in the welfare of his community.

ADDITIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

ARIZONA, 1908.

We wonder why the certificate of the Grand Secretary, which says that the annual communication was from the seventeenth to the twenty-first of November, does not agree with the title page, which says from the seventeenth to the nineteenth of November.

Eighteen lodges were represent at the annual communication.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Cyrus G. Jones, recounts the several acts, routine in their nature, done by him, and says:

"There being established in not only our own, but in many of our sister jurisdictions, fraudulent and spurious bodies claiming to be Freemasons. I earnestly recommend that Identification Cards, similar to those issued to members of subordinate lodges by several of the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, be adopted by this Grand Body; that these cards be prepared by the Grand Secretary, and shall bear the print of the seal of the Grand Lodge, the year in which issued, together with a fac-simile of the signature of the Grand Secretary, to be issued by him yearly, in such quantities as may be required by the subordinate bodies, and each brother to whom a card be issued be required to present it when seeking admission into a lodge, whether in this or a foreign jurisdiction.

"And I would further recommend that a committee be appointed by this Grand Lodge to secure such legislation in our next Territorial legislature, either by securing the passage of new laws or by the amendment of existing ones, to secure the entire protection for our fraternity that it deserves. As the present law only protects us in the wearing of our emblem, it is necessary that some action be taken to protect our name as well."

The Grand Orator delivered a short address on "Freemasonry."

The time of meeting was changed from November, 1909, to February, 1910.

From the Report of the Committee on Correspondence we quote one paragraph which explains itself:

"Arizona takes care of its own members withersoever dispersed around the Globe. We appreciate and heartily thank Sister Grand Lodges for seeing that our members are taken care of, but we do not want any lodge to suffer any pecuniary loss on our account and will see that all sums advanced are promptly refunded."

The resolutions sent out by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in regard to publishing a ritual were adopted.

The Committee on Ritual reported in favor of the rewriting of the copy as prescribed.

No Report on Correspondence.

CONNECTICUT, 1909.

One hundred nine lodges were represented at the annual communication.

M. W. Bro. Edward E. Fuller, Grand Master, whose portrait graces the proceedings, feelingly mentions in his address the dead in his own and in other jurisdictions.

Of his decisions we quote:

"Can the cremated ashes of a deceased brother be buried with masonic ceremony, and without a dispensation. Answer: Yes.

"When a candidate having been regularly voted for, has been declared duly elected, can a demand for a new ballot be made within a few minutes thereafter, by a brother who was present at the ballot, and voted favorably? Answer: Yes. A brother can call for a new ballot at any time previous to the administering of the obligation in the Master Mason's degree. The matter of its being only a few minutes after the ballot is declared, makes no difference."

His synopsis of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and the account of his visitations are very instructive and entertaining.

He warns the craft against clandestine Masonry.

He gives in detail the arrangements that were made for laying the final stone of the Hartford Bridge, which was the occasion of one of the "largest and most imposing masonic processions ever seen in this jurisdiction."

From the proceedings we quote:

"It was voted in relation thereto, that the signing of the roll of membership, should be, is, shall be and shall continue to be, a requisite to membership in the lodge, either by affiliation or by receiving the degrees within that lodge.

Bro. Frank W. Havens presented the Annual Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Maine for 1908 has fraternal notice.

We have received notices of the deaths of three Past Grand Masters during the year.

M. W. Bro. John Henry Barlow died June 16, 1908, aged 76. At the time of his death he was Grand Secretary, to which office he was appointed in 1894 and served until his death.

"Strong in character, pure in spirit, zealous in all good works, his life shone with elements of that brotherly love and truth which the inspired writer has pronounced the greatest of all virtues."

M. W. Bro. James Lewis Gould, the Senior Past Grand Master, died March 26, 1909, aged 79. He was honored and respected.

M. W. Henry Orange Warner died May 8, 1909, aged nearly 75 years. He was much interested in the Masonic Home.

FLORIDA, 1909.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Elmer E. Haskell, feelingly mentions the dead; then specified by notes the various matters that had been transacted with other jurisdictions.

He reports the constitution of five new lodges; dispensations issued for thirteen lodges; and says:

"Grand Masters in Florida, in the past, have been frequently criticized by the published reports of other Grand Jurisdictions, for granting dispensations so 'freely'; and, perhaps, from a standpoint far removed from the actual scene of operations, under more favorable conditions than ours, and unacquainted with the many serious and real difficulties that exist here because of the great distance between lodges, the distance and time necessary to be traveled and spent in attending meetings, our sparsely populated area, climatic and transportation conditions, and many other difficulties more real than apparent,—such criticism may, to the authors thereof, appeared to be deserved; but, nevertheless, right here, with the actual difficulties to overcome, I am convinced that it is becoming and proper for us to do as we have been doing, and to help and not hinder the laudable efforts of our zealous brethren and lodges in their good work. And, therefore, I again report that I have freely granted dispensations, and in every case where the application appeared to require and deserve such help.

So we need not enumerate them. There were only fifty-three.

Of his decisions we quote:

"No. 11. That a petition from one who is a theatrical man, and always on the road, with the recommendation of the lodge within whose jurisdic-

tion he last resided, may be received and acted upon, although the petitioner has not in fact resided within the State of Florida twelve months, nor within the jurisdiction of the lodge, to which same is made, six months; and that the residence of his family, if he had one, would fix his residence; or that the fact of registering for election purposes; either in state or city elections, would establish the same.

"No. 16. That a debt from one brother to another, coupled with ability to pay, and refusal to do so, might be a proper basis for charges of unmasonic conduct—the wrong consisting in the wilful refusal to pay in such case.

"No. 45. That a petitioner for degrees in Masonry might present his petition before he had arrived at the age of twenty-one years, provided the regular meeting of the lodge after petitioner reached full age was not more than one masonic month from the time of receiving said petition, so that under no circumstances should a candidate be initiated until he was twenty-one years of age, nor petition more than one month before arriving at full age.

"No. 60. A visiting brother who passes a creditable examination, not vouched for, and without documentary evidence of any kind, should not be admitted."

To none of which we agree.

Many other matters, local in their character, are referred to by him, which convinces us that he had a very busy year.

The Building Committee reported the building completed and ready to be placed in the hands of trustees. It cost approximately \$151,000 and a cut of the building appears in the proceedings. The Grand Lodge received the building and dedicated the same.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence did not approve Decisions No. 11 and No. 60.

We take the following report bodily for the information of our readers:

"Your special committee appointed at our last annual communication to investigate and report as to 'whether the attendance upon divine service by a lodge as such is a masonic function,' beg leave to report that we find that the other Grand Jurisdictions differ so materially that we are unable to decide the point raised.

"Letters were addressed to the Grand Secretaries of all the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States and from their replies we find that in Arkansas, Arizona, California, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming, lodges are not permitted to attend church as a lodge at any time.

"In Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota and Vermont, lodges are permitted to attend divine service on St. John's Days and for funerals, without a dispensation, at pleasure, but in some of these states lodges cannot attend divine service at any other times.

"In Colorado, District of Columbia, Georgia, Indian Territory, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Washington and West Virginia, lodges may attend at any time by dispensation.

"In Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma and New York, lodges may attend divine service at pleasure with-

out dispensations, and in the great jurisdiction of New York they are encouraged to so attend, and such has been the practice for more than a hundred years.

"In some of the jurisdictions, the mere fact of the appointing of a certain day to attend divine service makes it a 'masonic occasion' and some of the Grand Lodges under English constitutions as soon as opened proceed in public procession to church and in some cases are preceded by a full band.

"We are, however, of the opinion that it is inexpedient that lodges or Masters of lodges should ever be permitted to summons members under penalties to attend lodge for the purpose of attending divine service, and therefore recommend that lodges as such be prohibited from attending divine service at any time excepting for funerals and on St. John's Days as provided in the constitution."

Bro. Silas B. Wright presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1908 appears in evidence.

From his conclusion we quote:

"The matter of documentary evidence as a pre-requisite for examination for visitation, is receiving serious consideration, although the furor seems to have abated to a considerable extent. Several Grand Jurisdictions have adopted rules more or less stringent. In many cases, as in Florida, it has been found that the old laws in force are ample, and that the Master '*may*,' not '*must*,' demand written evidence."

M. W. Bro. William E. Anderson, Grand Master in 1881-2, died suddenly November 12, 1908. He was fully identified with the progress and prosperity of Masonry and active in the business of the world.

LOUISIANA, 1909.

One hundred sixty-one lodges were represented.

The Grand Master elect, after five months of service, was obliged to leave the jurisdiction by reason of his business relations and the death of the Deputy Grand Master caused the Senior Grand Warden to preside.

In his address he says:

"Work in all fields has been progressing, in spite of the fact that the year has not been an especially good one, first on account of the financial depression, and again by reason of the disastrous floods which have played such havoc in the northern part of the State."

He also made large donations to relieve those who had fallen into distress in his own jurisdiction because of a cyclone and of those in southern Italy because of the earthquake therein.

It was ruled that an E. A. who had lost his foot and been equipped with an artificial foot could not be advanced.

We quote :

"December 29th. From Pine Lodge, No. 264, upon their statement of the case of a brother who had been tried by the lodge for an offence and had failed of conviction, and then, upon trial before the courts, had confessed to his guilt. The lodge desired to know if they had the right to try the offending brother a second time. I ruled that they had, for the reason that the brother had evidently pleaded not guilty before the lodge in order to secure a trial, and depending upon the leniency of his brethren. By doing so he had very evidently told an untruth and had been guilty of a masonic offence, because he went before the courts directly after and pleaded guilty so as to obtain a light sentence. In any instance, as a convicted felon on his own statement, he has no place in the fraternity."

From the report of the Secretary we learn that charters have been granted to ten lodges, and dispensations have been issued to seven lodges.

The Grand Lodge declined to pass resolutions looking to the payment of the mileage of District Deputy Grand Masters and a per diem to representatives.

The following resolution was adopted :

"That every Master Mason made after the date of its adoption be compelled to submit to an examination before the lodge within thirty days after the degree was conferred, this examination to be as complete in its scope as that for the E. A. and the F. C. degrees, and to the satisfaction of the lodge."

The Grand Orator delivered an earnest oration on "Genesis and Development of Masonic Truth."

Portraits of M. W. Bro. Edwin Marks, Grand Master 1879-80, of M. W. Bro. Littleberry Calhoun Allen, Grand Master 1906, and of R. W. Bro. Frederick Cade Marsh, Deputy Grand Master 1908, appear in the proceedings.

Bro. Herman C. Duncan presented the report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Illinois we read :

"If we are to understand that Bro. Robbins holds that the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, as now practiced in America and some other countries, are identical with the degrees practiced by the fathers under those names we shall have to deny it, for they do not contain the whole of the legend of the Word. It seems to us that the essence of ancient Free Masonry, apart from its dogma as contained in the ancient charges, are found in the fundamentals of what we now call the Master's, the Select and the Royal Arch degrees. It seems to us that the ancient initiation must have been a single one, and that then, and simultaneously, the mysteries were an enlightenment in respect to the legend of the Word. We believe that subsequently the Apprentice's degree and that of the Fellow Craft were invented and put into practice, as were, also, those of the Installed Master, the Mark Master and the Royal Master, and last of all the Most Excellent Master and that of the Installed High Priest. We believe that the development

out of the Master's degree of these others has been a legitimate development, a development of species, whose wisdom might have been subjected to criticism in its progress, but a development that, having once been accomplished, is irreversable as are those of the vegetable and animal world about us. There may be a reversion of type in Masonry as in the world about us, but it would be as sporadic in the one case as in the other, and as ephemeral. The developed type, because legitimate, and because it has come about because of laws of the make of the wise Architect of the Universe, becomes fixed. Reversions of a fixed and determined type are found as resultants of neglect of wise rules, or as violations of correct principles. We fail to see any impropriety in the use of the term 'rite' as meaning a developed system. Criticism of the use of the term 'York' is perfectly proper, and there are unquestionably good reasons to be given against its employment. But, after all, it appears the most satisfactory term that can be found. We find ourselves unable to suggest a better. When a better is found we shall gladly adopt it."

Maine for 1908 receives notice.

We quote:

"The Constitution was amended so as to permit the lodges to confer degrees at the request of lodges of other jurisdictions. The prohibition against conferring degrees by courtesy for other lodges on the Maine register was, however, maintained. We can perceive no propriety in this latter prohibition, the forbidding a lodge to grant a favor to a lodge of the same jurisdiction that it is permitted to grant to a lodge of another jurisdiction."

The Grand Lodge laments the death of M. W. Bro. L. C. Allen and R. W. Bro. F. C. Marsh, Deputy Grand Master, who were honored and respected by the craft.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1908.

We quote from the quarterly communication in March:

"The Recording Grand Secretary called the attention of the brethren to the circulars which had been persistently disseminated throughout the state by one Clark, a book-binder, of Portland, Me., offering for sale a cheap publication purporting to be a cipher of our ritual. These circulars, containing extravagant declarations as to the correctness of this catch-penny affair, had apparently been mailed to every mason in Massachusetts whose address the pedler could obtain. As he is not a mason, his opinion as to the value of his wares is utterly worthless, and they should be consigned to the waste-basket as soon as received. The only purchasers of such trash must be members of the Fraternity whose curiosity overcomes their sense of duty and their obligation to obey the positive and repeated requirements of the Grand Lodge to have nothing to do with such misleading helps. If the Craft would let them alone it would not pay to issue them, and the brethren would so far be blessed with a good conscience."

There will also be found therein a copy of the Act "passed by the General Court" "Relative to the Fraudulent Use of Names, Titles or Common Designations of Fraternities, Societies and Unions."

At the quarterly communication in December the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John Albert Blake, of whom a fine portrait graces the proceedings, addressed the Grand Lodge. In his address we find an account of his visitations, the several special communications of the Grand Lodge, of the non-use of wine at the celebration of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

We quote:

"The noble contention, or rather emulation, among the brethren as to who best can work is worthy of commendation. I desire to call attention, however, to the fact that certain practices have been condemned in the past as clearly innovations and not warranted by our Grand Constitutions. One of these is the use of the stereopticon, which one of my predecessors upon his own responsibility ordered to be discontinued wherever he had known it to be used. Another is the clothing of Fellow Crafts in ancient and unusual garb, as to which, in 1896, the following vote was adopted: 'That the Grand Lodge order the discontinuance in this jurisdiction of the costuming of the Fellow Crafts.'

"The Grand Lodge also adopted in 1896 the report of a committee in which it was recommended that the musical program often introduced in conferring the degrees should be materially abridged.

"The principle involved in these orders and recommendations stated briefly is, that the strength of masonic work and its peculiar characteristic is found in its impressive simplicity, and that our attempt should be 'to endeavor to inculcate the moral precepts rather than to exhibit our dramatic abilities; to cultivate the substantial rather than the superficial elements and possibilities of our work.' If the practices referred to are persisted in, it will be the duty of the officers of the Grand Lodge to insist upon a compliance with its decrees."

The speeches at the feast were as usual very witty and entertaining.

MISSISSIPPI, 1909.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edwin J. Martin, we quote:

"I have granted dispensations to ballot out of time where circumstances warranted. These requests come often and from many lodges. While I regard the authority given the Grand Master to grant these dispensations as wise and best for the interest of the Craft, yet experience teaches me that the prerogative should be exercised with due caution. The privilege of granting dispensations is a source of pleasure to the Grand Master, but should be exercised with great care so that the Craft suffer no harm.

Dispensations were issued for ten new lodges; eight lodges received their charters; corner stones were laid; lodge halls dedicated and speedy relief found for those who were suffering at Purvis because of a cyclone.

Of his visiting among the lodges he thinks that the social side may be getting away from us and says :

"Do we not look too much to the so-called higher degrees in Masonry for our social greetings? Have we not departed from the teachings of old, where the brethren were enjoined to be at the place long before dinner to talk about what concerned the best interest of the Craft; to heal the differences if there be any among the brethren; to teach brotherly love and esteem; to learn to speak no evil of a brother or his family; to learn to desist from profane swearing and intemperance?"

"I have attended one hundred and twenty lodge meetings and witnessed one hundred and thirty degrees conferred."

He has a good word for the Eastern Star and for the veterans of the civil war.

He severed fraternal correspondence with New Jersey until that Grand Lodge saw fit to desist from the "practice of initiating or affiliating negroes as masons."

From the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters we judge that all the lodges did not want to be visited.

From the report of the Committee on Complaints and Appeals (which was adopted) we quote the following:

"In the matter of *Olive Branch Lodge*, whose charter was arrested by the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, because of its having acquitted a member who plead guilty to having sat in a negro clandestine lodge, we endorse the action of the Grand Master and recommend that the charter of said lodge be and is hereby declared forfeited, feeling that it would be unsafe to entrust a charter to brethren who do not realize the enormity of such a crime against Masonry."

And the member who did the deed was expelled.

The Committee on State of the Craft, as the result of their investigations, report:

"We find that the attendance upon stated and working communications is good; that our membership is increasing; financial conditions excellent; that more caution is exercised upon petitions and applications and the admission of visiting brethren; that the lodges as a rule own their own lodge rooms, with a growing tendency to improve, which is accounted for in part by the Order of the Eastern Star, as being an incentive to make their lodge rooms more home-like and attractive.

"Few of the lodges have aided liberally during the year to strange brethren, one to the extent of \$100.00."

There are some eighteen pages in the Report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, from which we quote:

"QUESTION 32.—Some four or five months ago, our lodge initiated a candidate, gave the lecture and charge. Owing to the avocation of the initiate, being that of 'Farmer and Well Borer,' he was out of town most all of the time, and having in his employ a negro, who claimed to be a mason and who asked of the initiate if he was a mason, and what degrees he had taken, was informed that he, the candidate, had taken the first degree, but knew nothing about it, as he had no opportunity to get the lec-

ture; whereupon the negro proceeded to lecture the candidate. The candidate, not realizing the great blunder he was making, allowed the negro to lecture him frequently, and when he concluded that he had his lecture about perfect, presented himself to the Junior Warden for examination. The Junior Warden discovered from his answers that the candidate did not have the adopted work, but that he had a heterogeneous conglomeration that he could not accept. Then, on inquiry, the Junior Warden learned that a negro had lectured the candidate. The Junior Warden informed him that our lodge did not countenance the negroes as masons, and that he had made a very serious and lamentable blunder. And, furthermore, that he had placed himself in a predicament that would, no doubt, be taken up by the lodge. Please instruct us what to do.

"ANSWER.—It occurs to us that the candidate is not of that kind of material out of which masons should be or can be made. While it is possible that he may not have known that the negro was a clandestine mason, still, it occurs to us, that no man who would associate with a negro sufficiently intimately as to permit him to deliver masonic lectures to him, is the kind of man that ought to be a mason. He must be either densely ignorant, or exceedingly careless about his associates. Worthy men, and worthy men alone, are the kind out of which masons should be made. We think that this question is one which should address itself to the sound discretion and good judgment of the local lodge, but we do think it would be a reflection on that lodge to permit such a candidate to proceed, until after he had become sufficiently enlightened intellectually and morally as to have some conception of the dignity and worth of Masonry, and until he should understand that no decent man in Mississippi can associate on such intimate terms with a negro without placing himself in a position to lose the respect of every self-respecting man. No matter how penitent the candidate may be, we think it best to at least permit him to remain where he is until he has so grown in knowledge and common decency as to commend himself to the respect and confidence of all good, worthy, and decent people."

The exercises at the dedication of the Masonic Home are given.

Bro. Harry T. Howard submitted his third Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Indiana we read:

"The question of attending church as a lodge is a simple one. Is it a masonic duty, or for a masonic purpose? Neither. So why should the mason whose religion is one 'in which all men agree' have to entertain a motion to attend a dogmatic or sectarian organization?"

Under Kansas we read:

"What a farce the Entered Apprentice who has taken his obligation at the altar must think Masonry is, when he sees four copies of the official cipher in the hands of the Master of each Kansas lodge; and that if a cipher is lost, the lodge has to pay a penalty of twenty dollars to the Grand Secretary. If many are lost it will be as good a source of revenue as the issuing of dispensations by the Grand Master."

Maine for 1908 was reviewed.

We quote his conclusion as one of the best summaries that we have ever read:

"The published proceedings this year show little outside the regular course of procedure, but such as has attracted our notice, we beg to lay before you.

"I. The gain in membership in the United States and Canada has been for the year 1908, 85,527.

"II. Scotland, having forgotten that kindly consideration due other Grand Lodges, still erects and maintains lodges on American territory, and so far, no American Grand Lodge has protested against the continued usurpation.

"III. New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio have obtained in the Courts far-reaching decisions against all the frauds, barnacles, and clandestines of Masonry.

"IV. There should be a uniform system in each jurisdiction of the records and accounts of the Secretaries.

"It is a common occurrence to read in the transactions under review that the Secretaries are incompetent and that the returns of subordinate lodges have to be corrected time and again. We think every Secretary and Treasurer, Grand and Subordinate, should be under bond, and that sentiment should not elect the Secretary, but that his business capacity should be his best asset.

"The Grand Secretary of North Dakota has the idea, we think, and has organized and held a convention of the Secretaries of the lodges of his State, by resolution of the Grand Lodge.

"V. Washington, our northwest borderland, claims to possess the best Code in the country, and is upheld in her contention by the trenchant pen of Brother Jenks, of Wisconsin.

"VI. In many jurisdictions the officers-elect must be able to confer the degrees before they can be installed.

"Does not this poll-parrot idea of Masonry help swell the long list of the non-affiliates? Surely the ritual is not the light of the masonic world, for the true mason needs no ritual to lead him on the way.

"VII. In other jurisdictions the Master Mason has to stand an examination as to proficiency, within a certain number of days after he has been raised.

"All this only hastens the use of the cipher, clandestine, or official, as the case may be.

"In its place the ritual is a necessity, but the lessons inculcated never have and never will be dependent on the prancing ritualist who knows it all.

"VIII. There is no other organization where Jew and Gentile meet without sacrificing their convictions.

"This is our strength; we leave to the churches the anathemas, the burnings, and the murders, to content ourselves with the command:

"*'Love thy Brother.'*"

Foreign Jurisdictions.

CUBA, 1907-08.

These proceedings are in Spanish. The address of the Grand Master, however, is furnished to us in the English language. From it we quote:

"I desired that our mystic chain might encircle the Island from one end to the other, showering everywhere our great teachings; I have en-

deavored to raise the spirits towards our lofty ideals, not only in the cities and principal towns, but even in the villages scattered throughout the Republic, profiting of all the resources that chance or luck placed within my reach for the realization of my ideals."

There is also a report on Foreign Correspondence in which Maine finds a place, and we express our thanks at seeing the address of the Grand Master in English.

ENGLAND, 1908.

At the especial Grand Lodge in January was a discussion upon the disposition of the property occupied and owned by the Fraternity, and also used in times past as a Tavern, but now unused. The following resolution was carried:

"That the report be referred back to the Special Committee with an instruction to prepare a scheme, under which Freemasons' Hall and the Banqueting Hall of Freemasons' Tavern may be adapted, and, if necessary, enlarged by utilizing such of the vacant land on the south and east sides as may be necessary, and used exclusively for the purposes of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, the Dining Clubs in connection therewith, and Grand Festival, the Secretarial and Clerical Offices, Library and Committee Rooms and the Masonic Charity Offices and Festivals; and to report upon the best means of disposing of the remainder of the premises for commercial purposes either with or without the license."

The committee were unable to propose any scheme, but the Grand Lodge entrusted the property to the Board of General Purposes, and a Building Fund was provided for.

IRELAND, 1908.

The Deputy Grand Master in his address feelingly mentioned those who had died during the year.

He gives a summary of the reports from the several Provincial Grand Masters.

He reports that one lodge was fined because it had initiated a resident of Delaware while visiting Ireland.

Many other subjects of local importance were noted by him.

VALLE DE MEXICO, 1908.

The Grand Lodge of Oaxaca was recognized.

From the address of the Grand Master we make several quotations:

"Our friendship with the Supreme Council A. and A. S. R. remains firm and steadfast. The aid of that honorable body has been freely extended in the steps taken toward the harmony of Mexican Masonry. The Supreme Council, under date of March 7, 1908, has abolished the treaties it made in 1899 and 1900 with Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz and others throughout the Republic, in accordance with its determination to exercise no domination direct or indirect, or even implied, over Symbolic Masonry. Instead of treaties it offers friendship.

"The Masonic Temple Association, 'La Fraternidad,' has remodelled the buildings belonging to it so as to provide two rooms for the blue lodges; one for the York Rite Chapter and Commandery and the Scottish Rite Bodies to the 30th degree inclusive; and one for the Scottish Rite Consistory and the Supreme Council; each having its proper ante and paraphernalia rooms."

From his rulings we quote:

"*Query*—What is the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico? Answer—The Federal District and the Federal Territories. Grand Lodge exercises the right to charter lodges in any state of the Mexican Republic where there is no regular Grand Lodge, but its jurisdiction in such state extends only over lodges so chartered.

"We claim no jurisdiction over rejected material after it has left our jurisdiction."

There are reviews of several jurisdictions under the title of "Universal Masonry," but Maine is not among those mentioned.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1907-8.

The installation ceremonies, with all connected therewith, were most pleasantly carried out at a special communication. There was a Grand Master's Standard presented to the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Admiral Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, G. C. B., who was installed for the third time.

At the quarterly communication in September much business was transacted, and we were highly entertained by the reading of the reports of the Inspector.

In March, 1908, the Grand Master reported the death of M. W. Bro. John Cochrane Remington, who was universally esteemed as a man and mason.

There is a report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1907 was brotherly reviewed by Bro. A. Hulloran, of the committee.

NEW ZEALAND, 1907-8.

From the proceedings before us we quote:

"Lodges often, when getting their buildings consecrated, overlooked the fact that the performance of the ceremony debarred them from afterwards using them for secular purposes. In some cases they had mort-

gages over their buildings, and relied upon the income derived from letting them to assist in the payment of interest. It was necessary to have rules showing under what conditions Grand Lodge would allow buildings to be consecrated, and it should be understood that when once they were consecrated for Masonic purposes they could not be used for any other. The proper course would be to direct the new board to prepare a set of rules and submit them to the next Annual Communication."

From the address of the Grand Master:

"The number of unattached brethren made in New Zealand is very large—it has even been calculated at nearly half of the subscribing members in the Dominion. Doubtless a considerable proportion of these were men who ought never to have entered our doors, some who became masons through mere curiosity, and others who drifted away from the territory. But I am convinced there must be a fair number—I know there are some—who left Masonry because they were disgusted and disheartened by the indifferent manner in which the brethren of their lodge acted up to their principles. To regain such numbers is worth much trouble, and I heartily commend a crusade in that direction to the brethren of my Constitution, and I venture to suggest it to my brothers of the older Grand Lodges. If you can assure such unattached brethren that, should they rejoin a lodge, they will find a much better spirit and tone than prevailed in the past, you will gain many of them; if you cannot, then it is surely time you set about a reformation in your own lodge."

A Review of Correspondence is submitted.

Maine for 1907 is found therein. In his review he intimates that we did not give New Zealand much space. But we read and have read the proceedings very carefully, and reply that the method of conducting business differs so materially that we cannot as yet make our mind work to write an intelligent report for our readers. We hope to succeed. At any rate we compliment our brethren for the fine volume that is now before us, and know by the perusal of its contents that the work of Masonry is placed in excellent hands. We congratulate M. W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, Past Grand Master, for his excellent report.

(QUEENSLAND), DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, ENGLAND, 1908.

From the various pamphlets before us we quote from a discussion had over the financial exhibit:

"What is the net result on these figures? We have only about £1,700 as income, and over £800 has been spent in administration. I think if this balance sheet were put into the hands of any impartial critic we should be told that the only apparent result was the expenditure of £179 in benevolence and charity. This does not amount to more than 10 per cent. of our income, and does not justify our existence as a highly organized body. We also see that printing and stationery cost £198, and from Wor. Bro. Mills' remark this is less by £20 than last year. I have yet to learn that the tenets of Freemasonry teach us that printing and stationery are more important than charity. From the figures I take it that the

amount received from interest on our invested funds is more than sufficient to cover the amount spent on charity. Why should this interest be accumulated until the fund with its accumulations amounts to £20,000, rather than expend part of the income on charitable objects. The statement shows that £600 has been placed from the general fund into this fund, and at this rate it will be 30 years before we have reached the amount. Are we to remain for 30 years before we get any benefit from this fund? The point I wish to make is—Have we made the most of our opportunities during the last twelve months? If we have not, could we not do something in the immediate future in the way of a University Masonic Scholarship; or ambulance classes; or endow hospital beds in various districts; or hospital cots, so that children may bless the name of masons? Could we not do something in the way of endowing agricultural bursaries for the benefit of the sons of masons in agricultural districts? Or mining bursaries for the sons of miners in the North? This, I take it, would be evidence that we not only recite noble tenets but practice them; and I contend that on the figures before us these schemes are perfectly practicable."

The discussions in the pamphlets before us would intimate that Masonry in Queensland is suffering because of the condition of masonic affairs in that country.

SCOTLAND, 1908.

We have carefully read the proceedings but we find nothing of interest to place before our readers.

SOUTH AFRICA, 1908.

From the Report of the Board of General Purpose, by means of which the business of the Fraternity is done, we quote:

"Owing to the depression which still prevails throughout South Africa, your Board has been called upon to consider more cases of distress than in any previous year, and the amounts granted in relief have consequently increased. Many of the cases were of so pressing a nature that the limit of £10 for each individual was considered by your Board as inadequate, and a resolution was tabled at the Half-yearly Meeting of District Grand Lodge to increase the Board's powers in cases of relief to £25."

SOUTH AFRICA, 1909.

We quote:

"The year commenced with a membership of 1,264 in good standing and 376 in arrears, a total membership of 1,640; closing with 1,264 in good standing and 262 in arrears, a total of 1,526 or a decrease of 114. It is a coincidence that the members in good standing remain identically the same at the close of the year as at the commencement."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1908.

No business of general importance was done.

TASMANIA, 1909.

The Pro Grand Master says in his address:

"I found most of the lodges in a healthy condition, though in one or two cases, through no reason of the particular lodges, there is a falling off of membership, attributable mostly to the depressed state of affairs in the district.

"It is pleasing to note that the country lodges are working earnestly, and improvements are made in lodge rooms where found necessary, and the working of the lodges is strictly in accord with instructions laid down by you.

"In the suggestions made by you to have a collection after each installation ceremony by the different lodges for the benefit of the Benevolent Fund, I am pleased to say meets with prompt response, and I always try to impress upon the brethren that it is your wish to see this fund augmented considerably."

The Grand Inspectors of Lodges made pleasing and intelligent reports.

From the address of the Grand Master we quote:

"During the visit of the American Fleet to Victoria, the Grand Lodge there arranged a reception for the masons, of which there were a very large number on board the boats, and a special effort was made to do honor to the occasion. It was a somewhat inconvenient time for many of us, but we were glad that both the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master were there to represent our Grand Lodge, and they returned full of praises not only of the hospitality extended to them but also of the real cordiality of the reception."

VICTORIA, 1908.

The pamphlets of the quarterly communications, held in March and June, are the only ones to reach us. We do not find any matter upon which to comment.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1908.

From these proceedings we quote from the address of the Grand Master:

"We are all anxious that all shall be well and truly done, and that this is so we are indebted in no small degree to the work of the Grand Inspector of Workings and the Grand Director of Ceremonies. At the same time permit me to offer a word of warning. It is possible to become too exacting in our demands; it is possible to make the working of the lodge a burden involving a great effort of memory instead of a delight. It is possible to drive away brothers whose memory is not of the best, but whose hearts may be of the warmest. Let us beware of this, which I gather from observations made to me may be a real danger and do us harm.

"The best orators are not always the most fluent. I have heard men speak in halting tones, but the fire behind the words forced them upon the attention of others and carried conviction with them."

The difficulties between Scotland and Western Australia have been settled.

A report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence appears.

Maine for 1906 and 1907 are fraternally and carefully reviewed.

Re of balloting collectively the reviewer, "F. N.," says:

"The system of collective voting is not unknown to us and we do not see the objection to it that M. W. Bro. Johnson does. Of course, difference in working the collective ballot may account for the difference of opinion on its merits. We have seen the collective ballot worked successfully on these lines:—The lodge agrees to take a collective ballot on the distinct understanding that if the result be 'cloudy,' the material is collected and redistributed for individual ballots. Thus the identity of the author of the 'cloudy' vote is not revealed, nor is any injustice done to the candidates against whom he had no exclusive feeling, nor are the voters' hands in any way tied.

"Had the ballot in the instance referred to been a collective one on the above lines, and the ballot all clear, the seven candidates would have been declared duly elected, but had the ballot been 'cloudy,' individual ballots would have eventually identified the undesirable candidate or candidates.

"The system of collective ballots, especially where Freemasonry is worked in such a wholesale manner as to bring seven candidates to the ballot on one and the same evening, is surely a great time saver. Fancy the time that would be required in an average size lodge to distribute the material, take the ballot, and collect the material again seven times. That this must be done if the collective ballot proves 'cloudy' we admit, but the chance of it being clear makes it worth trying when more than one candidate is up for ballot."

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From Greece, the Bulletin of the Grand Orient of Greece.

From Nuevo Leon, the Bulletin of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

From Chile, the official Bulletin of the Grand Lodge.

From Italy, the Bulletin of the Symbolic Rite, circulars from the Supreme Council and two copies of the "Acacia."

From Belgium two Bulletins of the Grand Orient for 1907.

From the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina many pamphlets.

An account of Freemasonry in Russia and Poland.

We have also received through the proper channels requests for recognition from several alleged Grand Lodges and Orients. These have received our attention.

The situation at Queensland is gradually clearing and in due time the brethren will have established their claim. Not through any especial regard to England, Scotland and Ireland do we decline to recommend recognition of the Grand Lodge at Queensland, but we would like to see

all differences settled without seemingly invoking aid from outside. The masonic Fraternity is a peace-loving fraternity, and we believe that all troubles within its ranks should be settled therein. We wait to see good sound common sense assert itself and harmony reign in that jurisdiction.

The matters at "Valle De Mexico" are still in a cloud of doubt in our mind. We have tried to read with an open mind, but must confess that we are still "on the fence." A poor place to be when the combatants on each side cease fighting each other and attack the one on the fence. Mexico in due time may become sufficiently Americanized always to do the right thing.

Of all the others, Porto Rico, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Greece, Argentine Republic, Chili, Brazil, and "Cosmos" of Chihuahua we say nothing. We do not wish to enter into any discussion as to their legitimacy, which might thereby cause offence to our brethren of those jurisdictions, nor do we see what is being gained by the asking of recognition if all are legitimate bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Is it necessary that Grand Lodges must affirmatively acknowledge each other before a brother of the one can visit a lodge of the other? Is the "documentary evidence" idea so to prevail that one must know the Grand Lodge before he recognizes the mason? To be sure, if a Grand Lodge is interdicted, then recognition necessarily ceases, but it is only a means to an end that it may cause the offending Grand Lodge to recede from its position, a position generally brought about by the acts of some over-zealous brother.

Let us live as we have lived. The purposes of American Masonry are not the purposes of the Masonry of Continental Europe nor of the South American countries. If the brothers of lodges in those countries possess the requisite knowledge, why should they be denied any right of visitation, even if their Grand Lodge is not recognized, or even if it is a Grand Orient and not a Grand Lodge, provided that it has a legitimate standing?

It would seem that more stress for recognition than is needful is being made, and that we are safer to allow the old way to prevail.

ALBRO E. CHASE, *for the Committee.*

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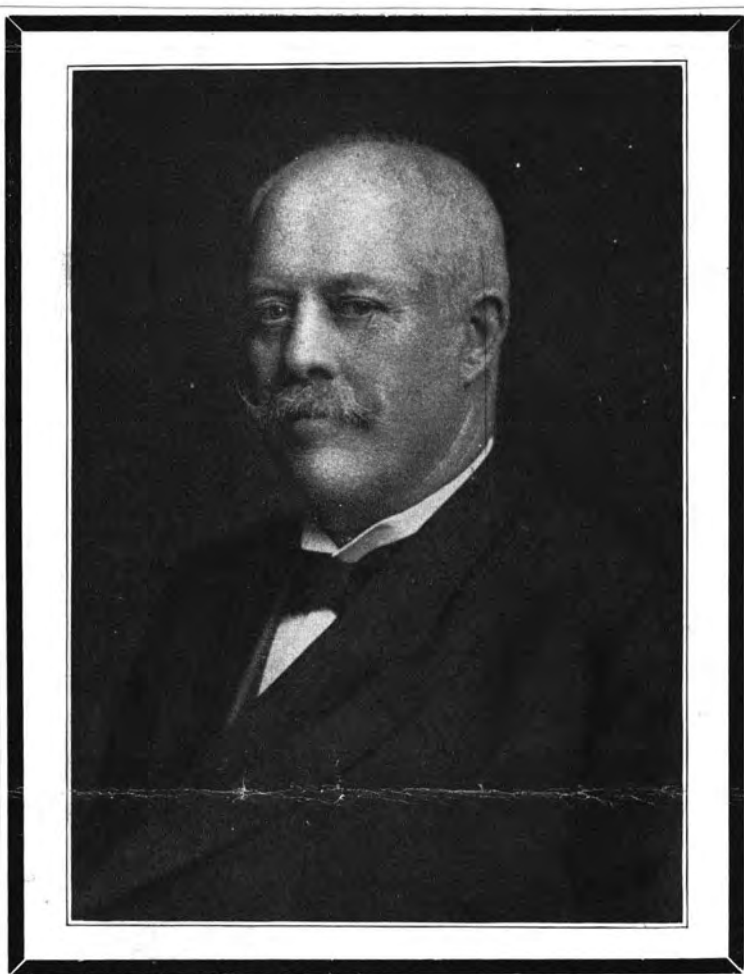
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EDMUND BUXTON MALLET

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Ninety-First Annual Communication.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 3, 1910. }

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine met in Annual Communication in Corinthian Hall at nine in the morning.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W.	EDMUND B. MALLET, . . .	Grand Master;
R. W.	ASHLEY A. SMITH, . . .	Deputy Grand Master;
"	FRANK J. COLE, . . .	Senior Grand Warden;
"	WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, . . .	Junior Grand Warden;
"	MILLARD F. HICKS, . . .	Grand Treasurer;
"	STEPHEN BERRY, . . .	" Secretary;
W. & Rev.	WILLIAM H. FULTZ, . . .	" Chaplain;
W.	FREEMAN M. GRANT, . . .	" Marshal;
"	SILAS B. ADAMS, . . .	" Senior Deacon;
"	ALBERT H. BURROUGHS, . . .	" Junior Deacon;
"	CONVERS E. LEACH, . . .	" Steward;
"	CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, . . .	" "
"	WARREN C. KING, . . .	" Pursuivant;
M.W.	FRANK E. SLEEPER, . . .	" Lecturer;
W.	WALTER S. SMITH, . . .	" Organist;
"	WARREN O. CARNEY, . . .	" Tyler.

Also 259 delegates, representing 196 of the 201 chartered lodges, 8 of the 12 Past Grand Masters liv-

ing, with other permanent members and visiting brethren.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, with prayer by Rev. Bro. WM. H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,

Voted, To dispense with the reading of the records of the last annual communication, and that as printed they be confirmed.

On motion of Bro. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,

Voted, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during this annual communication.

On motion of Bro. HENRY R. TAYLOR,

Voted, That the Grand Tyler be authorized to employ assistants, not exceeding three, to aid him in the work of his office during the session of the Grand Lodge, and that the Committee on Pay Roll be authorized to place the names of such employees upon the pay roll, and that they receive the usual *per diem* for their services.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. CONVERS E. LEACH as Assistant Grand Secretary.

TRANSPORTATION.

Bro. STEPHEN BERRY submitted the following report, which was accepted :

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, May 3, 1910.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

The Committee on Transportation made the usual arrangements with railway and steamboat lines, excepting with the Boston & Maine Railroad, which required that the sale of one hundred tickets should be guaranteed, and notice was given to the lodges and members.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,
WM. FREEMAN LORD, } *Committee.*
JAMES E. PARSONS,

EXCUSES.

A letter was read from M. W. AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM, P. G. M. and Grand Representative from Delaware, excusing his absence on account of illness; and one from R. W. HERBERT HARRIS, P. S. G. W. and Grand Representative from New Zealand, excusing his absence on account of absence from the country.

BELGIUM.

A letter was read from R. W. ALBERT J. KRUGER, Grand Representative to Belgium, announcing the continued prosperity of Masonry in that jurisdiction, and conveying his salutations and good wishes, and it was ordered on file.

CREDENTIALS.

Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, May 3, 1910. }

Your Committee on Credentials have attended to their duties and would report that the chartered lodges are represented as follows:

- 1 PORTLAND, by Arthur W. Read, M; George F. Gould, Proxy.
- 2 WARREN, by James R. Talbot, M.
- 3 LINCOLN, by William D. Patterson, Proxy.
- 4 HANCOCK, by William J. Patterson, M; Rowland B. Brown, Proxy.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by George S. Trask, M; George E. Dixon, JW.
- 6 AMITY, by George W. Varney, SW.
- 7 EASTERN, by Henry D. Davis, M.
- 8 UNITED, by Samuel B. Furbish, M.
- 9 ———SACO, not represented.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by William K. Hallett, M; Fred C. Chalmers, Proxy.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by Benjamin T. Newman, M.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Chester E. Chipman, M; Frank H. Gray, JW.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by John G. Hamblen, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by John R. Knowlton, Proxy.
- 15 ORIENT, by Elmer R. Bumps, SW.

- 16 ST. GEORGE, by George J. Newcomb, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LANDMARK, by Joseph B. Reed, M ; William W. Andrews, J. W. ; Fred C. Tolman, Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by Lee M. Smith, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by William A. Remick, Proxy.
- 20 MAINE, by H. Burton Voter, M.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Samuel S. Wood, M.
- 22 YORK, by Leander G. Smith, M ; Eugene B. Taylor, SW.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Perley T. Fickett, M ; Roscoe J. Dwyer, Proxy.
- 24 PHENIX, by Adrian C. Tuttle, M.
- 25 TEMPLE, by Will E. Hayward, SW.
- 26 VILLAGE, by Edward L. White, Proxy.
- 27 ADONIRAM, by Samuel N. Small, Proxy.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by Wilbur C. Simmons, Proxy.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by John S. P. H. Wilson, SW.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by James B. Stevenson, M ; Edwin H. Brown, SW ;
Leverna L. Niles, JW.
- 31 UNION, by Ralph L. Williams, JW.
- 32 HERMON, by Stephen A. Cobb, M.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by Sanger N. Annis, M ; Charles B. Davis, Proxy.
- 34 SOMERSET, by Fred F. Lawrence, M ; Carl M. Holt, Proxy.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by George M. Ryder, M ; Thomas H. Bodge, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by Perlle E. Winslow, JW ; Augustus H. Humphrey, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by Thomas G. Mitchell, SW ; Edward E. Trecartin, Proxy.
- 38 HARMONY, by Everett P. Hanson, Proxy.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by Harry E. Hale, M ; Albert L. Atkins, SW.
- 40 LYGONIA, by Harry C. Austin, M.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by Ralph W. Goss, M ; Irving W. Gilbert, Proxy.
- 42 FREEDOM, by Herman K. Tibbetts, M ; Ebenezer P. Cobb, Proxy.
- 43 ALNA, by George H. Melville, Proxy.
- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by Charles S. Horne, JW ; Frank E. Monroe, Proxy.
- 45 CENTRAL, by Charles W. Abbott, M.
- 46 ST. CROIX, by Frank V. Lee, M.
- 47 DUNLAP, by Hudson F. Staples, M.
- 48 LAFAYETTE, by Merle J. Harriman, M ; Leon E. Tebbetts, Proxy.
- 49 MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, by Ernest E. Waters, M.
- 50 AURORA, by Edwin H. Maxcy, M ; James A. Richan, SW.
- 51 ST. JOHN'S, by Samuel H. Miller, M.
- 52 MOSAIC, by Melvin F. Martin, M.
- 53 RURAL, by Nathan A. Benson, Proxy.
- 54 VASSALBORO, by J. Arnold Wyman, M.
- 55 FRATERNAL, by Herman J. Sayward, Proxy.

- 56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Alvin B. Ordway, Proxy.
57 KING HIRAM, by John A. Babb, SW; Leon M. Small, JW.
58 ———UNITY, not represented.
59 MOUNT HOPE,—*Charter surrendered in 1879.*
60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Arthur B. Larchar, M.
61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Thomas L. Richards, M.
62 KING DAVID'S, by Robie F. Ames, M.
63 RICHMOND, by Oscar P. Galusha, M.
64 PACIFIC, by Daniel B. Packard, M.
65 MYSTIC, by Charles E. Lawrence, M.
66 MECHANICS', by Eugene Haley, M.
67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by Elmer H. Voter, Proxy.
68 MARINERS' by George P. Carter, M.
69 HOWARD, by Newell F. Perry, SW.
70 STANDISH, by Dana D. Higgins, Proxy.
71 RISING SUN, by Charles E. Gray, SW.
72 PIONEER, by Hugh Hayward, Proxy.
73 TYRIAN, by Hiram B. King, Proxy.
74 BRISTOL, by Almon P. Hatch, M.
75 PLYMOUTH, by Charles T. Harris, Proxy.
76 ARUNDEL, by William M. Morrill, SW.
77 TREMONT, by Seth W. Norwood, SW.
78 CRESCENT, by Lorrimar McGlauffin, M.
79 ROCKLAND, by Orel E. Davies, M; Harry L. Richards, SW; Jacob R. Stewart, Proxy.
80 KEYSTONE, by Jonah G. Spaulding, SW; Malon Patterson, Proxy.
81 ATLANTIC, by Will H. Adams, M; Elmer A. Doten, Proxy.
82 ST. PAUL'S, by William L. Bowden, Proxy.
83 ST. ANDREW'S, Ralph H. Dunbar, SW.
84 EUREKA, by Charles G. Crocker, Proxy.
85 STAR IN THE WEST, by Fred A. Whitten, SW.
86 TEMPLE, by Oliver A. Cobb, Proxy.
87 BENEVOLENT, by Camillus K. Johnson, Proxy.
88 NARRAGUAGUS, by Phineas B. Guptill, SW.
89 ISLAND, by Melvin R. Trim, M; Amasa E. Williams, SW.
90 HIRAM ABIFF,—*Charter revoked in 1868.*
91 ———HARWOOD, not represented.
92 SILOAM, by W. Frank Choate, M.
93 HOREB, by Frank R. Linton, Proxy.
94 PARIS, by Josiah N. Horr, M.
95 CORINTHIAN, by Robert W. Linn, Jr., Proxy.
96 MONUMENT, by Frank A. Peabody, M.

- 97 BETHEL, by Alphonse Van Denkerckhoven, M ; Gerry L. Brooks, Proxy.
- 98 KATAHDIN, by Frank O. Bates, M.
- 99 VERNON VALLEY, by Lon M. Philbrick, Proxy.
- 100 JEFFERSON, by Edwin J. Mann, M.
- 101 NEZINSCOT, by Albert T. Bradford, M.
- 102 MARSH RIVER, by Alfred R. Huxford, Proxy.
- 103 DRESDEN, by Wilbur F. Cate, M.
- 104 DIRIGO, by Louis Z. Massie, JW.
- 105 ASHLAR, by George O. Campbell, M.
- 106 TUSCAN, by Loveatus H. Plummer, M.
- 107 DAY SPRING, by Ai Q. Mitchell, Proxy.
- 108 RELIEF,—*Charter recalled in 1894.*
- 109 MOUNT KINEO, by Edward B. Packard, Proxy.
- 110 MONMOUTH, by Harry E. Taylor, M.
- 111 LIBERTY, by Clayborn H. Wellington, M ; Orrin W. Ripley, Proxy.
- 112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by Kimball C. Haycock, M ; George E. Bartlett, Proxy.
- 113 MESSALONSKEE, by Henry L. Hunton, M ; Fred H. Leech, SW ; Albert H. Lord, JW ; James H. Witherell, Proxy.
- 114 POLAR STAR, by John W. Ballou, Proxy.
- 115 ———BUXTON, not represented.
- 116 LEBANON, by Harry N. Carr, M ; George E. Porter, Proxy.
- 117 GREENLEAF, by William R. Copp, M ; Le Roi S. Syphers, Proxy.
- 118 DRUMMOND, by Francis C. Milliken, M ; Frank W. Towne, JW.
- 119 POWNAL, by Charles Kneeland, SW ; Louis F. Murray, Proxy.
- 120 MEDUNCOOK,—*Charter surrendered in 1884.*
- 121 ACACIA, by Ralph G. Vickery, M ; Alzo S. Merrill, SW.
- 122 MARINE, by Herman W. Small, M ; Emery W. Pickering, SW ; Paul W. Scott, JW ; George L. Beck, Proxy.
- 123 FRANKLIN, by Robert Y. Swift, Proxy.
- 124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Benjamin H. Dyer, JW.
- 125 MERIDIAN, by Orin E. Libby, Proxy.
- 126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Samuel H. Lord, JW.
- 127 PRESUMPSCOT, by John C. Nichols, JW.
- 128 EGGEMOGGIN, by Theodore A. Smith, Proxy.
- 129 QUANTABACOOK, by Ernest S. Wing, SW.
- 130 TRINITY, by Vivian E. Howe, Proxy.
- 131 LOOKOUT, by Gilman N. Williams, JW.
- 132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Arthur J. Stimpson, M ; William W. Watson, Proxy.
- 133 ASYLUM, by Charles W. Crosby, Proxy.
- 134 TROJAN,—*Consolidated with Star in the West Lodge, No. 85, in 1888.*

- 135 RIVERSIDE, Edson E. Achorn, M.
136 IONIC,—*Charter surrendered in 1882.*
137 KENDUSKEAG, by John H. Everett, Proxy.
138 LEWY'S ISLAND, by Jesse C. Horsman, Proxy.
139 ARCHON, by Carl Nason, Proxy.
140 MOUNT DESERT, by Charles G. Bondreaux, SW.
141 AUGUSTA, by Ernest L. McLean, M.
142 OCEAN, by Henry P. Allen, M ; Charles H. West, Proxy.
143 PREBLE, by Samuel J. Mitchell, Proxy.
144 SEASIDE, by Lyman P. Orne, M ; Clarence E. McKown, JW ;
Merrill A. Perkins, Proxy.
145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Edgar H. Bradstreet, M ; Oscar C. Lane,
Proxy.
146 SEBASTICOOK, by Thomas H. Ward, M ; Ralph B. Runnells, JW ;
Sullivan L. Andrews, Proxy.
147 EVENING STAR, by Charles P. Hatch, Proxy.
148 FOREST, by Charles F. Weick, M.
149 DORIC, by Pierre Johnson, M ; Peter E. Johnson, JW.
150 RABONI, by James M. Palmer, Proxy.
151 EXCELSIOR, by Martin B. Black, Proxy.
152 CROOKED RIVER, by Edward L. Hicks, Proxy.
153 DELTA, by John A. Fox, M ; Ernest S. Hatch, SW.
154 MYSTIC, by Birnie E. Plummer, M.
155 ANCIENT YORK, by George B. Shorey, Proxy.
156 WILTON, by Ernest P. Parlin, M.
157 CAMBRIDGE, by John H. Wilson, M.
158 ANCHOR, by Elliot P. Brewer, M.
159 ESOTERIC,—*Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, Jan. 11, 1908.*
160 PARIAN, by Jose W. Mullen, Proxy.
161 CARRABASSETT, by Alpheus Nason, Proxy.
162 ARION, by J. Burton Roberts, Proxy.
163 PLEASANT RIVER, by Charles H. Stanhope, M ; Erwin G. Ryder,
Proxy.
164 WEBSTER, by A. Linn Bangs, M ; Charles W. Coombs, SW ; Frank
E. Sleeper, Proxy.
165 ———MOLUNKUS, not represented.
166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Leonard A. Gilbert, M ; Everett S. Coombs,
Proxy.
167 WHITNEY, by Abbot A. Russell, M ; Adelbert H. Alley, JW.
168 COMPOSITE, by Osman C. Ames, M.
169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by Erwin G. Giles, M.
170 CARIBOU, by Joseph W. H. Porter, SW.
171 NASKEAG, by Eldorus H. Bridges, M.

- 172 PINE TREE, by John D. McCain, M.
- 173 PLEIADES, by Harvey H. Brazzell, Proxy.
- 174 LYNDE, by Fred A. Gray, M.
- 175 BASKAHEGAN, by Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
- 176 PALESTINE,—*Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, Sept. 23, 1895.*
- 177 RISING STAR, by Herbert C. Perry, M.
- 178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by Albert M. Penley, Proxy.
- 179 YORKSHIRE, by Fred H. Brackett, Proxy.
- 180 HIRAM, by William H. Ohler, Jr., Proxy.
- 181 REUEL WASHBURN,—*Consolidated with Oriental Star, 21, in 1882.*
- 182 GRANITE, by John E. Brock, M.
- 183 DEERING, by Peter W. Wescott, M ; John A. Webber, SW ; Silas E. Strout, JW ; Francis E. Chase, Proxy.
- 184 NAVAL, by Frank E. Robbins, Proxy.
- 185 BAR HARBOR, by Arthur W. Brown, M ; James N. Emery, SW ; Luere B. Deasy, Proxy.
- 186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by John G. Boody, M ; Herbert S. Hudson, Proxy.
- 187 IRA BERRY, by Ward W. Wescott, M ; Forrest B. Snow, SW ; Ithamar E. Stanley, Proxy.
- 188 JONESPORT, by Charles M. Wescott, M.
- 189 KNOX, by Charles Crowley, M.
- 190 SPRINGVALE, by Frank H. Dexter, Proxy.
- 191 DAVIS, by Philip D. Stubbs, SW.
- 192 WINTER HARBOR, by Edward C. Hammond, M.
- 193 WASHBURN, by Herbert S. Willey, M.
- 194 EUCLID, by Ernest H. Ward, M.
- 195 RELIANCE, by Florian S. Small, Proxy.
- 196 BAY VIEW, by Converse O. Hodgdon, Proxy.
- 197 AROOSTOOK, by Howard Pierce, Proxy.
- 198 ST. ASPINQUID, by Edward C. Hawkes, Proxy.
- 199 BINGHAM, by B. LeRoy Badger, M.
- 200 COLUMBIA, by Ralph P. Brown, SW.
- 201 DAVID A. HOOPER, by Andrew Doran, M.
- 202 MOUNT BIGELOW, by Elmer A. Sampson, M.
- 203 MOUNT OLIVET, by Robert C. Moores, Proxy.
- 204 MOUNT ABRAM, by Hartley B. Sprague, M.
- 205 NOLLESEMIC, by Arthur J. Walsh, M.
- 206 ISLAND FALLS, by Frank L. Mooney, M.
- 207 ABNER WADE, by Angus W. Campbell, SW.
- 208 NORTH EAST HARBOR, by Horace R. Reynolds, JW.
- 209 FORT KENT, by Grover C. Bradbury, M.

210 BAGADUCE, by Thomas T. Harvey, M.

Chartered lodges 201 ; represented 196 ; delegates 259.

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present :

M. W.	CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,	-	-	-	-	-	P. G. M.
"	WILLIAM R. G. ESTES,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FESSENDEN I. DAY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALBRO E. CHASE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HENRY R. TAYLOR,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALFRED S. KIMBALL,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WILLIAM J. BURNHAM,	-	-	-	-	-	"
R. W.	LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	-	-	-	-	-	P. S. G. W.
"	DANIEL P. BOYNTON,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	GEORGE R. SHAW,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALBERT M. PENLEY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JAMES E. PARSONS,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	EDWIN A. PORTER,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	CHARLES W. CROSBY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	W. SCOTT SHOREY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JAMES M. LARRABEE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WILLIAM N. HOWE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JOHN W. BALLOU,	-	-	-	-	-	P. J. G. W.
"	ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	AUGUSTUS BAILEY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	BENJAMIN AMES,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	EDMUND B. MALLET,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HOWARD D. SMITH,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WM. FREEMAN LORD,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	MOSES TAIT,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	BENJAMIN L. HADLEY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	MILLARD M. CASWELL,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JOHN H. MCGORRILL,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ADELBERT MILLETT,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JAMES C. AYER,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	EDWARD G. WESTON,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALBERT M. AMES,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	GEORGE W. HOLMES,	-	-	-	-	-	"

And Grand Officers as follows:

M. W.	EDMUND B. MALLET, - - -	Grand Master.
R. W.	ASHLEY A. SMITH, - - -	Deputy Grand Master.
"	FRANK J. COLE, - - -	Senior Grand Warden.
"	WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, - -	Junior Grand Warden.
"	MILLARD F. HICKS, - - -	Grand Treasurer.
"	STEPHEN BERRY, - - -	Grand Secretary.
"	HERBERT W. TRAFTON, - -	D. D. G. M 1st Dist.
"	ISAAC N. JONES, - - -	" 2d "
"	MILLARD H. WISWELL, - -	" 3d "
"	FRANK B. ARNOLD, - - -	" 5th "
"	JOHN E. EMERSON, - - -	" 6th "
"	WILLIS J. GREELEY, - - -	" 7th "
"	ISAAC HILLS, - - -	" 8th "
"	WINFIELD S. CLARK, - - -	" 9th "
"	LEWIS A. DUNTON, - - -	" 10th "
"	BERT K. MESERVEY, - - -	" 12th "
"	N. GRATZ JACKSON, - - -	" 14th "
"	CLEFF MAXWELL, - - -	" 15th "
"	NED I. SWAN, - - -	" 16th "
"	FREDERICK H. DOLE, - - -	" 17th "
"	DANIEL G. CHAPLIN, - - -	" 18th "
"	JOHN M. BURLEIGH, - - -	" 19th "
"	DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE, - -	" 20th "
"	EDGAR J. TRUSSELL, - - -	" 21st "
"	MELVIN W. KNOWLES, - - -	" 22d "
"	JAMES H. LITTLEFIELD, - - -	" 23d "
"	LEWIS V. WINSHIP, - - -	" 24th "
"	GEORGE H. MOOERS, - - -	" 25th "
W. & Rev.	WILLIAM H. FULTZ, - - -	Grand Chaplain.
W.	FREEMAN M. GRANT, - - -	" Marshal.
"	SILAS B. ADAMS, - - -	" Senior Deacon.
"	ALBERT H. BURROUGHS, - -	" Junior Deacon.
"	CONVERS E. LEACH, - - -	Steward.
"	CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, - - -	"
"	WARREN C. KING, - - -	Pursuivant.
M. W.	FRANK E. SLEEPER, - - -	Lecturer.
W.	WALTER S. SMITH, - - -	Organist.
"	WARREN O. CARNEY, - - -	Tyler.

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance:

Alabama—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL,
Alberta—JAMES M. LARRABEE.
Arizona—AUGUSTUS BAILEY.
Arkansas—JOHN W. BALLOU.
Belgium—ELMER P. SPOFFORD.
British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE.
Canada—BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.
Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER.
District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY.
Florida—MILLARD F. HICKS.
Georgia—BIAL F. BRADBURY.
Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE.
Illinois—WILLIAM R. G. ESTES.
Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT.
Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL.
Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES.
Michigan—FESSENDEN I. DAY.
Mississippi—CHARLES I. COLLAMORE.
Missouri—DANIEL P. BOYNTON.
Montana—LEANDER W. FOBES.
Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER.
Nevada—LEANDER M. KENNISTON.
New Brunswick—MOSES TAIT.
New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH.
New Jersey—ADELBERT MILLETT.
New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS.
New York—HENRY R. TAYLOR.
Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL.
Ohio—WILLIAM J. BURNHAM.
Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD.
Peru—ALFRED S. KIMBALL.
Quebec—JAMES C. AYER.
Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE.
Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH.
South Australia—BENJAMIN AMES.
South Dakota—EDWARD G. WESTON.
Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY.
Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY.
Utah—EDWIN C. DUDLEY.
Vermont—GEORGE R. SHAW.
Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.
Western Australia—FRANKLIN R. REDLON.

West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENLEY.

Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALLETT.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. ADAMS, }
RALPH H. BURBANK, } *Committee.*

The report was accepted, and was left in the hands of the committee until two P. M., in order that additions might be made.

The Grand Master announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Doings of the Grand Officers.

HENRY R. TAYLOR, HOWARD D. SMITH, JAMES E. PARSONS.

On the Pay Roll.

FRED C. CHALMERS, THOMAS H. BODGE, FRANK E. MONROE.

On Unfinished Business.

ALBERT M. PENLEY, ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

He then delivered his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

With the opening of this ninety-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge another mile stone in our masonic lives has been reached, and we are assembled here to-day to give an account of our works for the year last past, and to commence afresh the duties of another year. That this communication will be one of pleasure to you, that you will enjoy fraternal fellowship here to-day, and that all our actions may be worthy of the great institution we represent, is my earnest prayer, and by the blessing of the Great Ruler of the Universe may our labors be blessed and all our works tend to His glory and the advancement of Masonry.

The past year has been one of peace and harmony. No disturbing elements have arisen to mar the peaceful and harmonious

work of the craftsmen, and the lodges have enjoyed a fruitful year.

The increase in membership for the year has been healthy; great care has been exercised by the lodges in admitting to the fraternity applicants who were worthy of the honor they solicited, and while the increase in membership has not been so large as to call for special notice, I feel that the fraternity has every reason to be thankful that the high character and standing demanded of every candidate has been complied with. The lodges are prosperous, conditions are healthy and the craftsmen determined to carry out the great principles that adorn our beloved institution. The membership at this time is 28,328, a gain of 464 over that of one year ago, and while not a large gain, is, on the whole, satisfactory.

Brethren, with a heart full of gratitude that I am permitted to meet and to welcome so many of my brethren here to-day, and that we are again privileged to gather around our common altar, to offer up our thanks to Him who doeth all things well, and while we are enjoying life and health, let us not forget that the grim Reaper has gathered into that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, there to receive their reward, many of our brethren. The dread Messenger has entered the ranks of our permanent membership and removed therefrom three of our dear brethren.

Notwithstanding the various mementoes of mortality with which we daily meet, notwithstanding Death has established his empire over all the works of Nature, yet, through some unaccountable infatuation, we forget that we are born to die. We go on from one design to another, add hope to hope, and lay out our plans for the employment of many years, till we are suddenly alarmed with the approach of Death, when we least expect him, and at an hour which we probably conclude to be the meridian of our existence.

R. W. Brother EDWIN HOWARD VOSE, M. D., died at his home in Calais June 27, 1909. He was for many years a constant attendant upon the communications of the Grand Lodge, and in 1879 was elected Junior Grand Warden. His life was one of great activity and tension, as the life of a physician must be. I have

requested R. W. Brother Moses Tait to prepare and present a memorial of the life of our brother.

R. W. Brother JOHN B. REDMAN dropped dead in Post Office Square, Ellsworth, March 9, 1910. He was Senior Grand Warden in 1881. Brother REDMAN had been in public service all his life, had filled many offices and received many honors from his fellow-citizens. R. W. Brother James E. Parsons has kindly consented to present to you a memorial of his life.

R. W. Brother JOSEPH M. HAYES died at his home in the city of Bath March 21, 1910. Our beloved brother was Senior Grand Warden in 1885. Through the courtesy of R. W. Bro. W. Scott Shorey I was informed of his death. Accompanied by Brothers Albro E. Chase, P. G. M., Millard F. Hicks, Grand Treasurer, and Franklin R. Redlon, I attended his funeral at Bath, on Thursday March 24th. His lifelong friend and brother, R. W. John W. Ballou, has prepared a memorial, and at this session will present it to you.

"The lamps go out; the stars give up their shining,
The world is lost in darkness for a while,
And foolish hearts give way to sad repining
And feel as though they ne'er again could smile.
Why murmur thus, the needful lesson scorning,
Oh! read thy Teacher and His word aright,
The world would have no greeting for the morning
If 't were not for the darkness of the night."

While we mourn for these losses, we are reminded that our sister jurisdictions have also been heavily stricken and our sympathy goes out to them.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence will report the deaths in our sister jurisdictions.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Soon after the last annual communication, I authorized R. W. Bro. Benjamin L. Hadley to install R. W. Edgar J. Trussell, D. D.

G. M. for the Twenty-first District; R. W. Frederick H. Dole to install Rev. and W. Bro. Robert R. Morson, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Ruel Robinson to install Rev. and W. Bro. Lewis D. Evans, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Bro. Edwin A. Porter to install W. Bro. C. T. Harris, Grand Steward; R. W. Bro. Horace S. Bent to install R. W. Bro. John M. Prescott, D. D. G. M. of the Eleventh District; W. Bro. Elmer E. Payne to install R. W. Bro. Cleff Maxwell, D. D. G. M. of the Fifteenth District; R. W. Bro. R. B. Packard to install R. W. Bro. Frank B. Arnold, D. D. G. M. of the Fifth District; W. Bro. C. J. Pattee to install R. W. Bro. Isaac Hills, D. D. G. M. of the Eighth District; R. W. Bro. Millard H. Wiswell to install W. Bro. Carl G. Wiswell, Grand Pursuivant; R. W. Bro. Will T. Marr to install R. W. Bro. Lewis A. Dunton, D. D. G. M. of the Tenth District; R. W. Bro. Willie F. Ferguson, to install R. W. Bro. James H. Littlefield, D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-third District; M. W. Bro. Hugh R. Chaplain to install R. W. Bro. John E. Emerson, D. D. G. M. of the Sixth District; R. W. Bro. Charles G. Briggs to install R. W. Bro. Herbert W. Trafton D. D. G. M. of the First District; R. W. Bro. Charles G. Briggs to install R. W. Bro. George W. Mooers D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-fifth District.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

Waivers of jurisdiction have been approved in the following cases:

St. Paul's Lodge, So. Boston, Mass., over Walter H. Attwood, in favor of Howard Lodge, No. 69, Winterport, Me.

Columbia Lodge, No. 200, Greenville, over James E. Wilson, in favor of Fidelity Lodge, No. 77, Megantic, Canada.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year dispensations have been granted for the following purposes:

St. Paul's, No. 82,	Arundel, No. 76,
Eggemoggin, No. 128,	Oriental Star, No. 21,
Whitney, No. 167,	Corinthian, No. 95,
Reliance, No. 195,	Seaside, No. 144,
Penobscot, No. 39,	Howard, No. 69,
Olive Branch, No. 124,	Delta, No. 153,
Naskeag, No. 171,	Standish, No. 70,
Richmond, No. 63,	Lewy's Island, No. 138,
Bar Harbor, No. 185,	Phoenix, No. 24,
Sebasticook, No. 146,	Wilton, No. 156,
Siloam, No. 92,	Asylum, No. 133,

to attend divive service St. John's Day.

September 2, 1909, Maine Lodge, No. 20, Farmington, to open a lodge in Music Hall for the purpose of celebrating the 100th anniversary of Maine Lodge.

October 2d, Davis Lodge, No. 191, to attend the 100th anniversary of Maine Lodge, No. 20, Farmington, October 8, 1909.

October 4th, Wilton Lodge, No. 156, to attend the 100th anniversary of Maine Lodge, No. 20, Farmington, October 8, 1909.

October 2d, Waterville Lodge, No. 33, to attend the exercise of laying corner-stone of the new High School Building in Waterville, October 5, 1910.

October 2d, Asylum, No. 133, to elect officers October 22, 1910.

October 15th, Oxford Lodge, No. 18, to elect a Worshipful Master, the Master elect declining to serve.

October 18th, Island Falls, No. 206, to elect their officers at the stated communication in October, 1909, the excessive high water preventing holding their annual communication in September.

November 5th, Trinity, No. 130, to occupy rooms in a new building, on account of their hall burning June 7, 1909.

November 15th, Dresden, No. 103, to install their officers in the Grange Hall, Dresden.

November 29th, St. George, No. 16, to elect a Senior and Junior Warden.

November 30th, Fraternal, No. 55, to elect officers at a meeting other than the annual communication.

December 7th, Reliance, No. 195, Stonington, to hold a meeting in Marine Lodge, No. 122, for the purpose of working the third degree.

February 15th, Reliance, No. 195, to attend divine service February 19, 1910.

February 24th, Whitney, No. 167, to hold meetings in Odd Fellows' Building until they rebuild.

February 25th, Moses Webster Lodge, No. 145, to attend divine service February 27, 1910.

April 13th, Aurora Lodge, No. 50, to attend divine service April 17, 1910.

April 13th, Rockland Lodge, No. 79, to attend divine service April 17, 1910.

I have not granted dispensations for any other purpose.

BY-LAWS.

I have examined the by-laws of the following lodges, and approved changes and additions:

Casco, No. 36,	Bethlehem, No. 35,
Naval, No. 184,	McKinley, U. D.,
Whitney, No. 167,	Alna, No. 43,
York, No. 22,	Ancient Landmark, No. 17.
Amity, No. 6,	

July 3, 1909, I received the book of records of Meduncook Lodge, U. D., at Friendship, with the records and minutes fully inscribed therein, showing that the lodge, had complied with the recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

CHANGES IN MASONIC DISTRICTS.

May 17th, 1909, I made the following change in Twenty-fifth and First Districts.

Monument, No. 96, Houlton, from Twenty-fifth to First District.
Aroostook, No. 197, Blaine, from the Twenty-fifth to First District.

Fort Kent, No. 209, Fort Kent, from the First to the Twenty-fifth District.

Pioneer, No. 72, Ashland, from the First to the Twenty-fifth District.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

July 9, 1909, I nominated R. W. Bro. William Freeman Lord to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

July 9, 1909, I commissioned W. Bro. Samuel C. Fullerton as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

October 29th, I commissioned R. W. Bro. John Joseph Dougall to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

I recommended R. W. Bro. Leon S. Howe to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba near the Grand Lodge of Maine, in place of R. W. Bro. Edwin Howard Vose, deceased.

DEDICATION OF HALLS.

Wednesday, June 16, 1909, a special communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Island Falls for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Island Falls Lodge, No. 206. Assisted by Brothers Frank J. Cole, Senior Grand Warden, Freeman M. Grant, Grand Marshal, Rev. Henry M. Noyes, as Grand Chaplain and Albion E. Chase, P. G. M., as Grand Tyler, the hall was dedicated in ample form. The dedication was public and the hall filled to its full capacity by the families and friends of the brethren. It is a beautiful masonic home, and the members of Island Falls Lodge are to be congratulated for their zeal. A very well arranged program helped to enliven the afternoon. A bountiful banquet after the ex-

ercises was enjoyed by all, for which we have to thank the ladies of the officers and members of the lodge.

Monday, June 21, 1909, a special communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Kenduskeag for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137. Assisted by Brothers Frank J. Cole, Senior Grand Warden, Freeman M. Grant, Grand Marshal, Albro E. Chase, P. G. M., as Grand Tyler, and brethren of the lodge, the hall was dedicated in ample form. The dedication was public and the exercises were of some length, owing to a fine program of local talent which added much to the ceremonies. The brethren are to be commended for their zeal in procuring such a fine home. To the officers and brethren of Island Falls and Kenduskeag lodges, the thanks of the visiting officers of the Grand Lodge are sincerely extended for courtesies received.

CORNER-STONES.

October 5, 1909, by invitation received from the city government, a special communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Waterville, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new High School Building. The Grand Lodge met and opened at the Masonic Hall, and with an escort consisting of St. Omer Commandery, No. 12, and Waterville Lodge, No. 33, proceeded therefrom to the lot where the ceremonies were held. The ceremonies were very impressive, made so by those taking part therein. The school children of all the different grades were largely in attendance, and the exercises of the afternoon were made beautiful by the parts taken by the scholars. With flowers, music, singing, and remarks, the ceremonies were closed, and the Grand Lodge was escorted back to the hall, where it was closed. The thanks of the Grand Lodge were returned to those who assisted, and for courtesies received.

October 6, 1909, by invitation from the city government, the Grand Lodge met at Portland for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new City Building. The Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine, Brother Harry R.

Virgin, courteously and fraternally detailed from his command Portland Commandery, No. 2, and St. Alban Commandery, No. 8, as an escort. The Grand Lodge met and opened at Masonic Hall and were escorted to the lot where the building is being built. The day was a beautiful one, the weather all that was desired, the exercises were of deep interest and witnessed by a large audience. The Grand Master was assisted in the ceremonies by Bro. Adam P. Leighton, Mayor of Portland, and Right Eminent Sir Harry R. Virgin, Grand Commander Knights Templar. Bro. James P. Baxter, Ex-Mayor of the city, delivered an oration which was listened to with deep attention by the large audience. The Grand Lodge was escorted back to the Masonic Hall, when, after extending thanks to those who had so ably assisted, and to the Right Eminent Grand Commander for the courtesies of the escort, it was closed.

GRIEVANCES.

Records of proceedings of lodges against members for alleged unmasonic conduct have been received from the following lodges and have been referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

Davis Lodge, No. 191, against William B. McKeen.

Augusta, Lodge, No. 141, against Clarence B. Partridge.

Ark Lodge, No. 39, of Georgetown, Conn., against Andrew G. Furbush of Wilton Lodge, No. 156, Wilton, Me.; and will be submitted to you.

INVASION OF JURISDICTION.

July 9, 1909, I received complaint from Asylum Lodge, No. 133, against Maine Lodge, No. 20, claiming invasion of jurisdiction.

February 1, 1910, Paris Lodge, No. 94, against Tyrian, No. 73.

April 19, 1910, Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, against King Hiram, No. 57.

LOSS BY FIRE.

Monday, June 7, 1909, the hall of Trinity Lodge, No. 130, Presque Isle, was destroyed by fire. The brethren saved their charter, records and part of the furniture. The hall and furnishings were well covered by insurance. The brethren of Trinity Lodge have taken steps for a speedy rebuilding of a new and larger hall and are to be congratulated for their zeal.

February 8, 1910, Whitney Lodge, No. 156, of Canton, lost their hall by fire. I have not learned the particulars of the fire, or the loss sustained, but I understand the brethren have taken action for a prompt rebuilding of a new hall.

CENTENNIAL MAINE LODGE, NO. 20.

Friday, October 8th, Maine Lodge, No. 20, celebrated the one-hundredth anniversary of the lodge. By invitation from the committee, I had the pleasure of attending the ceremonies, and I take this opportunity to thank the brethren of Maine Lodge for courtesies extended to the Grand Master. The weather was all that could be desired, the brethren very enthusiastic, and the exercises passed off with promptness, thus testifying to the skill and care of those in charge. The occasion was graced with the presence of M. W. Bro. Dana J. Flanders, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, R. W. Thomas A. Davis, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, R. W. Winfield S. Hinckley, Junior Grand Warden, and R. W. John W. Ballou, R. W. Archie L. Talbot and R. W. Enoch O. Greenleaf. After assembling in Masonic Hall, the line, consisting of Davis Lodge, No. 191, Wilton, No. 156, Maine Lodge, No. 20, and Grand Officers, proceeded to Music Hall, where a lodge of M. M. was opened and the forenoon exercises held. At 2 P. M. Bro. D. H. Knowlton, Historian, delivered an address, and remarks were made by Grand Master Flanders, Grand Secretary Davis, R. W. Bros. Ballou, Hinckley, Talbot, Greenleaf and your Grand Master. In the evening a delightful banquet was served in Drummond Hall, and during the evening

remarks were made by the visiting Grand Officers, brethren of Maine and visiting lodges and by Mrs. George W. Currier, the presiding officer of the chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

Early in the fall of 1909, I received an invitation from Gen. Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, to come to Baltimore and help dedicate their new Masonic Temple. With pleasure I accepted the invitation. The ceremonies began on Tuesday, November 16th, and continued until Thursday, the 18th, and there were present to aid the brethren of Maryland the Grand Masters from thirty-three Grand Jurisdictions. The dedication exercises were very impressive, and it was the earnest wish of every visitor that the brethren of Maryland should enjoy their beautiful masonic home for many years. During the stay of the Grand Master a conference was held and matters appertaining to the good of Freemasonry were discussed. Most enjoyable was that occasion. Words fail to express the appreciation of the visiting brethren for the kind and courteous attention shown them by the Masons of Maryland. Everything possible to make our stay pleasant, every wish anticipated by them, they have made us their debtor, which I fear we may never repay. To M. W. Bro. Shryock, and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, who labored so well to rebuild and rededicate their new Masonic Temple, all the praise possible is due.

QUESTIONS.

Many questions have been asked during the past year, and I have answered all. While it is true that these questions could have been answered by referring to the Constitution, the Masonic Text Book, or to the decisions of former Grand Masters, I think the brethren feel better satisfied if the answer comes from one with authority to answer them. No decision has been made during the year, as none of the questions asked called for any special inter-

pretation of masonic law. I might add if more questions were asked less trouble would arise, for when in doubt ask and find out.

THANKS.

To the District Deputy Grand Masters who have so faithfully served the brethren for the past year and who have ever complied with my requests I return my sincere thanks. They have attended to every duty and faithfully discharged every demand made upon them. To all who have the past two years assisted me with their presence and with their advice I am humbly grateful. The many duties and responsibilities have been made lighter by their kindness and I fully appreciate their needful help. I wish to acknowledge the great aid and assistance rendered me the past two years by our beloved Grand Secretary, Brother Stephen Berry. Without his aid and help what could a Grand Master do?

PAPERS FROM GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

I have received the following papers from other Grand Jurisdictions and acknowledged receipt therefor:

TISHOMINGO, OKLA., July 2, 1909.

MR. EDMUND B. MALLET,

M. W. Grand Master of Masons,
Freeport, Maine.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:

Official announcement of the consolidation of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Indian Territory and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Oklahoma, into the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma, which occurred on the 10th day of February, 1909, has been forwarded to you.

We feel that inasmuch as this was a consolidation and not a dissolution or disintegration; that both Grand Lodges live and exist hereafter as one, a combination of both, and that where either or both former Grand Bodies were officially recognized no formality in conferring recognition on us is now necessary.

If the above view of the situation meets your approbation, I suggest an exchange of Representatives near our respective Grand Lodges, and fraternally nominate Worshipful Samuel C. Fullerton, of Miami, Oklahoma, as the Representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine near that of the State of Oklahoma.

I beg to say that I shall have the pleasure of appointing as the Representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma near that of Maine whomsoever you choose to honor by nominating.

Awaiting your reply and trusting that the Grand Lodge of Maine may continue in peace, prosperity and happiness until the last hour of recorded time, I have the honor to be

Fraternally yours,

H. L. MULDROW, *Grand Master.*

FREEPORT, July 9, 1909.

MR. H. L. MULDROW,

M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Oklahoma,
Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir and Most Worshipful Brother:

Your letter dated July 3d is received. I congratulate the fraternity upon the conditions that now exist in the State of Oklahoma, and sincerely wish that all peace, harmony and prosperity may come to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma. I am sure the brethren of the State of Maine will welcome the change and with this goes my own personal approbation. Grand Secretary Stephen Berry will forward commission of W. Bro. Samuel C. Fullerton as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, to your Grand Secretary. R. W. Bro. William Freeman Lord is the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma near the Grand Lodge of Maine and I recommend he be continued as such. I thank you for the fraternal sentiments for the prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and as time rolls along may the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma meet with its fullest anticipations.

Yours fraternally,

EDMUND B. MALLET, *Grand Master.*

LOUISVILLE, KY., December 4, 1909.

Most Worshipful Brother:

Section 175 Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky reads:

"If a mason, who is a member of a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, shall make his residence or establish permanent business in another Grand Lodge jurisdiction, the lodge nearest such residence or place of business may take penal jurisdiction over him by preferring charges against him before his own lodge brings formal accusation for the same offence, and may reprimand, suspend or expel him, according to its findings and sentence, after due trial had in accordance with the laws of the Grand Lodge under which the trial lodge is holden, and shall give to the Kentucky lodge of which the accused was a member, prompt notice of the action taken. This privilege shall apply only to such Grand Jurisdictions as shall accord to Kentucky lodges the same rights and privileges over such of their members as may come from their jurisdictions to that of this Grand Lodge."

At the 109th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge held October 19th, 20th and 21st, I was directed to submit the provisions in the above Section to all the Grand Jurisdictions in the United States. In compliance I fraternally submit the provisions to your jurisdiction, with the brotherly request that they be either accepted or rejected.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN H. COWLES, *Grand Master.*

FREEPORT, ME., Dec. 8, 1909.

HON. JOHN H. COWLES,

Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir and Most Worshipful Brother:

I am in receipt of yours dated Dec. 4th, and I assure you it will be my pleasure to bring the matter of which you write, to the attention of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine at the Annual Communication, May 3, 1910.

Fraternally yours,

EDMUND B. MALLET, *Grand Master.*

RICHMOND, VA., January 17, 1910.

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

OF MASONS, STATE OF MAINE.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:

In a short while you will receive an invitation from Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, A. F. & A. M. of Alexandria, Virginia, to attend its annual celebration of General Washington's birthday, February 22, 1910.

The particular and important object of this occasion is to form an association to erect a "National Memorial to Washington, the Mason." This undertaking, which has my unqualified approval and support, will be fully set forth in a letter accompanying the invitation and I earnestly trust that you may be able to attend in person to assist in the promotion of this most worthy effort.

May I ask that you give the subject and invitation in question your careful consideration and if possible arrange to be in Alexandria at the time specified, or if you find it impossible to attend, be represented by one of your Grand Lodge officers? Invitations will be sent to every Grand Master in the United States and it is expected the meeting will be a large and representative one.

Cordially and fraternally yours,

JOS. W. EGGLESTON,

Grand Master of Masons in Virginia.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, I am about to return to you the power and authority which you so graciously placed in my keeping, and step down among you in order that my successor may assume the duties and obligations that belong to the high office of Grand Master. The past two years have been those of pleasure and profit; pleasure in being offered the opportunity of mingling with my brethren in every section of this Grand Jurisdiction, and profit to myself in my intercourse with them. In my humble way I have given to our beloved Institution the best I had, for surely it was the least I could do. I earnestly hope you will all arrive safely to your homes, that the coming year will be one of calm, and peace, and prosperity to you all. The memories of the past two years, my brethren, will last as long as life.

EDMUND B. MALLET, *Grand Master.*

The address was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

The Grand Master also presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and of the

Grand Lecturer, which were referred to the same committee.

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT.

SABBATH, ME., April 1, 1910.

MOST WORSHIPFUL EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of M^asons in Maine.

Since my last report as Grand Lecturer I have held eight "Lodges of Instruction" or "Schools."

October 14, 1908, I held a "school" at Portland, at which were present the Grand Master and 8 officers of the Grand Lodge, 2 Past Grand Masters, several Past Grand Wardens, Deputy Grand Masters from the 10th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 22d districts, and about 65 brethren representing 26 lodges. Portland, Ancient Landmark and Atlantic lodges were most hospitable, furnishing to all comers a dinner at noon and a fine banquet at 6 o'clock. In the evening Portland Lodge exemplified the work in the F. C. degree for inspection by the District Deputies present.

October 23, 1908, a "school" was held at South Berwick, at which were the Deputies from the 17th and 19th districts and 22 brethren representing 8 Maine lodges. Though the attendance was small the meeting was an especially interesting one. St. John's Lodge furnished a dinner at the hotel to her guests and a fine banquet in the evening to all brethren present, including representatives from 8 lodges in Maine, 5 in New Hampshire, 3 in Massachusetts, 1 in Connecticut and 1 in Ohio. The M. M. degree was worked by St. John's Lodge and inspected by the Deputies.

October 26, 1908, the "school" was held at Skowhegan and was largely attended, including 2 Past Grand Masters, Deputies from the 13th and 24th districts, many Past Masters, Masters and Wardens and about 75 brethren representing 17 lodges, including every lodge in the 13th district. Bountiful hospitality was extended by Somerset Lodge, and in the evening its officers worked the M. M. degree for inspection by the Deputies.

October 30, 1908, I held a "school" at Bangor for which I feel sure the Bangor brethren had made full preparation. There were present 2 Past Grand Masters, several past and present officers of the Grand Lodge, Deputies from the 1st, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 20th, and 25th districts, and about 60 brethren representing 17 Maine and 1 South Dakota lodge, including 10 Masters. In the evening St. Andrew's Lodge worked the M. M. degree for the inspection of the Deputies. The hospitality of St. Andrew's and Rising Virtue lodges was unbounded and included a fine banquet at the Bangor House.

October 8, 1909, a "school" was held at Dexter, attended by the Deputies from the 1st, 5th, 6th and 22d districts, and about 40 brethren, representing 8 lodges. Penobscot Lodge furnished a banquet, and its work in the evening on the M. M. degree was inspected by the Deputies, 65 brethren being present.

October 14, 1909, a "school" was held at Woodfords, Portland, with Deering Lodge. In my reports I seldom allow myself to specialize, but I think it due to Deering Lodge to state that in no other place where I held "schools" have such efforts been made to secure a large attendance as at my two "schools" at Woodfords, largely due to the zeal and persistency of Wor. Master Isaac A. Clough, who sent personal letters and newspaper notices broadcast over the whole jurisdiction. At this meeting were the Grand Master and many officers of the Grand Lodge, 2 Past Grand Masters, Deputies from the 2d, 11th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 23d and 24th districts, and about 125 brethren representing 37 lodges. In the evening Deering Lodge worked the M. M. degree, which was inspected by the Deputies in the presence of over 350 brethren. The hospitality of Deering Lodge included a lunch at noon and banquets at 5 and 7 o'clock, 325 brethren being seated at the tables.

October 19, 1909, I held a "school" at Bath, at which were present the Deputies from the 9th, 14th, 16th, and 17th districts, and a large number of brethren representing 19 lodges. I had the pleasure of meeting three brethren who have been co-workers in Masonry with me for many years, John W. Ballou, Junior Grand Warden in 1869-70; Joseph M. Hayes, Senior Grand Warden in 1885; and W. Scott Shorey, Senior Grand Warden in 1904. To more than one of us came the thought that this might be the last time when we four could meet together, and so, alas, it proved, for the spirit of Right Worshipful Brother Hayes has since been called from its earthly tabernacle, and his visible presence at the meetings of the fraternity which he so dearly loved must now be exchanged by us for ever diminishing memories of the past.

In the evening the M. M. degree was conferred for inspection by the Deputies upon one candidate by officers selected from Solar and Polar Star Lodges, which lodges also furnished dinner and supper to visiting brethren.

October 27, 1909, a "school" was opened in Belfast, and a large number of brethren were present, including our Deputy Grand Master, 1 Past Grand Master, several officers of the Grand Lodge, the Deputies from the 4th, 7th, 8th, 12th, 20th, and 25th districts, and representatives from 35 lodges. A supper was furnished to more than 200 brethren by Phoenix and Timothy Chase Lodges. In the evening the M. M. degree was ex-

emplified by the officers of Timothy Chase Lodge, which was duly inspected by the Deputies present.

The District Deputies who have been present at the various meetings have been especially called upon to assist in carrying on the work, to assure me that they were gaining accuracy in the ritual, and it is to be regretted that every Deputy should not have attended at least one "school." In 1908 the Deputies from districts Nos. 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 14, 15, 21, and 23 did not attend any "school" but most of them had been present in previous years.

In 1909 only 3 Deputies were marked "absent," from the 3d, 10th, and 13th districts, and the Deputy from the 3d district is the only one who has not been present at either of the last eight "schools."

At all the meetings every brother has seemed to be very much interested in the work and shown a desire to profit by the instruction given, the local lodges have been most hospitable, and their evening work has been, in every case, better than excellent.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. SLEEPER, *Grand Lecturer.*

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, which was referred to the Committee of Finance, as follows:

PORTLAND, May 3, 1910.

Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.,

in account with MILLARD F. HICKS, *Grand Treasurer.*

1909.

RECEIPTS.

May	4.	Balance from old account,	\$11,427.15
		Received from Trustees Charity Fund for mortgage on Cumberland Avenue real estate,	2,800.00
		Received for Meridian, Miss., Water bond,	500.00
		" interest Portland National Bank to Sep- tember 20, 1909,	64.13
1910.			
April	5.	" interest Portland National Bank to March 20, 1910,	40.42
		" interest Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co. to April 1, 1910,	43.44
		" interest Fidelity Trust Co. to May 1, 1910,	90.58

April	28.	Received charter fee Meduncook Lodge,.....	30.00
	29.	“ Grand Chapter 3/10 office expenses,....	139.88
		“ Grand Commandery 2/10 office expenses,	93.26
		“ from District Deputy Grand Masters :	

1910.

March	10.	Isaac N. Jones, 2d District,.....	241.40
	15.	Daniel G. Chaplin, 18th District,	178.40
	16.	Frank B. Arnold, 5th District,.....	372.20
		Lewis A. Dunton, 10th District,.....	347.00
	17.	John M. Burleigh, 19th District,.....	395.20
	24.	Melvin W. Knowles, 22d District,.....	212.60
		Moses D. Joyce, 4th District,	264.00
	28.	John M. Prescott, 11th District,.....	429.20
	29.	Edgar J. Trussell, 21st District,.....	394.60
		Herbert W. Trafton, 1st District,	301.00
		Millard H. Wiswell, 3d District,.....	227.40
	30.	Willis J. Greeley, 7th District,.....	148.40
	31.	David G. Bean, 13th District,.....	306.00
		Cleff Maxwell, 15th District,.....	326.80
		James H. Littlefield, 23d District,.....	244.20
April	1.	Winfield S. Clark, 9th District,	510.80
		Lewis V. Winship, 24th District,	511.60
		Frederick H. Dole, 17th District,.....	808.00
	5.	Bert K. Meservey, 12th District,.....	243.00
		N. Gratz Jackson, 14th District,.....	357.40
	6.	John E. Emerson, 6th District,.....	325.80
	7.	Daniel W. Ballantyne, 20th District,	187.00
	13.	Isaac S. Hills, 8th District,	182.00
	15.	Ned I. Swan, 16th District,.....	329.00
	19.	George H. Mooers, 25th District,.....	230.40
Total receipts,.....			<u>\$23,302.26</u>

1909.

DISBURSEMENTS.

May	6.	Paid Pay Roll as per order,.....	\$ 2,482.50
		“ Herbert Harris, services in Library,.....	8.00
	7.	“ Walter S. Smith, services as Organist,.....	10.00
	14.	“ Warren O. Carney, services as Grand Tyler,.	30.00
		“ Warren O. Carney, for gloves ordered by	
		Grand Master,.....	2.75
	22.	“ Am. Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas,...	100.00
June	18.	“ Portland Savings Bank, rent to June 1st,....	100.00
	19.	“ George D. Loring, binding proceedings,.....	26.00

June 19.	Paid Cleaning offices,.....	15.00
	“ Stephen Berry, Gr. Sec., 2,000 envelopes,...	5.36
	“ Notices, circulars, etc.,.....	16.40
27.	“ Smith & Sale, stencils, express and postage,...	5.17
31.	“ Stephen Berry, Gr. Secretary, salary to date,...	162.50
Aug. 13.	“ Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary,	
	1,500 copies 1909 proceedings,.....	589.56
	250 correspondence advance,.....	4.27
	25 correspondence reports for Albro	
	E. Chase,.....	2.13
	48 extra sheets, 5 forms,.....	.46
14.	“ Mailing bill, 1909 proceedings,.....	35.20
Sept. 7.	“ Albro E. Chase, Com. on Correspondence,...	100.00
9.	“ Portland Savings Bank, rent to Sept. 1st,...	100.00
11.	“ Cleaning offices to Aug. 28th,.....	14.00
Oct. 28.	“ Stephen Berry, Gr. Sec., salary to Oct. 31st,...	162.50
Nov. 12.	“ D. W. Schwarz, 2 doz. gloves,.....	5.50
	“ Am. Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas,...	100.00
29.	“ J. A. Merrill & Co., repairing bags and gild- ing cups,.....	3.50
Dec. 3.	“ cleaning offices to November 27th,.....	14.00
27.	“ Portland Gas Light Co., fixtures for Grand Treasurer's office,.....	9.05
1910.		
Jan. 4.	“ Portland Savings Bank, rent to Dec. 1, 1909,.	100.00
31.	“ Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, salary to date,.....	162.50
Feb. 28.	“ Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, expenses Lodges of Instruction,.....	74.14
	“ salary for year, ...	25.00
March 1.	“ cleaning offices to February 26th,	14.00
3.	“ George D. Loring, binding,.....	41.00
16.	“ Portland Savings Bank, rent to March 1, 1910,.	100.00
31.	“ American Bank Note Co. 200 Past Masters Diplomas,.....	40.00
April 13.	“ Masonic Trustees, E. W. Cox, Treasurer, rent of hall for 1910,	125.00
18.	“ M. F. Hicks, salary as Grand Treasurer for past year,....	300.00
21.	“ Herbert Harris, services in Library,.....	12.50
28.	“ Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, salary to April 30, 1910,	162.50
	“ notices, etc.,.....	39.05

April 28.	Paid Grand Secretary's account with Grand Lodge, balance,	27.59
"	Grand Lodge room account with Grand Secretary,	9.28
30.	" M. F. Hicks, postage, expressage, paper, etc. past year,	4.64
		<hr/> \$5,341.05
Transferred to Charity Fund by vote of Grand Lodge,		
	Mortgage on Cumberland Avenue real estate,	\$2,800.00
	1 Meridian, Miss., Water Bond,	500.00
Transferred to Charity Fund by recommendation of Finance Committee amount paid beneficiaries and Grand Master,		
		<hr/> 1,334.00
		<hr/> \$4,634.00

EXPENSES OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

March 10.	Paid Isaac N. Jones, 2d District,	21.95
17.	" Frank B. Arnold, 5th District,	25.95
22.	" Daniel G. Chaplin, 18th District,	18.00
24.	" Melvin W. Knowles, 22d District,	24.00
30.	" Edgar J. Trussell, 21st District,	44.80
	" John M. Prescott, 11th District,	19.74
	" Herbert W. Trafton, 1st District,	16.75
April 2.	" Millard H. Wiswell, 3d District,	17.50
	" James H. Littlefield, 23d District,	6.50
	" Winfield S. Clark, 9th District,	28.79
	" Cleff Maxwell, 15th District,	50.58
	" Lewis V. Winship, 24th District,	2.00
	" Frederick H. Dole, 17th District,	6.90
6.	" John E. Emerson, 6th District,	15.85
	" Bert K. Meserve, 12th District,	22.30
	" N. Gratz Jackson, 14th District,	10.55
9.	" Daniel W. Ballantyne, 20th District,	20.50
13.	" Willis J. Greeley, 7th District,	18.45
	" Moses D. Joyce, 4th District,	44.15
15.	" Isaac S. Hills, 8th District,	17.10
16.	" Ned I. Swan, 16th District,	17.95
19.	" George H. Mooers, 25th District,	20.57
20.	" Lewis A. Dunton, 10th District,	30.65
27.	" John M. Burleigh, 19th District,	21.90
	Total disbursements,	<hr/> \$10,498.48

Balance to new account :

Cash in Portland National Bank,	\$8,995.18	
" " Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co.,	1,475.24	" "
" " Fidelity Trust Co.,	2,333.36	
	<u>12,803.78</u>	
		<u>\$23,302.26</u>

Fraternally submitted,

MILLARD F. HICKS, *Grand Treasurer.*

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report, which was accepted, as follows :

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, May 3, 1910.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

The several committees will report upon the routine duties of my office.

The returns came in as promptly as usual. I was obliged to write for twenty-four of them, which is about the usual number of laggards, in some cases on account of illness, in others on account of inexperienced secretaries. In a still larger number of cases I was obliged to write for corrections. In some cases it is difficult to obtain them, the secretaries neglecting to answer, in which cases a letter to the master usually brings the reply.

I strongly urge the necessity of preserving and binding the returns, and keeping them in a different place from the records as a guard against loss by fire. Some secretaries cannot get at the exact list of their members, and it is generally found that their returns have not been preserved by the secretaries. They are exceedingly valuable, if only to show the exact condition of the membership each year, which nothing else does. Each lodge should keep a list of members constantly corrected, but many do not.

Ten of the lodges had no initiates during the year, but on the other hand four lodges had twenty or over, and thirty-two had ten or over.

The death rate shows an increase from 17.82 to 19.24 in 1,000. The previous year there had been a decrease from 19.45 in 1908, to 17.82. But the rate has been increasing in the last half century, for in 1856 it was 12.48, in 1861 it was 10.32. In 1862, after the first year of the civil war, it ran up to 20; in 1863 it was 20; in 1864 it was 16.30; in 1865 it was 22.29;

in 1866 it fell off to 17.37 and ran down in 1870 to 9.44. It began to rise again and in 1876 was 11.57; in 1886 it was 13.42; in 1896, 16.75. The only explanation seems to be the increasing age of the members without an equal increase of young candidates. The death rate in the Grand Encampment K. T. for 1909 was 16 in 1000. I find no tables for the whole country in the lodge proceedings, but in Illinois Grand Lodge the rate was 12.54 in 1909, and in Wisconsin it was 14.29. As Maine is a healthy state, perhaps the large death rate is due to favoring the old masons and holding them in membership. A study of the percentage of dismissals and dropping from the rolls would answer that question.

I received an acknowledgment of the reception of the annual proceedings from Marcus W. Eveleth, Secretary of Acacia Lodge of Durham, which I wish to record because of its novelty. One or two instances occur each year in which secretaries neglect to take them from the express for months after being notified, but they can hardly fail of eventual delivery without my knowledge.

Some of the blanks sent for applications for charity are mislaid and instead of sending for others the applications are sent in without them. This is unwise, because, if the committee do not throw them aside they are sure to make a difference in the amount voted, and it is unfair to the beneficiary to deprive him of needed assistance to save a little trouble to the official whose own carelessness occasioned it. One application, a very deserving case, appeals for a liberal contribution, yet shows that nothing was given by the lodge. The committee cannot be strongly impressed by a case which did not appeal to the lodge itself, and a lodge cannot expect the Grand Lodge to undertake to relieve it from all charitable work, as the Charity Fund is intended to supplement the lodge charity and not to take its place.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Grand Secretary.*

MEDUNCOOK LODGE.

The Grand Secretary presented the books and papers of Meduncook Lodge, U. D., with a petition for a charter, which were referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

RETURNS.

The Grand Secretary also submitted the report of

the Committee on Returns, which was accepted, as follows :

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, Tuesday, May 3, 1910.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Returns would report that returns have been received from all the 201 chartered lodges and two U. D.

The following summary shows the comparison with the last four years:

	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.
Initiated,.....	1237	1344	1423	1203	1206
Raised,.....	1218	1281	1230	1186	1191
Affiliated, ...	108	140	357	107	135
Re-instated, ..	72	68	96	89	78
Dimitted,.....	171	203	384	174	192
Died,.....	442	490	516	493	545
Suspended,	1	1	1	0	1
Expelled,.....	2	1	2	3	2
Susp. from membership, ..	221	135	166	225	192
Deprived of membership, 9	9	5	4	3	6
Number of members,...	25,889	26,530	27,356	27,864	28,328
Rejected,.....	356	384	351	328	329

The gain is 464, about 1 2-3 per cent., a slight decrease from last year, when it was 508.

The increase is very satisfactory when compared with the footings in 1856, when your chairman first had the honor to serve the Grand Lodge. Previous to that the statistics were not given. The membership then was 3211 and the yearly increase under 100.

The death rate is 19.24 to a thousand, an increase from last year.

The average lodge membership is 139 plus.

The accompanying abstract will show the work in detail.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,
EDWIN A. PORTER, } *Committee.*
JAMES C. AYER.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1910:

Nos.	Lodges.	Initiated.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Re-instated.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended.	Expelled.	N. P. D.		No. Members.	Rejected.
										Suspended.	D. of Mem.		
1	Portland,.....	15	12	0	0	2	12	0	0	0	0	379	3
2	Warren,.....	8	7	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	135	0
3	Lincoln,.....	6	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	156	0
4	Hancock,.....	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	87	0
5	Kennebec,.....	3	6	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	0	136	2
6	Amity,.....	14	13	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	232	0
7	Eastern,.....	8	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	157	2
8	United,.....	5	4	1	0	1	8	0	0	2	0	209	3
9	Saco,.....	22	21	1	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	206	11
10	Rising Virtue,.....	7	4	1	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	200	7
11	Pythagorean,.....	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	115	0
12	Cumberland,.....	13	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	153	1
13	Oriental,.....	3	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	196	0
14	Solar,.....	2	6	0	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	237	0
15	Orient,.....	1	1	2	0	4	8	0	0	3	0	146	0
16	St. George,.....	4	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	125	0
17	Anc't Landmark,.....	13	10	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	524	12
18	Oxford,.....	10	9	3	0	3	5	0	0	1	0	189	1
19	Felicity,.....	1	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	114	0
20	Maine,.....	8	9	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	144	4
21	Oriental Star,.....	5	6	2	0	3	8	0	0	5	0	217	3
22	York,.....	5	5	0	0	1	2	0	0	5	0	146	0
23	Freeport,.....	5	5	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	149	0
24	Phoenix,.....	5	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	147	0
25	Temple,.....	4	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	99	1
26	Village,.....	6	7	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	126	1
27	Adoniram,.....	6	6	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	67	0
28	Northern Star,.....	1	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	121	0
29	Tranquil,.....	16	17	1	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	356	0
30	Blazing Star,.....	14	11	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	291	2
31	Union,.....	4	3	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	114	0
32	Hermon,.....	13	15	1	2	0	11	0	0	4	0	382	6
33	Waterville,.....	21	23	4	1	3	5	0	0	7	0	340	13
34	Somerset,.....	7	10	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	206	1
35	Bethlehem,.....	14	13	1	2	3	10	0	0	11	0	344	2
36	Casco,.....	6	6	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	179	2
37	Washington,.....	7	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123	0
38	Harmony,.....	5	4	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	163	4
39	Penobscot,.....	2	4	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	158	0
40	Lygonia,.....	8	4	0	1	1	11	0	0	0	0	478	1
41	Morning Star,.....	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	110	2
42	Freedom,.....	7	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	77	0
43	Alna,.....	7	7	0	3	1	8	0	0	1	0	161	0
44	Piscataquis,.....	18	18	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	179	4
45	Central,.....	2	3	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	100	0
46	St. Croix,.....	9	4	0	0	1	5	0	0	15	1	173	0
47	Dunlap,.....	12	12	0	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	258	3
48	Lafayette,.....	2	2	0	0	4	4	0	0	4	0	101	0
49	Meridian Splendor,.....	7	7	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	150	3
50	Aurora,.....	18	21	3	0	4	6	0	0	8	0	344	1

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N.P. S.	Dues. D.	Mem.	R.
51	St. John's,	6	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	132	1
52	Mosaic,	7	5	5	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	160	0
53	Rural,	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	66	0
54	Vassalboro,	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	76	0
55	Fraternal,	5	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	74	1
56	Mount Moriah,	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	53	0
57	King Hiram,	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	123	0
58	Unity,	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	2
59	Mt. Hope, (ch. sur.)												
60	Star in the East,	1	3	0	0	1	6	0	0	2	0	198	8
61	King Solomon's,	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	114	0
62	King David's,	2	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	64	0
63	Richmond,	8	12	1	0	2	4	0	0	1	0	147	1
64	Pacific,	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	81	0
65	Mystic,	7	8	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	136	2
66	Mechanics,	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	121	0
67	Blue Mountain,	3	3	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	140	11
68	Mariners,	7	7	2	2	0	3	0	0	2	0	125	0
69	Howard,	2	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	126	1
70	Standish,	5	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	104	2
71	Rising Sun,	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	87	0
72	Pioneer,	5	4	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	141	6
73	Tyrian,	17	15	4	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	219	6
74	Bristol,	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	126	0
75	Plymouth,	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	11	0	28	0
76	Arundel,	9	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	97	4
77	Tremont,	0	0	0	3	18	4	0	0	12	0	124	0
78	Crescent,	4	9	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	128	0
79	Rockland,	12	12	0	5	0	6	0	0	3	0	218	1
80	Keystone,	4	6	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	126	1
81	Atlantic,	17	13	0	2	1	7	0	0	5	0	307	2
82	St. Paul's,	7	5	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	191	0
83	St. Andrew's,	6	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	251	8
84	Eureka,	2	2	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	95	0
85	Star in the West,	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	89	0
86	Temple,	7	9	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	232	2
87	Benevolent,	5	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	65	1
88	Narraguagus,	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	92	0
89	Island,	3	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	110	0
90	Hiram Abiff, (ch. rev.)	68											
91	Harwood,	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	171	1
92	Siloam,	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	197	1
93	Horeb,	12	15	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	185	4
94	Paris,	4	4	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	94	1
95	Corinthian,	3	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	104	0
96	Monument,	14	11	1	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	252	4
97	Bethel,	3	4	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	100	1
98	Katahdin,	3	4	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	114	3
99	Vernon Valley,	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	87	0
100	Jefferson,	2	3	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	84	1
101	Nezinscot,	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	97	2
102	Marsh River,	5	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	71	1
103	Dresden,	5	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	0
104	Dirigo,	1	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	90	0

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. S.	Dues. D.	Mem.	R.
105	Ashlar,.....	9	8	1	1	3	6	0	0	0	0	308	5
106	Tuscan,.....	3	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	5	0	157	0
107	Day Spring,...	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0
108	Relief, (<i>ch. recalled</i>)	94											
109	Mount Kineo,...	1	2	3	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	133	1
110	Monmouth,.....	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	128	0
111	Liberty,.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	85	0
112	Eastern Frontier,...	8	6	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	142	0
113	Messalonskee,...	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	103	0
114	Polar Star,.....	6	6	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	283	0
115	Buxton,.....	6	6	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	108	1
116	Lebanon,.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	94	2
117	Greenleaf,.....	3	4	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	173	0
118	Drummond,.....	8	5	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	83	2
119	Pownal,.....	2	2	0	1	1	4	0	0	9	0	87	0
120	Meduncook, (<i>ch. s.</i>)	84											
121	Acacia,.....	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	74	0
122	Marine,.....	19	18	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	239	2
123	Franklin,.....	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	54	3
124	Olive Branch,.....	5	5	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	81	3
125	Meridian,.....	11	8	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	154	0
126	Timothy Chase,...	3	1	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	117	0
127	Presumpscot,...	5	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	109	1
128	Eggemoggin,.....	4	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	109	0
129	Quantabacook,...	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	58	0
130	Trinity,.....	10	8	0	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	160	4
131	Lookout,.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	54	0
132	Mount Tire'm,...	2	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	82	0
133	Asylum,.....	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	60	0
134	Trojan, (<i>consol'd</i>)	88											
135	Riverside,.....	7	7	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	112	0
136	Ionic, (<i>ch. sur.</i>)	82											
137	Kenduskeag,.....	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	104	1
138	Lewy's Island,...	20	19	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	146	1
139	Archon,.....	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	6	0	60	0
140	Mount Desert,...	4	4	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	88	0
141	Augusta,.....	14	13	3	1	1	9	1	0	0	0	327	0
142	Ocean,.....	4	4	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	64	0
143	Preble,.....	6	12	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	173	8
144	Seaside,.....	9	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	249	0
145	Moses Webster,...	8	8	0	0	0	7	0	0	2	3	223	1
146	Seabasticook,...	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	120	0
147	Evening Star,...	4	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	88	0
148	Forest,.....	14	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	3
149	Doric,.....	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	0
150	Rabboni,.....	14	15	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	271	1
151	Excelsior,.....	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1
152	Crooked River,...	3	3	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	97	0
153	Delta,.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	0
154	Mystic Tie,.....	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0
155	Ancient York,...	8	9	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	152	7
156	Wilton,.....	7	7	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	142	3
157	Cambridge,.....	3	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	83	3
158	Anchor,.....	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	77	0

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D. S.	D. D.	Mem.	R.
159	Esoteric, <i>consol.</i> '08												
160	Parian,	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	83	0
161	Carrabassett,	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	87	0
162	Arion,	6	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	61	0
163	Pleasant River,	14	14	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	199	8
164	Webster,	4	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	58	0
165	Molunkus,	7	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	90	1
166	Neguemkeag,	3	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	42	0
167	Whitney,	9	8	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	96	3
168	Composite,	6	7	0	0	2	3	0	0	2	0	107	2
169	Shepherd's River,	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	49	0
170	Caribou,	11	12	1	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	158	6
171	Naskeag,	3	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	83	0
172	Pine Tree,	5	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	6	0	123	4
173	Pleiades,	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	155	1
174	Lynde,	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	78	0
175	Baskahegan,	5	4	1	0	1	2	0	0	10	0	137	0
176	Palestine,	<i>Con soli dat ed</i>					'95						
177	Rising Star,	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	89	0
178	Ancient Brothers,	8	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	246	6
179	Yorkshire,	3	3	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	90	1
180	Hiram,	15	15	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	276	4
181	Reuel Washburn,	<i>Con soli dat ed</i>					'92						
182	Granite,	5	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	99	1
183	Deering,	17	16	3	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	368	1
184	Naval,	2	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	128	4
185	Bar Harbor,	7	7	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	228	4
186	Warren Phillips,	12	7	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	229	1
187	Ira Berry,	3	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	58	0
188	Jonesport,	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	143	1
189	Knox,	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	67	0
190	Springvale,	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	134	2
191	Davis,	4	5	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	111	0
192	Winter Harbor,	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	122	0
193	Washburn,	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	82	0
194	Euclid,	9	9	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	149	3
195	Reliance,	8	10	2	1	1	4	0	0	4	0	190	0
196	Bay View,	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	0
197	Aroostook,	12	14	1	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	133	6
198	St. Aspinquid,	4	6	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	68	0
199	Bingham,	13	11	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	150	13
200	Columbia,	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	83	7
201	David A. Hooper,	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	138	0
202	Mount Bigelow,	8	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	63	2
203	Mount Olivet,	3	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	59	1
204	Mount Abram,	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	1
205	Nolleseme,	10	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	130	6
206	Island Falls,	18	14	3	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	128	5
207	Abner Wade,	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	52	0
208	N. East Harbor,	5	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	54	1
209	Fort Kent,	5	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	69	2
210	Bagaduce,	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0
	U.D. Meduncook,	15	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
	U.D. McKinley,	22	22	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	5
		1206	1191	135	78	102	545	1	2	192		628,328	329

CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

Certificates of Charter were voted to

Reliance Lodge, No. 195, Stonington.

Seaside Lodge, No. 144, Boothbay Harbor.

Narraguagus Lodge, No. 88, Cherryfield.

EDWIN HOWARD VOSE.

Bro. MOSES TAIT presented the following memorial:

PORTLAND, May 3, 1910.

In accordance with the request of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, EDMUND B. MALLETT, I herewith present the following memorial:

“‘Heimgang.’ So the German people
Whisper when they hear the bell
Tolling from some gray old steeple,
Death’s familiar tale to tell;
When they hear the organ surges
Swelling out from chapel dome,
And the singers chanting dirges,
‘Heimgang,’ always ‘going home.’

“‘Heimgang.’ Quaint and tender saying,
In the grand old German tongue,
That hath shaped Melanchthon’s praying,
And the hymns that Luther sung.
Blessed is our loving Maker,
That where’er our feet may roam,
Still we journey towards ‘God’s Acre,’
‘Heimgang,’ always ‘going home.’

“‘Heimgang.’ We are all so weary,
And the willows as they wave,
Softly sighing, sweetly, dreary,
Woo us to the tranquil grave;
When the golden pitcher’s broken,
With its dregs and with its foam,
And the tender words are spoken,
‘Heimgang.’ We are ‘going home.’” (Selected.)

Past Junior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful EDWIN HOWARD VOSE died at his home in Calais, on Sunday morning, June 27, 1909, of pneumonia complicated with heart trouble, at the age of seventy years and ten months.

He was born at Robbinston, Maine, August 30, 1838, son of Peter Thatcher and Lydia Cushing (Buck) Vose. He was educated in the public schools and Calais Academy. He studied medicine with Drs. Holmes and Swan of Calais, and at Maine Medical School, Brunswick, receiving his M. D. in 1864. He was married in Calais September 12,

1866, to Elisa Maria Goodnow. His widow and three children survive, Kate Gage, wife of Rev. George S. Mills of Vermont, Henry G. Vose of Boston, and Miss Winnifred of Calais.

He served in the Civil War as naval surgeon, and practiced his profession in Gorham from 1866 to 1869, coming to Calais in the latter year. Brother Vose was one of the oldest and best known physicians in the border town, and carried sunshine and cheer into the sick room. He had a genial disposition, a kind and sympathetic heart, and to know him was to love him.

He was a close student of and an eminent author on Indian language, and legends relative to the Maine and New Brunswick Indians; and when quite a young man, the Passamaquoddies wanted to make him their Chieftain. He could talk with them in their own language, and they always sought him when in need of a physician.

Brother Vose was not only an eminent physician, but an artist of rare taste, as the archives of the masonic bodies in Calais will reveal to coming generations. He was perhaps the best posted American citizen, not born in Scotland, on the plaids, the tartans, the coronachs, the slogans and other symbols of the Scottish people. Brother Vose was a true man, and consequently a true mason; and, while not so brilliant a ritualist as some, was an earnest worker, being imbued with the spirit rather than the letter of the work. He was chosen consecutively Master of St. Croix Lodge, High Priest of St. Croix Chapter, Master of St. Croix Council, Eminent Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery Knights Templar and Eminent Prelate of the latter body, which office he held from 1893 until the time of his death. He was also Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Maine for twelve years in succession, a member of Delta Lodge of Perfection, Deering Council Princes of Jerusalem, Dunlap Chapter Rose Croix, and Maine Consistory Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He was made a mason in St. Croix Lodge, August 1, 1864, and was Junior Grand Warden in 1879.

He was an ideal citizen, intensely patriotic, a past Commander of Joel A. Haycock Post G. A. R., and its physical and patriotic instructor at the time of his death. He was an exemplary Christian gentleman, a member of the Congregational Church for forty years, and a deacon of the same for many years. Brother Vose's life was one of great activity and tension, as the life of the physician must of necessity be; and the end was one of suffering. But as he lay in his casket, surrounded by the tributes of innumerable friends, a thought which came most often to the minds of those who looked on him, is found in the beautiful words of Longfellow on the death of Bayard Taylor:

"Dead he lay among his books;
The peace of God was in his looks."

One was forcibly reminded also of Ian MacLaren's touching story of Dr. MacLure's last journey. Such a life is a benediction to the church and to the community, and receives the benediction:

"An honored life, a peaceful end, and heaven to crown all."

Respectfully submitted,

MOSES TAIT.

DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

Bro. HENRY R. TAYLOR reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, May 3, 1910.

Your Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers have attended to their duties, and beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend that the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

We recommend that the communication from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

In the matter of Invasions of Jurisdiction we recommend that, if not already settled, they be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals. Fraternally submitted,

HENRY R. TAYLOR,	} <i>Committee.</i>
H. D. SMITH,	
JAS. E. PARSONS,	

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

SWAN'S ISLAND LODGE.

Bro. ELMER P. SPOFFORD presented a petition from twelve brethren for a new lodge at Swan's Island in Hancock County, which was referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

MCKINLEY LODGE.

The books and papers of McKinley Lodge, U. D., with a petition for a charter, were presented and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

BRO. JAMES M. LARRABEE was appointed a member of that Committee to fill a vacancy.

At 11:30 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 P. M.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 3, 1910. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 P. M.

JOHN B. REDMAN.

BRO. JAMES E. PARSONS presented the following memorial :

"There is a reaper whose name is Death,
And with his sickle keen,
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between."

On March 9, 1910, the grim Reaper thrust in his sickle, and our well known and highly esteemed brother, R. W. JOHN B. REDMAN, Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine, was "gathered to that land where his fathers had gone before him." His death was very sudden. He left his residence in the morning in apparently good health, and while crossing the street on his way to the business part of his home town, suddenly fell unconscious. He was carried to a physician's office near by, where he died a few moments later.

Brother REDMAN was born in Brooksville, Maine, in 1848. He came to Ellsworth two years later, and for the rest of his life made it his home. He received his early education in the public schools of Ellsworth. Afterwards he attended Phillips-Andover Academy, in Andover, Mass., and in 1866 entered Bowdoin College, where he was graduated with the

class of 1870. Soon after graduating from College, he commenced the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1873 and began the practice of his profession in Ellsworth.

Brother REDMAN held many offices of trust and responsibility. In 1880 he was appointed Judge of the Municipal Court of Ellsworth, which office he held for four years. He was elected Mayor of Ellsworth in 1884 and re-elected in 1885. In 1886 he was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Maine, and later he was made Collector of Customs for the District of Frenchman's Bay, which office he also held for four years. In 1884 he was candidate for Governor of Maine on the Democratic ticket. He assisted in the organization of the Burrill National Bank of Ellsworth, and was for several years a Director in that institution. A few years ago he was appointed to the Board of Appeals of the Pension Department at Washington, but his love of home was too strong, and he resigned and went back to Ellsworth. In 1908 he was again appointed Judge of the Municipal Court, which office he held at the time of his death.

Brother REDMAN was equally as prominent in masonry as in civil life. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, on August 24, 1870. He became its Junior Warden in 1874; its Senior Warden in 1875; and its Worshipful Master in 1876, to which office he was re-elected in 1877 and 1878. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District in 1879. In 1873 he was exalted in Acadia Royal Arch Chapter, and served as its High Priest in 1878 and 1879. He received the Orders of Templary in St. John's Commandery of Bangor, but upon the removal of Blanquefort Commandery to Ellsworth, he dimitted, and was elected the first Eminent Commander of Blanquefort in its new home in 1895, and was re-elected in 1896. In 1883, he was elected and served as Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Brother REDMAN was an able and effective speaker, a natural orator, gifted with expression beyond most men, and was ever ready in the lodge room or on public occasions, to give of his time and ability unselfishly. He was always ready for any masonic work, and no weather was too severe, or distance too great, to deter him from the performance of what he considered his duty. It was said of him a few years ago, that he had probably performed the masonic funeral service more times than any one else in Eastern Maine.

Brother REDMAN was a member of the First Congregational Church of Ellsworth, and was always very active in the Church and Society. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him, and his death made a gap that will be hard to fill.

OKLAHOMA.

BRO. WM. FREEMAN LORD presented his credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and was received and welcomed.

FINANCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE reported as follows :

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 3, 1910.

Your Committee of Finance have attended to their duties, and report that the bills have been audited before payment, the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer have been examined, and their accounts are correct, and are hereby certified. The records of the Grand Lodge are written up to date in the usual satisfactory manner.

The receipts of the Grand Lodge for the past year have been as follows :

1909.	May 4.	Cash on hand from old account,	\$11,427.15
		Cash receipts for the year,	11,875.11
		Total,	<u>\$23,302.26</u>

The expenditures have been,

1910.	May 3.	Cash on hand to new account,	\$10,498.48
		.....	12,803.78
		Total,	<u>\$23,302.26</u>

For the detailed account of the receipts and expenditures we refer to the report of the Grand Treasurer.

The amount of the invested fund to the credit of Charity Fund is \$59,025.62.

The Committee submit the following recommendations :

That to the Grand Lecturer be paid,	\$ 25.00
To the Grand Treasurer, including the cost of his bond,	\$300.00
To the Grand Secretary,	\$650.00
as compensation for their services for the year ending May 1, 1911.	

To the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for the year ending May 1, 1910,

Faternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, } Committee.
GEO. R. SHAW, }

Report accepted and recommendations adopted :

The Grand Treasurer's report was then accepted.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

The Grand Master reported verbally in regard to the Conference of Grand Masters of jurisdictions east of the Mississippi, held in Philadelphia June 1-3, 1909, and the report was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

PAY ROLL.

The Committee on Pay Roll reported as follows :

PORTLAND, May 3, 1910.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Pay Roll have prepared a schedule which is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

FRED C. CHALMERS, }
THOS. H. BODGE, } *Committee.*
FRANK E. MONROE, }

Report accepted and schedule ordered paid.

ELECTION.

At 3 o'clock, the hour prescribed for the election of Grand Officers, the Grand Master appointed the following committees to receive, sort and count votes :

I. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, CHARLES W. CROSBY, MILLARD M. CASWELL.

II. W. SCOTT SHOREY, EDWARD S. WESTON, FRED C. CHALMERS.

These committees having attended to their duties reported the election of

ASHLEY A. SMITH, (Rev.)	<i>M. W. Grand Master,</i>	Belfast ;
ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master,</i>	Deer Isle ;
ISAAC N. JONES,	" <i>Senior Grand Warden,</i>	Calais ;
SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS,	" <i>Junior Grand Warden,</i>	Clinton ;
MILLARD F. HICKS,	" <i>Grand Treasurer,</i>	Portland ;
STEPHEN BERRY,	" <i>Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland.

Committee of Finance—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland; GEORGE R. SHAW, Portland; HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor.

Trustees of Charity Fund for three years—FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabbathus; HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.

Report accepted.

NOTICES TO DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

BRO. N. GRATZ JACKSON presented the following, which was adopted as a standing regulation:

Resolved, That the District Deputy Grand Master be seasonably notified, in writing, by the secretary of each lodge in his district, of each and every meeting of that lodge to be held.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the report on Foreign Correspondence in print, which was accepted with permission to add reports on later proceedings. (*See Appendix.*)

At 4:35 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 P. M. Wednesday.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, }
Wednesday, May 4, 1910. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 P. M.

JOSEPH M. HAYES.

BRO. JOHN W. BALLOU presented the following memorial:

It is not possible for me to express my appreciation of the privilege accorded me by the Grand Master, in saying a few words, in memoriam, of our good and worthy brother and my old time friend, JOSEPH M. HAYES of Bath. Brother HAYES and myself have for fifty years kept watch and ward together and there has always been a unity of sentiment between us, that length of time has only served to make closer and more binding. For forty-six years we have attended the yearly meetings of this Grand Lodge together, neither of us missing a single convocation during all these many years, and I may well say and fully realize the sentiment conveyed in the language of the Psalmist, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Our brother had few faults and foibles and was as exemplary in his walk among men as one would wish to see. He was modest and unassuming. In the state he was a quiet and peaceable citizen, respected by the community in which he lived and loved by the brethren; he was a constant attendant at our masonic meetings as well as at church; he always gave liberally to the support of each, not only from his purse but in willing and intelligent service. He was a great lover of children and served as superintendent of the Sunday School for over forty years; he was faithful, simple and childlike, and won the hearts of the little ones by his gentleness and loving care; he can have no better epitaph than that "The children loved him." Brother HAYES was born in Bath, Maine, June 4, 1832 and died in the same city March 21, 1910. He was married to a beautiful and accomplished young lady, a member and assistant in his Sunday School; she died within a year of their marriage in giving birth to a son; this son is now living in Bath. He graduated from the Bath High School in 1848 when sixteen years of age; he was a printer by trade and published a newspaper in Damariscotta called the "American Sentinel" until 1853, at which time he again took up his residence in Bath and continued there as a printer and publisher until 1863, when he was appointed Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Sagadahoc, in which office he remained until 1899. He served many years in the city government of Bath, holding many important offices, all of which he discharged with fidelity and to the interest of the City of Bath. He was a director in the Marine National Bank of Bath for thirty-four years, ten of which he acted as its vice president.

He took great interest in Freemasonry all through his life, held many important offices in this Grand Body and was elected as Senior Grand Warden, thus becoming a permanent member of this Grand Lodge. He was made a mason in 1851 in Alna Lodge in Damariscotta, but joined Solar Lodge at Bath November 13, 1856, of which he was elected Master December 4, 1862, holding that office one year; he was succeeded by Brother Henry W. Rugg, now Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand

Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. He was Past Commander of Dunlap Commandery of Knights Templar and Past High Priest of St. Bernard Royal Arch Chapter and a member of Yates Lodge of Perfection, Portland Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Dunlap Chapter of Rose Croix de Heredom and Maine Consistory S. P. R. S.

This is a brief recapitulation of the career of Brother HAYES as a mason and a citizen. He is dead, and we cannot speak too tenderly or too lovingly of his memory. He has gone to that undiscovered country of which we know so little, whose confines are possibly so very near; or perhaps a boundless and interminable ocean lies stretching beyond these earthly coasts. We do not know—it is a problem incident to human destiny—the momentous question which appeals to us as it did to the Patriarch of Old—"If a man die shall he live again?" But we are creatures of hope and trust, and are well assured that "God reigns."

And although he calls our loved ones,

"We lose not wholly

What he has given;

They live on earth in thought and deed as truly

As in his heaven."

The Grand Master called to the East M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, who, after some remarks, invited the officers of Portland Lodge, No. 1, of Portland, to occupy the stations and exemplify the Master Mason's degree.

Portland Lodge, ARTHUR W. REED, Worshipful Master, assisted by the Portland Lodge Masonic Quartet, conferred the third degree upon one candidate.

The Grand Lecturer resumed the East, and, after some remarks, surrendered it to the M. W. Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. ISAAC A. CLOUGH, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were unanimously voted to

Portland Lodge for the beautiful and impressive work presented.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, }
Thursday, May 5, 1910. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 A. M.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

BRO. ALFRED S. KIMBALL presented the following report, which was accepted :

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 5, 1910.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, relating to penal jurisdiction over masons holding membership in other jurisdictions, have given the subject consideration, and as the legislation suggested has been the law in this jurisdiction for many years no action seems necessary.

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, }
C. I. COLLAMORE, } *Committee.*
WM. J. BURNHAM, }

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

BRO. KIMBALL further reported for the same committee as follows :

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 5, 1910.

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the supplemental report of the Grand Master, relating to suggestions as to

the advisability of harmonizing such differences, if any, as may exist in the interpretation of masonic law and usages founded thereon, have given the subject careful and thoughtful attention, and report as follows:

The Grand Lodge of Maine has its constitution and standing regulations, supplemented by a line of decisions founded thereupon, by which it has had a healthy and harmonious growth. A line of decisions well understood by the Fraternity, very largely the handiwork of our distinguished and much lamented Brother JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, whose memory is cherished in the hearts of the Masonic Fraternity of Maine as an unfading recollection. And it is the opinion of your committee that very strong reasons should be assigned to warrant any changes in the jurisprudence of Maine. And we cannot recommend to the Grand Lodge to countenance any action leading to untried fields, and which by any possible construction could lead to the surrender of any right vested in it.

We therefore recommend that no action whatever be taken relating to said suggestions.

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, }
C. I. COLLAMORE, } *Committee.*
WM. J. BURNHAM, }

Report accepted.

LIBRARY.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE submitted the following, which was accepted and the recommendations adopted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 5, 1910.

The Committee on Library submit their report and make a part of it the following communication from the Librarian:

PORTLAND, April 20, 1910.

*To the Library Committee of the
Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Maine.*

The library of the Grand Lodge is fast outgrowing its present accommodations, and considerable re-arrangement of the books upon the shelves has been necessary, during the past year, in order to make room for the annual addition of the proceedings of other jurisdictions.

Sixty-seven volumes of proceedings have been bound, and the various catalogues have been brought down to date.

Fraternally submitted,

HERBERT HARRIS, *Librarian.*

We recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be placed at the disposal of the committee with which to purchase books and pamphlets and that they be given the power to bind such proceedings as may be necessary to keep up the files of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLET,
ALBRO E. CHASE,
JOHN W. BALLOU, } *Committee.*

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

BRO. HENRY R. TAYLOR offered the following report, which was accepted :

IN GRAND LODGE, May 5, 1910.

Your Committee on Condition of the Fraternity beg leave to present the following report :

Of the twenty-five Districts, twenty-three District Deputies have placed their reports in the hands of your committee. From these, and from reports of other Grand Officers, we are assured that the Craft in general is in excellent condition.

The Grand Lecturer has held eight meetings, or "Schools of Instruction" in various parts of the State since his last report was submitted, four meetings during 1908, and four during 1909.

We would especially impress upon the brethren the value of these meetings and of "District Conventions" and recommend their continuance; convinced that the welfare of the lodges, accuracy of work and increase of masonic usefulness is thereby largely maintained.

With due appreciation of the labors and fidelity of District Deputy Grand Masters, we would kindly suggest that they make the inspection of lodges the primary object of their visitations.

The granting of dispensations is not their prerogative, but is vested in the Grand Master. (See Section 127, Proceedings of 1899, page 243, and Section 25, page 299, of Proceedings 1909.)

We congratulate the Craft on the general prosperity manifest throughout this jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY R. TAYLOR,
HOWARD D. SMITH,
ALBERT M. PENLEY, } *Committee.*

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

BRO. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE reported as follows :

IN GRAND LODGE, PORTLAND, May 5, 1910.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have carefully considered such matters as have come to their hands and respectfully present the following report, viz:

In the case of ANDREW G. FURBUSH, a member of Wilton Lodge, No. 156, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, who was expelled by Ark Lodge, No. 39, at Georgetown, Conn.

As the action of Ark Lodge seems to have been in proper form—the evidence as submitted proving the charge—the papers coming to us through the offices of the Grand Secretaries of Connecticut and Maine, and as the action of Ark Lodge has been concurred in, without protest, by Wilton Lodge, No. 156, we recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the doings of these two lodges be approved and confirmed, and that ANDREW G. FURBUSH be hereby expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In the case of Augusta Lodge, No. 141, at Augusta, against Brother CLARENCE B. PARTRIDGE, wherein Bro. PARTRIDGE was suspended from the rights and benefits of Masonry for one year from February 1, 1910.

While an examination of the papers leads your committee to feel that the sentence was somewhat light for the offence charged and proved, we also feel that there must have been extenuating circumstances, which influenced the brethren of Augusta Lodge. We therefore present the following resolution:

Resolved, That the doings of Augusta Lodge, No. 141, in this matter, be approved and confirmed, and that Brother CLARENCE B. PARTRIDGE be hereby suspended from all the rights and benefits of Masonry for one year from February first, 1910.

In the case of Davis Lodge, No. 191, at Strong, against Brother WILLIAM B. MCKEEN, wherein Brother WILLIAM B. MCKEEN was expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry, and the appeal of Bro. MCKEEN from said action, upon the grounds that the conviction was not justified by the evidence presented, and that the lodge imposed too severe a penalty.

An examination of the charges and evidence presented leads your committee to believe that the appeal was well taken and that the sentence was excessive. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the sentence of expulsion from the rights and benefits of Masonry of WILLIAM B. MCKEEN, by Davis Lodge, No. 191, be set aside and that Brother WILLIAM B. MCKEEN be hereby restored to his

masonic rights. Your committee also trust that this experience may prove a striking lesson to our brother in his future conduct.

Fraternally submitted,

C. I. COLLAMORE, }
BENJ. L. HADLEY, } *Committee.*

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

NEW EDITION OF CONSTITUTION.

On motion of Bro. HENRY R. TAYLOR,

Voted, That the Grand Secretary, under the direction of the Committee on Publication, be authorized to print for distribution, a later edition of the Grand Lodge Constitution and Regulations.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

Bro. ARCHIE L. TALBOT reported as follows :

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND,
Thursday, May 5, 1910.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters have given careful attention to the matters referred to said committee and present the following report:

In the matter of a petition for a Charter for Meduncook Lodge, U. D., in the town of Friendship, continued under dispensation by the Grand Lodge in 1909, to procure a suitable record book and record the proceedings of the lodge, from the first, in accordance with the form laid down as a model in our Masonic Text Book, said lodge having complied with this requirement to the entire satisfaction of the Grand Master and this committee, we recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the dispensation be continued until the lodge is constituted.

In the matter of a petition for a Charter for McKinley Lodge, U. D., in the town of Tremont, said lodge having made commendable progress the past year and complied with all the requirements of the Grand Lodge, we recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the dispensation be continued until the lodge is constituted.

In the matter of twelve petitioners for a dispensation for a new lodge at Swan's Island, it appears that one of the petitioners is now deceased, and that five of them signed the petition for a dispensation for McKinley Lodge in the town of Tremont, and are therefore under special obliga-

tions to aid in the support of said lodge for a reasonable time at least. The petition is not recommended by the District Deputy Grand Master in that district. We recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Fraternally submitted,

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,
JAMES M. LARRABEE, } *Committee.*
FRANKLIN R. REDLON, }

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

HISTORY.

BRO. FESSENDEN I. DAY presented the following report, which was accepted:

PORTLAND, May 5, 1910.

To the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Maine.

Histories of the following thirteen lodges have been received during the past year:

Blazing Star, No. 30, Rumford Falls, 1892 to 1910, by James B. Stevenson, typed.

North East Harbor, No. 208, North East Harbor, from organization, 1903, to 1909, by Alvah L. Reed, typed.

Eggemoggin, No. 128, Sedgwick, organization, 1865, to 1910, by Groves S. Bridges and Arthur H. Sargent, print.

Knox, No. 189, South Thomaston, organization, 1884, to 1910, by Winfield S. Clark, print.

Winter Harbor, No. 192, Winter Harbor, 1900 to 1910, by A. E. Small, print.

Carrabassett, No. 161, Canaan, 1891 to 1906, by Harry B. Harris, print.

Village, No. 26, Bowdoinham, 1855 to 1900, by Frank H. Purinton, Mss.

Rabboni, No. 150, Lewiston, organization, 1868, to 1909, by Albion K. P. Knowlton, print, cloth.

Lafayette, No. 48, Readfield, organization, 1826, to 1909, by Charles W. Crosby, print, cloth.

Eureka, No. 84, St. George, 1870 to 1909, by Elmer E. Allen, print.

Oxford, No. 18, Norway, organization, 1807, to 1909, by Howard D. Smith, print, cloth.

Bar Harbor, No. 185, Bar Harbor, 1890 to 1910, by Benjamin L. Hadley, print.

Howard, No. 69, Winterport, 1900 to 1910, by J. H. Baker, print.

Fraternally submitted,

HERBERT HARRIS,
FESSENDEN I. DAY, } *Committee.*
WM. N. HOWE, }

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

BRO. WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, reported that nothing had been presented to them, and the report was accepted.

MEMORIALS.

On motion of Bro. ALBRO E. CHASE,

Voted, That the memorials to deceased brethren, which have been presented, be printed in the proceedings.

INSTALLATION AND APPOINTMENTS.

Past Grand Master CHARLES I. COLLAMORE was called to the East and Past Grand Master HENRY R. TAYLOR was invited to act as Grand Marshal. The Rev. ASHLEY A. SMITH, Grand Master elect, was presented and installed as M. W. Grand Master of Maine, prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. WM. H. FULTZ.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments :

R. W. HERBERT HARRIS,	<i>Corr. Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
" HOWARD PIERCE,	<i>D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i>	Mars Hill
" WM. E. MANN,	" 2d "	Calais
" EDWIN CUMMINGS,	" 3d "	Jonesport
" MOSES D. JOYCE,	" 4th "	Deer Isle
" FRANK B. ARNOLD,	" 5th "	Dexter
" JOHN E. EMERSON,	" 6th "	Hampden
" WILLIS J. GREELEY,	" 7th "	Liberty
" ISAAC HILLS,	" 8th "	Northport
" WINFIELD S. CLARK,	" 9th "	S. Thomaston
" LEWIS A. DUNTON,	" 10th "	Boothbay Har
" WILLIS E. SWIFT,	" 11th "	Augusta
" BERT K. MESERVEY,	" 12th "	N. Vassalboro
" AUGUSTINE SIMMONS,	" 13th "	No. Anson

R. W. N. GRATZ JACKSON,	<i>D. D. G. M. 14th Dist.</i>	Bath
" CLEFF MAYWELL,	" 15th "	Weld
" NED I. SWAN,	" 16th "	Bryant's Pond
" FREDERICK H. DOLE,	" 17th "	Yarmouth
" CLARENCE H. PRIDE,	" 18th "	E. Waterford
" ALBERT W. MESERVE,	" 19th "	Kennebunk
" MARTIN L. PORTER,	" 20th "	Danforth
" EDGAR J. TRUSSELL,	" 21st "	Bar Harbor
" LYNNE H. BLANCHARD,	" 22d "	Hartland
" JAMES H. LITTLEFIELD,	" 23d "	Alfred
" HENRY A. FLETCHER,	" 24th "	Auburn
" GEORGE H. MOOERS,	" 25th "	Ashland
W. REV. WM. H. FULTZ,	<i>Grand Chaplain,</i>	Portland
" REV. ROBERT R. MORSON,	" "	Yarmouth
" REV. LEWIS D. EVANS,	" "	Camden
" REV. RUBERT B. MATHEWS,	" "	Ellsworth
" REV. JOHN M. BEILER,	" "	Machias
" REV. CARL F. HENRY,	" "	Bangor
" CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	<i>Grand Marshal,</i>	Belfast
" SILAS B. ADAMS,	" <i>Senior Deacon,</i>	Portland
" ALBERT H. BURROUGHS,	" <i>Junior Deacon,</i>	Westbrook
" CONVERS E. LEACH,	" <i>Steward,</i>	Portland
" WILMER J. DORMAN,	" "	Belfast
" DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE,	" "	Lincoln
" WM. J. PATTERSON,	" "	Castine
" L. ALBERT GARDNER,	" <i>Sw'd Bearer,</i>	Stockton Sp'gs
" LESLIE D. AMES,	" <i>Stand. Bearer,</i>	Lincolnville
" WARREN C. KING,	" <i>Pursuivant,</i>	Portland
" FRED C. CHALMERS,	" "	Bangor
M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" <i>Lecturer,</i>	Sabattus
W. WALTER S. SMITH,	" <i>Organist,</i>	Portland
" WARREN O. CARNEY,	" <i>Tyler,</i>	Portland

The officers elected and appointed who were present were installed by P. G. M. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE and proclamation was made.

The Grand Master resumed the chair and thanked Bro. COLLAMORE for his assistance. He then announced the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.

SILAS B. ADAMS, RALPH H. BURBANK, CHARLES B. DAVIS.

On Grievances and Appeals.

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, HOWARD D. SMITH, BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.

On Publication.

FESSENDEN I. DAY, SAMUEL L. MILLER, MILLARD M. CASWELL.

On History.

HERBERT HARRIS, FESSENDEN I. DAY, WILLIAM N. HOWE.

On Dispensations and Charters.

ARCHIE L. TALBOT, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, EDMUND B. MALLET.

On Amendments to Constitution.

WM. R. G. ESTES, W. SCOTT SHOREY, HUGH R. CHAPLIN.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, WILLIAM J. BURNHAM.

On Foreign Correspondence.

ALBRO E. CHASE, ALFRED S. KIMBALL, AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM.

On Condition of the Fraternity.

HENRY R. TAYLOR, HOWARD D. SMITH, ALBERT M. PENLEY.

On Library.

GRAND MASTER, ALBRO E. CHASE, JOHN W. BALLOU.

On Transportation.

STEPHEN BERRY, WM. FREEMAN LORD, JAMES E. PARSONS.

On Returns.

STEPHEN BERRY, EDWIN A. PORTER, JAMES C. AYER.

THANKS.

On motion of Past Grand Master WM. J. BURNHAM, it was unanimously

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to our retiring Grand Master, EDMUND B. MALLET, for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office for the past two years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

BRO. ALBERT M. PENLEV, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that the business of the annual communication had been fully completed, and the report was accepted.

The minutes were then read by the Assistant Grand Secretary and were approved.

At 11 o'clock the Grand Lodge was closed, prayer being offered by the Rev. WM. H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.



Attest :

Stephen Berry

Grand Secretary.

The ninety-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine will be held at Masonic Hall, Portland, on Tuesday, May 2, 1911, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Reports • of • District • Deputy • Grand • Masters.



FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I submit herewith my official report as D. D. G. M. of the First Masonic District. I was installed by Past D. D. G. M. CHARLES G. BRIGGS, June 15, 1909, at Blaine.

On the afternoon and evening of June 15, 1909, I attended a meeting of Aroostook Lodge at Blaine, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree upon three candidates by W. M. HOWARD PIERCE. The work was finely done, and the occasion was a very enjoyable one.

On October 8th, I attended a School of Instruction at Dexter conducted by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, G. L. The meetings were quite well attended, and it is needless to say, were both pleasant and profitable under the able and enthusiastic instruction of M. W. Brother SLEEPER. In the evening, work in the M. M. degree was exemplified by the brethren of Penobscot Lodge. A fine banquet was served under the auspices of the ladies of the Eastern Star.

On November 2d, at the request of the W. M. of Trinity Lodge, Presque Isle, and in accordance with instructions previously received from the M. W. Grand Master, I visited Presque Isle, and inspected the new lodge rooms then nearing completion, which were being prepared for Trinity Lodge. I found these new rooms well adapted to the purposes for which they were intended, and recommended that a dispensation be granted for their use for masonic purposes.

At the regular meeting of Eastern Frontier Lodge, on January 19, 1910, I installed the officers of that lodge. After the installation, a banquet was served at the Collins House. The meeting and banquet were well attended by the brethren of Eastern Frontier Lodge and a few visitors, and the whole occasion was a very enjoyable one.

On January 24, 1910, I made my official visit at Trinity Lodge, Presque Isle, and installed the officers. At this meeting I witnessed work in the F. C. degree, which was well done. The records of Trinity Lodge are in the hands of Brother VIVIAN E. HOWE, and are well kept, and the dues are well collected. Trinity Lodge is to be congratulated upon its fine new hall.

On February 23d, I visited Monument Lodge, No. 96, at Houlton, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. The work was well done and the meeting was well attended. The dues are well collected, and the records, in the hands of Bro. CHARLES E. F. STETSON, are correctly kept. The attendance was good, and a lively interest in matters masonic was apparent.

I visited Washburn Lodge on March 2d, and met with an enthusiastic welcome from the brethren. Work in the M. M. degree was exemplified by the new officers for the first time after their installation. While the work was not so nearly perfect as it will be later on, when the officers shall have had more practice, the whole meeting was enthusiastic and showed a good deal of interest in Masonry. The records are well kept by Brother E. M. HINES and the dues are well collected. A fine supper was served after the meeting at the church vestry, from which we returned to the lodge room for a social talk.

On Thursday, March 3d, I made my official visit to Caribou Lodge, No. 170, Caribou. This was a regular meeting of the lodge and a large number were present. I witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was well done, some of the parts being exceptionally well taken. The finances of this lodge are in excellent condition, and the records are finely kept by Brother A. A. GARDEN. This lodge is doing a large amount of work and much interest is manifested.

On March 11th, I again visited Aroostook Lodge at Blaine, and witnessed work in the F. C. and M. M. degrees. The work was well done, a good degree of interest was shown, and the attendance was large. The M. M. degree was worked with Past Master Dr. AARON J. FULTON in the chair, who raised his own son. The finances of this lodge are in good condition, and the records, under the skilled and experienced hands of Brother JOHN M. RAMSAY, are a model. Brother RAMSAY has been secretary of this lodge since its formation.

On March 23d, I made an official visit to my home lodge, Eastern Frontier, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was very creditably done by the new officers, W. M. Brother HAYCOCK especially showing evidence of much careful study and preparation for his new position. The records of this lodge are well kept, and the finances are in good condition.

I find in general a good degree of interest, and in many cases marked

enthusiasm, among the brethren in the lodges of the First Masonic District, and I am pleased to record that Masonry is in a flourishing condition throughout the district. The First District as now made up, is very compact, and all of the lodges are easily accessible from any point in the district.

I wish to express to you, M. W., my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. TRAFTON, *D. D. G. M. 1st M. D.*

Fort Fairfield, April 29, 1910.

SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District for the past year.

On October 14th, I attended the School of Instruction held by Grand Lecturer SLEEPER at Portland, with Deering Lodge, No. 183. Although from a geographical standpoint the other schools were held nearer to me, I found it would be less expensive and take less time for me to attend this one. The school proved very interesting and instructive to me and I had the pleasure of meeting quite a number of my brother D. D. G. Masters. Although compelled to travel two nights I felt amply repaid in the knowledge gained and I trust that in the near future a School of Instruction may be held in the second district.

I have officially visited every lodge in the district and witnessed work in all of them.

I made my official visitation to St. Croix Lodge on November 30, 1909. There was a large attendance, the M. M. degree being conferred in a very correct and impressive manner. St. Croix Lodge has a young and ambitious lot of officers, the finances are in good shape and the lodge hopes, before another year rolls around, to have a new home. This being my home lodge I attend nearly all its meetings. Refreshments after the work.

On Wednesday, January 19, 1910, I visited Lewy's Island Lodge, No. 178, at Princeton, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. While a number of the officers were filling their places for the first time the work was exceedingly well done and the ritual closely followed. This lodge is

in a healthy and prosperous condition. The finances are in good shape, dues well collected and the records are neatly kept by P. M. THEODORE MORRISON. After making a few corrections we adjourned to the banquet hall, where the brethren proved themselves to be not alone good ritualists but good cooks as well.

On Wednesday, February 2d, I officially visited Crescent Lodge, No. 78, Pembroke, where the M. M. degree was conferred. The train did not arrive in Pembroke until after eight o'clock and W. M. MCGLAUF-LIN kindly postponed the work until my arrival. Although it was his first attempt at conferring a degree, the W. M. performed the work creditably. The records are neatly kept by Brother WILBUR and the financial condition of the lodge is good. After making some corrections and suggestions I was escorted to the banquet room, where a dainty lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.

My official visit to Eastern Lodge, No. 7, Eastport, was made Monday, February 14th. I was met at the train by a delegation of Past Masters and escorted to the lodge room, where I was received with honors. The work presented was in the E. A. degree. The officers, while new to their stations, conferred the degree particularly well. The records, in the hands of P. D. D. G. M. WHEELER C. HAWKES, are models of neatness and excellence and the books show a remarkably small balance of uncollected dues. After calling attention to a few errors and omissions the lodge was closed. A beautiful banquet followed, at which was served the finest lobster stew it has ever been my pleasure to partake of.

On Wednesday, February 16th, I visited Washington Lodge, No. 37, Lubec. There is no hotel in this town and I was pleasantly entertained by P. D. D. G. M. IRVING W. CASE at his home. The M. M. degree was conferred in a very correct and impressive manner, and when the lodge was called to refreshment the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a fine lunch was served, after which we returned to the hall and finished conferring the degree. I found it necessary to make but few corrections, which was undoubtedly due to the instructions given the officers by my predecessor in office, Bro. CASE, who is Secretary of Washington Lodge, and although I examined the lodge books and records, the fact of his being secretary is a guarantee of their correctness.

On Thursday, March 17th, I attended the annual convention of the lodges in this district which was held this year at Lubec by invitation of Washington Lodge, No. 37. It was a fine day and there was a large attendance of the brethren, all the lodges in the district being well represented. The convention was called to order at 3 o'clock P. M., the officers of Washington Lodge opening a lodge of M. M. in due form, after which labor was suspended on that degree and a lodge of E. A. opened.

The officers of Eastern Lodge then assumed the stations and conferred the E. A. degree on a candidate. Although having served but a short time in their respective stations the officers conferred this degree particularly well, all three of the lectures being given in full and in a very pleasing manner. The ritual was closely followed and when the work was finished there was very little chance for correction or criticism.

The officers of St. Croix Lodge then assumed the stations, and after closing the lodge of E. A. opened a F. C. lodge and proceeded to confer that degree on a candidate. The work was very nicely done, and at its close the lodge was called from labor to refreshment and the brethren adjourned to the vestry of the first Christian Church, where a magnificent banquet was served by the ladies, during which music was furnished by an orchestra.

At 7:30 I returned to the lodge room and, assisted by P. D. D. G. M. HAWKES, acting as Marshal, conferred the P. M. degree on ten past masters.

At 8 o'clock the lodge was called to labor again, and after some comments and corrections on the F. C. degree the officers of Washington Lodge again assumed their stations and the F. C. lodge was closed, labor being resumed on the M. M. degree.

The M. M. degree was then conferred by Washington Lodge in an excellent and interesting manner. After a few corrections on this degree, interesting remarks were made by several of the brethren, among whom was Bro. JOHN F. OLIVER, who, during his term of office as D. D. G. M. in 1889, called together the first convention in this district.

After passing a vote of thanks to Washington Lodge for their excellent entertainment, the convention was closed and all the brethren joined in voting it a grand success. This is the twenty-second consecutive year these conventions have been held and their benefit to Masonry in this district is almost incalculable. It is my opinion that in no district in the state will more correct or uniform work be witnessed than in the second.

In closing, I desire to express to the officers and brethren in the district my appreciation of the many courtesies shown me and to thank you, M. W., for the honor of my appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

ISAAC N. JONES, *D. D. G. M. 2d M. D.*

Calais, April 2, 1910.

THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District.

I have officially visited all the lodges in the Third District with the exception of Narraguagus, No. 88, at Cherryfield. I intended to visit that lodge for the inspection of work, but through a misunderstanding of the date was not present at the meeting.

January 21st, installed the officers of Tuscan, No. 106, at Addison. A heavy storm coming on prevented a large attendance. I found the records well kept and dues collected as closely as possible, as a number of the members are sea faring men and pay on their return home, which may not be for two or more years. These remarks will apply to nearly every lodge in the Third District. I was assisted in the installation by Bros. M. E. CLEVES as Marshal and B. W. STROUT as Chaplain. This lodge is a good working lodge and the officers are proficient in their duties. At the close of the installation a banquet was served in the lower hall.

January 25th, installed the officers of Warren, No. 2, my home lodge. I was assisted by Bros. C. G. WISWELL as Marshal and A. B. CARTER as Chaplain. This lodge, next to the oldest in the state, is steadily growing and has a large membership for the number of inhabitants in its jurisdiction. Its records are well kept by Bro. Secretary C. HOLLIS WHITE. It rents a hall, and the accommodations are not what they should be. At the expiration of the lease the lodge should build a home of its own. A supper was served at the close of the installation.

January 31st, installed the officers of Pleiades, No. 173, at Milbridge. I was assisted by Bros. H. H. BRAZZELL as Grand Marshal and A. LINCOLN WALLACE as Grand Chaplain. I found the lodge in good condition and finances in about the same shape as last year, which means that the lodge is in a fairly prosperous condition. Bro. NELSON C. WALLACE is a very careful and painstaking secretary and his records are very complete and in such a form that they are easily comprehended. The officers are interested in the work, and under the lead of Wor. Master LEIGHTON, will give a good account of themselves the coming year. A supper was served at the close of the installation.

February 1st, from Milbridge I went to Jonesport to install the officers of Jonesport, No. 188. I was assisted by Bros. E. E. TIBBETTS as Grand Marshal and Rev. E. C. BROWN as Grand Chaplain. Since my visit a year ago, this lodge has repaired and refurnished its hall, has added a banquet room, put in a furnace and an aceteline gas plant. The furnish-

ings are of the best and the lodge room will compare favorably with any of its size in the state. About \$2000 were expended, the larger part of which was paid from funds on hand, leaving a debt of about \$850, notes for that amount being held by individual brethren; \$100 of that amount will be retired each year until all is paid. As the lodge owns its own room and has no further debt the amount will be easily paid. Not much work was done this year as the lodge room was being repaired, but prospects are good and the future looks bright. Secretary MANSFIELD looks after the affairs of the lodge very carefully and keeps the dues well collected. At the close of the installation a fine supper was served in the new banquet room.

The same evening that I installed the officers of Jonesport, No. 188, R. W. Bro. B. P. GUPTILL of Cherryfield very kindly installed the officers of Narraguagus, No. 88, of that place, the brethren being anxious to have the ceremony performed, while many members were temporarily at home.

February 18th, I installed the officers of Harwood, No. 91. I was assisted by Bros. WILLIS ALLEN as Grand Marshal and FOSTER THOMPSON as Grand Chaplain; music by an orchestra between the installation of the different officers being very effective. Bro. CARL HUTCHINSON keeps the dues well collected and the records in fine shape. The officers are enthusiastic and proficient in the work and are fortunate in having so many older members to assist them, among whom I might mention are P. M.'s G. HARRIS FOSTER, WILLIS H. ALLEN and H. R. TAYLOR, who is also a past Grand Master, and although eighty years old is one of the most active and efficient members. A fine banquet was served at the close.

February 26th, installed the officers of Lookout, No. 131. I was assisted by Bros. F. S. STEVENS as Grand Marshal and Rev. R. W. BROWN as Grand Chaplain. I found Bro. STEVENS' records well and neatly kept and the dues well collected. This lodge has the smallest jurisdiction of any in the Third District and the smallest number of members, but it owns the whole building that its lodge room is in and has a banquet room on the lower floor. Many of its members and officers are young, and are enthusiastic in the work. On the whole it is one of the brightest lodges in the district.

March 2d by invitation of Harwood, No. 91, of Machias, I again held a masonic convention in their lodge room. This is the second year that they have entertained and it seems as though they had done their part. The convention was called together at 2:30 and opened for business on the M. M. degree by the brethren of Harwood.

Tuscan, No. 106, of Addison, exemplified the E. A. degree in a very creditable manner, Bro. TIBBETTS, acting Master, delivering the lectures

and charge in fine shape. Criticism followed and then Warren, No. 2, of East Machias, exemplified the F. C. degree, Bro. CARL G. WISWELL as Master doing the work in excellent form. Criticism followed and the lodge was called from labor to refreshment. Well loaded tables greeted the brethren, the brethren of Harwood acting the host in their usual generous manner. At the close of the banquet many short, snappy speeches were enjoyed by the brethren.

At 8 o'clock P. M. the convention was called from refreshment to labor and Harwood, No. 91, the entertaining lodge, exemplified the M. M. degree without having any preparation, as I had assigned that degree to Jonesport, No. 188, and their officers were not able to be present. The work was well done, after which criticism and remarks followed. A rising vote of thanks was given Harwood for the generous manner in which they had entertained the convention, after which the lodge was closed without ceremony.

With the convention my work as Deputy practically closed. I have enjoyed it very much and shall look back with pleasure to the many friendships formed with the brethren. They have been uniformly courteous and anxious to do all in their power for me, and I appreciate it.

I thank you for the appointment, and hope that I have made a fair average and been satisfactory to the brethren.

Yours fraternally,

MILLARD H. WISWELL, D. D. G. M. 3d M. D.

East Machias, April 26, 1910.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District.

I have officially visited every lodge in the district and I am very much pleased to report that the condition of the lodges throughout the district is good. Quite an amount of work has been done the past year and it has been well done, and peace and harmony prevail.

October 27, 1909, I attended a School of Instruction at Belfast, called by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER. The School was well attended, a good interest manifested and it was very instructive. Timothy Chase Lodge of Belfast worked the M. M. degree in the evening in a very impressive manner. I think these Schools are very instructive and helpful.

December 8th, I called a district convention at Deer Isle. The convention was held in masonic hall and there were over three hundred masons in attendance; every lodge in the district was represented.

The convention was called to order at 2 P. M. and Eggemoggin Lodge proceeded to work the E. A. degree in a very pleasing way.

Marine Lodge worked the F. C. degree in a very interesting and correct way, the ritual being very closely followed.

At six o'clock a banquet was served to all in the banquet hall.

At 8 o'clock the convention was again called to order and Reliance Lodge of Stonington worked the Master Mason's degree in a very impressive and instructive manner, and then there were remarks for the welfare of Masonry and the several lodges of the Fourth Masonic District, by many of the visiting brethren.

After the convention was closed there was music, a lunch was served, and the visiting brethren proceeded to take their departure for their several homes, all pronouncing the convention a decided success from a social and instructive standpoint. I trust the district may continue to hold one every year.

December 29th, I made my official visit to Naskeag Lodge at Brooklin and witnessed the work in the Master Mason's degree. It was well rendered, the ritual being closely followed. There were about forty brethren present, the officers and members seem interested and harmony prevails. The records are well kept. The dues are well collected and the lodge is in a prosperous condition.

January 17, 1910, by invitation I installed the officers of Ira Berry Lodge, assisted by Bro. P. M. STANLEY as Grand Marshal. It was a private installation; about forty brethren present. At the close we enjoyed a nice banquet.

January 19th, by invitation I installed the officers of Rising Star Lodge of Penobscot, in the presence of about ninety brethren and invited guests, assisted by Bro. P. M. FRED MITCHELL as Grand Marshal and Bro. BOWDEN as Grand Chaplain. A fine banquet at the close and a social hour enjoyed by all.

February 5th, I made my official visit to Bagaduce Lodge at North Brooksville and witnessed the F. C. degree conferred. The work was quite well done considering that the officers are new in their places and not having had much work for practice. The records are quite well kept and dues very well collected. I gave the lodge some instructions in regard to the work and duties in general and they seemed pleased to receive it. I look for this lodge to improve.

February 8th, by invitation I installed the officers of Marine Lodge, assisted by Wor. Bro. FRANK A. GROSS as Grand Marshal and Bro.

MELVILLE THOMPSON as Grand Chaplain. There were about four hundred brethren and invited guests present. Interesting remarks were made by several of the brethren and guests and a fine banquet was served to all.

February 14th, I made my official visit to Ira Berry Lodge at Bluehill and witnessed work on the F. C. degree, which was done in a very impressive and correct manner. The records are kept neatly, the dues are well collected and the lodge is in a good financial condition. Banquet at close and a social hour spent.

February 15th, I made my official visit to Rising Star Lodge at Penobscot; witnessed the F. C. degree conferred and the work was well done, the ritual closely followed. The records in the hands of P. D. D. Bro. CUSHMAN are well kept and neat. The dues are well collected and the lodge is in a good condition. I think the candidate passed as good an examination as I ever heard. Banquet served at close of the lodge.

March 4th, I visited Hancock Lodge at Castine. Witnessed the F. C. degree conferred and the work was well done. This lodge has not done much work the past year, but the officers and members are interested and anxious. The records are in the hands of Past D. D. G. M. HOOPER and are neat and correct. The dues are well collected and the lodge is in a good financial condition. Refreshments served and a social hour spent after the close of the lodge.

March 12th, I made my official visit to Reliance Lodge and witnessed the E. A. degree conferred in a pleasing way; the ritual was closely followed and the work well done. This lodge has done quite a lot of work the past year. The officers are interested and anxious to have the work correct. I also saw this lodge work the M. M. degree in the district convention and the work was well done. The records are well kept, and the dues quite well collected, considering that the members are scattered and some of them many miles away.

April 9th, I visited Eggemoggin Lodge at Sedgwick. This was a special meeting and they did not have any work, but I saw this lodge work the E. A. degree at the district convention in December, which was well done. The records are well kept, the dues well collected and the lodge is in a good condition. I had planned to visit this lodge before, but on account of the Master being sick I was unable to do so.

Marine Lodge, No. 122, is my own and I have been present at nearly every meeting during the year, so did not consider it necessary to make an official visit, as I have given the lodge what instruction and correction was needed from time to time. The lodge is still up to its standard.

I have filled out and delivered three Past Masters' diplomas.

I wish to thank the lodges in the district for the fraternal reception

which they have all given me, and assure them of the pleasure it has been to me.

I also wish to thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor conferred upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

MOSES D. JOYCE, *D. D. G. M. 4th M. D.*

Deer Isle, April 9, 1910.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have herewith the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District.

I have officially visited every lodge in this District and am pleased to report the general conditions of the lodges most excellent, both financially and in the amount of work which has been done, and for the most part peace and harmony prevail.

During the latter part of May I received my commission as D. D. G. M., and was later installed into my office by Past D. D. G. M. R. N. PACKARD of Corinna.

I made my first official visit to Penobscot Lodge (my own lodge) on October 8th, and it was my privilege to attend the School of Instruction which was held by the Grand Lodge of Maine under the supervision of R. W. Grand Lecturer FRANK E. SLEEPER, assisted by D. D. G. M. HERBERT W. TRAFTON of the First Masonic District, JOHN C. EMERSON, D. D. G. M. of the Sixth Masonic District, and MELVIN W. KNOWLES of the Twenty-second District, on the forenoon and afternoon of the above named date, which was very instructive and fairly well attended.

In the evening I inspected the work in the M. M. degree, which was done in an efficient manner, showing familiarity with the ritual. After the work we listened to remarks and criticism upon the work by Grand Lecturer FRANK E. SLEEPER, D. D. G. M.'s H. W. TRAFTON and JOHN C. EMERSON. At a later date I inspected the records and financial condition of the lodge and found them to be well kept and in good condition.

October 25th, I visited Pleasant River Lodge of Brownville and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was exemplified in a manner to reflect great credit upon its officers. The records are correctly kept and the financial condition is excellent, and judging from the interest shown by officers and members in the work, and the increased

membership, I have no doubt the coming year will be one of renewed prosperity.

October 26th, upon invitation I visited Columbia Lodge, No. 200, of Greenville, and also witnessed work in the M. M. degree. Here the officers are mostly young masons, and are striving for accuracy in their work. I was very much pleased with the interest manifested here. I found the records kept in a systematic manner and the dues well paid. Although there has been but little work for the officers to keep in trim, yet they showed that the ritual was their guide. After the work I was made to feel perfectly at home and enjoyed this visit very much.

On Monday evening, Novembr 1st, I visited Doric Lodge of Monson, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree, it being my first inspection of work in this degree. I found Doric Lodge well equipped for work. Here, as in other lodges, the same degree of interest was shown, and I was very much pleased to observe the manner in which the young officers performed the work, and the able manner in which the W. M., Bro. HUGHES, performed his part. Doric Lodge, being the masonic home of Past D. D. G. M. H. E. MORRILL, reflects great credit upon his labors there. The financial condition of this lodge is excellent.

November 26th, I visited Piscataquis Lodge of Milo and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. This was not fairly representative work as the officers were new to their stations and some of the stations had to be filled from the members present, but on the whole good work was done. I was agreeably surprised at the masonic surroundings of this lodge and hope that its future prosperity and all its matters may be as harmoniously adjusted as its surroundings. I found the records kept in a neat and accurate manner, and the dues well paid.

November 27th, I traveled from Milo to LaGrange and installed the officers of Composite Lodge into their respective stations, assisted by Past W. M. HARRY FOWLES as Grand Marshal. I was to have inspected work in the E. A. degree, but as the candidate did not appear, I gave what instruction I could upon the degrees. I found the records correctly kept by Past D. D. G. M. FRED SAVAGE, and the dues well paid. Composite Lodge surely has much to encourage it in its work, by the new masonic home and the interest evinced by all its members.

December 24th, it was my privilege to visit Olive Branch Lodge of Charleston. Here I witnessed work in the F. C. degree and it is needless to say that the officers exemplified the work in a manner to reflect great credit, not only upon them, but upon Past D. D. G. M. GEORGE S. WALKER and also Secretary O. L. SMITH, who has completed twenty-five years' service as such, and his record book is a model of neatness and accuracy.

January 20th, upon invitation I installed the officers of Mosaic Lodge, Dover, assisted by Dr. E. A. MERRILL as Grand Marshal, after which I witnessed work in the E. A. degree, previous to which we sat down to a fine collation served by the members of the Eastern Star Chapter, after which we listened to some addresses by Bro. WAINWRIGHT CUSHING and Bro. WHITNEY RIDEOUT. I inspected the books and records and found them to be correctly kept under the guiding hand of Past D. D. G. M. JAMES T. ROBERTS, who has rounded out nearly twenty-five years as secretary. The financial condition of this lodge is good.

January 22d, I was invited to install the officers of Mount Kineo Lodge, which I accordingly did, assisted by Past W. M. DAVIDSON, after which I witnessed work in the E. A. degree performed by new officers, and as this was their first work after being installed, I need hardly say that I was indeed surprised and pleased at the almost perfect manner in which the work was rendered. Especial mention should be made of W. M. Bro. FRANK B. PEASE, for the able and efficient manner in which he performed the work and delivered the lecture and charge contained in this degree. Mt. Kineo Lodge is easily in the best financial condition of any in the district and is in a very prosperous condition.

March 28th, I visited Abner Wade Lodge of Sangerville, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. Not much work has been done here the past year, but there are several new applications in and the outlook is good for the ensuing year. With a degree team of officers who are all young and striving for perfection in the work I can see no reason why Abner Wade should not be one of the banner lodges the coming year. The work was very well done, and the records correctly kept, showing a good balance in the treasury.

I wish to say that I think all of the lodges in this district are in a very flourishing condition, every lodge having an efficient set of officers who are striving to dispense true masonic wisdom. Especial mention should be made of the secretaries of the various lodges for the efficient manner in which they are performing their duties. There has been a slight gain in membership the past year, and I find the attendance at the meetings all through the district has been better, showing a greater degree of interest than ever before.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Grand Master, please accept my thanks for the honor which you have conferred upon me, and I wish here, also, to take the opportunity to thank the officers and brethren of all the lodges in this district for the kind and courteous way in which they have treated me.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

FRANK B. ARNOLD, *D. D. G. M. 5th M. D.*

SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my official report as D. D. G. M. for the Sixth Masonic District.

While the current year has not been prosperous in point of increase of members, as the Sixth District has made a net loss of two from the previous year, the same spirit of interest seems to be manifested and all the lodges are in a prosperous condition.

My first official visit for the year was November 27th, when I inspected Lynde Lodge of Hermon. The work was in the M. M. degree. As this was the first time the new officers had worked this degree it was very well rendered and fairly accurate; a few errors creeping in as in most cases.

On December 28th, I again visited Lynde Lodge of Hermon and installed the officers, assisted by A. A. POMEROY as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. CHARLES A. PATTEN as Grand Chaplain. The installation was public and a goodly number of the brethren and their families were present. Banquet at close.

On December 3d, I inspected my own lodge, Mystic. The work was in the M. M. degree on one candidate, and was well rendered and accurate.

On December 29th, I again visited Mystic Lodge, and installed the officers, assisted by Bro. A. A. POMEROY as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. G. N. HOLLAND as Grand Chaplain. The installation was public and a goodly number were present. Banquet at close.

On December 22d, I visited Mechanics' Lodge of Orono, and witnessed the work in the F. C. degree on one candidate. The work was fairly well rendered, only a few corrections being necessary. Banquet at close.

On January 1, 1910, I visited Benevolent Lodge, Carmel, and installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. F. E. STEVENS as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. D. D. ROBERTS as Grand Chaplain. The officers of the Eastern Star were also installed on the same evening and the excellent musical program and fine banquet rendered the evening a most enjoyable one.

On March 23d, I again visited Benevolent Lodge and inspected the work in the M. M. degree on two candidates. As the Wor. Master was unable to perform his work, Wor. Bro. WARD was invited to preside and rendered the work in a very excellent manner. The other officers also performed their work in a very pleasing manner. Banquet at close.

On January 12th, I inspected Kenduskeag Lodge of Kenduskeag. Witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was very well and impressively rendered and was very nearly accurate. The can-

didate had certainly made suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees. Banquet at close.

On January 19th, I again visited Kenduskeag Lodge and installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. W. E. NASON as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. W. K. NASON as a Grand Chaplain. This was a joint installation with the Order of the Eastern Star. There was a goodly number present. Banquet at close.

On January 21st, I visited Howard Lodge, Winterport, and installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. F. ERNEST HARVEY of Kenduskeag Lodge as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. G. H. BAKER as Grand Chaplain. The installation was private. Banquet at close.

On March 18th, I again visited Howard Lodge, Winterport. Witnessed work in F. C. degree on one candidate. The work was very well rendered and nearly accurate, only a few corrections being necessary. Banquet at close.

On January 25th, I visited Rising Virtue Lodge, Bangor, and installed the officers, assisted by F. ERNEST HARVEY of Kenduskeag Lodge as Grand Marshal and Bro. E. F. PEMBER as Grand Chaplain. Banquet at close.

On March 28th, I visited Star in the East Lodge, Oldtown. Witnessed work in M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was very nearly accurate, the officers, particularly the Master, showing a high degree of proficiency. Banquet at close.

Owing to extensive repairs on the Masonic Hall, Rising Virtue and St. Andrew's Lodges of Bangor were unable to exemplify the work. I have visited these lodges previously and can avouch for their good work.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for my appointment to this important office, and to express my appreciation of the kindness and courtesy accorded me on the occasion of my visits to the several lodges in the district.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. EMERSON, *D. D. G. M. 6th M. D.*

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLETT,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Seventh Masonic District.

On October 7th, I publicly installed the officers of Quantabacook Lodge, assisted by Bro. JAMES FULLER acting as Grand Marshal.

On October 16th, I publicly installed the officers of Liberty Lodge, assisted by P. J. G. W. Bro. G. A. CARGILL acting as Grand Marshal.

On October 27th, I attended a Lodge of Instruction called by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, and held with the brethren of Phoenix and Timothy Chase Lodges at Belfast. Many brethren from the Seventh District were present. There was an all day and evening meeting. The day was taken up with the reciting of the ritual by the several D. D. G. Masters and corrections by M. W. Bro. SLEEPER.

In the evening work was exemplified in the third degree by the officers of Phoenix Lodge, which was done in a very impressive manner. A fine banquet was given by the host lodges and everything was done to make this an enjoyable time. The work was inspected by R. W. Bro. HILL of the Eighth District.

On February 5th, I made my first official visit of inspection at Quanta-bacook Lodge, where I witnessed the work in the F. C. degree on one candidate. This was the first candidate worked by this lodge for some time, but the officers were very proficient in their work. On examining I found the records correctly kept. A fine supper was served at the close.

I visited Star in the West Lodge at Unity on March 22d. As this lodge had failed to get notice of my visit, there were but few at the meeting and no work was attempted. I found the records well kept and the lodge in a very good financial condition.

On March 23d, I visited Marsh River Lodge at Brooks, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree, which was conferred in a fine manner. I found the officers of this lodge to be very earnest in their work, many of them having attended the School of Instruction at Belfast. The records were well kept and dues well collected. After the work we sat down to a fine supper.

On March 24th, I visited Sebasticook Lodge at Clinton, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on two candidates. Sebasticook is one of the live lodges in this district. At this meeting there were five applications balloted upon. There was a good attendance, among whom were many middle aged brethren, and all showed great interest in the work. In working the E. A. degree, the second and third sections of the lecture were given by the lecturer in a very impressive manner. The records were ably kept and the dues well collected, the Secretary having collected \$155.75 in dues in three and one-half months since his installation. Refreshments were served.

On March 26th, I visited Unity Lodge at Thorndike. This was a special meeting, and as the traveling was very bad the goodly number present showed a strong interest in Masonry. The M. M. degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. The records were ably kept by

P. D. D. G. M. Bro. WARD and the dues were well collected. After refreshment the P. M. degree was conferred on W. M. WILLARD SPARROW.

I have not visited Liberty Lodge officially as this is my home lodge and I attend the meetings when possible. This lodge has had no work for the past year and as many brethren live at a distance our meetings have not been as largely attended as we could wish, but the lodge is on a good financial footing, and I trust will make a better record for the year to come.

I have been unable to visit Central Lodge of China, so telephoned Bro. WILLIS W. WASHBUDN to report, which report follows:

"The lodge is well officered, the records well kept, the financial condition of the lodge is good, and peace and harmony prevail."

In making my visits I have answered the questions to the best of my ability and made what corrections were necessary.

In closing, I wish to thank the brethren of the Seventh District for the very kind manner in which they have received me and for the courtesy and kindness with which they have received the suggestions made.

Most Worshipful, I wish also to thank you for the honor conferred by appointing me your District Deputy.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIS J. GREELEY, *D. D. G. M. 7th M. D.*
Liberty, April 16, 1910.

EIGHTH-DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as D. D. G. M. of the Eighth Masonic District.

October 27th, I attended the Masonic School of Instruction held at Belfast by Grand Lecturer SLEEPER, which I enjoyed very much. There were five other D. D. Grand Masters present, also a large attendance of the brethren. At the close of the school a banquet was furnished by the Belfast lodges. In the evening Timothy Chase Lodge worked the M. M. degree, which I inspected, assisted by the other District Deputies present.

November 8th, I privately installed the officers of Phoenix Lodge, assisted by R. W. Deputy Gr. Master A. A. SMITH as Grand Chaplain and Wor. Bro. W. C. LIBBY as Grand Marshal.

December 30th, I publicly installed the officers of King David's Lodge, assisted by Wor. Bro. C. P. GRIFFIN as Grand Chaplain and R. W. Bro.

L. D. AMES as Grand Marshal. There was a small attendance on account of the severe cold weather.

January 19th, I publicly installed the officers of Pownal Lodge, assisted by R. W. Deputy Gr. Master A. A. SMITH as Grand Chaplain and Wor. Bro. FRANK V. DAVIS as Grand Marshal. There was a large attendance.

January 27th, I privately installed the officers of Island Lodge, assisted by Bro. W. F. KELLER as Grand Chaplain and R. W. Bro. J. A. SPRAGUE as Grand Marshal.

February 1st, I publicly installed the officers of Excelsior Lodge, assisted by Wor. Bro. A. W. HASSON as Grand Chaplain and R. W. Bro. R. A. PACKARD as Grand Marshal.

February 3d, I privately installed the officers of Timothy Chase Lodge, assisted by Wor. Bro. A. W. HASSON as Grand Chaplain and Wor. Bro. A. L. CURTIS as Grand Marshal.

February 8th, I publicly installed the officers of Mariners' Lodge, assisted by Rev. Bro. MCELHINEY as Grand Chaplain and Wor. Bro. J. W. BLACK as Grand Marshal.

March 15th, I visited Mariners' Lodge and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. There was a good attendance and considerable interest shown. They have made improvement in their hall by installing new lights, and hope to make more the coming year.

March 30th, I visited Pownal Lodge, accompanied by Wor. Master G. P. CARTER of Mariners' Lodge. Witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very creditable manner.

I was invited to witness work at King David's Lodge, but was unable to go on account of illness.

Was unable to witness work at Island Lodge by a brother forgetting to mail the letter.

I have witnessed and assisted in work in the M. M. degree in Phoenix Lodge, and have attended nearly all the meetings of Excelsior Lodge, my masonic home, and witnessed work in the several degrees.

Faternally submitted,

ISAAC S. HILLS, *D. D. G. M. 8th M. D.*

East Northport, April 8, 1910.

NINTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my official report as D. D. G. M. of the Ninth Masonic District.

On Monday evening, October 11th, I installed the officers of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, of Rockport. Was accompanied by several of the brethren from Knox Lodge. W. M. CHARLES R. CROWLEY of Knox Lodge assisted me as Grand Marshal and Rev. Bro. J. R. LAIRD of Camden as Grand Chaplain. Previous to the installation I conferred the Past Master's degree on Bro. C. E. RHODES, Master-elect, with Bro. L. H. LOVEJOY as Grand Marshal. The installation was public and a large number were present. A delicious supper was served in the banquet hall at 6:30 by the members of Harbor Light Chapter O. E. S. The installation was followed by dancing. It was one of those enjoyable evenings such as we always have when we visit St. Paul's Lodge.

On Friday evening, October 15th, I visited Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 203, of Washington, for the purpose of installing its officers. Was accompanied by W. M. CROWLEY of Knox Lodge, and after a drive of some twenty-three miles through the rain we were courteously received by W. M. elect Bro. L. M. STAPLES and the brethren. The installation was public and Liberty Lodge of Liberty had been invited; the rain, however, prevented them from coming and the number present was not as large as we had hoped to see. W. M. CROWLEY assisted me as Grand Marshal and R. W. Bro. ADELBERT MILLETT of Quantabcook Lodge, No. 129, of Searsmont, as Grand Chaplain. After the installation we had several speeches and a fine banquet was served by the ladies of the O. E. S. Mt. Olivet Lodge has recently purchased an unused church which they plan to rebuild into a Masonic Temple, and we hope on our next visit to find them settled in their new home.

I attended the School of Instruction held at Bath on October 19th, under the direction of M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, in the lodge room used by both Solar and Polar Star Lodges.

The forenoon was devoted to the E. A. degree. At noon a lunch was served consisting of oyster stew, coffee and doughnuts. In the afternoon the F. C. and M. M. degrees were taken up and rehearsed in a very thorough manner. Grand Lecturer SLEEPER insisted on all questions pertaining to the Order in general being asked and went through with the signs of each degree, Grand Honors, etc.

At 6:30 a fine banquet was served, and in the evening the M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate by officers from both lodges, with a few minor corrections by the Deputies present. The whole school was very interesting and instructive and a very pleasant occasion. Each Master took a part in conferring the degree, and we are pleased to note that two lodges may exist in the same town, use the same lodge room and work in such unanimity.

The officers of both lodges, and members as well, did all they could to make it pleasant for the visiting brethren.

On Friday evening, November 12th, I installed the officers of Amity Lodge, No. 6, of Camden. Was accompanied by a number of the brethren from Knox Lodge. During the installation W. M. CROWLEY of Knox Lodge acted as Grand Marshal and Rev. Bro. NASH as Grand Chaplain. The installation was public and some 200 were present. Music was furnished by the Aurora Quartet from Aurora Lodge of Rockland. Previously to the installation I conferred the Past Master's degree on the Master-elect, Bro. FESSENDEN W. MILLER. A banquet was served at 6:30 by the ladies of the Methodist Church, and the installation was followed by dancing.

I received an invitation from Bro. E. H. BRADSTREET, W. M. of Moses Webster Lodge of Vinalhaven, to install the officers of that lodge on November 23d. But owing to the stormy weather which prevailed at that time, and the irregular trips of the boat across the bay, I lost my passage and much to my regret was unable to be present.

Wednesday evening, December 1st, I made my official visit to Aurora Lodge, No. 50, Rockland. The night was stormy and the attendance, although fairly good, was not as large as we usually see at this lodge. Work was in the M. M. degree, four candidates being raised. The work was performed in a very satisfactory manner. Aurora Lodge has abundance of good material to select its officers from and its work is always well up to the standard. The books are in the hands of Bro. L. S. ROBINSON, who is serving his 23d year in that office, and are models of neatness; dues well collected and the lodge prosperous in every way. This has been the banner lodge of the district for some years past for making members. Has taken in twenty up to date, with several more to make before the close of year. The brethren of this lodge are very courteous and hospitable, and I usually attend it several times every year. An oyster supper was served at the close of the work.

I installed the officers of Union Lodge, No. 31, of Union, on Thursday evening, December 30th. The installation was public and there was a very good attendance. Was assisted by Past District Deputy F. C. MILLAY as Grand Marshal and Past District Deputy S. W. JONES as Grand Chaplain. The installation was interspersed with music and a very enjoyable evening was passed. A banquet was served at the close of ceremonies. I also conferred the Past Master's degree on the Master-elect, Bro. SAMUEL E. FULLER, with Bro. JONES as Grand Marshal for the occasion.

January 8th, I installed the officers of Knox Lodge, No. 189, at South Thomaston. The installation was public and the attendance was large. P. M. L. H. SNOW of Aurora Lodge assisted me as Grand Marshal and a musical program was furnished for the occasion by local talent. A

banquet was served at the close of the installation and a very enjoyable evening was passed by all present.

I installed the officers of St. George Lodge, No. 16, of Warren, on Monday evening, January 17th. Was assisted by Bro. EDWIN CARROLL of St. George Lodge as Grand Chaplain and W. M. CROWLEY of Knox Lodge as Grand Marshal.

This was a joint installation, the officers of Ivy Chapter O. E. S. being installed the same evening. The hall was well filled and it was a very enjoyable occasion for all present. A fine supper, consisting of oyster stew, coffee and doughnuts was served in the banquet hall at the close of the installation, and the visiting brethren who attended with me were courteously received by the members of both orders.

I received an invitation from R. W. Bro. EDWARD G. WESTON, to install the officers of Orient Lodge, No. 15, of Thomaston, on Wednesday, January 26th, which I accepted. A joint installation was held, the officers of Grace Chapter also being installed. The hall was well filled and all were very much interested in the ceremonies. Worshipful Master CROWLEY of Knox Lodge assisted me as Grand Marshal and Rev. Bro. W. A. NEWCOME as Grand Chaplain. After the installation of the lodge officers a lunch of ice cream and cake was served and a general good time was had. The O. E. S. chapter was then called to order and the officers of that order were installed. It was a very pleasant evening.

January 31st, I made my official visit to St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, of Rockport. An invitation had been extended to Knox Lodge to visit St. Paul's on this occasion and several of the brethren accepted. There was a good attendance of the lodge members and quite a number of visiting brethren. St. Paul's Lodge has two Past District Deputies, both of whom were present, also Past Deputy F. A. PETERSON of Aurora Lodge, Rockland. Work was on the M. M. degree, one candidate being raised, and although three of the officers were acting as substitutes, the work was nearly letter perfect. The Master, Bro. C. E. RHODES, is a sincere worker and a good ritualist, and is supported by a corps of good officers. The records are kept by Bro. F. A. CAMPBELL, a P. M. of the lodge, who makes an ideal secretary. The dues are fairly well collected, and the secretary reports them as coming in all right. After the work there were speeches by several of the brethren and a fine banquet was served by the ladies of Harbor Light Chapter O. E. S. It was one of the most enjoyable evenings we have passed.

On Saturday evening, February 26th, I inspected Eureka Lodge, No. 84, at Tenant's Harbor. My home lodge had received an invitation to accompany me on this occasion and quite a delegation accepted. The

lodge had two candidates on the M. M. degree, and although this was the first time the new officers had worked this degree the work was performed in a very creditable manner and needed very few corrections. W. M. HUMPHREY has passed through the chair a number of times and is a very good ritualist. The officers are all very much interested in the lodge and the work will compare well with the other lodges in the district. The books are still in the hands of Bro. ELMER E. ALLEN and as usual are correctly kept and the dues well collected. Eureka Lodge has fine quarters and the Master reports that with the prospect ahead for the coming year they expect to nearly clear it from debt. A fine banquet was served after the work, and after a smoke talk and a social hour we returned to our homes well pleased with our trip.

On the evening of March 1st, I made my official visit to Moses Webster Lodge, No. 145, at Vinalhaven. After quite a rough passage across the bay, I was met at the wharf by Bro. ROBERTS, secretary of the lodge, who escorted me to the hotel and later to the lodge room. There I was received in a cordial manner by W. M. BRADSTREET, who presented me to the many brethren who were seated around the ante rooms. Work was in the M. M. degree, one candidate being raised. The ritual work was well rendered, the officers all taking their parts in a fine manner. I made what few corrections were necessary, which were well received. It is safe to say that Moses Webster Lodge stands well up among the good working lodges in the district. The attendance was large, and the brethren are all interested in the welfare of their lodge. They have a fine lodge room and own the whole block in which it is situated. The dues are well collected and the financial condition of the lodge is good. The secretary informed me that he was writing up the history of the lodge and would have it ready in due time. After the work a fine banquet was served by the brethren and we dispersed at a late hour.

I have attended all of the meetings of Knox Lodge, No. 189, my masonic home, for the past year, and did not consider it necessary to make any special visit. I reported the corrections which I received at the School of Instruction and have helped in any way I could at all times. Work has not been very brisk in this lodge for the past year, but several candidates are going through at the present time and the prospects are good. The lodge has a good corps of officers and always does good work. The dues are fairly well collected. Knox Lodge was the first to send in the returns for the year, and its membership is the largest since its organization. We have a small debt but are in hopes to clear it up this year.

On March 10th, I went to Union for the purpose of inspecting Union Lodge, No. 31. A good number was in attendance, and one candidate

was raised. Some few errors and omissions occurred, but taking in consideration that this was the first time the new officers had worked this degree they did very nicely. W. M. FULLER is an honest worker and most of the officers are young and energetic members who are deeply interested in the order. This lodge has a small debt on their hall which they purchased some three years ago, but they are gradually cutting it down and will soon be free from debt, and have fine quarters. The books are kept by Bro. C. M. LUCAS and are in fine condition with the dues well collected. A fine supper was served by the brethren at the close of the work.

I made my official visit to Amity Lodge, No. 6, on Friday evening, March 11th. My home lodge had been invited to attend and quite a delegation accepted. This was the largest attendance I have witnessed at any lodge I have visited for the year. St. George Lodge of Warren, and Orient of Thomaston, were invited, and seventeen lodges were represented at this meeting. Three candidates were raised and the work was of a high standard. The officers are all proficient in their parts and the floor work was very fine. Amity Lodge has had a good run of work for the past year, and names are coming in all the time. Bro. W. E. Easton, the secretary, is the right man for the place and has made good progress in collecting the dues, which are well collected up, and the financial condition of the lodge is good. A committee has also been appointed to write the lodge history. At the close of the work a fine fish chowder was served by the brethren, and after cigars were passed around we all departed for home, voting it a very pleasant evening.

On Tuesday evening, March 15th, I inspected Rockland Lodge, No. 79, of Rockland. Was accompanied by several of the brethren of Knox Lodge. Work was in the E. A. and F. C. degrees, and there was a very good attendance of the lodge members and a number of visitors. The work of this lodge is not up to the standard maintained by most of the other lodges in the district. The cause, however, I attribute wholly to lack of practice and study of the ritual, and not to want of ability in the officers. The offices are all filled by young men, and as many of them have recently joined the order and are filling the stations for the first time, they have not had the experience required. But as they are all educated and capable, I see no reason why they should not have as good a working lodge as any in the district, if they brush up on the ritual. This lodge has made twelve members the past year and its financial condition is all right. The records are in the hands of Bro. A. I. MATHER, who is an artist with the pen, and are the best I have seen at any lodge in the district, and the dues are well collected. At the close of the work a lunch was served in the banquet hall, and as the brethren are all cordial with visitors a very pleasant evening was passed.

I inspected St. George Lodge, No. 16, of Warren, on Monday evening, March 21st. Was accompanied on my trip by R. W. Bro. EDWARD G. WESTON. As there was no actual work, the E. A. degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner. This lodge had not had any work since the new officers were installed. But with the practice that comes with actual work, I have no doubt that its present officers will maintain the usual reputation it has had for doing good work. I made some few corrections which were well received, and examined the records, kept by Bro. J. M. STUDLEY, which are in fine condition with the dues well collected. At the close of the work remarks were made by Bro. WESTON and refreshments were served by the brethren in the banquet hall. St. George Lodge has fine quarters and the brethren are always hospitable to its visitors.

On March 29th, I made my official visit to Orient Lodge, No. 15, at Thomaston. My home lodge had been invited, but on account of the bad traveling only a few accepted. The attendance, however, was very good, several lodges being represented. Work was in the M. M. degree. This was the first time the lodge had worked this degree since the officers were installed, and although quite a few errors occurred the work in general was very good, and I have no doubts about the work of this lodge after they have had some practice. As the secretary had been called away from town somewhat suddenly his books were not present and I am unable to say anything about the records, but was informed by the W. M. that the dues were well collected and the financial condition of the lodge was all right. They have fine rooms and are very nice to meet. At the close of the work a fine supper was served by the ladies of Grace Chapter O. E. S. It was a very enjoyable visit.

Owing to the lateness of the season and the bad traveling before I could make arrangements to visit Mt. Olivet Lodge of Washington, I did not get there for a second visit as I had planned to do to witness work. At the time I installed the officers I was informed by the secretary that the lodge was free from debt and the dues very well collected. And as the brethren are planning to build a new hall they must be interested in the future welfare of their lodge. I have talked with the W. M., Bro. L. M. STAPLES, who reports everything as working well but no candidates to work on just at present.

I have called the attention of all of the lodges in the district to the fact that they must have their lodge histories written up to 1910, before the next session of the Grand Lodge. And in most of the lodges they report that they are at work on them. Am at work on the history of Knox Lodge and am in hopes to have it ready on time.

I have presented diplomas to the following Past Masters: MORTIMER

T. HILL of St. Paul's Lodge, CHARLES C. PULLEN of Amity Lodge, CHARLES R. CROWLEY of Knox Lodge, EDGAR H. BRADSTREET of Moses Webster Lodge, BRETRAM H. COPELAND of Orient Lodge.

All of the lodges in the Ninth District seem to be in a prosperous condition, and as far as I have been able to learn harmony prevails among them. The number of members made has not been so large as last year but the returns show a net gain of ten in the district.

In closing my report I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you conferred on me in appointing me to look after the affairs of the Ninth Masonic District. And also to thank all of the brethren throughout the district for the uniform courtesy and kindness with which they have received me at all times as your representative.

Fraternally submitted,

WINFIELD S. CLARKE, *D. D. G. M. 9th M. D.*

So. Thomaston, March 30, 1910.

TENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my official report as D. D. G. M. for the Tenth Masonic District.

On February 12th, I made my official visit to Lincoln Lodge at Wiscasset and witnessed work in the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees, it being the first work done by the new officers. The Fellow Craft degree was in charge of S. W. Brother D. E. BADGER, and was done in a creditable manner, very few mistakes being made. The M. M. degree was in charge of W. M. Bro. MUNSEY, who did the work in a very pleasing and correct manner. Lincoln Lodge, being the oldest lodge in the Tenth District, is in excellent financial condition, and is ably supported by Brother WILLIAM D. PATTERSON, who has served the lodge very faithfully as secretary, for the past twenty-five years. The lodge has purchased a large building which will be converted into a fine lodge room. This room is much needed and will be enjoyed by all the members. I was accompanied on this visit by fifteen members of Sea Side Lodge of Boothbay Harbor, and after the work a fine banquet was served which was much enjoyed.

On Wednesday, February 23d, accompanied by Bro. W. A. VANNAH, of King Solomon's Lodge of Waldoboro, I officially visited Riverside Lodge of East Jefferson and witnessed work in the Master Mason's de-

gree on two candidates, which was done in a very impressive manner. The records of this lodge are kept in a very neat and correct manner; the dues are nearly all paid in for the year. The new officers, as well as the other members, are much interested in the work, and a bright and prosperous future is before them. A fine banquet was served, and a very profitable evening enjoyed.

By invitation of the W. M., I visited Dresden Lodge, No. 103, at Dresden Mills, March 2d, for inspection of the work in the M. M. degree. The work done by this lodge is excellent and much credit is due to several of its older members, who take great pride in the work and who are interested to have the younger members duly qualified to carry on the work of the craft. I found the records and financial conditions of this lodge very good. After the work an oyster supper was served, which was very much enjoyed.

March 9th, I made my official visit to Anchor Lodge, No. 158, at South Bristol. This was a special meeting called for the purpose of inspection, and as no actual work was at hand, the work was exemplified in the E. A. degree. The exemplification of the work in this degree was well rendered, very few errors occurring. As this was their first attempt at the degree work, and being all new officers, I am convinced that with practice they can do excellent work. Bro. BREWER is a young man and much interested in his work and is ably assisted by his officers. The financial standing of the lodge is good. Work is much needed and would be very beneficial to the new officers.

On March 11th, in company with Past Master LINCOLN M. HARRIS of Seaside Lodge of Boothbay Harbor, I officially visited King Solomon's Lodge, No. 61, at Waldoboro. We were cordially received by W. M., Bro. THOMAS L. RICHARDS, his officers and members of the lodge. The work was performed on the E. A. degree in a very commendable manner, with scarcely any errors or omissions. This lodge has a very efficient corps of officers. Bro. RICHARDS is a thorough and earnest worker, and most of the officers are capable and interested in the work. After making a few corrections, I called on the brothers for remarks, suggestions and questions in relation to the work, which made a pleasant and profitable meeting. After the meeting supper was served in the banquet hall. This lodge has fine new rooms, the lodge room being equal to any in the district or in the state. The success of the lodge for the past year has been very good, and a number of applications have been received for the degrees. I looked over the records and found them in excellent condition. The finances are also in good condition. At a late hour we all repaired to our homes, pronouncing the occasion a very enjoyable one.

On March 16th, I visited Alna Lodge, No. 43, at Damariscotta. This lodge has not done much work the past winter, owing to the fact that they have done a great deal to beautify their lodge room. They have now a very pretty and well-fitted room, with a complete new outfit for doing work, which they are much interested in for themselves as well as for their sister lodge, the O. E. S., who occupy the same room. The work of the evening was on the E. A. degree. This was the first work done by the new officers; it was well rendered to the satisfaction of all present, there being very few errors. I found the records well kept and dues nearly all paid, with some funds in the treasury. After the meeting a banquet was served, and some interesting remarks were listened to for the good of the order.

March 17th was the date of my visit to Bay View Lodge, No. 196, at East Boothbay. I was accompanied by several brethren of Seaside Lodge, No. 144, my home lodge. Among them were M. W. Bro. L. P. ORNE, S. W. Bro. R. V. MATTHEWS and Past D. D. G. M. Bro. WILL. T. MARR. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree, which was rendered in a correct and impressive manner. This lodge has the reputation of doing good work, and the new officers are working hard to keep up their high standard. But few corrections and suggestions were necessary. Bro. LADD, the new secretary, keeps the records neat and correct, the dues well collected, and the financial standing of this lodge is excellent. There were present a large number of members and visiting brethren from several lodges. After the meeting refreshments were served, consisting of lobster stew, cake and coffee; after which a pleasant hour was spent in speeches, singing, etc., which made a pleasant and profitable evening.

On March 22d, I visited Meduncook Lodge at Friendship. This was a special meeting called for my benefit (for which I thank the members). The M. M. degree was conferred in a very impressive and correct manner; the officers were new to their respective duties, but the manner in which the ceremonies were carried out showed ability and a careful compliance with the ritual. Few errors were noted. I would especially congratulate W. M., Bro. ROBERT M. THOMPSON, who by his efforts has done much to revive the masonic interest in this village. I find the conditions good, new record books and suitable paraphernalia, and a fine lodge room, which they occupy jointly with the K. of P. lodge. This lodge has made a good record for the past year, having made twenty-six new members, and have received two new applications for membership. They have a large jurisdiction, and a number of excellent young men to select from, and I am convinced that they may become one of the best lodges in the district. I cheerfully recommend to you, Most Worshipful

Grand Master, that they be granted a charter at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge. A banquet was served at the close of the meeting.

March 28th, by special invitation, I visited Bristol Lodge, No. 74, at Bristol. The E. A. degree was conferred on one candidate to the satisfaction of all present, being the first work done in the lodge for two years. The officers did very well, and, with better prospects before them, I feel sure that they will keep up the excellent condition of the lodge.

I have been a constant attendant at the meetings of my own lodge, and witnessed work in all of the degrees. By special request of the W. M., I made my official visit to Seaside Side Lodge, No. 144, February 26th, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was performed in a most satisfactory manner. W. M. LYMAN P. ORNE is much interested in his work and is ably supported by his officers.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, allow me to thank you for the honor of my appointment and also to extend my thanks to the brethren whose uniform courtesy and kindness has made my official visits and most of my other duties a pleasure which I shall long remember.

Fraternally submitted,

LEWIS A. DUNTON, *D. D. G. M. 10th M. D.*

Boothbay Harbor, April 16, 1910.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Eleventh Masonic District for the year ending May, 1910.

I have inspected work in all the lodges and installed the officers of four.

October 14th, I attended a School of Instruction held in Deering Lodge, Portland. Ten District Deputies and a large number of brethren were present, and under the direction of M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, every one got just what these meetings are held for, instruction. I enjoyed it thoroughly and think that all present did. In the evening Deering Lodge worked the M. M. degree on one candidate; the work was beautifully done: almost in itself a School of Instruction. The officers and brethren showed every kindness and courtesy. I shall not forget my visit to Deering Lodge.

MONMOUTH LODGE, NO. 110, MONMOUTH. October 23d, I installed the officers of this, my home lodge, assisted by Bro. H. H. COCHRANE as Grand Chaplain and Bro. E. A. PRESCOTT as Grand Marshal. The installation was private; a good number were present. I have called no one visit my official one, as I have been present at all the meetings, both stated and special, since the present officers were installed. There has been no work, but they have held special meetings and tried to perfect themselves in both ritual and floor work, and I have no hesitation in asserting that they are well qualified to confer the degree. W. M. H. E. TAYLOR is an untiring worker, and has set an example that would be well to follow. A good interest is manifest throughout the lodge. The records are neatly and correctly kept, and the dues well collected.

TEMPLE, NO. 25, WINTHROP. October 25th, by invitation, I installed the officers, assisted by Past W. Bro. L. E. JONES as Grand Chaplain and Past W. Bro. E. A. PRESCOTT of Monmouth Lodge as Grand Marshal. Not many were present. After closing refreshments were served.

March 21st, accompanied by Bro. C. W. PRESCOTT, Secretary of Monmouth Lodge, I made my official visit and witnessed work in M. M. degree. Although several of the principal officers were absent, the work was correctly and impressively done. Much credit is due W. M. SOPER. That the records are in the hands of Past D. D. G. M. L. E. JONES is a sufficient guarantee that they are well kept and dues well collected. Attendance fair. After closing refreshments were served and a smoke talk enjoyed.

MORNING STAR, NO. 41, LITCHFIELD. October 26th, by invitation, I installed the officers, assisted by Bro. GARDINER ROBERTS as Grand Chaplain and Past Wor. Bro. H. M. STARBIRD as Grand Marshal. After the ceremony remarks were made by Bros. STARBIRD, MAXWELL, RICHARDS, GILBERT and others. A large number were present and a fine degree of interest was shown. After closing a bountiful repast was served in the banquet hall. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed.

February 26th, was the occasion of my official visit. Work in the F. C. degree was exemplified. It was well done; errors were few. There was a good attendance and a healthy spirit manifested. The records are in nice condition and dues collected. Supper was served at the close.

BETHLEHEM, NO. 35, AUGUSTA. November 22d, it was my pleasure to visit this lodge and witness the conferring of the M. M. degree on two candidates. The reputation of Bethlehem Lodge was fully sustained. The interpretation of the ritual by the W. M. and officers was so nearly perfect that I had but little to do except praise. The floor work was the best I ever saw. Records are carefully and correctly kept and dues well collected. Attendance was large. After closing a sumptuous banquet

was served, and the wants of each brother carefully attended to. Able and interesting remarks were made by Rev. Bro. L. W. COONS. All present could not help but profit by them.

KENNEBEC, NO. 5, HALLOWELL. December 8th, it was my privilege to install the officers, assisted by Bro. J. E. LUNT as Grand Chaplain and Bro. C. R. GETCHELL as Grand Marshal. A large number were present, and at the close of the ceremonies a delightful banquet was enjoyed by all. The occasion was a very pleasant one.

February 23d, I made my official visit. The M. M. degree was conferred upon two candidates. This was the first time the present corps of officers had worked this degree, but the fidelity to the ritual and the impressive manner in which they performed their work showed that Kennebec Lodge made no mistake in the selection of its officers. They are deserving of much credit. Records correctly kept and dues well collected. A large number were present. An elegant banquet was served at the close.

HERMON, NO. 32, GARDINER. December 18th, I made my official visit. The M. M. degree was conferred upon two candidates. The work was impressively done, and the ritual about perfect. A large number were in attendance, and all showed a good working interest. The records in the hands of Wor. Bro. LARRABEE are a model of everything that goes to make a good secretary. Hermon Lodge is fortunate in having his services for so many years. Banquet was served in the hall above. Remarks were made by Wor. Bro. LARRABEE, Past D. D. G. M. CHARLES A. KNIGHT and others. The remainder of the evening was delightfully spent.

AUGUSTA LODGE, NO. 141, AUGUSTA. December 21st, I officially inspected the work in the M. M. degree. The high standard of this lodge has been fully maintained. It was a pleasure to witness the work, and it deserves the highest commendation. The manner of giving the charge by Wor. Bro. BURLEIGH, deserves special mention. Records well kept and dues collected. After closing, the brethren to the number of one hundred, repaired to the banquet hall, where the tables fairly groaned with good things. Remarks by Rev. Bro. LIVINGSTON, L. A. BURLEIGH, M. S. CAMPBELL and Rev. Bro. DUNNACK, were enjoyed. I shall remember with much pleasure, this, my only visit to Augusta Lodge.

DIRIGO, NO. 104, WEEKS' MILLS. January 24th, I made my official visit. A thirteen mile drive from Augusta, on a cold night. I received a cordial welcome and soon forgot all about the drive. W. M. ROWE and his corps of officers conferred the M. M. degree on one candidate in a manner creditable to themselves and the fraternity. There was a good

attendance. Records, in the hands of Bro. O. F. SPROUL, are of course correctly kept. The dues are well collected. The brethren all seem to have a deep interest in their lodge. At the close an oyster supper was served, which was enjoyed.

I have conferred the Past Master's degree upon five candidates, and delivered a diploma to each. All the lodges in this district are in good shape. I have been welcomed by all of them, and I wish to extend my thanks to the officers and brethren of the different lodges, who have done so much to make my official visits a pleasure. There has been but little to correct. I am proud of the lodges that comprise the Eleventh District.

This closes my report. I have enjoyed the work, and hope that your confidence has not been wholly misplaced.

Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred upon me, I sincerely thank you.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. M. PRESCOTT, *D. D. G. M. 11th M. D.*

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twelfth District for the year ending May 3, 1910.

October 2d, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Neguemekeag Lodge, assisted by Past Master Bro. EVERETT COOMBS as Grand Marshal. Following the installation a fine musical program was rendered and interesting remarks from visitors and brethren, after which a banquet was served.

October 5th, I attended the services of laying the corner stone of the new school building, by invitation of the citizens of Waterville. Services were performed by M. W. G. M. EDMUND B. MALLET, assisted by Waterville Lodge, which was escorted to the new grounds by St. Omer Commandery.

October 20th, by invitation, I installed the officers of my own lodge, assisted by Bro. E. S. COOMBS as Grand Marshal and Reverend M. S. HILL as Grand Chaplain; banquet at the close of the installation.

October 27th, I attended the School of Instruction at Belfast; the meeting was largely attended and very instructive.

December 21st, I made my official visit to Vernon Valley Lodge, wit-

nessed the work in M. M. degree, which was done in a very impressive manner and very close to the ritual. The records are in the hands of Bro. MANSUR and are very neatly kept; the dues are more than well collected, there being only three dollars due on the books at the close of the year, which I think Vernon Valley Lodge ought to be proud of. After witnessing the work, I installed the officers for the ensuing year, assisted by Past D. D. G. M. Bro. PHILBRICK as Grand Marshal, after which a banquet was served.

December 29th, I made my official visit to Neguemkeag Lodge at Vassalboro and witnessed work in the E. A and F. C. degrees, which was done very well, considering this being the second time the officers had done the work, and the officers not all being present; it was rather discouraging for the master. Correction was made and also recommendations, which were taken very kindly by the officers. Records still in the hands of Bro. STILSON; dues not very well collected. Refreshments after the work.

January 1st, I made my official visit to Lafayette Lodge, Readfield, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree, which was rendered in a very impressive manner and so nearly correct that corrections were very few. The lodge has just completed its history, which I found to be very interesting; and the members are very proud of their history as well as their committee who got it up. This is the home lodge of Past D. D. G. M. TEBBETTS, whom I met, and I was received very cordially by him and by the brethren of Lafayette Lodge. Records, in the hands of Bro. PEACOCK, are very neatly kept. Dues fairly collected; banquet after the work, followed by many interesting remarks.

January 18th, I made my official visit to Asylum Lodge at Wayne. I did not have the pleasure of witnessing any work; it being a stormy night not many of the officers being present, as they seem to be scattered. Although this lodge has not had any work for the past year they all seem to have the masonic spirit. They have a fine hall and library connected, which makes a fine masonic home. Records still in the hands of Bro. BRADFORD and are finely kept; dues well collected. Refreshments after the meeting.

February 23d, I made my official visit to Vassalboro Lodge, which is my home lodge. Witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very creditable manner, there being some corrections and recommendations which were received with a good masonic spirit. Records in the hands of Bro. SEDWICK. Dues fairly collected.

March 14th, I made my official visit to Waterville Lodge at Waterville, and witnessed the work in the E. A. degree on one candidate, which was rendered in a very impressive manner. The new officers seem to be pro-

ficient in their work. Records are still in the hands of Bro. DAVIS, which are very neatly kept, and Waterville Lodge should be congratulated on having such an efficient secretary. About 100 present. Banquet was served after the work and very interesting remarks were made by members and visitors. Among the members present was Past M. W. G. M. Bro. JOHNSON.

March 18th, I made my official visit to Messalonskee Lodge, Oakland, and witnessed the work in the E. A. degree. This is one of the best working lodges in this district, the work being almost perfect, with very few errors or omissions. Bro. HUNTON, the new Master, is a very earnest and thorough worker and I have no doubt the lodge will see a very prosperous year. The records are still neatly kept by Bro. CROWELL; dues well collected. Supper was served after the work.

March 19th, I made my official visit to Rural Lodge, Sidney, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree. As this was the first work the new officers have had in the M. M. degree, it was rendered very well, there being some corrections made which were received with a brotherly spirit. Records are still in the hands of Bro. WARREN. Dues fairly well collected. Refreshments after the work.

I wish, in closing this my first annual report, to express my appreciation of the courtesy which I have had extended to me on every occasion and to assure the brethren of the great pleasure it has given me.

I wish, also, to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred by appointing me your District Deputy.

Fraternally submitted,

BERT K. MESERVEY, *D. D. G. M. 12th M. D.*
North Vassalboro, April 6, 1910.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

June 28th, visited Somerset Lodge at Skowhegan. Witnessed work in M. M. degree, which was ably done.

November 19th, visited Carrabassett Lodge at Canaan.

March 3d, made unofficial visit to Lebanon Lodge at Norridgewock, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was of the best.

April 7th, visited Siloam Lodge at Fairfield, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was well done, and with a large attendance.

April 10th, planned a visit to Northern Star Lodge, but on account of

sickness could not. Knowing the Master well, and that they were doing no work, I regretted it the less.

Euclid Lodge, No. 144, Madison, is doing some good work, but I have not witnessed it myself.

Bingham Lodge, No. 199, at Bingham, is my home lodge. I have attended the most of the meetings and helped in the work. This lodge is doing good work, and have made a good showing.

June 26th, installed officers of Bingham Lodge, No. 199.

November 19th, installed officers of Carrabassett Lodge at Canaan, in public.

This district has the best of secretaries, and the records are not only well, but neatly kept.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID G. BEAN, *D. D. G. M. 13th M. D.*

Bingham, May 14, 1910.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I submit herewith my report as District Deputy for the Fourteenth Masonic District.

On October 19, 1909, upon invitation of the officers of Polar Star and Solar Lodges, M. W. Bro. F. E. SLEEPER held at Bath a School of Masonic Instruction. The entire day was profitably spent in consideration of ritualistic and floor work; and was followed in the evening by work in the third degree by the officers of both lodges. The work was very creditably done; eliciting favorable comment, tinged with a little wholesome criticism from the Grand Lecturer and the several District Deputies present. The entire session was largely attended and a most complete and accurate report of the meeting was spread upon the records of Polar Star Lodge by the secretary, Bro. A. G. OLIVER. This was the only official visit I have made to either of the home lodges, but have attended nearly every meeting of each lodge, and am pleased to report them in good condition.

I have inspected the other lodges in the district on the following dates:

November 1, 1909, Freeport Lodge, Freeport, work in the Master Mason degree.

February 16, 1910, Village Lodge, Bowdoinham, work in Master Mason degree.

February 21st, Ancient York Lodge, Lisbon Falls, work in Master Mason degree.

March 8th, United Lodge, Brunswick, work in Fellow Craft degree.

March 21st, Richmond Lodge, Richmond, work in Fellow Craft degree.

March 22d, Acacia Lodge, Durham, work exemplified in Master Mason degree.

I have made several unofficial visits in different parts of the district, and have, upon invitation, installed the officers in four of the lodges,

It is gratifying to report the general good condition of lodges in the district.

With few exceptions the degree work is excellent. The officers have taken great interest in filling each individual chair the best in the history of the lodge, and in many cases I believe they have succeeded.

Especial mention is due United Lodge, Brunswick, where the rendering of the ritual was well nigh perfect.

I have been most cordially received throughout the district, and trust that my services have been of some little profit to the craft. I believe the warmth of masonic fellowship among the brethren of the Fourteenth District is not to be excelled in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Trusting that you may have no regrets on account of your appointment in this district, and thanking you for the same, I am,

Very respectfully,

N. GRATZ JACKSON, D. D. G. M. 14th M. D.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I hereby submit my annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Fifteenth Masonic District.

I have had the pleasure of visiting every lodge in the district and have witnessed work in all of them. I found all the lodges to be prospering and in good working condition, the standard of work being very high. I have been cordially and courteously received by every lodge; and my official relations with the several lodges have been most pleasant.

October 8th, by invitation, I attended the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of Maine Lodge, No. 20, of Farmington. A large number of brethren from neighboring lodges was present; besides visiting brethren from away. Maine Lodge was particularly honored by the

presence of Most Worshipful EDMUND B. MALLET, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and also the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The program consisted of a masonic parade in the forenoon, in which a large number of brethren appeared in line, followed by a secret session for greetings by neighboring lodges and visiting brethren; and by a lunch at noon. A public meeting was held in the afternoon with interesting speaking, and especially a very interesting historical paper by Bro. DAVID H. KNOWLTON. The celebration ended with a banquet in the evening, with a large number of brethren and ladies present, followed by interesting speeches by the visiting Grand Officers and others. I had the extreme pleasure, Most Worshipful, of meeting you on that most pleasant occasion.

MOUNT BIGELOW, NO. 202, FLAGSTAFF. November 13th, I made my first official visit with this lodge. I found this lodge to be very much interested in Masonry, a large number of the brethren present coming from five to ten miles to lodge meeting; and there was a good attendance. The E. A. degree was worked in a very pleasing manner. The records are in the hands of Bro. WALTER E. HINDS, who is a good secretary. Dues fairly well collected. Banquet.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, NO. 67, PHILLIPS. December 29th, by appointment, I met with this lodge. This is one of the four largest lodges in the district; and I found the officers and members interested, although the lodge had had no work for a number of months. The work was exemplified in the E. A. degree and was done in a very creditable manner. Although the secretary, Bro. DANIEL M. HOYT, was not present, I found his records very neatly and carefully kept, with dues well collected. Banquet.

MOUNT ABRAM, NO. 204, KINGFIELD. December 30th, I made my official visit to this lodge, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree, which was performed very accurately. The lecture by Bro. HUTCHINS was especially impressive and pleasing. This lodge is fortunate in having a good organist and a number of singers who add to the interest very materially. Bro. ARTHUR C. WOODARD, the Secretary, is one who keeps the dues well collected and his records in good order. Banquet.

DAVIS, NO. 191, STRONG. Dec. 31st, I visited this lodge on the last night in 1909, and, as in all other lodges, I spent a very pleasant evening. This was the first lodge in which I witnessed the M. M. degree. The work was done with much dignity and was very impressive. There was a very large attendance, and I was informed that it is a usual occurrence, which speaks well of the interest shown by both officers and members. R. W. CHARLES B. RICHARDSON is a secretary whose records are well and correctly kept, with dues well collected. Banquet.

WHITNEY, NO. 167, CANTON. Jan. 6th, I met with this lodge and witnessed the work in the F. C. degree, which was very well done. This lodge is having quite a lot of work and much interest is shown by both officers and members. Bro. JOHN N. FOYE is another secretary whose records are well made and correct, with dues fairly well collected. Banquet. Whitney Lodge met with considerable loss by fire on the night of February 12th; the buildings in which their hall and dining room were situated being gutted by fire. Most of their furniture was saved, but their preparation room and contents were totally destroyed. Loss estimated at \$200, with no insurance. The Odd Fellows offered free use of their hall to Whitney Lodge, which made it necessary for me to inspect it in accordance with masonic law, which I did on February 24th. I found the hall entirely suitable for masonic work.

ORIENTAL STAR, NO. 21, LIVERMORE FALLS. January 19th, this being the semi-annual meeting of this lodge, I was invited to be present at the afternoon and evening sessions. The lodge worked the E. A. degree in the afternoon, had supper at 5 o'clock, and worked the F. C. degree in the evening, followed by a banquet. The work was very fine, especially the F. C. degree, which was very close to the ritual. This is the largest lodge in the district and is doing quite a lot of work. There was a very large attendance at this meeting and a great deal of interest was shown. Bro. GEORGE O. EUSTIS is a very careful secretary, whose records are always correct; and who keeps the dues well collected.

January 25th, I installed the officers of Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 154, of Weld.

January 26th, by invitation, I attended the meeting of Wilton Lodge, No. 156, of Wilton. The officers and members of Maine Lodge, No. 20, Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, and Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 154, had been invited to attend and assist in conferring the M. M. degree upon four candidates. Candidates were raised by Mystic Tie, Oriental Star and Wilton Lodges; the work by each lodge was excellent; the standard of proficiency being very high. A very inviting banquet had been prepared by the ladies of the Eastern Star, to which over one hundred and fifty brethren sat down. It was a very enjoyable meeting and a very successful one.

FRANKLIN, NO. 123, NEW SHARON. By request I made my official visit to this lodge, expecting to witness work in the M. M. degree; but owing to bad traveling only a few members were present, and it was necessary to work the E. A. degree, which was fairly well done; and I am sure that with a little brushing up this lodge could do really good work. This lodge is having more work now than they have had for a few years. In the death of R. W. Bro. JAMES H. HOWES the lodge lost a

good secretary and a valued member, one whose loss will be keenly felt. Bro. JOHN S. DYER is filling the position of secretary. He is very anxious to learn and I am sure he will make a valuable officer to the lodge. The dues are very much behind and I instructed in the correct method of collection. Banquet.

MAINE, NO. 20, FARMINGTON. February 21st, I made my official visit to this lodge and spent a very delightful evening. I found that the members of this lodge are very prompt in attendance, and there was a good number present. The M. M. degree was conferred upon four candidates. The work was performed in an excellent manner and was very quickly done. The lecture by the W. M., H. BURTON VOTER, was especially impressive. This is one of the largest lodges in the district and is in a very flourishing condition. Bro. GEORGE B. CRAGIN is a very efficient secretary and his records are an honor to the lodge. Dues are all collected. Banquet.

WILTON, NO. 156, WILTON. February 23d, I made my official visit to this lodge, which is another of the large lodges in the district, is in a very prosperous condition and is doing a lot of work. The work was in the M. M. degree and was very nicely done. The officers and members of this lodge are very much interested in their lodge and are very good entertainers. Bro. FRED E. TREFETHEN is another secretary who is very efficient; and one who keeps the dues well collected. Banquet.

MYSTIC TIE, NO. 154, WELD. This is my home lodge and I have not made any official visit to it, as I have been to all its meetings, have witnessed the work in all the degrees and have given them all the instruction I could. The lodge is in a prosperous condition, although they do not have very much work, having had but two candidates in a year, and the officers and members are much interested in their lodge. The records are still in the hands of Bro. ORLETUS PHILLIPS, who is a very careful secretary. Dues well collected.

I have conferred the Past Master's degree upon seven Past Masters and have filled out and distributed a large number of P. M. diplomas.

It has given me extreme pleasure to meet the officers and members of the several lodges; and I wish to thank them for the cordial and hearty way in which I have been received.

I thank you, Most Worshipful, for the great honor you have conferred upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

CLEFF MAXWELL, D. D. G. M. 15th M. D.

Weld, April 15, 1910.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixteenth District for the year ending May, 1910.

I have had the pleasure of visiting every lodge in the district and have been very courteously received in every instance. I have found the lodges of this district in excellent condition and all doing good work. The records in every lodge are in the hands of secretaries who have held the office for some years and all are first class.

JEFFERSON LODGE, No. 100. My first official work for the year was in my home lodge October 15th, when I publicly installed the officers of Jefferson Lodge, No. 100, of Bryant's Pond, assisted by Bro. A. C. RICKER as Grand Marshal and Rev. Bro. C. D. MCKENZIE as Grand Chaplain. There was a good attendance of members and invited guests. Banquet served after the installation ceremonies.

October 19th, I attended the Masonic School of Instruction at Bath in company with Wor. E. J. MANN and Past Master A. D. FELT of Jefferson Lodge. The school was very interesting and instructive. We also attended the meeting in the evening and enjoyed the hospitality of Polar Star and Solar Lodges.

OXFORD LODGE, No. 18. November 26th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, at Norway. This was a private installation. I was assisted by Bro. HATHAWAY as Grand Marshal and Bro. TRUFANT as Grand Chaplain. After the installation the new officers conferred the E. A. degree upon two candidates. Considering that the new officers had had no practice in their new positions the work was well done. I made no criticisms, as I intended making another visit to the lodge later. A banquet was served after the work and a social hour enjoyed. I was accompanied by several brethren from Jefferson Lodge.

BETHEL LODGE, No. 97. By appointment I made my visit to Bethel Lodge, No. 97, at Bethel, on December 9th, accompanied by a number of brethren from Jefferson Lodge, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree upon one candidate. The work was performed in an impressive manner and the officers seem much interested and anxious to do good work. Some corrections were necessary, but I judge most of the mistakes were due more to nervousness on the part of the officers than to any lack of knowledge of the ritual. This lodge has a new hall finely furnished and equipped and is in a prosperous condition. The records are still in the hands of Bro. H. C. ROWE and are correct and complete. Dues well collected. Good attendance. Banquet after the work.

December 16th, by invitation, I again visited Bethel Lodge and publicly

installed the new officers, assisted by Bro. RICHARDSON as Grand Marshal and Rev. Bro. CURTIS as Grand Chaplain. A pleasing musical program was furnished during and after the installation ceremonies, after which we all adjourned to the dining hall in the vestry of the Universal Church, where a fine banquet was served, followed by speeches.

CROOKED RIVER LODGE, No. 152. December 23d, by appointment, I made my visit to Crooked River Lodge, No. 152, at Bolster's Mills, accompanied by Wor. E. J. MANN and Past Master A. D. FELT. This was the first time I had ever visited Crooked River Lodge and I was much impressed with the great interest shown by both officers and brethren. By invitation I installed the officers, assisted by Bro. A. D. FELT as Grand Marshal. No actual work appearing, one brother offered to act as candidate and the E. A. degree was exemplified for my inspection by the new officers in a very pleasing manner. I found it necessary to make few corrections. Records are still in the hands of Bro. CHAS. AKERS and show much care. Dues are well collected. Good attendance. Banquet after the work, after which we all returned to the lodge room and passed a very pleasant social hour.

EVENING STAR LODGE, No. 147. January 24th, I made my official visit to Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, at Buckfield, accompanied by several brethren from Granite and Jefferson Lodges, and witnessed work in M. M. degree on one candidate. This was the first time I had ever visited Evening Star Lodge. I was much impressed with the interest shown and the spirit of good fellowship that exists in this lodge. I believe Masonry means a great deal to its members, both old and young. This was the first time this degree had been worked by the new officers, but it was worked in a very pleasing manner. I found it necessary to make but few corrections. The records are still in the hands of Bro. ALFRED COLE and are in excellent shape. Dues well collected. Very large attendance. Banquet after the work.

KING HIRAM LODGE, No. 57. On February 8th, I visited King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, at Dixfield, in company with Bro. H. ALLEN BACON of Jefferson Lodge. I found on arriving at the hall that Mystic Tie Lodge of Weld had been invited to assist in the work of the evening and about twenty-five were present from that lodge. Two candidates were expected to be present to receive the M. M. degree, but owing to sudden illness one could not attend. The brethren of Mystic Tie Lodge had come a long distance prepared to work, so under the conditions I did not insist on King Hiram Lodge doing the work, but witnessed the work by Mystic Tie Lodge, which I am pleased to say was excellent. I was very sorry not to be able to see work by King Hiram Lodge, but think the lodge derived more benefit in this way than I could possibly

have given them. I had at this time the pleasure of meeting R. W. CLEFF MAXWELL and Past D. D. FRED RAYMOND. A banquet was served. After the meeting I called the officers of King Hiram Lodge together and went over the work of the evening, making some suggestions and also taking up parts of the other degrees. I found the officers to be very well informed and anxious to get the work letter perfect. They have had but little work for some time past, but at present their prospects are very good for a lot of work. This meeting was largely attended, there being fully ninety present, and a good time was enjoyed by all. The records are still in the hands of Bro. CHAS. DILLINGHAM and are in excellent shape. Dues well collected.

PARIS LODGE, No. 94. On February 22d, I made my visit to Paris Lodge, No. 94, at South Paris, and witnessed work in M. M. degree upon one candidate. The work was performed in a very impressive manner, and I made only a few corrections. Records still in hands of Bro. WALTER L. GRAY and are correct and in excellent form. Dues well collected. Banquet after the work.

BLAZING STAR LODGE, No. 30. March 2d, I made my visit to Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, at Rumford. This was a special meeting called for my convenience. The work of the evening was the M. M. degree, which was conferred upon two candidates in a pleasing manner, and I noticed but few mistakes in the rendering of the ritual. There was a very good attendance and much interest was manifested by both officers and members. Records still in the hands of Bro. WALTER O. RAYNES and are the best I ever saw. This lodge is in a prosperous condition and merits much praise for the manner in which its general affairs are conducted. I was accompanied on this visit by Past Masters G. W. Q. PERHAM and D. O. DUDLEY of Jefferson Lodge. Banquet served after the work.

GRANITE LODGE, No. 182. March 7th, I visited by appointment, Granite Lodge, No. 182, at West Paris, and witnessed work in F. C. degree upon one candidate. The work was well performed and but few corrections were made. The officers are interested and anxious to do good work. The records are still in the hands of Bro. L. B. SWAN and are correct and complete. Attendance very good for this degree. Banquet after the work.

OXFORD LODGE, No. 18. March 25th, I made my official visit to Oxford Lodge, No. 18, at Norway, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree upon one candidate. There was a very large attendance; many visitors were present from Paris, Crooked River, Jefferson and other lodges. The work of the evening was performed in a very creditable manner.

This is one of the most flourishing lodges and it is always a pleasure to be present at their meetings. The manner in which the business of the lodge is conducted is beyond criticism. The records are still in hands of Bro. H. D. SMITH and are all that could be asked for.

JEFFERSON LODGE, NO. 100. This being my home lodge I have not considered it necessary to make any official visit, but have been present at every meeting except one during the year, besides a number of practice meetings. The lodge is in good condition and doing good work. The records are still in the hands of Bro. JAMES L. BOWKER and are correct and in excellent form. Dues well collected.

This closes my report as Deputy. I have enjoyed every visit, and desire to express my thanks to the brethren of this district for the cordial manner in which they have received me on every occasion, and for the assistance they have rendered me.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred by appointing me to the office of D. D. G. M.

Fraternally submitted,

NED I. SWAN, *D. D. G. M. 16th M. D.*

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventeenth Masonic District.

On May 29th, I officially visited Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree, which was well done. The officers of this lodge are so situated that they are unable to visit other lodges as frequently as many in this district, but they evinced a laudable desire to be instructed in perfection of work, which was gratifying. The records are very carefully and neatly kept by Bro. CRAM, who has been secretary for many years. Refreshments were served at the close of the work.

On October 9th, at your request, I installed Rev. ROBERT R. MORSON, one of the Grand Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

October 14th, I attended the School of Instruction held in the hall of Deering Lodge, No. 183, at Woodfords. This lodge furnished a lunch at noon and a banquet at 7 o'clock in the evening. M. W. Bro. SLEEPER conducted the school in his usual efficient manner, whereby all present received great profit. It is impossible to praise too highly the value of

these Schools of Instruction in training for uniformity and perfection of work.

In the evening I visited Deering Lodge officially and inspected their work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. I was received in form, accompanied by eight visiting D. D. G. M.'s and all presiding Masters, who were present from this district. R. Wor. SILAS B. ADAMS acted as Grand Marshal. There were present at this communication M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET, Grand Master, and Past Grand Masters FRANK E. SLEEPER and ALBRO E. CHASE. The work was as nearly perfect as I have ever seen it and served as a striking object lesson, following the instruction of the day, as it did.

October 26th, assisted by Wor. Bro. ALFRED B. SMALL as Marshal, I installed the officers of Casco Lodge, No. 36, at Yarmouth. Refreshments were served after the installation.

November 24th, I made an official visitation to Harmony Lodge, No. 38. Their candidate not appearing on time, they exemplified the work of the F. C. degree on a brother. The work was well done. In my visitation to this lodge I was specially impressed with the excellent appearance of the record books. Wor. CHARLES E. COBB has been secretary of this lodge one year. He is a bookkeeper and accountant by profession and combines all the skill pertaining to his business with accuracy in recording the proceedings of a lodge. His books are a model and well worth the inspection of any visitor. A fine banquet was served by the ladies of the local chapter of the Eastern Star.

November 25th, I officially visited Standish Lodge, No. 70. The work was in the E. A. degree and was satisfactorily performed. I made some corrections necessary for proper form required by the Grand Lodge, which were well received. This lodge has a large amount of work for a country lodge and is prospering materially as well. They had bargained for the purchase of the whole building in which their hall was situated and were making plans for remodeling the first floor for a banquet hall. I understand that, since my visitation, this purchase has been completed and their plans carried out, so that they now have satisfactory quarters in every particular. A fine supper was served at the close of the work.

December 29th, I made my official visitation to Casco, No. 36. I was received in form, R. Wor. GEORGE H. OWEN acting as Grand Marshal. A large number of visiting brethren were present, including M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine. The work was in the M. M. degree and was performed in an especially exact and impressive manner. This lodge is to be congratulated on the pride it takes in correctness of ritualistic work. The principal officers regularly attend the schools of instruction and thereby receive the unmistak-

able benefits of these schools, alluded to previously in this report. Refreshments were served at the close of the work.

January 5th, I visited Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186, in my official capacity and witnessed the work of the E. A. degree, which was performed in a very satisfactory manner, the ritualistic parts being specially worthy of commendation, as showing very careful preparation. I was specially impressed with the exact and expeditious method of conducting the business of the lodge employed by the secretary, Bro. A. N. WATERHOUSE. Refreshments were served at the close of the work.

January 12th, I installed the officers of Temple Lodge, No. 86, assisted by R. Wor. H. P. BABB as Marshal. Refreshments.

January 19th, assisted by Wor. EVERETT P. HANSON as Marshal, I installed the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 38. Refreshments were served after the installation.

February 9th was appointed for my visitation to Temple Lodge, No. 86, but I was unable to attend on account of illness. I was, however, very fortunate in finding a thoroughly efficient and acceptable substitute to represent me on that occasion, in the person of R. W. GEORGE H. OWEN, a former District Deputy Grand Master of this district. He was received in form, Wor. FRED C. TOLMAN acting as Grand Marshal. The work was in the E. A. degree and was performed in a specially creditable manner. A fine banquet was served after the work.

March 16th, I made my official visitation to Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, at Portland. I was officially received, R. Wor. GEORGE H. OWEN acting as Grand Marshal. The work was in the F. C. degree and was rendered in an unusually efficient manner, very few corrections being necessary. This lodge has no members in arrears for dues, which speaks well for the efforts of Bro. ALMON L. JOHNSON, the secretary. I found his records also kept in a very satisfactory manner. About three hundred were present on this occasion. An elaborate banquet was served.

March 22d, was the date of my official visitation to Hiram Lodge, No. 180. I was received in form, R. Wor. GEORGE H. OWEN assisting as Grand Marshal. The M. M. degree was worked in a very satisfactory manner. I was pleased to compliment the enthusiasm and impressiveness of the delivery of the ritualistic portions of the work. My few criticisms were courteously and cordially received. The hall was crowded, and a fine banquet was served to more than two hundred at the close of the work.

March 24th, I visited Portland Lodge, No. 1, and found nearly three hundred to welcome me at my formal reception. The E. A. degree was exemplified on a brother, as a sudden death in his family prevented the regular candidate from being present. I was well pleased with the work

and wish to compliment particularly that portion of it conducted by MORRILL H. AMES, S. W. As this lodge has been selected by the Grand Lecturer to work before the Grand Lodge at its annual communication, the brethren there present will all have an opportunity to observe its work. The business of the evening was followed by refreshments.

March 30th, I made my official visitation to Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, where I was received in form, R. Wor. GEO. H. OWEN again acting as Grand Marshal. There was the largest attendance on this occasion of any of my visitations, a specially noticeable and gratifying feature being the presence of representatives of every lodge in the district, even the most distant. The M. M. degree was worked in a remarkably successful manner and was thoroughly appreciated by all present, as was attested by the close attention paid. Every officer and participant in the work deserves credit for his performance on this occasion. The work was followed by a fine banquet.

At all of my visitations I have examined the records of the lodges and find them properly kept, and the dues well collected. Courtesy and cordiality have greeted me on every occasion, for which I wish to thank all in this report. My special thanks are due R. Wor. GEORGE H. OWEN, who has so ably assisted me as Grand Marshal on so many occasions. It is also gratifying to note that so many of the lodges have received the representative of the Grand Lodge in form during the past year. It is an honor justly due the office, and I trust that this ceremony will be regularly observed by all the lodges in the district, where the hall accommodations are suitable.

There is only one point on which I venture to suggest a reform in this report. This relates to the time of holding the annual visitations. It will be observed by an examination of the dates when visitations have been held during the past year, that many of them occur within a very short time of each other, while there are long periods when there are none. This is specially true of the March visitations, which were crowded together in the short space of fifteen days. These were all in the immediate neighborhood of Portland, where inspections of the higher masonic bodies were also being held at the same season. For this reason I have heard it frequently remarked that a more even distribution of dates for these occasions throughout the masonic year would be of interest and profit to the craft. Personally I can certify that it would lighten the labors of the visiting officer to a considerable degree. Without making any definite recommendations as to the dates of the visitations at the several lodges, I will suggest that a reform along this line be attempted by those lodges whose visitations have come close together, for the reasons above mentioned.

In closing, Most Worshipful, allow me to tender you my hearty thanks for my appointment as your representative in this district the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK H. DOLE, *D. D. G. M. 17th M. D.*

Yarmouth, March 31, 1910.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighteenth Masonic District begs leave to submit his annual report.

MT. MORIAH, NO. 56, DENMARK. I received an invitation to install the officers of this lodge at a joint installation with the O. E. S. on the evening of January 12th. Taking Mrs. Chaplin with me, I drove to Denmark and installed their officers. We had a very pleasant trip and enjoyed a very agreeable evening. The Master told me they had some work on hand. I did not examine their books, but told them that I would make them an official visit and witness their work later.

MT. TIR'EM, NO. 79, WATERFORD. I received an invitation from this lodge to install their officers at a public installation. And so, on the 18th day of January, (in a rain storm) I went to Waterford and installed in the afternoon. I came back to Harrison in time to take the 5.15 train and arrived home that night. I expect to visit this lodge again in the near future, although I hardly think it is necessary. I witnessed work there last year, and it was good. The records that R. W. Bro. JEWETT turned over to his successor, after having served as Secretary fifteen years in succession, will, if they follow along the same lines, be kept right.

PYTHAGOREAN, NO. 11, FRYEBURG. January 24th, I made an official visit to this lodge and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, and although there were quite a number of mistakes made, yet on the whole, the work was done in a very impressive manner. The records are still in the hands of R. W. Bro. TOBIAS L. EASTMAN, which is all that is necessary to say. The dues are well collected. They have an elegant lodge room, new furniture throughout, which R. W. Bro. EASTMAN informed me cost them over one thousand dollars. They are in good shape financially. After the work, with the assistance of Wor. Bro. JAMES W. EASTMAN as Marshal, I installed their officers for the ensuing year. After this we repaired to the banquet hall and a good banquet, "and would have stayed longer but the lights went out."

SHEPHERD'S RIVER, NO. 169, BROWNFIELD. February 23d, I made my visit to this lodge. There was no work but I examined the books and records and found them in good form. The dues are well collected. I held a miniature school of instruction. Past Master CLEMENS did the reciting. I asked the members to do the correcting. They did it very well, especially Bro. HAM, who is a very well posted mason. I think this lodge has the ritual as nearly correct as any lodge in this district.

MT. MORIAH, NO. 56, DENMARK. I made an official visit to this lodge March 2d, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. They had a large number of visitors from Oriental Lodge of Bridgton. The work was done well and the records are in good form, being in the hands of Bro. HAROLD I. PERKINS, a young mason, who with experience will make a very nice secretary. Their dues are quite a little behind, but the secretary told me that he had just commenced to try to collect them, and that they were coming in fast.

DELTA, NO. 153, LOVELL. March 10th, I visited this lodge, and as there was no work, we spent the evening reciting ritual and making corrections. I find this lodge has some funds in their treasury, not a large amount, but enough to give assistance where it is necessary. Their records are still in hands of Bro. PRESTON B. WALKER, which is a guarantee of good clean records.

ORIENTAL, NO. 13, BRIDGTON. I made an official visit to this lodge March 19th. I do not think it necessary for me to make any lengthy report of this lodge. They had no work on hand. The Master recited ritual in a way that showed he was proficient in it. The records are still in Bro. CHAPLIN'S possession, and they are all right.

GREENLEAF, NO. 117, CORNISH. March 25th, I made an official visit to my home lodge and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. I am proud to call it my home lodge, for they can certainly do the work in first class shape. The records are still in Wor. Bro. PERKINS' hands, and that is all that needs to be said.

In closing, I would like to make a suggestion, if it could be brought about satisfactorily to all concerned. I would suggest that Mt. Moriah Lodge of Denmark and Shepherd's River Lodge of Brownfield, be consolidated as one lodge, the lodge room to be situated at East Brownfield. My reason for this suggestion is that they are both small lodges with a limited number of members, and a limited jurisdiction, when if they were united they would have a good membership, and a large jurisdiction.

I will say that I find Masonry in this district enjoying perfect harmony. There has been but little work this year. You know that that is not a sure

sign that Masonry is not prosperous. The quality, not quantity, is what counts.

I have enjoyed my office as D. D. G. M. of the Eighteenth District. I have been treated with the respect due to my office. I thank the officers and members of this district. And, Most Worshipful, I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me. And hoping to meet you in Portland on the first Tuesday in May, I am

Yours fraternally,

DANIEL G. CHAPLIN, *D. D. G. M. 18th M. D.*

Cornish, Me., April 5, 1910.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Nineteenth Masonic District.

During the year I have visited all the lodges in the Nineteenth District for the purpose of inspection and have installed the officers, either in whole or in part, in four of them.

I have been received by the officers and members of the several lodges that compose this district in a truly masonic manner, and entertained in a proper fraternal spirit.

I attended the School of Instruction held with Deering Lodge, No. 183. This was the most numerously attended school that I have ever had the pleasure to attend, and being under the personal supervision of M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, was conducted in a most able manner, and undoubtedly with most profitable results. In my last report I expressed my approval of these schools at some length, and perhaps said all that I should, but I am so strongly impressed with their vast benefit to the craft and importance to the fraternity, that I cannot refrain from adding a word in commendation of them. The chief value of these schools are to the officers and active members of the lodges and nowhere else can they receive so correct instruction or derive so much valuable information. In the evening Deering Lodge entertained those present with almost perfect work in the M. M. degree. Brother ISAAC A. CLOUGH is to be especially commended for his untiring efforts in behalf of this school, and to be warmly congratulated that his efforts were so highly successful.

My first visit was to Yorkshire Lodge at North Berwick on October

29th. The work presented for inspection was the M. M. degree on two candidates. While neither the work of this lodge is perfect nor its interest as great as it should be, yet in both respects there is a great improvement over that of a year before, and it is to be commended. I found the books of the Treasurer and Secretary well kept and in due form.

On December 13th, I visited York Lodge at Kennebunk and saw work in the M. M. degree. The work was well done by the Master, ALBERT W. MESERVE, and an able corps of officers. The books and finances of this lodge are in especially able hands and the dues well collected.

On December 15th, I visited Naval Lodge at Kittery and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. Naval lodge this year, as last, is doing some of the best work in the Nineteenth District, and its members are to be congratulated on having so able and correct officers. The financial affairs of this lodge are satisfactory and the records, under the care of Past R. W. DAVID G. WALKER, are in every way correct and the dues well collected.

Although I had attended nearly every meeting of my own lodge, St. John's, the W. M. wished me to make an official visit, and suggested that I fix the date of December 27th, which I did, and had the pleasure of seeing the W. M., SAMUEL H. MILLER, raise his son Harold to the degree of M. M. This degree, always impressive, was rendered doubly so by the relationship of master and candidate, and was especially enjoyed by all present. The financial condition of this lodge is constantly improving and the records are neatly and correctly kept by its secretary.

On January 18th, I visited Arundel Lodge at Kennebunkport, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was very creditably done by W. M. GEORGE H. TARBOX, assisted by the other officers of the lodge. Arundel Lodge has been especially prosperous during the last year, and has had work almost constantly. The dues are well collected and the books of the secretary are carefully and properly kept.

On January 19th, I visited Ocean Lodge at Wells Depot. The work presented was the M. M. degree. This was the first time that the Master, HENRY P. ALLEN, had worked this degree, but on the whole the work was satisfactory. The finances and collections of this lodge are in good hands and the secretary's books correctly kept.

On March 1st, I visited St. Aspinquid Lodge at York and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. Although all the regular officers were not present the work was done in a very creditable manner and the officers, especially the master, evinced a desire to perfect their work. The books of this lodge are very neatly and correctly kept and the dues well collected.

On March 18th, I visited Saco Lodge at Saco and witnessed work in

the F. C. degree. Saco Lodge is the most prosperous lodge in the Nineteenth District and has had a large number of candidates during the year, and the officers, although new in their present offices, show the perfection that constant practice can alone produce.

On March 21st, I visited Dunlap Lodge at Biddeford and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work of the officers of this lodge was most correct and the interest evinced was excellent. The finances of the lodge show a prosperous condition; the dues are well collected and the secretary's books neatly and correctly kept.

On March 24th, I made my last visit for inspection to Arion Lodge at Goodwin's Mills. The work presented was in the M. M. degree. This lodge has had more candidates than usual during the year, and there is more interest shown than I found here last year, and the work is much better done. The finances are satisfactory; the dues well and promptly collected and the secretary's records exactly as they should be.

Six of the lodges in this district have made a gain in membership during the year, two have lost in membership and two remain stationary, the net gain in the district being 29.

Peace and harmony prevail throughout the district, the lodges are all in a prosperous condition and the cause of Masonry well cared for.

Having concluded my official labors, I wish, Most Worshipful, to sincerely thank you for the honor you have conferred by appointing me as your Deputy for the Nineteenth Masonic District.

In conclusion I wish to thank the members of the several lodges for the many courtesies extended to me, and the officers, especially the secretaries, for the cheerfulness and promptness with which all my requests have been complied with.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M. BURLEIGH, *D. D. G. M. 19th M. D.*

South Berwick, April 23, 1910.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my second annual report of my doings as D. D. G. M. of the Twentieth Masonic District.

During the year I have made official visits to all of the lodges.

September 4th, by special invitation, I visited Baskahegan Lodge, No. 175, at Danforth, to install the officers elect. I was attended by Bro. J.

FRED CLARK, Master of Horeb Lodge, who assisted me as Marshal. We were, as is always the case, royally entertained by the brothers of Danforth. Owing to the length of the program which was followed by one of their celebrated banquets and the after dinner speeches, we were unable to return to Lincoln by the late train as we had planned, and were obliged to stay over Sunday, which was the day on which began the great rain which caused the flood of last year.

September 11th, again accompanied by Bro. CLARK, and RALPH CRAFT, J. W. of Horeb Lodge, we went by automobile to visit Forest Lodge, No. 148, at Springfield, and publicly installed the officers elect, after which we refreshed the inner man with one of their famous banquets. Forest Lodge several years ago suffered the loss of their home by fire, but I am glad to report that they now have under way a beautiful and commodious hall.

October 28th, I attended the meeting of a lodge of instruction held by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, at Belfast, and while it necessitated a long journey and a good deal of time, I felt amply repaid.

January 24th, assisted by Bro. P. J. MILLER, I installed the officers elect of Horeb Lodge.

March 19th, I made an official visit to Baskahegan Lodge and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. Owing to the illness of Worshipful Master G. P. ROWE, the lodge was opened by the Senior Warden, W. T. FIFIELD, who conducted the initiation in a most creditable manner.

April 22d, I made my last official visit to Pine Tree Lodge at Mattawamkeag. We were disappointed in not being able to see any degree work, but from what I saw of the officers, the craft in this lodge do not want for proper instruction.

I am glad to be able to report that the condition of the fraternity in this district is very prosperous, and that the principles of Masonry are being taught in such a way as to be a credit to our beloved institution.

And allow me, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to thank you for the courtesy and kindness you have extended to me during my term of service, and the brethren of the district for their uniform kindness and consideration.

Faternally submitted,

DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE, *D. D. G. M. 20th M. D.*

Lincoln, April 22, 1910.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-first Masonic District.

I have visited all the lodges in this district, and all officially, excepting Bar Harbor Lodge, which is my own masonic home, and therefore am better qualified to report on that than on any other in this district.

October 14th, I attended the Grand Lecturer's School of Instruction in Portland and derived much benefit from it. It was the first one I ever attended, and I never realized before how much good they did. I wish the Worshipful Master of every lodge in the state could find it convenient to visit at least one of these Schools of Instruction, during his term of office.

November 16th, I visited North East Harbor Lodge, No. 208, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. It was very well done, and needed but few corrections. Such as were needed were made, and very thankfully received. Examined the records and financial condition of the lodge. This being a young lodge the secretary has not had the experience that the secretaries of older lodges have had, but the records are very well kept, and the dues, with few exceptions, well collected.

December 28th, I visited McKinley Lodge, U. D., and met a body of very enthusiastic masons. They have a very comfortably furnished lodge room, and though not a large one, it will accommodate them for a number of years, if the Grand Lodge sees fit to grant them a charter, which I hope it will do. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree, which was well done. Worshipful Master MOORE is an earnest and painstaking master and is ably seconded in his work by every officer of the lodge. They have initiated since the granting of their dispensation twenty-two, but I found in looking over the records, which are well kept, that they have looked for *quality* as well as *quantity*, and have not been sparing of the black cubes.

On the evening of January 21st, in company with Past Master QUIMBY of Bar Harbor Lodge, I met the brethren of David A. Hooper Lodge, No. 201, of West Sullivan. This is one of the best working lodges in this district, and their working of the M. M. degree on this evening was very close to the ritual, needing few corrections. The records are well kept and the dues well collected. Though one of the younger lodges they have a good surplus in the treasury and a pleasant and comfortable lodge room.

February 14th, I visited Felicity Lodge, No. 19, of Bucksport. They had no work for the evening, and as some of their regular officers were absent, it was thought best not to attempt to exemplify work in either of the degrees. The records are well kept, and in fact would be a good example for others to pattern after, as they are a model of neatness and accuracy. I doubt if there is another lodge in this state that has its dues so well collected. Of the 114 members, 112 had paid their dues for 1909 and a large per cent. of them for 1910. This lodge has passed its century mark, and while it gains few in numbers, yet the spirit of Masonry is strong within it.

The following evening, February 15th, I visited Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, of Orland. They had no work for the evening but exemplified the E. A. degree in a very satisfactory manner. The ritual work was very close, which is to be expected of any lodge which has as a regular attendant, so well posted and enthusiastic a member as Past D. D. G. M. ASHER B. HUTCHINS. The records are correctly kept and dues well collected. My visit to this lodge was one of the most pleasant of the year.

February 26th, I visited Mt. Desert Lodge, No. 140, of Somesville, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate, which was very well done, few corrections having to be made. The records are still in the hands of Bro. L. H. SOMES, which insures their being well and correctly kept. The dues are not so closely collected as they should be, but I think this present year will see them better collected.

March 3d, I made my official visit to Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, of Ellsworth, and met a large number of the brethren. The M. M. degree was worked on two candidates in a very creditable manner. This was the first time the W. M. had worked the M. M. degree and he certainly had nothing to be ashamed of. The records are well kept and the dues fairly well collected.

March 10th, with your permission, I called a convention of the masonic lodges of the Twenty-first District at Odd Fellows' Hall, Ellsworth. There were present representatives of 19 different lodges, representing a number of the different states and far off Scotland. There were present about 300, who thoroughly enjoyed the work of the different degrees by North East Harbor Lodge, David A. Hooper Lodge and Lygonia Lodge, who worked the three degrees in the order in which they are named. I believe these annual conventions are a strong factor in bringing about the close ritual work in this district, and that they are appreciated by the brethren, may be proved by the fact that it was a unanimous vote that a convention be held another winter. Much credit for the convention is due Lygonia Lodge, which worked so well to make it the success it was.

March 19th, I visited Tremont Lodge, No. 77. There was no work, but a pleasant evening was spent with the brethren, who are by no means despondent, though affairs masonic are not in as good condition as they might be. Of the number returned last year, 18 have dimitted, 12 been suspended for non-payment of dues, and 4 have died, while there has not been one raised or affiliated. In addition to this they have a large floating debt. They are not cast down or discouraged, however, but are looking forward hopefully for brighter times. The records are still in the hands of Bro. KEENE and are well kept, and the dues, with but few exceptions, well collected.

March 31st, I made my visit to Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, and witnessed the exemplification of the E. A. degree, which was especially well done, and should have been, for many of the chairs were filled by Past Masters. Winter Harbor Lodge is fortunate in having Past Masters who are such good attendants and so willing to fill the regular officers' stations. It was a very pleasant visit for me and I was pleased to meet Past D. D. G. M. AMOS E. SMALL, who is a member of this lodge. The records are faithfully kept by Bro. B. F. SUMNER, who is an efficient secretary, and looks well to collecting the dues.

As I said before, I have not officially visited Bar Harbor Lodge, as it is my own lodge and I attend nearly all of its meetings. It is having a healthy growth, acting on the belief that its strength lies not in the number, but in the character of its members. Its dues are well collected and it is in good financial standing.

Early in the winter I received a petition from a number of Master Masons of Swan's Island, asking for a dispensation for a lodge in that place, which they wished me to approve. While my sympathy was with them, it did not seem to me, for the best interest of Masonry, that a lodge should be established there; so I returned their application without my approval, and I hope the position I took will meet with your approbation.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me as your representative in this district.

Faternally submitted,

EDGAR J. TRUSSELL, *D. D. G. M. 21st M. D.*

Bar Harbor, April 27, 1910.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my second annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-second Masonic District.

October 8th, I attended the Lodge of Instruction at Dexter called by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, at which we received much valuable instruction, and found it a very interesting and profitable meeting.

October 1st, accompanied by twenty members of my home lodge and about the same number from Corinthian, I attended the district meeting held with Meridian Lodge, Pittsfield, and witnessed work in M. M. degree. The close attention paid by every member of the large gathering present showed their appreciation of good work. A fine banquet was served by ladies of the Eastern Star. It was voted to hold the next district meeting with Plymouth Lodge. After a social hour enjoyed at close we returned by special train.

January 4th, I installed the officers of Cambridge Lodge, assisted by Bro. J. B. LABREE as Grand Marshal. The ceremonies were public and interspersed with a musical and literary program. At the close, we repaired to the banquet hall, where a fine oyster stew was enjoyed by all. This being my home lodge I have not made an official visit, having been present at nearly all the meetings. The lodge has done a good amount of work with more in sight. A good attendance at its meetings, its officers interested in the work. Dues well collected.

January 5th, by invitation from the W. M., I visited Pacific Lodge, Exeter. This was a special meeting called for the purpose of conferring the M. M. degree. The secretary not being present, I did not have a chance to look over the books, but was told by the W. M. that the dues were well collected. This lodge has had but little work in the immediate past and its officers show a want of sufficient practice rather than suitable instruction, and are to be commended for what, under the circumstances, they have accomplished.

March 3d, I visited Meridian Splendor Lodge, Newport, and witnessed work in M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was very well and impressively rendered and very nearly accurate. Records and dues in hands of Bro. E. W. SMITH are well looked after.

March 9th, I visited Corinthian Lodge, Hartland, and witnessed work in M. M. degree. The work was very well rendered, only a few corrections being necessary. Records well kept and dues a little back.

Parian, No. 160, Corinna, I have not been able to visit, but have been

in communication with the secretary and feel able to report favorable work by them during the year, and the dues nearly all balanced.

I made arrangements with Past D. D. G. M. Bro. C. T. HARRIS to visit some of the lodges in my behalf and his report follows:

February 22d, visited Plymouth Lodge, and am pleased to say that this lodge is rapidly emerging from the midst of a dark cloud, which has hovered over and around it for some time. It looks now as though the next year would be one of the most prosperous ones for a long time. For the first time in the history of the lodge every member is up with his dues.

Started to visit Archon Lodge, February 17th, the date of their regular communication. When well on my way I was informed by a brother that there would not be any meeting, so I was obliged to turn back. A special was called for Wednesday, February 28th, to confer the F. C. and M. M. degrees. I was there and so was the candidate, but as only three members were present nothing was done. I went over the books very carefully and found the dues were not collected as we should like to have them. The officers, doubtless for some good reason, are not taking the interest which they must in order for the lodge to prosper as it should.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES T. HARRIS.

During the year I have delivered six Past Masters' diplomas to as many Past Masters who had served the proper time as W. M. of their several lodges. Conferred the P. M. degree upon four W. M.'s.

I extend my thanks to the officers and brethren for the uniform courtesy which they have shown me on my visits.

Most Worshipful for my second appointment as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-second District, I wish you to accept my sincere thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN W. KNOWLES, *D. D. G. M. 22d M. D.*

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-third Masonic District.

June 6th, by your request, P. D. D. G. M. WILLIE F. FERGUSON per-

formed the rite which made me your D. D. G. M., an honor for which I beg you, Most Worshipful, to accept my sincere thanks.

December 20th, I made my official visit to Buxton Lodge, No. 115. It was the regular meeting and there was a good attendance. I received a very cordial greeting from the brethren. There were present several brethren from Standish and Arion Lodges. This lodge has been again fortunate this year in having a fair amount of work and is in a prosperous condition financially. Its records are still in the hands of Wor. Bro. CYRIL P. HARMON, who has been its efficient secretary for so many years. Wor. Brother RAND and his officers worked the E. A. and M. M. degrees. It was done in a creditable manner. Wor. Bro. RAND is a young mason of three and a half years' standing. He is very earnest in his work. His lecture in the third was given in a very able manner. It must have taken a great deal of study. After the work we had refreshments and a pleasant and social time.

January 1, 1910, by invitation of Wor. Bro. FRED J. SHERBURN, I installed the officers of Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, publicly, with those of Fern Chapter O. E. S. On this occasion I invited Wor. Bro. L. M. SAYWARD to act as Grand Marshal and Bro. E. F. DOUGHTY of Pythagorean as Grand Chaplain. This is my home lodge and I have been present at all the meetings this year. The officers are all young masons and seem to want to learn Masonry as it is. I would recommend them to attend the meetings more promptly. There is one thing I am glad to say: that the older members are always there and ready to assist in the work. At the close of the ceremony a fine oyster supper was served.

January 25th, in company with P. D. D. G. M. WILLIE F. FERGUSON, I visited Springvale Lodge, No. 190, and installed the officers, with the assistance of Rt. Wor. FRANK WILSON, P. D. D. G. M., as Marshal and Rt. Wor. FRANK H. DEXTER, P. D. D. G. M. as Chaplain. This was not a public installation. There was a very large attendance of the brethren. After the ceremony refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

March 22d, I made my official visit to Springvale Lodge, No. 190. Thirty-two members were present and three visiting brothers. This is Wor. Bro. JEWETT's first term. They worked the F. C. degree on four candidates. The officers are all young masons and show a good deal of interest in the work, which was very nicely done. The records were perfect and the dues well collected. They have a good prospect for work this year. By invitation of P. D. D. G. M. WILLIE F. FERGUSON, last July, in company with Past Masters L. M. SAYWARD and H. J. SAYWARD, and Bro. G. C. DOWNS, I visited this lodge and witnessed work in the M. M. degree by Wor. Bro. ARTHUR E. HORNE. The work was done

in a very creditable manner. I noticed one thing which was encouraging to me: although the officers were young masons, yet many of the older members were present, thus signifying their interest in the lodge.

March 26th, I made my official visit to Preble Lodge, No. 143, Sanford. This is the largest lodge in the district. They made a gain of six this year. There were thirty-three members present. This was a special meeting called for me to inspect the work. I was intending to make my visit in February, at their regular meeting, but a storm prevented. This is Wor. Bro. WALKER's second term. He seems to be the right man in the right place. They worked the E. A. degree in a very satisfactory manner. Their records are very precise and complete. After the work Rt. Wor. P. D. D. G. M. JOSEPH LECKENBY, with the assistance of Rt. Wor. P. D. D. G. M. FRANK WILSON and Wor. Bro. SAMUEL J. MITCHELL, kindly consented to confer the Past Master's degree on Wor. Bros. CATE, WILLIAM H. WALKER, CHARLES OGDEN, and CHARLES E. JOWETT, after which refreshments were served, and a social hour was spent.

West Newfield, March 30, 1910.

J. H. LITTLEFIELD, D. D. G. M. Twenty-third District.

By your request, I visited Day Spring Lodge. This is my home lodge and I have been present at most of their meetings for a number of years. It is in excellent financial condition and is maintaining its standard of work, which has always been good. The records are still in the hands of Bro. L. E. SANBORN, and are very correctly and neatly kept, and a credit to Day Spring Lodge. Dues are well collected.

March 24th, I visited Drummond Lodge of Parsonsfield. Although the traveling was very bad there was a good attendance at the meeting. Work was presented in the M. M. degree in a most impressive manner, two candidates being raised. The records are still in the hands of Bro. A. R. LEAVITT, and are neatly kept. The lodge this past winter has made quite extensive repairs to their hall and preparation room. After the meeting, I assure you all enjoyed a bountiful repast, which was served by Bro. CHARLES NEAL. I hope to have the pleasure of meeting with them often in the future.

Yours fraternally,

A. Q. MITCHELL, P. D. D. G. M.

Limerick, April 21, 1910.

JAMES H. LITTLEFIELD, D. D. G. M., Alfred, Maine.

Dear Bro. Littlefield: In response to your request I had the pleasure of making an official visitation in your behalf upon Adoniram Lodge,

No. 27, at Limington, at their regular communication upon April 19th, and was cordially welcomed by Wor. Bro. WARREN W. FORD and the brethren. It is a pleasure to report that this grand old lodge, the oldest in our Twenty-third Masonic District, is in a most healthy and prosperous condition. Six candidates have been made Master Masons during the past year and there is ample work in sight. The lodge is fortunate in owning its own building, which is commodious, and has, in addition, a substantial fund which is constantly growing. The records are models of neatness and still in the hands of Bro. JAMES F. PILLSBURY, while the receipts of dues shows that he is diligent in that portion of his duties. Work for the evening was in the E. A. degree and was performed in an accurate, instructive and impressive manner. Especial credit is due Wor. Bro. FORD for his instructive rendering of the important lectures which accompany this degree and which are so apt to be omitted by many of our country lodges. The work of the S. D., Bro. GEORGE M. BRACKETT, showed that he had considered well his part, and we can feel assured that any candidate who receives his first light in our order in Adoniram Lodge will gain at the start a most favorable conception of the institution. I had the pleasure of meeting P. D. D. G. M. HARDY H. MCKENNEY, this being his fraternal home, and can report that he is still as interested as ever in all that pertains to the benefit of the craft. I am also glad to report that the ancient charter of this lodge, dated September 10, 1818, has been placed in a safe repository against fire or other damages, and that the lodge is working under the usual certificate. These ancient documents are among the most precious relics of the order and cannot be too safely guarded. After closing, a substantial lunch was served and an hour of social intercourse was most pleasantly passed.

You have also requested that I render you a report upon Freedom Lodge, No. 42, at Limerick, my home lodge, and it would seem that service might better be performed by some other brother, as I have just closed my term in the East.

I am glad to report the sound condition of our lodge and that we have passed the year with ample work upon most admirable material. Our records are still in the hands of Bro. GEORGE A. CARPENTER and are most accurately kept, while the dues are well collected each year. The lodge is to be congratulated in having a brother of such zeal to perform these important duties.

I had the pleasure of installing Wor. Bro. HERMAN K. TIBBETTS as Master on January 24th of this year, and report that as Master he gives the work of the various degrees with precision and care. Bro. FRED L. PIERCE as S. D. adds much to the beauty of the work, and although one of the newer members of the lodge, is rapidly perfecting himself in ma-

sonic knowledge. A substantial black walnut cabinet has been added to the equipment of the lodge during the year for storing regalia and other lodge material. Gas lights have also been placed in the hall; a marked improvement.

I wish to thank you for the honor you have extended me and remain

Faternally yours,

FRANK D. FENDERSON.

In conclusion I wish to thank Past D. D. G. M. A. Q. MITCHELL for the assistance he has so freely given and the secretaries of the several lodges for their promptness in answering communications.

Faternally submitted,

JAMES H. LITTLEFIELD, D. D. G. M. 23d M. D.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-fourth Masonic District.

May 6, 1909, I was appointed D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-fourth Masonic District, and was installed by R. W. E. K. SMITH, at a stated communication of Rabboni Lodge, October 27th.

October 14th, I attended a School of Instruction, holden with Deering Lodge at Portland. As usual, this was a very enjoyable occasion and a good deal of information was imparted to those present. There is no doubt but these Schools of Instruction are a great benefit to the lodges of Maine. Deering Lodge entertained us royally and in the evening performed the work in a very able manner.

October 27th, assisted by Wor. Bro. C. A. LITCHFIELD as Marshal and Rev. H. B. HUTCHINS as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Rabboni Lodge at Lewiston.

November 1st, assisted by Wor. Bro. NILES as Marshal and Bro. ALLEN as Chaplain, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Ancient Brothers Lodge at Auburn. Owing to my being taken sick on January 16th, and being confined to the house for eight or nine weeks, I was unable to visit any of the lodges of this district.

At my request, R. W. Bro. F. E. DWINAL consented to visit what lodges he could, and I append his report below :

TO LEWIS V. WINSHIP,

D. D. G. M. Twenty-fourth Masonic District.

At your request I have made visitations and inspections of several lodges, and herewith submit my report:

February 17th, I made a visit to Tyrian Lodge of Mechanic Falls. Although a very stormy night, a goodly number of brethren were present, but as they were disappointed in regard to having a candidate, no work was performed, but I visited this lodge three or four weeks before when they did have work, and know their work is of a very high standard and entirely satisfactory. Their records are in the hands of Bro. JEFFERIES which insures their neatness and correctness. Finances in good shape, and dues fairly well collected. Apartments of the best and the lodge on an excellent working basis. After the session a fine banquet was served and a social hour spent. All expressed regrets at Bro. WINSHIP'S illness and inability to be present.

February 21st, with Wor. Bro. A. A. PIKE as Marshal and M. W. Bro. WM. J. BURNHAM as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Ashlar Lodge of Lewiston, after which I inspected their work, which was in the E. A. degree. There was a large attendance and all showed a great interest in the work, which was done in a highly creditable manner, with very few mistakes, and must have been very impressive to the candidate. The dues are well collected and the records are very neatly and correctly kept by Bro. F. I. MORRELL, who has served the lodge a long time in that capacity. Finances are good and show a good balance on the right side of the ledger. After the work a fine collation was served in the banquet hall above. Ashlar is one of our staunch lodges and one we are all glad to meet with.

February 23d, with Wor. Bro. EZRA A. NEVENS as Marshal and Rev. Bro. WOODIN as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Tranquil Lodge of Auburn, after which I inspected their work in the M. M. degree, which was done in their usually fine manner. Although Wor. Bro. MERRILL was feeling rather miserable this evening, yet he did the work in a fine manner and was a credit to himself and his lodge. All the officers acquitted themselves well in their respective positions. This lodge has a fine balance to its credit, the dues well collected, and records, in the hands of Bro. A. C. SPRAGUE, are models of penmanship, correctness and neatness. After the work refreshments were served in the banquet hall.

March 7th, I made an inspection of Ancient Brothers' Lodge of Auburn. The work was very finely and I can almost say perfectly, conferred in the M. M. degree. I don't think I ever heard it conferred more nearly perfect than I did at this meeting, and the officers had a correct interpretation of the ritual to my mind. It was truly a profitable evening for all

of us, and in my remarks at the close of the work I had no criticisms nor suggestions to make. The records are neatly and correctly kept by Bro LOWELL and finances in good shape. Refreshments were served after the work.

March 22d, I made my inspection of Rabboni Lodge of Lewiston. There was a good attendance and the work in the F. C. degree was very finely conferred on two candidates. The finances are in good shape and a good balance on the right side and dues well collected. The records are very correctly and neatly kept by Bro. EDWIN L. GOSS. After the work a fine banquet was enjoyed by the brethren in the hall above.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. DWINAL, *Past D. D. G. M. 24th M. D.*

March 29, 1910.

I have issued Past Masters' diploma to nine Past Masters.

I wish to thank the brethren of this district for their uniform courtesy and kindness during the past year and for their kind solicitude during the time of my sickness. Also the officers for the prompt manner in which they sent me their returns.

This, M. W. Grand Master, is my report for this district for the past year. If circumstances had been different my report might have differed also.

M. W. Grand Master, I wish to thank you for the honor conferred on me by appointing me a second time as Deputy of this district.

Respectfully and fraternally,

LEWIS V. WINSHIP, *D. D. G. M. 24th M. D.*

March 31, 1910.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fifty Masonic District.

I attended the School of Instruction held at Belfast last fall and found it to be of the greatest benefit.

During the year I have visited all the lodges in the district and observed their work.

My first official visit was to Molunkus Lodge at Sherman Mills February 22, 1910. Work was in the M. M. degree, followed by a lunch and a

social half hour. The work was very well done, and the few corrections made were well received, the attendance and interest in lodge affairs being very good. Dues well collected and the lodge in a prosperous condition.

February 23d, I visited Katahdin Lodge at Patten. Work was in the E. A. degree. Although the work was not as smooth as it should be a good interest was shown and they are looking forward to a prosperous year. After the work all repaired to the dining room, where a very pleasant evening was spent. Katahdin Lodge own a finely equipped hall and another year will find them out of debt.

February, I visited Nollesemic Lodge at Millinocket. This is one of the largest lodges in the district. They are nicely situated in a new hall on the main street of the village. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree. There were several corrections to be made in the ritual work, but the floor work was exceptionally fine. The lodge is in fine shape, dues well collected, and the books in excellent hands.

March 23d, I visited Island Falls Lodge and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was well done; but very few corrections to be made. The interest shown in the preparation of the candidate before advancement and attendance of the members being very noticeable. This lodge moved into their new home during the past year and are located in the best quarters in the district. After the work a supper was served in the dining room and a very pleasant time spent with the brethren.

March 24th, I visited Fort Kent Lodge. An invitation being given to Pioneer Lodge, about forty of the brethren went up to Fort Kent. This is the youngest lodge in the district, but in the rendering of the work they surpassed any I have witnessed on any of my official visits. After the work a sumptuous banquet was served, Brother FENLASON acting as toastmaster in his inimitable manner. All present enjoyed every minute, as the toastmaster did not allow things to drag.

I have not made an official visit to Pioneer Lodge, but have been present at almost all of their meetings, installing their officers January 12th. The lodge is in good shape and the prospect for the coming year of the best. The lodge will be out of debt this year, as well as making several improvements on their hall.

In closing, I wish to thank all the brethren who have made my visits so pleasant. I have greatly enjoyed the work and wish to thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor you have conferred.

Faternally submitted,

GEORGE H. MOOERS, *D. D. G. M. 25th M. D.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND,

Tuesday, May 3, 1910.

The Trustees met in the Grand Master's office at 4:45 P. M.

Present—EDMUND B. MALLET, *President*,

ASHLEY A. SMITH,

FRANK J. COLE,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*,

FRANK E. SLEEPER,

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,

FESSENDEN I. DAY,

ARCHIE L. TALBOT,

LEANDER M. KENNISTON,

HOWARD D. SMITH.

The Grand Treasurer's annual report was presented as follows:

PORTLAND, May 3, 1910.

To the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the

Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.

Your Treasurer reports that the invested fund consists of:

	Fund.	Income
25 shares Canal National Bank Stock,	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 150.00
37 shares Casco National Bank Stock,	3,700.00	166.60
14 shares First National Bank Stock,	1,400.00	84.00
20 shares Westbrook Trust Co. Stock,	2,000.00	40.00
3 Sagadahoc Light & Power Co. Bonds,	1,500.00	67.50

1 Town of Brunswick Bond,	1,000.00	40.00
2 Northern Pacific Ry. Co. Bonds,	2,000.00	80.00
2 Rockland Water Co. Bonds,	1,500.00	75.00
2 Wladikawkas Ry. Co. Bonds,	2,000.00	80.00
2 Kennebec Light & Heat Co. Bonds,	1,000.00	50.00
1 Mousam Water Co. Bond,	500.00	25.00
1 Denver City Tramway Co. Bond,	500.00	25.00
1 Maine Central Ry. Co. Bond,	500.00	35.00
1 Portland Water Co. Bond,	1,000.00	40.00
2 Rumford Falls Power Co. Bonds,	2,000.00	80.00
1 Delaware, Ohio, Water Co. Bond,	500.00	30.00
2 Newton Street Ry. Co. Bonds,	1,000.00	50.00
3 Toledo Ry. & Terminal Co. Bonds,	2,200.00	54.00
6 Boston & Maine Ry. Co. Bonds,	6,000.00	160.00
3 Chicago & Northwestern Ry. Co. Bonds,	3,000.00	60.00
1 Portsmouth, Berkley & Suffolk Water Co. Bond,,	500.00	12.50
1 Newton & Northwestern Ry. Co. Bond ex- changed for securities in the Fort Dodge, Des Moines & Southern Ry. Co. as follows:		
4 5 per cent. bonds, Nos. 59, 178, 183, and 184,	800.00	
3 shares pfd. stock cert. No. A 233,	300.00	
5 shares common stock cert. No. 203, ...	500.00	1,000.00
1 Mary E. Denny Note, secured by Mortgage on Real Estate,	3,200.00	215.00
1 E. S. Moody Note, secured by Mortgage on Real Estate,	5,000.00	300.00
Maine Savings Bank,	68.86	2.76
Portland Savings Bank,	1,136.97	45.90
Augusta Savings Bank,	839.24	33.90
Skowhegan Savings Bank,	790.67	31.92
Waterville Savings Bank,	831.16	33.56
Wiscasset Savings Bank,	859.57	34.70
Bath Savings Institution,	838.70	33.86
Brunswick Savings Institution,	818.43	33.04
Gardiner Savings Institution,	824.45	33.28
Portland National Bank, Savings Department, ...	1,661.39	67.10
Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co.,	2,705.50	47.43
Fidelity Trust Co.,	2,150.68	86.86
	<u>\$59,025.62</u>	<u>\$2,403.81</u>

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

1909.

May 4.	Balance from old account,	\$ 3,342.54
	Savings Bank Dividends added to Charity Fund as per vote of Grand Lodge,	473.50
	Mortgage on Cumberland Avenue real estate,	2,800.00
	1 Meridian, Miss., Water Bond,	500.00
July 1.	2d and final dividend on National Traders Bank Stock of \$23.82 on 14 shares,	333.48
Aug 31.	Interest in Meridian Water Co. Bond,	12.50
	H. M. Payson & Co., 1 Meridian Water Co. Bond, ..	500.00
Nov. 5.	Interest on Cumberland Ave. mortgage,	125.00
Dec. 15.	Mortgage on Cumberland Avenue real estate,	5,000.00
	Interest on same, 1 month,	20.84
	Amount paid beneficiaries, transferred from Grand Lodge,	1,334.00
	Interest on all investments, except Savings Banks, ..	1,919.50
	Interest from Union Safe Dep. & Trust Co.,	47.43
	" " Fidelity Trust Co.,	86.86
April 28.	Account Denney Mortgage,	1,100.00
		<u>\$17,595.65</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

May 6.	Beneficiaries,	1,134.00
	Placed in hands of Grand Master,	200.00
	Savings Bank dividends added,	473.50
13.	Union Safe Dep. & Trust Co., Vault rent,	10.00
	Transferred to Charity Fund by vote of Grand Lodge, Mortgage on Cumberland Ave. real estate, ..	2,800.00
	1 Meridian, Miss., Water Co. Bond,	500.00
Aug. 31.	H. M. Payson & Co. for 1 Portsmouth, Berkley & Suf- folk Water Co. Bond at .99,	495.00
Dec. 20.	Estabrook & Co., 4 B. & M. 4 per cents. at .99 $\frac{1}{2}$, ..	3,980.00
	Accrued interest on same,	48.44
	3 Chi. & N. W., Reg., 4 per cents. at .99,	2,970.00
	Accrued interest on same,	41.67
		<u>12,652.61</u>

Balance to new account:

Cash in Fidelity Trust Co.,	2,237.54
Cash in Union Safe Dep. & Trust Co.,	2,705.50
	<u>4,943.04</u>
	<u>\$17,595.65</u>

Fraternally submitted,

MILLARD F. HICKS, *Grand Treasurer.*

The report of the President was appended as follows :

PORTLAND, May 2, 1910.

I have this day examined the securities named above and find the principal and interest items as scheduled.

EDMUND B. MALLET, *Grand Master.*

Both reports were accepted.

The Secretary presented eighty-five applications for aid, which were referred to a committee of two.

The meeting was then adjourned until 4:30 Wednesday afternoon.

Wednesday, May 4, 1910.

Met at Grand Master's office at 4:30 P. M.

Present—EDMUND B. MALLET, *President,*

ASHLEY A. SMITH,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary,*

FRANK E. SLEEPER,

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,

LEANDER M. KENNISTON,

HOWARD D. SMITH.

The Committee on Applications for Aid reported a schedule which was accepted.

Voted, That one represent seven dollars.

Voted, That \$1,362 be appropriated to pay the schedule.

The Grand Master presented the bond of the Grand Treasurer for \$10,000 with the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co. as surety, which was accepted and ordered to be placed in the hands of the Secretary.

At 5 P. M. adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

STEPHEN BEBRY, *Secretary*.

Regulations of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

ARTICLE I.

The fund is applicable to the following cases:

First, to poor and worthy members of lodges under this jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own lodges are not adequate to the exigency of the case.

Secondly, to poor and worthy masons resident in this state, not members of any subordinate lodge, and being in circumstances to render such membership not a masonic duty.

Thirdly, to poor and worthy masons being sojourners in this state.

Fourthly, to other cases of distress.

ARTICLE II.

The widows and orphans of deceased masons are to be relieved as the husband or parent would be upon the principle stated in preceding article.

ARTICLE III.

Applications for relief are to be made to the Recording Grand Secretary in writing, signed by the applicant or some Master Mason in his behalf who is personally cognizant of his circumstances, stating the peculiar circumstances of the case, accompanied with a certificate from the Master of the lodge to which the applicant belongs, or of the nearest lodge, vouching for his masonic standing and his need of the relief prayed for.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 5, 1858.

Voted, That every brother intrusted with funds be required to take receipts for the same, when paid, and forward said receipts forthwith to the Grand Treasurer.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1862.

Voted, That each Almoner be provided by the Grand Treasurer with one printed blank receipt for each person for whom such Almoner draws money from the Charity Fund, which receipts such Almoner is to cause to be signed by the beneficiaries respectively, and file the same with the Grand Treasurer.

Voted, That no Almoner who fails to file with the Grand Treasurer a receipt from each person for whose benefit money has been appropriated by this board for the full amount of such appropriation when the money has been drawn by such Almoner, shall be considered worthy to be entrusted with the sacred office of Almoner for this Charity Fund.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 4, 1871.

Voted, That hereafter no application for relief be considered by the Trustees, unless made in writing, according to Article III of the Regulations of the Charity Fund.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to make a list of such applications, including all that come to his hands up to Monday evening preceding the day of the Annual Communication, and that all applications presented after that time be referred to the next annual meeting of the Trustees.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary notify every lodge of this action, at least one month before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1872.

Resolved, That applications for relief from the Grand Charity Fund *must* state the amount expended in charity during the past year, by the lodge making such application, the names of recipients, and the condition of the finances of the lodge at last annual meeting, or such applications will not be considered by the Trustees.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 6, 1885.

Voted, That hereafter all applications for relief, not seasonably presented in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charity Fund, be passed over.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 5, 1886.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary, when he sends his papers to the different lodges for their returns, issue a circular to each lodge, notifying them that applications to the Board of Trustees for relief must be made in accordance with the rules of the Board of Trustees,—otherwise they will not be considered.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 3, 1899.

Voted, That whenever the Grand Treasurer has any money to invest, or considers any change should be made in the investments, it shall be necessary that such investments and re-investments shall first receive the written approval of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, or either two of them.

A true copy from the Record of Regulations and Votes.

Attest

STEPHEN BERRY, *Sec'y of Board of Trustees.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

OF THE

CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE.

—1910.—

ASHLEY A. SMITH, Grand Master,	Ex-Officio.
ELMER P. SPOFFORD, Deputy Grand Master,	"
ISAAC N. JONES, Senior Grand Warden,	"
SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, Junior Grand Warden,	"
STEPHEN BERRY, Rec. Grand Secretary,	"
CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, elected May 5, 1908, for three years.	
FESSENDEN I. DAY,	" " 5, " " " "
ARCHIE L. TALBOT,	" " 4, 1909, " " "
LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	" " 4, " " " "
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" " 3, 1910, " " "
HOWARD D. SMITH,	" " 3, " " " "

Amendments . to . Constitution.

ADOPTED SINCE EDITION OF 1893.

SEC. 35. The clothing of a Grand Officer shall be as the Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, prescribe. Permanent members of the Grand Lodge shall wear the apron prescribed for Grand Officers.

An officer of a lodge shall wear a blue velvet collar, a silver jewel, and white or figured apron. [1896, p. 64.]

SEC. 94. Every candidate must apply to the lodge in this state nearest his residence, *except* that he must apply to a lodge in the town in which he resides, if one is located there. But when a municipality, or a part of one, is annexed to another under the law of the state, the Grand Lodge may modify this rule in particular cases as it may deem wise. [1898, p. 65.]

SEC. 85. Each lodge shall pay annually towards the support of the Grand Lodge twenty cents each for all of its members, including honorary members and those absent from the state, and two dollars for every candidate initiated. Each lodge shall be entitled to receive as many diplomas from the Grand Lodge as they make Master Masons. And no dues will be remitted unless upon petition of the lodge and the report of a committee of the Grand Lodge thereon. [1898, p. 66.]

SEC. 96. No candidate whose application may be rejected by a lodge shall be initiated in any lodge under this jurisdiction other than the one which rejected him, except after five years from such rejection, unless the lodge recommend him to another lodge by a

unanimous vote—the vote to be taken by the secret ballot: *Provided, however*, that if the candidate shall, at the end of five years from such rejection, be a resident within the jurisdiction of the rejecting lodge, consent shall be granted unless there are more than three negative ballots. And if any mason knowingly assist, or recommend for initiation, to any lodge whatever, any candidate rejected as aforesaid, except as above provided, such mason shall be expelled from the Institution. [1898, p, 66.]

SEC. 25. The District Deputy Grand Masters shall visit the several lodges in their respective districts, once at least in every year; preside in the same, when present; and shall inspect their by-laws, records and mode of working; but if unable to visit any lodge, they may appoint some suitable brother to perform that duty.

They shall communicate to the lodges all such edicts and regulations of the Grand Lodge, as may be received by them from the Recording Grand Secretary; shall receive and receipt for all dues to the Grand Lodge; receive the returns of the lodges, and make their remarks thereon.

They shall, on or before the first day of April in each year, make a report of their doings to the Grand Master; and they shall attend annually in the Grand Lodge; and they shall pay to the Grand Treasurer all moneys in their hands, or transmit the returns and money to the Grand Treasurer, on or before the fifteenth day of April. They shall be re-imbursed their expenses in visiting the lodges, their accounts being first examined and passed by the Committee of Finance.

Each District Deputy Grand Master, on receiving from the Grand Treasurer the jewel of his office, and the record of the district over which he is appointed, shall give a receipt to the Grand Treasurer, in substance, as follows, viz:

“Whereas, I, ———, have been appointed and duly commissioned District Deputy Grand Master for the ——— Masonic District and have received the collar and jewel appertaining to said office, and the book of records of said district, I

hereby promise to return the same at the expiration or revocation of my commission, to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maine; and in default thereof, I promise to pay the Treasurer of said Grand Lodge the sum of fifty dollars. [1899, p. 243.]

SEC. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions excepted, without permission from the Grand Master. And it is proper, as a mark of respect to the Chief Magistrate of the Nation or State, to permit lodges to appear in public either upon occasions of a public reception of him or of public mourning for his death. [1899, p. 243.]

SEC. 91. Every lodge must preserve one copy of the printed Proceedings in the hall, and when a volume is completed, should bind it for the use of the lodge. [1899, p. 245.]

ADD TO SECTION 117.

A brother suspended from membership for non-payment of dues will be restored by the payment or remission of the amount due at the time of his suspension at any time within five years thereafter; but after that time he can be restored only upon his application and a two-thirds vote of the lodge, after payment or remission of the amount in arrears. [1900, p. 46.]

SECTIONS 112 and 114, relative to Registration, repealed 1904, [p. 73.]

SECTION 111. Every candidate who shall receive the third degree in any lodge in this jurisdiction, shall thereby become a member of said lodge, and the Secretary shall record his name upon the roll of membership; provided, that this section shall not be so construed, as to prohibit any lodge in this jurisdiction from conferring any degree upon a candidate lawfully elected thereto by a lodge in any other jurisdiction with which this Grand

Lodge holds fraternal relations, on the request under seal from the electing lodge, the identity and standing of the candidate being fully established, in which case the membership of the brother shall remain in the electing lodge and the fees shall belong thereto. [1908, p. 48.]

STANDING REGULATIONS.

AMENDED SINCE EDITION
OF CONSTITUTION, 1893.



1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer pay to one delegate who shall be present on the first day of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and (unless excused by the Grand Lodge on account of his own sickness or that of his family) attend during the session, for mileage such sum as is granted by the several railroads or steamboats to Portland from the station or landing place in the town where the lodge is located, together with such additional sum for stage fare from the place of location of the lodge to such station or landing place when such is paid; and two dollars for each day's actual attendance, not exceeding three days, when the delegate is a member of the lodge he represents; and the same mileage and per diem to District Deputy Grand Masters and all permanent members. When a lodge is represented by more than one brother, the senior officer shall receive the mileage and per diem. [1900, p. 52.]

2. *Resolved*, That in the absence of Master and Wardens, the Proxy be paid the mileage and per diem of his lodge, unless his residence be nearer the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge, in which case he shall receive the mileage of the lodge in the town wherein he resides. [1903, p. 275.]

19. The Grand Secretary shall notify each Grand Officer, elect or appointed, who has not been installed in the Grand Lodge, of his election or appointment, and transmit to him an abstract of Section 10 of the Constitution. [1894, p. 57, *re-enacted*.]

32. *Resolved*, That when the hour arrives for the election of the officers of the Grand Lodge, as is provided in the Constitution, the Grand Lodge shall go into an executive session for that purpose, and none but members of the Grand Lodge shall be present without the consent of the M. W. Grand Master in each case. [1898, p. 68. Amended 1900, p. 49.]

22. Repealed 1898, p. 68.

33. *Voted*, That the jurisdiction of Deering Lodge, No. 183, be, and remain until the further order of the Grand Lodge, as it was before the annexation of the City of Deering to the City of Portland. [1899, p. 238.]

34. *Resolved*, That in the case of the death of a Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer, the M. W. Grand Master be authorized, in his discretion, to appoint a special committee to prepare a memorial and present the same to the Grand Lodge at its next session. [1900, p. 52.]

35. *Voted*, That hereafter, the M. W. Grand Master at the opening of the Grand Lodge, appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary to serve during the session, to be paid by the Grand Lodge. [1902, p. 72.]

36. *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Grand Secretary, in addition to the duties required of him by the Constitution, be the Librarian, and perform such duties and receive such compensation as the Committee on Library may advise. [1904, p. 44.]

37. To ascertain which of two lodges is nearer the residence of a candidate, the measurements must be made along the shortest established route or way which the candidate can take regardless of the fact that more people may use one route or way more than the other, and regardless of the fact that one route or way may be easier to travel than the other. [1905, pp. 217 and 241.]

38. *Resolved*, That in balloting upon applications for degrees, the ballot shall be taken upon each applicant separately. [1907, p. 214.]

15. One lodge cannot confer a degree at the request of another lodge in this jurisdiction, unless the requesting lodge waives jurisdiction, and the other lodge accepts the candidate in the usual manner, and for its usual fees. [Amended 1908, p. 48.]

39. *Resolved*, That the District Deputy Grand Master be seasonably notified in writing by the secretary of each lodge in his district, of each and every meeting of that lodge to be held.

[1910, p. 47.]

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, 1910.

M.W.	ASHLEY A. SMITH, (Rev.)	<i>Grand Master,</i>	Belfast
R. W.	ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	<i>Deputy Grana Master,</i>	Deer Isle
"	ISAAC N. JONES,	<i>Senior Grand Warden,</i>	Calais
"	SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS,	<i>Junior Grand Warden,</i>	Clinton
"	MILLARD F. HICKS,	<i>Grand Treasurer,</i>	Portland
"	STEPHEN BERRY,	<i>Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
"	HERBERT HARRIS,	<i>Corr. Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
"	HOWARD PIERCE,	<i>D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i>	Mars Hill
"	WM. E. MANN,	" 2d "	Calais
"	EDWIN CUMMINGS,	" 3d "	Jonesport
"	MOSES D. JOYCE,	" 4th "	Deer Isle
"	FRANK B. ARNOLD,	" 5th "	Dexter
"	JOHN E. EMERSON,	" 6th "	Hampden
"	WILLIS J. GREELEY,	" 7th "	Liberty
"	ISAAC HILLS,	" 8th "	Northport
"	WINFIELD S. CLARK,	" 9th "	S. Thomaston
"	LEWIS A. DUNTON,	" 10th "	Boothbay Har
"	WILLIS E. SWIFT,	" 11th "	Augusta
"	BERT K. MESERVEY,	" 12th "	N. Vassalboro
"	AUGUSTINE SIMMONS,	" 13th "	No. Anson
"	N. GRATZ JACKSON,	" 14th "	Bath
"	CLEFF MAXWELL,	" 15th "	Weld
"	NED I. SWAN,	" 16th "	Bryant's Pond
"	FREDERICK H. DOLE,	" 17th "	Yarmouth
"	CLARENCE H. PRIDE,	" 18th "	E. Waterford
"	ALBERT W. MESERVE,	" 19th "	Kennebunk
"	MARTIN L. PORTER,	" 20th "	Danforth
"	EDGAR J. TRUSSELL,	" 21st "	Bar Harbor
"	LYNNE H. BLANCHARD,	" 22d "	Hartland
"	JAMES H. LITTLEFIELD,	" 23d "	Alfred
"	HENRY A. FLETCHER,	" 24th "	Auburn
"	GEORGE H. MOOERS,	" 25th "	Ashland
W.	REV. WM. H. FULTZ,	<i>Grand Chaplain,</i>	Portland
"	REV. ROBERT R. MORSON,	" "	Yarmouth
"	REV. LEWIS D. EVANS,	" "	Camden
"	REV. RUBERT B. MATHEWS,	" "	Ellsworth
"	REV. JOHN M. BEILER,	" "	Machias
"	CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	<i>Grand Marshal,</i>	Belfast
"	SILAS B. ADAMS,	" <i>Senior Deacon,</i>	Portland
"	ALBERT H. BURROUGHS,	" <i>Junior Deacon,</i>	Westbrook
"	CONVERS E. LEACH,	" <i>Steward,</i>	Portland
"	WILMER J. DORMAN,	" "	Belfast
"	DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE,	" "	Lincoln
"	WM. J. PATTERSON,	" "	Castine
"	L. ALBERT GARDNER,	" <i>Swd Bearer,</i>	Stockton Sp'gs
"	LESLIE D. AMES,	" <i>Stand. Bearer,</i>	Lincolntville
"	WARREN C. KING,	" <i>Pursuivant,</i>	Portland
"	FRED C. CHALMERS,	" "	Bangor
M.W.	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" <i>Lecturer,</i>	Sabatius
W.	WALTER S. SMITH,	" <i>Organist,</i>	Portland
"	WARREN O. CARNEY,	" <i>Tyler,</i>	Portland

List of Subordinate Lodges, WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS,

As Returned March 1, 1910.

DISTRICT.

- Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. Harry M. Carr, M; A. Wade Campbell, SW; Percy H. Russell, JW; William A. Burgess, S. Meeting Monday on after full moon; election, September. 5
- Acacia, 121, Durham. Ralph G. Vickery, M; Alzo S. Merrill, SW; Ralph P. Stackpole, JW; Marcus W. Eveleth, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 14
- Adoniram, 27, Limington. Warren W. Ford, M; Oliver R. Christie, SW; Ivory E. Smith, JW; James F. Pillsbury, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Harvey E. Winslow, M; Pearl L. Higgins, SW; Ralph B. Hall, JW; Walter M. Barstow, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Amity, 6, Camden. Fessenden W. Miller, M; George W. Varney, SW; George A. Thorndike, JW; Wallace E. Easton, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Elliot P. Brewer, M; Fred W. Seavey, SW; Henry G. McFarland, JW; Walter H. McFarland, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. Edwin Hinkley, M; George C. Webber, SW; Frank V. Thomas, JW; Frank L. Lowell, (18 Center Street,) S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. 24
- Ancient Landmark, 17, Portland. Joseph B. Reed, M; Harry S. Boyd, SW; William W. Andrews, JW; John S. Russell, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Leroy E. Williams, M; Asbury M. Blake, SW; Charles G. Kirschner, JW; William Parkin, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 14

- Archon, 139, East Dixmont. Fred M. Johnston, M; Alonzo E. Peabody, sw; J. Frank Davis, jw; Stephen Mudgett, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Arthur L. Roberts, West Kennebunk, M; Adelbert S. Taylor, sw; George H. Littlefield, Clark's Mills, jw; J. Burton Roberts, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 19
- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Charles E. Robinson, M; Judson C. Burt, sw; Frank W. Shaw, jw; John M. Ramsay, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, November. 1
- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. Frank E. Miller, M; William M. Morrill, sw; Edward A. Pinkham, jw; Joseph H. Benson, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, February. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. George O. Campbell, M; George R. Hall, sw; Frank M. Cummings, jw; Fred I. Morrell, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Frederick L. Chenery, M; Luther M. Norris, sw; Albert W. Riggs, jw; B. Frank Bradford, s. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. Will Horton Adams, M; Albert E. Cornish, sw; Howard B. Chandler, jw; Almon L. Johnson, s. Meeting third Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. Ernest L. McLean, M; Harry M. Lyon, sw; Albert E. Folsom, jw; Winfred A. Jackson, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Edwin H. Maxcy, M; James A. Richan, sw; Clarence A. Packard, jw; Lorenzo S. Robinson, (Box 568), s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. Thomas T. Harvey, M; Charles H. Babbidge, sw; John E. Bowden, jw; Ira J. Cousins, s. Meeting third Saturday; election, December. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Arthur W. Brown, M; James N. Emery, sw; Clarence E. Dow, jw; Benjamin L. Hadley, s. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. Guy P. Rowe, M; William T. Fifield, sw; James S. Harding, jw; Martin L. Porter, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. H. Elmer Fernald, M; George I. Hodgdon, sw; Percy L. Orne, jw; Henry B. Ladd, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Daniel A. Blagden, M; S. Everett Collins, sw; Robie B. Hardy, jw; Camillus K. Johnson, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, December 27th. 6

- Bethel 97, Bethel. Alphonse Van den Kerchoven, m; Will C. Gary, sw; Clarence W. Hall, jw; Herbert C. Rowe, s. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. George M. Ryder, m; Roy L. Wardwell, sw; George A. Coombs, jw; Charles D. White, s. Meeting first Monday; election, November. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. Roy Badger, m; E. E. Vittum, sw; Henry Cooley, jw; George L. Baker, s. Meeting Saturday on or before moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford Falls. James B. Stevenson, m; Edwin H. Brown, sw; Leverna L. Niles, jw; Walter O. Raynes, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Carl B. Beedy, m; J. Blaine Morrison, sw; Melvin S. Hutchins, jw; Daniel F. Hoyt, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol Mills. Almon P. Hatch, m; Norris A. Miller, sw; Matthias A. Benner, jw; Edwin J. Ervine, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Fred B. Rand, m; Aaron B. Burnham, sw; Wilbur C. Townsend, jw; Cyril P. Harmon, s. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, January. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. John H. Wilson, m; Lincoln J. Felker, sw; Herbert V. Chadbourne, jw; Frank J. Hersey, s, (R. F. D. 4, Dexter). Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. David E. Johnson, m; Joseph W. H. Porter, sw; Omar L. Farnsworth, jw; Arthur A. Garden, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. Abel P. Gleason, m; Elwood Richardson, sw; Edwin H. Williams, jw; Alpheus Nason, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Tuesday in October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. George W. Seabury, m; William W. Loring, sw; Leslie E. Winslow, jw; Aug. H. Humphrey, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. Charles W. Abbott, m; Edward B. Taylor, sw; Ernfield J. Crosby, jw; Thomas W. Washburn, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Charles F. Woodard, m; Ralph P. Brown, sw; Eugene W. Vaughan, jw; Adelbert G. Rogers, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5

- Composite, 168, La Grange. Orman C. Ames, M; Leon S. Dixon, SW; Angus D. McClaid, JW; Fred H. Savage, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Robert W. Linn, Jr., M; R. Weston Webb, SW; George W. Henderson, JW; Fred H. Abraham, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Lorrimer McGlauffin, West Pembroke, M; James Abernethy, SW; Alexander Robinson, JW; Eugene S. Wilbur, West Pembroke, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. George D. Skillings, M; Harry I. Lowell, SW; Fred L. Pottle, JW; Charles E. Akers, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Chester E. Chipman, M; Lewis W. Symonds, SW; Frank H. Gray, JW; Lewis E. Jordan, R. F. D., S. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. Andrew Doran, M; Robert Abel, SW; Fred B. Havey, JW; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. Ulysses G. Weymouth, M; Phillip D. Stubbs, SW; Fred H. McCleary, JW; Charles B. Richardson, S. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. Ralph P. Mitchell, M; John B. Smith, SW; Charles T. Goodrich, JW; Luther E. Sanborn, Maplewood, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. Peter W. Wescott, M; John A. Webber, SW; Silas E. Strout, JW; Francis E. Chase, 161 Neal St., S. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. John A. Fox, M; Ernest S. Hatch, SW; Seth F. Heald, JW; Preston B. Walker, (box 46), S. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. Eugene C. Rowe, M; Welcome S. Reed, SW; Louis Z. Massie, JW; Orrin F. Sproul, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. Pierre Johnson, M; Leon A. Thomas, SW; Peter E. Johnson, JW; Charles W. Morrill, S. Meeting Monday on or full moon; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. Wilbur F. Cate, M; Herbert H. Blinn, SW; Ernest C. Palmer, JW; Chester L. Burke, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10

- Drummond, 118, Parsonsfield. Francis C. Milliken, East Parsonsfield, m; Chester A. Bisbee, sw; Frank W. Towne, jw; Albert R. Leavitt, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. Hudson F. Staples, m; Clarence B. Rumery, sw; Edward T. Hyde, jw; John F. Burnham, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 19
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. Henry D. Davis, m; John C. Merrill, sw; Lafayette Clark, jw; Wheeler C. Hawkes, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. Kimball C. Haycock, m; Eben B. Holmes, sw; Alfred L. Sawyer, jw; Hiram L. Stevens, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggemoggin, 128, Sedgwick. Ralph M. Buckminster, m; John W. Cousins, sw; Jasper P. Allen, jw; Ralph E. Dority, s. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. Ernest H. Ward, m; Allen B. Copp, sw; Edgar W. Hamilton, jw; Daniel M. Nichols, s. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Mamfred Humphrey, m; George W. Andrews, sw; Weston H. Wiley, jw; Elmer E. Allen, s. Meeting first Thursday, election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Howard P. Shaw, m; Lester A. Ricker, sw; Rosaloo Crockett, jw; Alfred Cole, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Charles O. Dickey, m; Harry W. Chapman, sw; George H. Mitchell, jw; Rodel A. Packard, s. Meeting Wednesday nearest full moon; election, January. 8
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. Fred'k S. Blodgett, m; Walter B. Smith, sw; Harold B. Parker, jw; Frederick Wood, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Charles F. Weick, m; Oliver B. Abbott, sw; Wallace B. Lindsay, jw; Lysander W. Trask, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. Grover C. Bradbury, m; Adrian V. Currie, sw; T. Gilbert Hetherington, jw; Harry W. Grinnell, s. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. John M. Rowe, m; Jabez S. Mooers, sw; Charles F. Hooper, jw; John S. Dyer, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15
- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Henry F. Cummings, South Waterboro, m; Harry E. Chadbourne, sw; G. Burton Chadbourne, jw; Herman J. Say-

- ward, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon ; election, November. 23
- Freedom, 42, Limerick. Hermon K. Tibbetts, m ; George Seaver, sw ; Lewis J. Frye, jw ; George A. Carpenter, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon ; election, December. 23
- Freeport 23, Freeport. Perley T. Fickett, m ; Munroe V. Curtis, sw ; Robert E. Randall, jw ; Ernest E. Pinkham, s. Meeting first Monday ; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. John E. Brock, m ; Clarence L. Ridlon, sw ; Samuel Estes, jw ; Leonard B. Swan, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon ; election, November. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. William R. Copp, m ; Clinton J. Stone, sw ; Francis A. Norton, jw ; Walter P. Perkins, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon ; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. William J. Patterson, m ; Bennett D. Perkins, sw ; Rufus O. Porter, jw ; Charles H. Hooper, s. Meeting first Thursday ; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. George S. Burnell, m ; Edgar F. Carswell, sw ; Stephen E. Patrick, jw ; Charles E. Cobb, s. Meeting Wednesday on or preceding full moon ; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Walter S. Coffin, m ; Albert S. Allen, sw ; Frank T. Crane, jw ; Carl M. Hutchinson, s. Meeting first Monday ; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Stephen A. Cobb, m ; John J. McKenna, sw ; Sidney L. Danforth, jw ; James M. Larrabee, s. Meeting first Tuesday ; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. Sherman G. Willard, m ; Clarence E. Turner, sw ; David E. Moulton, jw ; George H. Weeks, (52 Ocean St.), s. Meeting second Tuesday ; election, November. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. J. Fred Clark, m ; Edwin R. DeWitt, sw ; Ralph Craft, jw ; Frank R. Linton, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon ; election, first Monday in December. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. Charles R. Eaton, m ; N. Frank Perry, sw ; Ziba R. Williams, jw ; John H. Baker, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon ; election, December. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Ward W. Wescott, m ; Forest B. Snow, sw ; Harvey H. Hinckley, jw ; Frank P. Greene, s. Meeting third Monday ; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro'. Melvin R. Trim, m ; Amasa E. Williams, sw ; Frank S. Grindel, jw ; Leslie E. Smith, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon ; election, January. 8

- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. Frank L. Mooney, M; Amos F. Dunphy, sw; Clifford H. Pomeroy, JW; William L. Brooks, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Edwin J. Mann, M; Albert H. Russ, sw; Carl C. Dudley, JW; James L. Bowker, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Charles M. Wescott, M; Warren L. Noyes, sw; Ormond Cummings, JW; Henry A. Mansfield, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Frank O. Bates, M; Fred Huston, sw; Walter Woodbury, JW; Ralph I. Miles, S. Meeting Thursday on or preceding full moon; election, December. 25
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. F. Ernest Harvey, M; Ernest E. Page, sw; Charles M. Mayo, JW; John H. Everett, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. George S. Trask, M; George R. Dale, sw; George E. Dickson, JW; Fred A. Tenney, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Charles H. Severy, M; Jonah G. Spaulding, sw; William W. Jackman, JW; Perry S. Longley, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Robie F. Ames, M; Edward Goodwin, sw; Joseph E. Thomas, JW; Leslie D. Ames, S. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, December. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. John M. Holland, M; John A. Babb, sw; Leon M. Small, JW; Charles L. Dillingham, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 16
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. Thomas L. Richards, M; Harry D. Benner, sw; Roland T. Waltz, JW; Clinton E. Matthews, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Charles Crowley, M; Eugene Harrington, sw; Fred Pierce, JW; J. Merrill Bartlett, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Merle J. Harriman, M; Lewis W. Merrow, sw; John S. Milliken, JW; Ellsworth E. Peacock, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Harry N. Carr, M; Charles A. Bruce, sw; Almon H. Blaisdell, JW; Charles A. Ward, S. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. Howard A. Horsman, M; John McCann, sw; Thomas C. Atkins, JW; Theodore Morrison, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2

- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Claburn H. Wellington, M; Arthur H. Norton, SW; Warren A. Moody, JW; Leslie F. Hurd, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. Elden P. Munsey, M; D. Edgar Badger, SW; Charles E. Cowley, Jr., JW; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. Lucius E. Gardner, M; Clarence D. Wallace, SW; G. N. Williams, JW; Forrest S. Stevens, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Harry C. Austin, M; Andrew J. Falls, SW; William T. Doyle, JW; Melvin S. Smith, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Fred A. Gray, M; Claude O. Hunt, SW; Charles H. Moore, JW; Frank O. Prescott, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Albert D. Moore, Bernard, M; George M. Wallace, Tremont, SW; Fred J. Rich, Tremont, JW; Herbert P. Richardson, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine 20, Farmington. H. Burton Voter, M; Fred G. Paine, SW; Geo. A. Thomas, JW; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting Monday in week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Herman W. Small, M; Emery W. Pickering, SW; Paul W. Scott, JW; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. George P. Carter, M; Charles A. Whittier, SW; Elmer Webster, JW; Clifton Whittum, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. Harry M. Brown, M; Harry E. Staples, SW; Levi R. Stevens, JW; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanics, 66, Orono. Eugene Haley, M; Archer L. Grover, SW; Paul L. Bean, JW; Albert J. Durgin, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, 211, Friendship. Robert L. Thompson, M; Frank A. Geyer, SW; Norman K. Burns, JW; Clayton M. Oliver, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon, election, January. 10
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. Edwin Childs, M; William E. Spear, SW; William McGilvery, JW; Orin S. Haskell, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22
- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. Ernest E. Waters, M; Lowell M. Brown, SW; Lewman B. Soper, JW; Eugene W. Smith, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22

- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Henry L. Hunton, M; Fred H. Leech, SW; Albert H. Lord, JW; Orestes E. Crowell, S. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Thanny S. Robinson, M; Charles L. Emery, SW; Irving T. Daggett, JW; John Gosnell, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Harry E. Taylor, M; Frank L. Parker, SW; C. Oscar Flanders, JW; Charles W. Prescott, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Frank A. Peabody, M; Roland E. Clark, SW; Bernard Archibald, JW; Charles E. F. Stetson, (18 High Street,) S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Ralph W. Goss, M; Charles H. Allen, SW; W. Leslie Maloon, JW; Roscoe S. Bosworth, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Foxcroft. Melvin F. Martin, M; Charles H. Norton, SW; Eugene W. Crocker, JW; James T. Roberts, Dover, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinal Haven. Edgar H. Bradstreet, M; Leon W. Sanborn, SW; Mark P. Smith, JW; Freeman L. Roberts, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. Hartley B. Sprague, M; Carroll E. Young, SW; Lester L. Mitchell, JW; Arthur C. Woodard, S. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. Elmer A. Sampson, Dead River, M; William M. Viles, SW; Elmer L. Donahue, JW; Walter E. Hinds, S. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. Howard Norwood, M; Charles G. Bondreaux, SW; William M. Hamor, JW; Lyman H. Somes, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. Franklin B. Pease, M; Carrol S. Douglass, SW; Vinal H. Ellis, JW; Fred Mellor, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Augustus S. Colby, M; Perley H. McKusick, SW; Wilber R. Kenerson, JW; Harold I. Perkins, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. L. M. Staples, M; A. O. Sherman, SW; B. K. Ware, JW; Freeman Light, Razorville, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. Arthur J. Stimpson, M; George H. Rice, SW; Charles S. Hamlin, JW; Warren V. Kneeland, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18

- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Charles E. Lawrence, m; Ralph W. Moore, sw; George R. Sweetser, jw; William H. Tribou, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Bernie E. Plummer, m; Oliver D. Welch, sw; Henry G. Swett, jw; Orletus Phillips, s. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. George G. Freeman, m; Phineas B. Gup-till, sw; Alvah Farnsworth, jw; William F. Campbell, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. Eldorus H. Bridges, m; Horace M. Pease, sw; Alanson H. Mayo, jw; Roland A. Flye, s. Meeting first Wednes-day; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Auville R. Young, m; J. Edward Hatch, sw; Leslie I. Williams, jw; David G. Walker, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. Leonard A. Gilbert, m; Charles W. Cro-well, sw; John R. Hodgkins, jw; Charles A. Stilson, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Albert T. Bradford, m; William J. Ricker, sw; Charles C. Thompson, jw; Royal W. Bradford, s. Meeting Satur-day on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 105, Millinocket. Arthur J. Walsh, m; Frank C. Bowler, sw; Leon F. Kent, jw; John D. Walker, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. Frank R. Ober, m; Wil-liam S. Holmes, sw; Horace R. Reynolds, jw; George E. Turner, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Gould A. Porter, m; Ernest E. Nod-din, sw; J. Leon Parlin, jw; Wilbur C. Simmons, s. Meeting Tues-day on or next preceding full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. Henry P. Allen, m; Marcellus A. Donnell, sw; Burton M. Morrell, jw; Frank L. Buker, s. Meeting Wednes-day on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. John L. Herrick, m; William L. Ellis, sw; Benjamin H. Dyer, jw; Oscar L. Smith, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Orient, 15, Thomaston. Bertram H. Copeland, m; Elmer R. Bumps, sw; William B. Matthews, jw; Arthur J. Elliot, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. George R. Kimball, m; J. Henry Halkett, sw; Alvah S. Brown, jw; D. Eugene Chaplin, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18

- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. Samuel S. Wood, M; Charles W. Gammon, SW; Arthur E. Grose, JW; George O. Eustis, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. Eugene E. Andrews, M; Walter F. Tubbs, SW; George L. Curtis, JW; Howard D. Smith, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. Daniel B. Packard, M; C. Fred D. Marsh, SW; Wm. D. Elliott, JW; David E. Knight, Garland, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. H. L. Burrill, M; R. S. Knowles, SW; W. A. Lewis, JW; L. Everett Hutchins, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. Josiah N. Horr, M; Charles E. McArdle, SW; Ernest J. Record, JW; Walter L. Gray, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, at first stated meeting in year. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Harry E. Hale, M; Albert L. Atkins, SW; Nathan C. Buckman, JW; Charles S. Hutchinson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. Adrian C. Tuttle, M; Orris S. Vickery, SW; George C. Trussell, JW; Clifford J. Pattee, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. John D. McCain, M; Warren S. Coombs, SW; Joseph M. Libbey, JW; George W. Smith, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Clarence T. Orcutt, M; Whitfield B. Hallett, SW; Arthur G. Andrews, JW; George H. Mooers, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Peter K. Holmes, M; Frank W. Ball, SW; Charles S. Horne, JW; Frank E. Monroe, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Charles H. Stanhope, M; Harvey W. Rider, SW; William H. Monroe, JW; George W. McClain, Brownville Junction, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. Joseph F. Leighton, M; Andrew P. Leighton, SW; Harry B. Foster, JW; Nelson C. Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. William L. Howes, M; Frank L. Clark, SW; Henry S. Thorn, JW; Charles T. Harris, Detroit, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Irving C. Trufant, M; Roy J. Buxton, SW; Lu-

- cus M. Lemont, jw ; William M. Temple, (120 Front St.,) s. Meeting second Wednesday ; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. Arthur W. Read, m ; Morrill H. Ames, sw ; Edward H. Sargent, jw ; George F. Gould, s. Meeting second Wednesday ; election, September. 17
- Pownal 119, Stockton Springs. L. Albert Gardner, m ; Charles Kneeland, sw ; Albion P. Goodhue, 2d, jw ; Louis F. Murray, s. Meeting first Wednesday ; election, January. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. William H. Walker, m ; John Wright, sw ; Ben Ramsden, jw ; Herbert Hill, s. Meeting first Wednesday ; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. Charles S. Jordan, m ; Will C. Hawkes, sw ; John C. Nichols, jw ; William H. Cram, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon ; election, December. 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. Benjamin T. Newman, m ; Alvin D. Merrill, sw ; James W. Tarbox, jw ; Tobias L. Eastman, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon ; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Uriah N. Dyer, m ; Ernest S. Wing, sw ; Frank W. Bryant, jw ; Allen L. Maddocks, s. Meeting first Saturday ; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. Irving E. Pendleton, m ; William H. Harts-horn, sw ; John L. Reade, jw ; Edwin L. Goss, (Box 334,) s. Meeting Wednesday after full moon ; election, September. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. Fred E. Sawyer, m ; Peter Anderson, sw ; George W. Silver, jw ; Rollins Y. Stinson, s. Meeting first Saturday ; election, December. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Oscar P. Galusha, m ; Charles W. Jack, sw ; Sidney M. Gray, jw ; William R. Fairclough, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon ; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Herbert C. Perry, m ; Morris L. Grindle, sw ; Merle F. Bridges, jw ; Benj. H. Cushman, s. Meeting first Wednesday ; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Wilbury O. Hutchins, m ; Charles E. Gray, sw ; George A. Wardwell, jw ; Seth R. Hutchins, s. Meeting first Tuesday ; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. William K. Hallett, m ; William J. Carrier, sw ; Frank L. Hodgkins, jw ; Charles I. Collamore, s. Meeting last Tuesday ; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Edson E. Achorn, m ; Luther J. Kennedy, sw ; Arthur W. Flagg, jw ; Everett A. Hofses, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon ; election, December. 10

- Rockland, 79, Rockland. Orel E. Davies, m; Harry L. Richards, sw; Ensign Otis, jw; Albert I. Mather, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Rural, 53, Sidney. Charles A. Graves, m; Clyde G. Blake, sw; George M. Graves, jw; James F. Warren, R. F. D. No. 3, Augusta, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Saco, 9, Saco. Ernest R. Woodbury, m; Harry S. Sawyer, sw; Clarence E. Thompson, jw; Abram T. Lord, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19
- St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Edwin N. Miller, m; Ralph H. Dunbar, sw; Charles O. Austin, jw; Harry W. Libbey, s. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6
- St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. Albert Langill, m; Raymond F. Brewster, sw; Arthur E. Sewall, jw; Willie W. Cuzner, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- St. Croix, 46, Calais. Frank V. Lee, m; Herbert F. Beek, sw; George A. W. Leeman, jw; Isaac N. Jones, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- St. George, 16, Warren. Ralph S. Robinson, m; Curtis C. Starrett, sw; Frank E. Seavey, jw; J. Morris Studley, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- St. John's, 51, South Berwick. Samuel H. Miller, m; Herbert L. Butler, sw; Frank J. Clark, jw; J. Willey Whitehouse, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19
- St. Paul's, 82, Rockport. Charles E. Rhodes, m; Robert K. Shebles, sw; William F. Watson, jw; Frank A. Campbell, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Lyman P. Orne, m; Russell V. Matthews, sw; H. T. McClean, jw; Willard T. Marr, s. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Sebasticonk, 146, Clinton. Thomas H. Ward, m; Wilbur Holt, sw; Ralph B. Runnells, jw; Wesly M. Keene, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 7
- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. Erwin G. Giles, m; Charles E. Hill, sw; Irving M. Linscott, jw; Almon F. Johnson, East Brownfield, s. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. W. Frank Choate, m; Herbert O. Brown, sw; Harry E. Pratt, jw; Eugene C. Herring, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Sylvester H. Rowland, m; Herbert L. Hall, sw; Harry A. Walters, jw; Albert L. Strout, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14

- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. Fred F. Lawrence, m; Edward A. Parker, sw; Abbott W. Nelson, jw; Charles M. Lambert, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Charles E. Jowett, m; Will H. W. Bartlett, sw; William E. Frost, jw; Willie F. Ferguson, Alfred, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. Rufus E. Gray, m; Albert H. Butterfield, sw; Avery V. Brooks, jw; Harold W. Dolloff, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. Arthur B. Larchar, m; Frank L. McLellan, sw; Henry F. Fitzgerald, jw; Fred J. Whiting, s. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Leroy S. Knight, m; Fred A. Whitten, sw; Edgar T. Whitehouse, jw; Reuel M. Berry, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Edward H. Soper, m; Will E. Hayward, sw; Nathan L. Cobb, jw; Levi E. Jones, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. Harry D. Allen, m; John A. McClellan, sw; Arthur L. Prior, jw; Oliver A. Cobb, (Box 64,) s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Walter G. Hatch, m; Charles A. Harmon, sw; Samuel H. Lord, jw; Charles E. Johnson, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. Arthur A. Pike, m; John S. P. H. Wilson, sw; Irving L. Merrill, jw; Arthur C. Sprague, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Harry A. Brown, m; Seth W. Norwood, sw; Clinton F. Hamblen, jw; William R. Keene, Manset, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Harry E. Wellington, m; Harry B. Holmes, sw; Thomas F. Phair, jw; Vivian E. Howe, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. Lovetus H. Plummer, m; George N. Leighton, sw; William C. Irons, jw; Varanus C. Plummer, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. Linwood G. Sawyer, m; Ralph L. Lamb, sw; Thomas W. Prince, jw; Lewin Jefferies, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Samuel E. Fuller, m; Edmund C. Harding, sw; Ralph L. Williams, jw; Charles M. Lucas, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9

- United, 8, Brunswick. Samuel B. Furbish, m; Samuel L. Forsaith, sw; Joseph S. Stetson, jw; James H. Fisk, (1 Boody St.), s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. Willard R. Sparrow, m; Frank L. Cunningham, sw; Albert R. Murch, jw; Albert W. Ward, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. J. Arno Wyman, m; Willard A. Marriner, sw; Herbert M. Hutchinson, jw; Thomas M. Sedwick, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Alvaro Gordon, m; Moses A. Gordon, sw; Ralph K. Thing, jw; Charles W. Mansur, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Milton Given, m; Charles S. Holbrook, sw; Charles M. White, jw; Edward L. White, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. James R. Talbot, m; H. Elbridge Moan, sw; Carl G. Wiswell, jw; C. Hollis White, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December 27th. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. John G. Boody, m; Lemuel G. Babb, sw; Harry W. Grant, jw; Almon N. Waterhouse, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Herbert S. Willey, m; Isaac B. Umphrey, sw; Venum E. Wilder, jw; Edward M. Hines, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. George G. Boynton, m; Thomas G. Mitchell, sw; Robert S. Mugford, jw; Irving W. Case, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. Sanger N. Annis, m; Mark J. Bartlett, sw; Harold L. Pepper, jw; Charles B. Davis, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. Linn A. Bangs, m; Charles W. Coombs, sw; Edward H. Danforth, jw; Herbert L. Jordan, s. Meeting Thursday on or next before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. Abbott A. Russell, m; J. Alton Tyler, sw; Adelbert H. Alley, jw; John N. Foye, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 15
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Ernest P. Parlin, m; La Roy G. Furrel, sw; Walter D. Bean, jw; Fred E. Trefethen, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. Edward C. Hammond, m; Elmer E. Torrey, sw; William E. Coombs, jw; B. Frank Sumner, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 21

York, 22, Kennebunk. Leander G. Smith, m ; Eugene B. Taylor, sw ;
Walter H. Hobbs, jw ; George A. Gilpatric, s. Meeting Monday on
or before full moon ; election, December. 19

Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. James A. Hussey, m ; Leslie L. Brack-
ett, sw ; Benjamin A. Parker, jw ; Brainerd S. Drake, s. Meeting
last Friday ; election, December. 19

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BRETHREN DIED DURING THE YEAR.

FROM MARCH 1, 1909, TO MARCH 1, 1910.

THOSE MARKED * WERE RETURNED AS BURIED WITH MASONIC RITES.

- 1 Portland, Portland. Levi C. Blake, April 9; William D. Strout, June 9; Albert H. Small, July 4; Charles C. Blake, August 18; Oliver C. Maddox, August 20; Charles W. Parsons, Edward L. Davis, September 25; Melvin J. Hawkes, October 25; George L. Barbour, December 21; Reuben F. Hill, December 27; Ira S. Locke, January 28; Arthur F. Harlow, February 23.
- 2 Warren, East Machias. Lester N. Grover; Alonzo Mayhew; William Rushton.
- 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. Frank Cothran, April 25.
- 4 Hancock, Castine. John F. Rea, January 31.
- 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. James J. Jones, February 17; Lemuel W. Payson, August 6; John D. Bailey, November 25.
- 6 Amity, Camden. Mark B. Arey, July 6; Corneilus T. Hosmer, September 9; Joseph L. Fernald, October 17; Andrew Gilkey, February 17.
- 7 Eastern, Eastport. George F. Campbell; Robert B. Patterson,* July 20.
- 8 United, Brunswick. Charles E. Lancaster, April 5; Frank W. Webb, April 13; Isaac S. Curtis, June 9; Jackson Coombs,* July 23; Isaiah H. Simpson,* November 8; Francis C. Whitehouse, Past Master, December 20; William P. Gahan, January 27; Stephen C. Whitmore, February 21.
- 9 Saco, Saco. John W. McKenney, April 22; Enoch Lowell, June 12; Alfred M. Goodale, December 17; George F. Patterson, January 24; Charles E. Milliken, February 19.
- 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. George B. Fowler, March 14; George H. Hathorn, May 12; Samuel L. Merrill, September 22; Walter T. Bolton, January 9; Alonzo Towle, January 16.

- 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. Enoch C. Farrington, October 24.
- 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. Frederick T. Churchill, March 29.
- 13 Oriental, Bridgton. Thomas J. Douglas, February 22; Richard T. Bailey, August 26.
- 14 Solar, Bath. Robertson Dyer, March 26; Charles S. Murphy, June 30; Henry A. Hyde, September 7; Charles W. Welch, November 30; Alden Rogers, January 15;
- 15 Orient, Thomaston. J. H. H. Hewett,* March 8; Ezekiel Ross, May 7; A. O. Tobie, August 28; John Peterson,* September 8; Gleason Young, October 24; L. H. Seavey, January; Jesse Wilson,* January 19; R. H. McPhail,* February 10.
- 16 Saint George, Warren. James P. Crane, in California.
- 17 Ancient Landmark, Portland. Henry B. Shaw, March 8; James P. Lewis, Life member, March 15; Charles H. Lovejoy, June 1; Charles H. Redlon, June 19; Thomas H. Page, July 6; Robert K. Furnival, August 8; Stephen H. Weeks, September 1; Jedediah Wheeler, November 10; George T. Alexander, November 14; Ephraim C. Sweet, January 31; Thomas A. Porter.
- 18 Oxford, Norway. Charles F. Durell,* March 12; Bertrand F. Harmon,* June 29; George E. Tubbs,* September 22; George E. Hawkes, January 8; George W. Locke, February 27.
- 19 Felicity, Bucksport. John H. Montgomery, November 28; Hiram H. Danforth, January 2; Daniel R. Hagerty, January 6.
- 20 Maine, Farmington. George H. Morrill, April 5; George C. Purington, Past Master, May 6; Clifford S. Belcher, Past Master, June 9; Edward Butler,* November 4; Stephen Pratt, December 29.
- 21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. A. J. Hodgdon, July 2, 1906; John O. Palmer, May 3; Nathaniel Learned, May 26; Levi H. Daggett, July 14; Alvah G. Pettingill, August 16; Augustus L. Young, September 17; Charles H. Keith, December 20; Charles K. French, January 16.
- 22 York, Kennebunk. George Wentworth, May 17; William B. Nason, November 8.
- 23 Freeport, Freeport. I. Smith Soule, January 5.
- 24 Phoenix, Belfast. Benjamin Kelley, March 25; Frank A. Follett, June 16; Henry C. Gray,* June 17; Cyrus B. Hall, August 20; Silas Storer,* October 25; Edward F. Carrow, November 16; E. Frank Bramhall, December 10; Stephen G. Bicknell, January 2.
- 25 Temple, Winthrop. Alfred J. Barbour,* October 21; John Gower, October 13.
- 26 Village, Bowdoinham. Frank H. Purington, March 27; William T. Mariner, March 31.

- 27 Adoniram, Limington. Leonard McLellan, 1908; Lewis L. Small, July 10; Frank S. Meserve, December 4; John L. Hyde, March 1.
- 28 Northern, Star, North Anson. Augustus J. Lane,* December 14; Benjamin Mantor,* Past Master, February 28.
- 29 Tranquil, Auburn. Granville Blake, April 24; Oliver H. Maxwell,* May 4; Ralph E. Coleman,* November 4; George M. Lauder,* November 21; Lewis W. Haskell, December 10; Lavator O. Morse,* January 7; Llewellyn Maxwell, February 9.
- 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. James W. Stuart,* November 10.
- 31 Union, Union. George E. Wentworth,* September 11; Herbert A. Hawes, February 6.
- 32 Hermon, Gardiner. Alfred J. Dowling, April 10; George L. Towle, Past Master, May 29; Daniel R. McFadden, June 17; George W. Merrill, September 24; Ezekiel J. Young, October 1; Charles M. Drake, October 13; Otis A. Winslow, November 4; William Grant, Past Master, November 10; Warren W. Wight, December 8; Isaac V. Owen, January 3; George W. Colburn, February 19.
- 33 Waterville, Waterville. Phillip H. Plaisted, March 12; Dennis M. Bangs, July 20; William A. R. Boothby, December 15; John R. Pollard,* January 16; Edward C. Lasselle,* February 9.
- 34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Samuel L. Whittier, August 5; Webster Woodbury, August 24; Augustus R. Bixby, November 5.
- 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. William Gay, March 22; Daniel L. Allen, March 30; Loria F. Dutton, May 26; O. H. W. Bean, June; George A. Staples, August 2; Benjamin F. Barrows; James E. Blanchard, November 23; W. Fred White, December 4; Chas. A. Bennett, December 12; George E. Brickett, January 28.
- 36 Casco, Yarmouth. Herbert Grant, September 19.
- 38 Harmony, Gorham. Gershom F. Cobb, March 4; Alexander S. Taylor, May 30; Charles O. Hunt, July 24; George M. Staples, November 18.
- 39 Penobscot, Dexter. J. H. True, April 1; Henry S. Dole, April 10; Thomas H. B. Pierce, September 20; Allen Merrill, September 24; Warren H. Carr, January 8; William C. Elder, January 17.
- 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. H. Edmund Garland, 1908; William S. Murch, January 7, 1909; Myron G. Curtis; Segebath Firnand, March 7; James A. Davis, March 15; Charles E. Doyle, May 1; Geo. F. Newman, June 13; Alonzo W. Packard, September 17; Newell B. Coolidge, October 16; Samuel J. Morrison, November 25; Roland Milliken, November 26.

- 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. George F. Webber; Hartwell Danforth, March; Charles B. Bassett, July 24.
- 42 Freedom, Limerick. William Thomas,* April 15; George W. Church, February.
- 43 Alna, Damariscotta. Lincoln H. Chapman, May 17; Benjamin F. Jones, June 14; Jonathan D. Hatch, August 4; Rufus C. Reed, October 9; Granville M. Thurlow, October 12; Miles M. Hall, October 14; William H. Hilton, November 2; Samuel L. Foster, December 2.
- 44 Piscataquis, Milo. Edwin C. Long, September 29; Oliver L. Sherburne, December 31.
- 45 Central, China. Charles S. Alley; Zenas Perciv, January 8; Henry F. Marden, January 25.
- 46 Saint Croix, Calais. James A. Nichols, June 5; Edwin Howard Vose,* June 27; William H. Cole,* November 30; George S. Dailey, January 14; Edgar S. Shattuck, January 21.
- 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. John Berry, January 3; Volney A. Sprague, August 12; Joseph Etchells, September 14; Jesse Smith, September 29; Wellington Bean, October 10; James B. Hanson, October 26; James F. Boardman, December 30; William F. Bradbury, January 24.
- 48 Lafayette, Readfield. Pierre Thibault, March 16; Samuel D. Strout, April 8; Charles M. Gordon, October 18; Reuben Russell, February 20.
- 49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. Sumner T. Stuart, June 12; Ivory E. White, February.
- 50 Aurora, Rockland. William H. Meservey,* March 28; Robert H. Carey,* April 7; Robert H. Crockett, April 7; Charles F. Williams, July 23; John Burgess, August 7, Jacob A. Clifford, Aug. 22.
- 51 St. John's, South Berwick. Isaac P. Fall, August 20.
- 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. William L. Sturtevant, December 8, Harvey J. Cross, December 25; William W. Miller.
- 53 Rural, Sidney. Horace H. Drummond,* March 10; Carlos Hammond, May 21; Ira B. Smiley,* October 23.
- 54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. Warren W. Knowlton, December 20; Everard L. Priest, January 22.
- 55 Fraternal, Alfred. Luke H. Roberts, January 10.
- 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. Calvin M. Rose, February 20.
- 60 Star in the East, Old Town. Stephen C. Higgins,* April 1; Henry A. Garland, June 1; James F. Ellis, September 30; Frederick A. Tucker; John J. Quimby, October 27; George T. Sewall,* October 31.

- 62 King David's, Lincolnville. Rufus B. Sherman, June 14; Albert A. Gould, August 13; Robert E. Easton, October 7; Roscoe G. Wyman, December 30.
- 63 Richmond, Richmond. Alpheus Small, 1907; Charles H. Jackson, July 14; William S. Stuart, September 2; David S. Richards, January 7.
- 64 Pacific, Exeter. Cummings A. Fawcette, June 21.
- 65 Mystic, Hampden. Edward W. Barnes, February 28; Joseph Hardy, May 10; Philip J. Babcock, December 31.
- 66 Mechanics', Orono. Henry W. Rowell, January 11; John Woolcott, January 13; Edward W. Mansfield, January 20.
- 67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. Burton A. Davenport, September 12; Daniel G. Graffam, December 5.
- 68 Mariners, Searsport. James T. Erskine, February 17; Phineas Pendleton, April 7; Charles McClure, May 6.
- 69 Howard, Winterport. Henry A. Bolan,* September 15; Hill Rogers,* November 30; Isaiah C. Rich,* December 18.
- 70 Standish, Standish. Leroy S. Mayo, July 31.
- 71 Rising Sun, Orland. John F. Higgins, September 10; Frank Buck, January 4.
- 72 Pioneer, Ashland. James R. Elder, August 25.
- 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. Elijah S. Berry, March 15; Charles L. Hackett,* May 2; H. T. Bucknam, October 14; J. G. M. Spiller, December 17; George E. Moore,* January 15.
- 74 Bristol, Bristol Mills. Jasper N. Fassett, May 10; Calvin C. Robbins, June 15; Jeremiah H. Murphey, November; William A. Stewart, November 11.
- 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Isaac P. Gooch, September 27.
- 77 Tremont, South West Harbor. John N. Sprague,* March 12; David Molonson,* June 11; Otis Alby,* July 15; Winfield S. Sprague, August 21.
- 79 Rockland, Rockland. Pembroke S. Crockett, May; Chandler E. Peck, May 26; William B. Hix, July 10; Addison Oliver, August 4; Benj. F. Cushman, August 22; William W. Moore,* October 14.
- 80 Keystone, Solon. James W. Hinckley, August 22, 1906; Joseph D. Merrill, March 25, 1908; Abel W. Rowell, October 5; Alvah Parlin, January 22.
- 81 Atlantic, Portland. Fred L. Littlefield,* March 25; Charles W. Pierce,* May 23; Isaac Waldron, August 18; J. Ambrose Merrill, October 25; Richard K. Gatley,* December 17; Harry C. Crocker,* December 28; William F. Morse,* February 16.

- 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. Andrew J. Morton, May 30; Thurston W. Spear, June 27; Joseph Z. Keller, September 20; Fred W. Lane, January 27.
- 83 St. Andrew's Bangor. Harry Butler, March 23; George W. Whiting, July 16; William A. Palmer, July 24; Charles D. Page, August 2; J. Illsley Dole, August 15; Charles B. Morse, September 22.
- 84 Eureka, St. George. William V. Dunbar, April 1.
- 85 Star in the West, Unity. H. H. Weed, July 18, 1907; Enoch M. Barker, March 26; William Hamilton, June 13; Jesse E. Cook, November.
- 86 Temple, Westbrook. Walter Fickett, June 24.
- 89 Island, Islesboro. Austin Trim, August 4; Edgar A. Bunker, December 31; Williard F. Stockbridge, February 4; Caleb S. Moody, February.
- 91 Harwood, Machias. Edwin J. Miller, November 5.
- 92 Siloam, Fairfield. Marshal D. Stratton, July 6.
- 93 Horeb, Lincoln. John MacGregor, March 21; Samuel C. Ramsdell, June 21; John Pond,* September 22; Ad F. Towle, October 20; Charles Fuller,* November 22; Charles L. Hathaway,* December 6.
- 94 Paris, South Paris. Walter E. Holmes, March 9; William E. Rollinson, April 21; Franklin Porter,* June 3; Alba M. Gerry,* August 1; Linwood L. Powers,* January 28.
- 95 Corinthian, Hartland. Stilman Gray, November 14; Henry C. Giles, in Portland.
- 96 Monument, Houlton. Alonzo P. Daggett,* January 18; Charles W. Lyons,* March 21; John Watson, April 25; Lyman S. Strickland, September; Jos. L. Martin,* February 20.
- 97 Bethel, Bethel. James H. Barrows, April 20; Samuel A. Brock, September 18; William O. Straw, November 1.
- 98 Katahdin, Patten. Walter Corliss, June 1; Ephraim Bailey,* October 18.
- 99 Vernon Valley, Mt. Vernon. Charles W. Cameron, October 17; Gilbert Taggart, January 27.
- 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. Albion P. Bowker,* March 25; Orlando C. Houghton, September 9; Joseph Cummings, January 24; Her-
rick C. Davis, February 13.
- 101 Nezinscot, Turner. Frank B. Sylvester, March 16; Seth D. Andrews, charter member, January 21.
- 102 Marsh River, Brooks. William McTaggart,* March 15; T. D. Jellison, June 4.

- 104 Dirigo, Weeks Mills. Johanthan F. Plummer, August.
- 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. George M. Coombs, March 25; Nelson Howard, April 27; Henry Lowell, May 25; Eben W. Dresser, August 27; John C. Marshall, November 6; James R. Ashton, December 31.
- 106 Tuscan, Addison. Truman W. Look, January 7; John H. Puffer, February 25.
- 109 Mt. Kineo, Guilford. Silas G. Hale, August 20; John W. Kelsey, November 27; Don W. Whittier, October 26; Martin V. B. Marsh, October 27.
- 110 Monmouth, Monmouth. Edward P. Marston,* October 27.
- 112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. Fred M. Haines, September 13, 1908; A. L. Haines, July 1.
- 113 Messalonskee, Oakland. Theodore P. Dearborn, March 25; G. Frank Shaw, April 12.
- 114 Polar Star, Bath. Nathan P. Towne, April 23; Frank S. Luce, September; Melville B. Spinney, December; Ernest W. Mitchell, January.
- 115 Buxton, West Buxton. Abel G. Smith,* May 20; Jere M. Hill, June 17.
- 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. Albert Lowell, 1902; Charles Davis, June; Charles A. Warren, June; Wilson O. Murch, January.
- 118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. Charles L. Gilpatrick, February 28.
- 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. Frank J. Marden, March 1; Hiram Clark, April 9; Samuel French, October 18; Joseph H. Harri-man,* December 23.
- 121 Acacia, Durham. Frank Harding, June; Joseph W. Thomas, September; Melvin Bowie, January; Charles S. Fenleson, February.
- 122 Marine, Deer Isle. Job G. Gass, April 3; Edgar W. Haskell, April 11; Benjamin F. Small, May 27; Benjamin S. Hatch, November 3.
- 123 Franklin, New Sharon. Simeon C. Paine; Moses Pressey; James H. Howes.
- 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. Charles H. Robbins,* April 25; Daniel S. Humphrey,* September 8; Augustus N. Lufkin, January 14.
- 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. David F. Libby, June 18; Lyman B. Pollard, October 21; Benjamin D. Bowden, December 1.
- 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. George W. Chase.
- 127 Presumpscot, No. Windham. Edward T. Smith; Robert J. Kyle, February.
- 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. Israel P. Grindle, November 12.

- 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. James Barker, November 9; Locksley T. Ness,* November 27.
- 130 Trinity, Presque Isle. Fred Barker, February 10.
- 132 Mt. Tire'm, Waterford. Clifford L. Pike, September 20.
- 133 Asylum, Wayne. William H. Brownson, September 6.
- 135 Riverside, Jefferson. Frank T. Davis,* December 28; Sewell Daggett, January.
- 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. Richard M. Nason, October 23.
- 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. Benjamin F. Legacy, April 28; Lundin McKechnie, July 6.
- 139 Archon, East Dixmont. F. Lester Chadborn, February 12.
- 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. John W. Richardson, June 10; David B. Alley, July 26; Charles H. Frazier, August 19.
- 141 Augusta, Augusta. Melville C. Blackwell, December 16, 1908; Paul V. Brown, May; Ernest L. Hall, July 9; Samuel W. Mitchell, August; Martin T. Cusick, August 18; Daniel W. Emery, November 7; Llewellyn K. Smith, January 5; Stephen I. Thurston, February 7; James E. Tuell, February 17.
- 142 Ocean, Wells Depot. Alvarado Hatch,* July 20; Lewis West, November 20; William H. Perkins,* February 24.
- 143 Preble, Sanford. Frank Broggi, March.
- 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. Oscar S. Yates.
- 145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. James W. Gray,* March 20; Samuel A. Crawford, May 12; Roderick M. Dyer,* September 7; Fred L. Carver,* September 16; Thomas G. Libbey, January 6; Winfield S. Carver, February 6; William J. Davidson,* February 9.
- 146 Sebasticook, Clinton. Preston Weymouth, March 5; Japheth M. Winn.
- 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. William F. Robinson; Albert M. Austin.
- 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. Robert Stewart, September 23; Aubrey G. Lothrop, November 25.
- 152 Crooked River, Otisfield. James W. Knight, April 9; Elisha D. Weston, April 21; Albion M. Hancock, May 7; Melvin L. Green, August 2; Leander Dorman, November 19; John C. Frost, November 28.
- 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. Louis P. Kirschner, November 1; Millard C. Webber, November 11; William S. Cotton, November 21.
- 156 Wilton, Wilton. Thomas M. Hunt, 1908; Alonzo B. Adams, March 10; Silas Conant, August 15.
- 157 Cambridge, Cambridge. Clifford W. Hight, June 10; Warren A. Ham,* January 23.

- 160 Parian, Corinna. J. Atwood Cain, November 7.
163 Pleasant River, Brownville. Neil Taylor,* May 8; William H. Shaw,* August 3.
164 Webster, Sabattus. Josiah T. Jordan, July 24.
165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. Foster J. Tracey, October 24.
166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. David A. Woodsum, March 28; George D. Cook, September.
167 Whitney, Canton. Adelbert Delano, May 30; Alpheus Packard, August 17; Alonzo F. Cox, October 7; Addison B. Parsons, February 27.
168 Composite, La Grange. Frank T. Kelley, April 22; Arthur W. Knowles, April 25; Eliphalet E. Decker, April 25.
169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. Calvin B. Robbins, October 6.
170 Caribou, Caribou. Joseph D. Emery, September 28; Sewell B. Henry, November 10.
172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. Charles O. Libbey, May 11; John I. Hersom, May 13; Nathaniel S. Sipprelle,* October 18.
173 Pleiades, Millbridge. Algernon Stanley, January 5.
174 Lynde, Hermon. Benjamin F. Mitchell.
175 Baskahegan, Danforth. Albert A. Weatherbee, August 17; Adolphus A. Grant, January 10.
177 Rising Star, Penobscot. Frank W. Thompson, September 6.
178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. Winfield Scott Larrabee,* September 14.
179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. Shadrach W. Twombly, March 3; Albert M. Randall, October 8.
180 Hiram, So. Portland. Andrew W. Smart, March 7; Rotheus M. Cole, April 10; William E. Johnson, August 13; Thomas Dyer, September 14; Frank S. Rogers, December 23; John P. Clemens, February 4; William F. Thomes, February 28.
182 Granite, West Paris. Charles M. Swift, October 10.
183 Deering, Portland. Joseph S. Dunham,* March 6; Elijah G. Goold, April 8; Edward A. Newman, May 20; John N. Ladner,* July 7; Philip W. Edwards, October 2; Robert M. Hersey, November 13; Frederick A. Thompson,* November 16.
184 Naval, Kittery. Henry L. Lutts, March 31; William Bray, April 5; Daniel F. Frisbee, January 17.
185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. Warren H. Smith, March 29; Sewell C. Vyles, April 16; Oscar K. Stevens, January 30.
186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. George E. Morrill, March; Hiram J. Esty.
187 Ira Berry, Bluehill. William N. York, May 19; John W. Penney, October 21; Isaac Goard, December 30.

- 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. Daniel Donovan, April 4; George E. Watts, June 12.
- 189 Knox, South Thomaston. R. A. Harrington, November 10; Charles M. Philbrook, December 1.
- 190 Springvale, Springvale. Howard J. Frost, November.
- 191 Davis, Strong. Lyman F. Hartwell,* July 2; Robert Keef,* January 1.
- 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. Wellington R. Pendleton, April 5.
- 194 Euclid, Madison. Charles C. Dunton, March 24; Joshua B. Perkins, September 16; Joel Churchill, November 11; James R. Perkins, December 16.
- 195 Reliance, Stonington. Henry N. Haskell, March 3; Willard M. Gross, July 6; Arthur S. Whitmore; William L. Greenlaw, November 3.
- 197 Aroostook, Blaine. John Jamieson,* November 1; Jethro Hurd, November 14.
- 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. Daniel A. Stevens, April 7; Albion A. Parsons, June 29; Willard G. Banks, November 11.
- 199 Bingham, Bingham. Albert Cassidy, March 15; John Morris, April 7.
- 200 Columbia, Greenville. James E. Bigney, June 27.
- 202 Mount Bigelow, Flagstaff. Forrest C. Durrell,* November 13.
- 203 Mount Olivet, Washington. R. C. Flanders, December 14.
- 205 Nollesemeic, Millinocket. Rufus B. Stinchfield, February 18.
- 206 Island Falls, Island Falls. Cyrus W. Penney, March 17; George R. Lawler, May 5; Daniel J. Edwards, November 21.
- 207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. Wilbur A. Hill, November 28; Owen B. Williams, December 13.
- 208 North East Harbor, North East Harbor. Joseph Corson, November 16.

List of Lodges by Districts.



DISTRICT NO. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master—HOWARD PIERCE, Mars Hill.

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| 96 Monument, <i>Houlton.</i> | 170 Caribou, <i>Caribou.</i> |
| 112 Eastern Frontier, <i>Ft. Fairfield.</i> | 193 Washburn, <i>Washburn.</i> |
| 130 Trinity, <i>Presque Isle.</i> | 197 Aroostook, <i>Blaine.</i> |

DISTRICT NO. 2.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM E. MANN, Calais.

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| 7 Eastern, <i>Eastport.</i> | 78 Crescent, <i>Pembroke.</i> |
| 37 Washington, <i>Lubec.</i> | 138 Lewy's Island, <i>Princeton.</i> |
| 46 St. Croix, <i>Calais.</i> | |

DISTRICT NO. 3.

District Deputy Grand Master—EDWIN CUMMINGS, Jonesport.

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| 2 Warren, <i>East Machias.</i> | 131 Lookout, <i>Cutler.</i> |
| 88 Narraguagus, <i>Cherryfield.</i> | 173 Pleiades, <i>Millbridge.</i> |
| 91 Harwood, <i>Machias.</i> | 188 Jonesport, <i>Jonesport.</i> |
| 106 Tuscan, <i>Addison Point.</i> | |

DISTRICT NO. 4.

District Deputy Grand Master—MOSES D. JOYCE, Deer Isle.

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| 4 Hancock, <i>Castine.</i> | 177 Rising Star, <i>Penobscot.</i> |
| 122 Marine, <i>Deer Isle.</i> | 187 Ira Berry, <i>Blue Hill.</i> |
| 128 Eggemoggin, <i>Sedgwick.</i> | 195 Reliance, <i>Stonington.</i> |
| 171 Naskeag, <i>Brooklin.</i> | 210 Bagaduce, <i>Brooksville.</i> |

DISTRICT NO. 5.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRANK B. ARNOLD, Dexter.

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| 39 Penobscot, <i>Dexter</i> . | 149 Doric, <i>Monson</i> . |
| 44 Piscataquis, <i>Milo</i> . | 163 Pleasant River, <i>Brownville</i> . |
| 52 Mosaic, <i>Foxcroft</i> . | 168 Composite, <i>La Grange</i> . |
| 109 Mount Kineo, <i>Guilford</i> . | 200 Columbia, <i>Greenville</i> . |
| 124 Olive Branch, <i>Charleston</i> . | 207 Abner Wade, <i>Sangerville</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 6.

District Deputy Grand Master—JOHN E. EMERSON, Hampden.

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| 10 Rising Virtue, <i>Bangor</i> . | 83 St. Andrew's, <i>Bangor</i> . |
| 60 Star in the East, <i>Old Town</i> . | 87 Benevolent, <i>Carmel</i> . |
| 65 Mystic, <i>Hampden</i> . | 137 Kenduskeag, <i>Kenduskeag</i> . |
| 66 Mechanic's, <i>Orono</i> . | 174 Lynde, <i>Hermon</i> . |
| 69 Howard, <i>Winterport</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 7.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIS J. GREELEY, Liberty.

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| 45 Central, <i>China</i> . | 111 Liberty, <i>Liberty</i> . |
| 58 Unity, <i>Thorndike</i> . | 129 Quantabacook, <i>Searsmont</i> . |
| 85 Star in the West, <i>Unity</i> . | 146 Sebasticook, <i>Clinton</i> . |
| 102 Marsh River, <i>Brooks</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master—ISAAC HILLS, Northport.

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| 24 Phoenix, <i>Belfast</i> . | 119 Pownal, <i>Stockton Springs</i> . |
| 62 King David's, <i>Lincolnville</i> . | 126 Timothy Chase, <i>Belfast</i> . |
| 68 Mariners', <i>Searsport</i> . | 151 Excelsior, <i>Northport</i> . |
| 89 Island, <i>Islesboro'</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 9.

District Deputy Grand Master—WINFIELD S. CLARK, South Thomaston.

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| 6 Amity, <i>Camden</i> . | 82 St. Paul's, <i>Rockport</i> . |
| 15 Orient, <i>Thomaston</i> . | 84 Eureka, <i>Tenant's Harbor</i> . |
| 16 St. George, <i>Warren</i> . | 145 Moses Webster, <i>Vinal Haven</i> . |
| 31 Union, <i>Union</i> . | 189 Knox, <i>South Thomaston</i> . |
| 50 Aurora, <i>Rockland</i> . | 203 Mount Olivet, <i>Washington</i> . |
| 79 Rockland, <i>Rockland</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master—LEWIS A. DUNTON, Boothbay Harbor.

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| 3 Lincoln, <i>Wiscasset</i> . | 135 Riverside, <i>East Jefferson</i> . |
| 43 Alna, <i>Damariscotta</i> . | 144 Seaside, <i>Boothbay Harbor</i> . |
| 61 King Solomon's, <i>Waldoboro</i> . | 158 Anchor, <i>South Bristol</i> . |
| 74 Bristol, <i>Bristol</i> . | 196 Bay View, <i>East Boothbay</i> . |
| 103 Dresden, <i>Dresden</i> . | 211 Meduncook, <i>Friendship</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 11.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIS E. SWIFT, Augusta.

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| 5 Kennebec, <i>Hallowell</i> . | 41 Morning Star, <i>Litchfield</i> . |
| 25 Temple, <i>Winthrop</i> . | 104 Dirigo, <i>Weeks' Mills</i> . |
| 32 Hermon, <i>Gardiner</i> . | 110 Monmouth, <i>Monmouth</i> . |
| 35 Bethlehem, <i>Augusta</i> . | 141 Augusta, <i>Augusta</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 12.

District Deputy Grand Master—BERT K. MESERVEY, No. Vassalboro.

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| 33 Waterville, <i>Waterville</i> . | 99 Vernon Valley, <i>Mt. Vernon</i> . |
| 48 Lafayette, <i>Readfield</i> . | 118 Messalonskee, <i>Oakland</i> . |
| 53 Rural, <i>Sidney</i> . | 133 Asylum, <i>Wayne</i> . |
| 54 Vassalboro, <i>North Vassalboro</i> . | 166 Neguemkeag, <i>Vassalboro</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 13.

District Deputy Grand Master—AUGUSTINE SIMMONS, North Anson.

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| 28 Northern Star, <i>North Anson</i> . | 116 Lebanon, <i>Norridgewock</i> . |
| 34 Somerset, <i>Skowhegan</i> . | 161 Carrabassett, <i>Canaan</i> . |
| 80 Keystone, <i>Solon</i> . | 194 Euclid, <i>Madison</i> . |
| 92 Siloam, <i>Fairfield</i> . | 199 Bingham, <i>Bingham</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 14.

District Deputy Grand Master—N. GRATZ JACKSON, Bath.

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| 8 United, <i>Brunswick</i> . | 63 Richmond, <i>Richmond</i> . |
| 14 Solar, <i>Bath</i> . | 114 Polar Star, <i>Bath</i> . |
| 23 Freeport, <i>Freeport</i> . | 121 Acacia, <i>Durham</i> . |
| 26 Village, <i>Bowdoinham</i> . | 155 Ancient York, <i>Lisbon Falls</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 15.

District Deputy Grand Master—CLEFF MAXWELL, Weld.

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| 20 Maine, <i>Farmington.</i> | 156 Wilton, <i>Wilton.</i> |
| 21 Oriental Star, <i>Livermore Falls.</i> | 167 Whitney, <i>Canton.</i> |
| 67 Blue Mountain, <i>Phillips.</i> | 191 Davis, <i>Strong.</i> |
| 123 Franklin, <i>New Sharon.</i> | 202 Mount Bigelow, <i>Flagstaff.</i> |
| 154 Mystic Tie, <i>Weld.</i> | 204 Mount Abram, <i>Kingfield.</i> |

DISTRICT NO. 16.

District Deputy Grand Master—NED I. SWAN, Bryant's Pond.

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| 18 Oxford, <i>Norway.</i> | 100 Jefferson, <i>Bryant's Pond.</i> |
| 30 Blazing Star, <i>Rumford Falls.</i> | 147 Evening Star, <i>Buckfield.</i> |
| 57 King Hiram, <i>Dixfield.</i> | 152 Crooked River, <i>Bolster's Mills.</i> |
| 94 Paris, <i>South Paris.</i> | 182 Granite, <i>West Paris.</i> |
| 97 Bethel, <i>Bethel.</i> | |

DISTRICT NO. 17.

District Deputy Grand Master—FREDERICK H. DOLE, Yarmouth.

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| 1 Portland, <i>Portland.</i> | 86 Temple, <i>Westbrook.</i> |
| 17 Ancient Landmark, <i>Portland.</i> | 127 Presumpscot, <i>North Windham.</i> |
| 36 Casco, <i>Yarmouth.</i> | 180 Hiram, <i>South Portland.</i> |
| 38 Harmony, <i>Gorham.</i> | 183 Deering, <i>Portland.</i> |
| 70 Standish, <i>Standish.</i> | 186 Warren Phillips, <i>Cum'b Mills.</i> |
| 81 Atlantic, <i>Portland.</i> | |

DISTRICT NO. 18.

District Deputy Grand Master—CLARENCE H. PRIDE, East Waterford.

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| 11 Pythagorean, <i>Fryeburg.</i> | 132 Mount Tir'em, <i>Waterford.</i> |
| 13 Oriental, <i>Bridgton.</i> | 153 Delta, <i>Lovell.</i> |
| 56 Mount Moriah, <i>Denmark.</i> | 169 Shepherd's River, <i>Brownfield.</i> |
| 117 Greenleaf, <i>Cornish.</i> | |

DISTRICT NO. 19.

District Deputy Grand Master—ALBERT W. MESERVE, Kennebunk.

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| 9 Saco, <i>Saco.</i> | 142 Ocean, <i>Wells Depot.</i> |
| 22 York, <i>Kennebunk.</i> | 162 Arion, <i>Goodwin's Mills.</i> |
| 47 Dunlap, <i>Biddeford.</i> | 179 Yorkshire, <i>North Berwick.</i> |
| 51 St. John's, <i>South Berwick.</i> | 184 Naval, <i>Kittery.</i> |
| 76 Arundel, <i>Kennebunkport.</i> | 198 St. Aspinquid, <i>York Village.</i> |

DISTRICT NO. 20.

District Deputy Grand Master—MARTIN L. PORTER, Danforth.

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| 93 Horeb, <i>Lincoln</i> . | 172 Pine Tree, <i>Mattawamkeag</i> . |
| 148 Forest, <i>Springfield</i> . | 175 Baskahegan, <i>Danforth</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 21.

District Deputy Grand Master—EDGAR J. TRUSSELL, Bar Harbor.

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| 19 Felicity, <i>Bucksport</i> . | 185 Bar Harbor, <i>Bar Harbor</i> . |
| 40 Lygonia, <i>Ellsworth</i> . | 192 Winter Harbor, <i>Winter Harbor</i> . |
| 71 Rising Sun, <i>Orland</i> . | 201 David A. Hooper, <i>W. Sullivan</i> . |
| 77 Tremont, <i>Southwest Harbor</i> . | 208 N. E. Harbor, <i>N. E. Harbor</i> . |
| 140 Mount Desert, <i>Mount Desert</i> . | 212 McKinley, <i>McKinley</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 22.

District Deputy Grand Master—LYNNE H. BLANCHARD, Hartland.

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| 49 Meridian Splendor, <i>Newport</i> . | 125 Meridian, <i>Pittsfield</i> . |
| 64 Pacific, <i>Exeter</i> . | 139 Archon, <i>East Dixmont</i> . |
| 75 Plymouth, <i>Plymouth</i> . | 157 Cambridge, <i>Cambridge</i> . |
| 95 Corinthian, <i>Hartland</i> . | 160 Parian, <i>Corinna</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 23.

District Deputy Grand Master—JAMES H. LITTLEFIELD, Alfred.

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| 27 Adoniram, <i>Limington</i> . | 115 Buxton, <i>West Buxton</i> . |
| 42 Freedom, <i>Limerick</i> . | 118 Drummond, <i>Parsonsfeld</i> . |
| 55 Fraternal, <i>Alfred</i> . | 143 Preble, <i>Sanford</i> . |
| 107 Day Spring, <i>West Newfield</i> . | 190 Springvale, <i>Springvale</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 24.

District Deputy Grand Master—HENRY A. FLETCHER, Auburn.

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| 12 Cumberland, <i>New Gloucester</i> . | 105 Ashlar, <i>Lewiston</i> . |
| 29 Tranquil, <i>Auburn</i> . | 150 Rabboni, <i>Lewiston</i> . |
| 73 Tyrian, <i>Mechanic Falls</i> . | 164 Webster, <i>Sabattus</i> . |
| 101 Nezinscot, <i>Turner</i> . | 178 Ancient Brothers', <i>Auburn</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 25.

District Deputy Grand Master—GEORGE H. MOOERS, Ashland.

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| 72 Pioneer, <i>Ashland</i> . | 205 Nollesemic, <i>Millinocket</i> . |
| 98 Katahdin, <i>Patten</i> . | 206 Island Falls, <i>Island Falls</i> . |
| 165 Molunkus, <i>Sherman Mills</i> . | 209 Fort Kent, <i>Fort Kent</i> . |

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GRAND LODGES.

Alabama, Dec. 7, 1909,
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 Arizona, Feb. 8, 1910,
 Arkansas, Nov. 16, 1909,
 Belgium, 1908,
 British Columbia, June 17, 1909,
 California, Oct. 12, 1909,
 Canada, July 21, 1909,
 Cuba, April 15, 1909,
 Colorado, Sept. 21, 1909,
 Connecticut, Jan. 19, 1910,
 Delaware, Oct. 6, 1909,
 Dist. Columbia, Dec. 15, 1909,
 England, March 2, 1910,
 Florida, Jan. 18, 1910,
 Georgia, Oct. 26, 1909,
 Idaho, Sept. 14, 1909,
 Illinois, Oct. 12, 1909,
 Indiana, May 24, 1910,
 Iowa, June 1, 1909,
 Ireland, 1910,
 Kansas, Feb. 16, 1910,
 Kentucky, Oct. 19, 1909,
 Louisiana Feb. 14, 1910,
 Maine, May 3, 1910,
 Manitoba, June 9, 1909,
 Maryland, Nov. 16, 1909,
 Massachusetts, Dec. 8, 1909,
 Michigan, May 25, 1909,
 Minnesota, Jan. 19, 1910,
 Mississippi, Feb. 15, 1910,
 Missouri, Sept. 28, 1909,
 Montana, Sept. 15, 1909,
 Nebraska, June 8, 1909,

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 Descamps, Mons.
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 Louis C. Massey, Orlando.
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Nova Scotia, June 9, 1909,	Wm. Marshall Black, Wolfville.
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Oregon, June 16, 1909,	Norris R. Cox, Portland.
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Quebec, Feb. 9, 1910,	J. Alex. Cameron, Montreal.
Rhode Island, May 16, 1910,	Henry W. Rugg, Providence.
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South Australia, April 21, 1909,	Samuel J. Way, Adelaide.
South Carolina, Dec. 8, 1908,	James L. Michie, Darlington.
South Dakota, June 14, 1910,	Samuel S. Lockhart, Milbank.
Tasmania, Feb. 24, 1910,	Charles E. Davies, Hobart.
Tennessee, Jan. 26, 1910,	Charles H. Byrn, Murfreesboro.
Texas, Dec. 7, 1909,	T. C. Yantis, Brownwood.
Utah, Jan. 18, 1910,	Charles B. Jack, Salt Lake City.
Vermont, June 9, 1909,	Lee S. Tillotson, St. Albans.
Victoria, Dec. 18, 1907,	George E. Emery.
Virginia, Feb. 8, 1910,	William B. McChesney, Staunton.
Washington, June 15, 1909,	William R. Baker, Colville.
West Virginia, Nov. 10, 1909,	Frank W. Clark, New Martinsville.
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TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. W. EDWIN HOWARD VOSE,

Junior Grand Warden in 1879.



Born in Robbinston, August 30, 1838.

Died in Calais, June 27, 1909,

AGED 70 YEARS, 9 MONTHS, 28 DAYS.



"And the tender words are spoken,
'Heimgang' We are 'going home.'"

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R.W. JOHN B. REDMAN,

Senior Grand Warden in 1881.



Born in Brooksville, in 1843.

Died in Ellsworth, March 9, 1910,

AGED 62 YEARS.



"'Tis hard to part when friends are dear."

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. W. JOSEPH M. HAYES,

Senior Grand Warden in 1885.



Born in Bath, June 4, 1832.

Died in Bath, March 21, 1910,

AGED 77 YEARS, 9 MONTHS, 17 DAYS.



"Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now, Thy servant, sleeping."

~Recapitulation--1910~

Lodges enrolled,	212
" extinct,.....	9
" working,	203
" granted charters at communication, 1910,.....	2
" represented at communication, 1910,	196
Number of representatives,.....	259
Lodges to make returns,	203
Making returns in time,	203
Initiated,.....	1,206
Raised,.....	1,191
Affiliated,	135
Re-instated,.....	78
Total increase,.....	— 1,404
Dimitted,.....	192
Died,.....	545
Suspended for unmasonic conduct,.....	1
Expelled,	2
Lost membership by non-payment of dues,	198
Corrections,	2
Total decrease,.....	— 940
Net increase,.....	— 464
Members, March 1, 1909,	27,864
" " " 1910,.....	28,328
Grand Lodge Receipts, ..	\$14,894.22
" " Disbursements, ..	\$7,208.48
Amount of Charity Fund,.....	\$59,025.62
Income of Charity Fund,.....	\$2,685.63

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Grand Lodge of Maine.

1911

Ninety-Second Annual Communication.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 2, 1911. }

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine met in Annual Communication in Corinthian Hall at nine in the morning.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

R. W.	ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	Deputy Grand Master ;
"	ISAAC N. JONES,	Senior Grand Warden ;
"	SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS,	Junior Grand Warden ;
"	MILLARD F. HICKS,	Grand Treasurer ;
"	STEPHEN BERRY,	" Secretary ;
"	HERBERT HARRIS,	Cor. Grand Secretary ;
W. & Rev.	WILLIAM H. FULTZ,	Grand Chaplain ;
W.	CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	" Marshal ;
"	SILAS B. ADAMS,	" Senior Deacon ;
"	ALBERT H. BURROUGHS,	" Junior Deacon ;
"	CONVERS E. LEACH,	" Steward ;
"	WILMER J. DORMAN,	" "
"	DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE,	" "
"	L. ALBERT GARDNER,	" Sword Bearer ;
"	LESLIE D. AMES,	" Stand. Bearer ;
"	WARREN C. KING,	" Pursuivant ;
M. W.	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" Lecturer ;
W.	WALTER S. SMITH,	" Organist ;
"	WARREN O. CARNEY,	" Tyler.

Also 250 delegates, representing 185 of the 203 chartered lodges, 7 of the 13 living Past Grand Masters, with other permanent members and visiting brethren, including 40 representatives of other Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master was delayed by the great fire at Bangor on the previous Sunday, which destroyed his dwelling and church, and the Deputy Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in due form, with prayer by the Rev. WM. H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER,

Voted, To dispense with the reading of the records of the last annual communication, and that as printed they be confirmed.

On motion of Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER,

Voted, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during this annual communication.

On motion of Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER,

Voted, That the Grand Tyler be authorized to employ assistants, not exceeding three, to aid him in the work of his office during the session of the Grand Lodge, and that the Committee on Pay Roll be authorized to place the names of such employees upon the pay roll, and that they receive the usual *per diem* for their services.

The Deputy Grand Master appointed Bro. CONVERS E. LEACH as Assistant Grand Secretary.

TRANSPORTATION.

Bro. STEPHEN BERRY submitted the following report, which was accepted:

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, May 2, 1911.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Transportation arranged with all railway and steamship lines, excepting with the Boston and Maine Railroad, which required a guaranty of 100 tickets, and notice was given to the lodges and members.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,
WM. FREEMAN LORD, } *Committee.*
JAMES E. PARSONS, }

EXCUSES.

The following letters of excuse were received and read:

BANGOR, ME., May 1, 1911.

Dear Bro. Berry: I enclose some papers which should come before the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

The calamity which has come upon our city and the loss of my home will prevent my attendance upon Grand Lodge.

I regret this very much, as it will be my first miss in forty-five years.

Fraternally and truly,

C. I. COLLAMORE, *P. G. Master.*

MACHIAS, April 29, 1911.

Dear Bro. Berry: It is with extreme regret that I am compelled to forego the meetings of the Craft *this year*.

Owing to the illness of my wife, I do not feel justified in leaving home, at the present time.

For forty-eight years, it has been my privilege and delight to greet the brethren of the Grand Lodge in annual sessions, and participate in their labors. One by one, our older members have departed, and while yet retaining "health and vigor" with my "four-score-years," I had hoped to complete, *without a break*, a half-century's attendance.

Please remember me to our brothers and companions, and, with best wishes for all that pertains to the welfare of the Grand Lodge,

Fraternally yours,

H. R. TAYLOR, *Past Grand Master.*

LEWISTON, May 1, 1911.

*To the Grand Master and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Maine:*

An accidental injury prevents my attendance at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge this week.

For forty years I have met with the brethren of the Grand Lodge in annual communications, without the break of a single year, and to be deprived of this privilege is a hardship that I feel very deeply.

Trusting that the session will be most pleasant and harmonious I remain,

Fraternally yours,

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,

P. J. G. W. and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

CREDENTIALS.

Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, }
MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, MAY 2, 1911. }

Your Committee on Credentials have attended to their duties and would report that the chartered lodges are represented as follows:

- 1 PORTLAND, by Morrill H. Ames, M; Edward H. Sargent, SW;
George W. Mitchell, JW; George F. Gould, Proxy.
- 2 WARREN, by James R. Talbot, M.
- 3 LINCOLN, by William D. Patterson, Proxy.
- 4 HANCOCK, by Roland B. Brown, Proxy.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by George R. Dale, M.
- 6 AMITY, by George A. Thorndike, M.
- 7 EASTERN, by John C. Merrill, M.
- 8 UNITED, by Samuel B. Furbish, M; Henry C. Upton, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Clarence E. Thompson, M.
- 10 ——— RISING VIRTUE, not represented.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by Benjamin T. Newman, Proxy.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Lewis W. Symonds, M; Walter W. White, JW;
John I. Sturgis, Proxy.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by Perry J. Murphy, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by W. Scott Shorey, Proxy.
- 15 ORIENT, by Elmer R. Bumps, M; William B. Matthews, SW.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by George J. Newcomb, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LANDMARK, by Harry S. Boyd, M.
- 18 OXFORD, by Lee M. Smith, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by Fred S. Blodgett, M.

- 20 MAINE, by H. Burton Voter, M ; Henry E. Knapp, Proxy.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Charles H. Gibbs, Proxy.
- 22 YORK, by Leander G. Smith, M ; George A. Gilpatric, Proxy.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Edmund B. Mallet, Proxy.
- 24 PHENIX, by David L. Wilson, SW.
- 25 TEMPLE, by Nathan L. Cobb, M.
- 26 VILLAGE, by Edward L. White, Proxy.
- 27 ADONIRAM, by George M. Brackett, M.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by Ernest E. Noddin, M.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by Arthur A. Pike, M ; Reuel W. Smith, Proxy.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by Fred O. Eaton, Proxy.
- 31 UNION, by Edward E. Bowes, Proxy.
- 32 HERMON, by Sidney L. Danforth, M ; Edward L. Jenks, SW ; Harry E. Larrabee, Proxy.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by Charles B. Davis, Proxy.
- 34 SOMERSET, by John H. Lancaster, SW ; George H. Plummer, Proxy.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by Roy L. Wardwell, M ; Thomas H. Bodge, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by William W. Loring, M ; Augustus H. Humphrey, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by George G. Boynton, M ; Thomas G. Mitchell, SW ; George G. Tucker, JW.
- 38 ———HARMONY, not represented.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by Albert L. Atkins, M ; Edward H. Witham, Proxy.
- 40 LYGONIA, by William T. Doyle, SW.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by W. Leslie Maloon, M.
- 42 FREEDOM, by George Seaver, M ; James F. Chadbourne, Proxy.
- 43 ALNA, by George H. Curtis, Proxy.
- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by Charles S. Horne, SW ; Frank E. Monroe, Proxy.
- 45 CENTRAL, by Charles W. Jones, Proxy.
- 46 ST. CROIX, by Herbert F. Beck, M.
- 47 DUNLAP, by Adelbert B. Shehan, Proxy.
- 48 LAFAYETTE, by James W. Butman, JW.
- 49 MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, by Lewman B. Soper, SW.
- 50 AURORA, by James A. Richan, M ; Arthur S. Littlefield, Proxy.
- 51 ST. JOHN'S, by John M. Burleigh, M ; Samuel H. Miller, Proxy.
- 52 MOSAIC, by Herbert E. Horne, Proxy.
- 53 RURAL, by William P. Marble, Proxy.
- 54 VASSALBORO, by Willard A. Marriner, M ; Joseph Wall, Proxy.
- 55 FRATERNAL, by Henry F. Cummings, M.
- 56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Perley H. McKusick, M.
- 57 KING HIRAM, by John M. Holland, M.
- 58 UNITY, by Willard R. Sparrow, M ; Fred N. Flye, JW.
- 59 MOUNT HOPE,—*Charter surrendered in 1879.*
- 60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Frank L. McLellan, M.

- 61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Thomas F. Sproul, Proxy.
- 62 KING DAVID'S, by Edward Goodwin, M.
- 63 RICHMOND, by Joseph W. Randlett, M.
- 64 ———PACIFIC, not represented.
- 65 MYSTIC, by Ralph W. Moore, M.
- 66 MECHANICS', by Archer L. Grover, M.
- 67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by J. Blaine Morrison, M ; Carl E. Cragin, Proxy.
- 68 MARINERS', by Frederick K. Sawyer, Proxy.
- 69 HOWARD, by Wilfred H. Lord, M.
- 70 STANDISH, by Harold W. Dolloff, Proxy.
- 71 RISING SUN, by Ashur B. Hutchins, M.
- 72 PIONEER, by Henry S. Brown, Proxy.
- 73 TYRIAN, by Jesse M. Libby, Proxy.
- 74 BRISTOL, by Almon P. Hatch, M.
- 75 PLYMOUTH, by Charles T. Harris, Proxy.
- 76 ARUNDEL, by William M. Morrill, SW.
- 77 TREMONT, by George Harmon, M.
- 78 CRESCENT, by William R. Allan, Proxy.
- 79 ROCKLAND, by Orel E. Davies, Proxy.
- 80 KEYSTONE, by Jonah G. Spaulding, M ; John A. Tuscan, SW ;
Charles H. Severy, Proxy.
- 81 ATLANTIC, by Howard B. Chandler, SW ; Fanning J. Burbank,
JW ; Will H. Adams, Proxy.
- 82 ST. PAUL'S, by Charles E. Rhodes, M ; Charles W. Jenkins, Proxy.
- 83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Edwin N. Miller, Proxy
- 84 EUREKA, by Manfred Humphrey, M.
- 85 ———STAR IN THE WEST, not represented.
- 86 TEMPLE, by Oliver A. Cobb, Proxy.
- 87 BENEVOLENT, by Robie B. Hardy, M.
- 88 NARRAGUAGUS, by Samuel N. Campbell, Proxy.
- 89 ISLAND, by Amasa A. Williams, M ; Frank S. Grindel, SW.
- 90 HIRAM ABIFF,—*Charter revoked in 1868.*
- 91 HARWOOD, by Albert S. Allen, M.
- 92 ———SILOAM, not represented.
- 93 HOREB, by Charles F. Plumly, Proxy.
- 94 PARIS, by Ernest J. Record, M.
- 95 CORINTHIAN, by Frank H. Farnum, Proxy.
- 96 MONUMENT, by Roland E. Clark, M ; Bernard Archibald, SW.
- 97 ———BETHEL, not represented.
- 98 KATAHDIN, by Fred R. Bailey, M ; Walter W. Woodbury, SW.
- 99 VERNON VALLEY, by Moses A. Gordon, M ; Wesley C. Comstock,
JW.
- 100 JEFFERSON, by Carl C. Dudley, SW.

- 101 NEZINSCOT, by William J. Ricker, M.
- 102 MARSH RIVER, by James F. Jewell, SW.
- 103 DRESDEN, by Wilbur F. Cole, M.
- 104 DIRIGO, by Eugene C. Rowe, M.
- 105 ASHLAR, by George O. Campbell, M.
- 106 TUSCAN, by William C. Irons, M.
- 107 DAY SPRING, by Carl E. Hannaford, Proxy.
- 108 RELIEF,—*Charter recalled in 1894.*
- 109 ———MOUNT KINEO, not represented.
- 110 MONMOUTH, by Frank L. Parker, M.
- 111 LIBERTY, by Arthur H. Norton, M.
- 112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by William S. Davidson, M; Alfred D. Sawyer, Proxy.
- 113 MESSALONSKEE, by Henry L. Hunton, M; Fred H. Leach, SW; Albert H. Lord, JW; James H. Witherell, Proxy.
- 114 POLAR STAR, by Roy J. Buxton, M; John W. Ballou, Proxy.
- 115 BUXTON, by John Berryman, Proxy.
- 116 LEBANON, by Charles A. Bruce, M; Harold G. Bruce, JW.
- 117 GREENLEAF, by Clinton J. Stone, M; Daniel G. Chaplin, Proxy.
- 118 DRUMMOND, by Samuel M. Boothby, M.
- 119 POWNAL, by Lincoln A. Gardner, M.
- 120 MEDUNCOOK,—*Charter surrendered in 1884.*
- 121 ———ACACIA, not represented.
- 122 MARINE, by Herman W. Small, M.
- 123 FRANKLIN, by John M. Rowe, M.
- 124 ———OLIVE BRANCH, not represented.
- 125 MERIDIAN, by William E. Spear, M; Benjamin S. Mathews, Proxy.
- 126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Charles E. Sherman, JW.
- 127 ———PRESUMPCOT, not represented.
- 128 EGGEMOGGIN, by Frank C. Allen, Proxy.
- 129 QUANTABACOOK, by Ernest S. Wing, M.
- 130 TRINITY, by Harry B. Holmes, M.
- 131 LOOKOUT, by Lucius E. Gardner, M.
- 132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Arthur J. Stimson, M; William W. Watson, Proxy.
- 133 ASYLUM, by Percy Allen, Proxy.
- 134 TROJAN,—*Consolidated with Star in the West Lodge, No. 85, in 1888.*
- 135 RIVERSIDE, by Edson E. Achorn, M.
- 136 IONIC,—*Charter surrendered in 1882.*
- 137 KENDUSKEAG, by Charles M. Mayo, SW.
- 138 LEWY'S ISLAND, by J. Willard Edgerley, JW.
- 139 ARCHON, by Horace H. D. Smith, M.
- 140 MOUNT DESERT, by Charles G. Bordeaux, M.

- 141 AUGUSTA, by George F. Giddings, Proxy.
142 OCEAN, by Charles H. West, Proxy.
143 ———PREBLE, not represented.
144 SEASIDE, by Russell V. Matthews, M.
145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Claes E. Boman, Proxy.
146 SEBASTICOOK, by Ralph D. Runnels, SW.
147 ———EVENING STAR, not represented.
148 FOREST, by Oliver B. Abbott, M.
149 DORIC, by Pierre Johnson, M; John M. Douglass, SW; Warren R. Thombs, Proxy.
150 RABONI, by William H. Hartshorn, M.
151 EXCELSIOR, by Rodol A. Packard, Proxy.
152 ———CROOKED RIVER, not represented.
153 DELTA, by Ernest S. Hatch, M; Seth F. Heald, SW.
154 MYSTIC TIE, by Henry M. Swett, M; Albert M. Child, Proxy.
155 ANCIENT YORK, by Asbury M. Blake, M; William H. Douglass, Proxy.
156 WILTON, by Walter D. Bean, SW; Ernest P. Parlin, Proxy.
157 CAMBRIDGE, by Henry L. Watson, M.
158 ANCHOR, by Elliott P. Brewer, M; Guy E. McFarland, SW.
159 ESOTERIC,—*Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, Jan. 11, 1908.*
160 ———PARIAN, not represented.
161 CARRABASSETT, by Harry B. Harris, Proxy.
162 ARION, by J. Burton Roberts, Proxy.
163 PLEASANT RIVER, by Harvey W. Rider, M; Charles H. Stanhope, Proxy.
164 WEBSTER, by Edwin H. Danforth, SW; Frank E. Sleeper, Proxy.
165 MOLUNKUS, by Lewis E. Jackman, M.
166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Charles W. Crowell, SW; James S. Emery, Proxy.
167 WHITNEY, by John N. Foye, Proxy.
168 COMPOSITE, by Orman C. Ames, M.
169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by Irving M. Linscott, M.
170 CARIBOU, by Joseph W. H. Porter, SW.
171 NASKEAG, by Alanson H. Mayo, SW; Owen L. Flye, Proxy.
172 PINE TREE, by Fred A. Budge, M; Joseph M. Libbey, JW.
173 PLEIADES, by Arnold Leighton, Proxy.
174 LYNDE, by Fred A. Wing, M.
175 BASKAHEGAN, by Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
176 PALESTINE,—*Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, Sept. 23, 1895.*
177 ———RISING STAR, not represented.
178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by Isaac Goddard, Proxy.
179 YORKSHIRE, by Brainerd S. Drake, Proxy.
180 HIRAM, by William H. Ohler, Jr., Proxy.

- 181 RUEL WASHBURN,—*Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1882.*
 182 GRANITE, by Peter C. Fickett, Proxy.
 183 DEERING, by John A. Webber, M; Silas E. Strout, SW; Joseph H. Ewing, JW; Francis E. Chase, Proxy.
 184 NAVAL, by Adelbert C. Maby, Proxy.
 185 BAR HARBOR, by James N. Emery, M; Eben K. Whitaker, Proxy.
 186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by Lemuel G. Babb, M.
 187 IRA BERRY, by Forrest B. Snow, M; Ithamar E. Stanley, Proxy.
 188 JONESPORT, by Warren L. Noyes, Proxy.
 189 KNOX, by J. Merrill Bartlett, Proxy.
 190 SPRINGVALE, by Charles H. Ogden, Proxy.
 191 DAVIS, by Philip D. Stubbs, SW; Diah Sweet, Proxy.
 192 WINTER HARBOR, by Harold E. Sumner, M.
 193 WASHBURN, by Herbert S. Willey, M.
 194 EUCLID, by Allen B. Copp, M.
 195 RELIANCE, by Arthur D. Smith, M.
 196 BAY VIEW, by Dennis M. Hagan, Proxy.
 197 AROOSTOOK, by Frank W. Shaw, M.
 198 ST. ASPINQUID, by John F. Sanford, Proxy.
 199 BINGHAM, by Wallace W. Stoddard, JW.
 200 COLUMBIA, by Ralph P. Brown, M.
 201 DAVID A. HOOPER, by Robert Abel, M; Edwin F. Clapham, Proxy.
 202 MOUNT BIGLOW, by Elmer A. Sampson, M; Edward L. Donahue, Proxy.
 203 MOUNT OLIVET, by Arthur O. Sherman, M.
 204 ———MOUNT ABRAM, not represented.
 205 ———NOLLESEMIC, not represented.
 206 ISLAND FALLS, by Amos F. Dunphy.
 207 ———ABNER WADE, not represented.
 208 NORTH EAST HARBOR, by William S. Holmes, M.
 209 FORT KENT, by Adrian V. Currie, M.
 210 BAGADUCE, by Ira J. Cousins, Proxy.
 211 MEDUNCOOK, by Robert L. Thompson, M; Frank A. Geyer, SW; Eugene H. Brown, JW.
 212 MCKINLEY, by Charles W. Martin, Proxy.

Chartered lodges, 203; represented, 185; delegates, 250.

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present:

M. W.	WILLIAM R. G. ESTES,	-	-	-	-	-	-	P. G. M.
"	FESSENDEN I. DAY,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	-	-	-	-	-	-	"

M. W.	ALBRO E. CHASE,	- - - - -	P. G. M.
"	ALFRED S. KIMBALL,	- - - - -	"
"	WILLIAM J. BURNHAM,	- - - - -	"
"	EDMUND B. MALLET,	- - - - -	"
R. W.	LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	- - - - -	P. S. G. W.
"	DANIEL P. BOYNTON,	- - - - -	"
"	HERBERT HARRIS,	- - - - -	"
"	ALBERT M. PENLEY,	- - - - -	"
"	ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	- - - - -	"
"	JAMES E. PARSONS,	- - - - -	"
"	EDWIN A. PORTER,	- - - - -	"
"	CHARLES W. CROSBY,	- - - - -	"
"	W. SCOTT SHOREY,	- - - - -	"
"	WILLIAM N. HOWE,	- - - - -	"
"	FRANK J. COLE,	- - - - -	"
"	JOHN W. BALLOU,	- - - - -	P. J. G. W.
"	AUGUSTUS BAILEY,	- - - - -	"
"	HOWARD D. SMITH,	- - - - -	"
"	WM. FREEMAN LORD,	- - - - -	"
"	GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL,	- - - - -	"
"	MOSES TAIT,	- - - - -	"
"	BENJAMIN L. HADLEY,	- - - - -	"
"	ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	- - - - -	"
"	MILLARD M. CASWELL,	- - - - -	"
"	FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	- - - - -	"
"	JOHN H. MCGORRILL,	- - - - -	"
"	ADELBERT MILLETT,	- - - - -	"
"	JAMES C. AYER,	- - - - -	"
"	EDWARD G. WESTON,	- - - - -	"
"	ALBERT M. AMES,	- - - - -	"
"	GEORGE W. HOLMES,	- - - - -	"
"	WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY,	- - - - -	"

And Grand Officers as follows:

M. W.	ASHLEY A. SMITH, (Rev.)	- -	Grand Master.
R. W.	ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	- -	Deputy Grand Master.
"	ISAAC N. JONES,	- -	Senior Grand Warden.
"	SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS,	- -	Junior Grand Warden.
"	MILLARD F. HICKS,	- -	Grand Treasurer.
"	STEPHEN BERRY,	- -	Grand Secretary.
"	HERBERT HARRIS,	- -	Corr. Grand Secretary.

R. W.	HOWARD PIERCE,	- - -	D. D. G. M.	1st Dist.
"	WILLIAM E. MANN,	- - -	"	2d "
"	EDWIN CUMMINGS,	- - -	"	3d "
"	JOHN E. EMERSON,	- - -	"	6th "
"	ISAAC HILLS,	- - -	"	8th "
"	WINFIELD S. CLARK,	- - -	"	9th "
"	LEWIS A. DUNTON,	- - -	"	10th "
"	WILLIS E. SWIFT,	- - -	"	11th "
"	BERT K. MESERVEY,	- - -	"	12th "
"	JOHN M. GETCHELL,	- - -	"	13th "
"	N. GRATZ JACKSON,	- - -	"	14th "
"	CLEFF MAXWELL,	- - -	"	15th "
"	NED I. SWAN,	- - -	"	16th "
"	FREDERICK H. DOLE,	- - -	"	17th "
"	CLARENCE H. PRIDE,	- - -	"	18th "
"	ALBERT W. MESERVE,	- - -	"	19th "
"	MARTIN L. PORTER,	- - -	"	20th "
"	LYNNE H. BLANCHARD,	- - -	"	22d "
"	JAMES H. LITTLEFIELD,	- - -	"	23d "
"	HENRY A. FLETCHER,	- - -	"	24th "
"	GEORGE H. MOOERS,	- - -	"	25th "
W. & Rev.	WILLIAM H. FULTZ,	- - -	Grand Chaplain.	
"	JOHN M. BEILER,	- - -	"	"
W.	CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	- - -	"	Marshal.
"	SILAS B. ADAMS,	- - -	"	Senior Deacon.
"	ALBERT H. BURROUGHS,	- - -	"	Junior Deacon.
"	CONVERS E. LEACH,	- - -	"	Steward.
"	WILMER J. DORMAN,	- - -	"	"
"	DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE,	- - -	"	"
"	L. ALBERT GARDNER,	- - -	"	Sword Bearer.
"	LESLIE D. AMES,	- - -	"	Stand. Bearer.
"	WARREN C. KING,	- - -	"	Pursuivant.
M. W.	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	- - -	"	Lecturer.
W.	WALTER S. SMITH,	- - -	"	Organist.
"	WARREN O. CARNEY,	- - -	"	Tyler.

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance :

Alabama—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL.

Arizona—AUGUSTUS BAILEY.

Arkansas—JOHN W. BALLOU.

Belgium—ELMER P. SPOFFORD.

British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE.
Canada—BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.
Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER.
Connecticut—ISAAC N. JONES.
District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY.
Florida—MILLARD F. HICKS.
Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE.
Illinois—WILLIAM R. G. ESTES.
Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL.
Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES.
Maryland—GEORGE W. HOLMES.
Michigan—FESSENDEN I. DAY.
Minnesota—SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS.
Missouri—DANIEL P. BOYNTON.
Montana—LEANDER W. FOBES.
Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER.
Nevada—LEANDER M. KENNISTON.
New Brunswick—MOSES TAIT.
New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH.
New Jersey—ADELBERT MILLETT.
New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS.
New Zealand—HERBERT HARRIS.
Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL.
Ohio—WILLIAM J. BURNHAM.
Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD.
Peru—ALFRED S. KIMBALL.
Quebec—JAMES C. AYER.
Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE.
Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH.
South Carolina—WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY.
South Dakota—EDWARD G. WESTON.
Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY.
Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY.
Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.
Western Australia—FRANLIN R. REDLON.
West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENLEY.
Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALLET.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. ADAMS,
RALPH H. BURBANK, } *Committee.*
CHAS. B. DAVIS,

The report was accepted, and was left in the hands of the committee until two P. M., in order that additions might be made.

The Deputy Grand Master announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Doings of the Grand Officers.

HOWARD D. SMITH, JAMES E. PARSONS, FRANKLIN R. REDLON.

On the Pay Roll.

THOMAS H. BODGE, FRANK E. MONROE, FRANK J. COLE.

On Unfinished Business.

ALBERT M. PENLEY, ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

The Deputy Grand Master then referred to the absence of the Grand Master, and spoke very feelingly of his great loss in the burning of both his church and his home.

On motion of Bro. ALFRED S. KIMBALL, it was voted that the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to our Grand Master the following telegram:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 2, 1911.

M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of Masons of Maine.

Your brethren in Grand Lodge assembled extend heartfelt sympathy for the great loss sustained by you in the recent fire.

On motion of Bro. ALBRO E. CHASE it was unanimously,

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay to Grand Master SMITH the sum of two hundred dollars.

The Deputy Grand Master then read the address

of the Grand Master, which was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Maine :

When a vessel returns from a long voyage, those who are interested in the annals and outward events of that voyage may learn something about it by reading the ship's log, as it is termed, in which are recorded and narrated the various important incidents of the time which has elapsed since it first set sail from its home port until its return to its harbor. And now for twelve months on the sea of time we have been voyaging and to-day return to the familiar harbor and moor the vessel, perhaps for the last time, at the old pier, for when next we meet it will be within the halls of our new Masonic Home, where together we may say "Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces, yea, for my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee." And not without something of "the sadness of farewell" do we say good-bye to these humbler halls which have been for so many peaceful and prosperous years the home and abiding place of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. Here in this Grand East have stood so many of our Grand Masters wielding the potent gavel of their mastership and wearing the royal purple with pleasure to themselves and honor to the Fraternity. To call the roll would be to waken many cherished memories and to summons many venerable and honored personalities before us.

But, to return again to the figure of speech, while one might read the outward incidents and annals of the vessel's voyage, from the ship's log, this annual report of your Grand Master, there is yet something that cannot be described in words of human speech, a certain spirit or atmosphere, a kind of heart-history that illudes our most eloquent language. He must needs bring a vivid imagination to bear upon this report to read between the lines and into this catalogue of facts the no less real things that words are powerless to express.

My duty to-day is to give you in brief compass, and without the adornments of rhetoric, an account of the work and the essential activity of the Grand Lodge of Maine, since last we met in our ninety-first Annual Communication. The best example of our masonic work and outward activity during the course of the year is the laying of the corner-stone and the building of that Temple in this city which during the course of this year will open its doors to us in glad welcome, and within whose halls we shall be both happy and proud to assemble. But I may refer to this more fittingly and adequately by and by.

It is a pleasure to report that the past year has brought continued peace and prosperity to the fraternity. The numerical increase in membership has been normal and steady, and the figures tabulated by our untiring Grand Secretary show that the present membership is 28,781, an increase of 453 over our report of last year. The Committee on Returns will later submit a more detailed report.

To-day as we bowed at this altar with our revered and reverend Grand Chaplain, our thought and faith was for a brief moment centered upon Him who, in all the generations of time, has been the dwelling place of his children. And now, remembering that He covereth Himself with Light as with a garment and looketh not as man on the outward appearance but still searcheth the hearts of men, it is our filial duty and privilege to reverently bow our heads in memory and veneration of these beloved and honored brothers of this Grand Lodge who have been called, during the lapse of a twelve month, into the unseen and mysterious eternity, where, freed from the concealments of the flesh and all fetters of mortality, they are face to face with these things that, whether here or there, belong to Truth and Life and Love.

R. W. Brother JAMES MORRELL LARRABEE passed to that higher life October 24, 1910. For many years he was a faithful attendant upon the annual communications of this Grand Lodge, and in 1906 he was elected Senior Grand Warden. A conspicuous figure and dominant influence in the civic life of his town, holding for many years the office of Judge of the Municipal Court, he also found

time and opportunity to hold the highest offices in York Rite Masonry in Gardiner. A fitting memorial has been prepared, which will be read by Bro. Thomas H. Bodge at this communication.

R. W. Brother SAMUEL G. DAVIS died September 23, 1910, in Washington, D. C. He was Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge in 1888, and Grand Representative of Maine near the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. A fitting memorial has been prepared by R. W. Bro. Millard M. Caswell, which will be read during this communication.

R. W. Brother SAMUEL L. MILLER died in Waldoboro', March 26, 1911. R. W. Brother MILLER was Junior Grand Warden in 1891 and also our honored Grand Representative from Maryland. A memorial has been written by R. W. Edward G. Weston, which he will read at a later time.

R. W. Brother AUSTIN D. KNIGHT, Grand Representative of Connecticut, died in Hallowell, March 27th, at the age of 88 years.

R. W. Brother GOODWIN R. WILEY died in Shawnee, Oklahoma, April 3, 1911. He was J. G. Warden in 1883. News of R. W. Brother WILEY's death was received so recently that the memorial will be presented at the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been granted the past year to the following lodges for the following purposes:

Wilton, No. 156,	Siloam, No. 92,
Cambridge, No. 157,	Davis, No. 191,
Richmond, No. 63.	Solar, No. 14,
Mosaic, No. 52,	Polar Star, No. 114,
Lincoln, No. 3,	Preble, No. 143.
Howard, No. 69,	Abner Wade, No. 207,
Mount Bigelow, No. 202,	Seaside, No. 144,
Ashlar, No. 105,	Corinthian, No. 95.

Tranquil, No. 29,	Delta, No. 153,
Rabboni, No. 150,	Drummond, No. 118,
Ancient Brothers', No. 178,	Buxton, No. 115,
Harmony, No. 38,	Blazing Star, No. 30,
Augusta, No. 141,	St. Paul's, No. 82,
York, No. 22,	Pownal, No. 119,
Riverside, No. 135,	Phoenix, No. 24,
Alna, No. 43,	Timothy Chase, No. 126,
Arundel, No. 76,	Lebanon, No. 116,
Bingham, No. 199,	Penobscot, No. 39,
Casco, No. 36,	Whitney, No. 167,
Bethlehem, No. 35,	Trinity, No. 130,

to attend divine service on St. John's Sunday.

King Solomon's, No. 61,	Arion, No. 162,
Penobscot, No. 39,	Lincoln, No. 3,
Meridian, No. 125,	Moses Webster, No. 145,
Monmouth, No. 110,	Meridian, No. 125,

to attend divine service on other than Saint John's Sunday.

May 19, 1910, Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, to hold its meetings in Knights of Pythias Hall, theirs having been destroyed by fire May 12, 1910.

August 4th, Baskahegan Lodge, No. 175, to elect officers at a special meeting August 16th.

August 4th, Moses Webster Lodge, No. 145, to receive and ballot on a petition for adequate reasons fully explained to me.

August 20th, Atlantic, No. 81, Ancient Landmark, No. 17, Portland, No. 1, Deering, No. 183, Hiram, No. 180, to participate in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple, Portland, on August 29th.

October 11th, Plymouth Lodge, No. 75, to hold a District Convention, in the Grange Hall, Plymouth.

November 4th, Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, to open their regular meeting at seven o'clock instead of seven-thirty, the regular time.

November 4th, Freeport Lodge, No. 23, to work the Master Mason's degree in a hall other than their own.

November 24th, Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, to receive and ballot on application of a candidate, for reasons made known to me by the District Deputy of the 11th Masonic District.

September 29th, Temple Lodge, No. 25, to hold its annual meeting on their stated meeting October 17th.

December 6th, Naskeag Lodge, No. 171, Reliance, No. 195, Mosaic, No. 122, to hold a District Convention at Blue Hill.

December 6th, Caribou Lodge, No. 170, to elect officers at a special communication of said lodge.

December 21st, Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, to install their officers elect at East Corinth.

December 21st, Trinity Lodge, No. 130, to hold a special communication for the election of a Junior Warden.

December 23d, Shepherd's River Lodge, No. 169, to elect officers at a special communication held Wednesday December 28th.

December 31st, York Lodge, No. 22, to elect a W. M. for ensuing year (the W. M. elect having declined to serve) at their stated meeting January 9, 1911.

March 11, 1911, Pleiades Lodge, No. 173, to work the Master Mason's degree on its candidate at a District Convention held in Machias on the 15th of March.

BY-LAWS.

I have examined and approved, in whole or in part, the by-laws of the following lodges:

St. Andrew's, No. 83,

Tranquil, No. 29,

Trinity, No. 130,

Howard, No. 69.

Timothy Chase, No. 126,

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

July 8, 1910, I nominated R. W. Bro. Leon S. Howe to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba near the

Grand Lodge of Maine, in place of R. W. Bro. Joseph M. Hayes, deceased.

July 8th, I nominated R. W. Bro. Manly G. Trask to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta near the Grand Lodge of Maine, in place of R. W. Bro. James M. Larrabee, deceased.

I nominated R. W. Bro. Winfield S. Hinckley to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina near the Grand Lodge of Maine, in place of R. W. Bro. Samuel G. Davis, deceased.

July 8th, I nominated R. W. Bro. Sullivan L. Andrews to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota near the Grand Lodge of Maine, in place of R. W. Bro. John B. Redman, deceased.

April 7th, I nominated Bro. George W. Holmes, of Norway, to be Grand Representative from Maryland, in place of Bro. Samuel L. Miller, deceased.

April 5th, I nominated R. W. Isaac N. Jones, of Calais, to be Grand Representative from Connecticut, in place of Austin D. Knight, deceased.

September 21st, I commissioned William J. Moore, of New York City, to be Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of New York.

October 27th, I commissioned James Edward Molloy Morley to be Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

February 7, 1911, I commissioned R. W. Bro. Charles H. Winston, of Bodka, Ala., to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

February 16th, I commissioned R. W. Bro. A. Bertram C. Bray to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

have been approved in the following cases :

The request of Nestell Lodge, No. 37, Providence, R. I., to

Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, Rumford, Me., to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees by courtesy upon John K. Bell.

Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, Lewiston, Me., over Frank Lesley Abbott in favor of Ionic Lodge of Taunton, Mass.

The request of Mystic Brotherhood Lodge, No. 21, of New Jersey, to Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, of Portland, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees by courtesy upon Oliver H. Balch.

GRIEVANCES.

The records of the proceedings of lodges against members for alleged unmasonic conduct have been received and duly referred to your Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

CONSTITUTION OF LODGES.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine was held in the Masonic Hall of McKinley, at 2 o'clock Thursday, August 18, 1910, for the purpose of constituting McKinley Lodge, No. 212. Assisted by Rt. Wor. Isaac S. Hills, acting as D. G. M.; R. W. Leslie D. Ames, acting as Senior Grand Warden; R. W. L. Albert Gardner, acting as Junior Grand Warden; R. W. Albert M. Ames, acting as Grand Treasurer; R. W. Edgar J. Trussell, acting as Grand Recording Secretary; Rev. C. W. Robinson, acting as Grand Chaplain; R. W. Clifford J. Pattee, Grand Marshal, and Bro. Isaac A. Clough as Grand Tyler, McKinley Lodge was constituted in ample form. After the constitution of the lodge the officers elect and appointive were installed into their respective stations. A bountiful banquet followed these ceremonials. McKinley Lodge is to be congratulated on its splendid quarters, its true masonic spirit, a good working membership, an efficient corps of officers, and its fair prospect of becoming one of the best lodges in the 21st Masonic District.

Meduncook Lodge, No. 211, was constituted at Friendship, November 14th. In this ceremony of constitution I was ably as-

sisted by R. W. Edward G. Weston, as D. G. M.; R. W. Samuel L. Miller, as S. G. W.; Isaac S. Hills, as J. G. W.; Asa P. St. Clair, as Grand Secretary; R. W. Clifford J. Pattee, Grand Marshal, and Isaac A. Clough, as Grand Tyler, and brethren of the local lodge who filled the remaining offices. Following the constitution the officers elect and appointive were installed in ample form. A most enjoyable banquet was served after the installation. The members of the Grand Lodge desire to thank the W. M., Robert L. Thompson, for courtesies extended. Meduncook Lodge has a good membership, both in numbers and in quality of material, and with harmony of spirit and co-operation in effort will become one of our best working lodges.

DEDICATION OF HALLS.

Monday, November 14th, a special communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Wiscasset at 8 o'clock in the hall of Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, for the purpose of dedicating their new Masonic Hall in that town. In this ceremony of dedication I was efficiently assisted by Grand Marshal Clifford J. Pattee; R. W. Lewis A. Dunton, as D. G. M.; R. W. Bert K. Meservey, as S. G. Warden; R. W. Isaac S. Hills, as J. G. Warden; Bro. W. T. Marr, as Grand Treasurer; Bro. Charles S. Small, as Grand Secretary; W. & Rev. William H. Fultz, Grand Chaplain; Bro. James B. Clark, Grand Architect; R. W. N. Gratz Jackson, as Grand Senior Deacon; W. Bro. Sylvester H. Rowland, as Grand Junior Deacon; Bro. Clarence A. Peaslee, as Grand Sword Bearer, and Worshipful Bro. Isaac A. Clough, as Grand Tyler. With a large delegation from Seaside Lodge of Boothbay, and many brethren from neighboring lodges, the hall was completely crowded, making the floor work somewhat difficult, but the ceremonies of dedication were conducted in ample form and concluded at ten o'clock, after which an elaborate and enjoyable banquet was served by Lincoln Lodge. At eleven o'clock the Master Mason's degree was worked by the officers of the lodge in a most creditable and impressive manner and at two o'clock the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. Lincoln Lodge is

to be congratulated on its new masonic quarters, situated in the heart of this beautiful village, where it stands as a memorial of the zeal and devotion of the brethren for the highest interests of Masonry. To the officers and brethren of Lincoln Lodge the gratitude of the visiting Grand Officers is due for their cordial courtesies and fraternal offices extended so generously in their behalf.

CORNER-STONES.

Beneath a bending arch of blue, as if in benediction of approval upon the purpose and labor of the hour, the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple of Portland was laid according to the ancient usages and customs of the fraternity, at two o'clock on the afternoon of Monday, August 29, 1910. The Grand Lodge of Maine met and was formally opened at Masonic Hall, and with the four lodges of this city and Hiram Lodge of South Portland, were escorted by Portland and St. Alban Commanderies of Knights Templar to the site of the new Temple on Chestnut Street. Wor. Bro. Augustus G. Schlotterbeck, Chairman of the Building Committee, to whom so much of the honor and credit is due for the consummation of this noble enterprise, formally expressed in a few well chosen words the purpose of the hour; the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone then proceeded according to the honored rites of Freemasonry. In this work of operative Masonry I was assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge in their respective stations. Not one of these was absent, which accounts in no small measure for the dignified and impressive ceremonial of the hour. An eloquent and inspiring oration was delivered by Warren C. Philbrook, Grand Commandor of the Grand Commandery of Maine, Knights Templar, which stirred every heart and will long linger in the memory of those who were privileged to listen to his noble words. After these ceremonies were concluded the Grand Lodge was escorted back to the Masonic Hall, where it was duly closed. A banquet in the evening at the Falmouth Hotel, where many interesting and eloquent speeches were delivered by several of the

brethren, ended a memorable day in the annals of Masonry in Maine.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF NEZINSCOTT LODGE, NO. 101.

In the same church where Nezinscot Lodge of Turner was constituted in 1860, semi-centennial ceremonies were held on the afternoon of August 18, 1910. By invitation of the committee having the fiftieth anniversary in charge, I was privileged to attend these ceremonies and to address the brethren. Under fair August skies, with a large attendance, appropriate music and a spirit of splendid masonic fellowship, the occasion will long be remembered by the assembled brethren, not only of Nezinscot Lodge, but the many from neighboring lodges who participated in the ceremonies. The Master Mason's degree was conferred in the evening in a dignified and impressive manner by the officers of this lodge.

On February 22, 1911, I accepted the invitation of Mt. Kineo Lodge, No. 109, of Guilford, to attend the annual observance in memory of Washington, the Mason, and to deliver an address in keeping with the occasion. For many years Mt. Kineo Lodge has held this observance in memory of our First President, eminent in the annals of the world as a statesman and everywhere honored by the fraternity as a true and loyal brother. The day was all that could be desired; the large attendance of the brethren, their wives and friends, made the day one of social delight and masonic fellowship. A banquet at the Hotel Braeburn in the evening fittingly closed the festivities of the day. For the many courtesies extended, I must thank the officers and brothers of Mt. Kineo Lodge.

INSTALLATIONS.

Believing that the time of the Grand Master, in so far as it does not encroach upon his necessary vocation, belongs, in part at least, to his brethren who have chosen him to that high and honorable office, I have been pleased to install the officers of sev-

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eral lodges, especially of my own Eighth Masonic District. Time will not permit an extended enumeration or account of these delightful occasions in which I have been privileged to participate.

IN CONCLUSION,

I desire to express my gratitude and appreciation for the uniform courtesy and cordiality extended to me by the D. D. G. Masters of the several Masonic Districts and by the officers and brethren of this Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges, in my efforts to discharge the duties and perform the labors of the office.

I will not attempt to tell you my appreciation of the high honor and perferment you have conferred upon me by calling me to preside in this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. It is one of the highest earthly honors that can come to any man, and surely the least that he can do is that which I have attempted, to endeavor to deserve well of those brethren who have conferred it upon him.

Our Fraternity throughout this jurisdiction, and throughout the world, is yearly growing in that beneficent power which it was meant to possess and wield amidst the life of human kind. Ours must still be intelligent consecration, wise diligence and sweet-spirited zeal in doing good to our fellow men and in fulfilling those precepts and principles of our beloved institution, which are the promise and potency of our progression and permanency as one of the agencies and institutions of the ages, to bring light into the world—to affirmatively and nobly answer that ancient criminal cry of Cain,—“Am I my brother's keeper?” and to make real some echo of that divine harmony heard of old by shepherds at night as they kept their flocks beneath star-lit Syrian skies: “Glory to God in the Highest, And on earth Peace, Good-Will toward men.”

ASHLEY A. SMITH, *Grand Master.*

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer presented his annual report, which was received and referred to the Committee of Finance, as follows:

PORTLAND, May 2, 1910.

Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.,

in account with MILLARD F. HICKS, Treasurer.

1910.

RECEIPTS.

May	3.	Balance from old account,	\$12,803.78
		Charter fee from McKinley Lodge,	30.00
		Int. from Portland Nat'l Bank, to Sept. 20, 1910,...	83.11
		" on one Portland Water Co. bond 6 mos.,	20.00

1911.

April	4.	" from Portland Nat'l Bank to March 20, 1911, ..	29.09
	5.	" " Belfast Savings Bank,	10.00
	15.	" " Maine Savings Bank,	23.39
		" " Chapman National Bank,	16.79
		" " Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co.,	63.40
	26.	" " Fidelity Trust Co.,	93.32
	28.	Received from Gr. Chapter 3/10 office expenses, ..	138.24
		" " Gr. Comd'y 2/10 office expenses, ..	92.16
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			\$13,403.28

RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

1911.

March	17.	Frank B. Arnold, 5th District,	\$ 379.80
		William E. Mann, 2d District,	215.00
	20.	Lewis A. Dunton, 10th District,	329.20
	21.	John M. Getchell, 13th District,	308.80
	25.	Moses D. Joyce, 4th District,	273.60
	27.	Willis E. Swift, 11th District,	450.40
		Frederick H. Dole, 17th District,	902.40
	30.	Willis J. Greeley, 7th District,	139.60
April	1.	Edwin Cummings, 3d District,	225.60
	4.	Edgar J. Trussell, 21st District,	376.60
		James H. Littlefield, 23d District,	227.00
		Lynne H. Blanchard, 22d District,	232.20
	5.	John E. Emerson, 6th District,	385.20

April	5.	Winfield S. Clark, 9th District,	506.60
	6.	Bert K. Meservey, 12th District,	269.00
		Martin L. Porter, 20th District,	167.80
	8.	N. Gratz Jackson, 14th District,	405.80
		Henry A. Fletcher, 24th District,	489.80
	10.	Clarence H. Pride, 18th District,	182.80
	13.	Howard Pierce, 1st District,	294.20
	15.	Cleff Maxwell, 15th District,	310.40
		Albert W. Meserve, 19th District,	451.80
	19.	Isaac S. Hills, 8th District,	211.00
	21.	George H. Mooers, 25th District,	224.00
	26.	Ned I. Swan, 16th District,	346.80
Total receipts,			<u>\$21,708.68</u>

1910.

DISBURSEMENTS.

May	5.	Pay Roll as per order,	\$ 2,520.45
		Warren O. Carney, help in coat room,	24.00
	12.	M. W. Edmund B. Mallet, postage and expressage, 1908-09,	18.65
		Walter S. Smith, services as Organist, 1910 session,	10.00
	13.	Warren O. Carney, services as Grand Tyler,	30.00
	18.	American Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas, ...	100.00
	31.	Cleaning offices to May 28, 1910,	14.00
June	10.	Portland Savings Bank, rent to June 1, 1910,	100.00
July	1.	Stephen Berry, Gr. Sec., notices, letter-heads, en- velopes, etc.,	39.40
	27.	Albro E. Chase, Committee on Correspondence, ...	100.00
	29.	Stephen Berry, Gr. Sec., salary to Aug. 1, 1910, ...	162.50
Aug.	25.	Warren O. Carney, Grand Tyler, expenses consti- tuting McKinley Lodge,	24.53
	26.	Stephen Berry, Gr. Sec., 1500 1910 proceedings, ...	593.53
		Notices of meetings and envelopes,	7.20
		Mailing bill,	34.96
	27.	Cleaning offices to date,	14.00
		American Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas, ...	100.00
Sept.	12.	Warren O. Carney, repairing Bible shelf and tassels, .....	.50
		Portland Savings Bank, rent to Sept. 1, 1910,	100.00
Oct.	31.	Stephen Berry, Gr. Sec., salary to Oct. 31, 1910, ...	162.50
Nov.	1.	M. F. Hicks, Gr. Treas., six mos. salary to date, ...	150.00
	25.	Rev. Ashley A. Smith, Gr. M., expenses constituting McKinley Lodge,	5.00

Nov.	25.	Rev. Ashley A. Smith, Gr. M., expenses constituting Meduncook Lodge,	12.50
		Rev. Ashley A. Smith, Gr. M., postage and express- age to Nov. 17, 1910,	4.85
	30.	Cleaning offices to Nov. 26, 1910,	14.00
Dec.	20.	Portland Savings Bank, rent to Dec. 1, 1910,	100.00
		Warren O. Carney, Gr. Tyler, expenses constituting Meduncook Lodge,	11.05
	21.	American Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas,	100.00
1911.			
Jan.	5.	Warren O. Carney, Gr. Tyler, services at Meduncook Lodge,	4.00
	24.	J. A. Merrill & Co., plated jewel,	8.00
	28.	Stephen Berry, Gr. Sec., printing and binding 1,700 Constitutions,	213.82
		Postage on Constitutions mailed, ..	20.00
		Salary to Jan. 31, 1911,	162.50
		Herbert Harris, preparing new edition Constitution, ..	30.00
Feb.	18.	Cleaning offices to date,	10.00
March	3.	J. L. Brackett & Co., covers and cases,	6.75
	9.	Portland Savings Bank, rent to Mch. 1, 1911	100.00
	17.	John D. Mitchell, Secretary Meduncook Lodge, No. 211, returned per capita tax paid while U. D., ..	5.00
	18.	Dr. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, expenses, ..	26.04
		salary,	25.00
April	1.	Mary Mellen, cleaning offices,	6.00
	21.	Geo. D. Loring, binding reports,	62.75
	25.	Masonic Trustees, rent of hall, 1911 session,	125.00
		M. F. Hicks, Treas., salary 6 mos. to May 1, 1911, ..	150.00
	26.	Herbert Harris, Librarian, services in Library, ...	16.00
		Stephen Berry, G. Secretary, salary to May 1, 1911, ..	162.50
		Printing notices, etc.,	42.35
		Account with Gr. Lodge, balance, ..	38.14
		" " " " room,	2.79
		M. F. Hicks, postage and sundries for year,	5.43
		Mason & Merrill, 1 Portland Water Co., 4 per cent. bond, due 1927, \$1,000.00. Accrued interest on same, 2 mos., 14 days, \$8.22	1,008.22
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			\$ 6,783.91

EXPENSES OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1911.

April	11.	Paid Frank B. Arnold, 5th District,	\$23.96
	18.	" William E. Mann, 2d District,	32.50
	22.	" John M. Getchell, 13th District,	24.68
	25.	" Moses D. Joyce, 4th District,	47.65
	29.	" Frederick H. Dole, 17th District,	9.10
	1.	" Willis J. Greeley, 7th District,	19.80
		" Edwin Cummings, 3d District,	31.16
	4.	" Lynne H. Blanchard, 22d District,	4.50
		" Edgar J. Trussell, 21st District,	38.75
	5.	" John E. Emerson, 6th District,	13.90
	6.	" Martin L. Porter, 20th District,	3.76
		" Bert K. Meserve, 12th District,	21.10
	13.	" Willis E. Swift, 11th District,	11.90
		" Lewis A. Dunton, 10th District,	30.10
		" Clarence H. Pride, 18th District,	18.00
		" N. Gratz Jackson, 14th District,	14.17
		" Winfield S. Clark, 9th District,	32.43
		" James H. Littlefield, 23d District,	17.25
		" Harry A. Fletcher, 24th District,	5.00
	15.	" Cleff Maxwell, 15th District,	51.46
		" Albert W. Meserve, 19th District,	19.84
	19.	" Isaac S. Hills, 8th District,	20.50
	21.	" George H. Mooers, 25th District,	14.53
	26.	" Howard Pierce, 1st District,	15.80
		" Ned I. Swan, 16th District,	22.70
Total disbursements,			\$ 7,328.45

Balance to new account:

Cash in Portland National Bank,	\$8,364.63
" " Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co., ..	1,538.64
" " Maine Savings Bank,	1,023.39
" " Fidelity Trust Co.,	2,426.68
" " Belfast Saving Bank,	510.00
" " Chapman National Bank, Savings Department,	516.79
	<hr/> 14,380.23
	<hr/> \$21,708.68

Fraternally submitted,

MILLARD F. HICKS, *Grand Treasurer.*

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report, which was accepted, as follows:

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, May 2, 1911.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

For the discharge of the routine duties of my office please see the reports of the several committees.

As ordered by the Grand Lodge (page 54, proceedings 1910), under the direction of the Committee on Publication, a new edition of the Constitution and Regulations, revised by R. W. Bro. Herbert Harris, Corresponding Grand Secretary, was issued and distributed in January. Seventeen hundred copies were printed and bound, 500 in cloth and 1,200 in paper covers. One cloth copy and two paper covered copies were sent to each lodge, the cloth copy to be kept with the charter for official purposes, and one paper covered copy to be bound with the 1910-'11 volume XXIII of the proceedings. A cloth copy was sent to each Grand Lodge with whom we are in correspondence, and one to each Grand Officer and Permanent Member. This leaves us a reserve of 100 cloth copies and nearly 800 paper copies to supply demands. The last previous edition was issued in 1893, and seventeen years is too long to wait for a new edition as the changes should be incorporated at least every ten years. The cross references in this edition will be found to be very convenient, and we shall save the expense of reprinting seven pages of changes each year.

A bronze impression of the presentation slab to M. W. Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock, of Maryland, was received from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in January, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge were returned.

The returns came in very well this year and I was obliged to write to only eleven lodges to hasten them. In one case where the Secretary was changed and another where he had died I was obliged to write to other officers before I could find out the new Secretary. It is very important that a new Secretary should at once notify the Grand Secretary of his election, and the Master should see that he does so. In these cases the blanks for returns were lost and the new Secretaries did not know that they had to make returns. In such cases the lodge is temporarily lost. The Secretary does not know it, but thinks, like the bewildered Indian, "Wigwam lost! Ingin here!"

The Secretaries are to be commended for almost invariably bringing forward correctly the number of members from the preceding year.

Two Secretaries acknowledged the receipt of the proceedings this year, Warren V. Kneeland of Mt. Tir'em Lodge, Waterford, and Edwin F.

Clapham of David A. Hooper Lodge, West Sullivan. This is an increase of 100 per cent. over last year.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Grand Secretary.*

MEXICO.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of the Valley of Mexico was read by the Grand Secretary, and ordered on file.

BELGIUM.

A letter from ALBERT J. KRUGER, our Grand Representative near the Grand Orient of Belgium, was read and ordered on file.

MT. VERNON.

An appeal against the establishment of a Criminal Reformatory within three and a half miles of Mt. Vernon, from the officers of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, was read and ordered placed on file.

MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

A communication from The Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada in regard to the Biennial session in October, was received and referred to the Committee of Finance.

ORIENTAL STAR LODGE.

A petition from Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, asking the remission of dues on account of loss by fire, was received and referred to the Committee of Finance.

POWNAI LODGE.

A petition from Pownal Lodge, of Stockton Springs, asking concurrent jurisdiction with Felicity Lodge, of Bucksport, over a portion of the town of Prospect, was received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

RETURNS.

BRO. STEPHEN BERRY also reported the following, which was accepted:

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, Tuesday, May 2, 1911.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Returns would report that returns have been received from all the 203 chartered lodges.

The following summary shows the comparison with the last four years:

	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Initiated,.....	1344....	1423....	1203....	1206....	1266
Raised,	1281....	1230....	1186....	1191....	1235
Affiliated,	140....	357....	107....	135....	112
Re-instated,	68....	96....	89....	78....	65
Dimitted,.....	203....	384....	174....	192....	165
Died,	490....	516....	493....	545....	608
Suspended,.....	1....	1....	0....	1....	0
Expelled,.....	1....	2....	3....	2....	1
Susp. from membership,..	135....	166....	225....	192....	179
Deprived of membership,	5....	4....	3....	6....	3
Number of members,.....	26,530....	27,356....	27,864....	28,328....	28,781
Rejected,	384....	351....	328....	329....	301

The gain is 453, about $1\frac{3}{5}$ per cent., a slight decrease from last year, when it was 464.

The death rate is $21\frac{1}{8}$ to a thousand, an increase from last year.

The average lodge membership is $141\frac{3}{4}$.

The accompanying abstract will show the work in detail.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,
EDWIN A. PORTER, } *Committee.*
JAMES C. AYER,

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1911.

Nos.	LODGES.	Initiated.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Re-Initiated.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended.	Expelled.	N. F. D.		No. Members.	Rejected.
										Suspended.	D. of Mem.		
1	Portland,.....	16	22	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	389	4
2	Warren,.....	2	2	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	131	0
3	Lincoln,.....	8	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	162	3
4	Hancock,.....	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	88	0
5	Kennebec,.....	6	5	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	137	0
6	Amity,.....	10	14	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	244	4
7	Eastern,.....	8	9	0	0	2	4	0	0	3	0	157	2
8	United,.....	7	4	3	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	209	3
9	Saco,.....	12	14	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	217	7
10	Rising Virtue,.....	15	14	3	0	1	9	0	0	2	0	205	7
11	Pythagorean,.....	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	114	0
12	Cumberland,.....	18	21	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	173	3
13	Oriental,.....	2	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	196	2
14	Solar,.....	17	15	2	0	3	6	0	0	4	0	241	0
15	Orient,.....	8	8	0	0	1	7	0	0	2	0	144	0
16	St. George,.....	5	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	125	0
17	Ancient Landmark,.....	30	26	0	0	4	8	0	0	0	0	538	14
18	Oxford,.....	3	2	1	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	185	2
19	Felicity,.....	2	2	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	111	0
20	Maine,.....	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	145	1
21	Oriental Star,.....	8	6	0	0	5	2	0	0	2	0	214	4
22	York,.....	2	3	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	145	0
23	Freeport,.....	3	4	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	150	1
24	Phoenix,.....	5	3	3	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	147	0
25	Temple,.....	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	101	1
26	Village,.....	12	12	0	2	2	7	0	0	1	0	130	0
27	Adoniram,.....	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	69	0
28	Northern Star,.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	120	0
29	Tranquil,.....	11	14	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	364	4
30	Blazing Star,.....	16	20	5	2	3	3	0	0	2	0	310	1
31	Union,.....	3	4	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	113	0
32	Hermon,.....	17	17	4	2	1	4	0	0	2	0	398	1
33	Waterville,.....	23	20	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	354	9
34	Somerset,.....	3	2	1	0	3	4	0	0	5	0	197	2
35	Bethlehem,.....	6	6	4	1	1	10	0	0	0	0	344	0
36	Casco,.....	10	9	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	184	3
37	Washington,.....	9	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	129	0
38	Harmony,.....	8	8	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	167	2
39	Penobscot,.....	4	4	1	0	1	4	0	0	1	0	157	2
40	Lygonia,.....	8	13	0	0	4	9	0	0	21	0	459	0
41	Morning Star,.....	3	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	106	1
42	Freedom,.....	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	2
43	Alna,.....	4	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	160	0
44	Piscataquis,.....	9	6	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	186	3
45	Central,.....	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	94	0
46	St. Croix,.....	3	5	0	0	1	4	0	0	2	0	171	0
47	Dunlap,.....	9	7	1	1	2	6	0	0	0	0	259	3
48	Lafayette,.....	3	3	0	2	1	3	0	0	3	0	99	0
49	Meridian Splendor,.....	4	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	153	2
50	Aurora,.....	16	19	2	3	0	11	0	0	0	0	357	1

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. S.	Dues. D.	Mem.	R.
51	St. John's,.....	8	6	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	133	0
52	Mosaic,.....	9	10	1	1	4	2	0	0	7	0	168	1
53	Rural,.....	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	70	3
54	Vassalboro,.....	3	3	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	76	0
55	Fraternal,.....	3	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	73	0
56	Mount Moriah,...	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	53	0
57	King Hiram,.....	4	4	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	124	0
58	Unity,.....	1	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	59	0
59	Mt. Hope, (Ch. sur. '79.	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
60	Star in the East, ..	8	5	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	199	0
61	King Solomon's, ..	5	5	1	0	1	3	0	0	2	0	114	0
62	King David's, ...	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	0
63	Richmond,.....	10	10	3	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	155	0
64	Pacific,.....	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	1
65	Mystic,.....	9	8	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	142	0
66	Mechanics',.....	3	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	125	0
67	Blue Mountain,...	3	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	139	4
68	Mariners',.....	6	6	0	0	1	4	0	0	7	0	119	0
69	Howard,.....	1	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	125	0
70	Standish,.....	6	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	104	1
71	Rising Sun,.....	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	83	0
72	Pioneer,.....	7	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	143	2
73	Tyrian,.....	8	10	3	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	226	0
74	Bristol,.....	4	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	126	0
75	Plymouth,.....	4	6	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	35	0
76	Arundel,.....	4	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	98	4
77	Tremont,.....	5	5	0	1	3	4	0	0	1	0	122	0
78	Crescent,.....	4	4	0	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	127	0
79	Rockland,.....	6	7	1	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	226	0
80	Keystone,.....	2	3	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	123	2
81	Atlantic,.....	16	20	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	325	5
82	St. Paul's,.....	5	5	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	191	2
83	St. Andrew's,	20	16	2	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	263	2
84	Eureka,.....	5	5	0	0	1	6	0	0	2	0	91	0
85	Star in the West, ..	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	84	0
86	Temple,.....	13	11	1	0	0	8	0	0	1	0	235	4
87	Benevolent,.....	1	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	68	0
88	Narraguagus, ..	4	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	91	0
89	Island,.....	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	4	0	103	1
90	Hiram Abiff. (Ch. rev '68.	68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
91	Harwood,.....	3	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	167	0
92	Siloam,.....	12	10	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	198	1
93	Horeb,.....	9	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	195	1
94	Paris,.....	10	10	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	103	2
95	Corinthian,.....	7	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	111	2
96	Monument,.....	15	18	2	0	3	4	0	0	4	0	261	6
97	Bethel,.....	4	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	103	1
98	Katahdin,.....	9	9	1	1	3	2	0	0	2	0	118	1
99	Vernon Valley,...	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	85	0
100	Jefferson,.....	7	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	84	0
101	Nezinscot,.....	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	97	0
102	Marsh River,.....	2	3	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	69	0
103	Dresden,.....	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	51	0
104	Dirigo,.....	5	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	10	0	85	3

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N.P. S.	Dues. D.	Mem.	R.
105	Ashlar,.....	10	9	1	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	309	5
106	Tuscan,.....	4	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	154	0
107	Day Spring,.....	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	64	0
108	Relief, (<i>ch. recalled</i>)	94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
109	Mount Kineo,.....	5	6	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	137	1
110	Monmouth,.....	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	128	0
111	Liberty,.....	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	84	0
112	Eastern Frontier,...	7	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	146	0
113	Messalonskee,.....	4	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	100	2
114	Polar Star,.....	6	4	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	278	1
115	Buxton,.....	7	6	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	113	1
116	Lebanon,.....	8	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	99	1
117	Greenleaf,.....	4	4	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	168	0
118	Drummond,.....	3	5	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	85	0
119	Pownal,.....	6	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	93	0
120	Meduncook, (<i>ch. s.</i>)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
121	Acacia,.....	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	0
122	Marine,.....	17	16	0	0	1	4	0	0	4	0	246	1
123	Franklin,.....	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	56	0
124	Olive Branch,.....	3	4	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	82	2
125	Meridian,.....	8	11	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	158	0
126	Timothy Chase,...	8	8	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	120	2
127	Presumpscot,.....	12	7	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	113	0
128	Eggemoggin,.....	6	8	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	117	1
129	Quantabacook,....	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	59	0
130	Trinity,.....	13	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	172	7
131	Lookout,.....	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	0
132	Mount Tir'em,.....	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	80	0
133	Asylum,.....	5	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	1
134	Trojan, (<i>consol'd</i> , '88)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
135	Riverside,.....	5	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	114	0
136	Ionic, (<i>ch. sur.</i> '82)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
137	Kenduskeag,.....	3	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	101	4
138	Lewy's Island,.....	10	9	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	151	3
139	Archon,.....	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	60	0
140	Mount Desert,....	0	0	0	1	2	6	0	0	3	0	78	0
141	Augusta,.....	17	16	3	3	2	2	0	0	11	0	333	3
142	Ocean,.....	6	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	68	0
143	Preble,.....	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	172	15
144	Seaside,.....	6	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	249	0
145	Moses Webster,...	3	3	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	216	1
146	Sebasticoock,.....	5	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	119	0
147	Evening Star,....	4	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	89	0
148	Forest,.....	3	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	128	4
149	Doric,.....	3	3	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	91	0
150	Rabboni,.....	11	9	1	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	272	0
151	Excelsior,.....	9	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	45	2
152	Crooked River,...	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	99	1
153	Delta,.....	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	79	0
154	Mystic Tie,.....	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	72	0
155	Ancient York,....	5	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	6	0	148	4
156	Wilton,.....	12	8	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	146	5
157	Cambridge,.....	10	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	88	0
158	Anchor,.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	76	2

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. S.	P. D.	D. D.	Mem.	R.
159	Esoteric, <i>consol.</i> '08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
160	Parian,	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	80	0
161	Carrabassett,	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	87	0
162	Arion,	6	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	1
163	Pleasant River, ...	6	9	0	0	0	4	0	0	7	0	0	197	9
164	Webster,	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0
165	Molunkus,	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	89	1
166	Neguemkeag,	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	43	0
167	Whitney,	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	0
168	Composite,	3	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	111	0
169	Shepherd's River, .	7	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	54	0
170	Caribou,	7	8	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	167	1
171	Naskeag,	3	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	80	0
172	Pine Tree,	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	122	1
173	Pleiades,	8	8	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	158	0
174	Lynde,	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	78	1
175	Baskahegan,	7	5	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	141	1
176	Palestine,	<i>Consoli dat ed '95</i>												
177	Rising Star,	2	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	87	0
178	Ancient Brothers', .	8	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	249	3
179	Yorkshire,	12	11	0	0	2	1	0	0	6	0	0	92	2
180	Hiram,	18	19	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	286	12
181	Reuel Washburn, .	<i>Consoli dat ed '92</i>												
182	Granite,	2	4	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	97	1
183	Deering,	20	20	1	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	381	8
184	Naval,	27	15	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	144	2
185	Bar Harbor,	6	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	231	2
186	Warren Phillips, ...	8	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	240	1
187	Ira Berry,	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	58	0
188	Jonesport,	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	141	0
189	Knox,	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0
190	Springvale,	9	8	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	135	3
191	Davis,	4	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	113	0
192	Winter Harbor, ...	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	117	0
193	Washburn,	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	82	1
194	Euclid,	5	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	152	2
195	Reliance,	11	11	0	1	5	3	0	0	10	0	0	184	2
196	Bay View,	9	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	99	0
197	Aroostook,	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	133	1
198	St. Aspinquid,	10	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	72	0
199	Bingham,	8	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	158	2
200	Columbia,	11	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	91	6
201	David A. Hooper, .	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	142	1
202	Mount Bigelow, ...	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	1
203	Mount Olivet,	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0
204	Mount Abram,	4	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	81	0
205	Nollesemeic,	6	6	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	133	8
206	Island Falls,	14	17	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	142	12
207	Abner Wade,	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	0
208	N. East Harbor, ..	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	0
209	Fort Kent,	6	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	65	3
210	Bagaduce,	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0
211	Meduncook,	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
212	McKinley,	10	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	1
		1266	1235	112	65	165	608	0	1	179	3	28,781	301	

DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

Bro. HOWARD D. SMITH submitted the following report, which was accepted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, May 2, 1911.

Your Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master, have attended to their duty and beg leave to report as follows:

We desire to commend this scholarly and able address and to recommend its careful study by the masons of Maine. We tender to our Grand Master our sincere sympathy in his misfortune and regret that he was not able to be present at the opening of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

HOWARD D. SMITH,
JAS. E. PARSONS,
FRANKLIN R. REDLON, } *Committee.*

STANDING REGULATIONS—NUMBER OF VOTES.

Bro. ALBRO E. CHASE submitted the following as a Standing Regulation and it was adopted:

Resolved, That immediately preceding the hour for the election of the officers of the Grand Lodge, as is provided in the Constitution, the Grand Secretary shall announce the number of votes in the Grand Lodge.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Deputy Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. EDMUND B. MALLET to act on the Committee of Masonic Jurisprudence.

CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

Certificates of Charter were granted to

Solar Lodge, No. 14, Bath.

Anchor Lodge, No. 158, South Bristol.

Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, Bath.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Representatives were received and welcomed:

R. W. ISAAC N. JONES, from Connecticut.

" SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, from Minnesota.

" GEORGE W. HOLMES, from Maryland.

" WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, from South Carolina.

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Deputy Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER to act on the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

At 11:15 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 P. M.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 2, 1911. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 P. M., the Grand Master, ASHLEY A. SMITH, having arrived. He was greeted with applause as he entered the hall.

MEMORIALS.

The following was presented by Bro. MILLARD M. CASWELL:

SAMUEL GRANVILLE DAVIS.

As the sunset of life reddens in the twilight of man's earthly existence, there is borne to him, upon the evening breezes of his departing days, that ever saddening inquiry,—“Will I soon be forgotten?”—hence is the duty of the Memorist made plain in the answering of such a question, and ardently should he strive to negative such thoughts in the minds of the living, by recounting in their presence the most pleasant recollections of the dead.

The life of Right Worshipful SAMUEL GRANVILLE DAVIS, Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine, ended on the twenty-third day of September, A. D. 1910, at Washington, D. C. It commenced in the home of his parents, William and Perniela Traves Davis, in Denmark, Oxford County, Maine, on the thirtieth day of July, A. D. 1842.

Nature was kind to him in her apportionment of mental power, and his studious habits helped to qualify him at an early age for life's duties. Having acquired his education in the public schools of his native town, at North Bridgton Academy and at Bowdoin College, after some years successfully spent in teaching school he commenced the study of law, and upon admission to the bar of his native county, settled for the practice of his profession in the town of his birth,—an evidence of his own courage, and strong proof of an existence of the confidence of his fellow townsmen in him. In 1887, he received an appointment of a clerkship in the Pension Office at the Nation's Capitol, which he held, residing in Washington, until the time of his death.

He was twice married, first in 1873, having six children by his first wife, she dying in 1899. His second marriage was in 1903, the second wife surviving him.

He was made a Master Mason in Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 56, August 24, 1864, afterwards serving as its Master for a number of years.

He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Oriental Chapter, No. 30, at Bridgton, April 17, 1874, and served as the High Priest of said Chapter for the years 1876-7. Was D. D. G. Master of the 18th Masonic District in 1876-7. Received the Order of the Red Cross and was Knighted in St. Alban Commandery, Portland, April 19, 1883. Was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1888. He was the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, having been appointed in 1891. Was a member, and the first Patron, of the Order of the Eastern Star at Denmark.

Through the various gradations of his masonic ascension he ever evinced a great love for the Order.

He was a good mason, man and citizen; large of stature he was likewise large of heart; of a sympathetic, kind and noble nature.

Such characteristics serve as more lasting monuments than tablets of stone. In our minds he so lives to-day.

We can truly say he is not "forgotten."

BRO. THOMAS H. BODGE presented the following:

JAMES MORRELL LARRABEE.

JAMES MORRELL LARRABEE was born in Wales, Maine, December, 4, 1833. After attending the schools of his native town, he received a course of instruction at the celebrated Phillips Academy, of Exeter, N. H., where he doubtless laid the foundation of that love of books and composition which distinguished him through life. In 1850, he came to Gardiner, where he found employment as a clerk. He tells us in his interesting reminiscences that in 1856 his father, Daniel Larrabee, bought the "Henry Clay farm" on West Street, which was to be his home for the remainder of his life. The same year he was married to Miss Priscilla Woodward. Ten children were born to them, of whom five are now living. It was soon after his marriage that he taught the grammar school on High Street. He became active in city affairs, was a member of both branches of the city council, served as treasurer and collector of taxes, and for many years was a faithful and efficient member of the superintending school committee. In 1885, he was appointed Judge of the Municipal Court and received successive re-appointments, resigning the office only a few weeks before his death.

He was made a Master Mason in Herman Lodge, September 20, 1855, and became a member November 20th following. He was elected Senior Warden April 12, 1859, and W. Master April 3, 1860. His name stands first in the list of charter members of Ionic Lodge, and he continued a member of that organization during its existence from 1867 to 1881. He re-affiliated with Hermon Lodge July 7, 1891. In 1906, he was elected Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Jerusalem Chapter March 27, 1856, and served that body as Secretary and Principal Sojourner. In 1865, he became a charter member and first High Priest of Lebanon Chapter. He was Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Maine in 1866, Grand King in 1867, and Grand High Priest in 1868. He joined the Council of High Priesthood in 1866 and stood fourth in the list.

He took the Council degrees in Alpha Council, and was one of the charter members and first T. I. M. of Adoniram Council in 1867.

The Order of Knight Templar was conferred on him by Maine Commandery in 1856. He served it as Prelate, Captain General and Generalissimo, and was six times elected Eminent Commander. He was Grand

C. G. of the Grand Commandery in 1864 and 1865, Grand Generalissimo in 1866, and Deputy Grand Commander in 1867 and 1868.

For the last eighteen years of his life he was Secretary of his lodge and chapter, and Recorder of his council, and at the time of his death he was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, the Grand Council of Connecticut and the Grand Commandery of Arkansas.

The other organizations to which he belonged were the Order of the Eastern Star, Knights of Pythias, Grand Army of the Republic and Maine Historical Society. He was also for more than fifty years a member of the Congregationalist Church and was actively concerned in the conduct of its affairs.

That he was an active and zealous mason is sufficiently evidenced by the numerous and important positions which he occupied. His knowledge of the rituals was accurate and comprehensive, and his retentive memory made it available for any emergency. We do not need to be reminded of the willingness and ability with which he filled any station to which he might be assigned. With still more pleasure and admiration may we recall his readiness to perform those kindly and fraternal acts which lie outside the circle of prescribed duties. The principles of Freemasonry were deeply engraven on his heart and were manifested in his daily life.

As a citizen he was alert to the public interest and ready to aid in every good cause. As a magistrate he was just and merciful. He deemed it of more moment to reform than to punish the offender, and so long as there was prospect or promise of amendment, he set no bounds to his indulgence. His was a well-stored mind, and he was able to express himself with ease and elegance both in prose and verse. It was a pleasure to converse with him, so replete were his remarks with good sense and information. He liked at times to engage in light and sportive talk; but he possessed a native dignity which proclaimed him no trifler, and which won the respect of all with whom he came in contact.

He died October 24, 1910. His funeral, which was largely attended, was from the Congregationalist Church, and the Knights Templar service formed part of the ceremonies. He was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

A conspicuous figure in Freemasonry has thus been removed from among us; but if we imitate the example of his fidelity to the duties and the principles of our fraternity, the lights upon our altar will continue to shine with unabated radiance.

Bro. EDWARD G. WESTON presented the following:

SAMUEL L. MILLER.

Since we met in annual communication, the Grim Reaper has again invaded our ranks, and with his scythe cut the brittle thread of life of one more member of this Grand Lodge.

BRO. SAMUEL L. MILLER, Past Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, died at his home in Waldoboro March 26, 1911.

As a mason Bro. MILLER was ever an active one; in his home lodge and vicinity, he did much in his quiet way to further the interests of the craft. He was Past Master of King Solomon's Lodge, of Waldoboro, was D. D. G. M. of the Tenth Masonic District in 1885 and '06, and was elected Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge in 1891.

As a citizen of his native town, he was ever public spirited, and as owner and editor of the Lincoln County News, the local paper of that vicinity, did much to advertise and promote its interests, and at one time acted as treasurer of the town.

The office of Post Master he held for a period of twenty-one years.

BRO. MILLER enlisted at the outbreak of the civil war, and was Quarter Master Sergeant of the 20th Me. Volunteers, and later was promoted to a Lieutenancy.

He was a member of the Loyal Legion, Past Commander of Charles Keizer Post G. A. R. of Waldoboro, and Past Dept. Commander of the G. A. R. for the Department of Maine.

At the time of his death he was Associated Press Correspondent, and was a Past President of the Maine Press Association.

He had also held the office of Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star.

BRO. MILLER's wife survived him but two days and their funerals and interment was together.

The three memorials were accepted and ordered spread upon the records.

REPORTS OF D. D. G. MASTERS.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters together with the report of the Grand Lecturer, were presented and were referred to the Committee on the Condition of the Fraternity.

REPORT OF GRAND LECTURER.

SABATTUS, ME., April 26, 1911.

MOST WORSHIPFUL ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of Masons in Maine.

Two "Schools for Masonic Instruction" have been held during this year, one at Brunswick and one at Fairfield. I had anticipated holding two others, but at one place the local brethren finally decided that it would be inconvenient for them this year, and at another place the brethren could have the use of their hall on Saturdays only, which would be very inconvenient for myself and others from a distance, obliging us to remain there over Sunday.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1910, a very interesting "school" was held with United Lodge, Brunswick. There were present two Past Grand Masters, a Grand Chaplain, District Deputy Grand Masters from the 2d, 14th, 16th, 17th and 18th districts, and representatives from 19 lodges. The ritual was carefully recited and freely discussed, and at the close of the meeting the brethren present, by a unanimous vote, expressed themselves as much pleased with the instruction received. At six o'clock, United Lodge was host at a bountiful supper, and the same lodge in the evening presented work in the Fellow Craft degree for the inspection of the Deputies present.

Friday, November 11, 1910, a "school" was held at Fairfield, in the hall of Siloam Lodge, at which were present two Past Grand Masters, a Past Junior Grand Warden, District Deputies from the 4th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 22d and 25th districts, and representatives from 17 lodges. All the brethren present were much interested in the work and lectures of the three degrees, and many questions were asked me, which were answered in strict accordance with the ritual of the Grand Lodge. Siloam Lodge presented work in the evening for inspection by the Deputies and offered its usual hospitality.

At each of the meetings brethren were present from lodges which have never before had representatives at a "school," and who were enabled to carry home a broader as well as a more exact knowledge of Masonry than they could have received in any other way.

It is to be regretted that so many District Deputies did not attend either school. Of the twelve Deputies who did not attend, I received letters from three giving satisfactory reasons why they could not do so.

From the other nine, no word came except in a few instances letters asking for more or less fully-written-out explanation of some parts of the secret work!

In my younger days, when I was endeavoring to obtain accurate knowl-

edge of masonic law and ritual, and "Schools of Instruction" were unknown, I was obliged to make many visits to Portland to consult the Grand Lecturer, paying my own expenses and a bonus to him for his trouble.

Now, schools are held which are free to all the brethren, and the Grand Lodge offers to pay the traveling expenses of every Deputy in attending one school each year. Frequently zealous brethren who have attended one or more schools are commissioned as Deputies. The query naturally arises whether a Deputy who, at the close of his first year of office, has never taken enough interest in his work to attend even one "school of instruction" will be of sufficient worth to his brethren and to the Grand Lodge to warrant his re-appointment.

I have had a large correspondence during the year and have given oral and written instruction as freely as possible without violating my obligations. Fraternaly submitted,

FRANK E. SLEEPER, *Grand Lecturer.*

COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. WM. FREEMAN LORD to act with the Committee on the Condition of the Fraternity.

FINANCE.—GENERAL REPORT.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE submitted the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 4, 1911.

Your Committee of Finance have audited the bills against the Grand Lodge. Have examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer and certify to the correctness of them. The records of the Grand Lodge are written up to date.

The receipts of the Grand Lodge for the past year have been as follows:

1910.	May 3.	Cash on hand from old account,	\$12,803.78
		Cash receipts for the year,	8,904.90
		Total,	<u>\$21,708.68</u>
		The expenditures have been,	7,328.45
1911.	May 2.	Cash on hand to new account,	14,380.23
		Total,	<u>\$21,708.68</u>

For the detailed account of the receipts and expenditures we refer you to the report of the Grand Treasurer.

The amount of the invested fund to the credit of Charity Fund is \$60,208.13.

The Committee submit the following recommendations :

That to the Grand Lecturer be paid,	\$ 25.00
To the Grand Treasurer, including the cost of his bond,.....	\$300.00
To the Grand Secretary,.....	\$650.00
as compensation for their services for the year ending May 1, 1912.	

To the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for the year ending May 1, 1911,.....	\$100.00
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That the bond of the Portland Water Co., No. 382, due 1927, the amount on deposit in the Union Safe and Deposit Co., and in the Maine Savings Bank, and in the Fidelity Trust Co., and in the Belfast Savings Bank, and in the Chapman National Bank, Savings Department, be transferred to the Charity Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *for Committee of Finance.*

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was then accepted.

PAY ROLL.

BRO. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Pay Roll, reported that a schedule had been prepared and was in the hands of the Grand Treasurer. The report was accepted and the schedule was ordered to be paid.

HIRAM LODGE.

A communication was received from Hiram Lodge, No. 180, of South Portland, asking authority to change the seal from Cape Elizabeth to South Portland, to conform to the change in the town since the lodge was chartered, and that the charter should also be made to conform to the change.

It was referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

Certificates of Charter were voted to

Asylum Lodge, No. 133, Wayne.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, Orland.

Ancient York Lodge, No. 155, Lisbon Falls.

MILEAGE.

BRO. ISAAC N. JONES submitted the following amendment, which was referred to the Committee of Finance:

Resolved, That Standing Regulation Number One be amended by inserting the words "Chairmen of Standing Committees," after the words "District Deputy Grand Masters," so that said Standing Regulation shall read as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer pay to one delegate who shall be present on the first day of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and (unless excused by the Grand Lodge on account of his own sickness or that of his family) attend during the session, for mileage such sum as is granted by the several railroads or steamboats to Portland from the station or landing place in the town where the lodge is located, together with such additional sum for stage fare from the place of location of the lodge to such station or landing place when such is paid; and two dollars for each day's actual attendance, not exceeding three days, when the delegate is a member of the lodge he represents; and the same mileage and per diem to District Deputy Grand Masters, Chairmen of Standing Committees, and all permanent members. When a lodge is represented by no more than one brother, the senior officer shall receive the mileage and per diem.

ELECTION.

Three o'clock being the hour prescribed for the election of Grand Officers, the Grand Master ap-

pointed the following committees to receive, sort and count votes :

- I. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, CHARLES W. CROSBY, MILLARD M. CASWELL.
- II. W. SCOTT SHOREY, EDWARD G. WESTON, LEANDER M. KENNISTON.

He then invited the M. W. Past Grand Master, ALFRED S. KIMBALL, to preside over the election.

Under the Standing Regulation this day adopted, the Grand Secretary reported the number of votes to be

185 lodges, three each,	555
Permanent Members, 1 each,	32
Grand Officers, 1 each,	40
Total,	<hr/> 627

The Committees attended to their duties and reported the election of

ASHLEY A. SMITH, (Rev.)	<i>M. W. Grand Master,</i>	Bangor ;
ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master,</i>	Deer Isle ;
FRANK E. MONROE,	" <i>Senior Grand Warden,</i>	Milo ;
CONVERS E. LEACH,	" <i>Junior Grand Warden,</i>	Portland ;
MILLARD F. HICKS,	" <i>Grand Treasurer,</i>	Portland ;
STEPHEN BERRY,	" <i>Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland.

Committee of Finance—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland ; HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor ; EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport.

Trustees of Charity Fund for three years—CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, Bangor ; FESSENDEN I. DAY, Lewiston.

The reports of the committees were accepted.

The Grand Master resumed the East and thanked Bro. KIMBALL for his assistance.

HISTORY.

BRO. HERBERT HARRIS presented the following report, which was accepted :

PORTLAND, May 2, 1911.

To the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Maine.

During the past year histories have been received from the following lodges:

Winter Harbor, No. 192, Winter Harbor, by E. A. Small, print.

Moses Webster, No. 145, Vinalhaven, by Freeman L. Roberts, print.

Mt. Desert, No. 140, Mt. Desert, by James E. Hamor, print.

Preble, No. 143, Sanford, by Frank Wilson and Joseph Leckenby, typed.

Lincoln, No. 3, Wiscasset, by William D. Patterson, typed.

Seaside, No. 144, Boothbay Harbor, by Henry S. Perkins, typed.

When the chairman of your committee presented his first report, about twenty per cent. of the lodges of Maine had failed to comply with the Grand Lodge regulation which requires the preparation of lodge histories. In the fourteen years of his chairmanship 143 histories have been secured and deposited in the Grand Lodge vault. It is true that most of the lodges which have been chartered during the last twenty-five years are apparently waiting to make history before writing it, which is, perhaps, natural; but your committee would earnestly advise that every such lodge appoint a historian, or a standing committee on history, who shall put upon paper an account of all occurrences of interest and importance as they take place, in order that the history, when written, may be complete.

Besides these of recent origin, there are fourteen older lodges which have not as yet furnished any part of their history, as required by the Grand Lodge; and so far as is known to your committee, only a few of them are making any effort in that direction. These fourteen are: United, No. 8, at Brunswick; Solar, No. 14, at Bath; Mechanics', No. 66, at Orono; Polar Star, No. 114, at Bath; Marine, No. 122, at Deer Isle; Crooked River, No. 152, at Bolster's Mills; Parian, No. 160, at Corinna; Arion, No. 162, at Goodwin's Mills; Webster, No. 164, at Webster; Moulunkus, No. 165, at Sherman Mills; Composite, No. 168, at Lagrange; Deering, No. 183, at Portland; Jonesport, No. 188, at Jonesport; and Davis, No. 191, at Strong.

No other Grand Lodges pay so much attention to the preservation of lodge histories as those of this country, and it is believed that there is no state in the Union where so great a proportion of subordinates have prepared their histories as in the State of Maine. It seems to your committee very regrettable that the officers of some of our oldest lodges apparently feel so little interest in this important matter that they are doing

nothing whatever to preserve their history before the reminiscences of the elder brethren shall be lost or the records be destroyed.

Your chairman wishes to record his appreciation of the efforts of those District Deputies who have assisted him by urging the subject upon the attention of the lodges; and now begs to be allowed to turn over this work to other hands for the future.

Fraternally submitted,

HERBERT HARRIS, }
FESSENDEN I. DAY, } *Committee.*

At four o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, }
Wednesday, May 3, 1911. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 P. M.

SYMPATHY.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the following, which was adopted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 3, 1911.

Yesterday after the opening of this Grand Lodge there were read letters excusing attendance upon this annual communication from some of our most faithful and efficient brethren.

When we look at the list of our Grand Masters, we note as the second name upon the list M. W. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, whose face is among the best known among those in attendance, and whose services have been of inestimable value to this Grand Lodge; who has been in annual attendance for the past forty-five years, and who is detained from this communication because of the fire at Bangor. We sympathize with him in his losses by fire, and regret his enforced absence.

Another name in the list of M. W. Past Grand Masters, is that of Bro.

HENRY R. TAYLOR. All are familiar with his manly presence, his kindly bearing and universal gentleness. For forty-eight successive annual communications has he been in attendance, and is now detained at home by the illness of his estimable wife.

In this his hour of anxiety we remember him and trust that it may be well with him in the days to come.

Another familiar form upon the floor of this Grand Lodge is that of R. W. ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, P. G. J. W., who for forty years has been in attendance at the annual communications. We regret that a painful injury detains him at home, and we know that while he is bodily away from us, he is with us in spirit and wishing for this Grand Lodge a successful communication.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary prepare and send to these brethren, letters expressing the regret of the Grand Lodge that they are compelled to be absent.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TAFT.

The following telegram was read and ordered on record:

THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, May 3, 1911.

N. GRATZ JACKSON,

Care STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary of F. & A. M.,

Portland, Me.

Please extend to the Grand Lodge of Maine now assembled in annual meeting my fraternal greetings and good wishes.

WM. H. TAFT.

WORK—THIRD DEGREE.

The Grand Master called to preside M. Wor. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, who, after some remarks, invited the officers of Solar Lodge, No. 14, of Bath, to occupy the stations and work the Master Mason's degree.

The third degree was conferred upon one candidate by Solar Lodge, SYLVESTER H. ROWLAND, Master, with music by the Arion Quartet of Portland.

The Grand Lecturer resumed the East, and, after brief comments, surrendered his place to the Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. ISAAC A. CLOUGH, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to Solar Lodge for the beautiful and almost perfect rendering of the work of the Master Mason's degree.

At 4:30 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND, }
Thursday, May 4, 1911. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 A.M.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Bro. HOWARD D. SMITH submitted the following:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 4, 1911.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have considered such matters as have been presented to them and respectfully present the following report:

In the case of Paris Lodge, No. 94, against Bro. JOHN F. MCARDLE, wherein Brother MCARDLE was expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry, we recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of Paris Lodge be approved and confirmed, and that Brother JOHN F. MCARDLE be expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In the case of Star in the East Lodge, No. 60, against Nollesmic Lodge, No. 205, for invasion of jurisdiction, there has been no evidence presented to your committee that there was any invasion of jurisdiction, or even that the degrees had been conferred upon the individual in question, and your committee feel that there is nothing upon which they or the Grand Lodge can take action.

In the case of Davis Lodge, No. 191, relative to the restoration of Bro. LUCIAN P. HINDS to all the rights and benefits of Masonry, your committee do not find any evidence to show that the members of the lodge were duly notified that action would be taken on his petition, and we recommend that the papers be returned to the lodge, until all the constitutional requirements shall be complied with.

In the case of Composite Lodge, No. 168, asking for restoration of CHARLES S. MCKENNEY, the only papers in the case presented to us was a letter from the Secretary, not under seal of the lodge. In the absence of any definite information, your committee feel there is no evidence on which the committee of the Grand Lodge can act.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. SLEEPER,	} Committee.
BENJ. L. HADLEY,	
HOWARD D. SMITH,	

The report was accepted and the recommendations were adopted:

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

Bro. HOWARD D. SMITH further reported:

IN GRAND LODGE, PORTLAND, May 4, 1911.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Condition of the Fraternity have attended to their duties and submit the following report:

We find the nearly all the lodges are in a highly prosperous condition; dues are better collected and the character and ability of applicants is being more closely scrutinized. The reports of the District Deputies show these important officers have been faithful in the discharge of their duties. We may safely say Masonry is in a highly prosperous condition, not only in our own jurisdiction, but throughout the entire civilized world.

We believe this to be due in a large measure to the high character of

our members, and the fact that masonic charity can neither be bought nor sold.

Faternally submitted,

ALBERT M. PENLEY, }
HOWARD D. SMITH, } *Committee.*

Report accepted.

LIBRARY.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 4, 1911.

The Committee on Library present their report and make as a part thereof the following communication from the Librarian:

PORTLAND, April 20, 1911.

To the Library Committee of the

Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Maine.

I can only repeat, in substance, my report of last year, with reference to the increasing difficulty in finding shelf-room to accommodate the annual additions to the library, and express the earnest hope that, before our next annual communication, the books may all be safely and appropriately housed in the new Masonic Temple.

Sixty-one volumes have been bound during the year, and ten volumes are now in the hands of the binder.

Besides various pamphlets, the Grand Lodge has received the following gifts for the library:

Volume one of the History of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, 1844 to 1865, by Joseph E. Morcombe, and

The 150th Anniversary of the Lodge of St. Andrew, Boston, New England, 1756 to 1896; edition limited to 300 copies, of which this is number 140.

Faternally submitted,

HERBERT HARRIS, *Librarian.*

We recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be placed at the disposal of the committee with which to purchase books and pamphlets; that they be given the power to have bound such proceedings as may be necessary to keep up the files of the Grand Lodge; and that, if the offices of the Grand Lodge are moved during the year, authority be given them to provide cases for the library, to move the library, and to provide for all contingencies that may arise from such removal.

Faternally submitted,

ASHLEY A. SMITH, }
ALBRO E. CHASE, } *Committee.*
JOHN W. BALLOU, }

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

FINANCE REPORTS.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE offered the following reports of the Finance Committee:

MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

IN GRAND LODGE, May 4, 1911.

Your Committee of Finance, to which was referred the communication from "The Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada," suggesting that this Grand Lodge send one or more representatives to a meeting of the Association to be held at Pittsburg, Penn., October 3, 4, 1911, have considered the same.

We recognize the great good that is done the craft by its work and think that each lodge should keep in touch with its objects and labors; but we do not recommend that any representative be sent from this Grand Body.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, } *Committee.*
EDMUND B. MALLET, }

Report accepted.

ORIENTAL STAR LODGE.

IN GRAND LODGE, May 4, 1911.

Your Committee of Finance, to which was referred the request of Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, Livermore Falls, to have the lodge re-imbursed the amount of their dues paid for the year ending March 1, 1911, because of the loss of their hall and its contents by fire, have considered the request. We find that the lodge has complied with the regulations of the Grand Lodge in regard to insurance, therefore we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized, to draw his warrant in favor of Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, Livermore Falls, in the sum of fifty-eight and 80/100 (\$58.80) dollars.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, } *Committee.*
EDMUND B. MALLET, }

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

MILEAGE.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 4, 1911.

Your Committee of Finance, to which was referred the proposition to amend Standing Regulation Number One by inserting the words "Chairman of Standing Committees." to the end that such brothers may receive mileage and per diem, have considered the same.

Since the organization of this Grand Lodge its work has been done efficiently and to the great good of the Fraternity by many distinguished brethren, and that, too, without hope of fee or reward. Some years ago to the list of Permanent Members who should receive mileage and per diem were added the Past Senior Grand Wardens and the Past Junior Grand Wardens, upon the plea that their previous services and their knowledge would be of value to the Grand Lodge. The number of them at the present time is about forty. Furthermore it would seem that, if the chairmen of committees were to be paid, there would be more reason why the appointed officers should be paid. We therefore recommend that the amendment do not have a passage.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, } *Committee.*
EDMUND B. MALLEY, }

Report accepted.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Bro. ALFRED S. KIMBALL presented the following:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 4, 1911.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the petition of Pownal Lodge, No. 110, located at Stockton Springs, for concurrent jurisdiction with Felicity Lodge, No. 19, located at Bucksport, over that part of the town of Prospect, which lies between Marsh and Penobscot Rivers, have heard the claims presented by both parties and have given the subject matter careful consideration, and are of the unanimous opinion that change in the fundamental law of masonic jurisdiction would result in no good to the lodges interested, while on the other hand a feeling of unrest might be created thereby which would result in great harm.

We therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, } *Committee.*
EDMUND B. MALLEY, }
WILLIAM J. BURNHAM, }

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

CERTIFICATE OF CHARTER.

A Certificate of Charter was voted to Temple Lodge, No. 86, of Westbrook.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the report on Foreign Correspondence in print, which was accepted, with permission to add reports on later proceedings. (*See Appendix.*)

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

BRO. WM. R. G. ESTES, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, reported that no business had come before them, and the report was accepted.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

BRO. FRANKLIN R. REDLON reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 4, 1911.

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters, to whom was referred the communication from Hiram Lodge, No. 180, South Portland, would recommend that the lodge should change its seal to read South Portland in place of Cape Elizabeth, and that it bring its charter to the Grand Secretary to have the change of name endorsed on the back.

FRANKLIN R. REDLON, {
EDMUND B. MALLET, } *Committee.*

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

BRO. THOMAS H. BODGE submitted the following amendment to the constitution:

Amend Part Fourth, Art. I, Sec. 127, of the Constitution (Page 42) by adding after the word "processions" in the second line the words "and for attendance upon divine service," so the whole section as amended shall read:

"SEC. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions and for attendance upon divine service excepted, without permission from the Grand Master. And it is proper, as a mark of respect for the Chief Magistrate of the Nation or State, to permit lodges to appear in public, either upon occasions of a public reception of him, or of a public mourning for his death."

The amendment was entertained and was referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

INSTALLATION AND APPOINTMENTS.

Most Wor. ALFRED S. KIMBALL, Past Grand Master, was invited to install the officers. He requested M. W. ALBRO E. CHASE to act as Grand Marshal.

The Grand Master elect, the Rev. ASHLEY A. SMITH, was installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master, prayer being offered by Bro. WM. H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the following

APPOINTMENTS.

R. W. HERBERT HARRIS,	<i>Cor. Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
" FRANK A. PEABODY,	<i>D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i>	Houlton
" JOHN W. MCGREGOR,	" 2d "	Eastport
" EDWIN CUMMINGS,	" 3d "	Jonesport
" WILLIS A. RICKER,	" 4th "	Castine
" "	" 5th "	
" EDWIN N. MILLER,	" 6th "	Bangor
" "	" 7th "	
" WALTER G. HATCH,	" 8th "	Belfast
" ARTHUR S. LITTLEFIELD,	" 9th "	Rockland
" THOMAS L. RICHARDS,	" 10th "	Waldoboro

R. W.	WILLIS E. SWIFT,	<i>D. D. G. M. 11th Dist.,</i>	Augusta
"	BERT K. MESERVEY,	" 12th	" N. Vassalboro
"	JOHN M. GETCHELL,	" 13th	" No. Anson
"	GEORGE A. WARD,	" 14th	" Bath
"	SAMUEL S. WOOD,	" 15th	" Livermo'e Falls
"	JAMES B. STEVENSON,	" 16th	" Rumford
"	ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	" 17th	" Portland
"	CLARENCE H. PRIDE,	" 18th	" Waterford
"	ALBERT W. MESERVE,	" 19th	" Kennebunk
"	MARTIN L. PORTER,	" 20th	" Danforth
"	FRANK R. OBER,	" 21st	" N. E. Harbor
"	LYNNE H. BLANCHARD,	" 22d	" Hartland
"	JAMES F. CHADBOURNE,	" 23d	" N. Waterford
"	HENRY A. FLETCHER,	" 24th	" Auburn
"	LEWIS E. JACKMAN,	" 25th	" Sherman Mills
W.	REV. WM. H. FULTZ,	<i>Grand Chaplain,</i>	Portland
"	REV. ROBERT R. MORSON,	" "	Yarmouth
"	REV. LEWIS D. EVANS,	" "	Camden
"	REV. RUBERT B. MATHEWS,	" "	Ellsworth
"	REV. JOHN M. BEILER,	" "	Machias
"	REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	" "	Belfast
"	CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	<i>Grand Marshal,</i>	Belfast
"	SILAS B. ADAMS,	" <i>Senior Deacon,</i>	Portland
"	ALBERT H. BURROUGHS,	" <i>Junior Deacon,</i>	Westbrook
"	FRANK D. FENDERSON,	" <i>Steward,</i>	Limerick
"	JAMES R. TALBOT,	" "	E. Machias
"	WILMER J. DORMAN,	" "	Belfast
"	WILLIAM D. PATTERSON,	" "	Wiscasset
"	L. ALBERT GARDNER,	" <i>Sw'd Bearer,</i>	Stockton Sp'gs
"	LESLIE D. AMES,	" <i>Stand. Bearer,</i>	Lincolntonville
"	WARREN C. KING,	" <i>Pursuivant,</i>	Portland
"	FRED C. CHALMERS,	" "	Bangor
M. W.	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" <i>Lecturer,</i>	Sabattus
W.	WALTER H. SMITH,	" <i>Organist,</i>	Portland
"	WARREN O. CARNEY,	" <i>Tyler,</i>	Portland

The remaining officers, elected and appointed, who were present, were installed by P. G. M. KIMBALL, and proclamation thereof was made.

The Grand Master resumed the East and thanked

Bro. KIMBALL for his assistance. He then announced the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.

SILAS B. ADAMS, RALPH H. BURBANK, CHARLES B. DAVIS.

On Grievances and Appeals.

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, HOWARD D. SMITH, BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.

On Publication.

FESSENDEN I. DAY, MILLARD M. CASWELL, EDWARD G. WESTON.

On History.

MERTON L. KIMBALL, FESSENDEN I. DAY, WILLIAM N. HOWE.

On Dispensations and Charters.

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, EDMUND B. MALLET.

On Amendments to the Constitution.

WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, W. SCOTT SHOREY, HUGH R. CHAPLIN.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, WILLIAM J. BURNHAM.

On Foreign Correspondence.

ALBRO E. CHASE, ALFRED S. KIMBALL, AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM.

On Condition of the Fraternity.

HENRY R. TAYLOR, EDWIN A. PORTER, ALBERT M. PENLEY.

On Library.

GRAND MASTER, ALBRO E. CHASE, JOHN W. BALLOU.

On Transportation.

STEPHEN BERRY, WILLIAM FREEMAN LORD, JAMES E. PARSONS.

On Returns.

STEPHEN BERRY, EDWIN A. PORTER, JAMES C. AYER.

GRAND LODGE OFFICES.

Bro. ALFRED S. KIMBALL presented the following which was adopted:

Whereas, It is expected that during the coming masonic year propositions may be made for the removal of the offices of this Grand Lodge, and

Whereas, If any such removal is made it will become necessary to have it done under and by direction of this Grand Lodge, therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby empowered to entertain any proposition for removal of said offices and, in their judgment, to hire for the use of this Grand Lodge such rooms as may seem to them needful for the uses of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the committee aforesaid be and are hereby empowered, if any such proposed change comes about, to move any and all effects of this Grand Lodge and to establish the same in the new rooms; and power is given them to dispose of any property now on hand and to purchase any needed furniture and fixtures.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

BRO. ALBERT M. PENLEY, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that the business of the annual communication had been completed, and the report was accepted.

CLOSING.

The minutes were then read by the Assistant Grand Secretary and were approved.

At 10:30 the Grand Lodge closed, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Attest:



Stephen Berry

Grand Secretary.

The ninety-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine will be held at Masonic Hall, Portland, on Tuesday, May 7, 1912, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Reports - of - District - Deputy - Grand - Masters.



FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my official report as D. D. G. M. of the First Masonic District.

At the direction of M. W. Grand Master ASHLEY A. SMITH, I was installed D. D. G. M. by Past D. D. G. M. ALMON O. NUTTER.

December 26, 1910, at the request of Trinity Lodge of Presque Isle, I installed the officers and was also present and witnessed work in F. C. degree by the incoming officers. The work was very acceptably done and a credit to the new officers. Later, in March, I again visited Trinity Lodge and inspected work in M. M. degree on three candidates. I found the work of a high order, practically perfectly rendered. There was a large attendance of the brethren. After the work a fine banquet was served. This lodge is exceedingly prosperous, is doing a great deal of work and is now contemplating building a fine masonic edifice on their lot which was recently swept by fire.

On February 18th, with several of the brethren from my home lodge, I visited Washburn Lodge at Washburn. This is one of the smaller lodges in the district and has not been doing as much work in the year past as most, and it seemed to me not as much as it should. Work in the M. M. degree was exemplified in a very good manner, though it lacked the smoothness that should characterize a lodge doing plenty of work. The records are well kept and dues well collected. After the work we repaired to the banquet room up stairs and were abundantly feasted. I would here mention that there were present about thirty brethren from Trinity Lodge at Presque Isle, who had chartered a special car out for the occasion.

On March 2d, I inspected Caribou Lodge and witnessed work in E. A. and M. M. degrees. The work was finely done and I found it necessary to make but few corrections and suggestions. This is one of the large and strong lodges in the district. They are doing a lot of work in Caribou and doing it well. The records are excellently well kept by Brother GARDEN and dues well collected. After work we enjoyed a delightful oyster supper in the banquet hall.

April 12th, I visited Monument Lodge at Houlton, and witnessed the M. M. degree on one candidate. I could find practically nothing to criticise in the work and commend it as one of the best working lodges in the district. Here, again, we were banqueted and enjoyed the fraternity of the brethren in the fullest degree. To give special praise to any one of the officers in this lodge would be unfair to all the others, as I consider it one of the best balanced teams in the district.

I have visited my home lodge often, have installed the officers and inspected the work in all degrees. This lodge is well officered, doing a good lot of work, keeps its dues well collected and is in a healthy condition. The records are in the hands of Bro. RAMSAY and have been from the institution of the lodge, and I feel certain there are none better kept in the district.

I wish to add in closing, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that I can but report Masonry in the First District in a most flourishing condition. All the lodges are thriving and the true spirit of Freemasonry is manifest.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me as D. D. G. M.,

I remain, fraternally yours,

HOWARD PIERCE, D. D. G. M. 1st M. D.

Mar's Hill, April 28, 1911.

SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District for the past year.

On November 8th, I attended the school of instruction held by Grand Lecturer FRANK E. SLEEPER, with United Lodge at Brunswick. Although the school held at Fairfield, Friday, November 11th, was nearer Calais, I found that I could arrange my plans more easily to be absent from home on the 8th rather than the 11th, and as the expense was less I decided to go to Brunswick. The school proved to be very interest-

ing and instructive, and I had the pleasure of meeting a number of my brother D. D. G. Masters as well as a number of brethren from other lodges. Although I was compelled to travel at night, yet I felt exceedingly well repaid in the knowledge gained and trust that nothing will arise to prevent us from having a school of instruction in the Second Masonic District next year. I also wish to extend my thanks to the Master and brethren of United Lodge for their courteous treatment of the visiting members. No pains were spared to make the day a perfect one.

On January 2, 1911, by invitation of the W. Master, I installed the officers of St. Croix Lodge. P. M. WM. H. KEENE assisted as Marshal, and it was very gratifying to me to have all the officers, both elected and appointed, present for installation.

My first official visitation was made to Washington Lodge, No. 37, at Lubec, on February 1st. This lodge appeared to be in a very prosperous condition. The records are in the hands of P. D. D. G. M. IRVING W. CASE and are very neatly and correctly kept. As there are very few unpaid dues, the financial standing is good. Their lodge room has just been refurnished with new seats, which add greatly to the appearance of the room. Work was presented on the M. M. degree and was rendered in a very excellent and impressive manner. The ritual was closely followed, and this left a slight chance for any corrections to be made. The lodge history was discussed and the W. M. appointed a committee to write up the history and forward a copy to the Grand Lodge Committee on History. Refreshments were served after the work.

February 8th, I visited Crescent Lodge, No. 78, at Pembroke. W. M. ROBINSON waited for the arrival of the evening train and therefore did not call the members together until 8:30 o'clock. Work was then presented on the E. A. degree and was rendered in a very impressive manner. The records are neatly kept by Bro. WILBUR and the financial standing is good, the amount of uncollected dues being very small. After making some corrections in regard to the work, the lodge was closed, and all proceeded to the banquet room, where dainty refreshments were served.

February 9th, I visited Eastern Lodge, No. 7, at Eastport. The work for the evening was the exemplification of the E. A. degree, which was performed in a very creditable manner. The W. M. informed me that the officers had just been installed, and that this was therefore the first attempt at work. The ritual was closely followed and the lectures well delivered. Eastern Lodge seems very prosperous. The dues are well collected, and the records, kept by P. D. D. G. M. W. C. HAWKES, are a model of neatness. After making some corrections on the work, the lodge was closed and an invitation given for all to proceed to the banquet

room, where refreshments were served and a very enjoyable social hour passed.

On February 23d, I made my official visit to St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, at Calais. Work was presented in the F. C. degree on two candidates and was rendered in a very impressive manner. When the candidates were brought in for examination on the lecture of the preceding degree, one asked the questions and the other answered them. It was one of the best examinations I have ever had the pleasure of hearing. Our records are kept by R. W. S. G. Warden ISAAC N. JONES and the collection of dues is well looked after. After making some corrections in regard to the work, lodge was closed and refreshments served. As this is my home lodge, I attend nearly all the meetings.

I visited Lewy's Island, Lodge, No. 138, at Princeton, on March 15th. This lodge has been doing considerable work during the past two years. The records are neatly kept by Bro. THEO MORRISON and the financial condition is good. The work for the evening was on the M. M. degree and was rendered in a very impressive and creditable manner. Lewy's Island Lodge is at the top of the list in this district in regard to the amount of work accomplished during the past year. After making some corrections and remarks on the work the lodge was closed and W. M. J. McCANN invited all to the banquet room, where refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

March 23d, I attended the twenty-third annual convention of this district, which was held this year at Eastport, by invitation of Eastern Lodge, No. 7. A severe snow storm began to rage on the evening of March 22d, and continued until the evening of the 23d, and the extremely unfavorable weather prevented many good masons, including the delegation from Lewy's Island Lodge, Princeton, and some of the officers from Crescent Lodge, Pembroke, from enjoying the hospitality extended by Eastern Lodge, No. 7. The steamer Henry F. Eaton, which had been chartered to carry the Calais members, left Calais at 1:00 o'clock, and arrived at Eastport at 3:30 P. M. The convention was called at 4:00 o'clock P. M. A lodge of M. M. was opened by the officers of Eastern Lodge, No. 7. I had arranged with the officers of Crescent Lodge to exemplify the work of the F. C. degree, but as the officers were unable to be present, work on this degree was omitted. Labor was suspended on the M. M. degree and a lodge of E. A. opened for work. I invited the officers of Eastern Lodge to vacate their places and the officers of St. Croix Lodge to assume the same. The work of the E. A. degree was conferred on a candidate in a very satisfactory manner. After the ritual committee had made the necessary criticisms and corrections, the lodge of E. A. was closed and labor was again resumed in the M. M. degree, with the officers of Eastern Lodge in their respective stations.

At this time M. W. JOHN C. MERRILL announced the time for refreshment and invited all the members present to pay a visit to the Washington Street Baptist Church, where a banquet was to be served. This banquet, which was in truth a "feast of good things," was served by the ladies of that church and was no surprise to those who know Eastport's reputation as a city of hospitality.

Promptly at 8 P. M., I again called the brothers together and labor was resumed on the M. M. degree. The work of this degree was exemplified by the officers of Eastern Lodge and was rendered in an exceptionally good and impressive manner. The ritual was closely followed and it seemed as though the workers had given no one an opportunity to criticize. However, the ritual committee made a few corrections, after which, P. M. J. M. BECKETT, P. D. D. G. M. I. W. CASE, P. D. D. G. M. WALTER BRADISH, Bro. PARSONS of Ellsworth and Bro. LEIGHTON of Addison, complimented the officers on the excellence of the work performed. Remarks were also made by Bros. MITCHELL, KANE and GARDNER. In a second speech P. M. J. M. BECKETT conveyed the greetings of P. D. D. G. M. JOHN F. OLIVER of Calais, who was unable to be present.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the members of Eastern Lodge, No. 7, for their courtesy, kindness and hospitality, also to the ladies of the Washington Street Baptist Church for their very important share in our entertainment. The lodge was then closed and the convention was voted an entire success by all the members present.

In closing, I wish to extend to the officers and brethren of this district my sincere thanks for their courtesy and hospitality to me when on my official visits. I wish to thank you also, M. W., for the honor conferred by my appointment to this office.

WM. E. MANN, *D. D. G. M. 2d M. D.*
Calais, April 8, 1911.

THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my first annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Third Masonic District.

I have officially visited six of the seven lodges in this district. Warren Lodge, No. 2, at East Machias, I was unable to visit as a severe storm prevented. However, I appointed P. D. D. G. M. MILLARD H. WISWELL, to make this official visit in my place, it being his home lodge and I having appointed the time for said visit and installation. He informs

me that he finds everything in good condition. Dues are very well collected and records nicely kept.

January 14th, made my official visit to Tuscan Lodge at Addison. It being a stated meeting I witnessed the manner in which their balloting and other business was conducted and found them very satisfactory. The records were in excellent shape, being handled by Bro. VORANUS PLUMMER, and the dues well collected. After the business was transacted, I installed the officers, assisted by Bro. E. A. WORCESTER of Jonesport Lodge as Grand Marshal and Bro. S. M. BOWLES of Warren Lodge as Grand Chaplain. The newly installed officers are all earnest workers, and as they have several applications for membership, I considered the prospects for 1911 very bright. A fine supper was served at the close.

January 17th, by invitation, I publicly installed the officers of my home lodge, Jonesport, No. 188. As I have attended every meeting of this lodge the past year, and am in close touch with all its affairs, I assure you that the outlook is most gratifying. Although but little work has been done the past year, the officers have all shown their fidelity by regular attendance, and now have two candidates who have been accepted and five applications for membership. The records are well kept and the dues closely collected. This lodge is considerably in debt at present, owing to very extensive renovations, and the assessments have been raised to \$4 for the year 1911, which we trust will materially reduce this debt, and make us proud to own one of the nicest lodge rooms in eastern Maine. This being a joint installation with the O. E. S., we had some very nice music, both vocal and instrumental, between the installations of the different officers. After the ceremonies refreshments were served in the banquet hall.

January 20th, visited Lookout Lodge, at Cutler, and installed the officers. I made this my official visit and found the records in fine condition and dues nicely collected by Bro. F. S. STEVENS, their very efficient Secretary. Although Lookout Lodge has the smallest jurisdiction in the district, I find its members take a deep interest in all its affairs, own their building and are in a prosperous condition. A great deal of credit is due these brethren for the way in which they have worked together in the past, when, having met with loss by fire, they rallied, building new building, and continued the good work. This was a public installation, jointly with the O. E. S., and was pleasantly interspersed with music and singing. After the ceremony a fine supper was served and a very enjoyable hour spent socially. The people of Cutler have always been noted for their generous hospitality, and I can truly say it was never exaggerated ;

as I certainly enjoyed a very pleasant evening and am looking forward to my next visit with pleasure, be it official or otherwise.

January 23d, visited Harwood Lodge at Machias, and with the assistance of Bro. WILLIS H. ALLEN, P. D. D. G. M., as Grand Marshal, and R. W. J. M. BEILER, Grand Chaplain, installed the officers. This being a public installation was largely attended. An orchestra furnished some fine music, also vocal selections were rendered in a very pleasing manner, between the installation of the officers. I examined the records and found them very nicely kept and dues well collected. The officers all seem earnest workers and I believe 1911 will show good work. After the ceremonies refreshments were served and a pleasant social hour enjoyed, when I had the pleasure of meeting many of the brethren, whom I had not previously known; and being greeted by many old friends, among them Bro. H. R. TAYLOR, P. G. M., who, although well advanced in years, is still very active and always glad to assist in any masonic work.

January 30th, by appointment, I visited Pleiades Lodge at Millbridge, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree. Also examined the records, etc. I find this lodge in most excellent condition in every way; the attendance has been good, and considerable work done. Both the officers and members seem deeply interested, and I have seldom seen the work in the third degree performed so nicely as at this meeting. It certainly shows careful study of the ritual. W. M. JOSEPH LEIGHTON, assisted by such able officers, and with the support of so many interested members, has every reason to feel proud of Pleiades. After the work I installed the officers, all whom I believe were re-elected. The lodge was then closed, and we were invited to the banquet hall, where a fine supper was served and greatly appreciated.

February 18th, having previously made an appointment, I officially visited Narraguagus Lodge at Cherryfield, and saw the work exemplified in the M. M. degree. Although some of the officers were absent from town, the Master was ably supported by the members, who willingly took their places. The work was very well done and few corrections necessary. I find this lodge in good financial condition and under the leadership of W. M. GEORGE G. FREEMAN, I look forward to a prosperous year. After the work, I installed the officers, assisted by Bro. E. A. WORCESTER of Jonesport Lodge as Grand Marshal and Bro. L. C. HAYCOCK as Grand Chaplain. Following the ceremonies refreshments were served.

March 11th, visited Tuscan Lodge and witnessed the raising of two candidates. This meeting was very largely attended, there being twenty members of Jonesport Lodge alone; I was very favorably impressed with the manner in which the work was done, it being practically above criticism. After the work I made a few suggestions, which I hope and

believe were appreciated. The lodge was then closed and supper served and enjoyed by all, we who were visitors particularly thanking the members of Tuscan for their kind invitation and the pleasant evening spent.

March 15th, I held a convention of the lodges at Machias; the members of Harwood again very generously offering to entertain. After opening in the M. M. degree work was suspended and the officers of Lookout Lodge were called to the chairs and the work in the E. A. degree exemplified in a very pleasing manner. After criticism, of which there was but little, the lodge was closed and a lodge of F. C. opened with the officers of Harwood presiding, who exemplified this degree very nicely indeed, and criticism was hard to make, as the work was nearly perfect. After closing in the F. C. degree, the lodge was called from labor to refreshments, and we were directed to the banquet hall, where an elegant supper was served; following which some short stories were told and greatly appreciated. At 8 o'clock the lodge was called from refreshment to labor again, with the officers of Pleiades in the chairs, who proceeded to work the M. M. degree. This work was also done in a very creditable manner and few criticisms made. Thus far each of the lodges had worked a regular candidate; but at this time the officers of Jonesport Lodge were called to exemplify the M. M. degree and a substitute candidate was soon found. The work of this lodge was also found very satisfactory and few corrections necessary. We then listened to remarks from quite a number of the brethren, all of whom were well pleased, and like myself considered the convention a grand success, every lodge in this district being well represented.

After voting our thanks to Harwood for their kind and generous entertainment the lodge was closed, omitting the usual ceremonies.

I am glad to be able to report the condition of the fraternity throughout the district to be in the most satisfactory condition, and to you, Most Worshipful, I wish to extend my thanks for the honor of my appointment to this office. The experience of the past year has been both a great pleasure and benefit; and I wish also to thank all of the officers and members of the different lodges for the kindness shown me during my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWIN CUMMINGS, *D. D. G. M. 3d M. D.*

FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO W. M. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my second report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District.

November 11, 1910, I attended a School of Instruction at Fairfield, called by M. W. Brother FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. The school was well attended and very instructive, and a good interest was manifested by all. Although I was obliged to be away from home two nights to attend this school I feel well paid for the time.

December 13th, I called a District Convention at Blue Hill. The convention was called to order at 2:30 P. M. by the D. D. G. M. Naskeag Lodge, No. 171, of Brooklin, conferred the Entered Apprentice degree upon an actual candidate in a very correct and pleasing manner. Reliance Lodge, No. 195, of Stonington, conferred the Fellow Craft degree upon an actual candidate in a very correct and impressive way. Each degree was taken up and talked over after it was worked. The convention was called from labor to refreshment at 6 o'clock P. M. and about 250 brethren sat down to a well prepared supper furnished by Ira Berry Lodge of Blue Hill. The convention was called from refreshment to labor at 8 o'clock P. M. and the Past Master of Marine Lodge, No. 122, Deer Isle, assumed the chair and conferred the Master Mason's degree upon an actual candidate in a very correct and instructive way, after which there were interesting remarks by R. W. P. D. D. G. M. CHARLES H. HOOPER of Castine, R. W. P. D. D. G. M. OWEN L. FLYE of Brooklin, R. W. P. D. D. G. M. FRANK A. GROSS of Deer Isle, Rev. Bro. CHARLES HERGROM of Blue Hill, and R. W. Bro. E. P. SPOFFORD, D. G. M., of Deer Isle. The convention was well attended, every lodge in the district being represented, and all seemed interested and pleased, and joined in pronouncing the convention a success and instructive. Although a gloom was cast over the convention at first by the very sad and sudden death of Bro. FRANK P. GREENE, Secretary of Ira Berry Lodge, at Blue Hill, which occurred on the morning of the convention. The convention adopted resolutions on the death of our late Bro. FRANK P. GREENE, and a vote of thanks was extended to R. W. M. D. JOYCE, D. D. G. M., for the interest manifested and success of the convention.

December 28th, I visited Naskeag Lodge of Brooklin, and witnessed the Master Mason's degree conferred upon two candidates in an impressive and instructive manner. The lodge room was well filled with members of the lodge and visitors. This lodge is doing good work and is in a prosperous condition. The dues are well collected and the records

well cared for. There were remarks by several, and at the close all were invited to partake of a well prepared supper.

January 14, 1911, by invitation, I installed the officers of Reliance Lodge, No. 195, Stonington, assisted by Wor. Bro. WILMOT B. THURLOW as Grand Marshal and Rev. Bro. RUTTER as Grand Chaplain. The installation was private, and at the close there were interesting remarks by several of the brethren, and all enjoyed a nice banquet prepared by the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star.

January 31st, I made my official visit to Ira Berry Lodge, No. 187, at Blue Hill, and saw the Entered Apprentice degree conferred in a correct and instructive way. The officers are all new in their stations and seem interested, and are doing good work. The records are well looked after, the dues are well collected and the lodge is in a good financial condition.

February 1st, I made my official visit to Rising Star Lodge, No. 177, Penobscot, and saw the Master Mason's degree conferred in a correct and impressive manner. The officers are all new in their places and this was the first time they had worked this degree and it was well worked. The records are still in the hands of Brother CUSHMAN and are well looked after. I was very sorry that Brother CUSHMAN was ill at his home when I was there. The dues are well collected and this lodge is in good condition.

February 17th, I visited Hancock Lodge, No. 4, Castine, and witnessed the Master Mason's degree exemplified, and although the officers are all new in their stations and some of the regular officers were absent, the work was done well. The lodge has some candidates coming along soon. Brother C. H. HOOPER, the Secretary, was confined at his home by sickness. I had the pleasure of calling on him there, and was very glad to learn that he was improving. The records are in good order, as usual, and the dues well collected.

February 18th, I visited Bagaduce Lodge, No. 210, North Brooksville, and witnessed the Master Mason's degree conferred on one candidate. The degree was very well worked, with the exception of some words called wrong, which I corrected, and gave the lodge some instruction which I thought necessary. I think on the whole this lodge is doing well. The records are in good order and the dues well collected. The lodge is in a better financial condition than last year.

February 25th, I made my official visit to Reliance Lodge, No. 195, at Stonington, and witnessed the Master Mason's degree conferred in a correct and impressive way. The ritual was closely followed and the lodge is doing good work. The records are well kept and the dues very well collected, and the lodge is in a good financial condition. There were over one hundred members and visitors present, and, at the close, refreshment was served to all.

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March 20th, I made my official visit to Eggemoggin Lodge, No. 128, Sedgwick, and witnessed the Fellow Craft degree conferred in an interesting manner. The work was done well and the officers are interested in their lodge. The records are in good hands and the dues well collected and the lodge is in good condition. There were about forty brethren present, and after the work there were interesting remarks for the good of the Order and at the close all enjoyed a fine supper.

My home lodge is Marine, No. 122, Deer Isle. I have been present at nearly every meeting during the year and the lodge is doing good work and quite a lot of it. I think this lodge has more work than other lodge in the district, therefore the officers have a chance to keep posted in the ritual. The lodge is in good condition.

I have filled out and delivered five Past Master's diplomas.

And now, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I wish to thank you for the honor conferred upon me.

I also wish to thank every lodge in the district for the kindness and fraternal greeting which they have shown me in my two years as D. D. G. M.

Fraternally submitted,

MOSES D. JOYCE, D. D. G. M. 4th M. D.

Deer Isle, March 25, 1911.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District.

It has not been my pleasure to visit all of the lodges to inspect this year, owing to circumstances over which I had no control. Pleasant River Lodge at Brownville I have not visited, but have received satisfactory assurance that the lodge is in a very prosperous condition. Composite Lodge at La Grange is another which I have not visited to inspect, but I installed the officers, report of which I will give in turn later.

I received my commission in May and was later installed by Past D. D. G. M. N. R. PACKARD of Corinna.

I made my first official visit, this past year, with Columbia Lodge, No. 200, at Greenville, on Tuesday evening, July 19th, and inspected work in the M. M. degree. This is one of the youngest lodges in the district, yet in its efficiency in ritualistic work and the business-like manner in which everything was conducted, compares favorably with the oldest lodges in

the district. At this meeting four candidates were raised to the sublime degree of a M. M. The work showed improvement over the previous year. This lodge, situated as it is at the extreme end of the district, has wide jurisdiction, covering many miles of territory, and necessitating, as it does, a late hour for commencing their meetings, shows a great interest among the members by the large attendance at its meetings, and the records show that the dues are very well collected. At the close of the lodge, we sat down to a very fine banquet, which was much enjoyed by all. I am indebted to P. M. GERRISH and W. M. WOODWARD and others, for many courtesies and kind hospitality, and shall long remember my visit with this lodge.

At a special meeting held on Friday evening, October 14th, for work and installation, I was invited to be present and inspect work in the M. M. degree, and install the officers of Piscataquis Lodge of Milo, which I accordingly accepted and journeyed thither across country in an auto. I made this trip in this manner owing to poor train connections. I found Piscataquis Lodge in a very good condition, considering that but a small amount of work had been done. The officers exemplified the work in a very satisfactory manner. I judged from the interest that was manifest at this meeting, that the lodge was working in a very harmonious manner, and that a prosperous year was to be expected. A banquet followed the close of the session and was much enjoyed by all.

On Monday evening, October 17th, I visited my own, Penobscot Lodge, and inspected work in the M. M. degree. Being my own lodge, I shall ask to be excused from lauding the efforts of the officers and members in striving to make this lodge one of the best in the district, and while there are many lodges in which the work is perhaps better exemplified, yet none of whom I expect greater results at the close of this year with its corps of new officers. The secretary's records were in proper order, very neatly kept, showing an accuracy seldom seen in lodge work. At a later date I installed the officers into their respective stations.

On Monday evening, October 31st, I visited Doric Lodge, No. 149, at Monson, and inspected work in the M. M. degree, and was rewarded by seeing the best work up to this date of any that I had seen in the district, officers and members vying with each other to see that the work might not only impress the candidate as being of vital importance in his life work, but that the order might be built up and that each one might awake to the fact that Masonry, here at least, means something. And this fact of making the work as interesting and realistic as the Grand Lodge of Maine requires, makes Doric Lodge what it is to-day, one of the most harmonious as well as one of the smoothest working lodges in the district. The records were concise, neatly kept, and read in a very pleasing manner by P. M. CHARLES W. MORRILL, as Secretary. After the work

we were escorted to the banquet hall, where we sat down to a very fine banquet, making this one of the pleasant experiences to look back upon in after years. At a later date I installed the officers of this lodge into their respective stations.

Upon invitation, on Wednesday evening, November 9th, I visited Composite Lodge at La Grange, and installed the officers into their respective stations. As this was a public installation, many invited guests were present and a very nice repast was furnished by the members of the O. E. S., which was appreciated by all. Judging from observation and the remarks by members present, this lodge is in a very prosperous condition and under the guidance of W. M. ORMAN C. AMES, and his efficient corps of officers, I doubt not that greater prosperity is in store for this lodge.

At a stated meeting of Mosaic Lodge, No. 52, held in their hall on Thursday evening, November 10th, I was present and inspected work in the M. M. degree, four candidates receiving the degree. The work was done in a creditable manner, there being a good attendance of the members. I found the records correctly kept by its present Secretary, JAMES T. ROBERTS, one of the oldest in the district (or at least in point of service, as Secretary.) I found that the dues were not as well kept up as the Grand Lodge could wish, but as this is one of the evils which necessarily creeps into every lodge, I doubt not that measures will be taken to correct this one, if it has not already been done. I enjoyed my visit with the brethren of this lodge and wish to express my thanks for their courteous consideration of my visit. At the close of the lodge we were entertained at the banquet table with speeches and remarks by various brethren.

On the evening of Saturday, November 12th, I drove across to Guilford and inspected Mt. Kineo Lodge, and here indeed my labors were rewarded, by witnessing work in the M. M. degree by an ideal lodge, ideal almost in every respect, in the punctuality of its officers and members, in opening and closing, and the almost perfect exemplification of the work in this degree. Such a perfect concord in the work, so much harmony among officers and members and so much interest manifested, that the work might be done in a fitting manner, such as the Grand Lodge requires and expects, and above all a W. M. who, with the help of officers and members, rules and governs his lodge with equal regularity. Too much cannot be said in praise of this lodge and its work. I wish that every lodge in the district (and I believe that they will) might copy after this one. The records were kept in a neat and business-like form, the dues are well paid and the treasury shows a decided gain each year with a large surplus in the treasury. At the close of the lodge the usual banquet was served, which was much enjoyed by all.

On Friday evening, January 13th, upon request of the W. M., FRANK J. WEYMOUTH, I drove to East Corinth, where I installed the officers of Olive Branch Lodge into their respective stations. As this was a public ceremony, a very pleasing programme had been arranged which was carried out in a very agreeable manner. A banquet was served and all were indeed made happy again, after the somewhat dry and uninteresting (at this time) ceremony of installation. Olive Branch Lodge I have been unable to visit officially, but have no doubt that they are in a prosperous condition under the wise leadership of W. M. FRANK J. WEYMOUTH and under the supervision of P. D. D. G. M. GEORGE S. WALKER.

One of the pleasant trips which I made was on Monday evening, February 13th, when I visited Abner Wade Lodge at Sangerville, one of the youngest lodges (in point of institution) in the district, but one of the oldest if efficiency and earnestness of the officers and members are to be taken into consideration. I noticed a marked improvement in the work over my last visit, which was then very good, and judging from the work upon this visit and the number of candidates in view, I should say that the future indeed is bright for this lodge. The records are very neatly kept and the dues well paid. No one in visiting this lodge can go away without saying that the kindness and hospitality, both of officers and members, is unsurpassed, and I shall long remember my visit with Abner Wade Lodge.

In closing my year's report let me say that my two years of work as D. D. G. M. of the Fifth Masonic District has been one of great pleasure and profit to me—pleasure in meeting with so many of the brethren who have endeavored to make my visits of great pleasure to me, and profit because of the very many experiences which I have passed through, and in mingling with the members of the district. New ideas and better resolves to live up to my obligation as a true mason have been inspired within me.

And now, M. Wor. Grand Master, accept my thanks for the honor which you have conferred upon me, and my earnest desire is that you may see a year of greater prosperity in all of the lodges throughout the state.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

FRANK B. ARNOLD, *D. D. G. M. 5th M. D.*

Dexter, April 3, 1911.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my official report as D. D. G. M. for the Sixth Masonic District. While the current year has been prosperous in point of increase of members, as the Sixth District has made a net gain of twenty-seven against a net loss of two the previous year, the same spirit of interest seems to be manifested, and all the lodges are in a prosperous condition.

My first official visit was made December 14th, when I installed the officers of Lynde Lodge of Hermon, assisted by A. A. POMEROY as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. CHARLES A. PATTEN as Grand Chaplain. This was a joint installation, was public, and a goodly number of the brethren and their families were present. Banquet at close.

March 25, 1911, I again visited Lynde Lodge and inspected the work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was fairly well rendered, only a few corrections being necessary. Banquet at close.

December 21, 1910, I installed the officers of my own lodge, Mystic, at Hampden, assisted by A. A. POMEROY as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. GEORGE N. HOLLAND as Grand Chaplain. The installation was for masons and their families, and there was a large number present. Banquet at close. I had no particular night for inspection, as I have been present at all the meetings. They are doing excellent work, a great improvement over last year.

January 6th, I installed the officers of Howard Lodge, Winterport, assisted by Wor. Bro. F. E. HARVEY as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. GEORGE H. BAKER as Grand Chaplain. The installation was private. Banquet at close.

March 10th, I again visited Howard Lodge and inspected the work in the M. M. degree. The work was very well and impressively rendered, only a very few corrections being necessary. Banquet at close.

January 11th, I visited Kenduskeag Lodge and installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. F. E. HARVEY as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. WILLIAM K. NASON as Grand Chaplain. This was a joint installation with the order of the Eastern Star. There was a large number of the brethren and their families. Banquet at close.

November 30, 1910, I made my official visit at Kenduskeag Lodge and witnessed the work on one candidate in the M. M. degree. The work was very well and impressively rendered and very nearly accurate. Banquet at close.

December 20th, I made my official visit to Rising Virtue Lodge, and

inspected the work in the M. M. degree. The work was excellent and almost perfect. Rising Virtue Lodge is to be congratulated on her present corps of officers. Banquet at close.

January 27th, I again visited Rising Virtue Lodge and installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. C. E. COLLAMORE as Grand Marshal and Most Wor. Bro. C. I. COLLAMORE as Grand Chaplain. This installation was private. A goodly number of the members were present.

January 13th, I visited St. Andrew's Lodge for inspection, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree. The very impressive and most accurate manner in which the work was rendered by the officers was almost above criticism.

March 1st, I made my official visit to Mechanics' Lodge of Orono, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was well rendered and very nearly accurate. The officers, particularly the Master, showing a high degree of proficiency. Banquet at refreshment.

March 15th, I visited Benevolent Lodge at Carmel. It being a very stormy night and the roads almost impassable, there were but few of the brethren present. The work was not exemplified. I examined the records and found the lodge in a prosperous condition. Banquet at close.

March 27th, I made my official visit to Star in the East Lodge at Old Town. Witnessed the work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was well rendered and fairly accurate, a few errors creeping in as in most cases. Banquet at refreshment.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, with this ends my duties as D. D. G. M. of the Sixth Masonic District. On account of my business I was unable to visit either of the schools of instruction, which I very much regretted. Now, Most Worshipful, please accept my sincere thanks for the honor that you have conferred upon me. I also take the opportunity to thank the officers and brethren of all the lodges in the district for the kind and courteous way in which they have treated me.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. EMERSON, *D. D. G. M. 6th M. D.*

Hampden Highlands, April 3, 1911.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my second annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Seventh Masonic District.

On November 11th, I attended the school of instruction, called by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, held with Siloam Lodge at Fairfield. The meeting was well attended and much interest manifested by the brethren in attendance. In the evening I witnessed work in the M. M. degree.

I made my first official visit to Quantabacook Lodge on February 4th. The attendance being small no work was attempted. The records were well kept by Bro. ALLEN MADDOCKS. This is one of the small lodges in this district which is laboring under the disadvantage of having its membership widely scattered, there being but few living near the lodge room.

On March 8th, I visited Central Lodge at China, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree, which was well done. The records were ably kept and dues well collected.

On March 9th, I visited Sebasticook Lodge at Clinton, where one candidate received the E. A. degree, the work having been very creditably done. The records were well kept and dues well collected.

March 14th, I visited Star in the West Lodge at Unity, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree, which was very well done. As this was a regular meeting a goodly number was present. The records were correctly kept.

On March 22d, I visited Marsh River Lodge at Brooks. This was a special meeting and the weather being stormy only a few were out, so no work was attempted. I examined the records and found them well kept and the lodge in a good financial condition.

On March 23d, I went to Thornkike to visit Unity Lodge at a special meeting called for this purpose. The weather was bad and by some misunderstanding no one was out. I called on the Secretary, P. D. D. G. M. Bro. WARD, and examined the books and found them well kept as usual.

Liberty Lodge being my home lodge I have not visited it officially, but have attended its meetings and given what help I could. This lodge is well officered and in a very good financial condition, with bright prospects for the future.

In visiting all these lodges I have made what corrections were necessary and answered what questions I could.

In closing, I desire to thank the officers and brethren of the Seventh District for their kindness and courtesies shown me, and to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred by your appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIS J. GREELEY, *D. D. G. M. 7th M. D.*

Liberty, April 15, 1911.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as D. D. G. M. of the Eighth Masonic District.

June 1st, I made an official visit to Pownal Lodge, No. 119, Stockton Springs, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree.

November 11th, I attended a school of instruction held at Fairfield by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer.

January 5th, I publicly installed the officers of King David's Lodge, No. 62, Lincolnville, assisted by R. W. Bro. L. D. AMES as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. C. P. GRIFFIN as Grand Chaplain.

January 12th, I officially visited Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126, Belfast, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was rendered in an excellent manner.

February 28th, I made an official visit to King David's Lodge, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree.

March 13th, I visited Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, Belfast, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree.

March 23d, I visited Island Lodge, No. 89, Islesboro, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was rendered in an excellent manner.

April 11th, I visited Mariners' Lodge, No. 68, Searsport, and witnessed work in the E. A. and F. C. degrees.

I have not made an official visit to Excelsior Lodge, but have attended nearly all the meetings, it being my masonic home.

By invitation, I have visited several of the lodges, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree.

All the lodges in the district are doing very good work and some are nearly perfect.

I have enjoyed meeting with the brethren, all of whom have been very cordial and courteous.

I have had the pleasure of attending several installations by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the invitations to accompany you on the very enjoyable trips to McKinley, Friendship and Wiscasset, and also thank you for the honor you conferred by appointing me your District Deputy.

Fraternally submitted,

ISAAC S. HILLS, *D. D. G. M. 8th M. D.*

East Northport, Me.

NINTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my second official report as D. D. G. M. of the Ninth Masonic District.

I received an invitation from Saint George Lodge, No. 16, of Warren, to make an official visit on January 9th, and as it was somewhat inconvenient for me to do so I made arrangements with Bro. CHARLES R. CROWLEY, (a Past Master of Knox Lodge) to fill my place.

BRO. CROWLEY reported to me as follows: That one candidate received the M. M. degree. That the work was very nicely performed. The officers were all very well up in their parts and needed very few corrections. The attendance was good. He found the records well kept and the dues very well collected. A banquet was served previous to the work, and he was courteously received by all of the brethren.

On January 11th, I inspected Aurora Lodge, No. 50, of Rockland. Work was on the M. M. degree, one candidate being raised. Some corrections were needed. As the Secretary was absent, I was unable to inspect the books at this visit, but as they are still in the hands of Bro. L. S. ROBINSON, I feel safe in saying that they are well kept. Aurora Lodge has had a prosperous year, the Master reporting that he has made nineteen new members this year.

On January 19th, I again delegated Bro. CROWLEY to inspect Union Lodge, No. 31, of Union. He reported the work of this lodge as first class in every respect, the Master being a good ritualist, and well supported by a corps of good officers. The books were in fine condition and the dues well paid up. Had one candidate on the M. M. degree, with a good attendance of the members and some visitors. Work nearly perfect. A banquet was served after the work, and Bro. CROWLEY was well received and enjoyed the visit very much.

March 2d, I inspected the new Masonic Temple at Rockland, which is to be occupied by Aurora and Rockland lodges. I found it to be a finely constructed edifice, with all of the modern and up-to-date conveniences for masonic purposes, and accordingly granted permission to said lodges to occupy the same, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. The masonic bodies of Rockland have a temple of which they may justly feel proud.

March 7th, I made my official visit to Orient Lodge, No. 15, of Thomaston. Work was on the M. M. degree, one candidate being raised. Brother E. R. BUMPS, the W. M., is filling the chair for the first time and most of the officers are new in their stations. This was the first time that they had worked this degree, yet they did very well and needed but

few corrections. The books are finely kept by Bro. ELLIOT and the dues well collected. Orient Lodge has a good surplus on hand and is prosperous in every way. A fine oyster supper was served after the work.

On March 11th, I inspected Eureka Lodge, No. 84, at Tenant's Harbor. Knox Lodge had received an invitation to visit Eureka on this date and several of the brethren accepted. As there was no actual candidate the M. M. degree was exemplified. As Bro. HUMPHREY still retains his chair in the East, it is needless to say that the work was good. He is also supported by a corps of able officers. Bro. ALLEN continues at the Secretary's desk and looks after the books in his usual able manner. Eureka Lodge during the past year has cleared its hall from debt, the first time since its erection some sixteen years ago, and will now put it in first class condition, as it may need it. After the close of the work the ladies of the O. E. S. furnished a fine supper and a very enjoyable evening was passed.

I received an invitation from the brethren of St. Paul's Lodge of Rockport to inspect the new temple which they had constructed at that place, and on March 14th I did so. I found it to be nicely arranged in every respect, and to the best of my judgment safe in every way for masonic purposes, and granted St. Paul's Lodge permission to remove to the same whenever they were ready to do so, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

On March 17th, I inspected Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 203, of Washington. Arrangements had been made to have a candidate on the E. A. degree, but as he failed to be present, the same degree was exemplified. As several of the officers were absent their chairs were filled by substitutes. The work, however, was very well done and few corrections were needed. W. M. SHERMAN makes a good showing for the lodge and the officers are giving him good support. All of the members seem interested and many questions were asked of me during the evening, all of which makes such a visit interesting. The records are well kept and the dues very well collected. The lodge is clear from debt and taking in some members right along. The brethren served a fine banquet at the close of the work.

I made my official visit to Rockland Lodge, No. 79, of Rockland, on March 21st. Work was on the F. C. degree, one candidate being passed. The work of this lodge has been very much improved since my inspection last year. W. M. RICHARDS is a very impressive worker and under his direction the lodge is doing very good work. Bro. MATHER has the dues collected up quite well and keeps the records in his usual artistic manner. Rockland Lodge will move to its new quarters in the Masonic Temple in the near future.

On March 24th, I inspected Amity Lodge, No. 6, of Camden. My home lodge had been invited and a few of the brethren accompanied me. Work was on the M. M. degree, three candidates being raised. The work was performed in a very satisfactory manner, and needed but few corrections. W. M. THORNDIKE, who is a new man in the East, bids fair to make one of our best Masters. Bro. M. T. CRAWFORD, the new Secretary, reports that he has the dues collected right up snug and accounts for this by explaining that he is a lawyer and collecting bills is right in his line of business. The financial condition of the lodge is good and its membership growing. There was a good attendance of the members and some fifteen lodges were represented. A fine fish chowder was served at the close of the work and a very enjoyable evening was passed.

I have not made any special visit to Knox Lodge, which is my masonic home, but have attended all of its meetings, and can report everything as running along smoothly and the lodge making some members. Its financial condition improves each year and its work is up to the standard of the best in the district. We have made some improvements on our hall and will make more as fast as we are able.

March 27th, I reported to the Grand Master the result of my inspection of the new Masonic Temples at Rockland and Rockport and recommended that he grant the usual dispensations to Aurora and Rockland Lodges of Rockland, and St. Paul's Lodge of Rockport to occupy their new quarters, I having found them to be fully adequate and safe for all masonic purposes.

March 28th, I made my official inspection of Moses Webster Lodge, No. 145, of Vinalhaven. W. M. SANBORN and Secretary ROBERTS met me at the wharf and escorted me to the lodge room. The E. A. degree was exemplified, as there was no actual candidate. This lodge has had no work since its installation, yet W. M. SANBORN conferred the degree as nicely as I have ever seen it done at any time and proved that he has the ritual by heart and will be one of our best workers. Very few errors occurred, all the officers being very good ritualists. Bro. ROBERTS has the dues well collected and the records are well kept. Moses Webster Lodge has fine quarters and is the best situated financially of any lodge in the district. Its members are all interested in its welfare and keep well up with the times. It is the only lodge in the district to send in its lodge history the past year. A fine clam stew was served after the work, and a pleasant hour passed.

On April 3d, I inspected St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, of Rockport, and witnessed work on the M. M. degree, three candidates being raised. The work was very nicely performed and needed but few corrections. Examined the books and found the records well kept; dues a little back-

ward, but Bro. JENKINS, the Secretary, reports them as coming along all the time. This was the first meeting the lodge had held in its new quarters, which are very fine and reflect great credit on the brethren of St. Paul's Lodge. We predict a prosperous future for this lodge.

A banquet was served after the work, and after a smoke talk and a social hour, we returned to our homes, well pleased with our trip.

This finished my visits for the year. I have visited all of the lodges in the district and can safely report them all as doing good work, and, as far as I am able to learn, harmony prevails between them all, and between the members of each one. The financial condition of the lodges in this district, I think, is better perhaps than it has been for some time, very few of them having debts on their halls. Am pleased to say that they are all supplied with good Secretaries who sent in the returns promptly.

In regard to "Lodge History" in this district I have used my best efforts to have them written up, but have met with rather poor success. It seems the Grand Lodge will have to adopt more stringent measures than that of merely asking for them.

I have presented Past Masters' diplomas to FESSENDEN W. MILLER and WALLACE E. EASTON of Amity Lodge, EDWARD G. WESTON of Orient Lodge, RALPH S. ROBINSON of St. George Lodge, EDWIN H. MAXCEY of Aurora Lodge, OREL E. DAVIES of Rockland Lodge and CHARLES E. RHODES of St. Paul's Lodge.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor of my second appointment, I also wish to extend my thanks to all of the brethren throughout the district for the uniform courtesy and kindness that have made my official visits so pleasant. I have made many pleasant acquaintances during the past two years and hope that I may be remembered by them as kindly as I shall remember them.

Fraternally submitted,

WINFIELD S. CLARKE, *D. D. G. M., 9th M. D.*

So. Thomaston, April 4, 1911.

TENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my official report as D. D. G. M. for the Tenth Masonic District.

On Thursday evening, February 9th, accompanied by Past D. D. G. M. W. T. MARK, I made my official visit to Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, at Wisconsin, Wis.

casset. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree, which was performed in a very correct and impressive manner; very few corrections were necessary to be made. The lodge is nicely settled in its new home and the officers as well as the members are much interested in the work of the Order. The records and financial condition of the lodge are in excellent condition.

Friday evening, February 18th, I made my official visit at Seaside Lodge, No. 144, my home lodge, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on two candidates. This was the first M. M. degree conferred by the new officers and was performed in a correct manner, hardly an error or omission being noted. As usual, this lodge is doing a large amount of work and I find every member much interested for the benefit of the craft. The work as well as the financial condition of the lodge, I find much improved from last year. A prosperous future is before this lodge.

On Thursday evening, February 24th, by special invitation from W. M. Bro. FERNALD, accompanied by fifteen members from Seaside Lodge, I made my visit to Bay View Lodge, No. 196. The M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates, this being the officers' second year. I found the work very nearly perfect and only a few corrections necessary. A number of new members have been received, also a number of new candidates, upon which the degrees are being conferred, making it a most profitable year for this lodge. I find the records well kept by Bro. LADD and the dues well collected. After the work a fine banquet was served, which made a very pleasant and profitable evening.

Wednesday evening, March 1st, was the date of my visit to Anchor Lodge, No. 158. This was a special meeting called for the purpose of inspection, and as no actual work was at hand, the work was exemplified in the F. C. degree. I was much pleased with the manner in which the work of the degree was exemplified and feel confident that with real work the officers would carry on work in a satisfactory manner. I found some corrections necessary to be made and made suggestions for the benefit of the lodge, which were well received. After closing, refreshments were served and some fine remarks were made by the members.

March 15th, I made my official visit to Riverside Lodge, No. 135, at Jefferson. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree, conferred on one candidate. The work was done very nearly perfect, hardly an error being made. This is the second year of the officers and I find the work much improved. The dues are well collected and this lodge is in a flourishing condition. I was accompanied on the occasion by Bro. W. A. VANNAH of King Solomon's Lodge of Waldoboro.

On March 16th, I visited Meduncook Lodge, No. 211, at Friendship, for the purpose of installation and inspection. Bro. R. L. THOMPSON was installed as Master for the second term. Although this lodge has

been instituted but a short time, it is in excellent condition. On account of the illness of the candidate the degree was not conferred, but the work of all the degrees was taken up and discussed, making a profitable meeting. The finances of the lodge are in good condition.

March 17th, I made my official visit to King Solomon's Lodge, at Waldoboro, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, it being the first work done by the new officers. The work was done in a commendable manner. This lodge being one of the banner lodges in the district, is in excellent condition, and the officers and members much interested in its welfare and prosperity. A fine banquet was served at the close of the work.

On Saturday evening, March 18th, I officially visited Dresden Lodge, No. 103, at Dresden Mills, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. A few errors and omissions were noted in the work of the degree, but the officers are much interested and will, with more practice, perform the work in accordance with the ritual. I wish to say, Most Worshipful, when I visited this lodge last year, that the dues were not well collected. I informed the new Secretary, Bro. CHESTER L. BURKE, that it was very important that he should collect these dues, and this year I wish to report that the dues of every member have been collected to date. Therefore, the financial condition of the lodge is excellent.

March 29th, I made my official visit to Alna Lodge, at Damariscotta, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was done in a satisfactory manner, few errors being made. On account of the illness of Secretary, Bro. BARSTOW, the finances are in the hands of Past Master Bro. ROBERT L. TUKEY, and are kept in a neat and correct manner. At the close of the meeting a fine banquet was served and a very pleasant evening enjoyed.

On April 10th, I made an appointment to visit Bristol Lodge, No. 74, at Bristol Mills, but owing to the lateness of the season and bad traveling was unable to keep the appointment. I invited Past D. D. G. M. Bro. ALBERT H. HUNTER to inspect this lodge for me. He reports that the lodge is in a flourishing condition. They have had a great deal of work and the degrees are to be conferred on several candidates. The dues are well collected and the financial condition good.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, I wish to say that in making my visits to the several lodges, I find them much improved from last year, both in ritual work and in financial conditions. Record books, new furniture and other things needed for lodge rooms have been furnished. Dresden Lodge is contemplating the construction of a new masonic home and I feel sure by the interest manifested that they will accomplish their object and have a new home before another year.

I have enjoyed every visit and desire to express my thanks to the brethren for the cordial manner in which they have received me on every occasion and for the assistance they have rendered me. Trusting that you may have no regrets on account of your appointment in this district, and thanking you for the same, I am,

Yours fraternally,

LEWIS A. DUNTON, *D. D. G. M. 10th M. D.*
Boothbay Harbor, April 19, 1911.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District for the year ending May 2, 1911.

I was installed by Past D. D. G. M. THOMAS H. BODGE at the stated communication of Bethlehem Lodge, June 6, 1910.

On November 11th, I attended the school of instruction held at Fairfield by Most Worshipful Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, which proved very interesting and profitable to all present. The value and importance of these schools cannot be overestimated and every lodge should have a good representation at the schools each year.

KENNEBEC LODGE, NO. 5, HALLOWELL. On November 9th, I was present at the last meeting of this lodge in the hall which it had occupied for so many years. The lodge was opened and after brief remarks by several of the brethren adjourned to their new hall in the building just completed by the Hallowell Saving Institution. The hall is located on the third floor and is richly furnished, the decorations and furnishings being in perfect harmony. The ante-rooms, smoking room and other apartments are conveniently arranged, with dining hall and kitchen on the floor above. Their new quarters are unusually good, and it gave me a great deal of pleasure to approve their new location. On December 7th, I installed the new officers, assisted by Rev. Bro. STEELE as Grand Chaplain and Worshipful Bro. C. R. GETCHELL as Grand Marshal. At the request of the lodge I presented in their behalf to the retiring Master, Worshipful Bro. GEORGE TRASK, a Past Master's charm. The installation was private, after which refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. On March 8th, accompanied by a delegation of brethren from Augusta, I made my official visit. The work was in the Master Mason's degree, which was done in an accurate and pleasing manner. Worshipful Bro. DALE was well supported by his officers, who are young men and

manifest a great interest in the lodge and its work. Records are still in the hands of Bro. TENNEY, which is an assurance that they are first class in every way. This meeting as well as the previous ones was largely attended and the future of this lodge looks very bright. By the will of the late Right Worshipful Bro. AUSTIN D. KNIGHT, the lodge receives a legacy of \$5,000, the income to be used for charitable purposes. Refreshments were served at the close of the work.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 25, WINTHROP. On November 14th, I installed the officers of Temple Lodge, Worshipful Brother H. E. FOSTER acting as Grand Chaplain and Worshipful Brother E. H. SOPER as Grand Marshal. The installation was private, with fair attendance, and refreshments served at the close. On March 13th I made my official visit and witnessed the conferring of the Master Mason's degree upon one candidate. The officers are young men, and although new to masonic work, and this their first in this degree, it was done in a very creditable manner. Worshipful Brother COBB is a good ritualist and the work showed careful study, reflecting credit upon both the officers and the lodge. Right Worshipful Brother JONES presented an excellent set of records with dues well collected. I also wish to commend his promptness in sending in the returns, this being the first lodge in the district to report. The attendance was good, with banquet served after the work. During my stay I was entertained at the home of Right Worshipful Brother JONES, which added greatly to the pleasure of my visit.

HERMON LODGE, No. 32, GARDINER. On the evening of December 13th, I visited Hermon Lodge, Gardiner, and was accorded the hearty welcome which is always extended by this lodge. The interest and loyalty of the members is very strong, which is an assurance that Hermon Lodge will continue to hold its place among the foremost lodges of the district. Worshipful Brother COBB is a very faithful and conscientious worker and has the assistance of a capable set of officers who are looking forward to advancement. The beautiful work of the Master Mason's degree was well done and showed the result of careful preparation, the examination of the candidate being particularly good. This is the largest lodge in the district and is in a very flourishing condition. During the year this lodge has sustained a great loss in the death of Right Worshipful Brother LARRABEE, who has been its Secretary for so many years. The records are now in the hands of his son, Wor. Brother HARRY E. LARRABEE, who is proving a worthy successor to his honored father. Here I had the pleasure of meeting Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES A. KNIGHT, whose interest in Masonry is unabated. After the work all repaired to the banquet hall, where an excellent banquet was served, after which remarks were made by Right Worshipful Brother KNIGHT and others.

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BETHLEHEM LODGE, NO. 35, AUGUSTA. November 28th was the date of my official visit to this, my home lodge, and inspected work in the Master Mason's degree on one candidate. Like every other member of this lodge I take a great deal of pride in the high character of its membership and its good work. The line of officers is a very strong one and the dignity and precision with which each officer took his part showed the great care and interest taken in the work. The ritual was closely followed by Worshipful Brother RYDER, and rendered in a manner that could not fail to impress the candidate with the beauty and importance of the great lessons taught in Symbolic Masonry, while the work of the other officers was commendable in every way. The records, in the hands of Worshipful Brother WHITE, showed careful attention, and the dues are well collected. The attendance was large, with a banquet after the close of the work, followed by an able address by Rev. Brother HENRY E. DUNNACK. On November 30th, I had the pleasure of publicly installing the new officers, the hall being filled with members and invited guests. I was assisted by Rev. Brother LEROY W. COONS as Grand Chaplain and Worshipful GEORGE M. RYDER as Grand Marshal. The presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Master, Worshipful Brother RYDER, added to the pleasure of the evening. The work was interspersed with music and a fine literary programme followed. All repaired to the banquet hall after the close, where a bountiful spread was in waiting, prepared by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

MORNING STAR, NO. 41, LITCHFIELD. My first official work of the year was the installation of the officers of this lodge on September 27th. Bro. GARDNER ROBERTS assisted as Grand Chaplain and Right Worshipful Bro. H. M. STARBIRD as Grand Marshal. The installation was public, and although the night was dark and weather threatening, the hall was filled with members and their friends. After the officers were installed, an excellent entertainment was given by Temple Quartet of Lewiston. Refreshments were served at the close.

March 1st, I inspected the work. The Master Mason's degree was conferred upon one candidate in a very pleasing and impressive manner. The ritual was closely followed and the excellent reputation of this lodge fully sustained by Worshipful Bro. MALOON and his officers. The records, in the hands of Bro. BOSWORTH, are well kept and are in good shape. I was particularly impressed with their charter, which bears the date of 1822, and recommended that it be deposited where it would not be in danger of loss by fire and a working charter procured for general use. My stay was made pleasant at the home of Right Worshipful Bro. STARBIRD, who still retains all his interest and love for Masonry. Refreshments and social hour followed the work.

DIRIGO LODGE, NO. 104, WEEKS' MILLS. On February 18th, accompanied by Worshipful B. O. W. S. JONES, I inspected Dirigo Lodge, and after a twelve mile drive appreciated the cordial welcome extended by the brethren of this lodge. Owing to sickness the Master was unable to be present; his place was ably filled by Worshipful Bro. R. N. BARTON, a Past Master of this lodge. In the absence of a candidate the work of the Master Mason's degree was exemplified in an accurate and satisfactory manner, Worshipful Bro. BARTON being an excellent ritualist. There was a fair attendance and a good degree of interest shown by those present. I regret that the inspection was not arranged for at an earlier date when the lodge had work, as it would have been much more satisfactory than exemplification. Records in the hands of Bro. SPROUL, who has held this office for the past thirty years, are well kept and the finances are in a satisfactory condition. A pleasant social hour followed the work, during which refreshments were served.

MONMOUTH LODGE, NO. 110, MONMOUTH. This lodge enjoys an excellent reputation for good work, which was fully sustained by Worshipful Bro. PARKER and his officers on my visit April 8th, the Master Mason's degree being conferred upon one candidate in a very dignified and impressive manner. The work of the evening showed that the officers have profited by the instructions of Right Worshipful Bro. JOHN PRESCOTT, whom it was a pleasure to meet and to find improved in health, taking an active part in the work. The new Secretary, Bro. OTIS G. RANDALL, presented an excellent set of records and has reduced the amount of outstanding dues. An event of the evening was the presentation to the lodge of a portrait of Bro. GEORGE L. DODD, who has served as organist for thirty years; it was much appreciated by the lodge, showing the high esteem in which Bro. DODD is held. After the work, refreshments were served and the time pleasantly spent in the discussion of Masonry.

AUGUSTA LODGE, NO. 141, AUGUSTA. One of the pleasant events of the year was the inspection of Augusta Lodge on December 27th. Worshipful Brother MCLEAN is a very efficient officer and it is rarely that one sees the beautiful work of the Master Mason's degree performed with the dignity, impressiveness of manner, and more closely to perfect rendering of the ritual than I saw on this occasion. The music of the quartet added greatly to the beauty of the degree and its effect upon the candidate. The amount of work being done is unusually large and the lodge is in a very prosperous condition. Records, in the hands of Worshipful Brother JACKSON, are in excellent shape; he is certainly the right man in the right place. An association composed of the Past Masters of this lodge is proving a great help and it is to be hoped that the idea

will be generally adopted by the lodges in the district. A banquet was served at the close of the work, followed by remarks from several brethren, and the hour passed in general sociability. January 17th, I installed the officers, assisted by Rev. Brother CHARLES G. MOSHER as Grand Chaplain and Worshipful Brother CLAUDE W. TOWNSEND as Grand Marshal, the installation being public. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Master, Worshipful Brother E. L. MCLEAN, the presentation speech being made by Worshipful Brother F. O. BOYNTON. The attendance was large and the excellent entertainment furnished by the quartet and reader was thoroughly appreciated. The banquet served by the ladies of the Eastern Star added to the pleasure of the evening. The lodge room was filled to its capacity on the evening of April 25th, which was observed as Past Master's night. Worshipful Brother F. O. BOYNTON presided and the work of the evening deserves special praise for both the accurate rendering of the ritual and floor movements. The presiding officer of the evening was surprised by Worshipful Brother L. A. BURLEIGH, who, in behalf of the lodge, presented him with a Past Master's jewel and the gavel used during the evening. A delicious banquet, with short entertaining speeches, closed a most pleasant evening.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIS E. SWIFT, *D. D. G. M. 11th M. D.*

Augusta, April 26, 1911.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my official report as D. D. G. M. for the Twelfth Masonic District.

I have had the pleasure of visiting every lodge in the district and have witnessed work in all but two of them. I found about all the lodges in a prosperous condition, their standard of work being excellent. I have been cordially and courteously received by every lodge and my official relations with the several lodges have been most pleasant.

On October 5th, by invitation, I installed the officers of my own lodge, assisted by Bro. MORRIS as Grand Chaplain and Bro. ALTON HUSSEY as Grand Marshal. After listening to a male quartet from East Vassalboro, and interesting remarks from brethren and visitors, we adjourned to the banquet hall and were served by a fine banquet.

November 4th, I made my official visit to Messalonskee Lodge, at Oak-

land, and witnessed the work in M. M. degree. The work was very creditably done by Bro. HUNTER, W. M., assisted by the other officers of the lodge, the work being very close to the ritual, with but a few corrections. The records are still in the hands of Bro. ORESTES E. CROWELL and are very neatly kept. Dues not so well collected as they ought to be.

November 8th, I attended the school of instruction at Fairfield. There were not so many present as at some other schools I have attended, but the school was very instructive. Witnessed the work in the M. M. degree in the evening, which was performed in a very impressive manner by Fairfield Lodge.

November 14th, I attended the dedication of the new masonic hall of Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, at Wiscasset, the dedication ceremony being performed by M. W. G. M. ASHLEY A. SMITH. After the dedication, we were served with a fine banquet in their new dining hall. After being called from refreshment to labor, we witnessed the work in the M. M. degree, which was performed with much credit to the officers of Lincoln Lodge.

December 7th, by a special invitation, I attended Past Master's night at Waterville, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree by Past Masters of Waterville Lodge. P. M. Bro. R. WESLEY DUNN, W. M. 1873-75-76, in the East, Bro. FREDERICK C. THAYER, W. M. 1874, in the West, and Bro. CHARLES F. JOHNSON, W. M. 1894-95, in the South, the work being performed the same as worked thirty years ago and done with much credit to Bro. DUNN and his assistants. There was a large gathering, being 136 members of Waterville Lodge, and 96 visitors representing 49 different lodges. After witnessing the work, we repaired to the banquet hall and partook of a bountiful banquet. After attending to the inner man there was a smoke talk, and the hour getting late, we departed for home, giving three cheers for the Past Masters of Waterville Lodge and thanking Waterville Lodge for their hospitality.

December 13th, I made my official visit to Vernon Valley Lodge at Mount Vernon. There was no work, which was a disappointment, as this lodge is known in this district as doing nice work. After passing lectures I installed the officers for the ensuing year, assisted by Bro. J. W. ALLEN as Grand Chaplain, and Bro. H. A. COMSTOCK as Grand Marshal. Records are still in the hands of Bro. MANSUR. Dues are collected, which is much credit to Bro. MANSUR. Banquet after the installation.

January 10th, I made my official visit to Asylum Lodge at Wayne, and witnessed the work in the E. A. degree on two candidates, which was especially well done. This is one of the lodges in the district that does

not have as much work as the others, but I find the officers very correct in their work. Some corrections, but few. Records are faithfully kept by Bro. B. FRANK BRADFORD. Dues fairly collected. Banquet after the work.

March 8th, I made my official visit to Vassalboro Lodge, which is my home lodge. Witnessed the work in the M. M. degree, which was performed in a very commendable manner and so close to the ritual that it was hard to find many errors or omissions. W. M. Bro. MARRINER is a thorough and earnest worker and his assistants are capable and interested in their work. Records are in the hands of Bro. MELVIN HUTCHINSON. Dues well collected. Refreshments after the work.

March 9th, I made my official visit to Neguemkeag Lodge at Vassalboro. This lodge has not had any work for the past year, but the brethren all seem to have that masonic spirit which every mason ought to have. Records are still in the hands of Bro. CHARLES STILSON. Collection of dues fair.

March 11th, I made my official visit to Rural Lodge, Sidney, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree. The work was performed in a very impressive manner and the officers seem very much interested and anxious to do good work. Some corrections made, which were received very kindly by the officers. Records are in the hands of Bro. A. W. HAMMOND. Dues fairly collected.

March 27th, I visited Waterville Lodge at Waterville, and inspected the work in the F. C. degree. I was very much grieved on learning of a very painful accident that befell Bro. BARTLETT, W. M., a few days previous and who was not able to be present, which of course was a disappointment to the officers as well. The S. W., Bro. PEPPER, presided in the East and much credit is due him for the able manner in which he carried on the work. Bro. PEPPER is very much interested in Masonry and I am very pleased to find him so anxious for correct work. I would not be doing this lodge justice if I did not give some credit to the S. D., Bro. WALKER, for the dignified and impressive manner in which he gave the lecture. Very few corrections to be made. The records are still in the hands of Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS, and much praise is due him in the neatness of his records and this lodge is very fortunate in having such an able secretary. I was very much pleased to find this lodge in such good financial condition. Banquet after the work.

April 1st, by appointment, I made my visit to Lafayette Lodge at Readfield, and witnessed the work in the E. A. degree upon one candidate, which was very well done, few corrections having to be made. This being the first work the officers have done, much credit is due to them for the impressive manner in which the degree was worked, and I judge more of the mistakes were due to nervousness on the part of the

officers than to any lack of knowledge of the ritual. Records are in the hands of Bro. MERLE HARRIMAN. Dues well collected, considering that the brethren being somewhat scattered. Banquet after work.

In closing, Most Worshipful, allow me to tender you my hearty thanks for my appointment as your representative in this district the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

BERT K. MESERVEY, *D. D. G. M. 12th M. D.*

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth District.

I have visited all of the eight lodges in the district once, and some of them several times. I am pleased to report that all are working harmoniously and with good prospects.

November 11, 1910, I visited Siloam Lodge at Fairfield. Work on Third degree; work was done in a faultless manner. Large number of brethren present. Records well kept. Refreshments.

November 14th, I met with Somerset Lodge at Skowhegan. The E. A. degree was conferred in fine shape. Bro. LAMBERT has kept the records for twenty years or more and they are fine. The lectures were well given.

December 10th, I met with Bingham Lodge at Bingham. Work in the E. A. degree, and well done. Being in town, I sat with them in January, when they worked the F. C. degree in a creditable manner.

February 7, 1911, I witnessed work in the E. A. degree in Northern Star Lodge at North Anson. This being the first work, and new officers, it was well done. Records well and neatly kept.

March 3d, I visited Lebanon Lodge at Norridgewock. Work in the Third degree. Large number of the brethren present. Work was well done. Banquet after work. Records well kept.

March 6th, I visited Euclid Lodge at Madison. Work in F. C. degree. Work was well done. Records well kept.

March 8th, I visited Keystone Lodge at Solon. Not having any work the E. A. degree was well exemplified, R. W. Bro. MALON PETERSON giving the lectures in fine shape. Records neatly and well kept.

March 13th, I planned to visit Somerset Lodge again, but their officers being sick they wished me to come later; will go some time in April.

March 14th, I visited Carrabassett Lodge at Canaan. Work in the E. A. degree, which was very well done; lectures well given by the Wardens. Records well kept.

I desire to express to the several lodges my appreciation of the very kind and cordial manner in which they have received me as your representative, and accepted the suggestions that have been offered. I would also extend my thanks to you for the honor conferred upon me.

Very respectfully,

JOHN M. GETCHELL, *D. D. G. M. 13th M. D.*

No. Anson, March 28, 1911.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth Masonic District, for the year ending May 3, 1911.

To the two lodges here in my home city, I have made no official visit; but have attended nearly all their meetings, both regular and special, and am pleased to report both in excellent condition. I have made one official visitation to each of the other lodges in the district, besides a number of unofficial calls upon each one; and am pleased to report a general prosperous condition of all. There has been a general revival of interest in this district during the past year, in doing correct ritualistic work, and I believe the work in the Fourteenth District to-day will compare most favorably with any in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The lodges are officered by men whom I regard as far above the average in general calibre, and I bespeak for my successor a most pleasant and prosperous administration.

I desire to take this opportunity, Most Worshipful, to thank you for the honor of my appointment, and to extend to all the brethren in the district my grateful appreciation for the many things they have done to make my administration a most pleasant one.

Fraternally submitted,

N. GRATZ JACKSON, *D. D. G. M. 14th M. D.*

Bath, April 24, 1911.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO W. M. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I hereby submit my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth Masonic District.

During the year I have had the pleasure of visiting every lodge in the district, and for the purpose of inspection. I have witnessed work in all but two. I have been cordially and courteously received by every lodge; and my official relations with the officers of the several lodges in the district have been entirely pleasant. I have found the same high standard of work throughout the district that I found in my first year's work.

On August 1, 1910, I went to Canton, by request from the W. Master of Whitney Lodge, to inspect their new hall. This lodge was burned out in February, 1910, and a new hall was built upon the same spot. I found the new hall a decided improvement upon the old one, especially the increased size and better method of entering the lodge rooms from the street. I consider the hall to be admirably suitable for masonic uses.

On October 8th, I made my official visit to Mount Bigelow Lodge of Flagstaff. As there was no candidate the officers requested me to give them a lodge of instruction, which I did. I gave them instruction in the E. A. and F. C. degrees, and regret very much that we had no more time. The officers and brethren expressed themselves as very much pleased with the evening's work. I believe they derived more benefit from my visit than they possibly could have received had they merely worked either of the degrees mentioned. The brethren of this lodge are very much interested in their lodge and nearly all come a long way to the lodge meetings. I again found the records in the hands of Bro. WALTER E. HINDS, who is a very good Secretary, and who reported the dues well collected. Banquet.

On January 11, 1911, by special invitation, I attended the semi-annual meeting of Oriental Star Lodge of Livermore Falls. The meeting was both afternoon and evening and was very well attended. In the afternoon I witnessed work in the F. C. degree and in the evening the E. A. degree was worked. The work in both degrees was very well done, the ritual being very closely followed by all the officers. This is the second lodge in this district to be burned out during my service as District Deputy; they being burned out in May, 1910, and losing nearly everything. The lodge was fortunate in being well insured. I found the brethren very much interested in regard to furnishing the new hall, which was nearly ready for occupancy. Bro. GEORGE O. EUSTIS is still at his post as Secretary and keeps the dues well collected. Banquet.

On February 2d, I made my official visit with Whitney Lodge of Canton. The weather that day was very stormy and consequently I found a very small attendance, which I was informed was something unusual, as the brethren are very much interested in their lodge. They worked the E. A degree upon two candidates and did it in a very dignified and creditable manner. I found their new hall in its new furnishings to be very pleasant and the lodge is proud of it. Although the lodge had no insurance when they were burned out, and only \$100 in the treasury, they have refurnished their hall beautifully and amply, and have only a \$50 debt, which I think is very creditable. Bro. JOHN N. FOYE is a very prompt and efficient Secretary, who keeps the dues very well collected. Banquet.

On February 15th, I made my official visit to Blue Mountain Lodge of Phillips. Considering the size of the lodge the attendance was small. There being no candidate the work was exemplified in the M. M. degree, which was well done; the work of Bro. JAMES B. MORRISON, Master, being especially commendable. This lodge is passing through a period of no work, which is somewhat damaging to the interest. I found the lodge prosperous financially and the dues very well collected. Although W. Bro. CARL CRAGIN is one of the youngest secretaries in the district, I found his books in the best shape for inspection of any I have seen. I had the pleasure at this time of meeting R. W. EDWARD G. WESTON, P. J. G. W. Banquet.

On February 16th, I made my official visit with Mount Abram Lodge of Kingfield, where I was very cordially received. There was a very good attendance and the brethren seem to be very much interested in their lodge. The W. Master being sick, W. Bro. HARTLEY B. SPRAGUE presided in the East and did the work with honor to himself and the lodge. The work was in the M. M. degree and was very well done. This lodge is doing lots of work and has considerable more on hand. Bro. ARTHUR C. WOODWARD is another efficient secretary who keeps the dues well collected. Banquet.

On March 10th, I went to New Sharon to make my official visit with Franklin Lodge. I found a very small attendance, there being but ten brethren present. I was informed by the W. Master that a number of the officers were sick at that time. From lack of officers and having no candidate, the lodge did not do any work. The lodge seems to be prosperous; they owning their hall and having quite a sum of money in the treasury. The dues are somewhat behind. The lodge has been obliged to change Secretaries twice in less than two years, but I believe the present incumbent, Bro. FRED SANDERS, will make a very efficient Secretary.

March 15th, I visited Wilton Lodge of Wilton, where I was very cor.

dially received. The brethren of this lodge are very much interested in their lodge, and are sparing of neither labor nor money if it is for the interest and benefit of the lodge. I witnessed the work in the M. M. degree upon two candidates. The work was very well and impressively done, the lecture by W. Bro. ERNEST P. PARLIN being especially commendable. The lodge had recently added a player piano to their hall, which was used for the first time on this evening, and added materially to the smoothness of the work. There was a very large attendance, and all seemed to enjoy themselves very much. I had the pleasure at this time of meeting R. W. Bro. CHARLES F. ROWELL and also R. W. Bro. FRANK L. WOODCOCK, both of whom are P. D. D. G. Masters, and both active members of Wilton Lodge. I was informed by W. Bro. FRED E. TREFETHEN, who is the one of the most efficient Secretaries in the district, that the dues were very well collected. Banquet.

On March 17th, I went to Strong and made my official visit with Davis Lodge. I found a good attendance, which was not as good as usual on account of very bad traveling. The work was done in the M. M. degree and was very well done. This is one of the lodges whose work is an honor to the district. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. CHAS. B. RICHARDSON, P. D. D. G. M., who is filling the important position of Secretary of his lodge, and who is performing those duties with great efficiency, and who keeps the dues well collected. Banquet.

I made my last official visit of the year on April 10th to Maine Lodge of Farmington, where I was received in a very cordial manner. Judging from the large attendance at this meeting I should say there was a good interest in the lodge. I witnessed the work in the E. A. degree, which was done in very dignified and impressive manner and close to the ritual. The E. A. degree was conferred upon two candidates. The lodge is very prosperous and the dues are all collected. Bro. GEORGE B. CRAGIN is a Secretary of whom the lodge may well be proud, and whose records are an honor to himself and the lodge.

In regard to Mystic Tie Lodge, which is my home lodge, I will say I have been present at nearly all the meetings and have witnessed work in all the degrees; and have given the brethren all the instruction I could. In my judgment the lodge still maintains that efficiency and standard for which Mystic Tie has always been known throughout the district. The dues are fairly well collected. The records are still in the hands of W. Bro. ORLETUS PHILLIPS, who is a very efficient Secretary.

Thus, Most Worshipful, I come to the close of my second year as D. D. G. M. I wish to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges for their kind and courteous treatment at all times, and for the kindness and forbearance with which my instructions, corrections and suggestions have been received.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, for my second appointment as your representative in this district, I wish you to accept my sincere thanks.

Faternally submitted,

CLEFF MAXWELL, *D. D. G. M. 15th M. D.*
Weld, April 22, 1911.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixteenth District.

On October 17th, I publicly installed the officers of Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, at Buckfield, assisted by Bro. ARCHIE D. FELT as Marshal. Refreshments were served after the installation.

October 18th, I installed the officers of my home lodge, Jefferson Lodge, No. 100.

November 8th, I attended the school of instruction held at Brunswick, and received much help. I believe these schools to be of great benefit in securing uniformity of work.

December 13th, assisted by Bro. ARCHIE D. FELT as Marshal, I publicly installed the officers of Bethel Lodge, No. 97, at Bethel. A fine banquet was served.

January 3d, I made my official visitation to Bethel Lodge, and witnessed work in F. C. degree. This was a special meeting called for my convenience. The work was performed by the old officers in a creditable manner. I found it necessary to make but few corrections. The records are still in the hands of Bro. HERBERT C. ROWE and are in excellent shape. Dues well collected. A banquet was served after the work.

January 17th, I officially visited Paris Lodge, No. 94, at South Paris. This was a special meeting called at my suggestion, and the F. C. degree was worked on one candidate in an impressive manner. Few corrections were necessary. The records are still in the hands of Bro. WALTER L. GRAY and are in the same first-class shape as ever. Dues well collected. Banquet after the work.

February 13th, I made my visit officially to Granite Lodge, No. 182, at West Paris. No work appearing the M. M. degree was exemplified for my inspection. I made some corrections which were kindly received. The records are in the hands of Bro. E. T. BARROWS, who is new at the

work but very painstaking and careful. Dues well collected. Banquet after the work.

February 28th, I officially visited King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, at Dixfield. This was a special meeting called for my convenience. No actual work appearing the E. A. degree was exemplified for my inspection. The officers and members seem interested in the work and anxious to conform to the ritual. This lodge has of late had but little work, but the degree was well rendered. A few corrections were necessary. Records still in hands of Bro. C. L. DILLINGHAM and are as usual in excellent shape. Dues well collected. Banquet after the work.

March 8th, I visited Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, at Rumford, and witnessed work in M. M. degree on two candidates. The work was well done. I made some corrections which were courteously received. This lodge is in a flourishing condition with lots of work. I was accompanied on this visit by a number of brethren from Jefferson Lodge. The records are still in the hands of Bro. WALTER O. RAYNES. They are complete and exceptionally well kept. Dues well collected. Banquet after the work.

March 9th, I made my official visit to Crooked River Lodge, No. 152, at Bolster's Mills, accompanied by several brethren from Jefferson and Granite Lodges. The work of the evening was the E. A. degree, which was conferred upon one candidate. The rendering of the ritual was excellent. A great deal of interest is manifested by both officers and members. During the past year this lodge has greatly improved the appearance of its hall by the addition of more modern furniture. Since the last report this lodge has suffered the loss by death of their old and efficient Secretary, Bro. CHARLES AKERS. The records are now in the hands of Bro. JAMES D. HOWE and are neat and in good form. Dues fairly well collected. Banquet after the work.

March 13th, I made my visitation to Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, at Buckfield, accompanied by brethren from Jefferson and Granite Lodges, and witnessed work in M. M. degree, which was rendered in an impressive manner. It was necessary to make but few corrections.

Bro. ALFRED COLE, one of the veteran Secretaries of the district, still has charge of the records, which are complete and in good form. Dues well collected. Banquet after the work.

March 31st, I officially visited Oxford Lodge, No. 18, at Norway, at a special meeting called for my convenience, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. The officers are mostly young men and are much interested in the work. Some corrections were made which were very kindly received. This lodge is always active and they have a lot of work on hand now. Bro. H. D. SMITH, who has been Secretary for many years, still has

charge of the records; they are complete and well worth the inspection of any visitor. Dues well collected. Banquet after the work.

I have made no official visitation to Jefferson Lodge, No. 100. This being my home lodge I have been present at every meeting during the year. The lodge is in good shape and doing considerable work. Records still in the hands of Bro. JAMES L. BOWKER and are well kept. Dues fairly well collected.

The lodges in this district are all in first class condition and harmony and good fellowship prevail. Courtesy and cordiality have greeted me on every occasion, for which I wish to thank all. My thanks are also due to Past Master A. D. FELT, who has so ably assisted me as Grand Marshal on several occasions, and has accompanied me on most of my visits to the lodges.

In closing, Most Worshipful, allow me to tender my sincere thanks for my appointment as your representative in this district for the second term.

Fraternally submitted,

NED I. SWAN, *D. D. G. M. 16th M. D.*

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my second annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Seventeenth Masonic District.

On June 22d, I made my first official visitation of the masonic year to Harmony Lodge, No. 38. The evening was extremely warm, but there was a good attendance of members and visitors, and all the working officers of the lodge were present, which was very gratifying. The E. A. degree was conferred on one candidate in a creditable manner. This lodge is having more work than when I last visited it, and there is every evidence that it is fully living up to the spirit of its name. One of the visiting brethren, a local pastor, extended a formal invitation that evening to the lodge to attend divine service at his church in commemoration of St. John's Day; and a dispensation having previously been obtained therefor, it was accepted. I wish that this pleasant feature could be a practice more generally in this district. Light refreshments followed the work.

September 14th, I attended the installation of Portland Lodge, No. 1, and assisted R. W. GEORGE M. BOND in conferring the P. M. degree on Wor. ARTHUR W. READ and Wor. MORRILL H. AMES.

October 14th, I officially visited Standish Lodge, No. 70, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This was performed in an unusually satisfactory manner and reflected especial credit on the W. M., RUFUS E. GRAY, who has been untiring in his efforts to bring the work of his lodge to a high standard. A pleasant feature of the occasion was the presentation to the lodge of a portrait of one of the Past Masters, framed for hanging in the hall. A fine supper was served after the work.

October 15th, I made my official visitation to Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127. The work was in the M. M. degree and was well performed in its essential features; but, in many cases, lacked that exactness of ritualistic perfection, which is a thing so much to be desired in all lodges. This is largely due to the inability of the officers to hold rehearsals, because of the great distance separating their places of residence. I made necessary corrections, which were well received. The lodge had considerable work in prospect and is in a good financial condition. They have recently built a stable on their lot to accommodate the teams of brethren coming from a distance, as many of them do. Refreshments were served after the work.

October 26th, I installed Rev. Bro. ROBERT R. MORSON, one of the Grand Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

November 1st, I installed the officers of Casco Lodge, No. 36, Wor. CHARLES G. WOODMAN acting as Grand Marshal. Refreshments.

November 8th, I attended the school of instruction conducted by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER at Brunswick. We had the usual pleasant and profitable session, but I regret to report that the number of working officers present from lodges in this district was small. Although this appeared to be true of other districts as well, it ought not so to be.

On the evening of the same date, I installed the officers of Hiram Lodge, No. 180, Wor. WILLIAM H. OHLER, Jr., assisting as Grand Marshal. A supper was served at the close of the work.

November 21st, I made an official visitation to Deering Lodge, No. 183. I was received in form, R. W. SILAS B. ADAMS acting as Grand Marshal. The attendance was very large, nearly every lodge in the district being represented. The work of the M. M. degree was presented in an especially creditable manner, being practically perfect in every particular. Much of the credit for this is due to the active interest taken in the work by the Past Masters of the lodge, among whom Wor. ISAAC A. CLOUGH is prominent. The closest attention was paid by the large audience present, which is always an assistance to the officers in their work. Refreshments were served after the work.

December 7th, I installed the officers of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17. Wor. ISAAC A. CLOUGH served as Grand Marshal.

January 4th, I officially visited Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186, and found a large gathering of members and visitors present. The E. A. degree was conferred on one candidate in an unusually impressive manner, the excellence of the floor work deserving especial mention. The officers showed evidence of much painstaking effort in their preparation for the work. There were refreshments served at the close.

January 11th, I installed the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 38, assisted by Wor. ISAAC A. CLOUGH as Grand Marshal. There was an unusually large number of members and visitors present at this occasion, and we received a specially cordial greeting. Oysters were served in a very acceptable manner at the close of the meeting.

January 20th, I made my official visitation to Casco Lodge, No. 36. A formal reception was accorded me, Wor. ISAAC A. CLOUGH acting as Grand Marshal. A large number of visiting brethren from Portland and vicinity was present, including several presiding Masters in the district. This was a very pleasant feature of the occasion. The work was in the E. A. degree and was performed in a very satisfactory manner, being specially creditable as the work of an entirely new line of officers. I wish to commend particularly that part performed by the Junior Warden, A. W. DOUGHTY. Refreshments were served at the close.

February 7th, I made an official visitation to Portland Lodge, No. 1, and was received in form. The night was stormy, but there was a good attendance.

The F. C. degree was conferred in a very creditable manner, the officers performing their work impressively and accurately. My very few necessary corrections were cordially received. The lodge records were not present, so I was unable to examine them that evening. They were, however, presented to me for inspection on the evening when I officially visited Atlantic Lodge.

February 8th, was the date of my official visitation to Temple Lodge, No. 86. The lodge accorded me a formal reception, Wor. ISAAC A. CLOUGH acting as Grand Marshal. A very large company witnessed the work of the E. A. degree. I was thoroughly satisfied with the performance of this work and took great pleasure in congratulating the lodge on having so good a line of working officers. The records and collection of dues in the hands of Wor. OLIVER A. COBB, who has been Secretary for many years, are managed with great accuracy. A banquet followed the work.

February 13th, I installed the officers of Deering Lodge, No. 183, assisted by Wor. ISAAC A. CLOUGH as Grand Marshal. On this occasion I had the pleasure of presenting Past Master's jewels to three brethren, entitled thereto. A fine banquet was served previous to the work of the evening.

February 15th, I made an official visitation to Atlantic Lodge, No. 81. There were about three hundred brethren present to greet me at my formal reception. R. W. GEO. H. OWEN acted as Grand Marshal on this occasion. The F. C. degree was worked in a specially creditable manner, very few corrections being necessary. This lodge is maintaining its usual good reputation respecting the collection of dues, in which particular it stands second to none. I wish to compliment specially, the insistence which the W. M., ALBERT E. CORNISH, places on the observance of all the proper forms and ceremonies in the conduct of his meetings. A fine banquet followed the work of the evening.

March 15th, I visited Hiram Lodge, No. 180, in my official capacity. I was again received in form, Wor. ISAAC A. CLOUGH acting as Grand Marshal. The attendance numbered in excess of two hundred. The M. M. degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner and commanded the closest attention of the large company. I made a few necessary corrections, which were cordially received. The lodge opened that evening for the first time a fine smoking room. There was an elaborate banquet served at the close of the the work, several members of the local Eastern Star chapter acting as waitresses.

March 17th, I made my last official visitation of the season to Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17. Every lodge in the district was represented among the visiting brethren, and the attendance was very large. I was accorded a reception in form, Wor. ISAAC A. CLOUGH again acting as Grand Marshal. The E. A. degree was conferred in a remarkably exact and impressive manner and showed great care in preparation on the part of each officer. A fine quartet added much to the work of the evening. The records, in the hands of Secretary FRANK B. FISH, are very carefully kept, and a card index prepared by him, gives a perfect individual record of the masonic history of every member in the symbolic degrees. A buffet lunch was enjoyed by the large company at the close of the work.

There are certain specific features of the work in this district during the past year, for which I wish to express my thanks to the several lodges at this time. Every lodge has made a special effort to accommodate the date for its visitation to my convenience, and thus a pressure of work in any part of the year has been avoided. Formal receptions have been given me by all the city lodges and by one country lodge, in accordance with my recommendation in the last annual report. The Grand Lodge dues and reports have been received more promptly than for several years previous, only one lodge being a single day delinquent in this particular. My recommendations and remarks have met with a specially cordial reception on every occasion. I know that my successor will find the lodges in this district in a good working and prosperous condition in every par-

ticular, and can assure him of a very pleasant experience in store as their inspecting officer.

To you, Most Worshipful, I hereby express my sincere thanks for your reappointment of me as District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventeenth Masonic District.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK H. DOLE, *D. D. G. M. 17th M. D.*

Yarmouth, March 25, 1911.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my first annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighteenth Masonic District.

On November 8th, I attended the school of instruction held by Grand Lecturer SLEEPER at Brunswick, with United Lodge, No. 8. There was a good attendance and the school proved very interesting and instructive to me.

I have officially visited every lodge in the district and witnessed work in all but one.

February 10th, I made my official visit to Greenleaf Lodge at Cornish, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was rendered in a very impressive manner and so perfectly that corrections were very few. The brethren were in the hall in good season and in goodly numbers. The records are still in the hands of Bro. PERKINS, are neatly kept and dues well collected. After the work a fine oyster supper was served in the banquet hall.

February 13th, I visited Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, at Fryeburg. The records are still in the hands of Bro. EASTMAN, are well kept and the dues are well collected. There was no work, but a pleasant evening was spent with the brethren, and a few questions were asked, which were answered to the best of my ability. This lodge has a membership of 114; initiates for the year, 2. Under the present Master, Bro. ALVIN D. MERRILL, no fear should ever be felt about Pythagorean. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

February 15th, I visited Shepherd's River Lodge, No. 169, at Brownfield, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on two candidates, which was very satisfactory, only a few corrections being necessary. This lodge has initiated seven the past year, and a number of applications on hand assures a prosperous season to come. Secretary JOHNSON keeps the dues

well collected. Bro. HILL announced that supper was ready in the banquet hall, where all partook of a fine oyster stew, cake and coffee, after which we returned to the hall for the purpose of installing the newly-elected officers. The installation being public, the hall was well filled. Music was furnished before and after the installation ceremonies by the Brown-field band. Past D. D. G. M. DANIEL G. CHAPLIN, of Cornish, installed the officers in a manner very pleasing to all present.

March 8th, I visited Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 56, at Denmark, in company with Bro. GUY E. DUDLEY of Mt. Tir'em Lodge. Mt. Moriah is the smallest lodge in numbers in this district, but judging from the work on hand, it will not be so much longer. The E. A. degree was conferred upon five candidates, and there were three more to be initiated at the next meeting. The work was very satisfactory. The officers show that they are good students and are always glad to receive advice and corrections. The records, in the care of Bro. H. I. PERKINS, are faithfully kept and dues well collected. This lodge was the first to send in its returns. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting and a pleasant time was spent in social intercourse with the members of the lodge.

March 9th, I visited Delta Lodge, No. 153, at Lovell. The E. A. degree was conferred on one candidate in a satisfactory manner, this being the first work done in this lodge for nearly two years. The officers did very well, and with better prospects before them, I feel sure that they will keep up the excellent condition of the lodge. The books and finances of this lodge are in especially able hands and the dues well collected. Refreshments were served after the meeting and a pleasant hour was passed with the brethren.

March 11th, I visited Oriental Lodge, No. 13, at Bridgton, in company with Bro. W. W. WATSON of Mt. Tir'em Lodge. The E. A. degree was conferred upon two candidates. Considering this was the first time the present officers had worked this degree, it was well done. I feel sure that the excellent work done by the officers of Oriental in the past will be fully sustained by the present officers. P. M. Bro. SAUNDERS gave the third section of the lecture in a very impressive manner. The records, in the hands of Bro. CHAPLIN, who has held the position as Secretary for many years, are very carefully and neatly kept. Dues are well collected and the lodge is in a prosperous condition. Refreshments were served and a social hour spent, after the close of the lodge.

Mt. Tir'em Lodge, No. 132, is my own lodge and I have been present at nearly every meeting during the year, and have given the lodge such instructions and corrections as were needed from time to time. The lodge is still up to its standard. Bro. KNEELAND is serving his second year as Secretary and is meeting with good success collecting the dues. January

6th, I installed the officers, assisted by Bro. B. G. McINTIRE as Grand Marshal and Rev. Bro. SIAS as Grand Chaplain.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for my appointment to this important office, and to express my appreciation of the kindness and courtesy accorded me on the occasion of my visits to the several lodges in the district.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE H. PRIDE, D. D. G. M. 18th M. D.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the 19th Masonic District.

Not being present at the installation of the Grand Officers in the Grand Lodge, I was installed by P. D. D. G. M. GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, on May 30, 1910.

My first official visit was to York Lodge, No. 22, at Kennebunk, on June 20th. This being my lodge I knew what to expect, as I attend the meetings regularly. The work of the evening was that of the Master Mason's degree on one candidate, which was well done by W. M. SMITH and his subordinate officers. There was little fault to be found, as the instruction in the past years was right and in later times so continued. The attendance was good, with quite a number of visitors. The records are in the hands of R. W. Bro. GILPATRIC, who has served as Secretary for the past twenty years. The dues are well collected. Refreshments were served.

On October 12th, I visited Naval Lodge, No. 184, at Kittery, where I found a goodly number of brethren assembled, among whom I had the pleasure of meeting a number from our neighboring Grand Jurisdiction. The work presented was that of Master Mason, which was rendered in a very impressive and correct manner by W. M. YOUNG and his officers. The records are neatly and well kept by R. W. Bro. WALKER, who also has the dues well collected. Refreshments were served.

On December 13th, I visited Arundel Lodge, No. 76, at Kennebunkport. The attendance was very large, there being a good number from Ocean Lodge present. Work was presented in the Master Mason's degree, and W. M. FRANK E. MILLER and officers showed a good understanding of the ritual. Their hall is commodious and well adapted to

their needs. The records are well kept and dues well collected. Lunch was served at the close.

In a severe snow storm I went to North Berwick, December 15th, and met with the brethren of Yorkshire Lodge, No. 179, about two-thirds of their members being present, which was very good considering the weather. Again I found a hall well suited to masonic work and W. Master HUSSEY and his officers presented work in the M. M. degree on their eleventh candidate for the year, and presented it in such a manner as to make a good impression on the candidate, leaving very little for correction. The records are well kept and dues well collected. I had the pleasure of meeting P. D. D. G. M. WILLIAM B. LITTLEFIELD, whom I thank for courtesies extended. A fine banquet was served after the work and then speeches were in order.

I made my official visit to St. John's Lodge, No. 51, South Berwick, on the evening of February 6th. Their hall is commodious and has well arranged ante-rooms. The records are very neatly kept by Bro. WHITEHOUSE, and while the dues are kept well in hand, he pursues the charitable course with those brethren who, for reasons, find it a hardship to pay strictly in advance. The work presented was the Master Mason on three candidates, and from the rendition of the ritual it was evident that Wor. Bro. MILLER and his officers take great interest in their work and have had proper instruction, it being given correctly and with good effect on the candidates. A large number from Naval Lodge were present. After the work refreshments were served. I acknowledge my obligations to my predecessor, R. W. Bro. BURLEIGH, in making my visit pleasant, and for entertainment at his pleasant home.

In a severe snow storm, on February 13th, I went to Kennebunkport, accompanied by R. W. Bro. GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, where we publicly installed the officers of Arundel Lodge, No. 76. This lodge always has a public installation, thereby keeping up some interest among those likely to make good masons. After the ceremonies were over, refreshments were served, and the remainder of the evening passed in social intercourse.

I made my official visit to St. Aspinquid Lodge, No. 198, at York Village, on Tuesday evening, February 14th. Although one of the smaller lodges in point of numbers they are not so in the quality of work. The work presented for observation was that of the Entered Apprentice degree and was of a very high degree of accuracy. Wor. Master LANGILLE and his fellow officers need not fear a visitation from any one if they present as good work all the time. The records are very neatly kept and the dues well collected. Refreshments were served.

Accompanied by Bro. CHARLES H. LUCAS, I visited Ocean Lodge, No. 142, at Wells Depot, on February 15th. Although a bright moon-

light night, it was one of the coldest of the winter, and, as most of the members live quite a distance from the hall, there was not a large attendance. The work of the evening was that of the Master Mason's degree, which was well done. The J. W. and the J. D. were absent on account of sickness, yet the lodge is fortunate in having several Past Masters ever ready to occupy any position, at any time, and do it well. The ritual was closely followed but the floor work could be improved. The records are well kept and the finances are in good condition. Refreshments were served, which fortified all for a cold ride home.

On the evening of February 27th, York Lodge, No. 22, held a Past Masters' Night, all the chairs being filled by Past Masters. R. W. Bro. GILPATRIC occupied the Master's chair, which he occupied thirty years before. The work was the Master Mason's degree, and presented for my observation, and was exceedingly well done, the ritual being very closely followed by all the participants. The Masters and Wardens of the several lodges in this district were invited to be present, and these officers, together with a considerable number of the brethren, were present from Arion, Yorkshire, Arundel and Ocean Lodges, being one-half of the lodges in the district. I was very much pleased with the exhibition of work, and that so many were enough interested to meet with us. I believe such meetings can be productive of much good in many ways.

On the evening of March 1st, I made my visit to Saco Lodge, No. 9, at Saco, where I found a large number of brethren assembled, including many visitors. The work was that of Master Mason, and considering that the officers had been in their positions only since January, they did good work. Wor. Bro. THOMPSON, as likewise his officers, evidently take an interest to see how well they can do the work. The Secretary's records are models of neatness and arrangement, and the finances are in good condition. Refreshments were served.

Monday evening, April 3d, I officially visited Dunlap Lodge, No. 47, at Biddeford. This was the stated meeting and a large part of the evening was taken up with routine business. Thus, at a late hour, they worked the Entered Apprentice on three candidates, which was creditably done. The Secretary's books are correctly and well kept and the lodge appears to be prosperous. Refreshments were served at the close.

On April 13th, I made my visit to Arion Lodge, No. 162, at Goodwin's Mills. Although the traveling was bad, yet there was a good attendance. The work was two candidates in the Master Mason's degree, and was very well done. The lectures by Wor. Bro. ROBERTS were given in a very impressive and correct manner. The records are very neatly kept and the lodge is in a good financial condition. They own their hall, which is well furnished and lighted with acetylene gas. Refreshments were served.

This was my last visit, having visited all the lodges in the district, and I wish to thank the officers and members of the several lodges for the uniform and fraternal courtesies with which I have been received. Peace and harmony prevail, and this masonic district appears to be prosperous.

Trusting I have been a satisfactory representative to you in the district, I thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBERT W. MESERVE, *D. D. G. M. 19th M. D.*

Kennebunk, April 15, 1911.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Twentieth Masonic District.

It has been impossible for me to visit all the lodges in the district.

On February 7, 1911, I visited Horeb Lodge, No. 37, at Lincoln. The third degree was conferred upon two candidates, and the ritual work was as nearly perfect as could be given.

The same evening I installed their officers, assisted by Past Master P. J. MILLS. After installation an oyster supper was served in the banquet room.

Forest Lodge at Springfield have a fine new hall, which they will move into very soon. I regret that I have been unable to visit this lodge as well as Pine Tree Lodge at Mattawamkeag.

Baskahegan Lodge, No. 175, my home lodge, is prospering, having work every meeting, and finances in good shape.

Fraternally submitted,

MARTIN L. PORTER, *D. D. G. M. 20th M. D.*

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my official report as D. D. G. Master for the Twenty-first Masonic District.

As my first report was by some unaccountable means lost, this one must necessarily be much abridged.

The past masonic year I visited all of the lodges in the district, and witnessed work in a part of them. The work that I saw was very well done, needing few corrections. I wish to make especial mention of McKinley Lodge, the youngest one in this district. Their work is of an order that an older and more experienced lodge would have no need to be ashamed of.

While the lodges in this district have not made the gain in members that they have in previous years, there is still among them that strong interest in the order.

The books and records are uniformly well kept and the dues are much better collected than in former years. In all of the lodges there are but very few who are in arrears for dues, though I am very sorry to report that quite a number have been suspended for non-payment.

During the past year I have conferred the P. M. degree on a number of W. M.'s and given P. M. certificates to those who were entitled to them.

In concluding this apology for a report, I wish to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges in this district for their courtesy and support given me during my term of office, and you, M. W. Grand Master, for the honor you have conferred upon me by this appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

EDGAR J. TRUSSELL, *D. D. G. M. 21st M. D.*
Bar Harbor, May 30, 1911.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my annual report as D. D. G. M. of the 22d Masonic District.

Not feeling competent to visit the lodges in my district until after I had attended the lodge of instruction at Fairfield, in November, it was late before I made my appointments to do so, and since then either sickness or storms have prevented me from doing as I had planned to do.

I publicly installed the officers of Corinthian Lodge, which has done excellent work during the past year and has some work on hand now. The records are very neatly kept and dues are fairly well collected.

At my request, P. D. D. G. M. CHAS. T. HARRIS and MELVIN W. KNOWLES visited Plymouth and Cambridge Lodges in my behalf and I wish to thank them for their assistance and courtesy. Following are their reports:

Detroit, March 17, 1911.

L. H. BLANCHARD, D. D. G. M. Twenty-second District.

I visited Plymouth Lodge, March 14th and found it the most prosperous it has been for years. Every member up with his dues. Officers interested and well up in their work. Four initiates and four raised. This lodge has really come out from behind the dark clouds into the bright sunshine.

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. T. HARRIS, P. D. D. G. M.

Cambridge, March 14, 1911.

L. H. BLANCHARD, D. D. G. M. Twenty-second District.

By your request, I visited Cambridge Lodge. As this is my home lodge I have been present at most of their meetings for a number of years. It is in excellent financial condition and is maintaining its standard of work, which has always been good. The records are still in the hands of Bro. FRANK J. HERSEY and are very correctly and neatly kept and a credit to the lodge. Dues are well collected.

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN W. KNOWLES, P. D. D. G. M.

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred on me.

Fraternally submitted,

L. H. BLANCHARD, *D. D. G. M. 22d M. D.*
Hartland, April 3, 1911.

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

To M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-third Masonic District.

June 7th, by your request, R. W. P. D. D. G. M. WILLIE F. FERGUSON performed the rite which made me your D. D. G. M., an honor for which I beg you, Most Worshipful, to accept my sincere thanks.

October 13th, by invitation of the Wor. Master elect of Drummond Lodge, Bro. SAMUEL M. BOOTHBY, I installed the officers. This was their regular meeting. After opening the lodge, they opened the doors and had a public installation. With the assistance of the lodge Marshal and Chaplain I installed the officers. After installation, remarks were made by Bro. Dr. NEAL of Preble Lodge. It was a large gathering and

filled the hall. After remarks we adjourned to the banquet hall, where a fine supper was served. While they were at supper the members returned to the lodge and closed.

January 14th, by invitation of Wor. Bro. HENRY F. CUMMINGS, I installed the officers of Fraternal Lodge, No. 55. This is my home lodge and I have been present at most of the meetings this year. This lodge is doing a fair amount of work this year, but owing to there not being much business in town the young men have to go away to work. The officers are young men and have the good of the lodge at heart, and are trying to keep the standard of the lodge up to where it always has been. We have had electric lights installed in our lodge room, which is a great improvement. The records are still in the hands of Wor. Bro. HERMAN J. SAYWARD and are correctly and neatly kept. This was a joint public installation with Fern Chapter, O. E. S. With the assistance of Past Master L. M. SAYWARD as Marshal and E. F. DOUGHTY of Pythagorean, No. 11, as Chaplain, I installed the officers. After installation they repaired to the banquet hall, where a bountiful supper was served by the sisters of the O. E. S.

February 28th, in company with Past Masters L. M. SAYWARD, H. J. SAYWARD and Bro. EMERY S. LITTLEFIELD, I visited Freedom Lodge, No. 42. This was a special meeting called to install the officers and exemplify work in the Third degree, which was done in a very creditable manner. The officers are all young men and seem desirous of doing the work according to the ritual. There was a good attendance of the brethren. After work, with the assistance of Past Master L. M. SAYWARD as Marshal and the lodge Chaplain as Chaplain, I installed the officers. After installation, remarks were made by Bro. CHADBURN, H. J. SAYWARD and L. M. SAYWARD for the good of the order. Lodge closed.

March 8th, I made my official visit to Day Spring Lodge, No. 107. They worked the F. C. degree on two candidates, which was done in a satisfactory manner. The officers take interest in the work and are trying to follow the ritual. There was a good attendance of the brethren. This is R. W. Bro. A. Q. MITCHELL's home lodge, and he takes an interest in the lodge which is a great benefit to the officers in helping them in their work. The records are still in the hands of Bro. L. E. SANBORN, are very correctly and neatly kept and are a credit to Day Spring Lodge. The lodge is in excellent financial condition and is maintaining its standard of work. The dues are well collected. I was very cordially received by the brethren, for which I thank them.

March 9th, I made my official visit to Drummond Lodge, No. 118. This was their regular meeting. They expected work in the M. M. degree, but for some reason the candidate did not appear. They exemplified the work of this degree in a very impressive manner; the officers followed the ritual

very closely and seemed very earnest to do the work right. This lodge is having a fair amount of work and is in a prosperous condition. Wor. Bro. BOOTHBY is a young man who takes a good deal of interest in the work. The records are still in the hands of Wor. Bro. A. R. LEAVITT, and are correctly and neatly kept. The dues are well collected and the lodge is in good condition. There was quite a number from Day Spring Lodge present. After closing, we repaired to the banquet hall where a fine oyster supper was served.

Limington, March 16, 1911.

J. H. LITTLEFIELD, D. D. G. M., Alfred, Maine.

By your request I visited Buxton Lodge at their regular meeting March 13th. Wor. Bro. H. F. MAXIM accompanied me. R. W. Bro. FRANK HARGRAVES in the East, and Wor. Bro. CYRIL P. HARMON, Secretary, they worked the E. A. degree on one candidate in a very correct and impressive manner. There was a good attendance. The records are neatly and correctly kept, and dues well collected. Buxton Lodge is to be congratulated in having so many P. M.s, who take an active interest in the welfare of their lodge.

March 14th, I visited Adoniram, my home lodge. Work in M. M. degree was well done. This was the first time the officers had worked this degree, as they are all young masons, and none of them have filled their stations before in the M. M. degree. I have attended nearly all the meetings in the past year. Wor. Bro. PILLSBURY is an ideal Secretary; his records are a model of neatness.

Fraternally yours,

H. H. MCKENNEY, P. D. D. G. M.

Springvale, March 20, 1911.

To R. W. JAMES H. LITTLEFIELD, D. D. G. M. 23d District.

Dear Sir and Brother: Your letter received. I was very sorry to hear that you were on the sick list and unable to attend the stated communication of Springvale Lodge as you intended. As you request me to report Springvale Lodge to you, I will say, that Springvale Lodge has had a prosperous year. Eight have been raised and the lodge has done a good deal of charity work. A good attendance at all the meetings during the year. The new officers this year are all young men and are taking right to the work. Two candidates are on the way and more to follow. R. W. Bro. DEXTER, with my assistance as Grand Marshal, installed the officers

in January. February 14th was observed as Ladies' Night and a good attendance and fine time was the result.

Trusting that you will soon recover from your illness,

I am yours very fraternally,

W. F. FERGUSON, P. D. D. G. M.

Sanford, April 7, 1911.

R. W. JAMES H. LITTLEFIELD, District Deputy Grand Master.

My Dear Brother: In compliance with your request I visited Preble Lodge, No. 143, at their regular communication, April 5th. They had no work for that evening, in fact, as their records show, have had none for almost a year. The officers are all new in their stations and places, but are thoroughly interested, capable and when occasion permits will do good work. There was a good attendance and the routine business was transacted in a creditable manner. Their records are well kept and dues fairly well collected.

Fraternally yours,

FRANK WILSON.

In conclusion I wish to thank P. D. D. G. Masters H. H. MCKENNEY W. F. FERGUSON and FRANK WILSON for the assistance they have so freely given me, and the Secretaries of the several lodges for their promptness in answering communications.

I thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of my appointment as your representative in the 23d District.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES H. LITTLEFIELD, *D. D. G. M. 23d M. D.*
Alfred, April 10, 1911.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my annual report for the year, 1910, as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-Fourth Masonic District.

I received my appointment May 1, 1910, and was installed at a regular meeting of Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, by R. W. ALBERT M. PENLEY, June 27th.

October 20th. My first official visit was by invitation of W. M. I. L. PENDLETON to install the officers of Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, with the

assistance of R. W. FRED E. DWINAL as Grand Marshal and Rev. Mr. HUTCHINS as Chaplain. The officers were duly installed with the exception of J. Warden and J. Steward, who were installed at a later date.

November 20th. With the assistance of R. W. FRED E. DWINAL as Grand Marshal and Rev. TRUE CROSBY as Grand Chaplain, I installed the officers of Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178. It being a regular meeting we had the pleasure of seeing the new officers working the M. M. degree on two candidates in a fine and impressive manner, after which a light lunch was served.

January 9th. I made an official visitation to Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree. The work was done in a fine and impressive manner, only a few errors appearing, which I noted and called the attention of the officers to. It was a great pleasure for me to note the growth in membership and also that they had made the largest financial gain for the year of any lodge in the district, if not in the state, a net gain of five hundred dollars. This speaks well for the Secretary, who is looking after the dues in a fine manner and is worthy of imitation.

January 11th. I made my official inspection of Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, it being their annual meeting and election of officers, after which the Entered Apprentice degree was worked on two candidates in a very satisfactory manner and nearly letter perfect, showing that the officers had given a lot of study and learned the ritual in a manner that they might uphold their former reputation for good work. This lodge is one of the largest in the district. Its finances are well cared for and shows a good balance in the treasury. This lodge is one of the oldest, and it was a pleasure to meet with so many of the older Past Masters, who still retain their interest in its welfare.

January 31st. By invitation of W. M. Bro. BANGS, I publicly installed the officers of Webster Lodge, No. 164, with the assistance of Bro. BANGS as Grand Marshal. There were a goodly number of ladies and invited guests present. After the ceremonies a light lunch was served and a musical program was enjoyed by all.

February 9th. With several brothers I went to Mechanic Falls and made my official visitation to Tyrian Lodge, No. 73. It was their regular meeting, and after the business one candidate was introduced and, after having passed a satisfactory examination, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in a very impressive and satisfactory manner. It was almost their first work since their election of officers and the work was done with very few errors, to which I called their attention and offered a few suggestions. The records are well kept and there is a good balance

in the treasury. Lodge closed and all repaired to the banquet hall and did ample justice to a fine chicken supper.

February 11th. I made my official inspection of Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, accompanied by R. W. L. O. BRACKETT and Bro. FRANK LOWELL of Ancient Brothers' Lodge. The Master Mason's degree was worked upon three candidates. It being their first work it was done in a very satisfactory manner, and, with the corrections and suggestions which I made at the close of the work and the interest the officers are taking in their work, the reputation of old Cumberland Lodge will be kept at its high standard. This lodge is one of the oldest in the state. It has a fine hall and a good membership, having taken in eighteen during the last year. Lodge closed and all partook of an oyster supper which awaited us in the banquet hall.

February 13th. I inspected the work of Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, which is my own lodge, and was very much pleased with the work, which was done in the M. M. degree. The officers are all young men and are working to that end that the ritualistic work may be given in a precise, dignified and impressive manner, so that the lodge may hold its place among the best lodges in the state in point of work as well as membership. There was a large number of visitors present, special invitations being extended to Tyrian and Nezinscot Lodges, who were represented by a goodly delegation of brethren. Lodge closed and all repaired to the banquet hall, where all did justice to a fine banquet, after which a social hour was passed, and all returned home voting it a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

February 16th. By invitation of Grand Master ASHLEY A. SMITH, I acted as Grand Marshal and assisted in the public installation of the officers of Tranquil Lodge, No. 29. A goodly number of ladies and invited guests were present. After the ceremonies a musical program, interspersed with reading, was enjoyed, after which light refreshments were served.

February 23d. Made an official inspection of Webster Lodge, No. 164, and found a good working list of officers, and, although it being the first time they had done any work, the E. A. degree was worked on one candidate in a most satisfactory manner, the ritual being followed very closely and impressively given, which leaves no doubt but that the reputation of Webster Lodge will still maintain its high standard for excellent work. This lodge is the home of our Grand Lecturer R. W. Bro. SLEEPER. After lodge closed light refreshments were served.

March 16th. The inspection of Nezinscot Lodge, No. 101, having been postponed from March 11th to March 16th, by reason of sickness of the Worshipful Master, Bro. RICKER, I was unable to attend and so deputized R. W. L. O. BRACKETT, who, with about twenty brethren made the jour-

ney by trolley, and, although a very bad stormy night, were met with a hearty welcome by the brethren who dared brave the storm. The work was very nicely done, considering the stormy night and some of the officers not being able to get there. This being the first work of the year leaves no doubt in my mind but that the reputation of Nezinscot Lodge for excellent work will be still maintained, and that it will be numbered with the best in the district. Refreshments.

March 23d. I officially inspected Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree, and found it to be of a high order and very correctly and impressively given. The Master was especially impressive in his work. The lectures, as given, should have deeply impressed the candidate. Rabboni is one of the best lodges in the district, has a large membership and a good balance in the treasury. It has among its past officers some of the best representative business men in Lewiston and Auburn. Banquet after work, to which all did ample justice to the inner man.

In conclusion, I would say that I have issued five Past Master's diplomas, and collected \$489.80, Grand Lodge dues.

I find that all the lodges in this district are in a good financial condition and have made seventy new members for the past year, which I think is a very good showing.

My being in poor health this winter I have not visited the lodges as I would like to have done, but have tried to do my duty the best I could under the circumstances.

I wish to thank you for the appointment and consider it an honor to any one who is chosen to occupy such an important office.

Fraternally yours,

HENRY A. FLETCHER, *D. D. G. M. 24th M. D.*

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fifth Masonic District.

I attended the school of instruction at Fairfield, which was held with Siloam Lodge, and found it to be of great help, only one fault to be found, that we need a school of instruction nearer the northern part of the state.

Owing to sickness in my family I was unable to make any official visits until March 14th, when I visited Fort Kent Lodge at Fort Kent. This lodge is to be congratulated in the way the officers and brethren take

hold of the work. The membership being small and members widely scattered, yet they show the greatest interest and do the work in fine shape. The M. M. degree was conferred with but few corrections, after which a banquet was served at the Clair Hotel, with Bro. FENLASON as toastmaster. The evening was a most enjoyable one.

March 21st, I visited Island Falls Lodge. Found this lodge to be in the most prosperous condition, dues well collected and the records well taken care of. Work was in the M. M. degree, which was well done.

March 22d, I visited Katahdin Lodge, where the M. M. degree was conferred. This lodge is showing a great deal of improvement in interest, and the work was well done. The prospect for the coming year is of the best, the officers showing by their work that they are putting a great deal of time and study on the ritual.

I have not made an official visit to Pioneer Lodge, but have been present at most of the meetings the past year, installing the officers on the regular meeting in January. Pioneer Lodge looks forward to a most prosperous year.

Owing to unexpected events I was unable to visit Molunkus and Nollesemic Lodges, but from their reports they show a substantial gain over last year.

In closing my work as D. D. G. M. of the 25th District, I wish to thank the brethren for their kindness, and you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor you have conferred.

Faternally submitted,

GEORGE H. MOOERS, *D. D. G. M., 25th M. D.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TRUSTEES . OF . THE . CHARITY . FUND.

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND,

Tuesday, May 2, 1911.

The Trustees met in the Grand Master's office at 4:15 P. M.

Present—ASHLEY A. SMITH, *President*,

ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

ISAAC N. JONES,

SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*,

FESSENDEN I. DAY,

LEANDER M. KENNISTON,

FRANK E. SLEEPER,

HOWARD D. SMITH.

The Grand Treasurer's report was read as follows:

PORTLAND, May 2, 1911.

To the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the

Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.

Your Treasurer reports that the invested fund consists of:

	Fund.	Income
25 shares Canal National Bank stock,.....	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 150.00
18 shares Casco National Bank stock,.....	1,800.00	165.00
14 shares First National Bank stock,.....	1,400.00	98.00
20 shares Westbrook Trust Co. stock,.....	2,000.00	100.00
3 shares Sagadahoc Light & Power Co. stock,....	1,500.00	67.50
1 Town of Brunswick bond,.....	1,000.00	40.00
2 Northern Pacific Railway Co. bonds,.....	2,000.00	80.00

2 Rockland Water Co. bonds,.....	1,500.00	75.00
2 Wladikawkas Railway Co. bonds,.....	2,000.00	80.00
2 Kennebec Light & Heat Co. bonds,	1,000.00	50.00
1 Mousam Water Co. bond,.....	500.00	25.00
1 Denver City Tramway Co. bond,.....	500.00	25.00
1 Maine Central Railway Co. bond,.....	500.00	35.00
2 Portland Water Co. bonds,.....	2,000.00	60.00
2 Rumford Falls Power Co. bonds,.....	2,000.00	80.00
1 Delaware, Ohio, Water Co. bond,.....	500.00	30.00
2 Newton Street Railway Co. bonds,.....	1,000.00	50.00
3 Toledo Railway & Terminal Co. bonds,.....	2,200.00	99.00
6 Boston & Maine Railway Co. bonds,.....	6,000.00	240.00
3 Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co. bonds,...	3,000.00	120.00
1 Portsmouth, Berkley & Suffolk Water Co. bond,.	500.00	25.00
1 Everett, Mass. bond,.....	1,000.00	20.00
1 Hyde Park, Mass. bond,.....	1,000.00	20.00
1 Methuen, Mass. bond,.....	1,000.00	20.00
1 Newton & Northwestern Railway Co. bond ex- changed for securities in the Fort Dodge, Des Moines & Southern Railway Co. as follows;		
4 5 per cent. bonds, Nos. 59, 178, 183, 184,.....	800.00	
3 shares pfd. stock, cert. A 233,.....	300.00	
5 shares common stock, cert. A 203,...	500.00	1,000.00
1 Mary E. Denny note, secured by mortgage on real estate,.....	1,800.00	159.29
1 E. S. Moody note, secured by mortgage on real estate,.....	5,000.00	
Maine Savings Bank,.....	71.62	2.88
Portland Savings Bank,.....	1,182.87	47.76
Augusta Savings Bank,.....	873.14	33.04
Skowhegan Savings Bank,.....	822.59	33.22
Waterville Savings Bank,.....	864.72	34.92
Wiscasset Savings Bank,.....	894.27	36.12
Bath Savings Institution,.....	872.56	35.24
Brunswick Savings Institution,.....	851.47	34.38
Gardiner Savings Institution,.....	857.73	34.62
Portland National Bank, Savings Department,....	1,728.49	69.82
Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co.,.....	2,746.13	60.17
Fidelity Trust Co.,.....	2,237.54	90.38
	<u>\$60,203.13</u>	<u>\$2,426.34</u>

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

1910.	
May 3.	Balance from old account, \$ 4,943.04
	Received unexpended balance from Grand Master Edmund B. Mallet, 180.00
	Savings Banks, dividends added, 484.31
1911.	
July 11.	Casco Bank Stock, called, 1,900.00
Nov. 3.	On account Denny mortgage, 1,000.00
	Income from all investments, except Savings Banks, 1,913.79
	Interest Union Safe Dep. & Trust Co., 60.17
	Interest Fidelity Trust Co., 90.38
April 26.	Account Denny mortgage, 400.00
	<u>\$10,971.69</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

1910.	
May 5.	Paid Beneficiaries, \$ 1,162.00
	Placed in Grand Master's hands, 200.00
	Savings Banks, dividends added, 484.31
11.	U. S. D. & T. Co., vault rent, 10.00
Aug. 15.	Paid Estabrook & Co.,
	1 Everett, Mass., 4 per cent bond, 1,000.00
	Accrued interest on same, 4.88
	1 Hyde Park 4 per cent. bond, 1,000.00
	Accrued interest on same, 11.56
	1 Methuen, Mass., 4 per cent. bond, 1,000.00
	Accrued interest on same, 11.56
Dec 2.	Paid H. M. Payson & Co.,
	1 P. W. Co. 4 per cent. bond, 1,000.00
	Accrued interest on same, 13.33
	<u>\$ 5,897.64</u>
Balance to new account :	
	Cash in Fidelity Trust Co., 2,327.92
	Cash in Union Safe Dep. & Trust Co., 2,746.13
	<u>\$ 5,074.05</u>
	<u>\$10,971.69</u>

Fraternally submitted,

MILLARD F. HICKS, *Grand Treasurer.*

The Deputy Grand Master reported as follows :

PORTLAND, May 2, 1911.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above named securities and books of deposits and find the same correct as stated above.

ELMER P. SPOFFORD, *Deputy Grand Master.*

Both reports were accepted.

The Secretary presented 79 applications for aid, which were referred to a committee of two.

The meeting was then adjourned until 4:30 Wednesday afternoon.

Wednesday, May 3, 1911.

Met at Grand Master's office at 4:30 P. M.

Present—ELMER P. SPOFFORD, *as President,*

ISAAC N. JONES,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary,*

LEANDER M. KENNISTON,

FRANK E. SLEEPER,

HOWARD D. SMITH.

The Committee on Applications for Aid reported a schedule which was accepted.

Voted, That one represent seven dollars.

Voted, That \$1,208 be appropriated to pay schedule.

The renewal of the bond of the Grand Treasurer for \$10,000, with the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co. as surety, was presented, and was accepted and ordered to be placed in the hands of the Secretary.

At 5:30 P. M. adjourned *sine die.*

Attest :

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary.*

Regulations of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

ARTICLE I.

The fund is applicable to the following cases :

First, to poor and worthy members of lodges under this jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own lodges are not adequate to the exigency of the case.

Secondly, to poor and worthy masons resident in this state, not members of any subordinate lodge, and being in circumstances to render such membership not a masonic duty.

Thirdly, to poor and worthy masons being sojourners in this state.

Fourthly, to other cases of distress.

ARTICLE II.

The widows and orphans of deceased masons are to be relieved as the husband or parent would be upon the principle stated in preceding article.

ARTICLE III.

Applications for relief are to be made to the Recording Grand Secretary in writing, signed by the applicant or some Master Mason in his behalf who is personally cognizant of his circumstances, stating the peculiar circumstances of the case, accompanied with a certificate from the Master of the lodge to which the applicant belongs, or of the nearest lodge, vouching for his masonic standing and his need of the relief prayed for.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 5, 1858.

Voted, That every brother intrusted with funds be required to take receipts for the same, when paid, and forward said receipts forthwith to the Grand Treasurer.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1862.

Voted, That each Almoner be provided by the Grand Treasurer with one printed blank receipt for each person for whom such Almoner draws money from the Charity Fund, which receipts such Almoner is to cause

to be signed by the beneficiaries respectively, and file the same with the Grand Treasurer.

Voted, That no Almoner who fails to file with the Grand Treasurer a receipt from each person for whose benefit money has been appropriated by this board for the full amount of such appropriation when the money has been drawn by such Almoner, shall be considered worthy to be entrusted with the sacred office of Almoner for this Charity Fund.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 4, 1871.

Voted, That hereafter no application for relief be considered by the Trustees, unless made in writing, according to Article III of the Regulations of the Charity Fund.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to make a list of such applications, including all that come to his hands up to Monday evening preceding the day of the Annual Communication, and that all applications presented after that time be referred to the next annual meeting of the Trustees.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary notify every lodge of this action, at least one month before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1872.

Resolved, That applications for relief from the Grand Charity Fund *must* state the amount expended in charity during the past year, by the lodge making such application, the names of recipients, and the condition of the finances of the lodge at last annual meeting, or such applications will not be considered by the Trustees.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 6, 1885.

Voted, That hereafter all applications for relief, not seasonably presented in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charity Fund, be passed over.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 5, 1886.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary, when he sends his papers to the different lodges for their returns, issue a circular to each lodge, notifying them that applications to the Board of Trustees for relief must be made in accordance with the rules of the Board of Trustees,—otherwise they will not be considered.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 3, 1899.

Voted, That whenever the Grand Treasurer has any money to invest, or considers any change should be made in the investments, it shall be necessary that such investments and re-investments shall first receive the written approval of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, or either two of them.

A true copy from the Record of Regulations and Votes.

Attest: STEPHEN BERRY, *Sec'y of Board of Trustees.*

STANDING REGULATION.

ADOPTED SINCE EDITION
OF CONSTITUTION. 1910.



Resolved, That immediately preceding the hour for the election of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, as is provided in the Constitution, the Grand Secretary shall announce the number of votes in the Grand Lodge. [1911, p. 224.]

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE.

1911.



ASHLEY A. SMITH, Grand Master,	Ex-Officio,
ELMER P. SPOFFORD, Deputy Grand Master,	"
FRANK E. MONROE, Senior Grand Warden,	"
CONVERS E. LEACH, Junior Grand Warden,	"
STEPHEN BERRY, Rec. Grand Secretary,	"
ARCHIE L. TALBOT,	elected May 4, 1909, for three years.
LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	" " 4, " " " "
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" " 3, 1910, " " "
HOWARD D. SMITH,	" " 3, " " " "
CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,	" " 2, 1911, " " "
FESSENDEN I. DAY,	" " 2, " " " "

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, 1911.

M. W.	ASHLEY A. SMITH, (Rev.)	<i>Grand Master,</i>	Bangor
R. W.	ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	<i>Deputy Grand Master,</i>	Deer Isle
"	FRANK E. MONROE,	<i>Senior Grand Warden,</i>	Milo
"	CONVERS E. LEACH,	<i>Junior Grand Warden,</i>	Portland
"	MILLARD F. HICKS,	<i>Grand Treasurer,</i>	Portland
"	STEPHEN BERRY,	<i>Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
"	HERBERT HARRIS,	<i>Cor. Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
"	FRANK A. PEABODY,	<i>D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i>	Houlton
"	JOHN W. MCGREGOR,	" 2d "	Eastport
"	EDWIN CUMMINGS,	" 3d "	Jonesport
"	WILLIS A. RICKER,	" 4th "	Castine
"	WILLIAM R. HUGHES,	" 5th "	Monson
"	EDWIN N. MILLER,	" 6th "	Bangor
"	ERNEST S. WING,	" 7th "	Searsmont
"	WALTER G. HATCH,	" 8th "	Belfast
"	ARTHUR S. LITTLEFIELD,	" 9th "	Rockland
"	THOMAS L. RICHARDS,	" 10th "	Waldoboro
"	WILLIS E. SWIFT,	" 11th "	Augusta
"	BERT K. MESERVEY,	" 12th "	N. Vassalboro
"	JOHN M. GETCHELL,	" 13th "	No. Anson
"	GEORGE A. WARD,	" 14th "	Bath
"	SAMUEL S. WOOD,	" 15th "	Livermo'e Falls
"	JAMES B. STEVENSON,	" 16th "	Rumford
"	ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	" 17th "	Portland
"	CLARENCE H. PRIDE,	" 18th "	Ea. Waterford
"	ALBERT W. MESERVE,	" 19th "	Kennebunk
"	MARTIN L. PORTER,	" 20th "	Danforth
"	FRANK R. OBER,	" 21st "	N. E. Harbor
"	LYNNE H. BLANCHARD,	" 22d "	Hartland
"	JAMES F. CHADBOURNE,	" 23d "	Limerick
"	HENRY A. FLETCHER,	" 24th "	Auburn
"	LEWIS E. JACKMAN,	" 25th "	Sherman Mills
W.	REV. WM. H. FULTZ,	<i>Grand Chaplain,</i>	Portland
"	REV. ROBERT R. MORSON,	" "	Yarmouth
"	REV. LEWIS D. EVANS,	" "	Camden
"	REV. RUBY B. MATHEWS,	" "	Ellsworth
"	REV. JOHN M. BEILER,	" "	Machias
"	REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	" "	Belfast
"	CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	<i>Grand Marshal,</i>	Belfast
"	SILAS B. ADAMS,	" <i>Senior Deacon,</i>	Portland
"	ALBERT H. BURROUGHS,	" <i>Junior Deacon,</i>	Westbrook
"	FRANK D. FENDERSON,	" <i>Steward,</i>	Limerick
"	JAMES R. TALBOT,	" "	E. Machias
"	WILMER J. DORMAN,	" "	Belfast
"	WILLIAM D. PATTERSON,	" "	Wiscasset
"	L. ALBERT GARDNER,	" <i>Swd Bearer,</i>	Stockton Sp'gs
"	LESLIE D. AMES,	" <i>Stand. Bearer,</i>	Lincolnville
"	WARREN C. KING,	" <i>Pursuivant,</i>	Portland
"	FRED C. CHALMERS,	" "	Bangor
M. W.	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" <i>Lecturer,</i>	Sabattus
W.	WALTER H. SMITH,	" <i>Organist,</i>	Portland
"	WARREN O. CARNEY,	" <i>Tyler,</i>	Portland

List . of . Subordinate . Lodges, WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

As Returned March 1, 1911.

DISTRICT.

- Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. Harry M. Carr, m; A. Wade Campbell, sw; Percy H. Russell, jw; William A. Burgess, s. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, September. 5
- Acacia, 121, Durham. Ralph G. Vickery, m; Alzo S. Merrill, sw; Ralph P. Stackpole, jw; Marcus W. Eveleth, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 14
- Adoniram, 27, Limington. George M. Brackett, m; Guy A. Brackett, sw; Eugene J. Storer, jw; James F. Pillsbury, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Wilber G. Knowlton, m; Pearl L. Higgins, sw; Ralph B. Hall, jw; Walter M. Barstow, s; Robert K. Tukey, acting sec. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Amity, 6, Camden. George A. Thorndike, m; Ralph E. Richards, sw; Willard C. Pooler, jw; Melzer T. Crawford, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Elliot B. Brewer, m; Guy E. McFarland, sw; Alva F. Gamage, jw; Walter H. McFarland, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. George C. Webber, m; Charles D. Niles, sw; Harry V. Taylor, jw; Frank L. Lowell, (18 Center St.) s. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. 24
- Ancient Landmark, 17, Portland. Harry S. Boyd, m; William W. Andrews, sw; Charles O. Caswell, jw; Frank B. Fish, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Asbury M. Blake, m; Frank Tobie, sw; William A. Hollis, jw; William Parkin, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 14

- Archon, 139, East Dixmont. Horace H. D. Smith, M; Alonzo E. Peabody, SW; George W. Gould, JW; Stephen Mudgett, Brooks, R. F. D. 4, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Arthur L. Roberts, West Kennebunk, M; Adelbert S. Taylor, SW; George H. Littlefield, Clark's Mills, JW; J. Burton Roberts, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 19
- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Frank W. Shaw, M; Nelson E. Dorrity, SW; Harley B. Dorrity, JW; John M. Ramsay, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, November. 1
- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. Frank E. Miller, M; William M. Morrill, SW; George N. Stevens, JW; Joseph H. Benson, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, February. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. George O. Campbell, M; George R. Hall, SW; Frank M. Cummings, JW; Fred I. Morrell, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Frederick L. Chenery, M; Luther M. Norris, SW; Albert W. Riggs, JW; B. Frank Bradford, S. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. Albert E. Cornish, M; Howard B. Chandler, SW; Fanning J. Burbank, JW; Almon L. Johnson, Box 424, 24 Whitney St., S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. Harry M. Lyon, M; Albert E. Folsom, SW; William F. Leavitt, JW; Winfred A. Jackson, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. James A. Richan, M; Clarence A. Packard, SW; Edward K. Gould, JW; Lorenzo S. Robinson, (Box 568), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. Ernest E. Babson, M; John E. Bowden, SW; Harry Saunders, JW; Winfield S. Walker, S. Meeting third Saturday; election, December. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. James N. Emery, M; Clarence E. Dow, SW; Leon B. Dorr, JW; Benjamin L. Hadley, S. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. Guy P. Rowe, M; William T. Fifield, SW; James S. Harding, JW; Martin L. Porter, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. H. Elmer Fernald, M; George I. Hodgdon, SW; Percy L. Orne, JW; Henry B. Ladd, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10

- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Robie B. Hardy, M; Silas E. Collins, SW; Theodore A. Melone, JW; Camillus K. Johnson, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, December 27th. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. Will C. Gary, M; Clarence W. Hall, SW; Davis G. Lovejoy, JW; Herbert C. Rowe, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. Roy L. Wardwell, M; George A. Coombs, SW; Chester S. Kingsley, JW; Charles D. White, S. Meeting first Monday; election, November. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. B. F. Smith, M; F. W. Hill, SW; W. W. Stoddard, JW; George L. Baker, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford Falls. Edwin H. Brown, M; Leverna L. Niles, SW; Fred J. Latham, JW; Walter O. Raynes, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. J. Blaine Morrison, M; John W. Russell, SW; S. Sherman Whitney, JW; Carl E. Cragin, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol Mills. Almon P. Hatch, M; Norris A. Miller, SW; Matthias A. Benner, JW; Edwin J. Ervine, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Frank H. Hargraves, M; Monroe P. Marsh, SW; Elton M. Varney, JW; Cyril P. Harmon, S. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, January. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Henry L. Watson, M; Herbert V. Chadbourne, SW; Vernal E. Holt, JW; Frank J. Hersey, S, (R. F. D. 4, Dexter). Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. David E. Johnson, M; Joseph W. H. Porter, SW; Omar L. Farnsworth, JW; Arthur A. Garden, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. Abel P. Gleason, M; Elwood Richardson, SW; Edwin H. Williams, JW; Alpheus Nason, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. William W. Loring, M; Sumner P. Drinkwater, SW; Alfred W. Doughty, JW; Aug. H. Humphrey, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. Edward B. Taylor, M; Ernfield J. Crosby, SW; John E. Taylor, JW; Thomas W. Washburn, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Ralph P. Brown, M; Eugene W. Vaughan, SW; Isaac A. Harris, JW; Louis M. Pastor, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5

- Composite, 168, La Grange. Orman C. Ames, M; Leon S. Dixon, SW
Angus D. McLaid, JW; Fred H. Savage, S. Meeting Saturday on or
before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Robert W. Linn, Jr., M; Frank H. Farnum,
SW; Leon S. Gilpatrick, JW; Percy Butterfield, S. Meeting Wednes-
day on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Alexander Robinson, Dennysville, M; Frank
C. Gardner, SW; A. Burton Coggins, JW; Eugene S. Wilbur, West
Pembroke, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Harry I. Lowell, M; Fred L. Pottle,
SW; Jonathan L. Dyer, JW; James D. Howe, S. Meeting Thursday
on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Lewis W. Symonds, M; Frank H.
Gray, SW; Walter W. White, JW; Lewis E. Jordan, R. F. D., S.
Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. Robert Abel, M; John Robertson,
SW; Peter Milne, JW; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first Satur-
day; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. Ulysses G. Weymouth, M; Philip D. Stubbs, SW
Fred H. McCleary, JW; Charles B. Richardson, S. Meeting Friday
evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. Charles T. Goodrich, M; Albert J.
Shepard, SW; Lewis D. Piper, JW; Luther E. Sanborn, Maplewood,
S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, Septem-
ber. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. John A. Webber, M; Silas E. Strout, SW;
Joseph H. Ewing, JW; Francis E. Chase, 161 Neal St., S. Meeting
second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. Ernest S. Hatch, M; Seth F. Heald, SW; Benjamin
Russell, JW; Preston B. Walker, (box 46), S. Meeting second Thurs-
day; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. Eugene C. Rowe, M; Louis Z. Massie, SW;
Cony N. Webber, JW; Orrin F. Sproul, S. Meeting Monday on or
before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. Pierre Johnson, M; John M. Douglass, SW; Peter
E. Johnson, SW; Charles W. Morrill, S. Meeting Monday on or
after full moon; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. Wilbur F. Cate, M; Ernest C. Palmer.
SW; Charles H. McDaniel, JW; Chester L. Burke, S. Meeting
Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10

- Drummond, 118, Parsonsfield. Samuel M. Boothby, M; Frank W. Towne, SW; William A. McDonald, JW; Albert R. Leavitt, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. Clarence B. Rumery, M; Edward T. Hyde, SW; Charles C. Rumery, JW; Hudson F. Staples, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 19
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. John C. Merrill, M; Thomas Donaghy, SW; Gardner W. Whiten, JW; Wheeler C. Hawkes, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. William S. Davidson, M; Alfred L. Sawyer, SW; Horace C. Buxton, JW; Hiram L. Stevens, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggemoggin, 128, Sedgwick. Ralph M. Buckminster, M; John W. Cousins, SW; Jasper P. Allen, JW; Frank C. Allen, S. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. Allen B. Copp, M; Edgar W. Hamilton, SW; Frank S. Davis, JW; Daniel M. Nichols, S. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Manfred Humphrey, M; Fred C. Smith, SW; Weston H. Wiley, JW; Elmer E. Allen, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Lester A. Ricker, M; Wellington H. Eastman, SW; Charles H. Tuttle, JW; Alfred Cole, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Harry W. Chapman, M; Bertram J. Bird, SW; Delbert O. Whitmore, JW; Rodel A. Packard, S. Meeting Wednesday nearest full moon; election, January. 8
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. Fred'k S. Blodgett, M; Walter B. Smith, SW; Guy W. Bennett, JW; Davis B. Clay, as S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Oliver B. Abbott, M; Wallace B. Lindsay, SW; Bert E. Budge, JW; Lysander W. Trask, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. Adrian V. Currie, M; Alexis O. Robbins, SW; James T. Bradbury, JW; Grover C. Bradbury, S. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. John M. Rowe, M; Abel Chandler, SW; Fred C. Hale, JW; Fred W. Sanders, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15

- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Henry F. Cummings, M; Harry E. Chadbourne, SW; Maynard A. Hobbs, JW; Herman J. Sayward, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23
- Freedom, 42, Limerick. George Seaver, M; Lewis J. Frye, SW; Everett Woodsum, JW; George A. Carpenter, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Monroe V. Curtis, M; Robert E. Randall, SW; Sumner G. Brewer, JW; Fred E. Ward, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. Clarence L. Ridlon, M; Samuel Estes, SW; Lester H. Penley, JW; Edgar F. Barrows, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Clinton J. Stone, M; Francis A. Norton, SW; Bion Bradley, JW; Walter P. Perkins, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. George E. Parsons, M; Sewall Perkins, SW; Warren P. Hooper, JW; Charles H. Hooper, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. Edgar F. Carswell, M; Stephen E. Patrick, SW; Fred'k R. Summersides, JW; Charles E. Cobb, S. Meeting Wednesday on or preceding full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Albert S. Allen, M; Roy E. McKenzie, SW; Ralph W. Albee, JW; Carl M. Hutchinson, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Sidney L. Danforth, M; Edward L. Jenks, SW; John W. Grant, JW; Harry E. Larrabee, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. Clarence E. Turner, M; David E. Moulton, SW; William A. Seyford, JW; Josiah F. Cobb, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. J. Fred Clark, M; Edwin R. DeWitt, SW; Henry S. Pinkham, JW; Artemus Weatherbee, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Monday in December. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. Wilfred H. Lord, M; N. Frank Perry, SW; Ziba R. Williams, JW; John H. Baker, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Forest B. Snow, M; Harvey H. McIntyre, SW; Frank L. Stover, JW; Arthur C. Hinckley, S. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro'. Amasa E. Williams, M; Frank S. Grindel, SW; Leslie E. Smith, JW; Melvin R. Trim, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8

- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. Amos F. Dunphy, M; David H. Marcou, sw; A. Raymond Sanborn, JW; William L. Brooks, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Edwin J. Mann, M; Carl C. Dudley, sw; Archie D. Felt, JW; James L. Bowker, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Edgar Worcester, M; Warren L. Noyes, sw; Ira Norton, JW; Henry A. Mansfield, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January, 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Fred R. Bailey, M; Walter W. Woodbury, sw; William A. McKenney, JW; H. Merritt Cunningham, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 25
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Ernest E. Page, East Corinth, M; Chas. M. Mayo, sw; Loring Fitz, JW; John H. Everett, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon: election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. George R. Dale, M; George E. Dixon, sw; Fred H. Fuller, JW; Fred A. Tenney, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Jonah G. Spaulding, M; John A. Tuscan, sw; Ivan L. Ward, JW; Perry S. Longley, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Edward Goodwin, M; Jos. E. Thomas, sw; Ernest E. Carver, JW; Leslie D. Ames, S. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, December. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. John M. Holland, M; Leon M. Small, sw; George A. Hutchins, JW; Charles L. Dillingham, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 16
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. Bradbury A. Boggs, M; Roland T. Waltz, sw; Arthur M. Chute, JW; Clinton E. Matthews, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Milton E. Bassick, M; Arthur J. Pierce, sw; Fred Pierce, JW; J. Merrill Bartlett, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Lewis W. Merrow, M; John S. Milliken, sw; J. Warren Butman, JW; Merle J. Harriman, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Charles A. Bruce, M; Almon H. Blaisdell, sw; Harold G. Bruce, JW; Ernest W. Gilman, S. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. John McCann, M; J. A. Dunlap, sw; J. Willard Edgerley, JW; Theodore Morrison, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2

- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Arthur H. Norton, M; John C. Sherman, SW; Grover C. Cox, JW; Leslie F. Hurd, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. Elden P. Munsey, M; D. Edgar Badger, SW; Charles E. Cowley, Jr., JW; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. Lucius E. Gardner, M; Clarence D. Wallace, SW; G. N. Williams, JW; Forrest S. Stevens, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Harry C. Austin, M; William T. Doyle, SW; Roy C. Haines, JW; Harry E. Rowe, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Fred A. Wing, M; Emery L. Leathers, SW; Lewis F. Swett, JW; Frank O. Prescott, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Albert D. Moore, Bernard, M; George M. Wallace, Tremont, SW; Fred J. Rich, Tremont, JW; Herbert P. Richardson, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. H. Burton Voter, M; Fred G. Paine, SW; Geo. A. Thomas, JW; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting Monday in week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Herman W. Small, M; Emery W. Pickering, SW; Paul W. Scott, JW; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. Herbert R. Dyer, M; Elmer Webster, SW; Fred K. Sawyer, JW; Clifton Whittum, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. F. K. Roberts, M; James F. Jewell, SW; George B. Roberts, JW; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanics', 66, Orono. Archer L. Grover, M; Paul L. Bean, SW; Leon E. Woodman, JW; Albert J. Durgin, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, 211, Friendship. Robert L. Thompson, M; Frank A. Geyer, SW; Eugene H. Brown, JW; John D. Mitchell, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 10
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. William E. Spear, M; William McGilvery, SW; Carl S. Coffin, JW; Harris Mathews, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22
- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. Lowell M. Brown, M; Lewman B. Soper, SW; John E. Kingsbury, JW; Ernest E. Waters, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22

- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Henry L. Hunton, m; Fred H. Leech, sw; Albert H. Lord, jw; Orestes E. Crowell, s. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Lewis E. Jackman, m; Frank Ambrose, sw; George L. Daggett, jw; John Gosnell, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Frank L. Parker, m; Ralph E. Woodbury, sw; Carrol W. Bent, jw; Otis G. Randall, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Roland E. Clark, m; Bernard Archibald, sw; Nathaniel Tompkins, jw; Charles E. F. Stetson, (18 High St.) s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. W. Leslie Maloon, m; Clarence E. Maloon, sw; Alvin R. Bucklin, jw; Roscoe S. Bosworth, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Foxcroft. Melvin F. Martin, m; Eugene W. Crocker, sw; Harry W. Thayer, jw; James T. Roberts, Dover, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinal Haven. Leon W. Sanborn, m; William C. Kessell, sw; Ulmer B. Dyer, jw; Freeman L. Roberts, s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. Carrol E. Young, m; Lester L. Mitchell, sw; Orris M. Vose, jw; Arthur C. Woodward, s. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. Elmer A. Sampson, Dead River, m; William M. Viles, sw; Frémont Lincoln, jw; Walter E. Hinds, s. Meeting second Saturday; election, September, 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. Charles G. Bordeaux, m; Thomas M. Richardson, sw; Lester E. Pray, jw; William H. Crafts, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. Franklin B. Pease, m; Carrol S. Douglass, sw; Edward B. Packard, jw; Fred Mellor, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Perley H. McKusick, m; Wilbur R. Kenerson, sw; Albert F. Wentworth, jw; Harold I. Perkins, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. A. O. Sherman, m; B. K. Ware, sw; George Hall, jw; Freeman Light, Razorville, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. Arthur J. Stimson, m; George H. Rice, sw; Charles S. Hamlin, jw; Warren V. Kneeland, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18

- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Ralph W. Moore, M; George R. Sweetser, SW; Joseph W. Hoit, JW; William H. Tribou, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Henry G. Swett, M; Harry N. Ferren, SW; Lester D. Lee, JW; Orletus Phillips, S. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. George G. Freeman, M; Phineas B. Gup-till, SW; Alvah Farnsworth, JW; William F. Campbell, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. Eldorus H. Bridges, M; Alanson H. Mayo, SW; Clarence Stanley, JW; Roland A. Flye, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Leslie I. Williams, M; Elmer J. Burnham, SW; Alonzo E. Titus, JW; David G. Walker, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Neguemeag, 166, Vassalboro. Leonard A. Gilbert, M; Charles W. Cro-well, SW; John R. Hodgkins, JW; Charles A. Stilson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. William J. Ricker, M; Charles C. Thompson, SW; Fred S. Irish, JW; Royal W. Bradford, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 105, Millinocket. Frank C. Bowler, M; Leon F. Kent, SW; William E. Glenn, JW; John D. Walker, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. William S. Holmes, M; James B. Bain, SW; Ernest C. Ober, JW; George E. Turner, S. Meet-ing first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Ernest E. Noddin, M; Thomas H. Murphy, SW; Herbert H. Marston, JW; Wilbur C. Simmons, S. Meet-ing Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. Henry P. Allen, M; Marcellus A. Donnell, SW; Burton M. Morrell, JW; Frank L. Buker, S. Meeting Wednes-day on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Frank D. Weymouth, M; Benjamin H. Dyer, SW; Charles L. Marrows, JW; Oscar L. Smith, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Orient, 15, Thomaston. Elmer R. Bumps, M; William B. Matthews, SW; Frank Clark, JW; Arthur J. Elliot, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. J. Henry Halkett, M; John W. Emery, SW; Frank M. Stone, JW; D. Eugene Chaplin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18

- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. Charles W. Gammon, M; Arthur E. Grose, SW; John N. Sinnett, JW; George O. Eustis, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. Walter F. Tubbs, M; Edwin Richardson, SW; Eugene E. Andrews, JW; Howard D. Smith, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. C. Fred D. Marsh, M; William D. Elliott, SW; Geo. F. Colbath, JW; David E. Knight, Garland, acting S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. R. S. Knowles, M; S. P. Ireland, SW; George A. Tibbetts, JW; L. Everett Hutchins, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. Ernest J. Record, M; Wallace B. Strickland, SW; Archie L. Cole, JW; Walter L. Gray, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, at first stated meeting in year. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Albert L. Atkins, M; Nathan C. Buckman, SW; Lee F. Schoff, JW; Charles S. Hutchinson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. George C. Trussell, M; David L. Wilson, (Rev.) SW; William H. Hall, JW; Clifford J. Pattee, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Fred A. Budge, M; Warren S. Coombs, SW; Joseph M. Libbey, JW; George W. Smith, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Whitfield B. Hallett, M; Arthur G. Andrews, SW; Hugh Hayward, JW; Geo. H. Mooers, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Frank W. Ball, M; Charles S. Horne, SW; Guy E. Monroe, JW; Walter A. Hobbs, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Harvey W. Ryder, M; Joseph P. Crandlemire, SW; Luther S. Rogers, JW; Ezekiel L. Chase, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. Joseph F. Leighton, M; Andrew P. Leighton, SW; Harry B. Foster, JW; Nelson C. Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. William L. Howes, M; Frank L. Clark, SW; Samuel F. Parkhurst, JW; Charles T. Harris, Detroit, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Roy J. Buxton, M; Lucius M. Lemont, SW; Delmar E. Bates, JW; William M. Temple, (120 Front St.,) S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 14

- Portland, 1, Portland. Morrill H. Ames, m; Edward H. Sargent, sw; George W. Mitchell, jw; George F. Gould, s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. L. Albert Gardner, m; Charles Kneeland, sw; Albion P. Goodhue, 2d, jw; Leslie E. Landon, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. John Wright, m; Ben Ramsden, sw; Alfred Howarth, jw; Herbert Hill, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. Charles S. Jordan, m; Will C. Hawkes, sw; John C. Nichols, jw; William H. Cram, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. Alvin D. Merrill, m; James W. Tarbox, sw; Frank Jones, jw; Tobias L. Eastman, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Ernest S. Wing, m; Alton P. French, sw; Harry C. Pease, Appleton, jw; Allen L. Maddocks, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. William H. Hartshorn, m; John L. Reade, sw; James M. Palmer, jw; Edwin L. Goss, (Box 334,) s. Meeting Wednesday after full moon; election, September. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. Arthur D. Smith, m; George W. Silver, sw; Thomas F. Barbour, jw; Rollins Y. Stinson, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Joseph W. Randlette, m; Sidney M. Gray, sw; H. Frank Lancaster, jw; William R. Fairclough, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. James B. Sellers, m; Norris L. Grindell, sw; Merle F. Bridges, jw; Benj. H. Cushman, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Ashur B. Hutchins, m; George A. Wardwell, sw; Rufus B. Facticeaux, jw; Seth R. Hutchins, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. William J. Currier, m; Frank L. Hodgkins, sw; Dudley S. Silsby, jw; Charles I. Collamore, s. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Edson E. Achorn, m; Luther J. Kennedy, sw; Arthur W. Flagg, jw; Everett A. Hofses, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Rockland, 79, Rockland. Harry L. Richards, m; Ensign Otis, sw; John H. Henderson, jw; Albert I. Mather, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9

- Rural, 53, Sidney. Charles A. Graves, m; Clyde G. Blake, sw; George M. Graves, jw; Arthur W. Hammond, R. F. D. 7, Augusta, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Saco, 9, Saco. Clarence E. Thompson, m; Harry S. Sawyer, sw; Frank L. Whitehead, jw; Abram T. Lord, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19
- St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Charles O. Austin, m; Edward E. Herrick, sw; Ralph P. Preble, jw; Harry W. Libbey, s. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6
- St. Aspinquid, 198, York Villiage. Albert Langille, m; Jonathan G. Osborne, sw; John W. Hodsdon, jw; Willie W. Cuzner, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- St. Croix, 46, Calais. Herbert F. Beek, m; George A. W. Leeman, sw; Herbert J. Dudley, jw; Isaac N. Jones, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- St. George, 16, Warren. Ralph S. Robinson, m; Curtis C. Starrett, sw; Nelson Moore, jw; J. Morris Studley, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- St. John's, 51, South Berwick. John M. Burleigh, m; Clarence P. Lord, sw; Frank J. Clark, jw; J. Willey Whitehouse, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19
- St. Paul's, 82, Rockport. Charles E. Rhodes, m; Robert K. Shibles, sw; Robert B. Magune, jw; Charles W. Jenkins, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Russell V. Mathews, m; Clarence E. McKown, sw; Waldo S. Boyd, jw; Willard T. Marr, s. Meeting first Friday: election, December. 10
- Sebasticonk, 146, Clinton. Wilbur Holt, m; Ralph B. Runnells, sw; Howard K. Brown, jw; Wesly M. Keene, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. Irving M. Linscott, m; Samuel N. Adams, sw; Willis I. Hodsdon, jw; Almon F. Johnson, East Brownfield, s. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Herbert O. Brown, m; Eugene C. Herring, sw; Charles F. Kidder, jw; Carl C. Piper, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Sylvester H. Rowland, m; Victor H. Paquck, sw; Harry A. Walters, jw; Albert L. Strout, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. Edward A. Parker, m; John H. Lancaster, sw; Walter H. Hight, jw; Charles M. Lambert, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 13

- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Will H. W. Bartlett, m; William E. Frost, sw; J. Byron Shaw, jw; Arthur Low, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. Albert H. Butterfield, m; Avery V. Brooks, sw; Robie C. Marean, jw; Harold W. Dolloff, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. Frank L. McLellan, m; Henry F. Fitzgerald, sw; Claud A. Kittredge, jw; Fred J. Whiting, s. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Fred A. Whitten, m; Elihu D. Chase, sw; Edgar T. Whitehouse, jw; Reuel M. Berry, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Nathan L. Cobb, m; Roy W. Thomas, sw; Edwin T. Clifford, jw; Levi E. Jones, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. John A. McClellan, m; Arthur L. Prior, sw; John B. Winslow, jw; Oliver A. Cobb, (Box 64,) s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Charles A. Harmon, m; Samuel H. Lord, sw; Charles E. Shuman, jw; Charles E. Johnson, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. Arthur A. Pike, m; John S. P. H. Wilson, sw; Irving L. Merrill, jw; Arthur C. Sprague, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. George Harman, m; Eben F. Richardson, sw; Henry L. Gray, jw; William R. Keene, Manset, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Harry B. Holmes, m; Perley C. Brown, sw; Lafayette T. Porter, jw; Vivian E. Howe, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. William C. Irons, m; Amos E. Tibbetts, sw; Lester S. Carter, jw; Varanus C. Plummer, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. Thomas W. Prince, m; Ralph L. Lamb, sw; Clark B. Rankin, jw; Lewin Jefferies, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Samuel E. Fuller, m; Edmund C. Harding, sw; Ralph L. Williams, jw; Charles M. Lucas, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. Samuel B. Furbish, m; Samuel L. Forsaith, sw; Joseph S. Stetson, jw; James H. Fisk, (1 Boody St.,) s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14

- Unity, 58, Thorndike. Willard R. Sparrow, m; Albert R. Murch, sw; Fred N. Flye, jw; Albert W. Ward, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. Willard A. Marriner, m; Herbert M. Hutchinson, sw; Thomas M. Sedwick, jw; Melvin E. Hutchinson, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Moses A. Gordon, m; Ralph K. Thing, sw; Wesley C. Comstock, jw; Charles W. Mansur, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Milton Given, m; Charles M. White, sw; Frank J. Nichols, jw; Edward L. White, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. James R. Talbot, m; H. Elbridge Moan, sw; Charles P. Dennison, jw; C. Hollis White, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December 27th. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Lemuel G. Babb, m; Harry W. Grant, sw; Ai S. Hooper, jw; Almon N. Waterhouse, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Herbert S. Willey, m; Dellie M. Story, sw; Vernon E. Wilder, jw; Edward M. Hines, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. George G. Boynton, m; Thomas G. Mitchell, sw; George G. Tucker, jw; Irving W. Case, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. Mark J. Bartlett, m; Harold L. Pepper, sw; Harry S. Grindall, jw; Charles B. Davis, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. Charles W. Coombs, m; Edward H. Danforth, sw; William F. Huen, jw; Herbert L. Jordan, s. Meeting Thursday on or next before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. Abbott A. Russell, m; J. Alton Tyler, sw; Adelbert H. Alley, jw; John N. Foye, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 15
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Drew T. Harthorn, m; Walter D. Bean, sw; Dana O. Sewall, jw; Fred E. Trefethen, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. Harold E. Sumner, m; William E. Gerrish, sw; Frank A. Turner, jw; B. Frank Sumner, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 21

York, 22, Kennebunk. Leander G. Smith, m; Walter H. Hobbs, sw:
Angus C. Merriman, jw; George A. Gilpatric, s. Meeting Mon-
day on or before full moon; election, December. 19

Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. Leslie L. Brackett, m; Benjamin A.
Parker, sw; Leonard O. Meader, jw; Brainerd S. Drake, s. Meet-
ing last Friday; election, December. 19

List of Lodges by Districts.



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District Deputy Grand Master—FRANK A. PEABODY, Houlton.

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| 96 Monument, <i>Houlton.</i> | 170 Caribou, <i>Caribou.</i> |
| 112 Eastern Frontier, <i>Ft. Fairfield.</i> | 193 Washburn, <i>Washburn.</i> |
| 130 Trinity, <i>Presque Isle.</i> | 197 Aroostook, <i>Blaine.</i> |

DISTRICT NO. 2.

District Deputy Grand Master—JOHN W. MCGREGOR, Eastport.

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| 7 Eastern, <i>Eastport.</i> | 78 Crescent, <i>Pembroke.</i> |
| 37 Washington, <i>Lubec.</i> | 138 Lewy's Island, <i>Princeton.</i> |
| 46 St. Croix, <i>Calais.</i> | |

DISTRICT NO. 3.

District Deputy Grand Master—EDWIN CUMMINGS, Jonesport.

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| 2 Warren, <i>East Machias.</i> | 131 Lookout, <i>Cutler.</i> |
| 88 Narraguagus, <i>Cherryfield.</i> | 173 Pleiades, <i>Millbridge.</i> |
| 91 Harwood, <i>Machias.</i> | 188 Jonesport, <i>Jonesport.</i> |
| 106 Tuscan, <i>Addison Point.</i> | |

DISTRICT NO. 4.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIS A. RICKER, Castine.

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| 4 Hancock, <i>Castine.</i> | 177 Rising Star, <i>Penobscot.</i> |
| 122 Marine, <i>Deer Isle.</i> | 187 Ira Berry, <i>Blue Hill.</i> |
| 128 Eggemoggin, <i>Sedgwick.</i> | 195 Reliance, <i>Stonington.</i> |
| 171 Naskeag, <i>Brooklin.</i> | 210 Bagaduce, <i>Brooksville.</i> |

DISTRICT NO. 5.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM R. HUGHES, Monson.

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| 39 Penobscot, <i>Dexter</i> . | 149 Doric, <i>Monson</i> . |
| 44 Piscataquis, <i>Milo</i> . | 163 Pleasant River, <i>Brownville</i> . |
| 52 Mosaic, <i>Foxcroft</i> . | 168 Composite, <i>La Grange</i> . |
| 109 Mount Kineo, <i>Guilford</i> . | 200 Columbia, <i>Greenville</i> . |
| 124 Olive Branch, <i>Charleston</i> . | 207 Abner Wade, <i>Sangerville</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 6.

District Deputy Grand Master—EDWIN N. MILLER, Bangor.

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| 10 Rising Virtue, <i>Bangor</i> . | 83 St. Andrew's, <i>Bangor</i> . |
| 60 Star in the East, <i>Old Town</i> . | 87 Benevolent, <i>Carmel</i> . |
| 65 Mystic, <i>Hampden</i> . | 137 Kenduskeag, <i>Kenduskeag</i> . |
| 66 Mechanic's, <i>Orono</i> . | 174 Lynde, <i>Hermon</i> . |
| 69 Howard, <i>Winterport</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 7.

District Deputy Grand Master—ERNEST S. WING, Searsmont.

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| 45 Central, <i>China</i> . | 111 Liberty, <i>Liberty</i> . |
| 58 Unity, <i>Thorndike</i> . | 129 Quantabacook, <i>Searsmont</i> . |
| 85 Star in the West, <i>Unity</i> . | 146 Seabaticook, <i>Clinton</i> . |
| 102 Marsh River, <i>Brooks</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master—WALTER G. HATCH, Belfast.

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| 24 Phoenix, <i>Belfast</i> . | 119 Pownal, <i>Stockton Springs</i> . |
| 62 King David's, <i>Lincolnville</i> . | 126 Timothy Chase, <i>Belfast</i> . |
| 68 Mariners', <i>Searsport</i> . | 151 Excelsior, <i>Northport</i> . |
| 89 Island, <i>Islesboro'</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 9.

District Deputy Grand Master—ARTHUR S. LITTLEFIELD, Rockland.

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| 6 Amity, <i>Camden</i> . | 82 St. Paul's, <i>Rockport</i> . |
| 15 Orient, <i>Thomaston</i> . | 84 Eureka, <i>Tenant's Harbor</i> . |
| 16 St. George, <i>Warren</i> . | 145 Moses Webster, <i>Vinal Haven</i> . |
| 31 Union, <i>Union</i> . | 189 Knox, <i>South Thomaston</i> . |
| 50 Aurora, <i>Rockland</i> . | 203 Mount Olivet, <i>Washington</i> . |
| 79 Rockland, <i>Rockland</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master—THOMAS L. RICHARDS, Waldoboro.

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| 3 Lincoln, <i>Wiscasset</i> . | 135 Riverside, <i>East Jefferson</i> . |
| 43 Alna, <i>Damariscotta</i> . | 144 Seaside, <i>Boothbay Harbor</i> . |
| 61 King Solomon's, <i>Waldoboro</i> . | 158 Anchor, <i>South Bristol</i> . |
| 74 Bristol, <i>Bristol</i> . | 196 Bay View, <i>East Boothbay</i> . |
| 103 Dresden, <i>Dresden</i> . | 211 Meduncook, <i>Friendship</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 11.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIS E. SWIFT, Augusta.

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| 5 Kennebec, <i>Hallowell</i> . | 41 Morning Star, <i>Litchfield</i> . |
| 25 Temple, <i>Winthrop</i> . | 104 Dirigo, <i>Weeks' Mills</i> . |
| 32 Hermon, <i>Gardiner</i> . | 110 Monmouth, <i>Monmouth</i> . |
| 35 Bethlehem, <i>Augusta</i> . | 141 Augusta, <i>Augusta</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 12.

District Deputy Grand Master—BERT K. MESERVEY, No. Vassalboro.

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| 33 Waterville, <i>Waterville</i> . | 99 Vernon Valley, <i>Mt. Vernon</i> . |
| 48 Lafayette, <i>Readfield</i> . | 113 Messalonskee, <i>Oakland</i> . |
| 53 Rural, <i>Sidney</i> . | 133 Asylum, <i>Wayne</i> . |
| 54 Vassalboro, <i>North Vassalboro</i> . | 166 Neguemkeag, <i>Vassalboro</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 13.

District Deputy Grand Master—JOHN M. GETCHELL, North Anson.

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| 28 Northern Star, <i>North Anson</i> . | 116 Lebanon, <i>Norridgewock</i> . |
| 34 Somerset, <i>Skowhegan</i> . | 161 Carrabassett, <i>Canaan</i> . |
| 80 Keystone, <i>Solon</i> . | 194 Euclid, <i>Madison</i> . |
| 92 Siloam, <i>Fairfield</i> . | 199 Bingham, <i>Bingham</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 14.

District Deputy Grand Master—GEORGE A. WARD, Bath.

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| 8 United, <i>Brunswick</i> . | 63 Richmond, <i>Richmond</i> . |
| 14 Solar, <i>Bath</i> . | 114 Polar Star, <i>Bath</i> . |
| 23 Freeport, <i>Freeport</i> . | 121 Acacia, <i>Durham</i> . |
| 26 Village, <i>Bowdoinham</i> . | 155 Ancient York, <i>Lisbon Falls</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 15.

District Deputy Grand Master—SAMUEL S. WOOD, Livermore Falls.

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| 20 Maine, <i>Farmington</i> . | 156 Wilton, <i>Wilton</i> . |
| 21 Oriental Star, <i>Livermore Falls</i> . | 167 Whitney, <i>Canton</i> . |
| 67 Blue Mountain, <i>Phillips</i> . | 191 Davis, <i>Strong</i> . |
| 123 Franklin, <i>New Sharon</i> . | 202 Mount Bigelow, <i>Flagstaff</i> . |
| 154 Mystic Tie, <i>Weld</i> . | 204 Mount Abram, <i>Kingfield</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 16.

District Deputy Grand Master—JAMES B. STEVENSON, Rumford.

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|---|---|
| 18 Oxford, <i>Norway</i> . | 100 Jefferson, <i>Bryant's Pond</i> . |
| 30 Blazing Star, <i>Rumford Falls</i> . | 147 Evening Star, <i>Buckfield</i> . |
| 57 King Hiram, <i>Dixfield</i> . | 152 Crooked River, <i>Bolster's Mills</i> . |
| 94 Paris, <i>South Paris</i> . | 182 Granite, <i>West Paris</i> . |
| 97 Bethel <i>Bethel</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 17.

District Deputy Grand Master—ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Portland.

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| 1 Portland, <i>Portland</i> . | 86 Temple, <i>Westbrook</i> . |
| 17 Ancient Landmark, <i>Portland</i> . | 127 Presumpscot, <i>North Windham</i> . |
| 36 Casco, <i>Yarmouth</i> . | 180 Hiram, <i>South Portland</i> . |
| 38 Harmony, <i>Gorham</i> . | 183 Deering, <i>Portland</i> . |
| 70 Standish, <i>Standish</i> . | 186 Warren Phillips, <i>Cum'b Mills</i> . |
| 81 Atlantic, <i>Portland</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 18.

District Deputy Grand Master—CLARENCE H. PRIDE, East Waterford.

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| 11 Pythagorean, <i>Fryeburg</i> . | 132 Mount Tir'em, <i>Waterford</i> . |
| 13 Oriental, <i>Bridgton</i> . | 153 Delta, <i>Lovell</i> . |
| 56 Mount Moriah, <i>Denmark</i> . | 169 Shepherd's River, <i>Brownfield</i> . |
| 117 Greenleaf, <i>Cornish</i> . | |

DISTRICT NO. 19.

District Deputy Grand Master—ALBERT W. MESERVE, Kennebunk.

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| 9 Saco, <i>Saco</i> . | 142 Ocean, <i>Wells Depot</i> . |
| 22 York, <i>Kennebunk</i> . | 162 Arion, <i>Goodwin's Mills</i> . |
| 47 Dunlap, <i>Biddeford</i> . | 179 Yorkshire, <i>North Berwick</i> . |
| 51 St. John's, <i>South Berwick</i> . | 184 Naval, <i>Kittery</i> . |
| 176 Arundel, <i>Kennebunkport</i> . | 198 St. Aspinquid, <i>York Village</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 20.

District Deputy Grand Master—MARTIN L. PORTER, Danforth.

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| 93 Horeb, <i>Lincoln</i> . | 172 Pine Tree, <i>Mattawamkeag</i> . |
| 148 Forest, <i>Springfield</i> . | 175 Baskahegan, <i>Danforth</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 21.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRANK R. OBER, Northeast Harbor.

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| 19 Felicity, <i>Bucksport</i> . | 185 Bar Harbor, <i>Bar Harbor</i> . |
| 40 Lygonia, <i>Ellsworth</i> . | 192 Winter Harbor, <i>Winter Harbor</i> . |
| 71 Rising Sun, <i>Orland</i> . | 201 David A. Hooper, <i>W. Sullivan</i> . |
| 77 Tremont, <i>Southwest Harbor</i> . | 208 N. E. Harbor, <i>N. E. Harbor</i> . |
| 140 Mount Desert, <i>Mount Desert</i> . | 212 McKinley, <i>McKinley</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 22.

District Deputy Grand Master—LYNNE H. BLANCHARD, Hartland.

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| 49 Meridian Splendor, <i>Newport</i> . | 125 Meridian, <i>Pittsfield</i> . |
| 64 Pacific, <i>Exeter</i> . | 139 Archon, <i>East Dixmont</i> . |
| 75 Plymouth, <i>Plymouth</i> . | 157 Cambridge, <i>Cambridge</i> . |
| 95 Corinthian, <i>Hartland</i> . | 160 Parian, <i>Corinna</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 23.

District Deputy Grand Master—JAMES F. CHADBOURNE, Limerick.

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| 27 Adoniram, <i>Limington</i> . | 115 Buxton, <i>West Buxton</i> . |
| 42 Freedom, <i>Limerick</i> . | 118 Drummond, <i>Parsonsfeld</i> . |
| 55 Fraternal, <i>Alfred</i> . | 143 Preble, <i>Sanford</i> . |
| 107 Day Spring, <i>West Newfield</i> . | 190 Springvale, <i>Springvale</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 24.

District Deputy Grand Master—HENRY A. FLETCHER, Auburn.

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| 12 Cumberland, <i>New Gloucester</i> . | 105 Ashlar, <i>Lewiston</i> . |
| 29 Tranquil, <i>Auburn</i> . | 150 Rabboni, <i>Lewiston</i> . |
| 73 Tyrian, <i>Mechanic Falls</i> . | 164 Webster, <i>Sabattus</i> . |
| 101 Nezinscot, <i>Turner</i> . | 178 Ancient Brothers', <i>Auburn</i> . |

DISTRICT NO. 25.

District Deputy Grand Master—LEWIS E. JACKMAN, Sherman Mills.

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| 72 Pioneer, <i>Ashland</i> . | 205 Nollesemeic, <i>Millinocket</i> . |
| 98 Katahdin, <i>Patten</i> . | 206 Island Falls, <i>Island Falls</i> . |
| 165 Molunkus, <i>Sherman Mills</i> . | 209 Fort Kent, <i>Fort Kent</i> . |

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BRETHREN DIED DURING THE YEAR,

From March 1, 1910, to March 1, 1911.

THOSE MARKED * WERE RETURNED AS BURIED WITH MASONIC RITES.

- 1 Portland, Portland. James M. Hamilton, February; Nathaniel Waterhouse, March 7; William A. Ballard, March; William H. Green, April 20; Charles P. Mattocks, May; Scott B. Oliver, July 27; Perez T. Griffin, November 6; Francis A. Leavitt, January 7; Edwin F. Vose, January 13; Levi Turner, February 19; Tewksbury L. Sweat, February 28.
- 2 Warren, East Machias. Frank P. Petronich, December, 1909; Arthur C. Sanborn, August 9; Frank N. Wiswell, August 28; Frederick O. Talbot, Sr., September 27; Edward P. Gardner February 16.
- 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. Fred W. Clifford, August 2; William Farnham, October 5; Harry W. Haggett, February 18.
- 4 Hancock, Castine. Payton R. Green, July; Charles A. Gott, Feb. 21.
- 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. Remington D. Katon, April 29; John D. Hodgdon, June 20; William O. Dale, December 23; John B. Aldrich, January 20.
- 6 Amity, Camden. William A. Athearn, February; Joseph F. Stetson, October 28.
- 7 Eastern, Eastport. Ezra W. Rumery,* January 1; Fisher A. Buck,* April 5; Jesse H. Rumery,* April 7; Robert D. Champlin,* October 24.
- 8 United, Brunswick. James W. Curtis, March 28; Francis E. Otis, August 10; Lemuel H. Stover,* November 4; Charles M. Baker,* December 7; F. E. T. A. Dornfeld, January 19.
- 9 Saco, Saco. David Buck, April 7; George R. Macomber, October 29; Luther R. Moore, January 16.
- 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Gilman Welch, March 24; George H. Fox, May 20; John M. Rice, May 24; George W. Stewart, May 26;

- Warren H. Knowles,* June 17; William L. Quimby, November 27; Jotham S. Pierce, December 18; Alexander M. Robinson, December 27; John H. Eldridge, January 5.
- 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. Amos Haley, March 28; Charles Chandler, December; Charles H. Lovis, December 10.
- 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. Jedediah Libby,* July 10.
- 13 Oriental, Bridgton. David P. Chaplin, June 1; Reuben M. Dyer, October 16.
- 14 Solar, Bath. Joseph M. Hayes, P. M., March 21; Randall D. Bibber, June 9; William H. Hartwell, June 29; Parker M. Eastman, October 26; Davis Hatch, December 13; Francis E. Johnson, January 29.
- 15 Orient, Thomaston. William W. Hodgkins,* April 26; E. P. Washburn, May 18; Edward Rhoades, July 14; Thomas W. Dunn, August 2; Edward C. Colley,* September 19; Nicholas H. Lentest,* October 26; James Watts, December 14.
- 16 Saint George, Warren. Horace Starrett; Jason Spear, May 2; John W. Dunbar,* P. M., September 11; Harrison Parker,* October 16; Oliver A. Spear, December 5.
- 17 Ancient Land-Mark, Portland. Samuel W. Lewis, June 10; Nathan E. Redlon, June 10; Carl F. A. Weber, October 6; James F. Hovey, October 18; Abel H. Sawyer, January 21; William A. Littlefield, January; James A. Bain, February 7; Thomas Lynch, February 18.
- 18 Oxford, Norway. J. Willis Crommett, March 16; Edward P. Faunce,* July 30; Walter C. Brown,* September 15; Gardner B. Boynton, September 16; George Merrill, January 27; Albert H. Williamson, February 22.
- 19 Felicity, Bucksport. Freeman P. Bridges, December 28; Frederick Wood, January 20; William Beazley, February 28.
- 20 Maine, Farmington. George W. Cole, April 5; Andrew J. Haley, August 20.
- 21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. Carl Reynolds Pierce, November 29; Alexander O. Nelson, February.
- 22 York, Kennebunk. Frank Mitchell, April 17; Hosea B. Chick, May 21; Addison E. Haley, October 24.
- 23 Freeport, Freeport. Emery S. Adell, June 27; Ira R. Vining, July 1; Edward C. Hall, October 16; William F. Bennett, December 29.
- 24 Phoenix, Belfast. Henry J. Chaples,* P. M., April 4; Edward W. Woods, July 18; Fred G. White, September 11; Thomas G. Bartlett, October 10; George A. Flowers, February 11.

- 25 Temple, Winthrop. William F. Stevens, March 21.
- 26 Village, Bowdoinham. Hiram Y. Cook, April 13; J. Loyalist Browne, May 7; James P. Thomas, May 30; William O. Small, July 22; Hiram Frost, August 21; Thomas Ross, September 30; Martin V. Chapman, December 30.
- 27 Adoniram, Limington. Albert L. Brackett, September; George Huntress, December 20.
- 28 Northern Star, North Anson. Robert H. Wasson,* November 6.
- 29 Tranquil, Auburn. D. Clint Child,* March 13; John Dingley,* March 23; Herman M. Bickford; Samuel F. Merrill, June 12; Wallace K. Oakes, July 8; Noah Jewett, December 12; Delance Young, June 29.
- 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. Isaac G. Virgin, September 29, 1905; George B. Hannaford, November 7; Henry W. Park,* February 3.
- 31 Union, Union. Elden Burkett, April 21; Otis S. McCarrison, June 24; Stephen W. Jones, February 25.
- 32 Hermon, Gardiner. John F. Blake, March 6; Cyrus W. Cobb, May 6; James M. Larrabee, P. M., October 24; Philip C. Jack, December 20.
- 33 Waterville, Waterville. Frank B. Webber, March 15; Charles A. Holway, June 9; Ned H. Childs,* July 19; Thomas Smart,* December 1; George S. Dolloff, February 13.
- 34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Frederick R. Buck, April 28; George A. Flye, June 6; Moses A. Parker, June 18; George E. Goodwin, August 13.
- 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. L. W. Neal, March 18; Samuel J. Gallagher, April 4; Fred. S. Thorne, April 8; Hiram S. Gray, May 21; Seth E. Beedy, August 19; Jesse K. Brown, September 11; Charles W. Grant, October 11; Amasa B. Hodgkins, October 27; Frank W. Kinsman, December 8; Joseph W. Harlow, February 3.
- 36 Casco, Yarmouth. Philip S. Powell, March 17; Alonzo J. Partridge, April 9; Edward H. Trickey, May 30; George A. Taylor, June 18.
- 37 Washington, Lubec. Alexander B. Sumner, March 29; Otis Fanning, December 20.
- 38 Harmony, Gorham. Edward W. Guptill,* March 26; James C. Alexander, August 25; Roscoe G. Harding, November 12.
- 39 Penobscot, Dexter. Cyrus Foss, March; Eugene Brown, March 26; Charles C. Hatch, May 15; Edwin R. Hanscom.
- 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. Herbert Bunker; John B. Redmond, P. M., March 5; Alexander B. Black, March 23; Herbert H. Holt,

- September; Charles M. Witham, December; Henry Whiting, January 22; Leonard M. Moore, January 29; Charles H. Curtis, February 1; Isaiah L. Garland, February 27.
- 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. Joseph E. Jack,* May 10; Walter I. Varney,* November 3; Dean S. Hutchinson,* November 4; Wm. H. Tarr,* November 23.
- 43 Alna, Damariscotta. John L. Clifford, April 3; Ira J. Oliver, Nov. 23; Humphrey E. Webster, January 9; John A. Weeks, Feb. 12; David S. Glidden, February 23.
- 44 Piscataquis, Milo. Henry W. Briggs, August 1; Elbridge Morrell, February 6.
- 45 Central, China. Thomas A. Rowe, March 15; William S. Hunnewell, April 29; Elias C. Fowler, August 6; Charles B. Lincoln, October 31; Otis Meader, February 14; Alonzo D. Shorey, February 24.
- 46 Saint Croix, Calais. Edward M. Flynn,* May 16; James Agnew, May 18; Peter A. Martin, January, 8; John M. Hill, February 6.
- 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. Gilman P. Littlefield, March 7; Joseph Gooch, March 29; Thomas C. Bradbury, June 27; Frederic Yates, Oct. 25; Lewellyn E. Holt, December 22; Joseph N. Coffin, December 26.
- 48 Lafayette, Readfield. Frank L. Brand; John R. Masterman, Oct. 12; George S. Morrill, February 14.
- 49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. George M. Ordway, February 10.
- 50 Aurora, Rockland. William H. Glover, April 2; Valentine E. Higgins, April 8; Albion E. Hewett,* April 18; Henry T. Beverage, October 26; Benjamin Williams, November 27; Peter A. Lawson,* December 17; Allen F. Sylvester,* December 19; Alabama Gross,* January 11; Abiatha R. Leighton,* February 13; Joseph H. Lane,* February 20; John Q. Adams, February 27.
- 51 Saint Johns, South Berwick. Storer E. Stiles, August 22; Frank E. Sanborn, November 14; Albert Shapleigh, November 25.
- 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. John P. Crocker, October 19; John Hill, January 14.
- 53 Rural, Sidney. James F. Warren,* September 30.
- 54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. Everard L. Priest, January 22; Samuel McCurdy, April 22; Frank A. Estes, February.
- 55 Fraternal, Alfred. John C. Sanborn, November 11; Daniel R. Ford, January 12; Amos L. Allen, February 20.
- 56 Mt. Moriah, Denmark. Isaac H. Berry, March; Samuel G. Davis, September 10.

- 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. Eben S. Swett, June 29; Hiram T. Richards, November 5; Marcellus E. Tucker, December 31; Henry A. Bemis, February 27.
- 58 Unity, Thorndike. Charles W. Ward, September 4; Thomas S. Keene, aged 90 years.
- 60 Star in the East, Old Town. Charles A. Bailey, August; Lorenzo Moore,* August.
- 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. Frank C. March,* May 7; William A. Keene, May 21; George G. Benner,* May 27.
- 63 Richmond, Richmond. John C. F. Howe, August 19; Edward I. Buker, October 23; William H. Saunders, October 24; George R. Ridley, December 17; Harry Slosberg, February 25.
- 65 Mystic, Hampden. James T. Sawyer, October 11, 1909; George F. Loring, March 24.
- 66 Mechanics, Orono. Welton M. Munson, P. M., September 8; Nathaniel Chapman, February 11.
- 67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. Hamlin R. Butterfield, September 8; Charles H. Neal, November 18; Charles E. Tedford, January 12.
- 68 Mariners, Searsport. Levi Clark, June 10; Israel Closson, August 23; Charles E. Adams, October 5; Amasa D. Field, November 24.
- 69 Howard, Winterport. Everett F. Sanborn, March 1; J. Henry Taylor, July 12; Granville Grant, November 9.
- 70 Standish, Standish. Bigelow T. Sanborn; Wedgewood N. Moody, September 23; Levi Libby, November 18; Samuel S. Chandler, February 24.
- 71 Rising Sun, Orland. Asa C. Peavey, March 8; Alexander McCaslin, April 7; John B. Harriman, January 4; Edwin P. Hutchins, February 8; William L. Snowman, February 11.
- 72 Pioneer, Ashland. Eben R. McKay, P. M., October 28.
- 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. Hiram B. King*, February 24; E. M. Wight, June 11; William E. Hanscom,* June 20; Henry E. Twombly, July; J. Sewall Merrill,* November 12.
- 74 Bristol, Bristol Mills. William O. Blaney; Burdick Berry; William H. McGray,* January 15; Albion M. Carter, January 18.
- 75 Plymouth, Plymouth. William H. Condon, April 22; Byron P. Rollins, August 29.
- 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Edwin Chick, July 23; Samuel E. Talpey.
- 77 Tremont, South West Harbor. William B. Stanley,* March 12; Loring A. Stanley, March; Albion Murphy; William Dix,* December 2.

- 78 Crescent, Pembroke. Henry L. Woodworth,* April 24; Frank S. West, November; Samuel H. Smith, December 16; John C. Wright, February 5; Everett H. Fisher,* February 23.
- 79 Rockland, Rockland. Edward W. Bartlett, March 1; Harvey S. Hall,* March 20; William J. Robbins, May 6; Wm. E. Brewer,* May 15; Alexander A. Beaton,* February 22.
- 80 Keystone, Solon. Leslie D. Lombard, July 5; Charles S. Durgin, September 8; Sylvanus A. Morse, November 17; Cyrus A. Paul, February 22.
- 81 Atlantic, Portland. Eben T. Gray,* June 7; Robert J. Burgess,* July 7; Edwin S. Moore,* September 18; Charles G. Herald,* October 16; Seth L. Larrabee, December 8.
- 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. Fred W. Amsbury, September 3; Arthur Libby, January 21.
- 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. Robert H. Elms, September 18; Charles E. Dole, October 20; George I. Baker, November, 12; Augustus E. Pote, November 18; Louis B. Hanson, February 14.
- 84 Eureka, St. George. Forbes M. Taylor, March 11; William Dwyer, March 31; James E. Kellar, August 30; Sylvanus Hemingway, December 18; Howard Wiley, February 12; George Slingsby, February 17.
- 85 Star in the West, Unity. E. H. Moulton, April 12; William G. Fuller, May 5; Ralph Elmwood, September; Isaiah R. Blethen, December 29; Joseph P. Sturges, December 31; Alvin Berry.
- 86 Temple, Westbrook. Charles L. London,* April 4; Edmund D. Mayberry,* April 23; Daniel W. Hoegg, June 28; Daniel W. Hawkes,* July 7; Harry H. Strout,* August 2; John J. Knowlton, January 17; Jetson D. Gilbert, February 13; Mahlon H. Webb, February 28.
- 87 Benevolent, Carmel. Everett S. Ward, September 5.
- 88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. Charles O. Haraden; Oscar Dunbar, October 8; Randall C. Haycock, February 12.
- 89 Island, Islesboro. Daniel A. Warren, September 16.
- 91 Harwood, Machias. Nathan S. Bowker, July 18; George W. Drisko, August 20; Joseph A. Coffin,* December 26.
- 92 Siloam, Fairfield. George P. Haines, May 25; George H. Heath, August 1; John R. Hudson, August 4; Calvin G. Totman, August 18; Albert H. Duren, September 14; O'Connell C. York, September 27; James H. Holt, January 15; Frazier M. Thomas, February 11.
- 93 Horeb, Lincoln. John C. Batchelder,* November 9; Ned W. Burr, February 20.

- 94 Paris, South Paris. Wilbur L. Farrar, March 14; Rodney N. Hull, August 16.
- 95 Corinthian, Hartland. Enoch L. Eastman.
- 96 Monument, Houlton. Lewis S. Brown,* June 1; William H. Guion,* December 9; J. John Calvert,* February 10; Harry R. Adams, February 24.
- 97 Bethel, Bethel. Leander P. Barker, P. M., January 7.
- 98 Katahdin, Patten. Leroy Miles, April 15; Isaiah Guptil, December 9.
- 99 Vernon Valley, Mount Vernon. Fernando C. Fellows, July 7; Harold F. Travis, October 15; Daniel H. Thing, October 31.
- 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. William Day,* March; Albert C. Bolster, June 28.
- 101 Nezinscot, Turner. Ellis C. Cole, August 31.
- 102 Marsh River, Brooks. A. H. Mayo, July 12; R. H. Small, October 10; E. B. Edwards, November 16.
- 103 Dresden, Dresden Mills. Seth H. Whitcomb, May 17.
- 104 Dirigo, Weeks Mills. Timothy S. Farrington, July 18; Samuel H. Bradstreet, May 10.
- 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. Randall Dresser, March 16; Joseph H. Fisher, March 28; Charles A. Boomer, June 7; William A. Libby, November 12; Samuel Mellen, January 5; John O. A. Jumper, February 8.
- 106 Tuscan, Addison. Charles A. Coffin, September 26; Gilbert L. Bucknam, October 17; Charles A. Wilson, December 11; Daniel W. Robbins, December; John W. Leighton, February 6.
- 107 Day Spring, West Newfield. George M. Hill, September 1.
- 109 Mount Kineo, Guilford. Lendall H. Whittier, June 21; W. E. S. Fassett, June 30.
- 111 Liberty, Liberty. Benton F. Thompson, July 23; William H. Marden, October 21.
- 112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. R. H. Perkins, November 12; N. H. Martin, December 13.
- 113 Messalonskee, Oakland. Almer R. Small, March 12; William E. Ward, June 9; W. Scott Crowell, December 19; David Pike, January 28.
- 114 Polar Star, Bath. Sumner F. Mains, November 5; G. Fred Mitchell, June 22; George A. Smith, July 13; George F. Woodbury, August 13; William F. Harding, August 18; Charles H. McLellan, October 23; William T. Donnell, October 24; George Fisher, November 3; Albert Billings, February 11.
- 115 Buxton, West Buxton. Edward H. Elwell.
- 116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. Elbridge Pepper,* November 10.

- 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. Francis Grovenor; Henry I. Hill, April 4; Cephas Wadsworth, May; George W. Osgood, June; Aaron H. Marr, December 20; Seward B. Richardson, December 24; Benjamin F. Haley, December 30; Samuel B. Knight, January 6.
- 118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. E. Everett Terry, September 5.
- 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. Charles Park, November 2.
- 122 Marine, Deer Isle. George W. Small, March 6; Albert Haskell, March 20; Martan H. Halden, July 31; James H. Robbins, January 12.
- 123 Franklin, New Sharon. John W. Thompson, January 15.
- 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. Cassius M. Fletcher, November; Samuel D. Harding, November 29.
- 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. Percy Whipple, March 4; Albion P. McMaster, March 18; David M. Parks, April 7; Orin S. Haskell, Oct. 7; George H. Hunter, November 19.
- 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. George P. Field, June; Jones E. Davis, November 27; Louis Harris, November; John T. Frost, Jan. 14.
- 127 Presumpscot, North Windham. John C. Cobb; Cyrus T. Parker,* September 5; Joseph L. Robinson, February 1.
- 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. David C. Day; Parker B. Billings, Feb. 21.
- 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. John Q. Adams, December 24.
- 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. Charles R. Merserve, December 23, 1908.
- 135 Riverside, Jefferson. A. R. Lehr.
- 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. Daniel W. Parkhurst, P. M., May 2; James A. Freese, October 10; Danville W. Wyman, November 15; George E. Thompson, December 30.
- 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. S. B. Sprague, April 7; Goram K. Gould, August 17; Leroy H. Seavey, September 14.
- 139 Archon, East Dixmont. Merrill Goodrich, April 18; Benjamin F. Porter, November 24; Charles J. Tasker, December; Rufus Smith, February 23.
- 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. William H. Bunker, March 16; Horatio S. Seavey, June 28; Jason C. Hill, October 5; Eben H. Hamor, November 5; Abel B. Bartlett, December 1; Lewis F. Dorr, February 22.
- 141 Augusta, Augusta. Clarence B. Burleigh, May 2; John Gilbert.
- 142 Ocean, Wells Depot. Trafton Hatch,* November 30.
- 143 Preble, Sanford. Harrison L. Jacobs, April 29; Uriah B. Jagger, February 9; Frederick B. Averell, January 29.

- 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. E. C. Blake, July 8; M. D. Sawyer, October 18; William M. Bennett, November 7; Caleb Hodgdon, January 12; Alphonzo Dyer, January 25; Owen Y. Mathews.
- 145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Levi W. Smith, March 4; William A. Wentworth,* July 9; William S. Lane, August 14; Phillip A. Pierce,* August 16; David R. Manson,* September 30; Charles Ranquist, September; John E. Vinal,* November 11; Benjamin E. Burgess,* December 17; George P. Grim,* February 11; Levi L. Farnham,* February 16.
- 146 Seabasticook, Clinton. George H. Piper, March 19; Charles F. Baker, June 1; Thomas Galusha, August 1.
- 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. Harry L. Bonney, May 17; Joseph C. Caldwell, June 17; John E. Moore, November 24.
- 148 Forest, Springfield. William L. Scribner, charter member, July 20; Joseph W. Staples, October 27.
- 149 Doric, Monson. Gustavus B. Hescocck, May 26; John F. Engman, July 20; William H. Davis, October 22.
- 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. Richmond B. Hayes,* May 7; Lorenzo W. Daly, May 22; Frank A. Conant, June 29; Charles B. Wiesner,* July 3; Thomas H. Longley,* July 5; George H. Stanford, August 14; Alson Lothrop, September 17; Daniel Guptill, October 28.
- 151 Excelsior, Northport. William S. Drinkwater, September 10.
- 152 Crooked River, Otisfield. Charles E. Akers, September 26; Andrew W. Burnham.
- 153 Delta, Lovell. John Albert Farrington, May 15; Josiah H. Stearns, June 4; James K. P. Vance, September 3.
- 154 Mystic Tie, Weld. Edwin B. Lufkin, September 26.
- 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. Charles B. Plummer, October 14; Willis E. Hobbs, January 11.
- 156 Wilton, Wilton. John D. Hardy, June 1; John W. Miller, September 16; Ezra McIntire, October 15; Arthur D. Parsons,* January 14.
- 157 Cambridge, Cambridge. Frank R. Kimball,* April 14; David H. Whittier, August 24; William Allen, November 25.
- 160 Parian, Corinna. W. A. Lewis, May 17; George B. Fisher, July 8; Lewis Hutchins, September 11.
- 161 Carrabassett, Canaan. Frank W. Ames, September 19; George Weymouth, April 29.
- 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. Edward F. Lamson; A. H. Morrison; David Pugh; Henry H. Jones, February 3.
- 165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. John Gosnell, January 22.
- 166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. Preston B. Lancaster, January 7.

- 168 Composite, La Grange. Francis B. Lancaster, June 18; Samuel Robinson, February 5.
- 169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. James H. Ridlon, February 23.
- 170 Caribou, Caribou. Samuel W. Matthews.
- 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. Samuel W. Tainter, May 2; Isaac N. Cole, September 30; Levi Franks, October 13; Charles H. Johnston, November 29; George R. Allen, February 16; Edgar W. Wills, February 23.
- 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. Edwin Lewis Whitman, July 1; Charles J. Carl,* September 29; Charles H. Speed, November 27.
- 173 Pleiades, Millbridge. Raymond D. Gay, May 17; Lewis Perry, August 19; Fred A. Sawyer, October 12; Benjamin W. Parker, November 10; Abram N. Farnsworth, November 17.
- 174 Lynde, Hermon. Charles M. Webber, April 15; Charles H. Moore, July 1.
- 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. Charles H. Merrill,* Alex. McClain, January 22.
- 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. Oliver M. Perkins, July 15; Monroe W. Wardwell, July 28; Burlie H. Leach, December 12.
- 178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. Edward G. Larrabee,* June 27; Charles E. Bacon, October 24; Herbert E. Willis.
- 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. J. Wesley Webber, June 10.
- 180 Hiram, South Portland. David L. Jones,* March 9; Arthur M. Small,* April 3; Chester L. Jordan,* April 26; Elmer E. Rogers,* May 20; Fred A. Mellar,* June 22; Joseph Simonton,* August 20.
- 182 Granite, West Paris. Daniel L. Day, April 3; George W. Hammond, April 26; Oscar A. Kimball, August 30; Austin J. Hayes, October 5; Charles W. Chase, November 6.
- 183 Deering, Portland. Charles F. Jordan,* March 5; George H. Wyman, March 15; Grenville M. Stevens, March 30; Melvin Hamblet, July 12; Liberty B. Dennett, August 17; Fred H. Blake,* November 13; George Russell,* February 28.
- 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. Edward S. J. Morse,* May 12; George L. Wescott, November 9; Percy A. Hamor, February 6.
- 186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Elijah A. Durell, April; William W. Lamb, October.
- 187 Ira Berry, Blue Hill. Frank P. Greene, December 13.
- 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. George W. Smith, February 27, 1910; Wm. Leighton; Horatio Dobbin,
- 190 Springvale, Springvale. Albert D. Webber, June 20; Luther G. Jowett, August 18; Nathaniel T. Abbott, October; George H. Roberts, February.

- 191 Davis, Strong. Dennis E. Clark, April 22; Pembroke S. Marsh, August 30.
- 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. James M. Wescott, March 17; John A. Shaw, April 11; Henry H. Hammond, April 28; William H. Over, June 7.
- 193 Washburn, Washburn. James M. Story,* June 16.
- 194 Euclid, Madison. Hiram Moore; Lewis McCord.
- 195 Reliance, Stonington. Stephen E. Allen, July 9; Samuel Coid, February 5; Stephen B. Thurlow, February 10.
- 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. William H. Hogarth, October 6; Fred G. Winn, November 23.
- 199 Bingham, Bingham. William H. Morris, May 6.
- 200 Columbia, Greenville. Carl I. Sawyer, June 16; Anthony T. Beers, September 11.
- 201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Boyd P. Foss, August.
- 204 Mount Abram, Kingfield. Abram Butts, November 19.
- 205 Nollesemeic, Millinocket. John F. Sweezey, August 17; Charles R. Beatty, December.
- 206 Island Falls, Island Falls. Henry C. Donley, January 14.

= LODGES IN MAINE =

With Dates of Precedence and Charter.

		†Charter surrendered.	‡Charter re-issued.	§Revoked.	¶Consolidated.
LODGE.	LOCATION.	DATE OF PRECEDENCE.		DATE OF CHARTER.	
1 Portland,	Portland,	Mch. 30, 1769.		Mch. 30, 1769.	
2 Warren,	East Machias,	Sept. 10, 1778.		Sept. 10, 1778.	
3 Lincoln,	Wiscasset,	June 1, 1792.		June 1, 1792.	
4 Hancock,	Castine,	June 9, 1794.		June 9, 1794.	
5 Kennebec,	Hallowell,	Mch. 14, 1796.		Mch. 14, 1796.	
6 Amity,	Camden,	Mch. 10, 1801.		Mch. 10, 1801.	
7 Eastern,	Eastport,	June 8, 1801.		June 8, 1801.	
8 United,	Brunswick,	Dec. 14, 1801.		Dec. 14, 1801.	
9 Saco,	Saco,	June 14, 1802.		June 16, 1802.	
10 Rising Virtue,	Bangor,	Sept. 13, 1802.		Sept. 16, 1802.	
11 Pythagorean,	Fryeburg,	June 13, 1803.		June 13, 1803.	
12 Cumberland,	New Gloucester,	June 13, 1803.		June 13, 1803.	
13 Oriental,	Bridgton,	Mch. 12, 1804.		Mch. 12, 1804.	
14 Solar,	Bath,	Sept. 10, 1804.		Sept. 10, 1804.	
15 Orient,	Thomaston,	Sept. 10, 1805.		Sept. 10, 1805.	
16 St. George,	Warren,	Mch. 10, 1806.		Mch. 10, 1806.	
17 Ancient Landmark,	Portland,	June 10, 1806.		June 10, 1806.	
18 Oxford,	Norway,	Sept. 14, 1807.		Sept. 14, 1807.	
19 Felicity,	Bucksport,	Mch. 14, 1809.		Mch. 14, 1809.	
20 Maine,	Farmington,	June 13, 1809.		Jan. 13, 1810.	
21 Oriental Star,	Livermore,	June 13, 1811.		June 13, 1811.	
22 York,	Kennebunk,	Mch. 9, 1813.		Mch. 9, 1813.	
23 Freeport,	Freeport,	Sept. 13, 1814.		Sept. 13, 1814.	
24 Phoenix,	Belfast,	Sept. 9, 1816.		Dec. 30, 1816.	
25 Temple,	Winthrop,	Sept. 8, 1817.		Oct. 6, 1817.	
26 Village,	Bowdoinham,	June 9, 1817.		Sept. 16, 1817.	
27 Adoniram,	Limington,	Sept. 9, 1818.		Sept. 10, 1818.	
28 Northern Star,	North Anson,	Dec. 9, 1818.		Dec. 15, 1818.	
29 Tranquil,	Auburn,	Dec. 9, 1818.		Dec. 9, 1818.	
30 Blazing Star,	Rumford,	Mch. 10, 1819.		Mch. 11, 1819.	
31 Union,	Union,	Dec. 27, 1819.		April 8, 1820.	
32 Hermon,	Gardiner,	June 23, 1820.		June 23, 1820.	
33 Waterville,	Waterville,	June 27, 1820.		June 27, 1820.	
34 Somerset,	Skowhegan,	Jan. 11, 1821.		Jan. 11, 1821.	
35 Bethlehem,	Augusta,	July 12, 1821.		May 3, 1866.†	
36 Casco,	Yarmouth,	Oct. 11, 1821.		Oct. 24, 1821.	
37 Washington,	Lubec,	Jan. 10, 1822.		Jan. 24, 1822.	
38 Harmony,	Gorham,	Jan. 10, 1822.		Jan. 24, 1822.	
39 Penobscot,	Dexter,	Jan. 10, 1822.		Jan. 24, 1822.	
40 Lygonia,	Ellsworth,	April 11, 1822.		April 11, 1822.	
41 Morning Star,	Litchfield,	July 11, 1822.		July 16, 1822.	
42 Freedom,	Limerick,	Jan. 11, 1823.		Jan. 14, 1823.	
43 Alna,	Alna,	Jan. 11, 1823.		Jan. 14, 1823.	
44 Piscataquis,	Milo,	Oct. 9, 1823.		Oct. 28, 1823.	
45 Central,	China,	April 8, 1824.		April 8, 1824.	
46 St. Croix,	Calais,	May 29, 1845.		May 29, 1845.	
47 Dunlap,	Biddeford,	Jan. 13, 1826.		Jan. 30, 1826.	
48 Lafayette,	Readfield,	Jan. 13, 1826.		May 20, 1850.‡	
49 Meridian Splendor,	Newport,	July 13, 1826.		July 18, 1826.	

LODGE.	LOCATION.	DATE OF PRECEDENCE.	DATE OF CHARTER.
50 Aurora,	Rockland,	July 18, 1826.	May 9, 1872.†
51 St. John's,	South Berwick,	Jan. 12, 1827.	Feb. 13, 1827.
52 Mosaic,	Foxcroft,	April 22, 1827.	July 16, 1827.
53 Rural,	Sidney,	April 12, 1827.	July 25, 1827.
54 Vassalboro,	No. Vassalboro,	April 12, 1827.	May 31, 1827.
55 Fraternal,	Alfred,	Jan. 10, 1828.	Jan. 10, 1828.
56 Mount Moriah,	Denmark,	Jan. 10, 1828.	Jan. 23, 1828.
57 King Hiram,	Dixfield,	April 10, 1828.	May 9, 1872.†
58 Unity,	Thorndike,	April 10, 1828.	May 15, 1828.
59 Mount Hope,	Hope,	Jan. 25, 1848.	May 4, 1848.†
60 Star in the East,	Oldtown,	Feb. 23, 1848.	May 5, 1848.
61 King Solomon's,	Waldoboro,	April 4, 1849.	Feb. 4, 1855.†
62 King David's,	Lincolnton,	June 16, 1849.	Jan. 13, 1850.
63 Richmond,	Richmond,	Jan. 1, 1850.	May 10, 1850.
64 Pacific,	Exeter,	Oct. 22, 1850.	May 12, 1851.
65 Mystic,	Hampden,	Mch. 1, 1851.	May 12, 1851.
66 Mechanics,	Orono,	Mch. 3, 1851.	May 12, 1851.
67 Blue Mountain,	Phillips,	July 12, 1850.	May 10, 1852.
68 Mariners',	Searsport,	Oct. 23, 1851.	May 10, 1853.
69 Howard,	Winterport,	Nov. 28, 1851.	May 6, 1853.
70 Standish,	Standish,	June 10, 1852.	May 10, 1853.
71 Rising Sun,	Orland,	Oct. 18, 1852.	May 10, 1853.
72 Pioneer,	Ashland,	Oct. 26, 1852.	May 5, 1854.
73 Tyrian,	Mechanic Falls,	Jan. 21, 1853.	May 10, 1853.
74 Bristol,	Bristol,	Mch. 1, 1853.	May 5, 1854.
75 Plymouth,	Plymouth,	May 9, 1853.	May 5, 1854.
76 Arundel,	Kennebunkport,	May 5, 1854.	June 26, 1854.
77 Tremont,	Tremont,	June 12, 1854.	May 3, 1856.
78 Crescent,	Pembroke,	July 4, 1854.	July 10, 1854.
79 Rockland,	Rockland,	Oct. 25, 1854.	April 4, 1872.†
80 Keystone,	Solon,	Dec. 16, 1854.	May 4, 1855.
81 Atlantic,	Portland,	May 3, 1855.	May 3, 1855.
82 St. Paul's,	Rockport,	Oct. 27, 1855.	May 2, 1856.
83 St. Andrew's,	Bangor,	Feb. 6, 1856.	May 3, 1856.
84 Eureka,	St. George,	July 27, 1855.	May 2, 1856.
85 Star in the West,	Unity,	May 4, 1855.	May 24, 1856.
86 Temple,	Westbrook,	Mch. 1, 1856.	May 5, 1856.
87 Benevolent,	Carmel,	Mch. 12, 1857.	May 7, 1857.
88 Narraguagus,	Cherryfield,	Mch. 25, 1857.	May 28, 1857.
89 Island,	Islesboro,	April 3, 1857.	Nov. 5, 1857.
90 Hiram Abiff,	West Appleton,	Jan. 27, 1857.	May 5, 1858.‡
91 Harwood,	Machias,	April 8, 1858.	Oct. 15, 1858.
92 Siloam,	Fairfield,	Mch. 8, 1858.	Jan. 1, 1859.
93 Horeb,	Lincoln,	June 5, 1858.	May 5, 1859.
94 Paris,	South Paris,	June 15, 1858.	May 5, 1859.
95 Corinthian,	Hartland,	Sept. 13, 1858.	May 5, 1859.
96 Monument,	Houlton,	Nov. 18, 1858.	May 5, 1859.
97 Bethel,	Bethel,	July 6, 1859.	May 5, 1860.
98 Katahdin,	Patten,	Aug. 24, 1859.	May 3, 1860.
99 Vernon Valley,	Mount Vernon,	Oct. 28, 1859.	May 3, 1860.
100 Jefferson,	Bryant's Pond,	Feb. 8, 1860.	May 3, 1860.
101 Nezinscot,	Turner,	Mch. 1, 1860.	May 3, 1860.
102 Marsh River,	Brooks,	Dec. 24, 1859.	May 9, 1861.
103 Dresden,	Dresden,	Feb. 3, 1860.	May 9, 1861.
104 Dirigo,	South China,	June 12, 1860.	May 9, 1861.
105 Ashlar,	Lewiston,	Nov. 5, 1860.	May 9, 1861.
106 Tuscan,	Addison Point,	Dec. 27, 1860.	May 9, 1861.
107 Day Spring,	West Newfield,	Mch. 19, 1861.	May 9, 1861.

LODGE.	LOCATION.	DATE OF PRECEDENCE.	DATE OF CHARTER.
108 Relief,	Belgrade,	Jan. 11, 1861.	May 8, 1862. §
109 Mount Kineo,	Abbot,	May 10, 1861.	May 8, 1862.
110 Monmouth,	Monmouth,	May 21, 1861.	May 8, 1862.
111 Liberty,	Liberty,	Nov. 8, 1861.	May 8, 1862.
112 Eastern Frontier,	Fort Fairfield,	May 8, 1862.	May 7, 1863.
113 Messalonskee,	Oakland,	May 15, 1862.	May 7, 1863.
114 Polar Star,	Bath,	Mch. 7, 1863.	May 7, 1863.
115 Buxton,	West Buxton,	Mch. 18, 1863.	May 7, 1863.
116 Lebanon,	Norridgewock,	April 30, 1863.	May 7, 1863.
117 Greenleaf,	Cornish,	April 22, 1863.	May 4, 1864.
118 Drummond,	Parsonsfield,	May 7, 1863.	May 4, 1864.
119 Pownal,	Stockton,	July 4, 1863.	May 6, 1875. †
120 Meduncook, .	Friendship,	Feb. 6, 1864.	May 4, 1864. †
121 Acacia,	Durham,	May 7, 1863.	May 4, 1865.
122 Marine,	Deer Isle,	Mch. 18, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
123 Franklin,	New Sharon,	May 4, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
124 Olive Branch,	Charleston,	May 4, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
125 Meridian,	Pittsfield,	June 7, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
126 Timothy Chase,	Belfast,	Oct. 26, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
127 Presumpscot,	Windham,	Nov. 19, 1864.	May 3, 1866.
128 Eggemoggin,	Sedgwick,	Mch. 1, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
129 Quantabacook,	Searsmont,	Mch. 28, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
130 Trinity,	Presque Isle,	July 17, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
131 Lookout,	Cutler,	July 18, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
132 Mount Tir'em,	Waterford,	Oct. 18, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
133 Asylum,	Wayne,	July 20, 1865.	May 9, 1867.
134 Trojan,	Troy,	Feb. 19, 1866.	May 9, 1867. ¶
135 Riverside,	Jefferson,	Mch. 13, 1866.	May 8, 1867.
136 Ionic,	Gardiner,	April 24, 1866.	May 9, 1867. †
137 Kenduskeag,	Kenduskeag,	May 3, 1866.	May 8, 1867.
138 Lewy's Island,	Princeton,	May 3, 1866.	May 8, 1867.
139 Archon,	Dixmont,	Sept. 26, 1866.	May 8, 1867.
140 Mount Desert,	Mount Desert,	Feb. 14, 1867.	May 8, 1867.
141 Augusta,	Augusta,	Mch. 21, 1867.	May 8, 1867.
142 Ocean,	Wells,	Mch. 22, 1867.	May 7, 1868.
143 Preble,	Sanford,	May 9, 1867.	May 7, 1868.
144 Seaside,	Boothbay,	Oct. 7, 1867.	May 7, 1868.
145 Moses Webster,	Vinalhaven,	Jan. 13, 1868.	May 7, 1868.
146 Seabasticook,	Clinton,	Feb. 3, 1868.	May 7, 1868.
147 Evening Star,	Buckfield,	Feb. 22, 1869.	May 5, 1869.
148 Forest,	Springfield,	April 1, 1869.	May 5, 1869.
149 Doric,	Monson,	May 7, 1868.	May 5, 1869.
150 Rabboni,	Lewiston,	Dec. 28, 1868.	May 5, 1869.
151 Excelsior,	Northport,	Mch. 1, 1869.	May 5, 1869.
152 Crooked River,	Bolster's Mills,	April 15, 1869.	May 5, 1870.
153 Delta,	Lovell,	May 5, 1869.	May 4, 1870.
154 Mystic Tie,	Weld,	June 8, 1869.	May 4, 1870.
155 Ancient York,	Lisbon Falls,	Jan. 1, 1870.	May 4, 1870.
156 Wilton,	Wilton,	Jan. 31, 1870.	May 4, 1870.
157 Cambridge,	Cambridge,	May 5, 1870.	May 4, 1871.
158 Anchor,	South Bristol,	May 5, 1870.	May 4, 1871.
159 Esoteric,	Ellsworth,	Sept. 3, 1870.	May 4, 1871. ¶
160 Parian,	Corinna,	Sept. 9, 1870.	May 9, 1872.
161 Carrabassett,	Canaan,	Mch. 2, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
162 Arion,	Goodwin's Mills,	Mch. 18, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
163 Pleasant River,	Brownville,	July 28, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
164 Webster,	Webster,	July 28, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
165 Molunkus,	Sherman Mills,	Aug. 26, 1871.	May 9, 1872.

LODGE.	LOCATION.	DATE OF PRECEDENCE.	DATE OF CHARTER.
166 Neguemkeag,	Vassalboro,	Dec. 22, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
167 Whitney,	Canton,	Mch. 9, 1872.	May 9, 1872.
168 Composite,	La Grange,	May 9, 1872.	May 8, 1873.
169 Shepherd's River,	Brownfield,	July 1, 1872.	May 8, 1873.
170 Caribou,	Caribou,	July 27, 1872.	May 8, 1873.
171 Naskeag,	Brooklin,	Feb. 3, 1873.	May 8, 1873.
172 Pine Tree,	Mattawamkeag,	Nov. 14, 1873.	May 7, 1874.
173 Pleiades,	Millbridge,	May 7, 1874.	May 7, 1874.
174 Lynde,	Hermon,	May 7, 1874.	May 7, 1874.
175 Baskahegan,	Danforth,	Dec. 3, 1874.	May 20, 1875.
176 Palestine,	Biddeford,	May 5, 1875.	May 6, 1875.
177 Rising Star,	Penobscot,	June 17, 1875.	May 4, 1876.
178 Ancient Brothers',	Auburn,	June 21, 1875.	May 4, 1876.
179 Yorkshire,	North Berwick,	Sept. 18, 1875.	May 4, 1876.
180 Hiram,	Cape Elizabeth,	Nov. 1, 1875.	May 4, 1876.
181 Reuel Washburn,	East Livermore,	May 4, 1876.	May 3, 1877.
182 Granite,	West Paris,	Sept. 16, 1878.	May 8, 1879.
183 Deering,	Portland,	April 2, 1879.	May 8, 1879.
184 Naval,	Kittery,	May 8, 1879.	May 6, 1880.
185 Bar Harbor,	Bar Harbor,	April 19, 1882.	May 2, 1882.
186 Warren Phillips,	Cumberl'd Mills,	April 18, 1883.	May 3, 1883.
187 Ira Berry,	Bluehill,	Nov. 12, 1883.	May 8, 1884.
188 Jonesport,	Jonesport,	May 8, 1884.	May 8, 1884.
189 Knox,	So. Thomaston,	Sept. 6, 1884.	May 7, 1885.
190 Springvale,	Springvale,	May 7, 1885.	May 6, 1886.
191 Davis,	Strong,	May 7, 1885.	May 6, 1886.
192 Winter Harbor,	Winter Harbor,	Aug. 12, 1887.	May 3, 1888.
193 Washburn,	Washburn,	Dec. 14, 1887.	May 3, 1888.
194 Euclid,	Madison,	May 4, 1888.	May 9, 1889.
195 Reliance,	Green's Landing,	May 9, 1889.	May 8, 1890.
196 Bay View,	East Boothbay,	Dec. 20, 1889.	May 8, 1890.
197 Aroostook,	Blaine,	Dec. 17, 1890.	May 7, 1891.
198 St. Aspinquid,	York,	July 22, 1892.	May 4, 1893.
199 Bingham,	Bingham,	Dec. 23, 1892.	May 4, 1893.
200 Columbia,	Greenville,	July 23, 1894.	May 7, 1896.
201 David A. Hooper,	West Sullivan,	June 3, 1897.	May 5, 1898.
202 Mount Bigelow,	Flagstaff,	June 19, 1897.	May 6, 1898.
203 Mount Olivet,	Washington,	Nov. 24, 1897.	May 7, 1898.
204 Mt. Abram,	Kingfield,	May 4, 1900.	May 9, 1901.
205 Nollesemic,	Millinocket,	Nov. 17, 1900.	May 9, 1901.
206 Island Falls,	Island Falls,	Oct. 3, 1901.	May 8, 1902.
207 Abner Wade,	Sangerville,	June 3, 1902.	May 7, 1903.
208 No. East Harbor,	N. E. Harbor,	Sept. 2, 1903.	May 6, 1904.
209 Fort Kent,	Fort Kent,	Mch. 23, 1904.	May 4, 1905.
210 Bagaduce,	Brooksville,	Sept. 2, 1905.	May 3, 1906.
211 Meduncook,	Friendship,	Feb. 15, 1909.	May 5, 1910.
212 McKinley,	McKinley,	May 6, 1909.	May 6, 1910.

NOTE. 59 Mt. Hope, charter surrendered 1879.

90 Hiram Abiff, charter revoked 1868.

108 Relief, charter revoked 1894.

120 Meduncook, charter surrendered 1884.

134 Trojan, consolidated with Star in the West, No. 85, in 1888.

136 Ionic, charter surrendered 1882.

159 Esoteric, consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, Jan. 11, 1908.

176 Palestine, consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, in 1895.

181 Reuel Washburn, consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1892.

Lodges enrolled 212; extinct 9; working 203.

— OFFICERS —

OF THE

Grand . Lodge . of . Maine,

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO 1911.



GRAND MASTERS.

William King, 1820, '21.*	Timothy J. Murray, 1866-'68.*
Simon Greenleaf, 1822, '23.*	John H. Lynde, 1869-'71.*
William Swan, 1824, '25.*	David Cargill, 1872-'74*.
Charles Fox, 1826, '27.*	Albert Moore, 1875, '76.*
Samuel Fessenden, 1828, '29.*	Edward P. Burnham, '77, '78.*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1830, '31.*	Charles I. Collamore, 1879-'80.
Nathaniel Coffin, 1832-'34.*	Marquis F. King, 1881, '82.*
Reuel Washburn, 1835-'37.*	William R. G. Estes, 1883, '84.
Abner B. Thompson, '38-'40.*	Fessenden I. Day, 1885, '86.
Hezekiah Williams, 1841.*	Frank E. Sleeper, 1887, '88.
'Thomas W. Smith, 1842-'44.*	Albro E. Chase, 1889, '90.
John T. Paine, 1845, '46.*	Henry R. Taylor, 1891, '92.
Alexander H. Putney, '47, '48.*	Horace H. Burbank, 1893, '94.*
Joseph C. Stevens, 1849, '50.*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1895, '96.
John C. Humphreys, '51, '52.*	Joseph A. Locke, 1897, '98.*
Freeman Bradford, 1853.*	Winfield S. Choate, 1899, 1900.*
Timothy Chase, 1854.*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1901, 1902.
John Miller, 1855.*	William J. Burnham, 1903.
Jabez True, 1856.*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1904, '05.
Robert P. Dunlap, 1857.*	Charles F. Johnson, 1906, '07.
Hiram Chase, 1858, '59.*	Edmund B. Mallet, 1908, '09.
Josiah H. Drummond, '60-'62.*	Ashley A. Smith, 1910, '11.
William P. Preble, 1863-'65.	

*Deceased.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Simon Greenleaf, 1820, 1821.*	John H. Lynde, 1866-'68.*
William Swan, 1822, '23.*	David Cargill, 1869-'71.*
Charles Fox, 1824, '25.*	Albert Moore, 1872-'74.*
Samuel Fessenden, 1826, '27.*	Edward P. Burnham, 1875, '76.*
Peleg Sprague, 1828-30.*	Charles I. Collamore, 1877, '78.
Nathaniel Coffin, 1831.*	Marquis F. King, 1879, '80.*
Amos Nourse, 1832.*	William R. G. Estes, 1881, '82.
Reuel Washburn, 1833, '34.*	Fessenden I. Day, 1883, '84.
David C. Magoun, 1835-37.*	Frank E. Sleeper, 1885, '86.
Asaph R. Nichols, 1838-43.*	Albro E. Chase, 1887, '88.
James L. Child, 1844.*	Henry R. Taylor, 1889, '90.
Asaph R. Nichols, 1845.*	Horace H. Burbank, 1891, '92.*
Elisha Harding, 1846.*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1893, '94.
Samuel L. Valentine, '47, '48.*	Joseph A. Locke, 1895, '96.*
John C. Humphreys, '49, '50.*	Winfield S. Choate, 1897, '98.*
Freeman Bradford, 1851, '52.*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1899, 1900.
Timothy Chase, 1853.*	William J. Burnham, 1901, '02.
Jabez True, 1854, '55.*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1903.
Hiram Chase, 1856, '57.*	Charles F. Johnson, 1904, '05.
Josiah H. Drummond, '58, 59.*	Edmund B. Mallet, 1906, '07.
William P. Preble, 1860-1862.	Ashley A. Smith, 1908, '09.
John J. Bell, 1863.*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1910, '11.
Timothy J. Murray, 1864, '65.*	

SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

William Swan, 1820, 1821.*	John T. Paine, 1842-'44.*
Charles Fox, 1822, '23.*	Alexander H. Putney, '45, '46.*
Samuel Fessenden, 1824, 25.*	John C. Humphreys, '47, '48.*
George Thacher, Jr., '26, '27.*	Freeman Bradford, 1849, '50.*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1828, '29.*	Timothy Chase, 1851, '52.*
Amos Nourse, 1830, '31.*	Jabez True, 1853.*
John L. Megquier, 1832-'34.*	Ezra B. French, 1854, '55.*
Joel Miller, 1835-'37.*	Isaac Downing, 1856.*
Thomas W. Smith, 1838-'41.*	William Allen, 1857.*

Gustavus F. Sargent, '58, '59.*	Daniel P. Boynton, 1890.
John J. Bell, 1860, '61.*	George R. Shaw, 1891.
David Bugbee, 1862.*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1892.
Edmund B. Hinckley, 1863.*	Joseph A. Locke, 1893.*
Francis L. Talbot, 1864, '65.*	Herbert Harris, 1894.
David Cargill, 1866-'68.*	Winfield S. Choate, 1895.*
Thaddeus R. Simonton, '69, '70.*	Albert M. Penley, 1896.
Albert Moore, 1871.*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1897.
Edward P. Burnham, '72-'74.*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1898.
William O. Poor, 1875.*	William J. Burnham, 1899.
Charles I. Collamore, 1876.	James E. Parsons, 1900.
Marquis F. King, 1877, '78.*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1901.
Sumner J. Chadbourne, 1879.*	Edwin A. Porter, 1902.
William R. G. Estes, 1880.	Charles W. Crosby, 1903.
John B. Redman, 1881.*	W. Scott Shorey, 1904.
Arlington B. Marston, 1882.*	Curtis R. Foster, 1905.*
William H. Smith, 1883.*	James M. Larrabee, 1906.*
Frank E. Sleeper, 1884.	William N. Howe, 1907.
Joseph M. Hayes, 1885.*	John Clair Minot, 1908.
Albro E. Chase, 1886.	Frank J. Cole, 1909.
Horace H. Burbank, 1887.*	Isaac N. Jones, 1910.
Leander M. Kenniston, 1888.	Frank E. Monroe, 1911.
Manly G. Trask, 1889.	

JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

Nathaniel Coffin, 1820, '21.*	John T. Paine, 1841.*
Josiah W. Mitchell, 1822.*	Alexander H. Putney, '42-'44.*
Samuel Fessenden, 1823.*	John C. Humphreys, '45, '46.*
George Thacher, Jr., '24, '25.*	Frye Hall, 1847.*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1826, '27.*	Joseph C. Stephens, 1848.*
Amos Nourse, 1828, '29.*	Stephen Webber, 1849.*
Reuben Nason, 1830, '31.*	Timothy Chase, 1850.*
David C. Magoun, 1832-'34.*	William Somerby, 1851, '52.*
Abner B. Thompson, '35-'37.*	Thomas B. Johnston, '53, '54.*
Stephen Webber, 1838-'40.*	William Kimball, 1855.*

William Allen, 1856.*	Samuel G. Davis, 1888.*
John Williams, 1857.*	Algernon M. Roak, 1889.*
Stephen B. Dockham, 1858.*	E. B. Mallet, Jr., 1890.
Oliver Gerrish, 1859.*	Samuel L. Miller, 1891.*
Joseph Covell, 1860.*	Howard D. Smith, 1892.
Francis J. Day, 1861.*	Wm. Freeman Lord, 1893.
T. K. Osgood, 1862.*	Gustavus H. Cargill, 1894.
F. Loring Talbot, 1863.*	Moses Tait, 1895.
John H. Lynde, 1864, '65.*	Benjamin L. Hadley, 1896.
Thaddeus R. Simonton, '66-68.*	Enoch O. Greenleaf, 1897.
John W. Ballou, 1869, '70.	Millard M. Caswell, 1898.
Henry H. Dickey, 1871.*	Franklin R. Redlon, 1899.
William O. Poor, 1872-'74.*	John H. McGorrill, 1900.
Charles I. Collamore, 1875.	Adelbert Millett, 1901.
A. M. Wetherbee, 1876.*	James C. Ayer, 1902.
S. J. Chadbourne, '77, '78.*	Charles F. Paine, 1903.
Edwin Howard Vose, 1879.*	George W. McClain, 1904.
Archie L. Talbot, 1880.	Edward G. Weston, 1905.
Fessenden I. Day, 1881.	Albert M. Ames, 1906.
Charles W. Haney, 1882.*	Leon S. Howe, 1907.
Goodwin R. Wiley, 1883.*	George W. Holmes, 1908.
Augustus Bailey, 1884.	Winfield S. Hinckley, 1909.
Henry R. Taylor, 1885.	Sullivan L. Andrews, 1910.
Benjamin Ames, 1886.	Convers E. Leach, 1911.
Wilford J. Fisher, 1887.*	

GRAND TREASURERS.

Joseph M. Gerrish, 1820-'30.*	William O. Fox, 1880-'82.*
James B. Cahoon, 1831-'33.*	Frederick Fox, 1883-1894.*
Benjamin Davis, 1834-'43.*	M. F. King, June, '94-1904.*
Henry H. Boody, 1844-'52.*	Millard F. Hicks, Oct. '04-'11.
Moses Dodge, 1853-'79.*	

GRAND SECRETARIES.

William Lord, 1820-'31.*

Charles B. Smith, 1846-55.*

Asaph R. Nichols, 1832-'35.*

Ira Berry, 1856-1891.*

Philip C. Johnson, 1836-'44.*

Stephen Berry, Sept. '91-1911.

Charles Fox, 1845.*

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

JAMES MORRELL LARRABEE,

R. W. Senior Grand Warden in 1906.



Born in Wales, Maine, Dec. 4, 1833.

Died in Gardiner, October 24, 1910,

AGED 76 YEARS, 10 MONTHS, 20 DAYS.



"Friend after friend departs,
Who hath not lost a friend?
There is no union here of hearts
That finds not here an end."

J. MONTGOMERY.

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

SAMUEL GRANVILLE DAVIS,

R. W. Junior Grand Warden in 1888.

Born in Denmark, Maine, July 30, 1842.

Died in Washington, D. C., Sept. 23, 1910,

AGED 68 YEARS, 1 MONTH, 24 DAYS.

"God undertands, and his ways are right—
Bid his beloved a long good night."

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

GOODWIN R. WILEY,

R. W. Junior Grand Warden in 1883.



Born in Bethel, Maine, Jan. 13, 1846.

Died in Shawnee, Oklahoma, April 3, 1911.

AGED 65 YEARS, 2 MONTHS, 21 DAYS.



"O, perfect rest that knows no pain,
No throb, no thrill, of heart or brain."

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

SAMUEL L. MILLER,

R. W. Junior Grand Warden in 1891.



Born in Waldoboro.

Died in Waldoboro, March 26, 1911.



"How sleep the brave, who sink to rest
By all their country's wishes blest."

Recapitulation--1911

Lodges enrolled,	212
" extinct,	9
" working,	203
" granted charters at communication, 1911,	0
" represented at communication, 1911,	185
Number of representatives,	250
Lodges to make returns,	203
Making returns in time,	203
Initiated,	1,266
Raised,	1,235
Affiliated,	112
Re-instated,	65
Total increase,	1,412
Dimitted,	165
Died,	608
Suspended for unmasonic conduct,	0
Expelled,	1
Lost membership by non-payment of dues,	182
Corrections,	3
Total decrease,	959
Net increase,	453
Members, March 1, 1910,	28,328
" " " 1911,	<u>28,781</u>
Grand Lodge Receipts,	\$8,904.90
" " Disbursements,	\$7,328.45
Amount of Charity Fund,	\$60,203.13
Income of Charity Fund,	\$2,426.34

Grand Lodges and

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.
Alabama, Dec. 6, 1910.	Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery.
Alberta, May 25, 1910.	J. J. Dunlop, Edmonton.
Arizona, Feb. 14, 1911.	Henry A. Morgan, Willcox.
Arkansas, Nov. 15, 1910.	F. G. Lindsey, Bentonville.
Belgium, 1908.	Descamps, Mons.
British Columbia, June 22, 1911.	Francis J. Burd, Vancouver.
California, Oct. 11, 1910.	Dana R. Weller, Los Angeles.
Canada, July 20, 1910.	Daniel F. McWatt, Sarnia.
Cuba, March 20, 1910.	Aurelio Miranda, Habana.
Colorado, Sept. 20, 1910.	Albert B. McGaffey, Denver.
Connecticut, Jan. 18, 1911.	Randolph B. Chapman, Madison.
Delaware, Oct. 5, 1910.	G. Laytin Grier, Milford.
Dist. Columbia, Dec. 21, 1910.	J. Claude Keiper, Washington.
England, March 2, 1911.	Lord Ampthill, London.
Florida, Jan. 17, 1911.	Albert W. Gilchrist, Tallahassee.
Georgia, Oct. 25, 1910.	George M. Napier, Decatur.
Idaho, Sept. 23, 1910.	Byron S. Defenbach, Sand Point.
Illinois, Oct. 11, 1910.	Albert B. Ashley, Decatur.
Indiana, May 23, 1911.	William H. Swintz, South Bend.
Iowa, June 13, 1911.	Louis Block, Davenport.
Ireland, 1911.	Duke of Abercorn, Dublin.
Kansas, Feb. 15, 1911.	Alex. A. Sharp, Topeka.
Kentucky, Oct. 18, 1910.	Robert R. Burnham, Louisville.
Louisiana, Feb. 6, 1911.	John S. Thibaut, Donaldsville.
Maine, May 2, 1911.	Ashley A. Smith, Bangor.
Manitoba, June 8, 1910.	George W. Baker, Winnipeg.
Maryland, Nov. 15, 1910.	Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore.
Massachusetts, Dec. 14, 1910.	Dana J. Flanders, Malden.
Michigan, May 23, 1911.	James E. Dillon, East Tawas.
Minnesota, Jan. 18, 1911.	Elmer A. Kling, Little Falls.
Mississippi, Feb. 21, 1911.	John S. Brooks, Lula.
Missouri, Sept. 27, 1910.	Clay C. Bigger, Laclede.
Montana, Sept. 21, 1910.	James W. Speer, Great Falls.
Nebraska, June 7, 1910.	Harry A. Cheney, Creighton.

Addresses of Grand Officers.

GRAND SECRETARIES.

CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.

Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery.	William Y. Titcomb, Anniston.
Dr. George Macdonald, Calgary.	E. A. Braithwaite, Edmonton.
George J. Roskrue, Tucson.	Anthony A. Johns.
Fay Hempstead, Little Rock.	George T. Black, Pocahontas.
Mr. Rian Nedgrot, Brussels.	None.
W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster.	W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster.
John Whicher, San Francisco.	Edward H. Hart.
Ralph L. Gunn, Hamilton, Ont.	Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton.
Carlos G. Charles, Habana.	Francisco de P. Rodriguez, Habana.
Charles H. Jacobson, Denver.	Lawrence N. Greenleaf, Denver.
Frank W. Havens, Hartford.	Frank W. Havens, Hartford.
Virginius V. Harrison, Wilmington.	Lewis H. Jackson, Wilmington.
Arvine W. Johnston, Washington.	George W. Baird, Washington.
Sir Edward Letchworth, London.	None.
Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville.	Silas B. Wright, DeLand.
William A. Wolihin, Macon.	A. Q. Moody, Boston.
Theophilus W. Randall, Boisé.	George E. Knepper, Moscow.
Isaac Cutter, Camp Point.	Owen Scott, Decatur.
Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis.	Daniel McDonald, Plymouth.
Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids.	Charles C. Clark, Burlington.
Henry E. Flavelle, Dublin.	None.
Albert K. Wilson, Topeka.	Matthew M. Miller, Topeka.
Henry B. Grant, Louisville.	William W. Clark, Owensboro.
Richard Lambert, New Orleans.	Herman C. Duncan, Alexandria.
Stephen Berry, Portland.	Albro E. Chase, Portland.
James A. Ovas, Winnipeg.	Charles N. Bell, Winnipeg.
George Cook, Baltimore.	Edward T. Schultz, Baltimore.
Thomas W. Davis, Boston.	None.
Lou B. Winsor, Reed City.	Lou B. Winsor, Reed City.
John Fishel, St. Paul.	Irving Todd, Hastings.
Frederic G. Speed, Vicksburg.	Harry T. Howard, Biloxi.
John R. Parsons, St. Louis.	Charles C. Woods, St. Louis.
Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena.	Herman S. Hepner, Helena.
Francis E. White, Omaha.	Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler.

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.
Nevada, June 14, 1910,	James C. Doughty, Elko.
New Brunswick, Aug. 23, 1910,	Henry S. Bridges, St. John.
New Hampshire, May 17, 1911,	Charles H. Wiggan, Concord.
New Jersey, April 19, 1911,	Leslie A. Burritt, Trenton.
New Mexico, Oct. 17, 1910,	Edward L. Medler, Albuquerque.
N. South Wales, June 8, 1910,	Lord Chelmsford.
New York, May 2, 1911,	Robert J. Kenworthy, Brooklyn.
New Zealand, May 11, 1910,	Christopher J. W. Griffiths, Blenheim.
North Carolina, Jan. 10, 1911,	Richard N. Hackett, Wilkesboro.
North Dakota, June 27, 1911,	Robert Morrison, Pembina.
Nova Scotia, June 21, 1911.	Augustus J. Wolff, Lunenburg.
Ohio, Oct. 19, 1910,	Harry S. Kissell, Springfield.
Oklahoma, Feb. 8, 1911,	Alexis Eddleman, Marietta.
Oregon, June 15, 1910,	Charles E. Wolverton, Portland.
Pennsylvania, Dec. 8, 1910,	George W. Guthrie, Pittsburg.
Peru, 1911,	Francisco L. Crosby, Miraflores.
P. E. Island, June 28, 1911,	Hector C. McDonald, Charlottetown.
Quebec, Feb. 8, 1911,	(Rev.) Frank Charters, Montreal.
Rhode Island, May 15, 1911,	James B. Gay, Providence.
Saskatchewan, June 15, 1910,	W. B. Tate, Qu'Appelle.
Scotland, Nov. 1910,	Marquis of Tullibardine.
South Australia, April 19, 1911,	Samuel J. Way, Adelaide.
South Carolina, Dec. 13, 1909,	James R. Johnson, Charleston.
South Dakota, June 14, 1910,	Samuel S. Lockhart, Milbank.
Tasmania, Feb. 24, 1911,	Charles E. Davies, Hobart.
Tennessee, Jan. 25, 1911,	John R. Rison, Paris.
Texas, Dec. 6, 1910,	Walter Acker, Waxahachie.
Utah, Jan. 17, 1911,	Gilbert B. Pfoutz, Salt Lake City.
Vermont, June 14, 1911,	Henry L. Ballou, Chester.
Victoria, Dec. 21, 1910,	Sir T. D. Gibson Carmichael, Melb'ne.
Virginia, Feb. 14, 1911,	William B. McChesney, Staunton.
Washington, June 13, 1911,	David S. Prescott, Spokane.
West Virginia, Nov. 16, 1910,	Wyndham Stokes, Welch.
West Australia, April 28, 1910,	C. O. L. Riley, Perth.
Wisconsin, June 14, 1910,	Ernest E. Gatchell, Hudson.
Wyoming, Sept. 7, 1910,	Hugh Hynds, Laramie.

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S. Penrose Williams, Providence.	William M. Chatterton, Pawtucket.
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John Hamilton, Hobart.	None.
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Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City.	Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City.
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Of the Grand Lodge of Maine near other Grand Lodges.

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Arizona—MARTIN WILLIAM KALES, Oakland, California.
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British Columbia—FRANCIS BOWSER, Kerrisdale.
Canada—COLIN W. POSTLETHWAITE, Toronto.
Colorado—JOSEPH A. DAVIS, Boulder.
Cuba—AURELIO MIRANDA, Havana.
Connecticut—ARTHUR C. WHEELER, Norwalk.
Delaware—JACOB H. EMERSON, Middletown.
District of Columbia—WARREN C. BICKFORD, Washington.
Florida—WILLIAM S. WARE, Pensacola.
Georgia—WM B. KENT, Mt. Vernon.
Idaho—WILLIAM C. HOWIE, Mountain Home.
Illinois—AMOS PETTIBONE, Chicago.
Indiana—

Kansas—DAVID B. FULLER, Eureka.
Louisiana—JOSEPH MEYERS, New Orleans.
Manitoba—ROBERT STIRTON THORNTON, Deloraine.
Maryland—THOMAS H. HOOVER, Unknown.
Michigan—WILLIAM WENTE, Manistee.
Minnesota—HENRY R. ADAMS, Minneapolis.
Mississippi—

Missouri—G. A. GOBEN, Kirksville.
Montana—

Nebraska—THOMAS K. SUDBOROUGH, Omaha.
Nevada—SAMUEL S. SEARS, Unknown.
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New Hampshire—STANTON OWEN, Laconia.

- New Jersey*—JAMES S. AITKIN, Trenton.
New York—WILLIAM J. MOORE, New York.
New South Wales—CHARLES A. Y. SIMPSON, Sydney.
New Zealand—JOHN JOSEPH DOUGALL, Christchurch.
North Carolina—
North Dakota—WALTER L. CARTER, Wahpeton.
Nova Scotia—JAMES HENRY WINFIELD, Halifax.
Ohio—ORION P. SPERRA, Ravenna.
Oklahoma—SAMUEL CLYDE FULLERTON, Miami.
Oregon—JOHN MCCracken, Portland.
Peru—FRANCISCO L. CROSBY, Miraflores.
Prince Edward Island—GEORGE W. WAKEFORD, Charlottetown.
Quebec—JOHN BOTHRELL TRESIDDER, Montreal.
Rhode Island—ARTHUR A. RHODES, Pawtuxet.
Saskatchewan—ANDREW H. GORDON, Duck Lake.
South Australia—JAMES EDWARD MOLLEY MORLEY, Adelaide.
South Carolina—CLAUDE F. SAWYER, Aiken.
South Dakota—SAMUEL H. JUMPER, Aberdeen.
Tasmania—WM. G. WILKINSON, Launceston.
Tennessee—NATHAN S. WOODWARD, Knoxville.
Texas—STEPHEN M. BRADLEY, Denton.
Utah—ELMER ELLSWORTH CORFMAN, Provo.
Vermont—ALBRO F. NICHOLS, St. Johnsbury.
Victoria—HENRY J. ARMSTRONG, Kyneton.
Virginia—CHARLES A. NESBIT, Richmond.
Washington—LEVI ANKENY, Walla Walla.
Western Australia—THOMAS WALL HARDWICK, Perth.
West Virginia—A. BERTRAM C. BRAY, Ronceverte.
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REPRESENTATIVES

Of Other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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Arizona—AUGUSTUS BAILEY, Gardiner.
Arkansas—JOHN W. BALLOU, Bath.
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British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE, Portland.
Canada—BENJAMIN L. HADLEY, Bar Harbor.
Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabattus.
Cuba—LEON S. HOWE, Presque Isle.
Connecticut—ISAAC N. JONES, Calais.
Delaware—AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM, Bangor.
District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY, Portland.
Florida—MILLARD F. HICKS, Portland.
Georgia—BIAL F. BRADBURY, Norway.
Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland.
Illinois—WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, Skowhegan.
Indiana—EDWIN F. DILLINGHAM, Bangor.
Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.
Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.
Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES, Stockton Springs.
Maryland—GEORGE W. HOLMES, Norway.
Michigan—FESSENDEN I. DAY, Lewiston.
Minnesota—SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, Rumford.
Mississippi—CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, Bangor.
Missouri—DANIEL P. BOYNTON, Monmouth.
Montana—LEANDER W. FOBES, Portland.
Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER, Pittsfield.
Nevada—LEANDER M. KENNISTON, Camden.
New Brunswick—MOSES TAIT, Calais.
New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.

- New Jersey*—ADELBERT MILLETT, Searsmont.
New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS, Lubec.
New York—HENRY R. TAYLOR, Machias.
New Zealand—HERBERT HARRIS, Portland.
North Carolina—CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Waterville.
North Dakota—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH, Auburn.
Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Fairfield.
Ohio—WILLIAM J. BURNHAM, Lewiston.
Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.
Oregon—ERMON D. EASTMAN, Portland.
Peru—ALFRED S. KIMBALL, Norway.
Prince Edward Island—GEO. W. MCCLAIN, Brownville Junction.
Quebec—JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH, Belfast.
South Australia—BENJAMIN AMES, Thorndike.
South Carolina—WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, Lisbon.
South Dakota—EDWARD G. WESTON, Thomaston.
Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY, Bath.
Tennessee—HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor.
Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY, Kent's Hill.
Utah—EDWIN C. DUDLEY, Augusta.
Vermont—GEORGE R. SHAW, Portland.
Victoria—
Virginia—CHARLES F. PAINE, Bar Harbor.
Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, Portland.
Western Australia—FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Portland.
West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENEY, Auburn.
Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport.

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Report • on • Correspondence.

— 1910 —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of the State of Maine :*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report :

ALABAMA, 1909.

Four hundred and twenty-seven lodges out of the four hundred eighty-two lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative of Maine was absent, but sent a telegram to excuse his absence.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Hugh S. D. Mallory, has an introduction to his address which must have appealed to his hearers, as it touched upon the faithfulness of a mason to the principles of the Fraternity.

We regret that the word "Order" was used in speaking of Masonry.

The usual amount of business came before him and he attended to it properly, even to the granting of fifty-four dispensations to confer degrees out of statutory time.

He expresses the wish that comity should exist between the states adjoining and Alabama, so that a candidate may apply to the lodge nearest his residence without regard to state limits; and that any living in Alabama who have in the past become members of lodges in other states adjoining may be healed so that they be recognized as masons in Alabama.

Dispensations were granted for twenty-three new lodges.

Twenty-one decisions are reported but none of them require comment.

Ten corner stones were laid during the year.

From his conclusion we quote:

"The affairs of this Grand Lodge are in excellent condition and order, due largely to the zealous efficiency of your Grand Secretary and to your other faithful officers and committees, all of which I most warmly commend to you.

"Remember, brethren, the obligations transmitted from our glorious past and assumed to you, from which you can not be separated and would not if you could. Let us live worthy of our calling, in all modesty and humility, yet so that the most observing will know that we are guided and controlled by Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and that we practice and teach the great and cardinal virtues, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. So living you have the strong assurance of a happy and useful life here, and a glorious immortal life, when the Great Master shall order us called from labor in this earthly tabernacle to rest and refreshment with Him in the Temple not built with hands, whose corner stone was laid by one greater than King Solomon and whose walls are not built of perishable, earthly things, and is eternal in the heavens."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of Grand Lodge funds of \$8,418.78; in the Widows' and Orphans' Home fund \$19,754.87; and in the permanent fund \$3,248.96.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, regrets that quite a number of lodges are delinquent in the annual dues.

For information the Grand Secretary learned "that twenty Grand Lodges require documentary evidence, as follows":

"British Columbia, California, Canada, Delaware, District of Columbia, Iowa, Kansas, Manitoba, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Nova Scotia, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, Wyoming.

"Twenty-eight do not require documentary evidence, as follows:

"Alabama, Alberta, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Quebec, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

"No reply was received from ten, as follows:

"Arizona, Arkansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, New Brunswick, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan."

The request from the Bureau of International Masonic Relations, Neuchatel, Switzerland, for fraternal masonic relations, was declined.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Salvador was withheld for the present.

For the location of the Widows' and Orphans' Home:

"It was decided that the site known as the LaPrade Place located on the Carter Hill Road about four miles from Montgomery, was the most suitable and the entire tract of 236 acres was purchased at a cost of \$15,998.50."

Following the recommendation of the Grand Master the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report on state comity, which was adopted:

"First: That persons residing in this or any adjoining state within five miles of the state line, may petition and be made a mason in the nearest lodge, measured by straight lines of their residence, whether that lodge is in this or another Grand Jurisdiction, provided that such other Grand Jurisdiction now has or shall hereafter enact a similar law.

"Second: That profanes who, while residing in this state, have heretofore been made masons in adjoining Grand Jurisdictions, be and they are hereby healed and hereafter recognized as regular masons in this Grand Jurisdiction."

The matter of requiring receipts or other certificates from visiting brothers, laid over from last year, was not adopted.

Bro. William Y. Titcomb submitted another of his very readable and able reports for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arizona he "finds it difficult to reconcile" the writing of two copies of the ritual of Arizona with the action of that Grand Lodge in approving the address of Tennessee condemning all such work.

Maine for 1909 receives his careful perusal.

Of the action relative to the "address" from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee he says:

"As the Grand Lodge of Alabama has not yet taken any action on said 'address,' we have no room to criticize Maine for her summary disposition of said communication from our sister Grand Lodge of Tennessee."

He commends the "Regulations of the Charity Fund."

Of one of our comments made last year he says:

"In respect of Bro. Chase's comment on 'No. 25,' we think that the term 'free,' had reference to the qualification, 'free born,' and not to 'freedom of the craft.'"

The reading of this report has given us much pleasure.

ALBERTA, 1909.

At the annual communication, there were present, the Grand Officers, a large number of Representatives, and the Grand Representative for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Rev. George H. Hogbin, in his address apologizes for his inability to visit officially, many of them for the want of opportunity, and yet he visited twenty-two out of a total of thirty-nine lodges.

He notes the consecration and constituting of eleven lodges by him-

self; the dispensation granted for three new lodges; the laying of one corner stone and the dedication of two masonic halls.

Discussing the non-payment of dues, he says:

"It is often the best thing for the brother personally, that he should be suspended if dues accrue for any length of time against him, as it prevents them from piling up so that they reach what amounts to an impossibility for him to pay, no dues being required during the suspended period. And on the other hand, if circumstances are such as to make the brethren of the lodge feel a disinclination to suspend one of their number, they have the remedy in their own hands—they can remit the dues altogether. If the reason for non-suspension is of sufficient weight to compel them to refrain from taking the drastic action, my opinion is, that that same reason should be quite sufficiently weighty to allow the brother to vote or to hold office. Either keep him in good standing altogether or else suspend him altogether, and not leave him neither one thing nor the other."

From his conclusion, we quote:

"If you asked me what is the outstanding impression I have from my term of office with reference to the condition of Masonry, it is the sense of the approach of a grave and serious danger. I have expressed it in other places by saying I appreciate the growth of a spirit of commercialism in our midst which will assuredly sap the very life from the being of our masonic institution if allowed to grow unchecked. The spirit of magnitude is the spirit of the age, and the danger lies in the possibility of magnitude being our aim instead of the true ones for which our institution has existed from time immemorial. In this sense figures and statistics mean nothing. They are only the outside shell, beautiful and pleasing enough in themselves perhaps, but they may be hollow and a gruesome sham within. The number of members simply means that so many more have been moved to range themselves under the name of masons, the increase in our funds simply means the addition of so much more to our store of what is after all but mineral dross, the number of degees conferred only shows so many more ceremonials gone through, in some cases, perhaps most cases with due solemnity and impressiveness. After all, brethren, none of these things begin to compass the object that our glorious institution has always had before it. To put it pointedly as I have done before, meeting night after night regularly, passing resolutions, making grants of monetary aid and relief, even conferring degrees, are not one of them of necessity in themselves true masonic work. Note that I say 'of necessity.' They may all be the means of doing that work or, the outcome of it, but it rests with us to make them so. True masonic work is of a moral nature. If our beautiful ceremonies are ceremonies only to us, if we attend our meetings and find our moral and mental capabilities in no way widened and strengthened, then and in such like cases, we miss the whole conception of the craft. If on the other hand, we endeavor to find in our ceremonies some moral uplift for our own lives and actions, if they lead us to a more reverent appreciation of Him in whom we move and have our very being, if by intercourse with men of like stamp with ourselves we find our moral sense and character benefited, then we shall be doing in our own selves the true work for which Masonry stands."

In this Grand Lodge we note that the Grand Secretary complains of the laxity in the making of returns to his office, by the secretary of several lodges.

We regret to learn of the loss by fire of the property of several lodges, and we note that some of the lodges carried no insurance, and we com-

mend the advice of the secretary, that the matter of insurance by the lodges should be taken up by each D. D. G. M.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters submitted detailed reports of their doings.

Rules for the examination of visitors were adopted. Among them are the following:

"That the Examining Committee in every case request documentary evidence showing the visiting brother to be in good standing in his lodge. The absence of documentary evidence should, however, not deprive the visiting brother of admission to the lodge if his examination is otherwise satisfactory.

"That the visiting brother be given a general examination with regard to Freemasonry, its nature, aims, objects and symbolism, also a general description of lodges, its officers, furniture and their situation, and any other information that will tend to prove his bona-fides."

"That a rigid examination in the work of the several degrees be given every visitor. This does not necessarily imply the giving of all the examinations but sufficient to prove to the entire satisfaction of the examining board that the visitor is entitled to masonic recognition."

We fear that the visitor will find the second paragraph a stumbling block in his way.

No report on correspondence.

ARKANSAS, 1909.

A portrait of the M. W. Grand Master elect, Bro. A. J. Witt, graces the volume.

The proceedings at several emergent communications of the Grand Lodge are given us. Among them was one for the dedication of the Masonic Orphans' Home, at which imposing ceremonies were given. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, read the following poem entitled "Like as a City Set on An Hill," written by him for the occasion:

"Like as a city set on an hill,
With a destiny wide in the world to fulfill;
Like as a light that shineth down
From the topmost height of a mountain crown;
Like as a radiance seen afar
In the distant gleam of a shimmering star;
So is this house in its vesture here;
So shows its promise, fair and clear;
So shines its lofty purpose, when
It stands a beacon seen of men.

"Full long hath the wailing of Want been known;
And misery hath breathed in a broken moan;
Full long hath need, with tears, besought
Surcease from the woes by Suffering brought;
Till last in the hearts of men, refined

By the Spirit of Love for the human kind,
 Hath come the high desire to bless
 The strength of help unto helplessness.
 Like the voice that spake out of Galilee:
 Suffer ye these to come unto Me.

"Ah me, if the great ones passed away
 Can look from the realms of endless day,
 And see us standing where they stood,
 With an upward reach to achieve the Good;
 Ah then, believe me, well may rise
 A kindling light in their spirit eyes;
 A thrill of keenest joy; as when
 Some great deed lights the souls of men;
 And theirs the Master's saying be:
 As ye gave unto these, so ye gave unto Me.

Ah, Spirit of Mercy, thou daughter of Love,
 Issuing from the All-Father above
 Come and replenish our feeble days
 With a sweetness in words, and a kindness in ways.
 O Spirit of Charity, here do thou rest,
 And teach that the Gift and the giving are blest;
 That not a kind act shall unfruitful remain;
 Not a cup of cold water be given in vain;
 That not even the least of these of to-day
 Shall fade from the Father's care away,

"And long may these walls we dedicate,
 Stand in their strength as the years abate;
 And may yon roof forever clasp
 Enduring power within its grasp;
 Long may they shelter in their fold
 Whatever helpless Need may hold;
 And as the sum of our hopes and fears
 Stands thus complete in the flow of years,
 Be this its lesson our whole lives through:
 IN WHAT MEASURE YE METE IT BE METED TO YOU."

At the annual communication there were present the Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Masters, the representatives of the 456 lodges out of the 540, and the Grand Representative for Maine.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edgar A. McCulloch, we quote:

"In the growth of Masonry and in its material accomplishments during the year, we have much to be proud of, and the condition of the order at this time should be a matter of great satisfaction. We have had a prosperous year.

"The calm reflection that Masonry has for ages stood for the moral and intellectual advancement of mankind, that it has, as no other fraternal society and few other institutions of any kind have done, proved its ability to stand the test of time, that it has always successfully resisted innovations upon its sacred purposes, that it has never yielded to nor been swayed by either political, sectional or purely commercial purposes, but has steadily maintained its standard of purity, justice and uprightness, undismayed by fierce opposition, unshaken by tempest of warfare and unaffected by mutations of time, and that it has contributed so much to

the world's material and moral welfare, should be a source of increasing gratification to its votaries. Its achievements are the common heritage of all of us, from the youngest Entered Apprentice to the Grand Master, and in its splendid history there is glory enough and to spare for us all."

Of Schools of Instruction he says:

"The Grand Lodge is of course firmly committed to this method of instruction and of preserving complete uniformity in the secret work, and I see no cause for changing it. In fact, I call to mind no other method or plan by which the same results can be accomplished. The importance of preserving uniformity in the work and of properly instructing the District Deputies, who in turn are to impart correct instruction to the craft, is too obvious to dwell upon."

From our experience we most heartily concur in his remarks.

He decided:

"When St. John's Day falls on the Christian Sabbath and a lodge has failed, at the time of the annual election of officers, to set another date for installation, it may hold a meeting on St. John's Day for the purpose of fixing a date for the installation. It cannot install officers on the Sabbath, but can convene for the purpose of fixing another date when the necessity arises."

But the Committee on Law and Usage disapproved, because it sanctioned a meeting of a lodge on Sunday for a purpose other than that connected with the death of a brother.

The Grand Lodge sustained the Grand Master.

We think the committee was right.

He decided that a director in a corporation operating a hotel with a saloon therein was not an eligible candidate for Masonry, nor could he retain his membership in a masonic lodge; also that it was "a question of fact for each lodge to determine when the question is presented, whether a stockholder is morally responsible in any degree for the operation of a saloon."

The Committee on Law and Usage approved the first part and disapproved the second part. The Grand Lodge coincided with the Grand Master.

The "liquor question" is like the octopus. Why not legislate about those masons who patronize saloons? or those who keep spirituous liquors in their homes for their own use?

The committee further reported, amending a decision so that it should read as follows:

"The ceremony of laying a corner stone should not be conducted on the Sabbath Day, even though the edifice be a church house. No masonic work or ceremony should be performed on the Sabbath Day, except in case of funerals and Lodges of Sorrow. The ceremony of laying corner stones is secular in its nature, because it symbolizes the operative work of Masonry, and the fact that a church house is a sacred edifice does not relieve the ceremony of its offence against the Sabbath, any more than it would as to the laying of brick or any other work on the building."

This report was adopted.

How about that clause which says "No masonic work or ceremony should be performed on the Sabbath Day, except in case of funerals and Lodges of Sorrow?" Does it agree with the decision, first quoted?

More dispensations to enable lodge to ballot on candidates were denied than granted, and the Grand Master thought that even then too many had been granted.

Dispensations for eleven new lodges were granted; and for the laying of six corner stones.

Under "Foreign Relations" he pertinently says:

"I note in some quarters a persistent and growing effort to bring about a concert of action on the part of the Grand Lodges of this country. This has been manifested by certain conferences of Grand Masters. These meetings are in themselves harmless, and may be productive of some good, in the exchange of views on topics of common interest concerning exact uniformity in the esoteric work, and the like. But they lead inevitably to some kind of union of all the Grand Lodges into one general governing body, in the nature of a National or Supreme Lodge. Against such a movement we should firmly set our faces, for this Grand Lodge should, in my judgment, never surrender a particle of its sovereign powers."

The Orphans' Home is most eloquently mentioned.

The Constitution was amended to provide for the laying a per capita tax annually of fifty cents for the support of the Orphans' Home.

At the evening session the Grand Lodge was, for a while, at refreshment, so the "members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star" were admitted and a literary entertainment was given. After the retirement of the ladies, Magnolia Lodge of Little Rock conferred the degree of Master Mason.

The following resolution had a passage:

"Resolved, The purchase, sale or use of cipher rituals of the three Symbolic Degrees of Masonry is forbidden; and any mason who shall hereafter purchase, sell or use anything purporting to be a cipher ritual or written, printed or otherwise delineated ritual or exposition of Masonry shall be expelled from Masonry."

The adoption of the following resolution pleases us:

"Resolved, That the Committee on Appeals and Grievances shall report to the Grand Lodge the facts involved in each case, but that the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge shall show only the recommendation made by the Committee, and the action of the Grand Lodge thereon."

The Report on Correspondence, submitted by Bro. Thos. C. McRae, faithfully fulfills the purpose for which it is given, viz:—the presenting "to them from first hands the cheerful and inspiring reports from the re-

sponsible representatives of our sister Grand Lodges than anything we could hope to give them in the shape of a review."

Maine is quoted.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1909.

Fine portraits of M. W. Bros. Alexander R. Milne, Grand Master in 1887-8, John S. Clute, Grand Master in 1889, and of William K. Houston, Grand Master in 1908, grace the proceedings.

At the annual communication there were present the Grand Officers, seven Past Grand Masters, the Grand Representative for Maine, and full representation from the subordinate lodges.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. K. Houston, in his address says:

"The year which has passed has been one of considerable prosperity and progress from a material standpoint, and I sincerely trust and believe that the symbolic teachings, so faithfully inculcated in our lodge rooms, are bearing fruit in the lives and actions of our brethren; that there is more charity and less selfishness, more of the spirit that vaunteth not itself, but rather that giveth place; more living up to that old golden rule so emphatically taught in our lodges, 'Do unto others as you would wish that under similar circumstances they would do unto you.'"

He granted but one dispensation to confer degrees out of time; seven dispensations for new lodges; rendered a few negative decisions upon the question of "perfect youth," and gives a full and interesting account of his official visitations, thirty-three in number.

In commenting thereon, he says:

"During my official visits I noticed, with regret, the considerable divergence that exists in the working of the various lodges, even amongst the lodges which are supposed to have adopted the same forms. I respectfully submit to this Grand Lodge that the time is at hand when the question of uniformity should be taken up, discussed calmly, intelligently, and in a spirit of brotherly love. The Grand Jurisdiction of B. C. covers a vast territory; already it is too much for any one man, under ordinary circumstances, to visit during his term of office. The time is coming when an Instructor under Grand Lodge authority must be appointed for the benefit of the lodges. Those who see most of the lodges are most impressed with the importance of this matter, and I would suggest that a committee of Past Grand Masters be appointed to go into the subject and bring in a report at the next annual communication."

The Deputy Grand Master and the several District Grand Masters made reports of their visitations, taking nearly twenty-nine closely printed pages.

From the report of the Committee on Chartered Lodges, we quote:

"It will perhaps be interesting to the members of Grand Lodge to learn that over \$3,000 was spent in charity last year by eighteen or twenty

of our fifty lodges. This, we believe, far surpasses any previous year. In the early history of a lodge it is seldom that much charity is required or asked for. As the years go by and the lodges acquire age, more claims in this regard will probably be made upon them. We are confident they will never be made in vain."

Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith submitted another of his readable and valuable Reports on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1908 is reviewed. We quote the learned writer on one point:

"At the last annual communication an amendment to the constitution was introduced authorizing lodges in Maine to confer degrees for lodges outside of the state. The committee to which it was referred objected to the amendment as 'being an innovation and subversive of an ancient landmark, the right of members to object before initiation.' The Grand Lodge did not see the matter in that light, however, and the amendment was adopted. For ourselves, we cannot see that any particular landmark is endangered by the amendment. The right of a member to object to a candidate before initiation is not jeopardized if the initiation is effected by a lodge other than that which elected the candidate, for, of course, the lodge conferring the degrees would require an official request from the lodge which elected the candidate. In Maine no lodge can confer a degree upon a candidate elected by another lodge unless the electing lodge will give a waiver of jurisdiction over the candidate."

Under Mississippi, discussing the relations of that jurisdiction with New Jersey on the negro question, he says:

"In the Grand Master's opinion the negro is unfit to become a mason; virtue and morality, he says, are foreign to the race, and he felt it his duty

"to cut loose from any who would dare open the door of Masonry to a people whose standing for virtue and morality is a mockery to civilization."

"But why did the Grand Master's stern sense of duty stop at New Jersey? The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia has a lodge of negroes and so has the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We think we are making no mistake when we say that the Grand Lodges of the British Isles and all the Colonial Grand Lodges admit negroes, so that if the policy of Grand Master Martin is consistently followed, the Grand Lodge of Mississippi will find itself without any affiliations outside of the United States—and Mexico. In this connection it would be interesting to know the Grand Master's conception of the first of the three great tenets of a mason's profession, whereby we are taught 'to regard the whole human species as one family.' We would also like the Grand Master's authority for the statement that 'affiliation with negroes is contrary to the teachings of Masonry.' The matter was referred to a special committee which did not, so far as we can see, bring in any report, but in the meantime the Grand Lodge of New Jersey is still doing business at the old stand."

Under New Mexico we read the following opinion, which is the practice in Maine:

"Among the dispensations refused was one to permit a lodge to conduct the masonic burial service over the remains of a brother who had been unaffiliated for more than one year. Here we think the Grand Master was wrong, for, so far as the record shows, the brother was in

good standing in the craft if not in any lodge, and while a masonic funeral could not have been demanded as a right, it was (or should have been) quite in the discretion of the lodge to give it or not."

Under North Carolina, he says :

"A brother present expressed 'pleasure and gratification on the part of the officers of the Grand Lodge of the Order of the Eastern Star' at being invited to assist in laying the corner stone of the new Temple. We imagine they would be gratified. With one Grand Lodge instructing its District Deputy Grand Masters to assist in 'organizing lodges of this Order, and another seeking its co-operation in the masonic work of laying a corner stone, its inclusion as part of the masonic system of the United States is already in sight."

From his conclusion we excerpt:

"Another matter which has been forcing itself upon the attention of the masonic public for some time, and which threatens to become more insistent in the future, is the difference in practice in the various jurisdictions. The ritual is not referred to, because that is, after all, of minor importance. Where the trouble comes in is in the different 'regulations of the various Grand Lodges on the subjects, for instance, of jurisdiction over rejected candidates; the qualifications of candidates; regulations relating to visiting, and many others which will suggest themselves to every brother. During the year the Grand Master of Pennsylvania started a movement to obviate some of the trouble by calling a conference of the Grand Masters of certain Grand Lodges, the results of which we have not yet seen. Now the Grand Master of Indiana comes out with a proposition (which, indeed, we have already suggested) for the formation of a Supreme Lodge, which would smooth out these matters of detail and so prevent much of the friction which now exists between different jurisdictions."

CALIFORNIA, 1909.

At the annual communication, the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of more than seventy-five lodges were present.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Oscar Lawler, of whom a fine portrait faces the title page, we learn that the net gain in membership during the year was 2,338, making a total membership of 41,007.

Dispensations were granted for the formation of six new lodges, and the eleven lodges to which charters were granted the year before were duly constituted.

Considerable attention is given to the condition of affairs of the Masonic Home at Decoto.

The sum of \$4,868.50 was contributed to the relief of the suffering by earthquake in Sicily in 1908.

Discussing "proceedings against masons convicted of crime," he says:

"The law should be so amended as to make it the imperative duty of the appropriate officer of a lodge whenever a member has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude to prefer charges against the person so convicted and press to conclusion a trial thereof, and prescribe severe penalty for failure so to do. If the conviction has been erroneous the error will be readily discovered—if correct, the criminal should find no abiding place in Freemasonry."

Many matters of local issue were fully discussed by him.

An interesting, exhaustive and intelligent report, with many letters attached, on Masonry in the Philippine Islands, was made by the special committee appointed for that purpose. We quote two pertinent resolutions adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Orient of Spain, or any lodge owing its allegiance thereto, is not entitled to recognition by the Grand Lodge of California; and, be it further

"*Resolved*, That all masons owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of California or to the subordinate lodges thereof be and they are hereby forbidden from holding any masonic intercourse or communication with any member or lodge or Regional Grand Lodge, owing allegiance to the Grand Orient of Spain."

We note from the reports of the several Masonic Boards of Relief that relief to brethren from Maine to the amount of \$44.00 was given.

From the report of the President of the Masonic Temple Association, in regard to the building of the Masonic Temple in San Francisco, we quote:

"The cost of the building and furnishing, as estimated by the architects, will not exceed eight hundred thousand dollars, the architects being instructed to figure liberally so that we can surely erect and furnish the building inside of their figures."

Of the approved decisions, we quote:

"Meetings of an organization, eligibility to which requires Danish birth and good standing as a Master Mason in some lodge in San Francisco, are masonic gatherings, at which the use of liquors is forbidden."

To which we do not agree, nor do we know of any warrant for any such decision. But we give the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, as it fully expresses our views:

"This ruling was made in view of the regulation adopted at our last communication, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That no spirituous, malt or fermented liquors shall be served at any masonic banquet or gathering." (Proceedings 1908, page 190.)

"We quite agree with the Grand Master in his remarks regarding this regulation, contained in his decision in the Pacific Lodge case, heretofore set forth, that the same should be liberally construed, with a view to effectuate the real intent of the Grand Lodge, but we are of the opinion that this ruling goes beyond anything that was intended. The words 'masonic banquet' and 'masonic gathering' in the regulation must be held to have reference only to banquets and gatherings appertaining to

masonic lodges. We were not attempting to legislate as to bodies over which we have no jurisdiction or power, although by virtue of their own laws their membership may be restricted to masons, such as the Order of the Mystic Shrine. As used in our constitution and laws, the words 'Mason' and 'Masonic' have to do with nothing but Blue Lodge Masonry and include nothing else. The word 'Masonic' was used in this regulation with the same restricted meaning that it has in all the other written laws of this Grand Lodge. In one sense of the word we might properly term a meeting of a Temple of the Shriners a masonic gathering, for all members are masons as well as shriners, but we could not properly do so in the sense in which we use the word in our laws. And if we did not intend to include such a body as this, by what logic can it be held that we intended to include what the papers in the case before us show to have been simply a social club, solely because it has seen fit to confine its membership to masons? It has not the remotest connection with Masonry, and the members thereof cannot meet in the character of masons. Whatever the test of eligibility to membership may be, the members meet therein solely as members of their club, just as two or more masons might meet socially in the privacy of the home of one of them. Such meetings are not 'Masonic gatherings' within the meaning of our regulation.

"A letter accompanying the decision shows that it was proposed to name the social club the 'Danish Freemason Club' or 'Danish Masonic Club.' We do not believe that masons can with propriety use the name of Freemasonry for such a purpose and so report.

"We recommend that Decision 29 be disapproved, and that this report be adopted as the sense of the Grand Lodge on the questions discussed therein."

W. Benjamin F. Bledsoe delivered an address entitled "Operative or Speculative," well worthy of quotation, but we cannot give the space.

Recognition of the Grand Orient of Italy was denied.

Bro. Edward H. Hart presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Indiana, he says:

"To nationalize Freemasonry would be to belittle it. The world is its realm and the landmarks of Masonry, notwithstanding disagreements and differences of opinion on the subject, are nevertheless, in essentials, everywhere the same and serve to identify the institution and by means of a genuine knowledge of these landmarks, a mason no matter where made, can prove himself such to any lodge of Ancient Craft Masons on earth. A 'General Grand Lodge' for the United States? Never in a thousand years. There would probably be no objection from any source of a *convention* of representative masons from different Grand Lodges for an interchange of views on questions of policy, such as duration of penal jurisdiction over rejected candidates for degrees, reciprocal arrangements for adjustment of jurisdiction over applicants residing near state lines, the character of committees of investigation, the nature of their reports, the status of unaffiliates, masons suspended for non-payment of dues, and numerous other like questions; and the conclusions of such convention, or conventions, if held at stated intervals, could be communicated to the various Grand Lodges with such recommendations touching legislation as seemed advisable, without presuming to touch the sovereign right of each Grand Lodge to legislate for itself. To such a plan as this there could be no reasonable objection, but the idea of a 'Supreme Council' or a 'General Grand Lodge' in Ancient Craft Masonry, to be invested with

the prerogative of sovereignty, even if limited to the minutest detail, is repugnant to the very nature of Freemasonry, and if adopted would, under the laws governing recognition, place every Grand Lodge in the compact under the ban of non-intercourse of every other Grand Lodge of Ancient Craft Masons in the world. Yes, it is true the scheme was discussed very fully forty or fifty years ago by the Grand Lodges of the United States, as recorded in the early history of the Grand Lodge of California, but it made no headway, and it is safe to predict that it never will."

Maine for 1908 has a place in the Report.

Under New Jersey, we read:

"In the eyes of the Almighty a man is not judged by the color of his skin, and theoretically Masonry determines eligibility for membership only by the test of character, yet it is a fact that there is only one legitimate Grand Jurisdiction on earth that would deliberately charter a negro lodge and that is Scotland. Scotland would issue a charter to a band of Hottentots if enough of them could be found to qualify for the initial step, and pay the requisite charter fee and Grand Lodge dues. There are colored men, regular masons, traveling over the face of the land, presenting themselves from time to time for admission as visitors into our regular lodges and investigation invariably discloses the fact that they carry a diploma issued by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In the case of New Jersey, one can scarcely see how censure can justly be visited upon the Grand Lodge for the existence of Alpha Lodge, No. 116, and the character of its membership, and, therefore, no reason why any Grand Lodge should feel constrained to sever fraternal intercourse, yet it is not difficult to appreciate the repugnance felt by Southern brethren, or Northern brethren, so far as that is concerned, toward negro masons."

CANADA, 1909.

The portrait of the Grand Master elect, Bro. Daniel Fraser Macwatt, graces the proceedings.

A full quota of Grand Officers, six Past Grand Masters, the representatives of 337 lodges, and the Grand Representative for Maine were present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Augustus T. Freed, in the opening of his address makes these comprehensive statements:

"There has been no serious disturbance of the harmony which should prevail among Freemasons; reasonable progress has been made; and our relations with all foreign jurisdictions have been most cordial. The increase in our membership was not so great in the year just closed as in the previous year, nor was the revenue quite so large.

"In the year which ended May 31, 1908, the revenue of the Grand Lodge was \$38,754.80; in the year just closed it was \$37,446.60.

"The expenditure from ordinary revenue was \$41,349.93. Thus the outgo exceeded the income by \$3,903.33.

"Grants for benevolence from the ordinary revenue were \$21,956.30 in 1908, and \$24,362.00 in 1909.

"The benevolent grants from interest on Semi-Centennial Fund were \$1,210.00 in 1908, and \$2,010.00 in 1909.

"The total grants for benevolence in the year just closed were \$26,372.00.

"Receipts from lodges for the Semi-Centennial Fund during the year were \$7,657.61; and the amount at the credit of that fund at 31st May, 1909, was \$51,759.90. Since 31st May, contributions of upwards of \$3,000.00 have been received, thereby increasing the capital account to nearly \$55,000.00."

He announced a contribution of one thousand dollars to the sufferers by earthquake in Italy.

Having found irregularities in lodges in the matter of balloting he recommended:

"The appointment of a committee of this Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to prepare a constitutional provision for the taking of the ballot in lodges, the character of the boxes to be used, the times at which members may properly be admitted to the lodge; and anything else pertinent to the general question."

The use of lodge rooms by the Order of the Eastern Star was forbidden by him.

We commend to our brethren the reading and the observance of the following:

"Several circulars have been forwarded to me, issued for the purpose of promoting the candidature of certain brethren for office. One of these records the passing of a resolution by a lodge and the appointment of a committee to secure votes for a member of that lodge. Such methods of conducting a canvass savor much of the practices of politicians, and I believe them to be contrary to the spirit of Masonry. If a brother's service and merit do not recommend him to the favorable consideration of his brethren, he is probably one who is not eminently qualified for the office he seeks. I trust that practices of this sort will be discountenanced by the brethren, who can, by voting against candidates thus urged upon the craft, make such canvassing unprofitable."

Dispensations were granted to five new lodges; five lodges were constituted; four lodge rooms were dedicated and five corner stones were laid.

Two hundred nineteen pages of the proceedings are taken up by the several minute reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Henry Robertson presented the Report on Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote for the perusal of our masonic readers who are seeking knowledge:

"When we were asked to write an article on Freemasonry in Russia, the reply naturally came that it would be similar to that celebrated historical chapter on the Snakes of Ireland, which consisted of six words: 'There are no snakes in Ireland.'

"There may be Freemasonry in Russia, but it is not visible. There was a time when it existed there, but it never flourished to any great extent. The capacity to understand and appreciate the genuine benefits of the craft was lacking, and there was no bond of community between the lodges. The Orthodox Party of the Greek Church were its enemies, and

their methods of persecution differed but little from those of the Clerical Party in Roman Catholic countries. Although assassination was not often resorted to, the brethren were imprisoned and exiled and their property confiscated, all in the name of religion and to the praise and glory of the God of Mercy.

"The popular supposition has been that Peter the Great brought Freemasonry into Russia from England, but the proof is wanting. During his reign there were secret societies in Russia, the Rosicrucians, the Illuminati, the strict Observance, and others. These flourished for a time while Peter was trying to bring his kingdom out of its state of semi-barbarism. Some of the members of these bodies were Freemasons, but no Russian Masonic Lodge was in existence.

"It was during the reign of Catherine II that the first lodge was formed in Russia. The prime mover was a German, Bro. Von Reichell, who was the Principal of the National Military School. He had been a member of a lodge in Berlin, and the new lodge, 'Apollo,' was formed under the German System, in St. Petersburg, on the 27th of March, 1771. It started with 14 members—ten Germans, three Alsations and one Russian. In June of the same year a second lodge was opened in St. Petersburg under the patronage of England, and they promptly declared the first lodge illegal. A message was sent from London to Berlin that 'the London Grand Lodge had the exclusive right of constituting other lodges in the whole world.' The Germans temporized, fearful of an invasion of their own jurisdiction by England. The German lodges were rather weak then, and had troubles of their own, so they did not desire any more complications if they could be avoided. The Apollo lodge suspended work, but in 1773 Bro. Von Reichell founded another lodge (with a Russian Prince at its head), and afterwards three others. The Apollo lodge was also reopened.

"In 1774 the English organized five lodges—three in St. Petersburg, one in Moscow, and one in Jassy—and the fight went merrily on. The result was, that in 1776, the English Representative, finding the court influences against him, abandoned the English System and went over to the German System, taking with him the whole of his lodges.

"In 1777 there were 18 lodges working under the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Petersburg, according to the Swedo-Berlin System. For a few years Freemasonry was 'fashionable,' and the lodges and the membership and the Systems all increased. At one time they had the Swedish Provincial Grand Lodge, the English Provincial Grand Lodge and the Russian National Grand Lodge, but this prosperity did not last long. The fashionable element grew tired of their play, and quit. Numerous and serious dissensions grew up between the Systems. The advent of Cagliostro, with his Egyptian Mysteries, brought reproach upon the craft. The French Revolution was said to have been caused by Freemasons, and all the crowned heads of Europe were supposed to be in danger from the secret machinations of the craft. The blow fell in January, 1794, when Empress Catherine issued a decree forbidding all assemblages of Freemasons, and in a few months no lodges were to be found within the Empire. This decree was renewed by Catherine's successor, Paul I, in 1797.

"Under Alexander I, a few lodges were reopened, and in 1810 they received official recognition and confirmation. Then ensued a revival. Within ten years there were 31 lodges, but their progress was again stopped by internal dissensions. Then came renewed fears for monarchical institutions, and the Freemasons were blamed for all the acts of the Carbonari and the other revolutionary societies. Alexander, under the influence of Metternich, the celebrated Austrian diplomat, believed these stories against the brethren whom he had formerly supported.

"In August, 1822, he issued an Edict closing all the lodges, and they have never been reopened since."

Maine for 1908 is reviewed.

Under Nova Scotia we quote:

"The Grand Master decided that a Jewish Rabbi was a 'minister of the Gospel.' This rather upset us, but it appears that they have a regulation allowing rebates on initiation fees to ministers, and because the rabbi was authorized by law to marry people, the G. M. ruled that he was within the meaning of the section. We think that they had better alter the section."

COLORADO, 1909.

With all the Grand Officers, twenty-three Past Grand Masters, representatives from the constituent bodies present, the annual communication was opened at Denver.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John B. Haffy, in his address, says:

"Peace and harmony exist throughout the jurisdiction. This Grand Lodge is enjoying the most cordial and fraternal relations with all sister Grand Lodges.

"Masonry has attained a high position in our state. The affairs of the Grand Lodge have heretofore been ably administered and the Grand Lodge of Colorado holds an enviable position in the masonic world."

He reported dispensations issued for two new lodges, a few for conferring degrees out of statutory time and a few for other purposes.

Thirty-one masonic visitations were made by him during the year, and a large amount of business, local in its character, was accomplished by him.

Bro. William S. Pickerill, Grand Orator, delivered a fine oration. We excerpt a few paragraphs:

"We may differ in our opinions as to the origin of the institution, whether it dates from the Ancient Mysteries, the building of King Solomon's Temple, the Guilds of the Middle Ages, or as late as 1717. We may not hold the same views regarding the Ancient Landmarks, and our learned Committees on Correspondence may furnish many interesting reports as to control of the three Symbolic Degrees of Masonry and recognition of foreign Grand Lodges. We may still dream of a National Grand Lodge, or uniform work promulgated by a collegium of Grand Lecturers. Jurisprudence Committees may be far apart in their interpretation of the laws of the several Grand Jurisdictions. Masonic journalists may even condemn the prerogative of a Grand Master in making a mason at sight, even though he may be of such distinguished material as a President of the United States. But differ as we may on such matters, yet the great moral truths and precepts which have been taught at the altars of Freemasonry since time immemorial, are our splendid heritage, and 'cement' us into one sacred band or society of friends and brothers among whom

no contention should ever exist, save that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree.

"Wise men of all ages have speculated on the life beyond the grave, but it is given to none to lift the veil which overhangs the portal of the unseen world. What happens after death and whither the spirit wings its flight is beyond our understanding. But our teaching at the altar of Freemasonry has been Faith in God and Hope in Immortality, and with such a faith we have no doubt of a perfect realization of our hope when 'we shall be cut down by the Scythe of Time and gathered into the land where our fathers have gone before us, and where friendship and love are unchanging and immortal.'"

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge, at this time, commends this work with their hearty support and recommends the consideration by all sister Grand Jurisdictions of such memorial as the Denver Masonic Relief Association may formulate to address to them; said memorial to be subject to the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master before being issued."

The following amendment was adopted:

"Section 1. Request coming from another Grand Jurisdiction to confer degrees: A lodge within this jurisdiction may, at the request of a lodge under the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, confer the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason, or either of them, upon a candidate of said requesting lodge; provided, the requesting lodge furnish a certificate, under its seal, that the candidate has been duly elected to receive the degrees. The lodge before conferring the degree of Fellow Craft or Master Mason should be satisfied, by proper examination or lawful information, that the candidate is an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft and should, by examination or lawful information, ascertain that he has made 'suitable proficiency.'

"Section 2. Conferring degrees by request: When a lodge in this jurisdiction shall have elected a candidate to take the Fellow Craft or Master Mason Degree, such lodge may request any lodge in whose jurisdiction such candidate may be residing or sojourning to confer one or both of said degrees; but in such cases, the lodge conferring the degrees by request shall satisfy itself, by examination or lawful information, of the proficiency of such candidate in the preceding degree."

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf submitted his twenty-fifth report, full of good things.

Under Alabama he rightly says:

"In our opinion, a dismissed mason has the right to petition any lodge for membership. If rejected, the lodge does not acquire jurisdiction over him as in the case of a profane, nor do we believe its consent is necessary before he can apply elsewhere."

Under Idaho he says:

"He also correctly decided that the casting of a unanimous vote of the lodge by a brother for a nominee for office was a violation of the secrecy of the ballot."

Maine for 1908 has a place. Commenting upon the doings of our Grand Master he says:

"In the report of a lodge centennial he says, that while he was unable to be present, Grand Secretary Stephen Berry was present and regaled the brethren with reminiscences of his sojourn in the town sixty-two years ago! A straight 'give-away' of their youthful Grand Secretary."

Under New Mexico we read another opinion to which we assent:

"We believe with you, Brother Wroth, that lodges are fully qualified to conduct their own correspondence."

We quote in full another of his poems:

"THE PERFECT WORK AND TRUE.

"The tracings on the trestleboard
Of angle, curve and line,
With figures plain or intricate,
All form one grand design.
But ere the temple stands complete,
Resplendent to the view,
There must be wrought with patient toil
The perfect work and true.

"There must be laid foundations deep,
There must be walls secure,
With stone to stone so deftly joined,
Time tested—they endure.
From vaulted depth to turret tall,
Outlined against the blue,
In hidden nook or sculptured front—
The perfect work and true.

"Such was the temple famed of old,
Which crowned Moriah's height,
Whose story in tradition lives
Among the Sons of Light.
And such, today, cathedrals grand
In lands the Craftsmen knew,
Whose wondrous art still sheds its glow
The perfect work and true.

"Such faithful toil—what meaneth it,
With never sign of slight,
From solid base to pinnacle,
In view or out of sight?
They had an Holy House to build,
A glorious task to do,
To shape 'neath God's all-seeing eye
The perfect work and true.

"We have an Holy House to build,
With love its corner-stone,
'Tis built of deeds for human needs,
With acts of kindness shown.
Within the heart our mystic art
Steadfastly we pursue,
Till stands revealed by virtue's square,
The perfect work and true."

A sketch of the life of the M. W. Grand Master elect, Bro. George W. Musser, with portrait, embellishes the volume.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado laments the death of W. Bro. Melvin Edwards, its Grand Lecturer, who had faithfully performed the duties of his office. He died August 4, 1909.

DELAWARE, 1909.

The portrait of the M. W. Grand Master is given in the proceedings. All the Grand Officers, ten Past Grand Masters, many Past Masters, were present at the annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

Many distinguished brethren from the jurisdiction of New Jersey were introduced.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry I. Beers, Jr., in his address, giving an account of his visitations, says:

"In many of the lodges in different parts of the state I have witnessed the conferring of one or more of the degrees, and find that generally the lodges are doing good work, and the officers are interested in acquiring the uniform work word perfect. The fact that they are working so nearly perfect is a testimonial to the zeal of the instructors, who have neglected no opportunity to instruct the officers and members.

"In only two of the lodges is there a marked deficiency, and this is due to the fact that by location they are difficult to reach, and the members are scattered over a large territory, for which due allowance should be made."

He defended the "Making a Mason at sight."

We quote the action:

"The recommendation of the committee that we claim jurisdiction over rejected material for a term of five years was rejected."

The following recommendations growing out of the conference of the Grand Masters at Philadelphia, were not approved:

"The date and place of birth of the petitioner should be given in the petition.

"The form of 'Renunciation' used in Pennsylvania should be required from petitioners who have been identified with clandestine bodies.

"No petition to be made a mason should be received from one previously rejected in another jurisdiction within five (5) years after such rejection, unless the rejecting lodge has by unanimous ballot waived its claim of jurisdiction.

"All intra-jurisdictional communications should be sent through the offices of the Grand Masters.

"The Jurisprudence Committee further reported a form of petition for initiation, membership, re-instatement, form of proxy and dimit, all of

which were adopted singly and as a whole to become operative January 1, 1910."

Bro. Lewis H. Jackson presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Connecticut, we read:

"Can the cremated ashes of a deceased brother be buried with masonic ceremony and without a dispensation? Answer—'Yes.'

"To which we can see no reasonable objection, inasmuch as that is all there is of the material body, even in form; the soul, which is the spiritual body, with the spirit, having risen from its earthly tenement or encasement which is only for this present life and its uses."

Under Idaho we most cheerfully quote the following with approval:

"We have here another criticism to make with reference to the use of the word 'Order' for the Masonic Fraternity. In his address the Grand Master uses the title 'Ancient and Honorable Order.' We beg leave to remind masons everywhere that the word 'Order' is not used in the 'Ancient Charges' and 'General Regulations.' In those ancient documents Freemasons are denominated a Fraternity, an Ancient Fraternity, a Worshipful Fraternity; a Brotherhood, an Ancient Brotherhood, but *never an Order*.

"I am well aware that the word is used in monitors and manuals in the charges given to the candidates in the three degrees, and in the ceremonies of consecration, dedication, installation, laying corner-stones, etc., but they are of comparatively modern origin, and prepared by writers infected by ideas derived from the various Orders of the present century, and not careful to retain the correct phraseology of Freemasonry. Let us avoid all incorrect terms in our references to our unique Fraternity."

Maine was briefly mentioned.

FLORIDA, 1910.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Louis C. Massey, whose portrait graces the volume, in his address, reports the constitution of fourteen new lodges; the issuance of nine dispensations to form new lodges; the approving of by-laws of lodges; the laying of ten corner stones, and says:

"I have invariably refused to go through the ceremony provided for the laying of a corner stone when the building has been completed or its walls already built above the place designated for the corner stone. It is in such cases but an idle ceremony which I consider not only incongruous, but as also ridiculous and therefore not consistent with the respect we owe to the fraternity."

We again quote:

"Work by courtesy probably gives the Grand Masters more trouble than any other one head of business, but the labor incident to it is cheerfully performed for the benefit of those to whom we are linked by the fraternal bond."

If trouble arises for the Grand Masters, why not let the lodges have correspondence between each other, where it properly belongs?

Speaking of the conference at Philadelphia, he says:

"It is a pity that a conference of such value to the craft should have been made the occasion by an ill-advised brother who attended it, of urging a permanent organization of the character. No possible good could come of such an association."

Dispensations were granted in twelve instances to work candidates out of statutory time.

Here is a decision arising from "liquor" legislation.:

"A brother has a right if he so desires, to work and vote for the liquor selling ticket in a local option canvass, and is not subject to discipline for such action."

Here are two more, to which we do not agree:

"A funeral service may be held at the time of interment or at an early day thereafter.

"A lodge may go in procession on June 24th to attend public speaking at its picnic; but the lodge formation must be kept until the lodge returns to its hall, and the brethren, while wearing masonic clothing, must not mingle with others at the picnic."

Recognition was refused to the Grand Lodge of Romania, the Grand Orient of Lusitano and the Grand Orient of San Salvador.

Of one decision quoted the Committee on Jurisprudence say:

"According to regulation No. 353, 'in all public processions the lodge moves and acts in lodge capacity and must so continue until its outdoor work is completed.' It has been the practice on such occasions, after the completion of the outdoor work, whatever the character of it may have been, to separate informally for the purpose of refreshment or to return to their homes, if the work was done at a distance therefrom. In such cases the committee are of the opinion that the continuance of this practice can do no harm and should be continued. The masons in the procession are then allowed to mingle with others, partake of refreshments and ride back to the vicinity of the lodge when the procession is reformed, so that the lodge may return to its room in good order and close its meeting."

The committee further on in their report say:

"We agree with our Grand Master that the question of requiring a uniform card receipt is a large one and do not now feel disposed to recommend such a requirement, but deem it advisable to call the attention of such of our members, as contemplate visiting in other Grand Jurisdictions, to the fact that in most of the Grand Jurisdictions very rigid requirements as to certificates of good standing are enforced, and such brethren are advised to procure such certificates as will comply with the requirements of the Grand Jurisdictions in which they propose to visit."

A large amount of local business was transacted.

Bro. Silas B. Wright presented the eighth of his learned reports of the committee on correspondence.

Under Delaware we read:

"He notes that at the laying of the corner stone of the new masonic temple in Jacksonville the Grand Lodge was escorted by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar and says, 'We cannot see the propriety or consistency of such custom. The commandery is built upon a different foundation from the Grand Lodge of Masonry and there is no congruity in uniting the two in the performance of a masonic function.' Well, perhaps he cannot see the 'propriety or consistency' but there are so many hundreds of the brethren who see differently that we imagine that he must be lonesome in his position."

Maine for 1909 is reviewed.

From his conclusion we quote:

"In the addresses of the Grand Masters we find a general complaint that they are continually asked for decisions upon matters already plainly set forth in the various codes and digests. This is true not only during the past year but for many years past. The only remedy seems to be a provision requiring masters and wardens to pass an examination, not only in the esoteric work, but also in the masonic law and usage of the jurisdiction, before installation, and that no letters be sent to the Grand Master except through the District Deputy Grand Masters."

IDAHO, 1909.

With a full attendance the annual communication was held at Boise.

The Grand Representative of Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William R. Hamilton, in the introduction to his address says:

"Masonry is progressing in Idaho rapidly. With the great influx of people into this rather young state of ours, it would indeed be strange were it otherwise. The tendency toward the formation of new lodges has been greater than ever before, and more dispensations would have been granted than in any previous year, were it not that I hesitated to grant them. I believe that the places seeking new lodges will eventually be able to support thriving institutions, yet, to me, the present time seems premature; feeling, however, that you are better judges in these matters, I have decided to pass the petitions to you for action, and will call your attention to them later."

Commenting upon the "Making of masons at sight" he says:

"Whilst Ohio has made masons at sight, Idaho has not been left so far in the rear. My attention has been called to a case in which, so I am informed, only some ten days elapsed between the time of conferring the Fellow Craft degree and becoming a Shriner. In the slang of the day, this is 'going some.'"

He gives a brief account of his visitations and finds that the work is not uniform. He expresses much dissatisfaction with the method as at present used.

Discussing the expediency of the conferences held at Baltimore and Philadelphia he says:

"Personally, I will say that I am in favor of such a conference, as I believe much can be accomplished by such a body towards adopting uniform masonic landmarks, but, further than this I am not willing to go. It seems to me that such a conference held occasionally would accomplish what is to be desired by a National Grand Lodge. Conditions vary much in this great country, and, to use a political phrase, I am much in favor of state's rights. I feel that I may be subject to criticism in asking this question: 'Does this Grand Lodge wish to surrender its Independence?' I might also ask you to consider whether the benefits to be derived from a National Grand Lodge will be commensurate with the necessary great expense involved?"

Of his decisions we quote:

"Is a stockholder of a railroad selling liquor on their trains amenable to our liquor law?"

"Two years ago it was held that an engineer running an engine in a brewery came under the provisions of this Section, so I have held that the stockholder is also 'indirectly connected.' At this point I would suggest that this Grand Lodge define what is meant by the word 'indirectly,' as I confess I have been at a loss to define it to my own satisfaction. Furthermore, I am of the impression that several brethren are amenable to this law if we accept a literal translation of it."

The Committee on Jurisprudence in their report thus report on "Life Membership":

"In regard to the resolution permitting subordinate lodges to provide in their by-laws for the granting of life membership, we do not consider it necessary to give our reasons at length, for deciding against granting such permission. The matter has been passed upon by Grand Masters in the past, giving ample reasons for refusing such requests as being un-masonic and calculated to breed dissension instead of promoting harmony and such decisions and refusals have always been unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge, and we therefore recommend that said resolution be indefinitely postponed."

They also answer "No" to the question submitted to the Grand Master and quoted among the decisions.

Bro. George E. Knepper presented his eighth annual Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

He agrees with the writer concerning the action of the Grand Lodge of Arizona about a ritual.

He does not believe in the necessity of issuing a dispensation to a lodge to attend divine service, nor does he think that too many, even any, dispensations ought to be issued for the conferring of degrees out of statutory time.

Maine for 1909 was received and well reviewed.

Criticizing the action of Nebraska he quotes and says:

"On the subject of documentary evidence among other things we find that

"Unless such certificate is dated within one year prior to the date of such examination, the visiting brother must also present some receipt or other documentary evidence from his lodge, bearing a date not to exceed

twelve months prior to the date of such examination, showing that he remains a member of said lodge in good standing.'

"We can suggest a much better plan than the above. Build a barbed wire fence around each lodge room or masonic temple and keep out all visiting brethren. Then you will be in no danger of being defiled even if you do die of dry rot."

Under South Dakota he answers Bro. Brown, the correspondent, as follows:

"If the brother can point to a *single case* where the secrets of Masonry have become 'legible or intelligible' through the careful study of the cipher prepared by Idaho, we yield the point. Or we will do the same thing if he has ever *heard* of a well authenticated case. If he has ever seen one of these ciphers, which he hasn't, he would at once admit that any intelligent profane—this would probably not include Idaho profanes—might devote his days and nights to the profound study of the cipher in vain attempts to wring therefrom the secrets of Freemasonry. The authorized cipher has not only come to stay but it has come to take the place of the thousands of unauthorized versions that are found in every jurisdiction of which we have any knowledge, including South Dakota."

ILLINOIS, 1909.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Alexander H. Bell, in his address, says:

"The past year has been an unusually busy one. I have had a vast amount of work to do and have sometimes been oppressed with the volume of business crowding upon me for attention. I thought I was a busy man before I became Grand Master. By comparison with my life since then I had led a life of comparative leisure. Because of the volume of work to be done, I have necessarily been compelled to appoint proxies on most occasions for the laying of corner stones, the dedication of temples and the constituting of new lodges. I want you to know that it would have been a very great pleasure to me to attend to all these functions in person, but the volume of business requiring my attention made it necessary that I do most of such work by my proxies.

"The affairs of this Grand Lodge and of its many constituent lodges are in a most prosperous condition. The returns to the Grand Secretary show a total membership in this state of over ninety-five thousand."

Dispensations were issued for seven lodges; nine lodges were constituted; five corner stones were laid and eight masonic halls were dedicated.

He declined to lay corner stones when the stone was not inscribed according to the requirements of the Book of Ceremonies.

Listen to what he says about surety companies in Illinois:

"I never saw any real estate or any property owned by any surety company. I am not satisfied of their solvency. They no doubt ordinarily pay when they have to, but my experience with them has convinced me that if they can palm off upon their customer a bond which reads in large letters that they are liable, but in smaller print puts in a lot of conditions which exempts them from liability, they will do it. The ordinary surety

company is merely a handsome desk, in a handsome office, with a smooth talking gentleman on one side of the desk and a sucker on the other. I do not hesitate to say that I personally would much rather take a bond signed by responsible individuals who have good real estate and tangible property that I can see, than to take a bond signed by a surety company whose assets none of us has seen and whose solvency must very largely appear upon printed statements of its assets or upon the representation of its agents. I therefore recommend that our by-law be so amended as to require the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to give bonds with good personal security."

Discussing the liquor question, he says in part:

"The keeping of a licensed saloon is an entirely lawful business in Illinois. And Masonry in Illinois does not undertake to proscribe that which is lawful in Illinois. I have in a number of cases under by-laws somewhat similar to this, decided that while the keeping of a saloon is not a masonic offence because it is not the violation of any law either of the state or of Masonry, yet, a saloon may be so kept that it does violate municipal law as well as the law of Masonry. If a saloonkeeper sell to minors or keep open on Sunday, those sales are in violation of law. The license to the saloonkeeper gives him no protection as to such sales, and if the charge against a mason were that being the keeper of a licensed saloon, he did these unlawful things, I have held that that would be a sufficient charge. I have in some cases decided that a charge might be framed in this form; that a defendant being a keeper of a licensed saloon, so kept and conducted the same that it became a place of notorious disorder, frequented by lawless characters, and that the defendant being generally known in the community to be a mason, that the knowledge that he is a mason and the notoriously disreputable character of his saloon, tend to bring Masonry into disrepute. But in this Clinton Lodge case, nothing of the kind was claimed as is observed. Some of the members of Clinton Lodge No. 19, seemed to be very much surprised at my attitude on this question and in an entirely respectful manner expressed the desire that the question might be definitely determined by this Grand Lodge.

"The question is not an open one here. In 1885, an effort was made in this Grand Lodge to amend its by-laws so as to provide that for a mason to become engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquor, should be deemed unmasonic conduct and punished accordingly. The proposition to amend was defeated. I wrote the brethren of Clinton Lodge and have written in a number of other cases touching these questions that while Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honors, neither does it discriminate between men as to their nationality or their business. We judge of the individual man, and if that man has become a mason and is observing the laws of the state in which he lives, he cannot be proscribed, punished or in any wise disciplined for doing that which the laws of his state expressly license him to do, unless some by-law of this Grand Lodge expressly forbids it. If Clinton Lodge might exclude the saloonkeeper, other lodges might exclude other classes of business men, or certain races or nationalities, and it is inconceivable to me that a member of my lodge residing in the jurisdiction of Clinton Lodge might be expelled for conduct which is not violative of any law of this Grand Lodge or of his own lodge."

He reports the management of the Masonic Homes to have been satisfactory.

Discussing the Philadelphia conference, he says:

"So far as I am personally concerned, I know of no desirable purpose which could be served by the formation of a National Grand Lodge. Occasionally some enthusiastic brother whose enthusiasm lifts his feet off the ground, shouts vociferously for a National Grand Lodge, but I don't know of any desirable function which such an organization could accomplish. It would be a novelty, if not a monstrosity in the world. There is no National Grand Lodge in the British Empire. England has her Grand Lodge, Scotland and Ireland have their Grand Lodges. The several autonomous districts of Canada have respectively their Grand Lodge and so it is as to all the various autonomous parts of the British Empire. There is not now in my opinion and never will be in this country, any such demand for a National Grand Lodge as can elevate the consideration of the question above the domain of pure empiricism. We have no more use for a National Grand Lodge than a duck has for an umbrella."

He urged the erection by the Grand Lodge of a suitable home for the Grand Lodge.

To those who wish to read both sides of the question relative to the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, we commend this volume.

Bro. Euclid B. Rogers, R. W. Grand Orator, delivered an able address, title, "The World Growing Better."

A large amount of business, local in character, was transacted.

From the introduction to the Report on Masonic Correspondence written by Bro. Edward Cook, we briefly quote:

"The report on correspondence goes out this year with the emblems of sorrow in the foreground. Our eminent brother, who for so many years has led and instructed us through his charming reports, lies silent in the tomb. We admired Brother Robbins for his splendid form, we respected him for his profound intellect, we loved him for his affectionate heart, and we mourn for his untimely death. For the twenty-one years last past, and at intervals for eight previous years, or for twenty-nine years in all, he had given us in his incomparable style a clear, comprehensive and instructive exposition of the chief items of interest in the masonic world. He not only recorded the action taken in the various Grand Jurisdictions, but he also gave us such enlightened comments thereon that his reports were veritable cyclopedias of facts, and reliable text books for study and for a complete education in what is best and most valuable in the institution. But disease laid its relentless hand upon him, the slow but certain ravages of an incurable and painful malady—borne with uncomplaining fortitude and resignation—so sapped his great vitality that after he had reviewed the proceedings of one jurisdiction and just commenced another of this year's report he was compelled to relinquish the work. A successor had to be found. By his choice, and the partiality of the Grand Master, the mantle of a giant fell upon the narrow shoulders of the writer and fairly smothered him in its folds, for he realized the magnitude of the labor and the inadequacy of the time in which to perform it. He also keenly felt his lack of equipment for the work, and his entire want of experience. Although he knew that his best efforts must inevitably suffer by comparison with what had gone before, a sense of duty compelled a reluctant acceptance of the undertaking, and he finishes the task with the compensating thought that by his failure the way has been made easier for his successor.

"Conservative by nature and growing more so with advancing years

we are inclined to deprecate sincerely the tendencies towards innovations and modernization which crop out from time to time. We firmly believe, however, that the great heart of the fraternity is in the right place and that it beats true to the principles and landmarks which the fathers fixed for our government. Some of the younger brethren fail to take themselves and the institution as seriously as they should. They are quite too prone to be carried away with vague notions of universality, general grand bodies, society functions, high sounding titles, and the spectacular displays which in the name and under the guise of Masonry obtrude themselves on their attention."

Under Canada we read:

"We never before heard of a jurisdiction in which any but the master and wardens were permitted to examine the ballot. It is certainly a poor kind of lodge in which the stationed officers cannot be trusted to tell the truth in regard to the ballot. In this connection we are reminded of a little anecdote. When Past Grand Master John Corson Smith was lieutenant governor of Illinois, one of the colored janitors of the state house at Springfield came into his office one morning and related the following incident, which he said occurred the previous evening in the negro lodge of which he was a member:

"The ballot box had been passed and the worshipful master asked, 'How is the ballot in the south, Brother Junior Warden?' 'Clar in the south, worshipful.' 'How is the ballot in the west, Brother Senior Warden?' 'Clar in the west, worshipful.' The W. M. then inspected the box and said, 'And clar in the east. I therefore declar Mr. Josephus Johnson duly elected to take the degrees in this lodge.' Up jumped a big coon, as black as the ace of spades, and cried, 'That's a 'fernal lie, worshipful master. I put in four black balls myself.'"

Under Kansas we quote:

"What entitles a body claiming to be a Grand Lodge to masonic recognition?"

"The very fact that the question arises is evidence that there are illegitimate as well as regular organizations. To determine which are legitimate there must be some agreed standard or criterion by which to judge them. This standard cannot ante-date the Grand Lodge system, but must have come into existence when that system, plan or method of organization was inaugurated—there is therefore no call to consider matters previous to the time when the 'Charges of a Freemason' were agreed upon as the platform, magna charta or bill of rights, setting forth the landmarks, principles and ground work of the institution.

"Coincident with, and practically a part of it, a formula was adopted by which the perpetuity of its obligations and restrictions were insured by requiring all masters at their installation to assent to and bind themselves to enforce certain principles and regulations. Among these is the admission that 'no new lodge shall be formed without permission of the Grand Lodge, that no countenance be given to any irregular lodge or to any person clandestinely initiated therein, being contrary to the ancient charges of Freemasonry.'

"To us it seems entirely clear and plain that this confines the element of legitimacy and regularity to those lodges which have been formed by permission of Grand Lodges, and that the latter can be formed only from lodges thus authorized. If it is urged that this necessarily restricts recognition to the descendants of that Masonry which existed in the British Isles, at the formation of the Grand Lodge system, we can only reply, 'So mote it be.' If it can be shown that there is good Masonry outside these limits,

we shall not object though we do maintain, that the matter of *recognition* and *mutual* endorsement grows out of the Grand Lodge system as above briefly and imperfectly outlined and that there cannot be any recognition of lodges whose title comes from any other body than a regular Grand Lodge, nor of any Grand Lodge made up of lodges other than those constituted by legitimate Grand Lodges. The Masonry of Mexico is confessedly so lacking in this essential quality as to have no claim to recognition."

Maine for 1909 receives fraternal notice.

Under Mississippi, concerning the trouble with New Jersey about negroes, he says:

"It is not our purpose to enter into a discussion of this question between these sovereign bodies, but we may modestly express the opinion that Masonry does not deal with men in groups, classes nor nationalities, but treats with each man as an individual. We would unhesitatingly vote against the admission into Masonry of the Comanche Indian as a class, and yet we are glad to associate on fraternal terms with a full-blooded Comanche Indian, who is a fellow lodge member."

The Grand Lodge of Illinois mourns the loss of Bro. Joseph Robbins, Past Grand Master, who died July 19, 1909. We can not better express our belief in him than to quote:

"No word or deed of his was ever of such a character as to raise any semblance of doubt regarding his motives or intentions. He harbored no ill will toward anyone, carried no grudges, but, after standing firmly and fearlessly for what he considered right, always accepted the verdict of the majority, whether favorable or unfavorable to him, in a graceful and modest manner."

He wrote the Reports on Correspondence from 1888 until his death.

INDIANA, 1909.

The first fifty odd pages of the proceedings are filled with addresses, masonic, able, readable, all of them occasioned by the ceremonies at the dedication of the Masonic Temple of the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Temple Association of Indianapolis.

At the annual communication there were present the Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of 531 of the 533 chartered lodges.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

Bro. Charles N. Mikels, M. W. Grand Master, in his address gives this good advice:

"Friendship cannot be made the basis of appointments, for you find it embarrassing to choose between friends, all of whom you know to be

worth while. Service already performed, or capability of performing such service as you Masters may wish done, are worth while reasons and rapidly reduce the number to be considered. I had no personal reasons for making the appointments which I made. I had to make such as would meet your mature judgment or suffer in your esteem."

He gives an account of the centennial celebration of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1.

We quote from his decisions:

"2. A Master Mason, who is a member of a lodge which is under the jurisdiction of a sister Grand Lodge, cannot petition for affiliation, based on a receipt for dues, in an Indiana lodge. An attempted election to membership on such a receipt for dues is void. Transfer of membership applies only in our own jurisdiction.

"5. The jurisdictional line between lodges is at a point half way between the two lodge rooms as 'the crow flies.'

"12. It is legal to waive jurisdiction over a candidate conditioned on a division of the initiation fee.

"13. A Master Mason, who has never been elected or installed as a Warden, may confer degrees when requested to do so by the Worshipful Master, who is present.

"18. A Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star may use a Masonic Hall or any part of a Masonic Temple, for the purpose of holding occasional entertainments, to which only their own members and masons and their wives are invited, to which a small fee is charged for admission, when the net proceeds are for the improvement of the furniture and fittings of said Masonic Temple, the lodge whose tenants they are, consenting."

As to No. 12: it may be *legal* but it would seem that it was making a bargain counter of Masonry by the lodges interested.

Dispensation for one new lodge was issued; ten corner stones were laid; and four masonic halls were dedicated.

He argues at length, ten pages to the subject, in favor of a General Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and tells what it could do; for instance:

"It could begin the unification of Masonry by making uniform customs, laws, edicts, questions of residence, forms of petitions, length of jurisdiction over rejected petitioners, none of which are so vital to the real perpetuity of any Grand Jurisdiction that they cannot yield something here and something there, until there is some legal bond of union between the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States. Whether this can succeed depends on the size of men's heads and hearts, and on their real devotion to Masonry instead of a Grand Jurisdiction."

And rather intimates that it is up to Indiana masons to see that this desired result is obtained.

By the time the Grand Master has read the addresses of the several Grand Masters he will, we think, come to the conclusion that it will be a harder task to get the several jurisdictions to give their consent than it is to persuade legislatures of the several states to consent to amendments to the constitution of the United States. But the chance was given him to

extol the great virtues and power of Indiana masons, and perhaps that was all that was intended anyway.

We quote one more statement addressed particularly to his own jurisdiction, but a bid to other jurisdictions to "conform to a new situation without nervous prostration":

"You might as well prove your size and fitness for progress outside the boundaries of Indiana as you have proved it within. You can rely on the fact that other Grand Jurisdictions have the same kind of progressive masons that you are. They recognize the necessity for a General Grand Lodge. You will not be lonesome in the movement."

The only real thing to criticize in his argument is that he speaks of the masonic fraternity as an "Order."

The Grand Secretary in his report says:

"The masters of lodges in Indiana and all officers thereof have been watchful and careful in the material selected, the membership being now 52,515 Master Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction, evidencing the fact that the achievements of the past year, both in numbers and in quality of material, is in keeping with the progressive and at the same time conservative spirit of Freemasonry."

The building committee in their report tell us:

"The total cost of the ground and building will be about \$531,294.56, or to each of the two bodies, the Grand Lodge and the Indianapolis Masonic Temple Association, the one-half thereof, \$265,647.28. With the addition of the extras and other incidentals, there will be some variation, finally, from this figure, but about \$266,000.00 in round numbers for each of the two bodies will be, substantially, the joint investment."

The Grand Inspector, the only incumbent since the office was created, having now had four years of service, in his report says:

"I may say further that I have witnessed the conferring of all the degrees in nearly three-fourths of the lodges in the state, the majority of which have acquired the work more or less perfectly and as a rule adhering to it strictly, and now, if we can devise some plan to rid a few lodges of the 'irrepressible masonic innovator' and the 'ritualistic inventor,' we will have removed the last and only obstacle in the way of securing practical if not perfect uniformity in all our rites and ceremonies."

The wife, son, and daughter of our M. W. Brother Martin H. Rice, deceased, presented to the Grand Lodge his valuable masonic library, which was accepted.

The special committee on the nationalization of Free and Accepted Masonry, to which was referred that part of the address of the Grand Master relative to the same, realized the greatness of the subject and, while approving the efforts of the Grand Master on that line, recommended the continuance of conferences of Grand Masters, the sending of a delegate with instructions to find from other delegates what may be the opinion in other jurisdictions.

Bro. Daniel McDonald presented his eleventh "Indiana Annual Masonic Review."

Under Alberta, we read:

"A 'Lewis,' in England and some other foreign countries, is known as the son of a mason, and is entitled to receive the masonic degrees before he is twenty-one years old, and over eighteen. The word comes from an instrument in Operative Masonry—an iron clamp which is inserted in a cavity prepared for that purpose in any large stone, so as to give attachment to a pulley and hook whereby the stone may be conveniently raised to any height and deposited in its proper position."

Under District of Columbia, he says:

"If 'documentary evidence' goes much further it will soon be as difficult for a mason to gain admission as a visitor in another jurisdiction as it anciently was for the fabled camel to get through the eye of a needle! The 'documentary evidence fad' should be entitled 'a scheme to prevent masons from visiting lodges outside of their own jurisdiction,' for that is what it amounts to so far as the large majority of the fraternity are concerned. This 'fad' has grown up out of the numerous social and fraternal secret orders that have sprung up all over the country during the past dozen years like mushrooms in a river bottom, whose members are too lazy to learn an examination ritual, and instead are supplied with 'documentary evidence.' During the past decade a large number of 'drones' have crept into the hive of Masonry, and their influence is beginning to be felt in securing the passage in a number of Grand Jurisdictions of rules requiring 'documentary evidence.'"

Maine for 1908 is reviewed.

He says of the decision of Grand Master Johnson relative to "illiteracy" of a candidate:

"The reason assigned by the Grand Master for his ruling might not hold good in many, if not all cases. Candidates for the mysteries of Masonry do not acquire a knowledge of the Order by reading and writing, but by oral knowledge gained by 'word of mouth.' If education is a necessary qualification for the degrees of Masonry, it might be pertinent to ask, or have defined, the degree of education necessary, and in what branches the applicant should show proficiency upon proper examination. This is the first instance we remember of hearing of, that an educational qualification was made a necessary qualification for the masonic degrees. If he is able to sign his name to the petition, it seems to us that fills the requirements."

With a great deal of satisfaction we excerpt under Nevada:

"The Grand Master called attention to the very unsatisfactory condition of the ritualistic work used in that jurisdiction, and urged that a committee of three be appointed to select a standard work for that state and report at the next annual communication. In his reference to the ritual, we notice a number of expressions and references to the work that it seems to this writer ought not to be published. Of late years the question of work and cipher rituals has been spoken of as freely, in more of the Grand Lodges, and published in the annual proceedings with as much freedom as the proceedings of Congress or State Legislatures are published. There are a great many things that are brought up and discussed and acted upon at annual meetings of Grand Lodges that ought not to be published in the proceedings, and the question of ritualistic work is

one of them. The general public have been given to understand that the masonic work is not written, but is perpetuated by being communicated from mouth to ear, and thus transmitted pure and unimpaired from generation to generation, but when they see it in print, they are justified in making up their minds that the great institution founded on the immutable principles of Truth, have been fibbing about it. A large amount of the proceedings of most Grand Lodges should have the blue pencil run through it before it is given to the printer for publication."

Under Wisconsin he quotes Bro. Jenks as follows:

"There appears to be a growing realization of the fact that a Masonic Home is not an essential part of the paraphernalia of a Grand Lodge. That it may discharge its whole duty to those having claims upon it in the old-fashioned way and not be justly subject to a charge of dereliction of duty. It is very manifest indeed that the institutional methods of bestowing charity is not the most economical."

And comments thus:

"In fact, the records that have been examined and the comparisons made plainly show that it is the most expensive. The masonic home fad is of modern origin, dating back in the past not many years. When we became a mason, over forty years ago, such a thing as a masonic home was not thought of, and since the present home fad has had its spasmodic run during the past decade, we have wondered how our ancient brethren of a hundred and fifty to two hundred years ago managed to take care of their destitute brethren, their widows and helpless orphans, without masonic homes. But they did, and, so far as is known, they provided for them as sumptuously as their wants demanded. We fully agree with our brother in his views as above quoted."

We agree with our learned brothers.

M. W. Bro. Simeon S. Johnson, Grand Master in 1898, died January 19, 1909:

"Conservative in his beliefs, firm in his convictions, the false notions of the world's progress never disturbed the depths of his soul. He was consistent in all of his professions; his life and conduct were in line with his best teachings, and when he came to look out at life's west window, he could see nothing but the bright rainbow of a glorious promise."

IOWA, 1909.

A fine portrait of the Grand Master graces the proceedings.

"The public exercises prior to the opening of Grand Lodge" consisted of music, addresses of welcome, and response thereto.

The Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of 451 lodges were present at the annual communication.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. P. J. Martin, we quote:

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"Realizing that Freemasonry is a law unto itself, that it imperatively requires that all other organizations be of secondary consideration, that its virtues, principles, security, and perpetuity depend upon its isolation from the profane and the shifting ideas of change and reform, it has been my purpose to carry out the will of this Grand Lodge impartially, and in accordance with our established law."

Of the condition of the lodges he says:

"The returns for the year show that the lodges in Iowa are in a healthy and prosperous condition. The net gain in membership during the year was 1,571, making a total membership on January 1, 1909, of 41,075. During the year 1,104 dimitted and 427 allowed themselves to be suspended for non-payment of dues.

"191 masonic lodges in this jurisdiction now own the buildings occupied by them, and several others are preparing to build or purchase."

Six lodges were constituted; dispensations were granted for three lodges.

We regret that he had to write the following:

"The growing inclination of men to smoke at all times and places has resulted in the members of some of our lodges insisting that they have the right to smoke in the lodge room. Such a man would demand the right to smoke in church, should he attend one, no matter how offensive it might be to others. No mason who has the true spirit of fraternity in his heart will have the desire to smoke or perform any other act in the lodge room that will offend any brother or tend to debase or degrade this noble order. Only a few of our lodges permit it, and in these the practice should be stopped.

"Smoking in the lodge room is an offence against common decency, a violation of the rules of good breeding, and should be made a masonic offence."

The use and missuse of the black ball, the need of a good secretary for the lodge, masonic beggars, the making masons of ministers without the payment of a fee, are subjects treated in the address.

Of the "making Taft a mason at sight" he expressed our views when he said:

"In my opinion the only harm that came to Masonry through making the President a mason at sight is the bringing into public prominence our ancient, serene, and dignified fraternity through the indiscreet actions of masonic writers and the unusual activity of the secular press."

Of his decisions we quote:

"*Question.* Can a dimitted mason affiliate with a lodge outside of the one within whose jurisdiction he resides?"

"*Answer.* No. Not without a waiver of jurisdiction."

To which we do not assent, for we hold the opinion that a dimitted mason may apply to any lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence in their report say:

"The ruling in a general sense is right. To avoid a misapprehension it may be well for us to say that division (E) of Section 162 of the Code makes an exception in cases where a non-affiliate has petitioned the lodge

of his local jurisdiction for affiliation and been rejected, in which case he may after six months from the date of such rejection, if in good standing, and no charges are pending against him petition any lodge of an adjoining jurisdiction for affiliation."

So accordingly he must apply to the lodge where he resides and be rejected before he can apply elsewhere. We suppose this is to make a dismissed mason make his masonic home where his residence may be.

Again:

"Question. Can a lodge ballot on a petition of a profane who removes permanently from its jurisdiction before he has been balloted on?

"Answer. No. His removal makes him ineligible. After he has been elected he would belong to the lodge in which he has been elected," no matter where he moves to."

To which the committee report:

"This question was before us at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, and we then held in accordance with the answer of the Grand Master in this case."

But in the report there was nothing said about the last sentence in the decision. We would like light, for as we read it, it would appear that the candidate could *not* be balloted for, and then something is said about his condition if he was elected.

He reports twelve cases of invasion of territory, ten of which he settled and two referred to the proper committee.

Ought there to have been *twelve* even in so large a jurisdiction?

He suggests that lodges "should hold some form of memorial service in memory of their departed members"; that the officers of new lodges know the work before dispensation is issued; that the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge be read in the lodge; and that small circulating libraries should be made from the Grand Lodge Library and sent to lodges desiring the same.

He also seems to think that it is necessary to recommend to the members of the Grand Lodge to act as organizers of the Order of Eastern Star.

The Grand Secretary has a good word for what is sometimes called a "fad":

"The Identification Card has come to stay. A large number of our Grand Lodges are using the same and find them very satisfactory. It has proven the most effective check to clandestine bodies ever tried. It has done more to secure prompt payment of dues than any other plan heretofore devised. The lodges are pleased with it and demand the cards. We do not approve the plan of asking each lodge to purchase these. The Grand Lodge should, by all means, furnish enough cards to enable the lodges to issue one to each member when yearly dues are paid, as is done in other jurisdictions."

When we read the report of the Grand Librarian we wish that we lived next door to the library, so that we could enjoy its privileges.

The code of laws was amended to read:

"SEC. 250. DANCING AND CARD PLAYING.—Dancing and card playing can not be allowed in any lodge room, ante-room, or preparation room occupied and used exclusively by a subordinate lodge or lodges, except by unanimous consent, and can not be allowed or continued against the objection of a member of the lodge or either lodge made to the Master.

"The law shall apply to banquet rooms, reception rooms, parlors and other rooms, exclusively occupied by a lodge or lodges, only when by a majority vote of the lodge or lodges such use is prohibited."

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was recognized.

Bro. Louis Block presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence. We let him introduce himself, but we add that we are glad to welcome him and to find that while "sitting in" he has not proven himself a "four flusher":

"The request of Grand Master Martin that we act as the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Iowa came to us with a shock of surprise, and we asked for time in which to collect our senses and give the matter due consideration. The recollection of the Past Master's degree conferred upon us some years hence was still fresh in our minds. We recalled that 'fools rush in where angels fear to tread,' and were possessed of a great fear of snapping off a larger portion than we could masticate. We felt that if we stayed in our old place on the Committee on Appeals and Grievances we would be much less liable to grow long and fuzzy ears. That was a job we felt we knew something about, one that was more suited to our liking, one in which we were far less liable to make miserable mistakes. We felt we had been of some service to the Grand Lodge in effecting satisfactory settlements of several strenuous 'scraps,' and would not have found it out of the way to be asked to continue in that work.

"But to be called upon to take a seat in the company of the most potent, grave, and reverend seigneurs who grace the round table of masonic correspondence, and who resent vigorously the intrusion of any new-hatched and untried comrade into their charmed circle—that—that was quite another matter.

"Yet, after all, what right had we to refuse? That would be telling the Grand Master that 'he didn't know a horse when he saw one,' and would be casting aspersions upon his judgment of men.

"Besides, we reflected that if the work that we might bring up from the quarries for inspection did not turn out a perfect ashlar, the Grand Master would have to share the blame with us. If he persisted in putting a monkey-wrench mechanic at work on the machine, 'twould be his fault if it didn't move gracefully down the road. We felt that if *he* could stand it *we* could.

"But the controlling consideration causing us to accept the appointment was our realization of the opportunity it afforded us of venting in print some of our pet ideas. Here was a chance of riding our hobbies hard—a chance that might not come again—one we could not afford to lose.

"Wherefore, dearly beloved, we make three shakes at the round table blotter with the fountain pen in our own right hand, crave room in your circle, and permission to 'sit in' the game."

Under Arizona, discussing masonic charity, he says:

"We wish it were possible that some sort of a basis of reimbursement could be agreed upon by and between at least all of the Grand Jurisdictions on the North American continent which grant each other fraternal recognition, so that this vexing question could be settled and some sort of practicable and feasible plan devised by which a local lodge could administer much needed help to a foreign brother.

"But we realize that it will be a tremendous task, in the first place, to reconcile the conflicting opinions which prevail upon this matter; and in the second place to get the matter efficiently organized and ratified by all of the Grand Jurisdictions.

"It does seem to us, however, that this much at least could be done, and that is that every Grand Lodge could instruct its subordinate lodges that if a subordinate lodge furnish to a foreign brother anything more than immediate, necessary, emergent relief without first telegraphing the brother's home lodge for authority so to do, that it must furnish the relief without hope or expectation of reimbursement."

In his home city is used the same method that is in use in the home city of the writer.

He has no love for the printing of the list of members of lodges in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. We agree in regard to its uselessness.

He does not believe in lodges attending religious services as masonic lodges, nor in cipher rituals.

Maine for 1908 received his attention. His judgment of Grand Master Johnson is correct, even if he had not his portrait.

Under Rhode Island he says:

"We have noted with a great deal of interest how little legislation is to be found in the masonic law of various Grand Jurisdictions with reference to the matter of the use of funds by subordinate lodges, and it has often occurred to us that this matter should be regulated by wise and careful legislation. Within the last year within our own state our own Grand Master has ruled that a subordinate lodge cannot contribute to buy books for a public library, on the ground that the use of masonic funds should be restricted to masonic purposes alone. He advised them at the same time that they might build up a masonic library within their own lodge, or might endow a book case with a collection of books giving information about Masonry and the masonic order.

"It is a pretty hard matter to draw the line sharply so as to determine what is, and what is not, an expenditure for masonic purposes, and perhaps for that reason there is so little legislation in the Grand Lodges on the subject."

The Grand Lodge of Iowa has during the year lost three of its members, of whom good words are said, viz:

W. Cyrus H. Shaw, Past Senior Grand Warden, W. William B. Allison, Past Junior Grand Warden, and Bro. S. R. J. Hoyt, Past Grand Chaplain.

KENTUCKY, 1909.

After a brief introduction to his address, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Virgil P. Smith, fraternally mentions the death of Bro. Percy Benton, Senior Grand Deacon, and of M. W. Bro. Thomas Todd, Grand Master in 1853.

Of his decisions we quote:

"1. The jurisdiction over petitioner desiring to unite with any lodge, whether by affiliation or initiation, is in the lodge nearest to the residence of the party thus applying, and he cannot be legally admitted in any other until jurisdiction is waived; if one not in the jurisdiction of any given lodge should be admitted therein without jurisdiction being waived by the lodge having jurisdiction, the lodge thus offending in addition to being required to pay fees to the lodge having jurisdiction, also become subject to such additional penalty as may be inflicted by the Grand Lodge.

"3. It is not necessary for the consideration of an application for a waiver of jurisdiction over an applicant for initiation or affiliation to be referred to a committee of investigation.

"4. Either viva voce vote or vote taken by ballot is good and sufficient on application for waiver of jurisdiction.

"7. The Master or any subordinate officer of any lodge can legally be elected by the depositing or casting of one ballot, upon motion made and carried to that effect. (See Section 86, Constitution.)

"12. A man employed as clerk for one engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors petitions a lodge for membership, his petition cannot be legally received but should be rejected by the Master and the lodge.

"16. Under the new Constitution the Past Master's degree is not necessary to the installation of the Master, and the degree of Past Master need not hereafter be conferred on the Master-elect."

Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 7, would not hold in the jurisdiction of Maine.

No. 16 is quoted as new legislation.

Dispensations were granted for fifteen new lodges; six corner-stones were laid; and dispensations were issued to four new lodges to confer the E. A. degree on more than five candidates at one meeting.

A large amount of business local in character was transacted. A revised set of "Regulations for the Government of the Craft" were adopted.

Bro. William W. Clarke submitted the Report of Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges.

Under Alabama we read good masonic law, for he says:

"If on appeal a case is reversed, whatever be the ground of reversal, it would seem that the action of the lodge would be null, and the brother convicted would be in the attitude of a mason against whom charges were pending, but, because of the reversal, a member of the lodge. Particularly would this be true when the reversal was because of error in the trial lodge. The remanding of the case for new trial appears to give weight to this view."

Maine for 1909 is carefully reviewed.

To our criticism of one of the decisions of the Grand Master, he replies:

"Against which comments the writer hereof protesteth not. He will add, however, that the new constitution makes some change in the law. Now, as before, a member suspended for non-payment of dues is reinstated *ipso facto* by the payment of the amount for which he was suspended if paid within two years; after that time payment must be made, but the member is re-instated only if three-fourths of the members present vote for re-instatement. The vote is by ballot."

He also wants us to "hurry up," for he says:

"Referring to his 'conclusion.' He thinks 'the situation in Queensland is gradually clearing, and in due time the brethren will have established their claim.' We do not see how any can doubt that they have long since 'established their claim'; and we suggest that recognition by the Grand Lodge of Maine would materially assist in the process of clarification."

Under Maryland we find comments upon the report of a committee, which comments are to our mind:

"Reporting on a recommendation of the Grand Master which had been referred to it, a committee recommended as follows:

"We recommend the appointment of a committee annually, to be known as the Committee on Masonic Halls, and that no building for masonic purposes, or using the name masonic, be erected until after the plans for same, and the financial status of the proposed undertaking have been submitted to said committee and received its approval."

"Poor, incompetent subordinate lodges! In a little while they will not be permitted to perform the simplest act without permission of the Grand Master or a Grand Lodge committee. We often wonder whether the officers of these lodges have less ability while merely officers of subordinate lodges than when they become officers or members of committees of Grand Lodge. Does the installation ceremony by which a mason is inducted into the office of Grand Master quicken the wits of the happy recipients of these honors, or increase their mentality? Wonderful ceremony! In this connection we are reminded of the able and historically accurate reply made by Brother Schultz in the report on correspondence last year to the question propounded by us: 'Are the old regulations repealable?' He declared that 'in the formation of the Grand Lodge [Grand Lodge of England] *some of the rights and privileges of the individual brother and of the lodge and its officers* (italics ours) were surrendered for the good of the entire craft, but others were retained by them."

Under Wyoming we read good sensible views on documentary evidence:

"The main objection to much of the new legislation on this subject is that it makes the payment of lodge dues the test of being 'in good standing.' We hold that until a lodge has suspended or expelled a member he is in good standing—that no mason can be legally deprived of any masonic right or privilege until after conviction in a legal trial. We hold, too, that if a lodge certifies to the good standing of one of its members, and the Grand Secretary certifies that such lodge is a constituent of the Grand Lodge, the visited lodge has nothing whatever to do with the question as to whether his dues are paid or not; and that to require the lodge of which the visiting brother is a member to certify that his dues are paid, or even to require the payment of dues as a condition precedent to issuing the certificate of good standing, is sheer impudence. And, further, it smacks entirely too much of commercialism."

From his conclusion we quote one paragraph:

"The readers of these reports—and we would there were more of them—will note particularly the great decrease in the number of decisions made by Grand Masters. Whether this results from the fact that the jurisprudence of the order is becoming more stable and fixed, or whether those who are called on in subordinate lodges to administer the law, are informing themselves better than formerly their predecessors did, we do not know. Possibly both of these factors are working toward the accomplishment of the end noted. It is to be hoped so."

LOUISIANA, 1910.

With all the Grand Officers present except one, seven Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of 165 lodges, the annual communication was held.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

After a fine introduction the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Lee E. Thomas in his address says of the state of the order:

"The order during the past ten years has had a marvelous growth. In 1900 we had 138 active lodges and 5,515 members. We had a bonded debt of \$20,000 on our Temple property. To-day we have 204 active lodges, and 13,000 active members, and the debt on the Temple has been paid off five years ago, and besides, we expended over \$25,000 in renovating and beautifying the Temple during my previous administration in 1907; we have a comfortable balance in the Treasury, and with no debt whatever, and several thousand dollars in the Widows' and Orphans' fund."

Dispensations were granted for four new lodges and for many other purposes. The dispensations that were refused are worthy of more than usual notice, because some agree and some disagree with the practice in many states.

The refusing permission to Star of the East Chapter, O. E. S., to solicit money by voting on the most popular W. M. in New Orleans will, we think, meet with universal commendation.

The refusing a dispensation to a lodge to solicit funds from other lodges in the state to help rebuild a masonic hall destroyed by fire, was right in our judgment, as was the refusal of the request of the secretary of a hospital board to ask funds from the lodges in aid of the hospital.

We cannot agree with those who will approve his refusal to a lodge to attend church as a body. We think that the lodge should be allowed to decide for itself whether or not it would attend church as a lodge, and having decided to go to a particular church we think they should be allowed so to do.

His decisions were seventy-seven in number. We raise no objections to them for the most of them appear to have been given in accord with the usage and edicts of Louisiana. We believe, however, that lodges

should be allowed to have communication, one with the other, without passing through the office of the Grand Master.

Of his many "official acts" we quote:

"Received a communication from Bro. C. F. Meikel, M. W. Grand Master of the State of Indiana, in regard to a General Grand Lodge of the United States. I wrote him, endorsing the matter of holding a conference of the various Grand Masters, at some time during the year 1910, but made no committal wherever of this office in regard to the establishment of a General Grand Lodge, but stated to him that the matter would be left exclusively to our Grand Lodge for action. I doubt the wisdom of a General Grand Lodge, but believe a conference of the Grand Masters for the purpose of discussing Masonry and various masonic questions to be very beneficial."

He made twenty-five official visitations, which appear to have been of benefit to the lodges and with pleasure to him.

He recommended the appointment of a committee to consider the erection of a masonic home for orphans, and amendments to the edicts in regard to the advancement of Entered Apprentices, and to the conferring of the first section of the third degree.

The following resolution was adopted:

"That the use of catechisms, whether written, printed or cipher, in imparting the lessons of Masonry, is a violation of the General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana."

Bro. Herman C. Duncan presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arkansas we quote:

"The following action was taken in respect to what is called 'Cerneuism':

"It is the sense of this committee that it has jurisdiction to determine whether Master Masons under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge may lawfully join or belong to any organization claiming to be masonic whether claiming the right to work in the first three degrees of Symbolic Masonry or not. Bro. Hicks moved that a vote on this motion be deferred until the representatives of the Scottish Rite Consistories in attendance have been heard on that proposition, which motion was carried.

"*Resolved*, That it is not expedient for this committee or for the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, to take any action affecting the status, or attempt to determine the authenticity of any organization of which masons may become members, unless it should appear in point of fact that such other organization is immoral in its tendencies or subversive of the principles of Masonry.

"*Resolved*, Further, that inasmuch as the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Masons has been in active operation in Arkansas for fifty years to the exclusion of all other branches of the Scottish Rite, it is the sense of this committee that it will be conducive to harmony if those masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas desiring the Scottish Rite degrees, should affiliate with the Southern Jurisdiction."

"There is one view of the attitude of the Grand Lodge towards allied masonic powers within its jurisdiction, to phrase the matter as mildly as possible, that seems to be ignored by our Arkansas brethren, to wit: the duty of protection owed by the Grand Lodge towards them.

"Upon what is the claim set up in the first resolution above quoted predicated? Why has the Grand Lodge, for we presume that the committee means the Grand Lodge in its resolution and does not arrogate to itself, or any mere committee such sovereign powers, why has the Grand Lodge 'jurisdiction to determine whether Master Masons under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge may lawfully join or belong to any organization claiming to be masonic, whether claiming the right to work in the first three degrees of Symbolic Masonry or not?'

"Is it not that original jurisdiction inheres in the Grand Lodge, and that it has ceded, for the purposes of better administration, control over the masonic principles and their moral dogmas not now taught in the 'blue lodges' to bodies called Grand Chapters, Grand Councils, Grand Consistories? These bodies are the offspring of the Grand Lodge. As such the Grand Lodge possesses the power to determine and proclaim whether or no they, or any of them, are properly conducting themselves, and hence the propriety of permitting Master Masons as such to join or belong to them. Involved in this claim, we take it, is also the right to determine the propriety of their occupancy of buildings owned by lodges.

"But a parent owes more to a child than the control of his education. He owes him protection, defence, alliance. The Grand Lodge owes to its masonic offspring protection. For the very reason that the Grand Lodge of Arkansas is possessed of the right claimed for it in the above quoted resolution, equally so is it morally bound, we take it, to extend protection to the organization which it has recognized as masonic. When the Grand Lodge recognized the Grand Consistory of Arkansas it incurred the obligation of rendering it protection against an invasion of its right to exclusive control of the part of Masonry conceded to its jurisdiction.

"We have no fault to find with the Arkansas resolutions as far as they go, but we think that they do not go as far as they ought to have gone."

Here is some good advice which we read under Switzerland (Alpina):

"The Grand Lodge Alpina occupies an enviable position, and we recognize its ability to do much good. We recognize that it may have it in its power to unify the Fraternity and to accomplish its high hopes of bringing to pass the Universal Masonic Alliance of which it dreams. Let it endeavor to accomplish but two things, and the goal will be reached. First, let it lead its allies to recognize that the principles of Ancient Freemasonry cannot be altered or ignored, whether under the plea of liberty of conscience, or any other. Second, let it lead its allies to recognize the rights of other people, particularly in the matter of their jurisdictions, and let it persuade the Grand Orient of France, the Grand Lodge of France, the Grand Orient of Italy, and the Grand Orient of Spain to cancel the warrants they have issued for lodges within the territorial jurisdiction of other Grand Lodges, and agree forever after to respect the rights of other Grand Lodges."

M. W. Bro. Edwin Marks, Grand Master in 1879 and 1880, died March 15, 1909. He served throughout the civil war. He became a mason at twenty-one and served the craft faithfully.

R. W. Bro. John Puleston, Grand Senior Warden, died May 24, 1909. "His work for our Order was tireless and unceasing, and to him it was a pleasure and a labor of love."

MANITOBA, 1909.

The attendance at the annual communication, composed of the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and others, was large; the Representative of Maine was absent but sent a letter of regret.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry J. Pugh, in his address, after a brief introduction, most kindly remembers the dead in his own and other jurisdictions.

He refused to grant permission to wear regalia at a masonic ball. Maine goes a little farther and forbids lodges to connect masonic balls with a lodge or use the name of the lodge in reference to them.

Happy Grand Master! Decisions were practically not called for, as there seems to be in almost every lodge members who earnestly desire to know the laws and usage.

He believes in the visitation of lodges by the Grand Master, and made several which were most enjoyable and profitable occasions.

Five new lodges were instituted; of the condition of the craft, he says:

"I believe it is not exceeding the truth to say that Freemasonry was never more flourishing in this jurisdiction than at the present time. This is the impression I have formed, from my visits to the various parts of the Province, and from my close association with the affairs and concerns of the fraternity in the past year. The spirit of the teachings of the order seem to be felt and lived by the brethren, and a high standard of conduct set by the leaders for the guidance and example of the young members."

The District Deputy Grand Masters submitted intelligent reports from the lodges in the several districts.

In the report of the Grand Secretary we note the appointment of R. W. Bro. Albert M. Ames of Stockton Springs to represent the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

No report on correspondence.

MARYLAND, 1909.

At the semi-annual communication held May 11th, the business was entirely local in its character.

A special communication was held November 16th, for the purpose of re-dedicating the rebuilt masonic temple. There were present a large concourse of the masons of Maryland, and as invited guests, the Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters from twenty-five jurisdictions, among whom was the Grand Master of Maine.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master of Maryland, Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, delivered on that occasion, we excerpt:

"It is a joyous hour, for out of our misfortunes we have erected a far grander structure than it has ever been the privilege of the masons of Maryland to enjoy. Our work is completed, and we can look upon it and exclaim 'Behold: it is good.' All that a generous fraternity, skilled workmen and cultivated taste could do to provide a temple worthy of our ancient and honorable fraternity and its noble tenets, has been done."

A dedicatory poem was prepared and presented by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. James R. Brewer, which we would like to present to our readers if space allowed.

Past Grand Senior Warden, Bro. Edward T. Schultz, the Masonic Historian of Maryland, presented a valuable and interesting paper on the "Homes of the Grand Lodge."

An oration was delivered by R. W. Grand Master George B. Orlady of Pennsylvania.

The annual communication began at 8 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day during which the special communication was held.

Before the appearance of the Grand Master in the presence of the Grand Lodge, a committee was appointed to procure a suitable testimonial for the Grand Master in commendation of his services to the craft and in recognition of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his election as Grand Master.

After the Grand Master assumed the Grand East, on his suggestion the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Bro. George B. Orlady, was made an Honorary Past Grand Master (whatever that may be) of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

The visiting brethren were admitted and received with the Grand Honors.

From the address of the Grand Master we quote:

"Within our state during the past year harmony and brotherly love have prevailed; nothing has arisen to disturb the peace of the craft; good fellowship and fraternity reign within our borders, and we are in the most harmonious relations with all our sister Grand Lodges. No note of discord has been struck in our fraternal relations with a single Grand Lodge in the world.

"In our strict adherence to the ancient landmarks, rules and usages of Freemasonry, however, handed down to us by our forefathers, before the days of cipher rituals and the reporting in the daily press of the transactions of tyled masonic lodges, we take second place to no masonic body in the world."

Of the conference of Grand Masters he says:

"The subjects upon which the conference unanimously agreed would be of benefit to the craft, are such as they all felt their Grand Lodges would concur in. As these were so nearly in accordance with the law of our Grand Lodge, it seems almost unnecessary to lay them before you; but, inasmuch as the representatives of all the Grand Lodges present agreed that it would be advisable to do so, I feel it my duty to report them to you to-night.

"I regret exceedingly that this informal conference, called by our distinguished brother, should have awakened in the mind of one of the enthusiastic representatives present, the idea of the formation of a National Grand Lodge."

The remarks made by the visiting Grand Masters are quoted in full. The Grand Master of Maine, Bro. Edmund B. Mallet, responded for Maine.

With regard to the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee about rituals, the following resolutions were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Maryland is in full and hearty sympathy with the principles and sentiments expressed by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee in the address issued by it to the masonic fraternity, condemning the use of cipher rituals.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Maryland fraternally, but *earnestly* urges the sister Grand Lodges who have authorized the publication and use of cipher rituals to rescind such action and prohibit the further use of the same in their respective jurisdictions.

"*Resolved*, That all Grand Lodges who are opposed to the use of such rituals be urged to unite with the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in condemning and protesting against the use of cipher rituals."

From the conclusion to the Maryland report of the committee on address of the Grand Master we quote:

"Sixty years of previous experience and as many more since the error of the periods of reconstruction following the anti-masonic excitement are convincing of the mature and well considered judgment of the craft in Maryland, as well as of the great majority of American Grand Lodges, that the project of a National Grand Lodge is inexpedient and would prove mischievous and hurtful to Masonry.

"We approve a FIVE YEAR limit to jurisdiction over applicants who have removed out of our state for that length of time."

Bro. Edward T. Schultz submitted his twenty-third annual Report on Correspondence, which is as instructive and interesting as those that have preceded. We find that we are in general accord with his expressed opinions. We regret that the proceedings of Maine were not received in season for review.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1909.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, this year, are published in one pamphlet and comprise four quarterly communications, of which one was the annual, five special and the stated communication of December 28th, observed as the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

The pamphlet is also favored with a portrait of Past Grand Master, Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, deceased, when at his work as Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Masonic Home reported the purchase of the "Over-

look" property, comprising about four hundred acres in the town of Charlton, for the sum of fifty thousand dollars; and that masonic bodies and brother masons had provided for the furnishing of fifteen rooms at an expense of one hundred dollars per room.

A decision by the Supreme Court of Massachusetts relative to the taxation by the City of Boston of the money left by the will of Bro. William H. Williams to establish and maintain a home for indigent and needy masons, was reported as decided against the right of taxation:

"So far as the legal effect of the decision just rendered goes, the Masonic Education and Charity Trust and the Grand Lodge are one and the same.

"The courts of law are properly recognizing that whatever other objects our fraternity may have, 'one leading one is that of charity, supporting the poor and indigent members, their widows, and orphans,' and that we are therefore essentially a charitable and benevolent institution, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of such."

By an amendment to the constitution Past Grand Masters are to retain the title of M. W. Past Grand Master instead of being styled R. W. Past Grand Master.

At the fiftieth anniversary of United Brethren Lodge at Marlborough, the Grand Lodge was present and also the M. W. Edmund B. Mallet, Grand Master of Maine, who delivered an address.

We note in the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Dana J. Flanders, that among his fifty-six official visitations was one to Farmington, Maine, to attend the celebration of the centennial of Maine Lodge, which was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts June 13, 1808.

He reports attendance at the conferences held in Philadelphia and Baltimore and recommended that the subjects agreed upon should be referred to the committee revising the constitution for their consideration.

Dispensations were issued for two new lodges.

Of the Masonic Home he says:

"Progress in accumulating a fund to support the Masonic Home has not been as rapid as we could wish, and yet I sincerely believe we have made real progress which will result in substantial gains in the near future. As nearly as can be stated at the moment, we have \$131,893.51 pledged. \$91,186.50 of which has been paid in."

The following was adopted:

"*Voted*, That the annual income hereafter to accrue of the Grand Charity Fund shall annually be divided into three equal parts; one part to be added to the principal of the Grand Charity Fund; one part to be applied to the support and maintenance of the Masonic Home, and one part to be available for the general charities of the Grand Lodge."

"The Grand Feast" was celebrated as usual and the remarks, fully reported, were up to the high standard set by those who have gone before.

The Grand Lodge has been called upon to part with many of its members during the year:

R. W. Charles Harris, Junior Grand Warden in 1887, who died May 5, 1909.

R. W. Samuel B. Spooner, Junior Grand Warden in 1890, who died March 29, 1909.

M. W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Grand Master in 1872-3-4, Recording Grand Secretary 1881-1908, who died November 6, 1909. Of him it was said:

"Brother Nickerson was one of the best beloved and most universally known of masons at the time of his death. His life work had been to advance Freemasonry and its principles, to build more securely the foundations and superstructure of the Institution, to preserve the 'Ancient Landmarks,' and revive and record, for the benefit of all, everything that was good, great and important in the history and jurisprudence of our Order.

"Thus all the fraternity of English speech came to know him or to know of him; and with his erudition, his legal training, his mercantile experience, his intellectual power, his wide and critical knowledge, his familiarity with men and events, he gave to the brethren everywhere a better knowledge of the Ancient Craft, and put them directly in touch with its dignified, interesting and instructive past."

MICHIGAN, 1909.

A fine portrait of the Grand Master elect and of Past Grand Master Bro. Hugh McCurdy (deceased) embellishes the proceedings. There are also portraits of the officers; of these we notice that eight of the eleven are clean shaven.

There were present the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and all but seven of the four hundred twelve chartered lodges were represented.

The Grand Lodge of Maine was represented in the person of Bro. William Wenthe, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Herbert Montague, we learn that nine corner-stones were laid by him; seventeen lodge-rooms and temples were dedicated; dispensations for six new lodges were issued, and under peculiar circumstances was laid the corner-stone of a Federal building at Grand Rapids.

We wondered when we saw the picture what the woman had to do with a masonic undertaking, but we find from his address that the lady participated in the ceremony. We find nothing to indicate that the lady

was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, which fact might have been advanced as an excuse for her presence. However well the stone was laid, it seems not to have been laid according to the usage of masons. It also seems to us that we have read somewhere something written about the making a woman a mason. Perhaps this lady had been made a mason and as such participated in the work. Any way, "the crowd of people attendant upon this occasion was immense" and evidently satisfied with the show.

Three pages and a half of his address are taken up with either a defence of or an apology for the making of President Taft a mason. The subject is entitled a "Trip to Cincinnati."

From his closing we quote :

— "I have attempted no great reforms, nor have I indulged in any pyrotechnical display of authority. I have taken the position of servant of the fraternity of Michigan, rather than that of august ruler of the craft."

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we quote :

"There have been held, during the past year, one hundred and forty lodges of instruction, and the attendance at these schools has been greater than at any previous year in the history of this Grand Lodge—sixteen thousand, six hundred and sixty-one brethren."

There is given a full account by the management of the Michigan Masonic Home.

Past Grand Masters Wm. T. Mitchell and Abraham T. Metcalf, "Fathers in Israel in Michigan Masonry," were presented to the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee with reference to cipher rituals, reported as follows:

"We are of the opinion that the ideal way to transmit the work of the several degrees would be by oral tradition, if the same could be done with safety and accuracy, but we believe, in view of the experience of this Grand Lodge on this same subject, that the present system in use in this Grand Jurisdiction is the best and safest, and conduces to the best work of any system yet adopted, and we therefore, with all due deference to the views of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Tennessee, recommend the retention by this Grand Lodge of the system now in use in this Grand Jurisdiction."

Bro. Lou B. Winsor submitted his sixty-sixth annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1908 was reviewed.

MINNESOTA, 1909.

All the Grand Officers except the Junior Grand Steward, twelve Past Grand Masters and the representatives of 230 lodges were present.

The Representative for Maine was present.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William P. Roberts, a fine portrait of whom graces the proceedings, we learn that two lodges were constituted, dispensations were issued for three lodges, five corner-stones were laid, and three halls were dedicated.

From observation he says of the Condition of the Fraternity:

"The work which has been exemplified for me was generally impressively and intelligently performed, but it was quite evident that there is considerable variance from our Minnesota 'work.' There is needed more and better opportunities to have that 'work' exemplified by the Custodians. I have everywhere urged the necessity of schools of instruction and the duty of the Master and Wardens, at least, to attend the Annual Custodians' School preceding the Grand Lodge, and elsewhere, when possible."

Unless the District Deputies are more attentive to their duties he believes that that system ought to be abolished and the Grand Lecturer system tried. He says that which applies to all systems as follows:

"If the Grand Lodge does not feel ready to take this course, I can only recommend that increased care and thoughtfulness be exercised by representatives and brethren of our lodges in recommending deputies for appointment, and that mere rotation of the honor among lodges and mere personal friendships be forgotten in making such recommendations, to the end that only those may be recommended who are well known to be qualified and to have the time and who can spare the expense of properly performing and who are willing to undertake the duties of so important a task, and whom every lodge will treat with fraternal respect and be glad to see. Such deputy ought to be of high social and business standing and know true masonic 'work,' when he sees it, and lack of business methods, when he observes the lack. If we can get such men for deputies everywhere, the system will be immensely increased in value. If we cannot get them, it is at least of doubtful utility for any purpose."

He found it necessary to announce eighty-three decisions. We quote one:

"Smoking in a lodge while it is at labor is a disorderly act, and the Master of a lodge has the right to prohibit it by his own order, and to enforce such prohibition. Many masonic lodges wisely prohibit it in their by-laws."

The others appear to be along along the line of usual masonic law. Evidently the Minnesota Code needs some revision that its law may be made clear, if a Grand Master is to be called upon to consider many questions like those that were reported upon.

He argues at length the question of the validity of the Grand Lodge

Valle de Mexico, and concludes with a recommendation to recognize that Grand Lodge.

Other recommendations made by him will be remarked upon later if action was taken by the Grand Lodge.

This is the longest address, forty-eight printed pages, that we remember to have read.

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was recognized.

Bro. Irving Todd submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and it is commendable from the fact that everything of importance is mentioned, and that too with brevity.

Maine for 1908 has a place in the review.

MINNESOTA, 1910.

All the Grand Officers except the Grand Marshal, twelve Past Grand Masters and the representatives of 228 out of 251 lodges, were present.

The representative for Maine was not reported among the list of representatives present, yet he was appointed, first on the committee on address of the Grand Master and his name appears among the Past Grand Masters.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Eugene E. Swan, we learn that three lodges were constituted, dispensations were granted for two lodges and for some other purposes, while others were not granted.

Five decisions were reported. We quote, especially approving the comment by the Grand Master upon the first quoted:

"Question. A petition was presented, took the usual course, the petitioner was elected and we now find him to be physically disqualified. Have we any right to admit him?

"Answer. No. You should make the proceedings void, noting same on the record, and return the fee. The brother giving out the petition, the brethren recommending the candidate and the investigating committee were all derelict in their duty. They should have ascertained whether or not the candidate was eligible.

"Question. Is it right and proper for three brethren to constitute themselves a committee and examine a visitor *outside* of the lodge and *between* meetings and then instruct the tyler to admit the visitor into open lodge without any further ceremony, he having been deemed proficient.

"Answer. Yes. Providing one of the committee is either the Worshipful Master or a Warden of the lodge that is to be visited."

During his year of administration three corner-stones were laid and one masonic hall dedicated.

He traveled over ten thousand miles in visiting seventy-three of the lodges.

The special committee on revision of the masonic code made a report, which was accepted and the code was ordered printed.

The majority of the Committee on District Deputy Grand Masters, reported in favor of the abolishment of the office, and their report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve the decision of the Grand Master, but substituted as follows:

"Answer. No. A committee must be appointed at the meeting visited, and that committee must report its findings to the lodge, and must either vouch for the visitor after such report to the Senior Deacon, or may personally introduce the visitor to the lodge."

An oration was delivered by Bro. Robert E. Denfeld, which was learned and eloquent. We quote:

"The work, the ceremonies, the rituals, the symbols, the emblems, are not Masonry; they are only the outward show—the mere trappings. They are needful to give force and bring home its lessons; to lift life into the light of its possibilities and stimulate and encourage right living—the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Its real mission is well stated in these words: 'To efface from among men the prejudice of caste, the conventional destruction of origin, opinion, nationality; to annihilate fanaticism and superstition, to extirpate national discord, and with it extinguish the fire-brand of war; to arrive by free and pacific progress at one formular or model of eternal and universal right, according to which each individual human being shall be free to develop every faculty with which he may be endowed, and to concur heartily and with all the fullness of his strength in the bestowment of happiness upon all, and thus to make of the whole human race one family of brothers, united by affection, wisdom and labor.'"

A fine portrait of the Grand Master is given.

Bro. Irving Todd again submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1909 is correctly and fraternally summarized. As usual, the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association at its eighteenth annual reunion, appear in the appendix.

From the most interesting report of the historian, we clip:

"Hiram W. Dockendorff, an honorary member, was born in Holland, Penobscot County, Maine, June 2, 1830. In early life he removed to St. Stephen, New Brunswick, and engaged in lumbering. On July 10, 1855, he was initiated in Union Lodge, No. 866, St. Stephens, N. B., and by special dispensation was passed and raised August 4, 1855, leaving for Stillwater, Minnesota, the next day. In this, his adopted city, he engaged in lumbering until the time of his death, which occurred at Hot Springs, Arkansas, February 13, 1909. His remains were brought to Stillwater, lying in state in St. John's Lodge, from which they were buried in Fairview cemetery. Brother Dockendorff was unassuming in manner, faithful in friendship, a good citizen and a creditable mason."

In the proceedings for 1909 we notice that an announcement was made by the Grand Master, that the "Actual Past Grand Master's degree" would be conferred upon those entitled to receive it. Then the Deputy Grand Master assumed the East and the Grand Master retired, and, open-

"This really does not leave anything more to be said, and Brother Mickels and those of his way of thinking, might as well save their breath as to go on talking about a dead issue, but it might be well to say, that as this General Grand Lodge business seems to have as many lives as the proverbial cat, and it may pop up again in the future, that the cat is as dead as Julius Cæsar, at this present writing."

Maine for 1909 is found in his report. He commends Grand Master Mallet for non-issuance of dispensations for conferring degrees out of time, and is so kind to us as to quote our conclusion.

The portrait of M. W. Bro. Walter M. Conner, Grand Master elect, Bro. Joel A. Hearne, deceased, and Bro. J. A. B. Jones, deceased, grace the proceedings.

Eulogies were delivered upon Bro. John A. B. Jones, Grand Chaplain in 1892, 1900 and 1903; Bro. Joel A. Hearne, Grand Senior Deacon in 1898, active in all the bodies for sixty-two years, and Bro. Charles B. Evans, who had not missed a communication of the Grand Lodge for more than twenty years.

MISSOURI, 1909.

A sketch of the life of Grand Master Kreeger, with portrait, is given.

All the Grand Officers, representatives from 392 lodges, fifteen Past Grand Masters, were present.

The Representative for Maine was absent.

Of the condition of the fraternity the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert R. Kreeger, in his address says:

"That peace and harmony which almost pass understanding prevail in every section; and, although we occasionally find a discordant note in some extreme cases, and here or there find a little discontent or misunderstanding of intentions or purposes, still we have every reason for rejoicing. Peace and good will abound, and our lodges are prospering to an extent that causes us to wonder at their success. The effort to supply a little higher standard of citizen continues, and the work of character-building still goes on."

Of his numerous and pleasant visitations he especially mentions a few, and among them his presence at the making of President Taft. He seems, in his statements, to try to defend the act of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which needs no defence if it was right, and if it was wrong cannot be defended.

With reference to any conference of Grand Masters that may be held during 1910, he earnestly recommends the authorization of a representation thereto and the payment of the expenses of the representative. He calls attention to a circular letter sent to the lodges of the state. This

letter was intended to predjudice the minds of the craft against the advancement of one of the Grand Lodge Officers, because of his religion.

Rightly he condemns such circulars and expresses it none to strongly, when he says :

"The offenders, if discovered, richly deserve the severest punishment provided by masonic law, and the condemnation of all good men, regardless of religious creed or belief."

Numerous dispensations were issued to re-ballot on applications for the degrees or membership, a practice not known in Maine.

Dispensations were granted for seven new lodges. He submits only fourteen decisions, although he says that nearly one thousand questions "required only a little brotherly advice or a friendly suggestion." Five of the decisions were required, because of the legislation regarding the manufacture of liquor.

We quote the following, because it is the first decision touching upon documentary evidence, that we have seen :

"Question. Under Section 107 is a receipt for dues bearing a printed fac-simile of the signature of the Grand Secretary, good documentary evidence? If an applicant for examination comes from a jurisdiction where dues are not payable in advance and who presents a receipt for last year's dues entitled to be examined? If a diploma in proper form is presented is a receipt for dues necessary?

"Answer. Under Section 197, a receipt, given by the Secretary of a lodge in this state, on which is the printed autograph of our Grand Secretary is good documentary evidence. A receipt from a foreign jurisdiction must have the signature of the Grand Secretary of such jurisdiction in order to comply with this section, and either one, the receipt or diploma, is sufficient."

The Grand Lecturer presented an able report, containing also abstracts of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

R. W. Bro. Francis A. Leach delivered the oration on "The Essential of Life."

We quote :

"Success in this life, in masonic life, does not consist in reaching certain ideals we have before us. We may never do that, we never can if they are the right ideals. That will be possible in a better world only.

"Success consists in ever striving for the right ideals; is measured by the proportion of our progress to the amount of our opportunities and abilities. Failure consists in not endeavoring.

"Keep going, my brother! Rough and rugged may be the road. Dangers and difficulties may surround us. We may stumble, we may fall. We may never reach the goal. But there will be progress, there will be life. It is better to have run and lost, than never to have run at all."

W. Bro. J. West Goodwin, Grand Orator, was absent, but sent an address which appears.

The Grand Lodge of Chile and of the Republic of San Salvador were recognized.

The recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was indefinitely postponed, while that of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was suspended pending investigation. Recognition was denied Grand Lodge of Alpina, Switzerland, Grand Orient of Brazil, Grand Lodge and Grand Orient of Greece and the Grand Orient of Italy.

It was decided to erect a Hospital on the Masonic Home grounds.

Twenty-three pages of the report are taken up with the report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances. Perhaps it is best that the lengthy reports should be made to the Grand Lodge, that its members may vote intelligently, but would it not be better to print in the proceedings, simply the decision of the committee.

The Committee on Jurisprudence decided that, by their laws, the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Worshipful Master should be filled by a new election, although there was a Senior and a Junior Warden.

If the by-laws of the Grand Lodge so provide, it had so to be done to follow the law, even if it was against all masonic precedent, we suppose.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence was the work of nine of the distinguished masons of the Grand Lodge, who, without hope of fee or reward, prepared the report on account of the illness and subsequent death of the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine 1908-1909 is reviewed. We quote in part:

"Bro. Chase also objects to the authority given to the Grand Master to permit the formation of what we know as 'Craftsmen's Clubs,' under proper restrictions. We think the brother has mistaken the purpose and scope of these clubs. We believe they are doing good and legitimate work in Masonry."

In reply we will quote from the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, made this year:

"The resolutions in regard to the formation of Craftsmen's clubs referred to your committee by the Grand Lodge of 1908, we have carefully considered. In our opinion they would confer enlarged powers upon our District Deputy Grand Masters and Lecturers which are not provided for in our constitution and by-laws—and should not be entertained without an amendment to the by-laws. There is no provision under our law for the formation of any club or organization in which the work is exemplified except in a lodge of instruction under the charge and supervision of the District Deputy Grand Master and Lecturer.

"It appearing to the committee that Acacia Fraternity is a purely social body of young masons, formed for the purpose of social intercourse and the intelligent study and investigation of the history, philosophy and ritual of Masonry, and not for the purpose of exemplifying the work, this committee recommends that the resolution offered by W. Bro. V. H. Roberts at the last session of the Grand Lodge, and referred to your committee, be approved."

M. W. Rufus E. Anderson, Senior Past Grand Master, who for the past four years had written the Report on Correspondence, died July 27, 1909, aged 76 years. "He had made his mark as a distinguished jurist and brilliant orator." We shall miss his ready pen and the fortitude with which he defended his convictions.

MONTANA, 1908.

A fine portrait of an intelligent face, that of M. W. Squire C. Kenyon, with sketch of his life, graces the proceedings.

At the annual communication there were present nearly all the Grand Officers, ten Past Grand Masters, and representatives from all the lodges except one.

From the list of Grand Representatives as it appears, there is no Representative for Maine near the Grand Lodge of Montana.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master says:

"We now have fifty-eight chartered lodges, and four under dispensation, all of which, I believe, are entitled to charters at this session. We have gained 392 members during the year, making a total of 5,082 members up to the 31st day of July. In my visitations, I have tried to impress upon the several lodges that it was quality and not quantity that we wanted."

His decisions were few; his dispensations seem to be in accord with good practice; his visitations were to every subordinate lodge, and his report thereon very satisfactory.

He has a good word for the Masonic Home and announced that an oil painting of the late Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master Cornelius Hedges had been placed therein.

His address was a clear and concise statement of his official duties for the year.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That any member of a lodge in this jurisdiction who shall engage in the saloon business or act as bar-keeper in a saloon, shall be considered guilty of unmasonic conduct, and it shall be the duty of the Junior Warden of such lodge to prefer charges against any such member; but it is understood that this resolution shall not be retroactive."

There was a large amount of local business.

No report on correspondence.

MONTANA, 1909.

All but two of the Grand Officers, ten Past Grand Masters, and representatives from all but one of the subordinate lodges were present.

There still appears to be no Grand Representative for Maine near the Grand Lodge of Montana.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Cornelius B. Nolan, whose portrait graces the proceedings, in his address says:

"In this jurisdiction Masonry has a sure and firm foothold. It is solidly entrenched in the affections of the people. Here as nowhere else, for reasons historical and memorable in character, a halo of glory rests upon its head. Its notable achievements in behalf of law and order are known and revered, and as these achievements have raised the standard of appreciation to an enviable pitch, the task is all the greater for us and for our successors to merit its continuance, and from the character and characteristics of those here assembled, I am satisfied that the appreciation of which I speak will mount still higher and that when we surrender to our successors the commission which our predecessors committed to us, we can do so with the fullest confidence that in their hands it will not suffer disparagement."

He reports the constitution of four lodges: the laying of three cornerstones; the dedication of one Masonic Temple, and the completion of the Masonic Home.

The dispensations issued were few in number and apparently necessary.

He decided that a dimitted mason whose petition for affiliation had been rejected three times in two years could not visit the lodge, as the code provided that right of visitation was lost if affiliation was not obtained within a year.

It seems to us that if the dimitted mason is not worthy an affiliation that charges should be preferred against him.

He also decided that a resident of California, who had, twelve years ago, dimitted from a lodge in Montana upon going to California, having been rejected for membership by a lodge in California, was eligible to apply to his mother lodge for affiliation.

Owing to his business calls the Grand Master could not make all the visitations to lodges that he wished, so he divided the lodges up among several of his official associates, who performed their duty and presented full and interesting reports.

The Trustees of the Masonic Home give an account of the completion of the Home. The debt was practically \$20,000; the cost of the building with the work done on the grounds was \$65,000; the land cost \$10,000.

It was also decided who should be eligible as inmates to the Home.

A large amount of business, local in character, was transacted.

M. W. Bro. H. S. Hepner, Past Grand Master, at the request of the

chairman, prepared the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Georgia we read :

"No. 4 reads: 'A man who can read, but cannot write, except to sign his name, is not eligible for admission.' If the man is honorable, of good repute, mentally, morally and physically qualified, why should this be an obstacle? Illiteracy is the heritage of many men of foreign lands who seek this land of the free, and they come with veneration in their hearts for Masonry, and a lodge membership would stimulate the acquisition of the 'neglected' skill; each lodge should be the judge of the applicant, and no decision of a Grand Master should be invoked."

Maine for 1909 was mentioned. We quote :

"Grand Master Mallet has an operative masonic name.

"He wielded the gavel and delivered a New England (frugal but substantial) address."

M. W. Bro. Ansalem J. Davidson, Past Grand Master, died October 24, 1909. He was "one of the prosperous, public spirited and progressive men of Montana."

NEBRASKA, 1909.

The Grand Officers, twenty-three Past Grand Masters and the representatives of 227 lodges were present at the annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. DeBord, we excerpt :

"Unexampled prosperity has been visited alike upon country, village, and city. Large numbers of worthy applicants have knocked at the doors of our lodges and we now number 17,116 Master Masons. Our brethren are constantly elevating their ideals of what they as masons, and what our lodges as lodges should be. During this masonic year many of our lodges have undertaken, and some completed, large building enterprises; practically one-third of the lodges of our state are now housed in their own temples; and a large proportion of those remaining are starting building funds, hoping and planning to soon own their own lodge homes."

He announced the laying of two corner-stones, the constitution of five lodges, the issuance of a dispensation for a lodge and several dispensations to confer degrees without regard to time.

He rightfully scores a lodge for its neglect to insure its property and refused to give them a dispensation to solicit aid from other lodges after their property had been destroyed by fire.

Twenty-three decisions were reported which appear in accord with usual masonic usage. We quote :

"1st. That a member's dues are not a debt in the legal sense of that term, since no lodge could maintain an action at law against a brother for the payment of his delinquent dues."

"2d. The debt from the lodge to the brother is a legal obligation which could be enforced by legal proceedings.

"3d. The lodge could not offset the dues against the legal claim which the brother preferred against the lodge. I ordered, therefore, that the lodge should ascertain the amount, if any, due the suspended brother, and allow and pay the claim."

He discusses at length the subject of "dues" and concludes:

"That such provisions are inimicable to the best interests of the craft, and I have in every instance, where lodges have presented to me such amendments providing for the exemption of their members from dues, refused to give my approval.

"I would recommend that the Grand Lodge adopt an amendment to its law prohibiting any lodge from exempting any of its members from lodge or Grand Lodge dues."

He fervently endorses the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in the matter of cipher rituals.

He discusses at length "The Prerogative of the Grand Master to make masons at sight," and concludes that the right exists and that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, when it declared in 1897 by a resolution that such a right does not exist, was wrong. This question arose because of the making President Taft a mason.

He favored a change in the method of the appointment of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We agree with him that the provision that all the Past Grand Masters, especially when one is made every year, shall be upon the committee, makes an unwieldy committee. We think his argument that any one appointed upon the committee would be influenced to decide any question in favor of the Grand Master, just because of his appointment, is unsound.

In Maine we have a committee of three, appointed by the Grand Master, usually composed of Past Grand Masters, and if there is not time to consider fully any question, report thereon is carried over until next year.

He also argues for a change in the method of promulgating the work and suggests a continuation of the "way we do it" and the way that it is done in some of the western states.

After reading his address we conclude that he gave study to the subjects which he discusses with a view to advance the cause of Masonry.

Bro. Albert W. Jefferis delivered an able oration on Masonry.

A new Monitor and ceremonies were presented by the committee on that subject and it was voted that they be printed and distributed and the use of any other monitor or ceremonial was forbidden.

Nearly all the matters touched upon by the Grand Master in his address were referred to committees, but the reports of the committees, embody-

ing as they did changes in the law, were refused unanimous consideration, so lay over until the next annual communication.

After long discussion the following was the adopted action of the Grand Lodge:

"To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

"We offer as a substitute for the report of the special committee upon that part of the Grand Master's address relating to his participating in the making of William Howard Taft a mason at sight, and his recommendations in connection therewith, the following:

"Conceding to the Grand Master and brethren of Ohio all that is claimed by them under their constitution as to the right to make masons at sight, and making no criticism whatever upon their action in that behalf, we submit:

"That there was no error in the action of this Grand Lodge in the resolution passed in 1897; that said resolution was carefully considered in committee, debated at length upon the floor of this Grand Lodge, and adopted by a vote of 515 to 27; that such resolution was not wrongful but was right and correctly announced the true rule of masonic law; that the so-called prerogative of the Grand Master of making masons at sight does not exist and has not existed since the year 1717; that it does not exist by virtue of any landmark or ancient regulation, and is not conferred by the constitution or laws of this Grand Lodge.

"We therefore reiterate our former declaration that the office of Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska is a constitutional one, and that the prerogatives inherent therein are defined and limited thereby.

"The adoption of the report of the committee would be an innovation, and a violation of Article X of the constitution of this Grand Lodge."

Bro. Charles T. Phelps submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Idaho we read:

"The Grand Master is much pleased with their adoption of a uniform ritual and rejoices in distributing it, in cipher, to one, two, or more of the officers of each lodge, and thinks that it is in safe hands. It is deplorable that Craft Masonry should descend to methods so in defiance of ancient usage. Whatever may be said or done, in other societies, bodies, or organizations in regard to furnishing printed rituals, or rituals in cipher, it is abominable in craft lodges; a violation of obligations and altogether wrong."

Maine for 1908 is carefully reviewed. To our criticism of troubles in lodges he says:

"We do not think the criticism as a general rule to be applied to us just; perhaps in this one year our Grand Master had more than the usual vexatious cases to deal with, and, being of a confiding and frank disposition, he recounted them in his address, but, really, they were not so very grave in their nature and extent. Nor did the troubles result in such disaster to membership, in expulsions and indefinite suspension, as is recorded in the proceedings, to which Brother Chase's report is an appendix."

Upon examination we find that for that year the returns showed *one* suspended, *two* expelled, *four* deprived of membership and 166 suspended

from membership. These last two means for non-payment of dues, leaving *three* who were punished for some masonic offence.

Under Mississippi, discussing the action taken towards the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, he says:

"No one, familiar with the principles of Masonic Jurisprudence, will doubt or question the legal masonic right of New Jersey to do just what she has done, deplorable though it may be, and as it seems to be to the writer. And no one can question Mississippi's right to cut off masonic recognition of New Jersey, or fellowship with New Jersey Freemasons, ill advised though it may be, as it seems to us.

"New Jersey must have been laboring in a transitory spasm of overheated sentiment when it established its unsavory Alpha Lodge No. 166, which New Jersey's Grand Master confesses 'has never been very prosperous and is not so now.' Its action is certainly subject to legitimate criticisms. We think that Mississippi might better have ignored the matter, for it is a sore that is doubtless afflicting New Jersey's Grand Lodge more than anybody else."

R. W. Bro. Henry Brown, Past Deputy Grand Master, died April 4, 1909; "an ardent and faithful mason, and a Christian gentlemen."

M. W. Bro. Bradner D. Slaughter, Grand Master 1891-2, died May 8, 1909; he was a devoted and faithful mason.

The Grand Tyler, Bro. Jacob King, died January 10, 1910. He was one of the early pioneers of Nebraska and held in high esteem.

NEVADA, 1909.

Following a brief introduction, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles L. Fulstone, whose portrait is given in the proceedings, in his address pays due respect to the dead; briefly recounts a few of his official acts; gives a detailed account of his visitations to the several lodges, and makes a few recommendations.

The Grand Lodge of Greece was recognized.

The constitution was amended so as to make the fees for a new lodge one hundred dollars, and for a dispensation to hold special elections of officers, ten dollars.

The following proviso was adopted to apply to the application for the degrees:

"Provided. No lodge in this state shall receive a petition for the degrees, nor an application for affiliation of any person engaged exclusively in the saloon business, or following the vocation of a gambler or barkeeper.

"This proviso shall not be understood to affect the standing of any brother now a member of any lodge in this jurisdiction."

The other business was considerable and entirely local.

Bro. E. D. Vanderlieth submitted the report of Committee on Correspondence, which was prepared by him with the help of seven others.

Maine for 1908 was reviewed handsomely by Bro. George Gillson, one of the seven. We quote:

"The Committee on Condition of the Fraternity conclude their report as follows:

"Masonry was never in better condition or more popular, and we see only one danger threatening the craft, and that is the admission of poor material. The character of every candidate should be fearlessly and thoroughly investigated and none should be admitted but those of the highest character and intelligence. Better turn down ten good men than admit one unworthy man."

"Highest character and intelligence." Do you want only diplomats and statesmen, Professors of Universities, Presidents and Kings. My observation has been that these classes are worthy citizens and are all right in pursuing their several vocations in life, but as a rule they are poor workers in the masonic vineyard. They seldom lose a night's sleep sitting up with the sick and the afflicted or carrying on the work of the lodge and our meetings are generally conspicuous by their absence, except on state occasions. It is well enough to be careful in these matters, but very often pique, petty spite, differences in politics and religion, jealousy and business rivalry, have more to do with an applicant's rejection than his moral character. I have often thought that the person who is so very exacting of his fellow man is too good for this world and his proper place is among the angels who walk in the golden streets above, and not in the dusty and thorny paths along which humanity must struggle to a higher plane."

We have carefully read and cannot conceive the animus that leads our brother to utter such a screed against certain individuals. We are certain that no classes are mentioned in the report of the committee, and if it is possible to see any reading between the lines in their report which does not admit that any man, whatever his station in life, may possess "the highest character and intelligence," we fail to see it, but it is urged that the committee should investigate, that it may be known what sort of a man the candidate is. Furthermore, my brother, did you carefully read. Note, it does *not* say highest intelligence, but "highest character" and "intelligence." The criticism would imply that it was highest intelligence that was in demand, as well as character. However, we in Maine are satisfied with the class of candidates taken as they appear.

From the conclusion we quote:

"Legislation against the admission of the liquor seller is growing and growing more involved in its growing. The bookkeeper and the runner of the engine in the brewery, as well as the holder of stock in a like concern, are down and out. The hauler of the beer from the brewery is in danger, thereby endangering all the trainmen on our railroads, and the sky is threatening around and about the raisers of the barley. The drinker is still standing on safe ground."

"Right glad are we that Nevada is still true to the standard of Masonry on the question of temperance, and that the blue lodges are allowed to

select their material in strict accordance with Masonry's teachings on this subject."

M. W. Philip Andrew Doyle, Grand Master in 1894, died September 16, 1908. His was a busy life. A faithful mason and a true citizen.

M. W. Bro. Michael A. Murphy, Grand Master in 1885, died October 26, 1909. "An exemplary mason carrying into his daily life and his dealings with his fellow men the sublime principles of Masonry.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1909.

The Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters and the representatives of fifty-three lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frederick W. Sawyer, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, in his address says:

"A wave of masonic prosperity seems to have spread throughout our jurisdiction, evidence of which is manifest by the fact that I have been called upon to dedicate three new lodge rooms and there are two more to be dedicated in the near future, and I have constituted one new lodge. I have visited every district in the state and have been profoundly gratified to observe the many evidences of prosperity among the lodges of our jurisdiction. Together with prosperity there seems to be absolute peace and harmony, the few disagreements which have arisen over jurisdictional lines and otherwise having been speedily and harmoniously adjusted to the satisfaction of the lodges interested."

He gives a detailed account of his labors for the good of the craft.

He commends the work of the Masonic Home.

Of the semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge he says:

"This communication of the Grand Lodge which has been a characteristic feature for many years, serves a definite two-fold purpose. First, it maintains a uniformity of ritualistic work throughout the state by the exemplification of the three degrees in the presence of practically all the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and District Grand Officers of the state. Second, it broadens masonic acquaintance among the brethren because all parts of the jurisdiction are represented, and we must all admit that the social feature is one of the most attractive sides of Masonry."

His decisions accord with the New Hampshire practice and he was obliged to answer "No" to the following question because it was so nominated in the bond:

"Does the issuance of a diploma by a certain lodge to a brother who was initiated, crafted and raised in that lodge, but who did not sign the by-laws of said lodge, constitute him a member of said lodge?"

We like our practice better, which states that one raised a Master Mason in a lodge thereby becomes a member of the lodge and the Secretary of

the lodge may enrol his name if the brother does not do so. But after the lecture by the Master the brother is requested to sign the by-laws, and in our experience none have failed to sign the by-laws. This prevents the making of unaffiliates.

From his conclusion we quote:

"It has been an active, busy year for your Grand Master, as this long record shows, but a most delightful one as well. The only regret I feel is that lack of time and strength has not permitted me to personally visit more of the lodges within the jurisdiction. I would have visited every lodge, had it been possible, but it not being possible, I have endeavored, through my deputies, to look carefully after the interests of our beloved Order in every part of the jurisdiction."

Full and interesting reports are given by the District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Constitution was amended so that dispensations are no longer required for the purpose of attending divine service.

Bro. Harry M. Cheney presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"There is nothing that I have discovered in the work of the year that can be branded as startling or extraordinary. Every jurisdiction is hard at work, in true man fashion, attempting to solve its own peculiar problems, and all are clearly doing their masonic duty. The best men are guiding the laborers of the fraternity, and everywhere splendid successes are being achieved. It could not be otherwise. Good men plus right and determination must ever be a successful combination."

"An Act to protect the Grand Army of the Republic, Benevolent, Humane, Fraternal, Charitable or other Organizations in the use of their Names and Emblems and providing penalties for the violation thereof," is quoted in full as it passed the Legislature of New Hampshire in 1909.

We quote the following under Kentucky, for we are in like situation and belief:

"From one of his decisions we learn that in this jurisdiction an Entered Apprentice is not a member of the lodge. Is he a non-affiliate?"

"Well, he is just an Entered Apprentice—nothing more, nothing less—with no rights on earth but the right to attend, in the lodge where he obtained the degree, any lodge opened on the Entered Apprentice degree. Membership in New Hampshire can only be obtained following the conferring of the Master Mason degree—of course, we are talking about novitiates. He is not a non-affiliate, because he has never affiliated and then experienced divorce. He is just a tadpole, in process of development—a mere something out of which, in due season, we are to create a Master Mason. It was not thus one hundred years ago, but it is now, simply because the fathers, along in the first half of the last century, decreed that an Entered Apprentice was just a thing in process. He has the possibilities of development and growth, but otherwise is almost an embryo. The situation does not fit our notion, but such in fact is he, and

so is he regarded and treated. He is just nothing but an Entered Apprentice."

Maine for 1908 is reviewed in the same fraternal and pleasant way as are all the jurisdictions. We quote:

"Three brethren, appointed to serve as District Deputies, declined to serve. This makes an unusual record, and one we do not like. Their consent to serve ought to have been obtained before they were appointed."

Of granting dispensations to attend church, especially on St. John's Day, he says:

"Lots of trouble would be avoided if there were general permission for this privilege, for this day, without dispensation, and it could not possibly bring any harm, to anybody."

In the address of the Grand Master are to be found short eulogies, with portraits, of the following brethren who had faithfully served as District Deputy Grand Masters. All of them died in the masonic year, 1908-9.

R. W. Bro. Adam S. Ballantyne, R. W. Bro. Lycurgus Pitman, R. W. Don H. Woodward, R. W. Samuel Condon, R. W. Henry H. Bailey, R. W. Edward Parker, R. W. Henry O. Kent, R. W. Ira Colby.

Indeed it was a year during which many able masons finished their work on this earth.

NEW JERSEY, 1909. •

At the annual communication, in addition to the Grand Officers, there were present eleven Past Grand Masters and the representatives of one hundred seventy-six lodges.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William D. Wolfskeil, is replete with expressive and splendid thoughts from which we select one paragraph in which speaking of Masonry he says:

"Splendid as is its historic glory, it is only, however, when we enter the inmost shrine and catch the spirit rather than the letter of Masonry, that the compelling power of its merits is fully realized. The external, beautiful and impressive as are rites and ceremonies—and symbolism is never without great objective value in attracting the senses through which the approach to the soul has to be made—is insignificant as compared with the internal. It is the difference between the temporal and the eternal, the material and spiritual."

He reports five emergent communications held; the constitution of three lodges; the issuance of dispensations for two lodges and the refusal of a dispensation for a lodge to be composed mostly of those of Italian nativity.

Under their law he passes upon all visible physical defects, so he had one hundred and two cases to consider. These he turned over to the District Deputy of the district in which the applicant resided for examination, and based his decision upon that report. Eighty applications were granted and twenty-two refused.

This method may suit New Jersey, but a proposal for its adoption in Maine would meet with much opposition.

Perpetual penal jurisdiction is fully discussed by him.

He very fully sets forth the action of New Jersey, whereby there became a lodge composed of negroes, known as Alpha Lodge, about which the Grand Master of Mississippi became so troubled that he discontinued correspondence with New Jersey.

From the report of the Masonic Home Committee, we learn that its affairs are entirely satisfactory, and that the cost for the year was \$230.44 per capita.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported a new Code of Trial, upon which action was postponed for one year.

The following action in regard to Documentary evidence was had:

"*Resolved*, That all members of lodges in good standing be presented with certificates authenticated as follows:

"1st. By the Grand Secretary as to the regular standing of the lodge, to be attested with an impression of the Grand Lodge Seal and the signature of the Grand Secretary printed thereon.

"2d. By the attestation of the secretary of the subordinate lodge, with the seal thereof, as to the masonic standing of the brother.

"3d. By the signature of the brother in whose name the certificate is issued, for personal identification.

"4th. The certificates to be limited in period of time to one calendar year.

"5th. These certificates to be prepared by the Grand Secretary as soon as possible after the close of this communication and furnished to the lodges at the actual cost of printing and distribution."

A portrait and history of the life of Jonathan Belcher, who was appointed governor of the Colony of New Jersey from 1747 until his death in 1757, is published. He is thought to have been made a mason in 1704.

In regard to penal jurisdiction the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That penal jurisdiction shall be retained over rejected petitioners by the rejecting lodge so long as the rejected petitioner continues to reside within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and penal jurisdiction shall be terminated only by a bona fide removal from the state or the consent of the rejecting lodge."

Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1908 is fraternally reviewed, but let him speak for himself, for none other ever reviews quite like Bro. Shirrefs:

"When the craft assemble annually in Maine's commercial metropolis to regulate their own concerns in their own fashion, whether from the pine forests at the headwaters of the streams which swell Lake Moose-lucmeguntic, or from the maritime cities along the stern and rock-bound coast—forest guide or 'old salt'—they never fail to impress the reader of their proceedings as being thoroughly capable of attending to it like Master Masons, and without unnecessary legislation, and we suspect that to Grand Secretary Stephen Berry they are indebted for a printed record which shows that their deliberations were neither 'weak nor wordy in expression.'"

Under Michigan he says:

"Fortunately, in New Jersey oral objection is unknown, and having made a man a mason, if but of the first degree, he thereby becomes a brother who may always thereafter be heard in his own defence, and is not liable to indefensible interruption due to spiteful malignity."

Do we understand that an objection after the ballot and before the conferring of the E. A. degree does not hold in New Jersey? With us in Maine, after one has received the E. A. degree he cannot be estopped without the preferring of charges and the regular hearing, &c., &c.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Joseph W. Martin, Grand Master in 1881; R. W. Bro. Nathan Haines, Deputy Grand Master in 1872 and 1877; R. W. Bro. Charles Bechtel, Grand Treasurer for thirty-six years, having retired therefrom in 1908, and R. W. Bro. Thomas H. R. Redway, Deputy Grand Secretary for fifteen years and Grand Secretary for eighteen years.

NEW MEXICO, 1909.

Twenty-five lodges were represented at the annual communication; twenty Past Grand Masters and the Grand Officers were present.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Chester D. Stevens, we quote the following paragraph which we trust that those who favor such a method of doing business will well consider:

"This has been an exceptionally busy year for the Grand Master. The passing of a resolution requiring certain correspondence between this and other jurisdictions to be done through the office of the Grand Master has added materially to the work of this office, the correspondence both within and outside of this jurisdiction has been at times more than I could handle without laying aside all of my own personal affairs, which I willingly did that the affairs of the Grand Lodge might continue without interruption."

He announces dispensations for six new lodges; the constitution of four lodges; several dispensations for installing officers; some for joint

occupancy ; the laying of six corner stones ; others for several purposes. He also announces the dispensations refused.

We do not quite understand why it is necessary to announce these refusals unless to prevent their recurrence.

He rendered thirty-eight decisions which appear to be in accord with usual masonic practice.

He gives an account of his visitations and says :

"In my visitations I found as a rule the lodges in fine condition and with two or three exceptions the New Mexico ritual was very well followed, and as the Grand Lecturer had not yet given instruction to many of them I have no doubt but that they are all now doing finely."

He attended the communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio held for the making of President Taft a mason. He could not be present at the conference of Grand Masters at Philadelphia but says :

"I believe that this should be a matter solely among the Grand Masters, and would be strongly opposed to the Grand Lodges themselves taking any part officially in these conferences, for in so doing it might become a wedge toward the formation of a Universal or General Grand Lodge. I do favor, however, the meeting of the Grand Masters."

A Committee on Jurisprudence to consist of five members was provided for.

From the report of the Committee on Grand Master's Address we quote :

"This committee feels that the questions passed to the Grand Master indicate such a lamentable ignorance of masonic law on the part of the subordinate lodges that it calls for criticism from this committee towards the officers of such lodges. To present questions, almost childish, to a Grand Master for his decisions denotes one of two things, absolute ignorance or inability to read the law as it exists."

We quote again :

"Regarding the proposed convention of Grand Masters we are willing to admit that such a convention might be productive of good in reconciling apparent conflicts of masonic law, but we do not believe that any other good can be attained by such conference, certainly the implied formation of a Supreme Grand Lodge is, in our opinion, impracticable and useless."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was again submitted by Bro. James H. Wroth.

Under British Columbia we read good doctrine :

"New Mexico has been very severely criticised on the ground that it has no law directly legislating against the liquor traffic, but at the same time the convictions of the brethren are very strong on this point. The absence of a law has been deliberate and premeditated, so that we could judge of the quality of the material without reference to their occupation, but the action of New Mexico in spite of a minority report shows where the sentiment lies."

Maine for 1909 has fraternal mention.

Under New York we read:

"The report on Foreign Correspondence calls attention to the fact that Mississippi has just discovered the jurisdiction of New Jersey has a negro lodge on its register. In this connection I would simply call attention to the fact, although I doubt very much the wisdom of mixing the races, yet in view of the fact that wherever a lodge is regularly and justly constituted the rest of us have nothing to say as long as that Grand Lodge under which it is constituted is satisfied as to its legality. I say this although I feel it unwise to legalize lodges under the same jurisdiction of different races. In this connection criticism might be made to what he alludes to in the action of the Grand Master of Ohio of making a mason at sight. While the individual in question is a most distinguished person various other jurisdictions have commented upon it favorably and unfavorably. We agree with the committee that not only is each Grand Lodge sovereign in its own jurisdiction and as he states that the Grand Lodge of New York has learned the important lesson of minding its own business, we feel that the Grand Master of Ohio, if the landmarks laid down in Mackey and Simon are to be considered, did not exceed his official rights. Much as we deprecate it, Masonry must be considered like the laws of the Medes and the Persians if it would tend to keep our institution for the future. There are certain laws, certain regulations which are absolutely without change and among these are the rights of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge."

New Mexico mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Maxmillian Frost, Grand Master in 1885, who died October 13, 1909; of R. W. Bro. George J. Dinkel, Senior Grand Warden in 1881, who died July 2, 1909; and of W. Bro. Sigmund Wedeles, Grand Treasurer in 1883, who died August 30, 1909.

NEW YORK, 1909.

The proceedings contain the Bather portraits of M. W. Bro. Jacob Morton, Grand Master 1801-5; of M. W. Bro. S. Nelson Sawyer, Grand Master; several cuts of the first meeting place of several lodges and of W. Bro. Henry Marsh, First Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge.

From the opening to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, we cull a very few of the many truths contained therein:

"So has Freemasonry grown. Its beginning? Who can tell? Possibly in the earliest dawn of civilization; perhaps in the culture and luxury of Ancient Egypt and its bordering countries.

"It may have been among the forbears of our brethren of the Ancient Race and at the building of the temple; in the Guilds of the Middle Ages, or but shortly before the revival in the eighteenth century.

"Many learned men have given years of their lives in the attempt to trace its origin, but in vain. Their conclusions are but their own thought and fancy, and are as many and as varied as the seekers.

"What mattereth it all? Although we know not whence it came, we do know Freemasonry is with us, a vital and living force; a potent in-

fluence for nobler deeds, for higher thoughts, for greater achievements in the broad field of human life.

"It has come down to us through the ages, ever changing, yet ever the same.

"In form and ceremony Freemasonry has changed, as change all earthly things. In the underlying tenets which have given it continued life and virility it changeth not.

"The great verities of human life never change; the great principles of Freemasonry are, likewise, immutable.

"Belief in God, love for our fellow beings, loyalty to all that becometh a man, the practice of manly virtues, and the giving in full measure, not of alms, but of human charity, from the beginning until now have been its foundation stones."

The dead are recalled and their work in Masonry told.

The official acts, requiring no comment, are fully given. Five thousand dollars on behalf of the Grand Lodge were sent to those suffering from the earthquake in Italy.

Dispensations for eight new lodges, but under a rule which from our observation might well be observed in other Grand Jurisdictions, viz:

"Not to issue a dispensation for the establishment of a new lodge if thereby the well-being and prosperity of an old lodge would be placed in jeopardy has been observed."

He discusses Clandestine Masonry and Physical Qualifications quite fully, and recites some troubles that have arisen under the last topic.

The financial interests of the Grand Lodge received his careful attention, and he says:

"But a little over two years ago all our real estate was free from debt, and we had over half a million dollars in money and gilt-edged securities. To-day our money is substantially used up, and a mortgage of \$1,800,000 covers all our real property."

The revision of the Constitution was taken up and adopted.

A large amount of business peculiar to the jurisdiction was transacted.

Bro. William Sherer presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence and from the introduction we quote:

"Requests for recognition were received from Chili, San Domingo and Greece, but these so-called Grand Lodges are not legitimately organized, and are not the sole rulers of Masonry in their respective countries, hence, following out the American idea and custom, we recommend that these Grand Lodges be denied recognition. This holds good also of San Salvador and Nuevo Leon."

Maine for 1908 is reviewed briefly.

To those of our readers who wish an intelligent knowledge of Foreign Grand Lodges we recommend this report.

The Grand Jurisdiction mourns the loss of many worthy brethren, and among them M. W. Bro. Frederick A. Burnham, Past Grand Master, who died December 23, 1908, and of M. W. Bro. Joseph J. Couch, Past Grand Master, who died February 10, 1909.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1910.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel M. Gattis, we quote to give an idea of the condition of the fraternity:

"The number of masons has increased more than in any previous year of our history. The number of new lodges formed and working under dispensation has more than doubled that of any previous year. Since the last annual communication twenty new lodges have been formed, but better still is the spirit of hopefulness and the evidences of the continued adherence of the brethren to the cardinal principles of friendship, morality and brotherly love.

Of his decisions:—A candidate taking the E. A. degree refused to use the word "swear" in the obligation, alleging conscientious scruples therefor, and was led from the room. The Grand Master decided that he could not use the word "affirm" and the Committee on Jurisprudence approved his position.

We do not agree with them. We all have one belief in God as masons, and we all believe that the method of worship of him is left to each individual, and if so, we ought to recognize that there are some religious beliefs that follow the injunction "Swear not all, etc." We believe that to such persons with such a belief the word "affirm" is as strong as "swear." Furthermore, do not the courts allow the interchange?

He has good words for the Masonic Temple and Orphan Asylum, and also recommends an order to the fraternity called the "Order of the Eastern Star."

The experiment of the District Deputy system he finds does not work to entire satisfaction. We, in Maine, would not do without it.

He was unable to attend the conference at Pennsylvania, nor could the Deputy Grand Master go, so North Carolina was not there represented. However, he presented the eleven unanimous recommendations of the conference.

He did not attend the conference at Baltimore, and expresses his opposition to the formation of a General Grand Lodge and his approval of conferences of the Grand Masters.

The by-laws of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina inhibit the making of masons at sight, so he did not go over to Cincinnati to attend the grand ceremonial, although he believes that the *prerogative* does exist.

The Grand Secretary tells us of the reprint of the proceedings from 1804 to 1840, inclusive, and hopes to print those from 1787 to 1804, which are now in manuscript.

The Grand Orator, Bro. J. B. Carlyle, delivered a fine oration upon "Light and Love—The Fundamentals of Masonry."

The Oxford Orphan Asylum is at the present time the pride of the masons of North Carolina and full reports are given.

Of the eleven recommendations adopted at Philadelphia, the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence approved one, two, six and eleven; numbers three, four, five, seven, eight and nine considered as covered by existing law; and number ten was disapproved, and their ideas were adopted.

Bro. John A. Collins presented the Report on Correspondence.

To Maine for 1909 is given two discriminating pages. Of the address of Grand Master Mallet he says:

"Its principal merits are clearness and brevity without padding or fringes."

His was an able review and we find that we agree with him in nearly all cases in which he expressed an opinion.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1909.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Sylvester J. Hill, whose portrait graces the proceedings, in the introduction to his address says:

"If Masonry means for us only that we can, like the parrot, repeat the phrases which we have heard over and over again, without its lessons sinking deeply into our hearts and influencing our lives for good, then indeed have we labored in vain and spent our strength for that which is naught; but I am persuaded that this is not all; for all about us we see lives made better, characters made stronger, and new hopes inspired by the teachings which come to us in our work, and we may each receive new courage for life's battles."

Dispensations were issued by him for four new lodges; seven lodges were constituted; two decisions reported which were correct; and he gives a "glad hand" to the card system.

His address is short but tells the whole story of his official acts, and he leaves to the Grand Secretary to tell in his report all the rest, which he does in fifteen pages.

We think the following taken from the report of the Grand Secretary worthy of reproduction:

"The 47th problem of Euclid's first book is the most important of all symbols in Masonry; for in it are concealed more of ancient symbolism than all the other symbols used by, or incident to our order. The demonstration of this problem by Pythagoras is what the world has to-day, but, doubtless, he only wrote what was well known to the Egyptians. In the different bases of the triangle, we find the measurements employed by the Babylonians, and Assyrians, the Egyptians, the Hebrews, as well as the Greeks and Romans. In it we find concealed the jewels of the Worshipful Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens. In the classic form, with two perfect squares with corners impinging on the lower square, lies the conception of the apron of the Master Mason, and the square of the Master, as well as the Tau square, the proper jewel of the Grand Master. In the Tau square, or cross, we also find the *crux ansata*, the

sacred symbol of the Egyptians, as well as the cross of Christian Faith. Circumscribe a circle around the three perfect squares from a point at the center of the top line of the bottom square, the circumferential line will touch each corner of the three squares, and thus we get the circle of eternity with materiality, or form within. This is the foundation of the equilateral triangle, and other symbols within the circle. The two perpendicular lines of the lower square, represent the lines wherein we depict our patron saints. The lines of the top and bottom are symbols but indefinitely explained, perhaps referring to the physical boundaries of the earth as anciently believed."

A veteran mason's association, to have for its membership those who had been Master Masons for twenty-one years, was organized, and was recognized by the Grand Lodge and permission to have its proceedings published with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge without expense to the association, was given.

The following was adopted relative to lodge visitation:

"We recommend that a visiting applicant for admission to any lodge be required to show his receipt for lodge dues for the current year, or other satisfactory evidence that his dues are paid for the current year, or documentary evidence that he is in good standing in his lodge; that reference be made to the 'List of Regular Lodges' to ascertain if his lodge be a legitimate lodge before the committee proceed with the examination."

Bro. James W. Foley, Fraternal Correspondent, as his report, gives the masonic law as declared in sister jurisdictions; those quoted under Maine are given correctly.

M. W. Bro. George L. McGregor, Grand Master in 1894-5, died December 25, 1908. His was an "untiring zeal" and labor for Masonry.

Announcement of the death of R. W. Bro. Frank J. Thompson, Grand Secretary, who died February 25, 1910, has been received. He was suddenly summoned at the age of fifty-four. He was loved and respected by his brethren.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1909.

We have picture of the Freemasons' Home at Windsor to meet us as we open the book. It has the appearance of a fine though unpretentious home.

After the opening of the Grand Lodge it marched to St. Paul's Church and listened to a sermon by the Grand Chaplain, which had for its subjects, "The Sovereignty of God" and "The Brotherhood of Man."

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles R. Smith, K. C., after a pleasant exordium to his address tells us of his official doings.

He mentions the "Home," the Dead, and then a long list of dispensations for many purposes.

The decisions appear to coincide with our understanding of the practice of Masonry.

The official visitations were pleasant, profitable, and of assistance to the lodges visited.

He condemns the use of chain letters for any purpose and regrets that one lodge in his jurisdiction should have made use of them.

Ending a five years service as Grand Master he says:

"During my tenure of office the membership has increased from 4,171 in 1904, the year I was first elected, to 5,650, this present year. In the same time our receipts have increased from \$5,016, to \$8,900, all of which is eminently satisfactory, and shows commendable progress."

A large amount of business, entirely local, was transacted.

Digest of Decisions, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, 1886-1908, prepared and submitted by W. Bro. W. M. Black, was accepted and the same is printed in the proceedings.

Bro. Thomas Mowbray presented the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1908 is fraternally reviewed.

R. W. Bro. James Dempster, Grand Treasurer from 1881 until his death, died May 8, 1909.

OHIO, 1909.

Previous to the opening of the annual communication addresses of welcome to Cleveland were given on behalf of the city and the Masonic Fraternity of the county and city, to which fitting reply was made by the M. W. Grand Master.

The Chairman of the Committee on Credentials reported as present all of the Grand Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, all of the Past Grand Officers, except one, and representation of 482 lodges out of 514.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles S. Hoskinson, whose portrait is given, we learn that "Masonry in Ohio has been prosperous during the past year. More masons have been raised, more affiliated, and more re-instated than ever before; yet the large number of deaths, withdrawals and suspensions brings our net gain down to 3,637, twenty-three less than last year."

Six dispensations were issued for new lodges; the attendance of over four hundred lodges representing nearly thirty thousand brethren at

church Sunday, December 27th, observing St. John Evangelist Day, is noted.

A full account of the ceremonies at the making of President Taft a mason is given.

A form to be used by the District Lecturers, corresponding to our District Deputy Grand Masters, in making up their report of the condition of the lodges, was prepared by him and used by them, is printed in full. He thus commends their work:

"Ever keeping in mind the good of their lodges, they have faithfully labored until every district shows improvement, due to their thorough and intelligent work. Without financial compensation they have given their time and made sacrifices to assist the lodges intrusted to their care. They have promptly and cheerfully complied with my every request."

The "new code" was finished and given out to the craft.

The committee for that purpose reported the erection in Cedar Hill Cemetery at Newark of "a large polished Barre granite monument" to the memory of M. W. Bro. S. Stacker Williams, Past Grand Master.

The application of Justin Pinney for restoration to Masonry was denied.

The Committee on Grand Lodge History reported the printing of the first volume.

Bro. William A. Belt presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

We allow him to introduce himself:

"Your late Chairman of this Committee folded his tent and passed over the river, after twenty-seven years of well-known labor in this field, to cast his lot among those brethren, many, many of whom we have known well. Of him we all say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' When this duty passed to us, time was short and little had been done toward its completion. Please accept the labor done, remembering the circumstances. Bro. Cunningham's reviews are marked C, and those done since with a B."

Maine for 1909 was briefly reviewed by "B."

From his conclusion we quote:

"The making of a mason 'at sight' by our Grand Master, and the advertising the question has received because of the prominence of the candidate, has disturbed the minds of some. But when it becomes known that the laws of Ohio permit the Grand Master to do just such a thing, then it assumes a different look. Ohio's Grand Master can not give the lodges the right to 'shorten the time' for a candidate, but he can make a mason 'at sight.'"

"The question of Masonry from purely Scottish Rite origin seems to be nearly settled, when we see that three-fourths of American Grand Lodges have voted fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. Therefore blue lodges from legitimate Scottish Rite origin, as these were, are thus declared to be good."

In the appendix appears a full account of the Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge, 5,834 persons were in the parade:

"One of the most interesting features of the parade was the distribution of thousands of souvenir Masonic Aprons, specially made and inscribed for the occasion, which took place just before this grand masonic army took up its march. Some of these will no doubt be treasured by the children and the children's children of those who wore them on this occasion, and will be displayed as precious keepsakes when the bi-Centennial Anniversary shall be celebrated by our masonic successors."

In the appendix is also found full reports of the officers of the Ohio Masonic Home.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. William Moore Cunningham, the oldest Past Grand Master of Ohio, who died August 16, 1909:

"Bro. William Moore Cunningham was one of the best-known masonic writers in the world, and was recognized as an authority wherever Masonry exists. He was a thorough student of masonic literature, and perhaps without a rival in the field of Masonic History and Ritualism. His writings as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in the various Grand Bodies of this State are quoted as authority, and have done more than the work of any other one man to make Ohio Masonry known throughout the world. Strong and forceful in his style, he was considerate of the views of others, and never failed to give credit to his associates in that line of work whether they agreed with his own views or otherwise. His death will prove a distinct loss to that band of devoted writers who are laboring to unify the system of Masonry in all countries where our Institution exists."

OKLAHOMA, 1909.

This pamphlet contains the official proceedings of the thirty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, the seventeenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory and the proceedings at the consolidation of these two Grand Lodges and the first annual communication of the State of Oklahoma.

The pamphlet also contains portraits of M. W. Bro. H. L. Muldrow, the last Grand Master of Indian Territory; of M. W. Bro. D. D. Hoag, last Grand Master of Oklahoma Territory; of M. W. Bro. A. J. Spengle, first Grand Master of Oklahoma Grand Lodge; of Bro. Leo E. Bennett, Chairman of the Convention of Consolidation and Grand Treasurer; of Bro. Joseph S. Murrow, Grand Secretary, and of Bro. Wm. M. Anderson, Grand Secretary.

At the annual communication of Indian Territory held February 9, 1909, there were present the Grand Officers, the representatives of 157 lodges, and twelve Past Grand Masters.

From the introduction to the address of Bro. H. L. Muldrow, Grand Master, we quote :

"At the beginning our brethren came to the sessions of the Grand Lodge on horseback, in wagons or buggies, but to-day our transportation facilities surpass those of many of the older states, and now the enormous Baldwin locomotive, with panting breath, speeds her way over the fertile prairie, says to the towering mountain range, which looks so impassable, shutting out by its rugged peaks communication with the rich valley beyond, 'Along the shore of that beautiful stream, which for years and ages trickled its waters through thy crevices and at last succeeded in widening its former tiny pathway into a river's bed, I will lay my line of steel and bind my ties to the rocky ribs of the mountain with bands of iron, and my reward shall be the liberation of the riches of that beautiful valley, the product of the mine, the wealth of the wheat field, the fleecy staple of King Cotton and the luscious sweetness of the peach, the apple and the strawberry.' Transportation has done much for the development of this country and will do much more in the future."

He also gives a brief history of the Grand Lodge.

He declined to issue any dispensations for new lodges, although there were many requests therefor.

Clandestine Masonry required attention.

He rendered twenty-two decisions which would pass muster in Maine.

Many dispensations were issued, some were refused; his correspondence was large; his visitation to forty lodges were beneficial; and his plea for the Masonic Home was logical and beautifully worded.

Seven hundred dollars was appropriated to help to pay the expenses of the representatives of the Order of the Eastern Star occasioned by the special session.

Bro. T. C. Humphrey read his report on Foreign Correspondence, from which we quote :

"Would it not be well for the several Grand Jurisdictions to adopt the same requirements from a brother of one jurisdiction to visit a lodge in another jurisdiction, either through the correspondence committees or the law committee? Some uniform rule could be adopted."

His views concerning "Committees of Investigation" are in accord with the practice in Maine, except that in the city lodges there is generally a standing committee on investigation.

At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, which was held February 9, 1909, there was a large attendance.

From the address of Bro. David D. Hoag, M. W. Grand Master, we quote :

"The work of the past year has been a pleasant one to me and I hope all our brethren have had a pleasant year's work with me. I have visited a number of the lodges, and among them all I have found peace, prosperity and happiness. I have not visited as many as I desired to visit,

but I hope that in all the others the same peace, harmony, and good feeling prevailed as in those I have had the pleasure of visiting. I have found the degree work fairly well done according to our standard, and am pleased to say that where I have visited the brethren seem to realize that in order to keep up a proper interest the work should be well done. And I want to urge upon you, my brethren, to continue your Schools of Instruction and keep bright in our work, that the interest in your lodge may be maintained."

He reports the constitution of thirteen lodges; the issuance of dispensations for twenty lodges; several dispensations for many purposes; the laying of three corner stones and the dedication of two Masonic Halls.

He reported nineteen decisions, of which we quote the following:

"7. An expelled member has the right to sit in the lodge during the pendency of an appeal to the Grand Lodge.

"9. A Master has no right to demand that a visiting brother shall produce his receipt for dues before appointing a committee to examine him."

We also give his opinion on the "Eastern Star":

"I received a communication from a Past Master saying that in several Eastern Star Chapters the brethren were giving part of the Middle Chamber lecture, especially that of the stairs with the floor charts and using the surprising language that they left 'most of the secret work out.'

"I report this that the brethren may all understand that the Order of the Eastern Star is no part of Masonry, and the secrets of an Eastern Star Chapter and a Masonic Lodge are not interchangeable in any wise; and while I feel the most friendly interest in the Order of the Eastern Star, and look upon it with much favor, yet I want the brethren to understand that it is unlawful for any of the secret work of the Masonic Lodge to be communicated to the Eastern Stars, or any one else not a mason, and any brother or lodge so doing is subject to discipline."

Business connected with the dissolution of the Grand Lodge was transacted.

The convention for the consolidation of the two Grand Lodges was held February 10, 1909.

All the necessary laws were passed and the Grand Officers elected. We quote:

"At the election of each officer he was called on to make a speech. When old Bro. Murrow and W. M. Anderson were elected the two Grand Secretaries, Brother Murrow was sitting on the platform by the Grand Master and Brother Anderson was standing on the floor in front. Bro. Murrow arose and saying: 'Brethren, I will make my speech,' he stepped down on the floor and taking Bro. Anderson in his arms in full view of the entire audience of fifteen hundred masons, gave him a warm and hearty embrace, which was cordially returned by Bro. Anderson. The applause was unanimous and tears were in hundreds of eyes.

"Bro. Anderson gave a fitting climax to the incident by turning to the great audience and saying:

"'Brethren, I would rather have the embrace of that old man, than the office to which you have elected me.' Again the applause was great.

"This incident well illustrates the fraternal feeling and harmony that characterized the whole proceedings of this very happy meeting uniting these two distinct and Sovereign Grand Bodies of Blue Lodge Masons in this great state."

Bro. W. M. Anderson presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1908 was reviewed.

OREGON, 1909.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent, but there were present a large number of representatives of subordinate lodges, beside the Grand Officers and nineteen Past Grand Masters.

A portrait of the M. W. Grand Master, with a sketch of his life, is given.

After a brief introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edward E. Kiddle, speaks reverently of the dead; reports the constitution of six lodges and the restoration of a charter to one lodge; announces that dispensations were issued for three new lodges, and says:

"During my term of office, I have granted special dispensations in seven cases, waiving statutory requirements regarding time and have declined to grant such requests in about twice that many cases."

Of his decisions, which were made in accordance with the law of the jurisdiction, we quote:

"*No. 9.*—On May 21, 1909, I received a communication from Secretary of Maple Grove Lodge, No. 127, at Myrtle Creek, Oregon, asking if it was necessary to have a special dispensation to permit their lodge to go in lodge regalia to the cemetery to decorate the graves of our deceased brethren. I wrote them that it was not necessary for a special dispensation, for although Section 10, Article 3, part 2 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws says 'No lodge shall appear in procession in other than purely masonic occasion.'

"I take the ground that decorating the graves of our deceased brethren is a masonic occasion and while I have since found this decision is not in line with that made by some of my predecessors I believe it is right.

"*No. 10.*—The question has been referred to me a number of times by different brethren as to the masonic standing of a brother holding a dimit.

"*Answer 10.*—My understanding of the masonic law is that a brother holding a dimit is deprived of all the rights, privileges and benefits of the order except the right of visitation, which, under our law, he can exercise for seven months from the date of his arrival in our Grand Jurisdiction, but he must apply for affiliation or contribute the annual dues to some lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, or be denied *all* the rights and privileges of the order."

We do not quite agree with his construction of masonic law in general.

The Grand Orator delivered an able oration on the "Order" of Ma-

sorry." Had he called it the "Fraternity" we would have been better pleased. We excerpt one paragraph:

"The appreciation of the meaning and scope of Masonry is the greatest problem before masons. Civilization, man's spiritual environment, is made up of man's art, his science, his literature, his religious beliefs and his institutional life. Into one of these divisions we may put each of the results of human aspiration and achievement. We must look upon a mason in the full roundness of character. The end of all masonic teaching must be character, based upon true habits of moral conduct and a strong religious faith. Primarily truth is the basis of all right action, hence Masonry, as an educational force, cuts away the notion that error, or falsehood, or untruth in any form can have an abiding place in its tenets. Love of truth therefore becomes fundamental in every degree of Masonry and increases as Masonry advances. It is needless to yield to the temptations to assert that this search for truth is fundamental in both the moral and civic progress of the race. Proceeding from this relation of authority, there comes to be a formal introduction of law as a necessary part of the lodge organization."

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment that a delegation from the Grand Chapter of O. E. S. might be received.

The following resolution received a passage:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Oregon, A. F. & A. M., through its Grand Secretary, memorialize the different Grand Lodges of North America to adopt a uniform system of dimitts for use in the different subordinate lodges, designating them by two classes.

"First. A transfer certificate holding the grantee to membership in and bound by the requirements of the subordinate lodge issuing said dimit until the lodge is notified of the holder's election to another lodge.

"Second. A final dimit which severs the fraternal relationship of the grantee with the order, which can be restored only by complying with the requirements to be adopted by the different Grand Lodges."

A large amount of business was done.

Bro. John M. Hodson presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Indiana, discussing the question of making too many masons, he says:

"Most Masters and a majority of the brethren get the idea that to be a glib ritualist and liberal with charity is all there is to it, and after they have repeated the ritual until it has gotten old, and aided the widow and orphan a while, get tired and quit going to lodge and either go where they can learn something or at least have some fun, yet not one in ten of them know why the perambulations are in the manner they are, or why the initiate visits the northeast angle of the lodge and a large share of the Grand Masters could not tell really why they lay the corner stone of the building where they do. There is not a step taken nor a sign given, nor a position assumed nor a tool employed but has a mythical, historical, scientific, geometrical, mechanical, explanation, entirely separate from and additional to the ordinary work lectures. When the intelligent, active thinking members of a lodge take this line of thought, the chairs are as a rule all full."

APP. 6 G. L.

Maine for 1908 passed under his critical eye. We quote:

"Bro. Chase has neither introduction nor conclusion and his endorsements or differences are so brief that often the reader scarcely knows which side he is on. We give a specimen which illustrates:

"The Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve the decision of the Grand Master relative to charges against a suspended member, but the Grand Lodge overruled their decision, which was correct."

"We do not know whether 'which' in this case represents the 'decision' or the action of the Grand Lodge. We admire brevity, but must insist on enough words to make the meaning clear."

Now, my dear brother, you only wrote this screed to stir us up. You know the use of the relative pronoun probably better than we do and also the use of the personal pronoun, and ordinarily we do not write "their" when "his" would be the proper pronoun to be used—whose decision was it that the Grand Lodge overruled? Whose decision did not the Committee on Jurisprudence approve? Which decision was it that the Grand Lodge did finally approve? And to your own mind which action was right? Had the word been "action" instead of "decision" we understand that the sentence would have pleased you better.

From his conclusion we quote.

"It is probably useless to continue referring to the great antiquity of Masonry or of the stability of her laws and usages, nor again of the binding and immutable quality and character of her obligations to duty. In the outer world the maxims of the present age are altogether different from the steady plodding ways of former generations. The commercialized spirit of the age has invaded church and state and the get-rich-quick fever completely engulfs society. No one has sufficient time now to do things in such a way as to guarantee the good quality of the thing done, and as masons are also men of the world they naturally become imbued with this rushing spirit and as the world lets go of former ideals of usage and morals so masons are letting go of many of the most cherished maxims. The teaching of its rituals is apparently to be entirely changed in some Grand Lodges; no more will the instructive tongue speak to the attentive ear lodging words of wisdom in faithful breasts, but you will read it off all the same as the four-year-old with his first reader; at least that seems the tendency, when one with whom we had long been associated in masonic work and whom we had deemed a conscientious observer of his obligations flings it to the winds and makes the motion to reduce our work to cipher and be sustained by a working majority. Just as well publish in the daily papers, the work would be just as safe from cowans. There are a few states trying the cipher experiment and at the same time seeking to devise some means to hinder careless officers from losing them, one jurisdiction even proposing to approximate capital punishment, by fining the careless culprits the paralyzing sum of \$20 (?) for each book lost, strayed or stolen.

"While there is a retrograde on the lines we have mentioned there is a rapid growth everywhere, favoring extending and systematizing our charities, and there now remains but a minority of Grand Lodges, but what have institutions where the worthy needy of our Fraternity may find relief, and these homes, asylums or schools are being better managed and added to in numbers every year and will doubtless continue to increase until the Grand Lodge without a home will be the exception."

R. W. Bro. Irving W. Pratt, Past Grand Secretary, after a life of usefulness died July 11, 1908.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1909.

The portraits appearing in the proceedings are those of Bro. William Balls, R. W. Grand Master in 1761, 1782 and 1795, and of Bro. Thomas Kittera, R. W. Grand Master 1826-1828.

At the several quarterly communications a large amount of business, entirely local in character, was transacted.

At the annual communication the Committee on Masonic Homes reported the acceptance of a site near Elizabethtown, containing 957 acres, at the price of \$134,296.54:

"It is deemed advisable that the whole property and all developments thereon, should be operated and controlled by this Grand Lodge, so as not to be dependent upon, nor associated with any individual, corporate or municipal service, and that there should be installed and maintained upon the premises, a complete system of water supply and distribution, sewage and disposal plant, light, heat and power service."

By the kindness of Brother John Wanamaker, there was presented to the Grand Lodge "a copy of the ancient Scroll of the Law, of the Pentateuch, of the First Five Books of the Bible, for the Museum."

In his address the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. George B. Orlady, gives quite an account of the making of masons at sight as it is done in Pennsylvania; recites the principal reasons for the conference of Grand Masters at Philadelphia and at Baltimore.

Two new lodges were constituted, eight corner stones were laid.

We quote from his decisions those which bring to light points in masonic practice:

"A non-resident of this jurisdiction, who is a member of a lodge herein, is not eligible to hold an office in his lodge.

"None but masons may be present at a masonic banquet.

"The names of officers or members of a lodge should not be furnished to anyone, whereby they may be used by solicitors, canvassers or salesmen in any business enterprise.

"A masonic lodge must not be opened on Sunday."

Bro. James M. Lamberton presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

His introduction is the statement of the requirement of each Grand Jurisdiction as to documentary evidence. We wish we had the space to reproduce it as it is most valuable. At this time twenty-six jurisdictions do not require any documentary evidence.

Under Iowa we read:

"Valle de Mexico was recognized, after a favorable report from the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, Brother Louis Block, who stated that *after investigation* he 'finds' that that body 'is a Sovereign Grand Body exercising supreme jurisdiction in the Republic of Mexico over the first three degrees of Ancient York Masonry, &c.'

"We should like to ask where the four or five other Grand Lodges in different States in the Republic of Mexico come in, not to mention the United Grand Lodge of the Federal District ('Gran Logia Unida.') We were given by its friends to understand that the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico in the Federal District was unquestioned, and so supposed, until we received a copy of the Proceedings of the Body just mentioned above. We suggest the subject will bear further *investigation*."

Maine for 1909 has a most fraternal review.

He says anent balloting for candidates:

"He, Bro. Chase, thinks well of the Maine regulation which permits a second ballot when but one black ball has been cast. With us, the number of black balls is not allowed to be stated, but, if a mistake is alleged and no one has left the room, the Master may order a test ballot, when every member present must vote."

To which we add for fear of a misunderstanding, although the effect is the same, that the number of black balls cast at the first ballot is not announced, but the W. M., after the examination of the ballot box, says substantially, "the proper officers will again attend to the ballot." As the regulations of the Grand Lodge provide that a second ballot may be taken when but one black ball appears, all know that there was one black ball only. But after all it is not much different in result from the action of our Pennsylvania brethren.

Under Massachusetts, commenting upon the observance of the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of St. John's Lodge, he says:

"We confess we have had doubts about Massachusetts history, and have at times felt constrained to give some expression thereto, but we were hardly prepared to find that the 'Historical Address' on such a very interesting occasion as the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of this old lodge, should be followed by the singing of 'Strike, Strike the Lyre'! Perhaps our Massachusetts brethren know best."

Under South Carolina we read:

"While strongly believing in the 'perfect youth' theory for those who apply for admission to the Fraternity, we believe that the provisions of the Ancient Charges on the subject apply only to those not members of the Craft, for the reason that as soon as one has become an Entered Apprentice Mason, he is a *Mason*, and our relations with him are entirely changed from what they were, because he is now *our Brother*."

Under West Virginia:

"We learn from the Grand Master's decision that in West Virginia a brother, as we understand him, who is a member of a lodge having 'concurrent jurisdiction,' though not a member of the lodge where the ballot is taken, may object, even if the ballot is clear, and his objection 'has

the same force as a cube [i. e. black ball] and stands for one year unless the objection is removed."

"We wonder in how many jurisdictions this is the law."

We add that it is not the law in Maine.

From his conclusion we excerpt:

"Another matter of importance and interest has been the appearance of the second volume of 'Freemasonry in Pennsylvania 1727-1909,' which was compiled by Brother the Honorable Norris S. Barratt and Brother Julius F. Sachse, Litt. D., our librarian, and concerning which our Grand Master justly spoke so highly in his address last year, and again in his address this year.

"One unfortunate slip (due to a misprint in the reprint of the minutes of the Grand Lodge) should be noted, and corrected by those fortunate enough to possess the volume: on page 103, after speaking of the 'closing forever' of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on September 25, 1786, it is stated that 'upon the next day, September 26, 1786,' the present Grand Lodge 'was duly formed.' 'The next day, September 26' should read 'the same day, September 25,' as it was upon Monday, September 25, 1786, that the one Grand Lodge was closed and its successor was opened."

R. W. Bro. James W. Brown, Grand Master in 1904-5, died October 23, 1909:

"His zeal in masonic work, his enthusiastic advocacy of the work of the Masonic Home, and of the prompt prosecution of that charity, his wise and conservative judgment on all fraternal matters, his exemplary life, his courage, his sterling honesty, his wholesome manliness in all things combined to make him a safe counsellor, a loveable friend and a good man whose memory will be cherished throughout the lives of all those who came in contact with him."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1909.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. D. F. Macdonald, after a brief introduction, fittingly refers to the honored dead; gives an account of his official visitations in detail.

He reports a commission issued:

"In favor of R. W. Brother George W. McClain as our representative near the M. W. Grand Lodge, Maine."

A few dispensations were granted; a full account of the benevolent fund with the subscriptions thereto and expenditures thereof was given; and in conclusion he says:

"It is pleasing to note that our ritualistic work is becoming more uniform, largely due to the untiring efforts of our Grand Lecturer. I believe that our members are becoming more enthusiastic. Our Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund is growing, and the general prospect for Masonry is bright."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence discusses briefly the matter of recognition of Grand Lodges and rather favors the idea of Alabama, viz:

"(1.) Does the applying body confine itself to the practice of the three degrees of symbolic Masonry?"

"(2.) Does it hold itself bound to keep inviolate the ancient landmarks?"

"(3.) Is it a Sovereign Grand Lodge, acknowledging no other superior such as a Supreme Council, the peer of the Grand Lodge to whom the application is made?"

The committee also suggests the propriety of having a foreign correspondence report for the following reasons:

"(1.) Informing our membership of the universality, activities and philanthropy of Masonry and thus inspiring us to greater zeal in its cause.

"(2.) Acquainting our brothers with the best masonic rulings consistent with the inviolability of the ancient landmarks as well as the great thoughts of many distinguished masons the world over.

"(3.) Keeping in closer touch with other Grand Bodies.

"(4.) Demonstrating to Sister Grand Lodges that Masonry in Prince Edward Island is in an active condition."

M. W. Bro. Thomas A. McLean, Grand Master in 1893-4, died in Alberta, April 24, 1909, and was buried by the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

RHODE ISLAND, 1909.

The portrait of the M. W. Grand Master greets us with a smile as we open the pamphlet, which first gives us an account of a special communication held at Riverside for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a Masonic Hall.

Next we find the record of the semi-annual communication when action was had on the address of M. W. Bro. Arthur H. Armington.

There was presented to the Grand Lodge a portrait of Past Grand Master Stillman White.

A Worshipful Master charged with gross unmasonic conduct was disciplined.

A special communication for the purpose of dedicating the Masonic Hall at Riverside was held. At this time an eulogy, "The Influence of Masonry," was delivered by Past Grand Master William H. Scott.

We quote:

"Our country itself owes its greatness, its elevated position among the nations of the world, not only to its enterprising spirit, but also to the character of its people,—their love of patriotism, of justice, of virtue, and

of religion. History is the record of events. The lives of men make history. The life of Moses is the story of the Red Sea and the Promised Land. The life of Solomon is the building of the Temple, with its magnificence. The life of Columbus is the discovery of America, and its marvelous development. The life of Washington is the story of American Independence. The life of Lincoln is the saving of the Union and the Emancipation of the Negro. The lives of men are interwoven in the history of the country, the city, the town, in which they have lived; their impress is made upon the lives of the people with whom they have been associated. The world has been blessed, not only by the monuments of skillful workmen and the great cathedrals which they have erected, but also by the imperishable influence of the silent but steady work in the daily lives of the average mason and of the men who have exhibited the masonic spirit."

After the opening of the Grand Lodge at its annual communication an oil portrait of Past Grand Master Edward L. Freeman was unveiled.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William L. Chatterton, mentions the Past Masters who have died during the year; discusses the amount that should be paid into a lodge for a life-membership; and thus speaks about lodges attending divine service:

"In accordance with precedent of long establishment in this jurisdiction, I have granted special dispensations to various lodges to appear in public in lodge formation for the purpose of attending divine worship. I feel that it is commendable in a lodge to attend religious services, but why they should attend in lodge formation I do not understand, as no masonic work is performed, and the function results in a display of paraphernalia and jewelry to those without the pale."

He declined to grant a request to form a lodge to be composed of Italian residents of Providence.

We quote the following for the information of our readers:

"On June 9th, I was present at the unveiling of a granite monument at Foster Centre, erected to commemorate the event of an open-air meeting of Hamilton Lodge, No. 15, now of Clayville.

"The monument is situated on a hill in said Foster Centre, and shows a commendable spirit in the lodge to mark for all time a spot the brethren of said lodge selected for a meeting at a time when they were deprived of their usual quarters through the perversity of a landlord who removed the stairs leading to the lodge's rooms. Entrance was obtained, however, by means of a ladder, the necessary paraphernalia obtained, and the usual routine of business was transacted. The records do not show that a special dispensation had been obtained to consummate the lodge's desire and intention.

"The marker consists of a shaft of undressed granite except for the sloping top and the face, the former of which is dressed stone, and the face is polished; on the former in relief are the conventional square and compasses, while on the latter is the letter 'G' and the following inscription.

"Erected June 9, 5908,
By Hamilton Lodge, No. 15,
A. F. & A. M.
In Memory of a Meeting
Held on this spot,
June 9, 5834."

The Grand Lecturer in his report says :

"Again it becomes necessary to direct the attention of Grand Lodge to the condition of the official rituals now in the custody of the R. W. Grand Secretary. The defaced and badly interpolated text, the interpretation of which is attended by much uncertainty as to its correctness, is not only a serious handicap to those who try to avail themselves of what they believe to be authentic information, but, in its present condition, is inconsistent with the dignity and purpose of this Grand Body. It is therefore recommended that a committee be appointed to rewrite, without revision, the work of the three degrees, restoring the same, as nearly as possible, to its original wording; and, when completed, to destroy the present imperfect and misleading copies. This matter is of serious importance, and as it has been alluded to in a former report from this office, it is hoped that decisive action will at once be taken."

No report on correspondence.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1909.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. C. O. Davidson, we quote :

"It behooves us as masons, to see that none but those who are worthy to participate in those ancient and honorable traditions, which have been handed down to us through the centuries, are allowed to pass the portals : and, 'lest we forget,' let us often consider what are the duties and responsibilities of a mason, and by applying ourselves to exemplifying in our daily lives those masonic principles, which have been so forcibly recommended to us, do our part in making Freemasonry, in the present and future, that great influence for good which we are proud to know it has been in the past.

"And let me once more repeat 'plenty of material' is not so important as a little good material. In a word, we must accustom ourselves to apply the tools which are placed in our hands to their true and proper uses, and we must be particularly careful to see that our doors are judiciously tyled, for if they are not, we may write 'Ichabod' above them."

He thinks that care should be used in issuing dispensations for new lodges ; that a meeting of the District Deputy Grand Masters to discuss matters appertaining to the welfare of the lodges would be advisable ; and that documentary evidence should be required of visitors.

He reports the constitution of four lodges ; dispensations issued for six lodges, and for other purposes.

He decided that lotteries are not to be given, even in so good a cause as a Masonic Hall building fund ; that a dimit could issue to an E. A. or a F. C., and that a lodge under dispensation could confer honorary membership, because the constitution said so, which may satisfy him as to the right, but does not make it right in accordance with usual masonic practice as we understand it.

The District Deputy Grand Masters submit readable and instructive reports, which furnish full information of the condition of the lodges.

The committee on Grand Master's address report:

"We are pleased to be able to concur with all the decisions set out in the Most Worshipful the Grand Master's address, except that referring to the question: 'Can a dimit issue to an entered apprentice or a fellow-craft?' as we are very strongly of the opinion that the form of dimit as set out in the Constitution must be read as part of the section authorizing the issue, and it is the only provision made for granting dimits, and that no one has authority to alter or amend either the section or the form."

There is no Report on Correspondence, but we shall expect one next year as an appropriation was voted for that purpose.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1908.

The representatives of 207 chartered lodges, with a full list of Grand Officers and six Past Grand Masters, were present when the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The Grand Secretary was authorized to employ a stenographer to assist him in taking the proceedings.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Jas. L. Michie, in his address, after paying due respect to the dead of his own and other jurisdictions, discusses the questions of "perfect youth," and giving the procedure in various jurisdictions asks for the careful study of the law in South Carolina with a view to its modification.

Under "State of the Craft" he says:

"In some of the districts the brethren have held a masonic rally, that is, a joint meeting of all the lodges in the district, when all three degrees were conferred by competent Craftsmen. These rallies are productive of great good; they exemplify the ritualistic work of our Order; they increase the interest of the brethren, and they bring the brethren of a district into closer touch with one another."

Many dispensations were granted, a few requests for dispensations were refused. While he believed that dispensations should not be granted to raise more than five candidates at the same communication, he also was of opinion that it did no harm to confer the E. A. or F. C. degree on more than five at the same communication.

Dispensations were issued for five new lodges; three lodges were constituted and two lodges were revived.

Under the title "Corner Stones" he says:

"The laying of a corner-stone is quite an event in the history of a community, especially outside of the larger cities. 'All the world and his wife' come to witness our ceremonies, and the local lodge frequently provides a barbecue or picnic dinner in a cool, shady grove.

"It was my great good fortune to attend four such gatherings during the past year, in connection with this ceremony, and the pleasure on each

occasion was enhanced by the presence of the ladies. Brethren, masonic gatherings such as these serve to bind us more closely to our beloved Order, to become more intimately acquainted with each other, and to prove, by the hospitality extended to those who are not members of our Fraternity, that we regard all mankind as brothers. I would like to see the time when every lodge in this jurisdiction would celebrate St. John the Baptist's Day with a picnic, in which all the lady friends of the brethren would be invited to participate."

The Order of the Eastern Star receives two printed pages in his address.

While we have every reason to believe that all that he said about it is true and the quotations in its favor are worthy of the subject, yet we fail to see why the subject is pertinent. Next year we may hear from him about the "Shrine."

He decided that the petition of a "discharged" F. C. of a lodge in Germany could be entertained by a lodge in South Carolina.

He also decided:

"3. It is not competent for a brother who has never been elected and installed as Worshipful Master or Warden to sit in the Master's chair and open the lodge, or confer degrees, even though the Master, or one of the Wardens, sit in the East with him."

To this decision we cannot agree in so far as it prevents the conferring of the degrees by a brother when the W. M. is present.

It is with regret that he reports that the lodges are not contributing to the support of the Orphan Home.

Of the work of the Grand Master he says:

"I have traveled nearly six thousand miles, conferred degrees on eighty-seven candidates, made three public addresses on Masonry, laid six cornerstones and conducted two masonic funerals."

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Queensland were recognized.

Bro. Jacob T. Barron submitted the Correspondence Report.

Maine for 1908 is reviewed.

He notes the absence of the Grand Representative of South Carolina. We do not remember to have seen him at the annual communications of the Grand Lodge of Maine for many years.

He says:

"We are pleased to see that their law has been changed so as to permit a lodge to confer degrees, as an act of courtesy for a lodge in another jurisdiction. We would be glad to see this rule universal instead of general."

Under Oregon we read:

"We agree that it is the duty of the Grand Master to lay corner-stones; but, under our law, if he cannot do so in person, he authorizes a subordinate lodge to do the work. We think this is far better than to depute a brother to act for him, thus holding a special communication of the

Grand Lodge possibly without the presence of a single Grand Lodge officer. A Master cannot deputize a brother to open a lodge in his absence and that of the Wardens; and yet we see some Grand Masters empowering brethren to open the Grand Lodge without the presence of a single officer elected by the Grand Lodge, or appointed and installed by the Grand Master."

We have received a balustrade announcing the death of the Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. Zimmerman Davis, who died March 30, 1910. For nearly twenty-five years he filled with fidelity the office.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1909.

The portrait, with sketch of life, of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Joseph J. Davenport, appears in the proceedings.

At an emergent communication the corner-stone of the new State House at Pierre was laid; a learned and appropriate address was delivered by Bro. W. H. H. Beadle. We quote:

"It is the first event of its kind in the annals of our state, and this gives it a significance that no repetition can well approach, however great the consequence the state may attain. It is a landmark of most honorable progress, a celebration of success splendidly won, and a high pledge for the responsible future that awaits us.

"The general scene about us is filled with reminiscence and suggestion. It is the central point, the earliest occupied by white man for trade and conference with the native races that held all the region northwest, from the Mississippi. All present who are of full middle age remember when, after years of territorial life, the region about us was all Indian land. At this point on the river, Lewis and Clark, the Astor expedition, Manuel Lisa, the Chouteaus, General Clark, Fremont and Nicollet and many others met and traded or made terms with the Indians. Your speaker was upon the site of Pierre thirty-one years ago when it was Napoleon's ranch, the home of the French half blood. Early in the Spring of 1862 the first hostile act of the Sioux in the war of the outbreak was committed at this point against a steamboat that brought goods and federal agents for their welfare."

The M. W. Grand Master in his address reports that dispensations were issued for four lodges and that none were granted to confer degrees out of time, for which he is to be greatly praised.

Five new lodges were constituted.

He gives an interesting account of his several visitations, chief among which was the one to witness the making of President Taft a mason, of which making he gives a full account.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

There was an interchange of courtesies between the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Order Eastern Star.

Measures were taken to prepare a proper ritual.

The following amendment to by-laws was adopted:

"No candidate shall be advanced to the degree of Fellow Craft or Master Mason until he has been examined in open lodge as to his proficiency in the preceding degree; and within sixty days after receiving the Master Mason degree he must pass an examination in open lodge as to his proficiency in the Master Mason degree. Such examinations may take place at either a stated or a special meeting, and said examination must be satisfactory to the Worshipful Master and the lodge."

Bro. Samuel A. Brown presented the Report of Committee on Correspondence.

Under California we read:

"Under Maine, Brother Munroe takes exceptions to the ruling of the G. M. that an Entered Apprentice could not be tried by a lodge for an offence committed before he was initiated. The decision is in conformity with others on the same point and seems to us good Masonry. If we are going to go back and try a candidate for sins committed before he was initiated, how far back should we go? There would be a thinning out in some lodges. The same practice would keep a lot out of the Supreme Lodge above."

Maine for 1908 is reviewed in the same able manner by which all jurisdictions are treated.

Of the computing distance between lodges he says:

"We have always supposed the distance should be measured 'as the crow flies,' which would leave no chance for hair splitting disputes over highways or byways."

If our dear brother Brown lived in Maine he might find as many objections to the use of his rule as he does to the one established in Maine.

Under Michigan we read, and we fully agree with his comment:

"The Grand Master finds the question of electioneering one of the most difficult he has had to deal with. He sees no objection to a lodge issuing a letter in the interest of one of its members or to any mason writing a letter to another brother requesting his support in his behalf. We fear he would soon get into deep water if he should let down the bars to any kind of electioneering. In Masonry, more than anywhere else, the office should seek the man and not the man the office."

Under North Carolina he says:

"In the matter of Mexican Masonry we stand as we always have stood with symbolic arms outstretched to welcome into the fold, masons from every Latin-American republic, because we believe them to be as honest and sincere as ourselves, with ideals just as high—and because they are surrounded by a vast majority of Masonry's enemies."

He thinks that an expelled mason, if re-instated, need not be re-obligated in which opinion we concur.

We have received the announcement of the deaths of Bro. William H. Miller, Deputy Grand Master in 1877, who died October 3, 1909, and of Bro. Bligh E. Wood, Senior Grand Warden in 1876, who died October 17, 1909.

TENNESSEE, 1910.

Four hundred twenty-four lodges were represented and fifteen unrepresented at the annual communication. There were also present a full list of Grand Officers and seventeen Past Grand Masters.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edward K. Bachman, in his address, for some reason, says:

"I trust that the Representatives of Subordinate Lodges will be regular and prompt in attendance upon the sessions and that they will carefully and prayerfully consider all matters presented."

He reports the purchase of the Grand Lodge Home property, and as the auditorium for the Grand Lodge could not be built thereupon during the year he made arrangements to hold the communication in the Vendome Theater.

He gives a brief but intelligent account of his official acts.

Eleven corner-stones were laid; dispensations were issued to three new lodges and for many other purposes.

- He made forty-four rulings. One, by a specific case, explained the proper course to be pursued by an E. A. to obtain the remaining degrees after removal from the jurisdiction; another, that lodge meetings could not be held on Sunday.

We quote as something outside of the usual questions:

"(4) Should it cause a Past Master any embarrassment to sit in a subordinate lodge presided over by a Worshipful Master, who is a Royal Arch Mason?"

Answer: No.

"(5) Can three Past Masters confer the Past Master's degree without being in the Grand Lodge at Nashville?"

Answer: Yes."

The following is not in accord with usage in Maine and we think that the ruling is not right:

"(31) (a) A brother, after receiving the E. A. and F. C. degrees was elected to receive the M. M. degree, whereupon objection was filed with the Master without any grounds for objection being stated. Will such objection prevent advancement?"

Answer: Yes, until the objection is withdrawn or the membership of the objector should cease in the lodge.

"See Edict 27; Code, 1907, pp. 52, 60-1.

"(b) Has a member the right to object to the advancement of a party after he has been duly elected to receive a particular degree, in this case the M. M. degree?"

Answer: Yes. An objection, verbal or written, filed with the Master, is sufficient at all times to prevent a candidate from advancing, which objection holds good until withdrawn or the membership of the objector ceases in the particular lodge.

"See Ruling No. 7, Proceedings, 1894, p. 574."

The following recommendation of the Grand Master was adopted :

"Our Grand Lodge is growing larger year by year. It is believed by your Grand Master that many of the representatives of subordinate lodges are so neglectful and irregular in their attendance upon the session of the Grand Lodge as that penalty should be fixed by disallowing their per diem when it is made to appear that they are absent without permission. I recommend therefore, that a committee be appointed to investigate and report upon some plan by which a record may be kept of the attendance upon the sessions of the Grand Lodge by the representatives of subordinate lodges."

Upon the approval of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence the following was adopted :

"1. That while this Grand Lodge is opposed to the formation of a General Grand Lodge of the United States, it approves the policy of holding general grand conferences for the study of Freemasonry in our country.

"2. That this Grand Lodge appoint a delegate to such conference to be held at the call of Indiana during the current year for the purpose of studying Freemasonry in its general aspects and to report to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge."

A sketch, with portrait, of the M. W. Grand Master elect, Bro. C. H. Byrn, is given in the proceedings.

Bro. Henry A. Chambers submitted the Report of Committee on Correspondence.

Under Kansas he thus discusses the "official cipher":

"Brothers of Kansas! you and the others who have adopted the cipher can not, by regulation or otherwise, change human nature—your penalty of twenty dollars cannot prevent even good men from being careless. And what good will your twenty dollars do when either by carelessness or design the cipher gets into improper hands? The pity of it is that the wrongful holder knows that he has the authorized official cipher, and when it is mastered is not afraid to try to impose himself on the fraternity; whereas, the holder of a commercial and unauthorized book does not know that it is correct and is afraid to rely on it for imposition. What is to prevent Kansas and adjacent territory from being flooded by enterprising commercialists with reprints taken from some lost copy of the authorized official work? Better follow the ancient paths, with all drawbacks, and let the publishers of spurious ciphers do their worst!"

M. W. Bro. Edmund Preston McQueen, Grand Master in 1903, died August 14, 1909. "In his death Masonry suffers a great loss. We need such men—brave, strong, faithful, loving, kind, noble and true."

TEXAS, 1909.

The portraits of M. W. Bro. J. J. Davis, Grand Master in 1909, of M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Tyler, Grand Master in 1890, and of M. W. Bro. John Holland, Grand Master of Louisiana 1830-5, grace the proceedings.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. J. Davis, we quote:

"I believe that it may safely be said that at no time in the history of our Grand Lodge have our lodges been in as successful and prosperous condition as they are at the present time. By successful and prosperous, I do not mean it in the sense of an increase in membership, for that, to my mind, is not necessarily indicative of masonic success, but I believe that our success and prosperity should be based upon the condition of our lodges and membership, by the feeling of brotherly love existing between our members, and that peace and harmony which should obtain among our lodges.

"To the student of Masonry, I know of no more interesting study than the history of our Grand Lodge. Our records show that what is now Holland Lodge, No. 1, was organized in a grove of trees back of the town of Brazoria, in March, 1835. These brethren petitioned the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for a dispensation to form a lodge, to be known as Holland Lodge, in honor of the then Grand Master of Louisiana.

"The representatives of Holland Lodge, those from Milam (located at Nacogdoches), and McFarland (located at St. Augustine), met in convention in the city of Houston on the 20th day of December, 1837, and organized the Grand Lodge of Texas. From that little band of faithful brethren has grown the Grand Lodge of Texas, until we have in our jurisdiction 784 lodges, with an aggregate membership of 50,000."

He reports the action taken by him in the cases of many lodges; the constitution of eighteen lodges; the issuance of dispensations for seven new lodges; dispensations to twenty-eight lodges to sell or create liens on lodge property, and to thirty-six lodges to change their places of meeting.

He reports the laying of thirty-three corner-stones and one dedication of a Masonic Hall.

He granted no requests to confer degrees out of statutory time, and speaks in great commendation of the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

Of the use of ciphers he says:

"I took pleasure in advising the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee that Texas, like our brethren in Tennessee, had condemned the use of ciphers, and that, like them, we had resolved to remain true to our vows and steadfast to our trust, and not to abjure the faith nor suffer innovations in our work, and that I trusted the restless spirit of change would never invade this jurisdiction."

Twenty-nine decisions were reported, of which we do not approve the following:

"It is permissible for officers of the lodge to wear robes in conferring the degrees."

The conclusion is given to praise of the Masonic Home and Industrial Institute, with "a day dream" of its great advantage.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge Alpina, Switzerland, was refused.

Fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge "Benito Jurarez" of the State of Coahuila, Republic of Mexico, were severed.

Bro. S. P. Brooks, Grand Orator, delivered an able address on "Our Fraternity."

The Report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, which was adopted, thus treats of a decision of the Grand Master:

"Decision No. 1, which holds that the 'corner-stone of a building must be laid in the northeast corner of the building,' while no doubt technically and academically correct, is too broad for practical enforcement. Every masonic building should be made to conform to the rule enunciated by the Grand Master, if at all practicable, but we do not think that a masonic lodge should be compelled to refuse to lay the corner-stone of public buildings because those in charge of the same may not desire to place the corner-stone in the masonic position."

We regret that so much of the proceedings should be taken up with the details of the reports of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

There was a large amount of business transacted.

We commend the following:

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. W. Grand Master relating to the so-called Cerneau rite, have carefully considered the same, and beg leave to report that as Blue Lodge Masons we have no knowledge of Scottish Rite Masonry beyond the Master's degree, and as a Grand Lodge we are not called upon at this time to decide upon questions of regularity arising between different bodies of another rite, not claiming jurisdiction over the craft degrees. Like the Grand Master, we, as individuals, have a decided opinion upon the question, and regard so-called Cerneauism as spurious and clandestine, but we advise the Grand Lodge to keep out of this controversy until the concrete question is forced upon us by an attempt to establish this rite within our jurisdiction. We do not apprehend that any member of our Fraternity in Texas will be imposed upon by this illegitimate scheme, masquerading under the name of Freemasonry."

Bro. Thomas M. Matthews, Sr., presented the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

In the "prologue" he discusses in full these two questions:

"The first: 'Is it an inherent right, or prerogative by virtue of his office, of a Grand Master to make a mason at sight?' And the second: 'What is the relation, or the status, of the Negro race toward Freemasonry?'"

To the first question his answer is:

"Tried by this test, the contention that any such inherent right or prerogative, because of being a landmark, belongs to the office of Grand Master having no foundation in fact, falls to the ground."

Texas has adopted edicts which do not recognize such power.

To the other question he answers:

"We never can, and never will, consent to, or connive at, the making masons of Negroes, nor admit one of them, whether he be regularly made or not, as a visitor to our lodge; nor will we, under any circumstances whatsoever, receive or associate with them upon any terms approaching, even most remotely, to social equality."

Under Alberta he says:

"We would also recommend that on the night of installation, the installing officers be required to collect the three copies of the work from the retiring officers and present them to the newly installed officers, taking a standard receipt for them and forward the same to the G. S."

"We demur in toto to the disposition to be made of the rituals, and would amend: Have them collected at once, and burn them in the presence of the members, and tell them, as is true, that to make such a thing is to commit pure and simple perjury, which the Grand Lodge will neither allow, stand for, nor condone. Keep your skirts and, more especially, your consciences, clean, brethren; and take the word for it of a mason possibly older than any of you, that you will never have cause for regret on account of having done so."

Under California we read:

"A lodge under dispensation is a lodge or it is not a lodge. There is no middle ground. Such a lodge is everywhere entrusted with the power to perform the most vital, and important, of all masonic functions—the making of masons. Such being the case, what good reason can there be for so curtailing its other powers? We can see none. If it is a regular lodge, let it do what other lodges are permitted to do. If it is not a regular lodge, it is clandestine and ought not to be allowed to exist."

With this opinion we do not believe that all writers of reports will coincide.

Maine for 1909 passes under his critical eye. Of one of our acts he writes:

"An address from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, *in re* the use of printed rituals, and cipher keys, was 'ordered on file.' Simply this and nothing more!"

We have quoted in another place Bro. Matthews' opinion about ciphers and we agree with him.

Under Wisconsin we read:

"Says the objection of the Finance Committee to the use of the Temple exclusively for masonic purposes, because doing so would lessen the revenues \$2,300.00, goes to prove that it is inadvisable for Grand Lodges to build and maintain Masonic Temples. In this we heartily agree with Bro. Jenks. We have always believed and contended it were far better to rent an auditorium for the two or three days' Annual Communication and utilize for charitable purposes the thousands thus buried in piles of brick or stone and mortar. It is right, proper and well enough to erect nice and suitable fireproof offices, but no great big, costly, imposing Temples 'in oun.' We think we could put the money to better use, and

certainly one that to us appears more in keeping with the spirit and teachings of Freemasonry."

From the conclusion of this strong and able report, written by one in years and ill in bed, we quote a few of his wise words:

"With its close I bring you my twenty-fifth annual report. It is possible, if not probable, that it may be my last message, and there are some things I would impress upon you with all the power I have.

"Is there among you, my brethren, one who has not made someone's life sweeter and happier by some token of friendship, some act of sympathy, or some word of encouragement during the year just past? If so, your Masonry has been a sad failure. If you have done this you have not only carried out the teachings of our Fraternity, but you have added also a stone to a monument that will stand throughout the ages, and the pæans are rung out on the horologe of eternity.

"Place the flower in the hand of your brother while he can reward you with a grateful smile. Do not wait until his cold and pallid lips are not able to utter thanks. One little flower in my life is worth more to me than all the products of all the gardens of the world piled upon my grave; one kind, sympathetic word in life, than the most brilliant oration over my tomb. On my burial day you may overlook covering my grave with roses if you will, but give me one little bud to-day."

UTAH, 1909.

As an introduction to the proceedings a sketch of the life with portrait of M. W. Grand Master elect, Bro. Fred Clement Schramm, is given us.

The Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters and the representatives of the thirteen chartered lodges, were present at the annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James H. Brown, in his address says:

"From our knowledge and observation, I believe that I am safe in reporting that on the whole the condition of the craft in this jurisdiction is being bettered each year. There has been a substantial growth in numbers during the past year and the financial affairs of the lodges are shown to be in a healthy condition, barring the fact that some of the lodges report entirely too large an amount outstanding for dues, in proportion to their membership. If examined into it will probably be found that those lodges making the best showing in this respect can easily trace their satisfactory condition to the persistent efforts of their Secretary in reminding the delinquent members to pay up. The lodges blessed with such an officer are to be congratulated and the secretaries themselves are to be highly complimented."

He further says:

Upon the government of the lodge depends its usefulness. If the officers show a lack of interest, are careless in their deportment and without heart, or in a ragged manner do the work, if the secretary is slack in keeping his records and accounts, it soon manifests itself among the members. They lose interest, attendance falls off, and the treasury is without funds. Then deserving assistance cannot be rendered, nor pur-

poses that might be considered praiseworthy carried out, and the influence of that lodge wanes. It simply becomes an out of order, poorly run machine. How different the lodge in which attention is paid to its government, where the officers are zealous, attentive to their duties at all times, deporting themselves in a proper manner, putting heart and soul into the work, so that it is made impressive and instructive, not alone to the candidate but to all present. The secretary is up to date with everything pertaining to his office, the revenues of the lodge will then be in proper hands at the disposal of the brethren for any object they may deem worthy. This condition also manifests itself,—the members are anxious to attend their lodge meeting, there is enthusiasm in all, the bonds of friendship and brotherly love grow stronger and the lodge flourishes. How is this preferred state of affairs to be brought about? By using care and sound judgment in choosing your officers, both elective and appointive."

He reports much activity among the officers to obtain the "work" and the various means taken to aid in the accomplishment, with the recommendation to have the laws provide for Deputy Grand Lecturers.

Here is one of his official rulings to which we cannot agree :

"Can an Entered Apprentice go before a commission and testify as a mason, or shall his testimony be taken as a non-mason?"

"Ans. The masonic law contemplates that only Master Masons may appear as witnesses before a trial commission and testify on their masonic honor; Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, or any other competent witnesses may appear and testify under oath or affirmation duly administered by any officer authorized by the laws of the state to administer oaths."

He rightfully decided that an officer of a lodge could not be elected by allowing some brother to cast the unanimous ballot of the lodge for the candidate.

Clandestine Masonry made its appearance in the jurisdiction.

His account of his visitations is interesting, especially that part which tells of his experience with a "horseless carriage."

One new lodge was instituted.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge Alpina, Switzerland; of the Grand Lodge of Greece and of the Grand Lodge of Chili was refused on the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That if any brother elected Worshipful Master of a lodge shall be unable at the time of his election to pass the examination and procure the necessary certificate of qualification, he may, upon procuring such certificate be installed at any time within ninety days after his election, or such further time as may be granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master. But if no extension of time is granted by the Grand Master, then at the expiration of ninety days the lodge must apply to the Grand Master for a dispensation and proceed to elect a Master."

Bro. Christopher Diehl submitted another of his able Reports on Correspondence.

Under Alabama he rightfully says :

"He asks how 'stage settings, scenic display and theatrical exhibitions in masonic work suits our conservative Brother Diehl?' Why Brother Titcomb, how can you ask such a question; you ought to know better. We have opposed it as long as memory runneth back, and will continue to oppose it till the last day of our life. Scenic display and theatrical effects are out of place in speculative Masonry whose teachings need no show to reach the heart."

Maine for 1908 receives its full share of the one hundred pages to which his report is limited.

We quote:

"We wish to call the attention of Bro. Chase to an error made by Grand Master Scudder of New York. Utah requires of a candidate a residence of one year in the state and six months in the jurisdiction of the lodge receiving the petitioner. Bro. Scudder mixed things up 'shust a lidle.'"

Under Missouri we find ourselves in accord with his views when he says:

"The report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, covering twenty-six pages, reviewed the trial records of sixteen cases. Much of the matter had better have been left unwritten and stored away in some dark corner in the Grand Secretary's office, where it never could be read by anybody. No use to print such nasty stuff. It defames Masonry and is a reproach on the institution."

Under Virginia we read:

"Reviewing the Utah proceedings of 1907, Bro. Eggleston makes the writer 'the first Grand Secretary Utah ever had,' which is not correct and not true history. Bro. Joseph Fry Nounnan, a native son of Richmond, Va., was the first Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Utah. At the organization of the Grand Lodge, January 17, 1872, he was elected and installed Grand Secretary and I was appointed and installed Assistant Grand Secretary. Bro. Nounnan was the senior partner of a gentile bank and I kept the only gentile barbershop in the city. He was a very busy man and I had plenty of time to attend to the business of the Grand Lodge. I was then only three years a mason, but the teachings and principles of Masonry, its symbolism and literature were already so deeply planted in my mind and heart that the work of the office, which Bro. Nounnan left all to me, became a pleasure and the more I delved in it the better I liked it. At the first annual communication, held October 8, 1872, I was unanimously elected Grand Secretary and re-elected at each of the following thirty-six annuals. And, so I have now the great pleasure of being the oldest living masonic Grand Secretary in continuous service on the face of the globe. The story how it came that my pioneer brethren dropped the banker and elected the barber as Grand Secretary has never been, and would not have been written at this time had Bro. Eggleston not put a feather in my cap I am not entitled to wear."

And again, as one who has had the opportunity, we quote:

"We believe, in fact we know, that Bro. Jenks errs and does not do justice to a large number of correspondents of the present day, when he expresses the thought that not five of them can be found worthy to fill the gaps in the big six of twenty years ago. We can name not only six but double that number who were giants in those days. They had the

eagle's wing and the records of their works will not be lost. They were builders and builded well. Wish we had time and space to write 'as we remember them.' All with the exception of three have crossed the dark bridge, but their places have been filled by others just as able and competent and just as earnest and devoted toilers in the masonic garden and builders on the masonic edifice as those of from twenty to thirty-five years ago. If some æroplanist would let us have his airship we could go in twenty-four hours from way up north in the British possessions to way down south where the waves of the Gulf of Mexico dash on the Southern States and from the Atlantic to the Pacific and chat for half an hour with more than a score of masonic reviewers whose reports on correspondence have not been excelled by the reports of the prominent members of the guild of from twenty to thirty-five years ago. Wish we could mention names and compare notes of past and present reviewers, but for good reasons we will not attempt it. To extol those who left their footprints on the sands of time is right and as it should be, but the 'brook will run on forever,' and as Schiller said in his *William Tell*:

"The old is crumbling down—the times are changing—

And from the ruins blooms a fairer life.'

"Before parting with Bro. Eggleston it may not be out of place to chronicle that in our earliest days the almost identical questions and subjects were on the surface of the masonic sea as we find them to-day. We dealt then as now, with the ancient landmarks, antiquity of Masonry, perfect youth doctrine, Past Master degree work, non-affiliation, non-payment of dues, Grand Masters' prerogatives, cipher rituals, clandestine and negro lodges, popularity of Masonry, granting dimitts, black balls, thumb screws to keep the weary within the fold, 'and so forth and so on' as Brigham Young was wont to say.

"The liquor question was first sprung in the early 70's by Grand Master Amos Brown of Idaho, but it was not much pushed until Grand Secretary John D. Vincil of Missouri, reviewed it some fifteen years ago. Since then it has swept over the land like a whirlwind. The circumlocution business, recognition of Grand Lodges organized by Scottish Rite lodges, scenic display in conferring degrees, identification cards, etc., are of later origin. We venture to say that the same or similar questions will engage future reviewers for many generations to come because 'Masonry was made by men, is governed by men, for the best of men.' Masons are but men, they have different opinions, are human and err."

VERMONT, 1909.

Seventeen officers of the Grand Lodge, twenty-two permanent members, seven District Deputy Grand Masters and the Representatives of ninety-one subordinate lodges were present at the annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was not present.

After a brief introduction the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Lee S. Tillotson, fittingly remembers the dead; urges a more business-like dealing with the debt upon the Temple; gives an account of his attendance at all the District Meetings and says:

"Generally speaking the meetings last winter were successful, but some of them were lacking in several important particulars, and the deficiencies were usually traceable directly to an inefficient District Deputy. I mean

nothing unkind by this criticism for I presume that in some instances brothers were appointed to the position of District Deputy against their own judgment and wishes. Such an appointment is nearly always a mistake and should be avoided when possible. I desire the delegates at this session of the Grand Lodge to be particularly careful in nominating their District Deputies. Do not present a man's name simply because he happens to be a member of a lodge to whom you feel the office belongs, but select a man who has the necessary ability, and, above all, sufficient interest to inform himself and exert his best efforts in the discharge of his duties."

He gives an account of his visitations, especially to the 175th anniversary of St. John's Lodge at Boston and to the meeting of Grand Masters in Philadelphia, of which he says:

"In my judgment this conference was of untold benefit to the interests of the institution in general. It was distinguished from beginning to end by the utmost harmony, and will, I believe, go down in masonic history as one of the most important gatherings of the craft ever held."

He discusses the "negro question" as it has arisen between Mississippi and New Jersey, and closes as follows:

"Let us hope that a calm, dispassionate consideration of this unfortunate controversy by our brethren in Mississippi and New Jersey will result in a speedy resumption of fraternal intercourse between them."

The "making masons at sight" is another subject very fully treated, and concludes:

"Nevertheless, under all the existing circumstances, I would not care to be the one to attempt to establish a precedent upon the question in this jurisdiction."

The business of the communication was local in its character.

Bro. Marsh O. Perkins presented the Report on Correspondence.

Under Colorado we read:

"He finds a wide diversity of opinion in the manner of conducting the correspondence of lodges in different jurisdictions. He does not hesitate to oppose the practice of conducting the same through Grand Masters, deeming it an invasion of the inherent rights of the lodges, and asserts that where it has been engrafted upon Craft Masonry, it has been copied from a similar enactment in a semi-military concordant body. We do not so regard it. We believe that necessity for the protection of the lodges themselves from imposition has demanded it. The very reason that has caused 'Documentary Evidence' to grow so rapidly in favor is the very reason that has demanded and still demands the safeguarding of communications through authoritative channels. In this no inherent right of a lodge is infringed upon but, as we believe, is protected."

Maine for 1908 receives his careful and learned attention.

Under Michigan:

"The committee was unquestionably right in its deductions, because the right of a brother in good standing to object to the advancement of another may not be denied. We demur to the proposition, however, that

the right of objection to advancement is a 'Landmark,' as it is far from a universally recognized right. The right in many jurisdictions is recognized, but to be of force must be sustained by conviction after trial of charges preferred against the brother seeking advancement."

WASHINGTON, 1909.

The proceedings are embellished with a portrait of the Grand Master, with a sketch of his life, and a portrait of the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Horace W. Tyler.

The Grand Lodge held the communication at Seattle, where they were received with an address of welcome on behalf of the local lodges.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Royal A. Gove, gives a brief résumé of the work that has been before the Grand Lodge since its organization, then passes to brief mention of those who have died.

He announces the constitution of ten lodges; the issuance of dispensations for six lodges; the dedication of three Masonic Halls; the laying of six corner-stones, among which was the corner-stone of the Governor's Mansion at Olympia.

No explanation is given for this particular case. We presume that it was from the want of information rather than from vicious intent that it was done. Perhaps, though, it is like the "White House," a building owned by the State and occupied by the Governor during his term of service, but we are sure that it is a "Mansion" with a capital M, for the record so declares, even if it is not a public building.

He did not approve the life membership clause in by-laws submitted to him and argues against such laws; yet he let one such by-law go by without telling the particular reason why that out of all the rest should be allowed.

The following decisions were given:

"I held that a stationary engineer employed in a brewery is not eligible for affiliation.

"I held that a petition for affiliation from one who was a member of the Grand Orient of France could not be received. There could be no objection to the applicant petitioning for the degrees; and, if elected, it would be necessary to renounce the Grand Orient of France before receiving them.

"I held that the second section of the second degree should be conferred upon the candidate at the same meeting when the preceding portion of the degree was conferred."

He divided the jurisdiction into ten districts, but found that the number of brethren who could be of service was limited.

Of the Masonic Home he says:

"During the past nine years our Grand Lodge has accumulated about forty-five thousand dollars for the building of a Masonic Home. We should not be unmindful of the fact that the initial outlay for suitable grounds and a well arranged home is no small sum, and that the cost of maintenance of a home and the necessary repairs is no small item. If we are serious in regard to our declarations to establish and maintain a Masonic Home, we are certainly very deliberate in our movements. Either our assessments should be increased or some other plan should be devised to accumulate funds."

He gives a full and interesting account of his visitations to the subordinate lodges.

He has a word to say about "making masons at sight," and concludes his remarks as follows:

"It would seem proper, in view of the notoriety the instance referred to has occasioned, that we as well as other Grand Lodges should express emphatic disapproval. It is to be hoped that no Grand Master of any Grand Lodge in the United States of America will again perform an act of this character."

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we quote:

"As has been frequently set forth on the floor of this Grand Lodge, certain spurious, so-called keys are in use in the various lodges of the jurisdiction; not occasionally do I find evidence of this, but it is the exception not to find them. While these keys are grossly inaccurate in many places, it must be admitted that they are much closer to our standard than the confused recollections of many of those brothers who are loath to give up the work of the particular 45th state from which they hail, and, while I cannot tolerate their use in my presence, I cannot altogether condemn the zeal of those brothers who, placed in a position where the work is expected of them, get it in this way when not otherwise procurable, for, as you will admit, the Grand Lecturer cannot be omnipresent."

W. Bro. George Lawler, Grand Orator, delivered an Address, "Work—The Priceless Heritage of Masonry." We quote:

"Labor, like virtue, is its own reward. Balaam carrying his ass, instead of the beast carrying its master, is a picture of masons working their fraternity instead of laboring for it.

"Unselfish, active service is indeed rare. Few go out of their way to say the word of encouragement that makes life sweet. Many look for the faults and but few look for the virtues of others. Masters are so occupied with the detail business of the lodge and in conferring degrees, that no time is devoted, in the whole year, to inculcating the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, beyond repeating the esoteric and monitory ritualistic references to those priceless tenets."

Bro. Chadwick, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made this report (which was adopted) relative to that part of the Grand Master's address on making masons at sight before quoted:

"The matter of making masons at sight is a vexed question, and while in my opinion it has no warrant in the written law of Masonry, nor can it be sustained as a prerogative of the Grand Master, the right is maintained by many eminent and cultured masonic students. By some it is even insisted that it is a landmark. It is not only warranted but expressly

sanctioned by the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and so long as the Grand Master of that jurisdiction acted not only within the rule as he understood it to be, but as defined by the constitution, it would in my judgment be unwise and unmasonic to criticise or express disapproval by the adoption of any formal resolution. It is a matter that the brethren of Ohio have a right to determine for themselves; their conduct furnishes no precedent by which we can be bound, and the matter is not a proper one for discussion by us, except as an abstract proposition of masonic law."

The business brought before the Grand Lodge was quite voluminous. Much matter presented was not favorably reported upon by the committees, and those matters which had a favorable report and were passed were local in their character.

Bro. Stephen J. Chadwick submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Arizona we read:

"Past Grand Master Goldwater introduced a resolution endorsing the pronouncement of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee on the subject of cipher rituals. It was referred to the Ritual Committee. It might as well have been referred to the Committee on Obituaries, for the special committee smothered the child of virtue, that the bastard might live. However, the vice of the plan proposed last year is mitigated to some extent by limiting the number of ciphers to two: one to be retained by the Grand Secretary and one by the Grand Lecturer."

Under Idaho he writes:

"The sum total of this cipher business in Idaho is that they have violated their obligations and gained nothing, as is shown by their own report published and passing current in the masonic world."

Under Illinois he very correctly states his views:

"As is known, we are an ardent member of the Eastern Star and some other lodges; but we have never regarded the Eastern Star as a *sister* organization, and do not endorse the 'fraternal greetings' so-called, which have consumed the time of some Grand Lodges."

Under Kentucky he expresses clearly views held by the writer:

"We can see the influence of other orders and new ideas in our recurring sessions. It alarms us, for unless checked, the Masonry of the fathers will come to be a tradition. The desire to make Masonry 'practical,' 'up to date,' and even 'grammatical,' stalks rampant on the floor of every Grand Lodge, and is riot in every Subordinate Lodge. The trouble is, we have been too busily engaged in making *members*, and have not been careful to impress them with a true masonic character, a prime element of which is veneration for our institutions."

Maine for 1908 receives his attention.

Under Nevada he writes:

"The question of uniformity of work is ever present, and, as it seems to us, its importance is magnified to an unwarranted degree. Perfect and uniform ritualistic work is important, but the cultivation of a true masonic spirit is more important. The emphasis given to the necessity of having the same work, even to the word and syllable in every lodge,

and the difficulty in carrying such purpose into execution is in large degree responsible for the cipher crusade carried on, and, as it seems, with some success by the younger and unthinking ones who sincerely believe that Masonry depends upon a Lord's prayer precision in the ritual."

R. W. Bro. Frederick Stone, Deputy Grand Master in 1868, died June 1, 1909. Made a mason in Ohio in 1849.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1909.

A sketch of the life, with portrait, of the M. W. Grand Master elect, Bro. Frank W. Clark, appears in the proceedings.

The representatives of one hundred forty of the one hundred forty-one subordinate lodges were present at the annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Emmet M. Showalter, introduces the account of his labors for the year with a pleasantly worded paragraph; rejoices that death has not removed any from the Grand Lodge, but in sympathy reads a list of the distinguished dead in other jurisdictions; reports a very busy, but a very pleasurable year, and gives a bouquet to all of his associate officers.

Truly he was busy, for did he not announce the laying of two corner-stones in one day, and on the same day the laying of a third corner-stone, and then we are told of his unusual act in unveiling and dedicating a monument to commemorate the Great Indian Battle fought at Point Pleasant on October 10, 1774, for which, with the assistance of the Grand Secretary, he prepared a special ritual!

Proxies were issued for the laying of twelve other corner-stones and for the constitution of three lodges.

Dispensations were granted and dispensations were refused; and he says about going to church:

"I received during the year requests from five lodges for special dispensations permitting them to attend church as lodges, all of which I declined to grant. I trust my motive has not been misconstrued. Personally, I attend church regularly, and would be glad if all my brethren did likewise. I might go even further and recommend a particular church for you to attend; but this should be done as an individual and not as a mason. The fewer dispensations that are granted, the closer we will stick to the ancient charges. Attending church services is not a masonic function; if it were, a special dispensation would not be necessary. Masonry as an institution knows no creed or church denomination, and to recognize or acknowledge one to the exclusion of others is subversive of the principles upon which our fabric is builded. The great majority of our brethren in this jurisdiction would be shocked were we to issue a dis-

pensation to attend service in a Jewish Synagogue, and yet it would be as much our duty to grant such permission, on request, as to grant the same permission to attend a Methodist or Presbyterian service."

We know no reason why any distinction should be made between a Jewish Synagogue or a Methodist Church.

Thirty-nine decisions were reported which do not materially differ from usual masonic practice.

He pleasantly mentions his visitations, and in giving quite an account of that one to Ohio at the making a mason of President Taft he says:

"I am in hearty accord and give my unequivocal sanction to the exercise by the Grand Master of Ohio of the prerogative of making a mason at sight, which prerogative is his by virtue of an express provision of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, based upon one of the oldest and most firmly established landmarks to be found in Ancient Masonry, an occasional use of which is eminently proper to demonstrate the power of the gavel in the hand of the Grand Master."

But he does not tell us where the "most firmly established landmark" can be found.

He devotes seven pages to the Conference of Grand Masters at Philadelphia.

He does not favor life membership and thinks that if a Grand Representative shall be absent from the annual communication for two or three consecutive communications he should be relieved of the onerous duty of Grand Representative.

The Order of the Eastern Star caused some contention in subordinate lodges. He says:

"There are no castes in Masonry; there is no place or room for social or class distinction; but we meet upon the level and part upon the square; and I say unto you that in the very nature of things this condition is inherently impossible with womankind. So long as society shall exist, so long as the styles in dress and millinery shall change from year to year, so long will there be social distinctions and castes and classes in female society.

"I do not condemn this, nor object to it; but I do condemn the idea that it will ever be possible to make Freemasons out of women."

Under "Moral Qualifications," discussing liquor legislation, he speaks out with true masonic feeling:

"When the message comes to the East that the candidate is a man, free born, of good report, and well recommended, that means that he is not a saloon-keeper or the keeper of a brothel, or a thief or a murderer, or an adulterer, and that he does not possess any of the qualities or characteristics which in the judgment of any one of all the members of the lodge to which the application is made, would render him an improper person to become a member of our craft. The broad principles have been sufficient through the centuries to preserve untarnished the fair name of Masonry; and it will so continue. It has carried itself through the evils and errors of past ages, without being contaminated with them, and has modestly helped to correct them. But it has never been neces-

sary to enact a special code of laws to protect itself from the errors of each clime and generation through which it passed. And in a few years from now, when the traffic in intoxicating liquors shall become a thing of the past, our children will find incorporated into our Masonic Jurisprudence a local regulation, evidencing the fact that the broad principles of Masonry which have been tested and found to be sufficient in the past, and which will be equally applicable in ages to come, were not sufficient in 1906 to prevent us from yielding to the craze of needless legislation, with which this age is sorely afflicted. I believe that our records would look better if this resolution were repealed."

Following out the recommendation of the Grand Master the petition for initiation was changed in its form to conform to that agreed upon at the Conference of Grand Masters. The form of "renunciation" suggested at the same time was also adopted.

The following resolution was adopted :

"Whenever any representative of a sister Grand Lodge, near this Grand Lodge, shall absent himself from three successive Grand Annual Communications, without having presented an excuse therefor satisfactory to the Grand Master, the Grand Master may declare the said office vacant and proceed in the regular way to fill said vacancy."

The Grand Lodge declined the adoption of resolutions rescinding former action on the liquor question, and the use of Masonic Halls by the Order of the Eastern Star.

Bro. H. R. Howard submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arizona, he correctly states the principle in regard to vacancies:

"I do not believe it is the correct doctrine or masonic law to issue a dispensation for the election to fill a vacancy in the office of Worshipful Master, yet the Committee on Jurisprudence enunciated the principle that it was permissible to do so because they could find no law prohibiting it. The law that in the absence of the Master or permanent vacancy the Wardens succeed to his rights until the next regular election, is universal in America. Stationed officers cannot resign; at least such is the case in our and most other Grand Jurisdictions, hence in case of a special election under dispensation for Master the Wardens would be debarred the right to offer or aspire to that office, for if elected they could not resign or vacate their Wardenship to accept the higher honor."

Under Delaware we find that we are in accord with him:

"While we are in full sympathy with their objects and their efforts to relieve and ameliorate the distress, suffering and dependency of our helpless brethren, their widows and orphans, yet I cannot help feeling, after looking over their statistical tables, that it is almost misdirected charity; that the same amount of money that is expended in expensive buildings, officers' salaries, employes, etc., would furnish greater comforts in private homes, to say nothing of *real* in contradistinction to *institutional* homes for the precious little ones."

Under Indiana we read:

"My own judgment is that, while uniformity in some things connected with the subjects discussed by Brother Mikels might be productive of

closer relations of fellowship and much friction avoided between members and lodges of the different jurisdictions *in the United States*—not outside of it—yet on the whole the scheme of a General Grand Lodge is undesirable and impracticable. The attempts to do this same thing heretofore have always ended in failures. It is an innovation that the brethren of the different Grand Jurisdictions do not look upon with favor, arguing that if the splendid results now existing were attained in the century and a half or more by the present Sovereign Grand Lodge system no change is demanded or necessary. Again, the tendency is not in the direction of the centralization as proposed, as witness the new Grand Lodges recently organized in the Dominions of Canada and Australia."

Maine for 1909 receives four pages of his able review.

His conclusion is the correspondence between the Grand Masters of Mississippi and New Jersey about the negro and he says:

"From these statements of the parties interested I am certain that the differences between them is not so serious as at first we were led to believe, and that by the aid and counsel of disinterested brethren outside of these jurisdictions matters may be so explained and adjusted that harmony between them will again prevail."

We have the announcement of the death of R. W. John D. Baines, Senior Grand Warden, who died January 11, 1910. An able man, a conscientious citizen, a zealous mason.

WISCONSIN, 1909.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James E. Durgin, in his address, making a pleasing introduction, passes to the announcement of the dead in his own and other jurisdictions, announces the holding of ten special communications for constituting lodges, dedicating halls, laying corner-stones and burying the dead.

As usual, arguing against the granting of dispensations, he grants many and denies a few for conferring degrees out of time, and came very near making a mason at sight, for he allowed one lodge to receive, act upon and confer the degrees in three weeks. Still we ought not to complain, for "in no instance" was proficiency waived.

Dispensations were issued for two new lodges.

Twenty-seven decisions were given. Among them was one answering negatively the question of the contribution of money by a lodge to help start a Chapter, O. E. S.; that one physically deformed could be advanced after taking the E. A. degree. We quote in full:

"A brother presents a petition for affiliation accompanied by a dimit from a lodge in this state. While said petition was pending and before action was taken by the lodge with which he proposed to affiliate, he died

suddenly. His daughter presents her petition to the Order of the Eastern Star. They refuse to receive it. His widow applies to me for relief, demanding that I direct the Order of the Eastern Star to receive and act upon the petition, and further asking, 'What are my masonic rights?'

"A. (a) The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin has no jurisdiction over, relationship to, or connection with the Order of the Eastern Star any more than any other non-masonic institution. I can, therefore, give you no relief in that direction.

"(b) Your rights are those of the widow of a non-affiliated Master Mason."

He also decided that a lodge room was not the proper place in which to hold dancing parties.

One more in full:

"The Lodge and Order of Eastern Star decide to have a joint installation for members only. A Master Mason in good standing in the lodge desires to bring his wife, but is told he cannot do so as she is not a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Can the lodge legally do this?"

"A. A lodge may hold a public installation of its officers and invite whomsoever it pleases to attend such ceremony. The brother has a perfect right to have his wife accompany him to such ceremony. The O. E. S. is not a masonic institution and has nothing to say in relation thereto. A lodge may permit the O. E. S. to install its officers at the same time and place. If the O. E. S. avail themselves of this privilege, they are there by the courtesy of the lodge and are in a sense the guests of the lodge."

He visited forty-eight lodges, and says:

"From the Grand Master of Ohio I received an invitation to participate in a communication held in the City of Cincinnati, at which a distinguished citizen was made a mason at sight. Not being in sympathy with the purpose of this communication, I did not attend."

We find nothing in the business done that is of importance to the general reader.

Bro. Aldro Jenks presented his twelfth Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under British Columbia we read:

"And illustrating in modern affairs, the truth of the old fable of the camel which desired merely to place its head inside its master's tent, and ended by crawling in bodily, we have a decision which holds that while no lodge room dedicated to Masonry, shall, while occupied by masons, be used for other than masonic purposes and masonic bodies, that, nevertheless, a chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star (although it is not a masonic body), may be allowed to use a lodge room for the purpose of its meetings. This decision is based on the specious reasoning that as one of the benevolent purposes of the masonic institution is to 'enlarge the sphere of social happiness,' and its great object is 'to promote the happiness of the human race,' and as that is the same end sought to be attained by the Order of the Eastern Star, therefore the hall is being made use of for masonic purposes while occupied by the Order of the Eastern Star. We fail to understand why the Odd Fellows, the Elks, the Woodmen, or any other fraternal organization with which society is now honeycombed, could be included in this decision, but as the ruling passed mus-

ter with the Committee on Jurisprudence, and was approved by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, it is now good law in that jurisdiction."

Maine for 1908 receives most fraternal review. We quote:

"We note that the Grand Master attended the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Siloam Lodge, No. 92, and that such celebration was held Sunday evening. While perhaps there was nothing in the character of these exercises that could justly subject the lodge to censure, nevertheless we think their purpose could have been as well accomplished by holding these commemorative exercises on Saturday or Monday evening. The true mason will 'remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.'"

Under Michigan he writes:

"In an experience in Masonry extending over a quarter of a century, we have never known of more than one candidate to be received at one time in a Wisconsin lodge room. They do things differently, however, in Michigan than they do in Wisconsin, and it is hard to say how far the brethren may go in their departure from the ways of their fathers. This was illustrated by the refusal of the Grand Lodge to concur in the recommendation of the Grand Master to forbid the brethren to electioneer for a masonic office in person, and the adoption of a resolution permitting that kind of thing to be done. We think that Michigan is the only Grand Lodge in the United States that tolerates any such indecorous and unmasonic practices. That such conduct does occur at times in other Grand Jurisdictions no one can deny, but it is placed under the ban, and is recognized as unmasonic. It opens up in the Grand Lodge all the evils of political methods in seeking for masonic honors.

"Another sad commentary upon the departure of the Michigan brethren from the ways of their fathers is shown by the motions made in Grand Lodge to change the esoteric work of Masonry in numerous particulars. Nearly every member apparently came to Grand Lodge with a key of the work in his pocket, and numerous propositions were made to change the ritual. In all the years we have attended the Grand Lodge in Wisconsin we have never known it to entertain such a motion. Such propositions must, however, be intimately connected with an 'official cipher.'"

Under New Mexico we read:

"Another decision held that when a petition for the degrees is received and referred to a committee of investigation, the names of the members of such committee should not be kept secret. The ruling is to be commended, although the idea is cropping out in many places (borrowed no doubt, from the usages of other fraternal societies) that no one outside of the presiding officer should know who is appointed on such committee. The idea is unmasonic, and is based upon the belief that the members of the lodge cannot be trusted to keep secret things that should not be divulged. Instances no doubt do occur where some brother violates the rules of the institution and unlawfully reveals things of this kind. The proper remedy is not to abrogate the rule, but to ferret out the offender and punish him for his misconduct."

From his conclusion we quote:

"The writer has no doubt of the prerogative of a Grand Master to confer the degrees of Masonry at sight; nevertheless, he can but regret that Grand Master Hoskinson should have done so on this occasion. The Freemasons of the United States would have felt honored had Presi-

dent Taft applied for and received the degrees in the usual manner, but to confer this honor upon him at the time and in the manner in which it was done was clearly unfortunate. It savors of toadyism pure and simple, for no one will believe for a moment that this ceremony would have been indulged in if President Taft had been defeated instead of elected at the presidential election. Such honors, so conferred, are in direct violation of the teachings of the order, which regards no man for his worldly wealth or honors. Then, nearly all of the ceremonies of the degrees were omitted, doubtless because it was considered that it would be beneath the dignity of the President-elect to submit to the ceremonies of initiation, such as other candidates are obliged to do. We hope the masonic world will never be compelled to witness another such spectacle, where a man is excused in any manner from taking the degrees in the usual way on account of his social or political standing. It is safe to say that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio would have deprived the Master of his office in a subordinate lodge, if he had not arrested the charter of the lodge, for an occurrence of this kind.

"The action of the Grand Master of Mississippi is a direct denial of the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. While we do not favor negro Masonry, nevertheless, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey being a legitimate Grand Lodge has the right to determine this question for itself. Each lodge has the right to determine for itself as to whom it will invest with the masonic status. To deny this right to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey is to deny the exercise of this right by any Grand Lodge. We cannot see that it is a matter that concerns Mississippi at all. New Jersey has as much right to feel aggrieved at the exclusion of the negro by Mississippi as Mississippi has to control the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Another objection to the action of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi is found in the fact that our Southern Brethren consider everyone a negro in whom there is the least discernable taint of negro blood. A man may be nine-tenths white and one-tenth negro, and still our Southern Brethren class him as belonging to the negro race. It is evident that the Grand Lodge of New Jersey is fully qualified, and has the undoubted right to determine such questions for itself without being controlled in this action by any other Grand Lodge in the world. Any mason sojourning in New Jersey can, of course, refuse to visit a lodge composed in whole or in part of those having negro blood in their veins, and Mississippi lodges have the right to refuse admission to its lodges of any mason hailing from a New Jersey lodge. This it may do legitimately, no matter how captious the objection; but to launch a wholesale interdict against the masons of a whole State because the Grand Lodge has exercised one of the prerogatives pertaining to a sovereign Grand Lodge is unwise and unfraternal."

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of R. W. Bro. John Price, Jr., Grand Senior Warden in 1888, who died March 24, 1909, and of W. Bro. Myron T. Hubbard, Grand Sword Bearer, who died August 22, 1908.

WYOMING, 1909.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Marion P. Wheeler, to his address has quite a long introduction of fine thoughts well expressed.

Of his decisions we quote the following, in which answer we do not concur:

"Can a member who has recommended a petitioner serve as one of the members of the investigating committee?"

"No."

We quote another:

"*Question.*—What is the old age limit of an applicant?"

"*Answer.*—An age when he is in good health and strength and not likely to become a burden on your lodge."

It would seem to us that the better answer would have been, when the old man was "in his dotage," for each lodge ought to determine the age as well as the character of its candidate.

Judging from the decisions relating to masonic trials it might be a good thing for the jurisdiction to have a code for governance.

His account of his visitations is interesting.

One corner-stone was laid; ten dispensations were granted; three lodges were constituted; and one dispensation for a new lodge issued.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved.* That all receipts for dues in the form of certificates of good standing be issued by the Grand Secretary with his certificate on the back thereof as to the regularity of the lodge issuing them, and that hereafter no receipts for dues shall be issued by the Secretaries of subordinate lodges except those above described."

A resolution was adopted by which the penalty for non-payment of dues is suspension from all lodge and masonic rights and privileges. To be sure, the brother must have notice, but this action puts the non-payment of dues into the category of offences which are repugnant to the laws and customs of civilized communities. In other words, it is a crime to be or to become poor. Under this resolution it would seem that one of the duties of an investigating committee would be to determine whether or not the candidate, if elected, would be able to pay dues.

Bro. W. L. Kuykendall presented his twenty-fourth Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Colorado we read:

"The collective ballot in our opinion is the outcome of the one ballot system. It was too much trouble to ballot for each degree, but not too much trouble where it has been adopted to cause trouble to every member of a lodge now and then when compelled to attend trials when charges had to be preferred to stop the advancement of a candidate. As time has progressed with the one ballot, what could be more natural than a

resort to a collective ballot, it again being too much trouble to even cast the one ballot for the degrees in each case. The collective ballot will in many cases result in an unworthy candidate being accepted or in all the candidates in the class being rejected to keep the undesirable one out."

Under Indiana he says:

"The Grand Master thinks we should have a General Grand Lodge. We have advocated such many years ago and have noticed such advocacy now and then from different sections of the country. We have always and now favor it, but we want the lines well laid down regarding everything which is to form the basis of union upon every question which it is absolutely necessary should be agreed upon with a fixed determination of all contracting parties, and said parties should include all regular Grand Lodges of the United States and the Dominion of Canada and no more. No such Grand Lodge to be formed unless all of said Grand Lodges join in its formation. There will have to be a complete revolution of ideas in a number of jurisdictions. Landmarks and ritualistic work will have to first be agreed upon and we opine that when such is attempted the meeting will have to be held in the open air, as no building with enough exits can be found anywhere for the escape of delegates when it is attempted to declare this, that or the other thing held to be a landmark in one locality but repudiated as such in others, and when it comes to agreeing upon a ritual then a revolution is likely to occur. Whilst we have grave doubts as to anything being accomplished through this agitation, we are in favor of such a Grand Lodge, which should have been established in the beginning of Masonry in this country."

Maine for 1909 is reviewed. We quote:

"We notice our brother Chase has a leaning towards the idea advanced by one or two others that a mason has a right to recognize any man as a mason, whether or not his Grand Lodge has so recognized the Grand Lodge from which the other hails. We consider this idea about the most dangerous of any that has been presented for years, and have so contended under other heads in this and other reports, to which we call attention. We are one who holds and contends that it is necessary that Grand Lodges should recognize each other before a brother of one can visit a lodge of the other, and we certainly would not think of visiting any such lodge. Our kind of Masonry is getting on dangerous ground whenever such an idea becomes general."

Under Michigan:

"The Grand Master incorporated in his address a lengthy statement relating to the making of President Taft a mason at sight, the same being in the main a copy of the Ohio defence for that action, which has been severely criticized in several quarters. We have never believed the prerogative of such making was inherent in the office of Grand Master of Speculative Masonry. It is certainly not a landmark, the best proof of which is found in the fact that Ohio and a few other Grand Lodges have a law under which the high and mighty and never the humble and unknown to fame can be so made and become for the time being at least a waif upon the sea of Masonry. If a landmark, such law is uncalled for. The first constitution of Wyoming, like that of Ohio, specially granted such power to the Grand Master, but it was long ago eliminated therefrom and prohibition took its place. It no doubt found its way therein when our Grand Lodge was organized through adoption of the constitution of some Atlantic Coast Jurisdiction, and no doubt the same applies to Ohio. All such business is entirely out of place under our present system."

The portrait of the M. W. Grand Master elect, Bro. B. H. Sage, is given us.

The Grand Lodge mourns the death of M. W. Bro. John C. Davis, Grand Master in 1892-3, who died January 15, 1909.

ADDITIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

ARIZONA, 1910.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Fletcher M. Doan, whose portrait is given, in the introduction to his address alludes to the duties to be discharged which devolve upon those interested in masonic work; alludes feelingly to the dead; made no decisions; and visited five lodges.

The ritual is mentioned. The traveling trowel has passed through Arizona. The constitution with all the attendant forms and ceremonies has been published, and the only trouble is the number of unworthy and fraudulent applicants for assistance.

The Swiss Grand Lodge "Alpina" was recognized.

A little business of local character was transacted.

No report on Correspondence.

Memorial pages are dedicated to the memory of M. W. Bro. Francis M. Zuck, Grand Master in 1902; of M. W. Bro. Ansel M. Bragg, the first Grand Master in 1882, and of M. W. Bro. George Shand, Grand Master in 1894.

Bro. Bragg was a native of Vassalboro, Maine.

CONNECTICUT, 1910.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Western G. Granniss, whose portrait is given, we quote:

"The spirit of this jurisdiction is one of peace, harmony, and good works; and in its relations to sister Grand Jurisdictions one of peace and good will. Not a murmur of discord has come to my knowledge during the year past. Masonic ideals have a direct relation to human society for that is the place where they are to be wrought out in practicality by

the infusion of sweetness and light, beauty, strength and helpfulness ; by right living, right thinking, and right doing. Therefore, in our intercourse with our fellows, let us be 'workmen that needeth not to be ashamed.'"

After "the reading of the roll of the honored dead" he gives us his account of his visitation to Ohio on that renowned occasion of making President Taft a mason ; to Philadelphia for consultation upon certain topics, and presents the conclusions there adopted ; and to Baltimore to attend the festivities there offered.

His visitations were many, under the most agreeable circumstances, and with pleasurable results.

Twenty-eight dispensations for various purposes were issued.

He enthusiastically mentions the Masonic Home, the Order of Eastern Star, and the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

The committee for that purpose reported the passage, by the Legislature, of an act "concerning the fraudulent use of badges, buttons and insignia of fraternal societies and other organizations," which act is intended to protect legitimate Masonry.

The form of "Renunciation" and that of "Application," as agreed upon at Philadelphia, was adopted.

It was decided to levy one dollar and twenty-five cents for each member of each lodge, to be collected, but all members of thirty years' good standing may be omitted ; and five dollars for each initiate and affiliate, also be collected.

The following resolution as to documentary evidence was adopted :

"Any visitor from another jurisdiction, unless personally known, applying for examination for admission to a lodge in this jurisdiction, shall be required to present a certificate of his membership in the lodge from which he hails. Such certificate shall be authenticated as follows :

"1. By the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge in which such lodge is located, as to the regular standing of the lodge.

"2. By the Secretary of the lodge as to the masonic standing of the brother ; and

"3. By the signature of the brother in whose name the certificate is issued, for personal identification."

Bro. Frank W. Havens, whose portrait is given us, submits his second report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Under Alabama we read :

"Under Arizona, he notes that that jurisdiction 'is to have a printed cipher for the use of Masters and Wardens of lodges.' How any mason who has taken the first obligation can countenance such a movement, we cannot comprehend. The craze for strict uniformity in work is one of the worst evils that could have come upon Masonry. We understand that some jurisdictions have so altered and amended phrases of obligations as to save the consciences of the craft.

"Under South Carolina he notes that the reviewer approves of our custom (it is not a rule) of exempting such as have been masons thirty years.

"Personally, we can see no reason for such exemption. What special merit is there in having paid annual dues from year to year for the great benefits enjoyed in membership that should entitle one to further release from one of the first duties of Masonry? We do not agree with the reviewer, nor with the custom, and hope that it will, in the near future, be done away with. The exemption should come only with inability to meet the requirements, and then there should be no limit as to time of membership. But as our friend from the 'green isle' remarked, 'if this goes on forever where will it end?'"

Under Indiana he says:

"Taking the invitation of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, which was extended to the Grand Masters of all the states and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains, as a text, Brother Mickels argues at length for the necessity of a General Grand Lodge and the nationalization of Masonry. We feel that this is a step back. The question was practically settled for all times as far back as the days of George Washington, when the attempt was made to form a General Grand Lodge of which he should be Superior Grand Master. What is to be said of those landmarks, which declare that every lodge is a peer of every lodge, that every Grand Lodge is a peer of every Grand Lodge. It seems to us that this can never be without making very decided innovations. Nor would it be as effective and useful as it sometimes seems. That a council meeting once in four or five years, which should have only advisory powers, might be useful and much good gained therefrom, is possible. To establish a 'higher power' to which the Grand Lodges or Grand Jurisdictions should be compelled to accord, would be to disrupt and to remove from Masonry those very things which differentiate it from all other of the modern institutions."

Maine for 1909 is reviewed.

As a reason for the absence of the Grand Representative for Connecticut we would say that he has lived his Masonry for many, many years, and at the present time his age prevents him from the enjoyment of masonic meetings.

Commenting on what was said by us in re the burial of a non-affiliate, he adds:

"With this comment we very heartily agree. A brother Master Mason, though unaffiliated, is still a mason, and personally we believe he is entitled to all the rights and privileges of Masonry except those conferred by lodge membership. There is a tendency to make lodge membership pre-eminent to such an extent that carried to its logical conclusion, it becomes more important than membership in the order. This seems to the writer all wrong. He believes that Masonry means something besides the advantages of lodge membership and that a brother in the situation stated above was certainly entitled to burial with masonic honors."

Under many jurisdictions he contends for "Perpetual Jurisdiction." Under New Jersey, for instance, he says:

"For our part we fail to see why all jurisdictions should not insist upon the perpetuity of rejections. One who has made application to a regular lodge and the brethren have rejected it, he stands much as a piece of real estate which has 'a cloud upon its title' and it seems as though there must be material enough to make all masons needed, without resorting to

those who have been rejected where they were best known. We fail to see the force of the argument that because sometimes in a very small percentage of cases injustice may be done that therefore the whole bulk of rejected material should be open to acceptance without regard to spot or blemish."

Again :

"Connecticut's experience is that some Grand Lodges extend the utmost courtesy in matters of jurisdiction, respecting her claims, although not holding to the same law. Others courteously inquire concerning a candidate to whom the law of Connecticut applies. Others, we are sorry to say, disregard all courtesy and take what they please, resting upon the feeling that Connecticut will look upon such invasion as being unfriendly, yet hardly worth taking up in serious contention."

The volume contains the portrait of M. W. Bro. Henry O. Warner, whose death was reported by us last year.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1909.

In the volume before us we have the portraits of M. W. Bro. Henry K. Simpson, Grand Master in 1909; of M. W. Bro. Jose M. Yznaga, Grand Master in 1887; of M. W. Bro. David G. Dixon, Grand Master in 1895.

Before we reach the proceedings of the annual communication we read those at other stated and special communications, by which we are informed of the procurement of a stone to mark the grave of one of the Past Grand Masters; of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence to the effect that the Master of a lodge has the sole authority to convene his lodge in special communication; and a full account of the condition of the affairs of the Masonic Temple Association. It would appear that it is necessary for the Grand Lodge to take over the new Masonic Temple to prevent it from passing entirely out of the control of the craft.

At the annual communication the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry K. Simpson, fittingly remembers the dead.

He decided that a lodge could not be incorporated.

He could not attend the meeting of the Grand Masters at Philadelphia, so the Grand Lodge was represented by the Deputy Grand Master. He was present at the Baltimore conference. He was present in Cincinnati at the all important event, of which he says :

"In no way desiring to enter the controversy as to the right of the Grand Master of Ohio to perform the service which seems constitutionally to be his right, I can only say that the most captious of critics would have been hushed into eternal silence if they could have seen with what dignity, decorum and solemnity the vows were given and received that united the illustrious candidate with our fraternal band and placed the

present occupant of the highest political office in our great land in the membership of our order and in the companionship of his illustrious predecessors who had gone that way before him."

He has good words to say for all kinds of Associations that have the word "Masonic" connected with them.

The Committee on Jurisprudence decided, and the Grand Lodge accepted their decision, that "the right or privilege of masonic burial cannot properly be accorded to the remains of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts."

Bro. George W. Baird presented his tenth annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1909 passes under his critical eye.

Yes, we think his position in regard to temperance legislation is right.

Under Ohio his comments are:

"The daily papers have said so much about making the President a mason at sight, that any extended mention of that great event here would be like repeating.

"The papers, however, and, indeed, some masonic writers have misled the public with the belief that the process employed was in imitation of our Saviour raising Lazarus from the dead; while, for a fact, nothing was omitted from the service save that which is printed. It was honorable in the President to wait until *after his election*, otherwise captious people might have said he was catering to the order for votes. Thus he exhibited a purely masonic spirit before he became a mason."

We quote from his conclusion:

"Blackstone, who is called the father of English-speaking lawyers, is credited with saying that in order to understand the full intent and meaning of a law, it is necessary to go back and ascertain what were the conditions and circumstances which led to the creation of that law.

"With this aphorism in mind let us go back and see just how New Jersey came to have a negro lodge.

"If our information is correct New Jersey has never chartered a negro lodge.

"Negroes of the Prince Hall (irregular) ilk asked that Grand Lodge if they might be healed and taken into regular Masonry. This was refused by the Grand Lodge. Later on a number of respectable members of lodges in the State dimitted and secured a charter for a new lodge. Their lodge was instituted, consecrated, etc., and they begun work as a lodge. They initiated, passed and raised the very mulattoes of the Prince Hall ilk who had previously sought admission into regular Masonry, charging the prescribed fees and imposing the regular dues, the same as if the aforesaid mulattoes had never been masons.

"Now, it must be admitted, that inasmuch as every lodge has, from time immemorial, enjoyed the inalienable right of making its own membership, the Grand Lodge was powerless to interrupt that lodge without a violation of ancient masonic principles.

"But the white members who had inaugurated that 'Fifteenth Amendment' lodge quietly dimitted and affiliated with their original lodges, leaving the mulatto lodge intact.

"The Grand Master of Mississippi mentions the negroes as of a decidedly inferior race, which may be true; but unfortunately, there are few negroes in New Jersey. Amalgamation, which has existed, illicitly

for many years (more rapidly since the emancipation of slavery), is gradually blending the races, substituting the dissatisfied mulatto for the contented negro.

"The Grand Lodge of England chartered African Lodge, No. 459, in Boston before the British Army left our shores, at the end of the War of the Revolution. This is precedent. It is currently reported that the same Grand Lodge has recently given formal recognition to the *soi-disant* Grand Lodge in Liberia, which is of Prince Hall descent.

"We once visited a lodge in St. Thomas (Danish West Indies) where we found that the Master and all the brethren in the ante-room were mulattoes. We did not see inside the lodge room, but we believe it was a regularly constituted lodge. The Master told me his charter was from the Grand Lodge of England. In our report for 1896 will be found the case of an American negro, a member in good standing in a lodge in Scotland, applying for relief.

"There exists a feud between the 'lily-whites' (octoroons and quadroons) on one side, and the negroes and many mulattoes on the other. The former are struggling for social equality with the whites, and, in many instances, claiming descent from very distinguished paternal ancestry. It is unfortunate."

The deaths of M. W. Bro. Jose M. Yznaga, Grand Master in 1887, who died April 11, 1909; of M. W. Bro. David G. Dixon, Grand Master in 1895; and of R. W. Bro. Warren H. Orcutt, Junior Grand Warden in 1869, are recorded.

GEORGIA, 1909.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas H. Jeffries, whose portrait is given us, in the introduction to his address has many beautiful thoughts about Masonry.

He reports the constitution of seventeen new lodges; dispensations issued for seventeen more lodges; discusses to some length the issuance of dispensation to confer degrees out of time, and issues only about fifty such dispensations.

But this is no worse than the granting of dispensations to confer Master Mason's degree on twelve at one communication or the Fellow Craft degree on ten, or the Entered Apprentice degree on fifteen. Perhaps it would work as well in Georgia as it does in some other jurisdictions to charge from two to five dollars for such dispensations, and that this amount be required from each candidate and place the amount thus received to the credit of the Masonic Home.

Fourteen occasional Grand Lodges, at none of which was the Grand Master present, were held for laying corner-stones and dedicating halls.

He gives a detailed account of his visitations to many lodges.

He bestows praise upon the Order of the Eastern Star; commends the Masonic Home; discusses the financial condition; praises the work

of the District Deputies and concludes with a generalization of many facts and fancies.

From the report of the Finance Committee we note that the estimated income is about \$39,000.00 and the expenses \$34,000.00.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows that special dispensations do cost money, for \$460 was the sum levied for that purpose. In view of what we have written, we add that the price of them is not high enough. The Secretary in getting returns from the lodges has more trouble than he ought to have.

It cost for mileage and per diem at the session of 1908 \$18,894.65, so the Grand Lodge wrestled with the question of mileage and per diem, but with what result we cannot determine, and, strange to say, pending a roll call the Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment.

Down in Georgia the non-payment of dues is still a reason for expulsion "under the head of unmasonic conduct," while the same penalty exists for "gross unmasonic conduct," and then there is such a thing as an "excluded mason," whatever that may be.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That dispensations for conferring degrees at times other than at regular communication of a subordinate lodge, be granted only for urgent and imperative reasons, and then only in the discretion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

"*Resolved*, That no special dispensation shall be granted at any time for the conferring of more than one degree on a candidate at one and the same communication."

The portrait of the M. W. Grand Master elect, Bro. Henry Banks, is published.

Bro. A. Q. Moody submitted his ninth Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1909 received a page.

Under Vermont he writes:

"Would it not have been better, if President Taft had set a noble example by going through the regular course, and traveling the same road, which thousands of his brethren had traveled before him? If Mr. Taft had been defeated in his race for the Presidency, would the same thing have happened?"

KANSAS, 1910.

There were eighteen Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Officers and three hundred lodges represented at the annual communication. There were eighty-eight lodges not represented, which would seem to require attention, as it is nearly one-quarter of the whole number of lodges.

From the opening of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Fred Washbon, whose portrait is given, we quote:

"The year has been one of general material prosperity throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

"The number raised in 1909 was 2,395, being an increase over 1908 of 153, and the largest number raised in any one year in the history of Grand Lodge."

He announces the constitution of ten lodges; two dispensations issued for two new lodges; the laying of nine corner-stones; and the official visitation to twelve lodges.

Of special dispensations he says:

"During the year eighty-seven special dispensations have been granted, fifty of which have been to confer degrees without regard to time, sixteen for the election of officers to fill vacancies, eight for the laying of corner-stones, eleven for the holding of annual elections other than on the date of the regular annual meeting, one to ballot on petition for restoration without regard to time, and one to hold special communication, for work outside of lodge jurisdiction."

But after granting *fifty* dispensations to confer degrees without regard to time, how can he add:

"Several applications were made for special dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions for initiation without regard to time, all of which were declined, as the circumstances and reasons assigned did not justify, if in fact any reason can justify, the curtailing of the safeguards wisely thrown around the selective process of electing members of the craft."

We quote his two decisions:

"*Held*: That when letters of dispensation are issued to a new lodge, and during the continuance of such letters, such lodge U. D. holds absolute territorial jurisdiction under the same rules and to the same extent as a chartered lodge; but that upon the expiration of such letters, all power or rights under the same cease, and the territorial jurisdiction so held reverts to the chartered lodges from which it was originally taken, and that such chartered lodges hold the same absolutely until the new lodge is chartered and constituted; and that, as to a petitioner whose petition is received, referred, and who is elected by such a chartered lodge after the expiration of such letters and before the new lodge is chartered and constituted, absolute and perpetual jurisdiction is vested in such chartered lodge.

"*Held*: That a man, to be made a mason, must be obligated in exact conformity to the established ritual; that such obligation must be fortified by the belief of the candidate in Deity; that he cannot be permitted to affirm, but must take his obligations in the name of God."

We think that we do not quite understand the first decision. As we read, there is a lapse of time between the taking up of the letter of dispensation and the issuance of the charter and the constitution of the lodge, and during that time the territory of the proposed new lodge reverts to the jurisdiction of the lodges having control previous to the issuance of the dispensation.

This may be right but it does not appeal to us. We think that the practice in Maine is much better and prevents any such happening. For, at the annual communication, when the question of granting a charter is before the Grand Lodge and the charter is granted, there is embodied in the motion words to this effect, "and that the dispensation be continued until the constitution of the lodge." This makes no break in jurisdiction and does not give a profane a chance to place a petition in any lodge except the one having the dispensation.

He did not attend the "Conference" at Philadelphia but was present at the one in Baltimore, and he recommends that the laws of Kansas be made to conform with the unanimous recommendations made at Baltimore.

He discusses the method of disseminating the work, and once more we suggest that this duty be made one of the duties of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and that they be obliged to visit a lodge to inspect the work at least once a year at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

He defends the official cipher, yet he admits:

"The provision that satisfactory evidence of destruction shall avoid the penalty has developed a most vexatious situation, making it possible for any brother to obtain and keep secret possession of a cipher who will make an affidavit that the same has been destroyed; and it is a known and most regrettable fact that such instances already exist."

He reports the decision of the Supreme Court that "the property of the Masonic Home was held to be exempt, but Grand Lodge property must share the common burden of taxation. This decision also doubtless settles the question, as it relates to the property of constituent lodges as well, and constitutes all lodge property subject to taxation."

W. Charles E. Lobdell delivered an oration on "The Man and the Mason."

The following action was had:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas heartily endorses, approves and adopts as its own the declaration contained in the Baltimore (Maryland) Convention of Grand Masters, held on the 16th and 17th days of November, 1909, to wit:

"We have no desire to see a National or Supreme Grand Lodge of Ancient Craft Masonry in this country. It could serve no useful purpose and such an idea has no friend or supporter here."

The Grand Lodge of San Salvador was recognized.

Bro. Matthew M. Miller submitted his eighth Report on Correspondence.

Under Kentucky we quote:

"Under 'Maine,' discussing a resolution referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, under which an E. A., or a F. C., leaving the jurisdiction permanently should be entitled to a certificate of his masonic standing, Bro. Chase says: 'We suggest that it would be still in accord with correct

'usage to recognize Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts as Masons, and when they desired it grant them dimits. Candidly, we have never been able to understand why masons of these degrees were prohibited by some jurisdictions from dimitting.'

"Masonry in the countries where first instituted and formalized has always recognized an Entered Apprentice as a mason. He is still there recognized as such; and in the jurisdictions in this country which do not follow the dictation of the self-created and self-styled Masonic Congress of 1844, they have not yet eliminated from their work the ancient claim, and right to consideration as a brother. It is the weak spot in the masonic organization and the proposed revolution is a step in the direction of improvement. Either correct the error, or cut out all the gush about a brother who is not a brother."

Maine for 1909 has a page. He thus comments upon our statement in regard to the situation in Queensland:

"Our good Bro. Chase was Grand Master of Masons in Maine in 1889 and 1890. We have no knowledge what his life expectation would be under the American tables of mortality, but the light from the lamp of experience shed upon us in the Quebec case would indicate that it will be reached, and passed, before those who deny Queensland's claim of sovereignty make profert of the desired 'good common sense.'

This fact, however, is beyond the need of concession, that there is a Grand Lodge of Queensland, and that the 'differences' which have arisen are the creation of Grand Lodges outside of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Queensland. The man, in his own 'castle,' who is quietly and surely attending to his own business, should not be charged with disturbing the peace and quiet of the community, because brawlers are kicking up a bobbey at his castle gates.

"The Common Law of Masonry—Immemorial Usage—declares, in no uncertain terms, that *there is a Sovereign Grand Lodge of Queensland*, and any American Grand Lodge which declines to recognize the *accomplished fact* casts an aspersion upon its own ancestry and origin."

We quote from his conclusion, "The Social Features":

"With the migrations West and the organization of new lodges, where eight members out of twelve would hail from as many different jurisdictions, a ritual craze set in which was finally diverted by an insistent demand everywhere for 'more turkey and less ritual.' The result has been that while the social feature is strongly in evidence, the surprising fact also has been demonstrated that there has been a very decided increase in the real work of the lodge.

"Chaplain McCabe's chicken story, told by Bishop Moore at the Ohio Grand Lodge Centennial, which we find in the Ohio volume, is our excuse for this partial digression. It is good even if you have read it before.

"The Chaplain had been exchanged, and was returning from Libby prison. Wasted to a skeleton, he was helped on a train at Petersburg. 'A man came into the car with a basket,' he says, 'and walked right up to me and gave me a piece of fried chicken and some bread. And I said to him, 'Sir, what is your name?' 'I am Captain Hatch,' he said. I asked him how he knew me, and he answered: 'Ask your father when you get home.' When I reached home I asked my father how Captain Hatch happened to know me, and he said: 'My son, I went clear down to Fortress Monroe after you, and when I could get no farther I sent word along the line, and if you were a mason you would understand. So I never knew how Captain Hatch happened to know me, but somehow I have always associated Masonry and fried chicken, and if any one asks

me what Masonry is, I answer: 'It is a thing that gives a fellow fried chicken when he is hungry.'"

We have received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Samuel R. Peters, Grand Master in 1905.

"His masonic life was one of gentle, genial fellowship and fraternal affection."

QUEBEC, 1910.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. T. Alex. Cameron, we quote:

"In this Province of Quebec, Masonry, through no fault of ours, is practiced under difficulties which are little realized beyond our borders. To the majority of our fellow citizens, the teachings and objects of the order are, by the prescription of an authority which they respect, a sealed book; a prescription to which no exception is or can be taken by those of us for whom that authority and its enactments are without sanction; a prescription which we consider to be a matter entirely between those by whom and to whom it is addressed. When, however, as a reason for such a prohibitive enactment, there are publicly and privately assigned to our Fraternity aims and objects which are absolutely foreign to and expressly and categorically excluded from its sphere, there is thereby created a painful feeling of distrust in the minds of some of the people as to the motives and good faith of those of us who, in the hope of being useful to our fellows, are members of the craft. Time and again those entitled to speak with authority on our behalf have pointed out and have explained why it is that Freemasonry as practiced and understood by the lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Quebec and by the masons of every English-speaking country, has not and cannot have any connection nor anything in common, save the name, with the so-called Freemasonry of France and other Latin countries; and yet on several occasions during the past few months the newspapers of this Province have afforded proof that in spite of what must now be positive knowledge of the facts, the same false and unjust accusations are still being made."

He reports the issuance of dispensations for several purposes, and among them one to receive and act upon an application out of time.

He made two decisions, both of which we approve.

He discusses "lodge work" as to the fact that some lodges are not using the established ritual.

His address shows a careful attention to the duties devolving upon him and good management of all matters requiring his attention.

R. W. Bro., the Rev. Allan P. Shatford, delivered an able oration upon "The Symbolism of Masonry." We quote:

"Better no Masonry than one which amounts to no more than a hollow form, a piece of decorative art, a cerement wrapped around the bones of a dead faith. Better no vows, than vows which a man intends to keep

only so long as his views remain the same. Better no words than words twisted into a falsehood and a lie; better no rites than rites which mean nothing. The spirit of Masonry should act on us through externals in order to renew and restore within us the Divine Image. An invincible faith in things unseen; a realization of the supernatural realm with all its marvelous contents; a constant tending towards God, feeling after Him, seeking to be where He is, sure of nothing where He is not discerned; a holy reverence for His sacred name; a glorious hope of immortality; a growing sense of our broad and never-to-be-forgotten duty to man; an earnest intent to be true and just in all our dealings; to play the game of life fair and square; to act the man in all things—these are the realities that give meaning and value to all our symbols and ceremonies. Masonry was designed to act upon the heart, to form a peculiar character, to develop certain tendencies in man; to convince him of his own littleness and of God's greatness; to teach him humility and self renunciation; to make him own every man, of whatever nation, creed, or condition, his brother. These are the primary, the real, the essential things, and if there is any symbol or sign whereby these realities may be impressed upon the soul of man, then let us hasten to adopt it and use it. But let us keep it only so long as it is fulfilling its purpose. So long as the compasses are upon our altar, teaching us to circumscribe our passions and keep them within due bounds with all mankind, but more especially among masons, we dare not let our banquets degrade into unlicensed revels or give free rein to our fleshly lusts."

The District Deputy Grand Masters rendered full account of the lodges under their several districts, which were carefully reviewed by the Committee on the State of Masonry.

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arkansas, commenting upon decisions of the Grand Master arising from legislation upon the liquor question, he says:

"There is no doubt whatever that the true solution of all such cases is to return to the paths the fathers trod, refraining from further transgressing the ancient landmarks and practices of the Fraternity by comparatively modern tradition, and leaving in every case to the individual lodge the selection of its material, limited only by the well-established general law of Masonry."

Under Illinois he says:

"There is not only no necessity for such an institution as a General Grand Lodge, but there is every reason in the world why every sovereign independent Grand Lodge on the continent should vigorously oppose any proposition looking towards a movement that can only mean an invitation to forego the blessings of independence."

Maine for 1909 was reviewed.

The proceedings also contain the account in full of the exercises at the unveiling and dedicating the monument erected to the memory of M. W. Bro., the late John H. Graham, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Foreign Jurisdictions.

CUBA, 1908-9.

These proceedings are in Spanish but the address of the Grand Master is also given us in English. We quote:

"As a point well worthy of notice, I wish to accentuate the fact that, in spite of the rising of passions motivated by the fury of political contests which have occupied our country, and of the opposing criteria which divide Cuban society, there has not been a single case of enmity or even of bad feeling in our lodges or in the friendship of our brethren; which proves that that virtue which is and should be considered the first among masons, and which I have so recommended in my writings has prevailed: Tolerance, which impels and compels us to respect opinions of others, and to believe that, however much they may differ from our own, they are always inspired by sentiments of sincerity and honor."

He recommended the creation of a Masonic Benefit Society and the creation of a Masonic Library.

We quote again:

"Cuban Masonry has always been an enthusiastic partisan of propagating the child's education. Our history has many noble examples of the interest which many lodges have taken in this important duty of the Masonic Institution. I should here offer my sincere praise to *Fe Masonica* Lodge, which in spite of the low number of its members, not overblessed with the riches of this world, but bursting with good desires, is paying for, from its own pockets, the higher education of a youth, whom it has taken under its wing. Glory to *Fe Masonica* which in such a brilliant manner perseveres in its noble history. I recommend all our lodges to give all due attention to such an important branch of our civilizing propaganda."

There is a Report of Foreign Correspondence in which Maine has a place.

ENGLAND, 1909.

From the proceedings we note that the work in remodeling of Freemasons' Tavern is progressing; that the Masters of all lodges were directed not to admit any visitor unless he is vouched for, or his certificate shows that he has been initiated in a lodge professing belief in the Great Architect of the Universe, and that this belief is an essential landmark of the Order.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and the Grand Orient of the Republic of Paraguay were recognized.

IRELAND, 1909.

The Deputy Grand Master made the Annual Report of the doings of the Grand Lodge.

He comments upon "Masonic Charities" and urges constant attention to them that the support for them may not diminish; gives in general the news from the Provinces; informs the brethren about the initiation fee; gives notice that a number of rulings on points in the ritual had been made; announces that a rejected candidate went over to Scotland and within a week came back with masonic knowledge. He especially commends the church services that were held.

Eleven warrants were issued for new lodges.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1909.

The proceedings before us contain full accounts of the doings in this Grand Jurisdiction. These doings are local in their character and display the high condition of Masonry as practiced therein.

New lodges are constituted; the old are doing a noble work; charity is dispensed with a free hand and justice is rendered with mercy.

A Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is presented by a committee who indicated by initials the particular jurisdiction reviewed by each of the committee.

Under Arizona we read:

"The Arizona G. L. claims that each jurisdiction should care for its own poor and distressed brethren, and that if assistance is rendered to a brother of another jurisdiction, that the amount expended should be reimbursed.

"We do not consider this in New South Wales. Relief is given when needed, not as agents for other Grand Lodges and with the expectation of being re-imbursed from the brother's lodge, but because a brother is poor and distressed, and may fairly claim our sympathy."

Maine for 1908 is found reviewed.

Commenting upon the use of the word "Masonic" in connection with balls we read:

"The many lodges in New South Wales, whose annual ball is an important function, will be surprised to read of the above regulation."

Under Mississippi, commenting upon the trouble with New Jersey, after quoting extracts from the letter of the Grand Master of Mississippi, he says:

"These statements appear to us strange in New South Wales; we are taught that Masonry knows no distinction of class, creed or race, and its sole eclecticism is of men of good report who believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. We have, fortunately, in New South Wales no race problems to engage our attention."

NEW ZEALAND, 1908-9.

Negotiations with the Grand Lodge of Scotland with reference to their respective rights in New Zealand were considered.

The committee made a report on the relations of the Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodge of England. It was thought that opportunity ought to be given to the lodges to vote upon the question of transference from the authority of England to the authority of New Zealand.

Seven new lodges were constituted.

The distribution of printed rituals received attention.

The proceedings contain the reports of the Provincial Grand Masters.

The Review of Correspondence is printed separately and makes a pamphlet of about one hundred forty pages. The portrait of the Grand Master of New Zealand graces the work, which was done by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Malcolm Niccol.

Under Alabama he says:

"We hold that an Entered Apprentice is a member of his lodge from the moment of his initiation, and that he is entitled to attend all meetings of his lodge; consequently the lodge must always be opened and closed in the First Degree. If there is business to transact in the Second or Third the lodge is opened in these degrees, brethren of inferior rank retiring for the time, but usually remaining in the ante-room until entitled to re-enter the lodge room."

Under British Columbia, discussing the situation at Queensland, he says:

"We in New Zealand can sympathise with Queensland, for we also established our Grand Lodge with a minority of the lodges (39 out of 147,) and we too had the bitter experience of seeing brethren of unblemished reputation suspended and expelled for the heinous offence of daring, like Bro. De Wolf-Smith, to form opinions upon the question of forming an independent Grand Lodge, and having formed these opinions fearlessly advocating them. But our minority soon grew into a thumping majority, as would undoubtedly occur in Queensland were it not for the difficulties created by the District Authorities and fostered by the parent Grand Lodges to render impossible of accomplishment the very condition prescribed by Bro. De Wolf-Smith as absolutely pre-requisite to recognition, namely, a majority of the lodges consenting."

Maine for 1908 is fraternally reviewed.

In regard to brethren suspended for N. P. D. he says:

"Our laws require that in all cases where a brother's name has been removed from Grand Lodge Register for N. P. D. the said brother can only regain his status as a member of his lodge by being proposed, balloted for, and accepted as a joining member."

PORTO RICO, 1908-9.

These proceedings are in Spanish. A brief historical sketch of the foundation of the Grand Lodge in Porto Rico is given in English. From this sketch we quote :

"In the beginning of the last century Masonry was introduced into Porto Rico, with the founding of lodges that, on account of persecution by the government and clergy, were obliged to work in great secrecy.

"As it was found that these lodges could exist, a chapter of Rose Croix was founded in 1824, in the city of San German, under the name of Minerva, whose charter was granted on the 10th day of April of that year.

"This goes to prove that regular lodges occupied the territory of Porto Rico long before any lodges of Spanish origin usurped this territory. The masons of Porto Rico and Cuba being united by strong bonds of friendship and an affinity in motives and ideals, lodges were founded here under the jurisdiction of Cuba, and never were in relations with any bodies of Spanish origin, and when Masonry was reorganized in Cuba in 1859, under which the symbolic degrees were separated from the higher, and founding a Symbolic Grand Lodge, the lodges of Porto Rico remained under the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge, which was recognized by the masonic world as a regular body having jurisdiction over Porto Rico, and in this manner Masonry remained organized in Porto Rico in a legal and regular manner.

"After a certain period the Grand Lodge of Cuba founded a Provincial Grand Lodge in Porto Rico, which worked with much faith and zeal, until to-day there are twelve lodges in the Island with charters, and eight other under dispensation, making twenty in all.

"In the meeting celebrated the 29th of March, 1885, the Provincial Grand Lodge, on motion made by the Venerable Grand Master, Santiago R. Palmer, decided to petition the Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba to cede to them the territory of Porto Rico, for the purpose of founding in that Island a free and independent symbolic Grand Lodge. The petition was favorably acted upon by the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and complying with the desires of the brethren of Porto Rico, their petition was granted.

"As a result of the above action of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, which caused great rejoicing among the brethren of Porto Rico, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, with complete and independent jurisdiction over the Island of Porto Rico, was created at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, on the 29th of September, 1885, with W. B. Santiago R. Palmer as its first Grand Master.

"The legality and regular standing of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico were recognized by all the Grand Masonic Jurisdictions which at that time enjoyed fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Cuba, the latter jurisdiction being prior to that time the only masonic power with exclusive rights over Porto Rico.

"The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico met, for the first time after American occupation, at Mayaguez, on February 18, 1899, and at this meeting it was decided to move the Grand Lodge to the Capital of the Island, San Juan. In compliance with the Grand Lodge, the first meeting was called at San Juan, April 2, 1899, and notice given to all masonic jurisdictions with which it held fraternal intercourse of its action and the continuance of its masonic labors, uniting little by little its ties with the masonic world."

(QUEENSLAND) DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, ENGLAND, 1909.

Nothing was observed in reading the several pamphlets which would be of general interest.

There was quite heated discussion over several matters which were entirely of a local nature.

QUEENSLAND, 1908.

At the quarterly communication held September, 1907, the M. W. Grand Master in his address said :

"Our lodges now number 52, and our membership is 1,594, as against 1,328 three years ago.

"And these are working members, for we have been strict to enforce attendance and payment of dues. Nor has Grand Lodge been unmindful of its duties in supervising the work of the lodges and in inculcating the duty of charity."

A constitution and rules were presented for the establishment of a Masonic Charity to be called "The Widows, Orphans and Aged Masons Institution of the Lodge of Queensland," and these were adopted at the next quarterly meeting.

The following change in the constitution was made :

"If a candidate proposed for admission be in any manner maimed, lame, or defective, he shall not be initiated without a dispensation from the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master. The application for such dispensation shall be made by memorial, wherein the defects shall be clearly specified. Any lodge violating this law may have its warrant cancelled or suspended, or be fined or dealt with as Grand Lodge may decide."

QUEENSLAND, 1909.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master we quote :

"Our membership has increased from 1,594 to 1,794, and this despite the fact 123 members called off during the year, 14 died, and 31 were struck off.

"Grand Lodge is aware that we impress on the lodges the duty of not retaining members who are behindhand with their obligations. We may regard our membership therefore as something very real. Our numbers do not exist merely on paper.

"Thirty-eight lodges have been visited during the year. Indeed every lodge which invited a visit from Grand Lodge during the year received it.

"We have made a start with the Widows, Orphans, and Aged Masons Institution, and on 1st December, 1908, there stood to its credit the sum of £1,291, 14s. 6d., of which £1,200 has been invested in the Government Savings Bank at 3 per cent. awaiting a better investment."

The following tells its own story :

"R. Wor. Bro. Lenev, President of the Board of General Purposes, expressed on behalf of the brethren of the Constitution their extreme regret at the approaching termination of the relations which had existed between His Excellency and the members of the Queensland Constitution as their Grand Master. The speaker asked His Excellency's acceptance of a golden claret jug as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the lodges generally, and of an illuminated address from the Grand Lodge. With these mementoes of his connection with the Queensland Constitution he asked His Excellency to accept their heartiest good wishes for his future welfare and happiness.

"The jug bears the following inscription:—'Presented to His Excellency Lord Chelmsford, K. C. M. G., M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Queensland, by the Lodges. Brisbane, May 17, 1900.'

"The address reads as follows:

"To Frederick John Napier Thesiger, Lord Chelmsford, K. C. M. G., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Queensland.

"Dear Sir and Most Worshipful Brother,—The brethren of the Grand Lodge of Queensland desire to convey to you their sincere and fraternal congratulations upon your appointment as Governor of New South Wales. They are fully sensible of the great loss Freemasonry in Queensland will sustain by your removal from this State, but will ever remember with feelings of the deepest gratitude the eminent services you have so freely rendered the Grand Lodge of Queensland while ruling over its destinies as Grand Master. They pray that the Most High may prosper you in your future career, and grant you long life and every happiness."

SCOTLAND, 1909.

We make the following quotations from the several pamphlets before us:

"It was suggested that Grand Secretary be instructed to send a circular to the Provincial Grand Lodges, asking them to take whatever steps they might think necessary to warn the lodges against recognizing the so-called Grand Lodge of Queensland on the occasion of any of its members happening to visit a lodge.

"A petition from certain members of the Scottish Constitution in Natal, forwarded by the District Grand Secretary there, was considered. The petitioners complained chiefly of men coming home on holiday and being accepted for initiation into lodges without proper enquiry. This practice was, in the opinion of the petitioners, detrimental to the best interests of Freemasonry in Natal. The committee expressed sympathy with the petitioners, and resolved to bring the matter before Grand Committee for the information of the home lodges, in the hope that every just ground of complaint may be removed."

Perhaps the Grand Lodge of Scotland will pay some attention to its method of making masons now that one of the lodges under its supervision makes complaint.

At the festival of Saint Andrew:

"The Grand Bard (Brother Alexander Bruce) then recited the following verses which he had composed for the occasion:—

"THE FIVE POINTS,

OR,

MASONIC BROTHERHOOD.

- " Here's a hand, brother, here's a hand
As an earnest of my troth :
By thy side I take my stand,
To support thee never loth.
Together, onward, we shall rise,
United by the purest ties.
- " To run thine errand were my pride,
Nor lag would I what'er betide ;
Though head uncovered, feet unshod,
And dangers lurked where'er I trod.
- " When kneeling at the throne of grace,
Thy needs with mine shall have a place :
My earnest prayer—May God thee bless,
And shelter thee from all distress !
- " Thine inmost thoughts, within my breast
Shall find a sacred place of rest :
As safe thy secret dwells with me
As those that never went from thee.
- " See I thy way with snares beset,
Or perils, looming dark, thee threat ;
A timely warning in thine ear
I'll whisper, or thy pathway clear.
- " If thou'rt assailed with slanderous aim
To wound thy heart, to soil thy fame ;
As 'twere mine own, I'll take thy part,
And drive away each venom'd dart.
So mote it be !"

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1909.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master we quote :

" Let me take this earliest opportunity of thanking the members of this Grand Lodge for having, last night for the twentieth time, by a unanimous vote elected me to be Chief Ruler of the Craft in this jurisdiction. For 25 years I have been Grand Master or Pro Grand Master, and this latest mark of your confidence assures me that to you I am not a 'veteran' who 'lags superfluous' on the stage."

" With our present knowledge it is difficult to understand the doubts which were once entertained as to the lawfulness of the steps taken for consummating Masonic Union in South Australia. The brethren here, relying on the Ancient Landmark of 'the Government of the Fraternity in each country by a Grand Master,' followed the course that was taken in establishing the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and of every country in Europe in which Freemasonry is permitted. We did the same thing as was done in Canada and in all the States of the great American Republic.

"The results of Masonic Union within our territory may be summed up in two words—*Peace with Progress*. We have not been disturbed by controversy, by schism, or by the unhappy quarrels which sometime happen amongst brethren. The absence of self seeking which characterized the leaders in the movement for Masonic Union and which induced some of them resolutely to decline office in order to prevent conflicting claims, manifested a truly masonic spirit which has not yet passed away."

We have received the proceedings of the Lodge of Sorrow held on account of the death of R. W. Bro. James Henry Cunningham, Grand Secretary from April, 1884, to September, 1909. "Brave, kindly, and sincere."

TASMANIA, 1910.

The Board of General Purposes ruled that a Warden must serve twelve months to qualify him for the Master's chair.

The Pro Grand Master in his address says:

"There still exists a friendly rivalry in connection with the work, and the consequence is that really splendid work is carried out by the different lodges, at all times keeping to the ancient landmarks.

"The feeling of the members of the lodges towards each other is friendly, and highly to be commended. Each lodge, by its officers, is striving to spread the beneficent influence of Freemasonry, and inculcating the principal tenets of our profession in the minds and hearts of the brethren."

The following was introduced for action at the next half-yearly communication:

"That it be an instruction to the Grand Secretary to refuse to accept any nomination for Grand Lodge Office from a brother in arrear with previous fee or fees as a Grand Lodge Officer."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1909.

We have carefully read the proceedings of this Grand Lodge and congratulate them upon the success which the work of Masonry is attaining under their guidance and supervision.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is a most interesting and careful review of the proceedings of nearly all jurisdictions, among which is Maine.

CHILE, 1908-9.

We have the official bulletin in Spanish and the Report of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Victor G. Ewing, in English, from which we quote:

"Persistently have we labored in establishing this interchange of Representatives with foreign institutions in the belief that, through this means, our international relations will be extended and the work of Free-

masonry rendered more efficient. We do not do it just to give away titles, but in order to have in every country an official delegate to keep us constantly advised of the progress of our institution in the place he is commissioned, so that we may imitate the good and avoid what is inconvenient. On the other side, through this interchange we secure the services of brethren that, being acquainted with the situation here, may at any time give information regarding the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Chile. It is to be hoped that all of the Powers that nominate and accept Representatives will exchange them with us. Forty-seven years of existence and the purity of our rendering of the Accepted Ancient Scottish Rite are sufficient titles to attain this purpose, which is honest and useful."

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The particular incidents occurring the past year have been the making of President Taft a mason at sight; the conferences of Grand Masters at Philadelphia and Baltimore; the continuance of legislation with regard to intoxicating liquors, and the need of documentary evidence.

Since the Constitution of Ohio recognizes the right of the Grand Master to make masons at sight, there may be no need of any comment on that event. We have copied throughout our report the opinions of many writers.

With one exception the conferences appear to have been taken for what they really were and not that they were to be the forerunner of a General Grand Lodge. It seems to us that some of the most vital questions appertaining to peace and harmony were not discussed. However, in time, all differences may be eliminated and all may recognize the same rights over candidates, and how near to a 'perfect youth' one must be to be eligible for Masonry.

We believe that the matter of legislation upon the eligibility of a candidate should be left to the lodge. The tendency appears to be that this matter and many others should be controlled by law enacted by the Grand Lodge.

ALBRO E. CHASE, *for the Committee.*

② Appendix ②

Report • on • Correspondence.

~ 1911 ~

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of the State of Maine :*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report :

ALABAMA, 1910.

Four hundred and seven lodges were represented at the Annual Communication. The number of chartered lodges working in obedience to the Grand Lodge is 501.

Grand Representatives, who are absent from three consecutive annual communications, are reported by the Grand Secretary. The Grand Jurisdiction issuing the commission is requested to revoke the same. Under this ruling thirteen delinquents were found, and of these one was from Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Lawrence H. Lee, whose portrait is given, in the introduction to his address gives us some well worded, beautiful thoughts on the subject, Masonry.

He issued thirteen dispensations for new lodges; many dispensations for many other purposes, of which we have no knowledge in Maine; reports the laying of eight corner-stones and the constitution of two lodges; and, although apologizing for the practice, he granted fifty-two dispensations to confer degrees out of time.

Anent the trouble about the recognition of New Jersey, because of the negro lodge therein, he says :

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"I beg to report that I have made the inquiries, ascertained the conditions to be as stated, and decided to take no action to disturb the fraternal relations now existing between the Grand Jurisdictions."

and wisely adds:

"If our proud boast be true that Masonry is universal (and the writer is firmly convinced that it is,) then its viewpoint is necessarily as broad and universal. From this viewpoint, the objection to continuing fraternal relations for the reason stated is untenable, because based upon a racial and social prejudice, or at least a racial and social distinction. While this prejudice or distinction is as firmly grounded in the writer as in any other living man, I am of the opinion that it should not be allowed to bias our judgment or control our actions in matters affecting the rights of others, who may conscientiously entertain other views."

Of his decisions we quote the following, which overrules one of his former decisions:

"The song 'Nearer, My God, to thee,' is not non-sectarian masonically speaking, although non-sectarian as far as all denominations professing Christ are concerned."

A model form of by-laws for subordinate lodges was presented by the Committee on By-Laws.

The issuance of bonds to the amount of fifty thousand dollars secured by mortgage on the property was authorized, and the proceeds are to be used in the building of a Masonic Home.

Masonic districts, twenty in number, were made, and District Lecturers are to be appointed with certain powers. This is similar to our provision of District Deputy Grand Masters, but the power and duties of the District Lecturer are less.

Many amendments to the constitution, based upon the recommendations of the Grand Master, were presented, to be acted upon by the several lodges during the year.

Bro. William Y. Titcomb presented another delightful and readable Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Kansas we read:

"If we may be pardoned for saying so, we would like to see the Grand Lodge of Kansas, and every other Grand Lodge in the United States issue peremptory orders for the destruction of every copy—printed or written—of the symbolic ritual. Could that be done and all the books be gathered together we would nominate M. W. Bro. H. H. Ingersoll of Tennessee, to apply the torch. What a holocaust that would be, and how the vendors and peddlers of masonic rituals, would howl because of the unsalableness of their wares."

Maine for 1910 is fraternally reviewed.

Quoting from Bro. Berry's report about the neglect of secretaries to make returns, he says:

"We would respectfully ask delinquent, or careless secretaries in Maine, Alabama, and the other Grand Jurisdictions, the question, 'Why put

the Grand Secretary to unnecessary trouble?' By your failure to promptly and accurately make your returns, you tempt that hard-working official to utter language not fit for Sunday school use."

Under Missouri, of the "liquor question";

"We fail to perceive the distinction existing between decisions two and three. The former ruling permits the 'stable foreman of a brewery' to become a mason, while the latter shuts out 'the superintendent or foreman of a brewery.' Are not both men employes of the brewery company?"

"Still, as to this liquor question, as well as to other questions, we are not so sure that the ballot-box is not the best place to decide such matters."

A further consideration will satisfy him that "the ballot box" is the safest place to settle the matter.

Under Texas he says of the P. M. degree:

"The writer's opinion is, that if the Past Master degree has any rightful place, that place is Symbolic Masonry, and when the degree is conferred on a Master-elect, only actual Past Masters should participate. Virtual P. M.'s have no business there. Further, the degree conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter should not be accepted as a qualification of the Master-elect of a blue lodge."

ALBERTA, 1910.

An address of welcome was delivered by the Mayor of the City of Calgary, to which fitting response was made by the Senior Warden of Camrose Lodge.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John T. MacDonald, whose portrait appears, we quote:

"Our last annual report showed a membership enrollment of two thousand five hundred and thirty-nine, and the net increase at December 27, 1909, the end of our fiscal year, amounts to about one-sixth, or seventeen per cent. and we have every reason to believe that in the interim, because of the faithful work done by the lodges and Masters, the report of next year will show a very much larger percentage of increase."

Proper respect was paid to the memory of King Edward the Seventh and the Fraternal Dead.

He visited every one of the fifty-three lodges during the year and received marked attention; reported one lodge instituted, one constituted, the dedication of three Masonic Temples, the laying of corner-stones, and a few dispensations.

From his conclusion we quote:

"In the achievement of practical work we have many lodges instituting club rooms and placing them at the disposal of their entire membership. This gives an opportunity to young men, those who have no homes

in this jurisdiction, whose parents live in other lands, to spend their leisure hours under proper environment; thus Freemasonry is doing her part in making life safer and better for many of the young men of our Province."

The District Deputy Grand Masters submitted reports of the several lodges under their supervision.

The Swiss Grand Lodge, Alpina, was recognized.

No Report on Correspondence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1910.

Fine portraits of M. W. Bro. Angus McKeown, Grand Master in 1890, of M. W. Bro. William Downie, Grand Master in 1892, of M. W. Bro. Harry N. Rich, Grand Master in 1909, and of W. Bro. R. E. Brett, Grand Secretary, grace the proceedings.

The Grand Representative for Maine was not present at the annual communication.

Words of welcome to the M. W. Grand Lodge were spoken by the Mayor of Cranbrook, where the communication was held.

After a brief introduction the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. H. N. Rich, mentions the dead and reports his "rulings." Among which was one to the effect that the Order of the Eastern Star could not hold its meetings in a Masonic Hall.

The Deputy Grand Master submitted a short address of his doings.

The District Deputy Grand Masters also presented full reports of their doings.

Five hundred dollars was voted to the Anti-Tuberculosis Society at Tranquille.

Bro. W. A. DeWolf-Smith submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence. Commenting upon a circular of instructions prepared by the Board of General Purpose of Alberta to be used in the examination of visitors, he says:

"Can you beat that? The visitor is to be asked for documentary evidence—but documentary evidence is not essential. He is to be given an examination on the nature, aims, objects and symbolism of the Institution, together with a rigid examination on the work of the degrees—that is, enough to satisfy the examining committee that he is entitled to recognition. We fancy that in practice these committees will be easily satisfied as to 'the nature, aims, objects and symbolism' of Freemasonry, and that the examination will, as heretofore, come to this, that the visitor must 'prove to the entire satisfaction of the committee' that he 'is entitled to masonic recognition.'"

Maine for 1909 was one of the fortunate few proceedings that reached Bro. Smith in time for notice.

He says:

"The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia having decided that when a lodge trial results in acquittal of the accused, an appeal may be taken to the Grand Lodge, Brother Chase thinks that under such circumstances no appeal should be allowed unless because of irregularities connected with the trial. We cannot agree with him here, for one of the rights of every mason, a right which no Grand Lodge has yet ventured to abrogate, is the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge, the ultimate masonic authority."

CALIFORNIA, 1910.

Eight days before the annual communication M. W. Bro. William Frank Pierce was summoned to the celestial lodge above. His address, his last official act, was read by M. W. Dana R. Weller, Grand Master by succession. His was a brief introduction, and then he passed to the mention of the dead; submitted thanks of the Grand Lodge of Florida for the money sent at the time of the Key West disaster; announced the transmission of five hundred dollars for the relief of those brethren who suffered from the flooding of Paris; reports a gratifying prosperity to the Fraternity throughout his entire jurisdiction, with a net increase in membership of nearly twenty-seven hundred members.

The treatment of brethren in distress and of those in sickness received intelligent discussion.

Six lodges were constituted and thirteen dispensations were issued for new lodges.

He spoke of the hospital connected with the Masonic Home as follows:

"This beautiful, modern, commodious, and necessary structure is the gift of V. W. Bro. Edward Coleman, Grand Treasurer, at a cost of over \$40,000.00. For years the Trustees have been reporting to the Grand Lodge that a hospital was necessary in order to properly conduct the institution, and the Fraternity undoubtedly is deeply indebted to Brother Coleman for this splendid donation, and in years to come, as our masons, their widows and orphans receive the care which otherwise they could not have, Brother Coleman will be remembered with gratitude and affection."

Interesting reports of the Trustees and Superintendent of the Masonic Home were presented.

The Board of Relief of the City of San Francisco report the payment of \$66.50 for the relief of brethren from Maine, and that Bros. J. P. Crane and Horace W. Starrett, of St. George's Lodge, No. 16, were buried with masonic honors.

The Board of Relief of Los Angeles report the expenditure of \$184.25 for the relief of brethren from Maine and the receipt of \$150.00 from Maine.

Oakland reports relief of fifty dollars to one case in Maine; Sacramento reports the burial with masonic honors of Bro. George H. Piper of Sebasticook Lodge.

The following general regulation was proposed :

"No lodge shall confer a degree at the request of, and on behalf of a lodge belonging to the jurisdiction of any other Grand Lodge, unless the request of such lodge be attested by the Grand Secretary of such jurisdiction and bear the seal of such Grand Lodge attached."

This is much better than the method required in some jurisdictions' whereby all correspondence must go through the office of the Grand Masters, yet it is questionable whether such a regulation is required.

W. Charles A. Allen delivered the annual oration upon "Masonry in Business and Politics."

We quote :

"I care not how far, nor with what speed he may have progressed in the Fraternity. He may be so well provided with the world's goods that he may have been able to pay for degrees enough to make him what the ignorant term 'A high mason'; he may be privileged to wear on his fob the Cross of Malta, or the Double Eagle, and in the lapel of his coat, the scimitar and claws; he may be a Thrice Illustrious Prince, a Sovereign Master or an Imperial Potentate,—but if he be a Grocer, and sell sand for sugar, he is not a mason;—if he be a Tailor, and for wool, sell shoddy, he is not a mason;—if he be a Lawyer, and instigate and encourage litigation, or otherwise attempt to obtain a benefit for himself at the expense of his client, or by improper methods, a benefit for his client to which, under the law, he is not entitled, he is not a mason;—if he be an employer of labor, and take an unfair advantage of the poverty and distress of those who must hire to him, he is not a mason;—if he be an employee and fail in the duty expressed in the quaint language of the ancient charges, 'truly to see and work for the advantage' of him by whom he is employed, he is not a mason.

"Whatever may be his trade, occupation or profession, if he does not in his business transactions, deal fairly, honestly and justly with all men, he is as much an impostor as though he had never been received into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. He is not only false to himself, and faithless to his vows, but he brings upon the craft shame and reproach."

The Special Committee made an exhaustive report on the status of Masonry in the Philippine Islands.

Bro, Edward H. Hart presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Connecticut we read :

"Dispensations to lodges for the purpose of attending divine service at some sectarian church is a form of exercise of Grand Master's prerogative that is generally viewed with disfavor by masonic jurists. Masons individually may well be encouraged to attend divine service at such churches as their individual preferences may lead them to; but it is scarcely in accordance with masonic principles for lodges to visit in a body under a dispensation from the Grand Master some sectarian church, which may represent the individual views of only a portion of the membership, and if dispensations are issued to a lodge to attend divine service, for instance, at the Presbyterian Church upon a certain Sunday, consistency and a due regard for the individual views of certain

of the members would indicate the propriety of attending service at a Jewish Synagogue on a following Saturday."

Under Louisiana he concisely states the conditions for recognition of Grand Lodges:

"Practically all of our American Grand Lodges have insisted as conditions precedent to the recognition of a Grand Lodge, that it shall clearly establish its legitimacy; i. e. that it shall have sprung originally from a Grand Lodge recognized as regular; secondly, that it shall confine itself strictly to the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry; thirdly, that it shall recognize the Ancient Landmarks, and among these is an unequivocal belief in the Supreme Being, and, fourthly, that it shall be a Sovereign and Independent Body, not recognizing allegiance to any other Supreme Body or Council; and according to these standards, very few, if any, of the so-called Grand Orients, or Supreme Councils, upon the Continent of Europe, or so-called Orients or Councils in Central and Southern American States, are entitled to recognition as Masonic Grand Lodges, and if recognition as Grand Lodges is to be founded, as stated in the above resolutions, upon the 'fundamental principles of morality, brotherly love, relief and truth and the Brotherhood of Man' then the so-called Grand Lodges of colored masons, springing from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, are entitled to recognition, as well as an innumerable brood of other alleged masonic bodies. All of which is contrary to the well defined judgment of our most eminent masonic jurists."

Maine for 1909 is mentioned.

California mourns the loss of its Grand Master, W. Frank Pierce, who died October 3, 1910. From his eulogy by Bro. Charles L. Patton, we quote:

"According to Rob. Morris, the seventh unalterable landmark of Freemasonry is that personal worth and merit are the basis of official worth and merit. Our lamented Brother's career among us affords a striking exemplification of the truth of this landmark. Never personally seeking office, never asking support for this or that dignity or honor; from the very beginning of his career the office sought the man, and from small opportunities given him to work in the field of Masonry his brethren gradually entrusted him with the highest and most difficult tasks of the Order. Never was he found wanting. Every position he filled well and acceptably. Never from the first did he fail to give freely, and without stint the best that was in him to the service of his brethren."

CANADA, 1910.

A welcome to Belleville, the place of meeting, was extended by the Mayor, to which the Grand Master replied.

One hundred forty-one lodges were not represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Daniel Fraser Macwatt, whose portrait appears in the proceedings, in his address tells us of the prosperity

of the Grand Lodge, its increase in numbers, in wealth, and in its power for benevolence.

His was a busy year with official visitations, thirty-six in number, and with attendance upon Lodges of Instruction. Eighteen of the twenty-two districts saw the Grand Master.

He discusses the advisability of a change in the constitution limiting the membership of the Grand Lodge. As it is now, all Past Masters become members of the Grand Lodge, and although more than one-third of the lodges were not represented, there was a total of 1,192 votes present. He would have the membership of the Grand Lodge on lines similar to those of Maine.

He reports invasion of territory of Grand Lodges and recommends the adoption of a law governing residence.

There were many cases of disciplining lodges and members for him to consider; all of these received careful attention and were settled in a manner satisfactory to the Grand Lodge.

Of granting dispensations to attend church he says:

"Indeed, I am inclined to the opinion of several Grand Masters of sister Grand Lodges that church processions should not be allowed. They often engender religious quarrels as to the church where the service shall be held. This should be a good reason in itself. But I have noticed that many members appear on the streets in regalia on such occasions, who never, or hardly ever, enter a lodge, and in several cases some are very prominent in the procession, who could safely have been kept out of our ranks."

Discussing the personnel of District Deputy Grand Masters he says:

"I need hardly impress on the brethren that the one elected to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, which is a very important one, should be thoroughly qualified for the position. The fact that a lodge has never been honored by having one of its members elected as the representative of the Grand Master in the district, is not a sufficient reason for such an election.

"If a small lodge has a properly qualified brother for the position, that brother has as much right to be so elected as the brother from a large lodge. Qualification for the office should be the test. But lodge membership is not the criterion, ability to rule and act with the necessary knowledge, as a properly qualified leader is essential."

He very fully discusses the Semi-Centennial Benevolence Fund, and as it appears to us stands on very dangerous ground when he advocates an amendment to the constitution to make lodges assess each member who has not paid his quota, and if the member does not pay, then deal with him as he would be dealt with for the non-payment of dues.

A most delightful and pleasing way to raise money for charitable purposes—masonic, too, is it? Be charitable any way, whether you can afford it or not, and if you cannot pay, then get out. To be sure the time may come when you will be poor and needy, then you will receive a return.

He ordered one lodge to have the Order of the Eastern Star cease its meetings within the lodge room and hoped that in cases where there is joint occupancy with other organizations either the lodge would oust them, or, if too poor to continue without the aid of the rent, the lodge better surrender its charter.

His rulings need no especial comment.

In reading this address we are impressed with the idea that a Grand Master would better keep the details of his troublous lodges and recalcitrant members in the background. If laws need amending, because of their remissness, propositions to that end may be made, and discussion which may introduce harmful and perhaps illegal practices may appear, but discussions are not printed in the most of proceedings.

The District Deputy Grand Masters in their reports show that they gave especial attention to the dedications of halls, the collection of the semi-centennial fund, and the general condition of Masonry in the lodges. We are led to ask whether or not a hall used for masonic purposes if it was not duly dedicated, could not be used by the Order of the Eastern Star or any other organization?

From the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry we quote one paragraph which needs to be read thoughtfully:

"Your Board notes the increasing number of 'special nights,' held especially in city districts, such as Canadian Night, Irish Night, Birthday Night, Military Night, Ladies' Night and so on. From an educative point of view and showing how close is the touch between human progress and the spirit of the age with Masonry, these auspicious occasions are most commendable, but it is hoped that the stable fabric and quiet dignity of the Craft gatherings will not be honey-combed by too many dramatic or emotional features, and that the brethren will not be led to prefer rhetoric to reason, or pageant to preparation and the ways of peace. An annual celebration, however, may be made a stimulus, a leaven of good comradeship, a contribution to empire building."

Touching the Semi-Centennial Fund already mentioned, we find in the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address the following:

"The committee, however, must very deferentially express their doubt as to the expediency or advisability of adopting any basis of subscription to this fund that is not absolutely voluntary in its nature."

Bro. A. T. Freed submitted the Report on Correspondence.

We introduce him as he introduced himself:

"For some years Bro. Robertson's health has not been in a satisfactory state, and he had repeatedly asked to be relieved from duty, but was prevailed upon to remain in harness till last summer, when he visited the Pacific coast in hope of benefit. Under these circumstances the Board of General Purposes, at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, asked the present writer to take up the pen laid down by our distinguished and able Past Grand Master, whose reports have given so much evidence of ability and industry, and have been so favorably received throughout the masonic world."

We shall miss the writings of M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, who had faithfully and learnedly served the Grand Lodge twenty-seven years in all. We welcome M. W. Bro. Freed to the "Round Table."

In the introduction a full and instructive statement on "Masonic Benevolence" appears. Among his conclusions is this paragraph:

"Looking at the question from every side, it is probable that the system of benevolence adopted in Canada is, considering the means at our disposal, the best that can be devised. It keeps families together as much as possible; it does not pauperize the recipients of the bounty: it costs less than a home would cost; and it distributes the burden, with a reasonable approach to equity, among the members of the craft throughout the jurisdiction."

Maine for 1909 is reviewed.

M. W. Bro. Alexander A. Stevenson, Grand Master in 1868-'70 died April 9, 1910.

"He was kindly, sympathetic and generous, and he was always honored by his brethren."

COLORADO, 1910.

One hundred twelve of the one hundred eighteen lodges were represented at the annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George W. Musser, in the introduction to his address says:

"It is, therefore, with profound gratitude that I can report that among the Craft in this jurisdiction peace prevails, prosperity abounds, and, above all, a spirit that makes for good, for sound morals, for sturdy, rugged manhood radiates from our masonic lodges, aiding, strengthening and ennobling everything that comes in contact with it."

Two lodges were constituted and dispensations were granted for four new lodges.

It required nearly three pages to enumerate the several requests received and asked for, so that degrees might be conferred in other jurisdictions. Who can tell in what jurisdiction this absurd method started? If the method is to prevail why should not the correspondence go through the Grand Representatives? Are they not the accredited ones to present the asked for privilege? Why should not the Grand Representative for Maine (for instance) appear on bended knee before the Grand Master of Colorado and proffer the written request that —— lodge of Colorado confer the F. C. degree upon Bro. John Doe of —— lodge of Maine? And then why should not reply be made, "It shall be done"? As it is

now, the Grand Master would reply after this fashion : " Your petition, so graciously presented, is gratefully received, but before granting your request I must take time to deliberate, and you may call in ten days to receive my answer," meaning thereby, that he will write to — lodge to see if such action would be agreeable to them. Oh, how wonderful are the works of *man's* creation.

The routine business of the office was most carefully attended to, as appears by the address. His decisions were few and in accord with the practice in Maine.

We quote what he says about the " Grand Lecturer ":

" During the year, under the system adopted at our last communication, the Grand Lecturer has been constantly at work looking into the condition of lodges and instructing them in the work. On five different occasions he has made special investigations on the ground for the Grand Master. He has made very full and detailed monthly reports during the year. These reports reveal that some of the lodges, through misapprehension, have habitually done things that are contrary to the law. The more prevalent things of this nature is in the use of receipts for dues, forms of petitions and procedure with reference to the report of investigating committees. In such instances the Grand Lecturer fully instructed the brethren with reference to matters of this kind, which he discovered by careful investigation. He has also found that there is a considerable lack of uniformity in the work owing to the fact that so many of our brethren came originally from other and different jurisdictions. The constant work of a Grand Lecturer will in time correct all these matters. The results of the constant employment of a Grand Lecturer as first tried by our Grand Lodge during the year just closed have justified the action taken at the last annual communication to pay the Grand Lecturer such a sum for his per diem and expenses as would permit him to devote his entire time to the work."

In his report the Grand Lecturer says :

" Your Grand Lecturer respectfully reports that he has visited every community in Colorado in which a masonic lodge is held ; has inspected the condition of every lodge in this jurisdiction, and given instructions to the officers and members of one hundred and fifteen lodges ; has examined the officers of five lodges applying for dispensations to organize ; and has made five special investigations of lodges at the request of the Grand Master ; and in so doing has traveled over 16,000 miles by railroad and 500 miles by stage, or, approximately, 17,000 miles ; all at a total cost to this lodge of \$2,103.19."

The following resolution was adopted :

" *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge prohibit the use by any one of any 'key' while opening or closing a lodge or conferring the degrees, or while posting a candidate ; and that the Grand Lecturer be instructed to insert in the receipts for these 'keys' words of this import : ' I hereby agree not to use this 'key' in the lodge room during the opening or closing of the lodge or while conferring the degree, or while posting a candidate."

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf submitted the Report on Correspondence. Maine for 1909 is reviewed.

From his conclusion we quote :

" We regret to announce that affairs in the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico are in a very disturbed condition, the Mexican members of the same, having been disappointed in securing control of the offices, openly rebelled and seceded, and have set up a Grand Lodge of their own. Brother W. H. Seamon writes us that there is some hope of a compromise. At present writing, matters are in a very bad state, which we most sincerely regret, as we were instrumental in securing recognition from our Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge celebrated its fiftieth anniversary this year and the proceedings thereat are given us in this book before us. The program as presented is full of Music, Poetry and Art in the way of addresses. We make a few extracts from the addresses, but every bit of them is entertaining, instructive reading.

The historical address, which is very complete, and has the portraits of nearly all the Past Grand Masters, was by Bro. Charles H. Jackson, the Grand Secretary. We quote :

" Its history proves that back of all undertakings, back of all organizations and associations will be found men, strong, forceful, dominating men; men who think, who act, who do. It was men of this kind and this character who conceived the idea of forming masonic lodges in the Territory of Colorado. It was such men who built up its membership and established for it a character second to none, and by God's grace, will continue to make of Colorado Masonry a synonym for all that is upright, true, beautiful and good.

" If the full history of Colorado shall ever be written, it will be found that great credit is due to the Masonic Institution, guided and controlled by the wisest and most skillful pilots that have ever graced the East of any land."

We think the poem by Bro. Greenleaf should be read by all :

" Tonight our Grand Lodge celebrates its Golden Jubilee,
Though weight of years is on its brow, its face is fair to see,
No marks of strife or bitter hate, but those of love we trace,
Its hand outstretched where'er it may prove helpful to the race;
While unto Truth it steadfast clings, as masons e'er are taught,
And thus with Love, Relief and Truth, its sure foundation wrought,
With purpose firm and resolute, the grand design in view,
From feeble, first beginnings thus to stately stature grew,
Till now, where'er the craft is known, 'tis honored by its peers,
And well may we with joy acclaim, its work of fifty years.

" Turn we our thoughts to early days, when o'er the stretching plains,
The long procession wound its way of white-topped wagon-trains,
Bearing brave souls to this new land, the mecca of their hopes,
Where wealth was found along the streams and on the mountain slopes,
An army vast, together drawn, by Gold's all-potent spell,
Which stirs such fever in the blood; its quest alone may quell.
As hither surged the restless throng, they wandered far and wide,
Their settlements in valleys and on many a mountain side—
All types and classes of mankind, 'mong whom e'er long was had
The struggle for supremacy between the good and bad.

"'Twas then each mason knew his place, although as such unknown,
 Nor rested 'till the right prevailed and wrong was overthrown.
 No lodge was here, but brethren true were leaders in the van
 Of each forced march of progress for the betterment of man,
 For Order out of Chaos and from darkness unto light,
 Hath ever been the teaching that a mason cannot slight,
 And where a voice must needs be raised, his lips can ne'er be dumb,
 Whose course is ever guided by the lesson of the plumb,
 Though well they served the common weal, the world may never know
 The silent force of Masonry those many years ago.
 Such was the sturdy nucleus of lodges yet to be:
 Of those which formed our Grand Lodge, Time hath spared but one
 of three,

That all is well that endeth well, there was convincing proof
 When lodges their adherence gave which first had stood aloof,
 And strengthened thus, with sovereign power and undisputed sway,
 Its course hath e'er been onward as it stands revealed to-day.
 In a hundred eighteen lodges, Lo: The Mystic lights now shine,
 And fourteen thousand craftsmen work with level, square and line;
 O'er such a consummation, how the founders' hearts would glow,
 Who builded wiser than they knew, just fifty years ago.

"To all who in these fifty years have toiled with heart and brain,
 Give honor and full meed of praise, and then, in softened strain,
 Recall the tender memories of those now passed from sight,
 And who, perchance, in spirit form, are with us here to-night;
 For in the Temple Beautiful, where living stones are set,
 The lives thus builded in its walls no mason can forget.
 Our work through all the centuries, for which we strive and plan,
 Is still the goal of human hope—the Brotherhood of Man—
 Though war, revenge, oppression, wrong, their baleful shadows cast;
 Lo! Love shall prove triumphant yet, and circle earth at last."

DELAWARE, 1910.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edward B. Mode, whose portrait graces the proceedings, in his address says:

"I have not sought great reforms nor display of authority, considering that the duty of Grand Master was as that of a brother of the Fraternity and not as an absolute ruler of Delaware masons."

Special communications were held for the laying of corner stones.

We have read more or less about the "circumlocution office," meaning that all correspondence between lodges must be through Grand Masters, and among other foreign correspondence given by Grand Master Mode, we note that:

"At the request of Lafayette Lodge, No. 14, I asked the R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania to permit Lucius H. Scott Lodge, No. 359, of Chester, Pa., to take charge of and perform the burial service in accordance with masonic custom over the remains of our late brother, William H. Meyers, a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 14, and who resided at Marcus Hook, Pa."

So glad that the places in these two jurisdictions were so near each other. What might have happened had one Grand Master been away for twenty-four hours, or had one refused to grant the request? If the mail was used it took at least seven letters, and was the first communication endorsed after the style of army communications from its inception to its consummation? And yet the combined wisdom at Baltimore agreed that lodges ought not communicate with each other, but have all correspondence pass through the office of Grand Master. Does it add to the dignity of the Grand Master to become clerk to the lodges?

From the account of his visitations to sister jurisdictions we quote:

"While on a vacation this summer I happened to spend a few hours, August 29th, in Portland, Maine. That day the Grand Lodge of Maine was laying the corner stone of a magnificent six story Temple that they are building. I visited their lodge room, meeting the M. W. Grand Master, the Rev. Ashley A. Smith, and Past Grand Master Edmund B. Mallet, the latter several of you well know. I was warmly welcomed and conveyed to them our fraternal good wishes on the success of their undertaking."

According to their law a rejected candidate once in their net is always there, and the net is open to receive the rejected candidates of other jurisdictions. We quote:

"A candidate was rejected by our lodge; he now claims Washington, D. C., as his permanent home and has asked this lodge to release him, which was refused; he now petitions this lodge again for initiation and membership. Is he still the property of this lodge and can his petition be received?"

"My reply was, that according to our law of perpetual jurisdiction, the candidate is our material until released and your lodge should entertain his petition, even if he has lived out of the state over a year."

"June 27, 1910, St. John's Lodge, No. 2, desired to know if they could entertain the petition of one who has been rejected in a jurisdiction holding only territorial jurisdiction."

"My answer was: That as they hold jurisdiction only so long as the petitioner resides within their jurisdiction, I fail to see any objection to your lodge acting upon such a petition and conferring the degrees of Masonry upon the candidate if elected, providing he has resided in your jurisdiction the required time, and I understand in this matter he has complied with our law."

The Grand Master recommended:

"That the Grand Lodge so amend its laws as to change our time of jurisdiction from perpetual to a term of five years jurisdiction over rejected material, from the date of rejection, the applicant having left the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and gained a lawful residence in another jurisdiction."

"The rejecting lodge to hold perpetual jurisdiction if the applicant remains in the jurisdiction or having left the jurisdiction and returned to it without having become a mason, he becomes the property of the original lodge."

But the recommendation was turned down.

He advocates the building of a Masonic Home.

The Jurisprudence Committee made the following report which was adopted:

"We do not approve of the action of the Grand Master in the decision given St. John's Lodge, as it conflicts with our law: 'A person who has been rejected in another jurisdiction cannot apply in this jurisdiction, no matter how long he may have resided in it, without he has a release from the lodge which rejected him. The release must accompany the petition.'"

By a resolution adopted, the status of jurisdiction is herein set forth:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge hold territorial jurisdiction only over rejected material; the rejecting lodges to hold perpetual jurisdiction if the applicant resides in the jurisdiction or having left the jurisdiction and returning to it, without having become a member of the fraternity, the original lodge reassumes jurisdiction."

Bro. L. H. Jackson presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1910 received his attention.

Under West Virginia we read:

"Among decisions we find the following:

"'A Fellow Craft who allowed a year to elapse before applying for advancement, pending which he lost his leg, is ineligible to receive the Master's degree.'

"We are not inclined to criticize decisions, generally, but in this case think it would have been more charitable and no detriment to Masonry to have allowed the brother to complete his masonic career as a Master Mason. In our opinion the question of physical qualification applies strictly and unalterably to a candidate at the time of his being 'made a mason.' If he should meet with misfortune afterward, not too serious to prevent him from learning Masonry and making himself known as a mason, he should be allowed to complete his course and enjoy the knowledge and benefits of a Master Mason. We are inclined to charity always."

GEORGIA, 1910.

Upon opening these proceedings the genial and pleasing features of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry Banks, and of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. George M. Napier, appear before us.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present at the annual communication.

Before the delivering of the address the Grand Master presented, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, a gold jewel to the Grand Treasurer, who had attended the Grand Lodge for thirty years, and to Past Grand Master, Dr. James W. Taylor, who had answered to his name for the fiftieth time, a beautiful Past Grand Master's apron.

After the brief introduction to his address, the Grand Master reverently

mentions the dead of sister jurisdictions, and especially mentions the death of R. W. Bro. Charles P. Gordon, Past Deputy Grand Master of Georgia.

He very wisely discusses the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, saying:

"If we use our finances as we should, and the need should arise for more, there would be no difficulty in obtaining the money we need from men of means, but managing our finances as we do, if we approached a business man for a donation to our Home he would at once ask, 'What is your income?' and we would reply, '\$35,000.00 per annum.' He will then ask, 'how do you dispose of it?' Why should you need more with such a yearly income as that?' When we reply that 'we pay out to the Grand Officers, Masters and Past Masters more than \$19,000.00 for a three day's session of this Grand Lodge,' we will go from him empty handed. Sentiment is a good thing, but let us attend to the business interest of the Grand Lodge in a business way."

The Masonic Home needs additions for its successful work. There is in sight about \$7,500. How shall the balance be raised? Here is his plan, which we quote for its novelty:

"I believe that if this Grand Lodge will charter a lodge at the Home, to be known as the Masonic Home Lodge, and permit dual membership, so far as this lodge is concerned only, that every mason, or almost every one, would readily and gladly become a member of it. Let a certificate be issued and furnished each lodge in the state to be filled out by the Secretary of the lodge, as many certificates to each lodge as there are members of it, and upon the payment of fifty cents by a brother, let the Secretary of the lodge furnish him with the certificate or diploma, certifying that he is a member of The Masonic Home Lodge. I feel sure by this method we would raise more than the amount we need for improvement, at the Home."

He made one hundred and six visitations and in doing so traveled many miles and best of all:

"And always and everywhere, save once, I have been met with a generous and hearty welcome. I have found true masons around the banquet table of the rich, and as true about the humble board of the poor. The simple fare of the one has been so seasoned by genuine welcome friendship and brotherly love, that it has tasted as sweet to the palate as the rare, rich viands spread by the profuse hand of brothers more richly blessed with worldly goods; for you may travel the wide world over, from the cold and frozen regions of the North to where the tropics bathe in the sunlight of perpetual summer; among the rich and learned or among the poor and unlettered—wherever you find the square you find a brother."

He rendered seventy-eight decisions, of which all but five were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

One of these was the following:

"Ques.: The Worshipful Master removes from jurisdiction permanently; office declared vacant; an election ordered. Can the Senior Warden be elected Worshipful Master?"

"Ans.: No. He cannot resign or dimit. He holds the office until his successor is elected and installed.

"Your committee recommends that this ruling be disapproved, as the Senior Warden is eligible to the position of Worshipful Master, should a vacancy occur, and the provision stating that a Senior Warden cannot resign or dimit, during his term, does not apply to the case stated."

We ask who declared the office vacant?

We quote:

"An Entered Apprentice stands examination for advancement; he is elected. A member objects to the degree being conferred. Can the lodge proceed to confer the degree?

"I ruled: Objection stops candidate until objection is withdrawn. This rule applies to all three."

This may be the law in Georgia, but not in Maine. We hold that charges should be made and trial had, for as a mason he should not be treated as a profane. Objection holds before the degree of E. A. is conferred.

Bearing upon this decision and showing that some brother was a little uneasy, we have the following:

"Ques.: If an Entered Apprentice is not worthy to advance is he worthy to remain an Entered Apprentice, and can the one who blackballed him fellowship him as an Entered Apprentice?

"Ans.: That is for the one who cast the blackball to decide, and is nobody's business."

We quote one more:

"Ques.: Can a lodge confer the degrees upon a man who has moved out of its jurisdiction?

"Ans.: Held a lodge has jurisdiction over all material until that material has resided for twelve months under some other jurisdiction and can confer the degrees upon any material over whom it would have to waive jurisdiction."

We cannot understand this decision. If it is right, when, then, does "the other jurisdiction" obtain its claim over such material? How can it be that A, who permanently leaves Georgia to-day and moves to Maine, is under the control of Georgia for the next twelve months? And if so, when shall Maine begin to date its control? No, when A left Georgia, Georgia lost control over him, never to regain it unless A returned to live in Georgia, and Maine obtains no jurisdiction over A until he has been in Maine twelve months.

Dispensations were granted for fifteen new lodges and many dispensations for other purposes.

In his address, also, are beautiful thoughts ably expressed, upon the subject of Masonry.

The returns made by the lodges are very unsatisfactory. A good change was made in that the Committee on Returns is to be composed of five members whose terms of office are to be five years each.

Bro. A. Q. Moody submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1910 is fraternally reviewed.

From his conclusion we quote :

"Most Grand Lodges have declared, if an applicant can conform to the requirements of the ritual, he is eligible to the degrees, while Pennsylvania and perhaps a few others have decreed that a man, who otherwise might serve physically as a model for the Apollo Belvidere, if he has six toes on one foot, is unfit to be a mason.

"The Grand Lodges are pretty evenly divided on the question of recognizing Grand Orient.

"Some declare that we must be exceedingly liberal in our treatment of all bodies bearing the name of Masonry. Others express the belief that Grand Orient is not independent sovereign bodies, supreme in authority, but that they derive their powers from a Supreme Council, and that, therefore, they are not of equal dignity with a Grand Lodge."

IDAHO, 1910.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George F. Gagon, in his address, thus pays his respects to one of the established customs of Grand Lodges :

"A number of Grand Representatives have been appointed. In this respect, I have yet to learn the object of the appointment of Grand Representatives, the position being merely honorary, and, so far as I can discern, the honor is so limited as to be practically imperceptible. The custom appears to have originated only to confer upon certain members an empty title."

Of his decisions, we quote :

"Q. May an entered apprentice mason inform his family or other persons, not masons, that he has taken the first degree of Masonry ?

"A. I believe it not only the right, but the duty of a man to inform his family that he has taken degrees in Masonry, and, as to other persons, I know of no law regarding secrecy relative to such matters. The fact that a person has taken degrees in Masonry, is certainly an honor to him and, if he is worthy, it is likewise a credit to the fraternity and particularly to the lodge wherein he receives the degrees. I believe if a person is asked by a profane if he had taken degrees in Masonry, that it will be far more honorable for him to say yes, than to endeavor to evade the question, or make a false statement. But there are objections to the boastful proclaiming of such information to the world or in promiscuously advertising the same to the public."

The address is complete with the many matters which came before the Grand Master, and shows that he was attentive to his duties and willing to answer to all the calls upon his time and patience, but there appears to be nothing of general interest in his doings.

There appears, by the reports of committees, to be some difference of opinion about the work in Idaho, and the method and means for promulgating and protecting the same.

A large amount of business, purely local, was done.

Bro. George E. Knepper presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Indian Territory, considering cipher rituals, he says:

"The only difference between Idaho and other Grand Jurisdictions is the fact that an official cipher has been placed in the hands of the brethren by order of the Grand Lodge, thus doing away to a certain extent at least with the harmful commercial cipher. We do not wish to make any charges which we cannot fully substantiate, but we wish to say in this connection that we have been active in masonic work in six different Grand Jurisdictions; in one lodge which we visited we saw fifteen commercial ciphers distributed by the Secretary of the lodge in one evening; in another jurisdiction we noted the fact that every officer had a copy of this cipher and was using it in the discharge of his official duties, as occasion seemed to require; in the six jurisdictions referred to, there was not one in which these ciphers were not every where in evidence. Idaho, with four other jurisdictions, has undertaken to regulate this matter by placing in the hands of the principal officers of the lodge a cipher that is absolutely harmless, the truth of which any brother may find who will take the trouble to investigate."

Maine for 1910 has its full share of attention.

ILLINOIS, 1910.

It must have been a great oversight on our part, but for the first time we notice that the Grand Master makes a "report," not an address.

From the introduction to the report of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Albert B. Ashley, we quote:

"We have seven hundred and eighty lodges and over one hundred thousand members. The wants and requirements emanating from so large a brotherhood make exacting demands upon the one on whom you have placed the responsibility of executive action during the past year. This has brought much labor and many anxious moments. So extensive have been my duties that it has required my entire time and energy for their discharge. It has been a cheerful service, because it was a labor of love."

Seven lodges were constituted during the year; dispensations were issued for eight new lodges; ten corner-stones were laid; eight Masonic Halls were dedicated.

An appeal to the lodges was made for the relief of those who suffered by the mine disaster at Cherry, and a total of \$6,535.24 was received.

He speaks of a class of which we have a few:

"There are many hundreds of voluntary non-affiliated masons in Illinois. Since the establishment of the Masonic Home at Sullivan some have affiliated with lodges, inasmuch as non-affiliates are not eligible for admission to the Home. In every town and city there reside a considerable number who hold dimits and do not ask for membership. They are always in evidence at times when they may be seen or when there is

something to eat. They can be seen in every procession on public occasions and have foremost seats at banquets. The only apparent reason for this failure to resume membership is payment of dues.

"The trifling sum necessary to support Grand Lodge, the Homes, give relief to a needy brother, and to pay for the running expenses of the lodge, weighs more than their interest in Masonry. They, therefore, remain non-affiliated and are declared by this Grand Lodge in good standing. I have no sympathy or patience with this kind of Masonry and recommend that the law be so changed that a non-affiliated mason who remains outside of a lodge for a period of one year without applying for membership shall be deprived of all masonic rights and privileges."

He found many cases of irregularities and infringement of law and it is hoped that the jurisdiction will benefit by his statements.

But now this sentence appears. In view of our opening we quote, (the italics are ours):

"The *address* of the M. W. Grand Master was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Grand Master's *Address*."

Full reports from the Masonic Homes were received.

An amendment to the Grand Lodge By-Laws, pertaining to liquor, whereby any one was not eligible as a candidate if engaged in the manufacture or sale, and a mason who engaged in liquor selling after its adoption, was lost.

From the oration of the Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. Frank G. Smith, we quote:

"If we would realize a dream we must not only know how to accomplish its realization, but we must be honest and faithful and true to our knowledge. This was one of the great lessons taught by operative Masonry; absolute fidelity to our tasks and our toil, however humble our station may be in the world's great program. What a splendid lesson it is to learn; if by some word of magic we could teach every human soul this lesson to-day, how far the world would move forward in the solution of some of her most perplexing problems. There is no greater lesson the world could possibly learn than that of absolute fidelity to the best we know in the toil and the tasks of life."

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Very many amendments were presented, some were adopted and some went over to next year.

Bro. Owen Scott presented the Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence.

We welcome him to the round table. We let him introduce himself and we congratulate Illinois on its choice of correspondent:

"One year ago the ascending Elijah, Brother Robbins, beckoned the Elisha of his companionship, Brother Cook, and the mantle fell upon most capable shoulders. Under extremely difficult circumstances and with a very limited time at his disposal, Bro. Edward Cook took up the scarcely-begun work of his great predecessor and brought it to a most successful conclusion. The work of Brother Cook shows for itself and has passed most favorably the critical scrutiny of the army of reviewers.

With much more time at my command and with much fuller opportunity I shall be satisfied to approximate the high standards of the past."

He thus speaks of rejected applicants:

"At present the divergence is antipodal. It runs from no time to perpetual. Illinois is in the latter class. The time as judged from the various Grand Lodges promises to be five years. After all, this seems reasonable. It permits a Grand Lodge to keep under its control those deemed unworthy for a sufficient time to allow other jurisdictions to acquire personal and direct knowledge of the character of those who would try again the ordeal of a unanimous ballot."

Under Alabama he thus replies to criticism in regard to the payment of mileage:

"Perhaps the only reason Alabama does not pay out \$20,000 for mileage and per diem is that it does not have 96,000 members and a big state to travel over. Notwithstanding this large sum did Brother Titcomb notice that our Grand Lodge collected over \$30,000 to build and maintain our two excellent Masonic Homes? Other sums went to other benevolences. Illinois does not do things in a small way when it comes to the relief of a 'worthy distressed brother, his widow and orphan.'"

Under Iowa he thus discusses "Masonic Clubs":

"May there not lurk a serious danger here? When a string of clubs, federated and with cards as passports are in existence what is to become of the lodge? It is a pretty good masonic club itself. No special card is needed. When the club is exploited there will be many masons who do not belong and possibly cannot afford to pay the added expense. There will be club masons and non-club masons. Two classes will thus spring up. The old masonic doctrine of keeping all members on a level has worked pretty well. Brother Parvin needs to take another inventory of his ideas. Possibly this idea is wrong."

Maine for 1910 has two pages.

Under Maryland he joins issue with Bro. Schultz on the right of lodges to expend money, saying:

"A masonic lodge collects money for purposes of benevolence and charity only. It should have no commercial or sectarian affiliations. When it helps to boom a town by contributing its funds to establish a factory, or to maintain a church, it takes money paid for the express and only purpose of sustaining Masonry, and caring for the needy brother and his dependents. When appeals for aid come, the lodge treasury, depleted by contributions to outside and foreign objects may not be able to respond."

Notices of the deaths of two distinguished masons have been received: M. W. Bro. John Mills Pearson, for more than fifty years a member of the Grand Lodge, who stood "for civic righteousness, honorable and square dealings, and for loyalty and fidelity to the craft."

M. W. Bro. John Corson Smith, known by reputation to every reading mason, who made an enviable record in the civil war, who was an efficient state official, who was useful in all bodies of Masonry,

The death of R. W. Bro. Wm. Berry Grimes is mentioned in the address of the Grand Master, and of him it is said :

"There may be brethren more brilliant, whose bearing will attract the public notice more quickly, but there are no brethren who loved our blessed principles with a devotion less selfish, or who will work for them with more courage and constancy than Brother William Berry Grimes."

INDIANA, 1910.

Five hundred twenty-nine of the five hundred thirty-two chartered lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

R. W. Bro. William Ridley, Acting Grand Master, whose portrait graces the proceedings, in his address says :

"There are no cases of dissension among the lodges to report, but on the contrary, peace and harmony prevail. A majority of our subordinate lodges are enjoying a period of growth and prosperity that is very gratifying, and much interest is being shown by the membership in all matters pertaining to the order, nearly fifty-five thousand Master Masons meeting upon the level and parting upon the square!"

Dispensations were issued for four new lodges; one lodge was constituted; three halls dedicated; nine corner-stones were laid and several dispensations granted to elect officers.

He decided that a shrine could not occupy masonic quarters as it did not come within the provisions of the General Regulations having reference to the use of masonic halls.

We quote :

"What lodge's duty is it to care for a widow of a brother Master Mason who resides out of the jurisdiction of the lodge to which her husband belonged? Is the lodge to which her husband belonged required to reimburse the lodge that provides for her needs?"

Also the answer drawn by the Grand Secretary and agreed to by the Grand Master :

"That under the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge no lodge is required or expected to pay a debt of any character which they had not themselves as a lodge authorized. If a lodge in another jurisdiction where the widow of a brother resides finds the brother's widow in a destitute condition, it is their duty to relieve her in so far as they can, but not contract a debt for another lodge to pay, or they notify the lodge of which the widow's husband was a member of the needs of the widow, and then it is the duty of the lodge to which the widow's husband belonged to give her such assistance and relief through the lodge in whose jurisdiction she resides as they may deem necessary and that they can afford. It is the duty of the lodge in so far as it can to help the destitute widows or orphans of their members wherever they may be located, but one lodge can not go ahead and furnish relief beyond the means of another lodge and require the lodge to reimburse them, but the lodge so far as it

can should reimburse a lodge or instruct a lodge to furnish such relief as they could. It is the duty of one lodge when they find a widow, indigent mason or orphan in needy circumstances to immediately afford them temporary relief and then notify the lodge to which they belong and be governed by their instructions."

From the report of the Grand Inspector we quote:

"I have tried not to be too exacting or unnecessarily critical in the matter of 'word-perfect ritualism,' but have insisted upon a reasonable conformity to the authorized work and the exclusion of all that is foreign to it, believing that 'time, patience and perseverance' would eventually bring the desired perfection.

"To know and be able to repeat accurately the ritual in all its details is a great and much to be desired accomplishment, but it should never be forgotten that the essential qualification of a good masonic ritualist is the ability so to render the ritual that the seeker after 'Masonic Light' will catch the spirit and purpose of Masonry and be enabled to personally appropriate the lessons thus imparted."

Resolutions favoring the forming of a General Grand Lodge were introduced and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which recommended that the resolutions be not adopted, and the report was concurred in by the Grand Lodge.

Thus ends the prospect for a General Grand Lodge for this generation, but as it has been so will it be, and within another fifty years there will probably appear another who will believe that the strength if not the salvation of Masonry will depend upon—

"An authorized, organized, incorporated, permanent, equally representative, advisory, national Masonic Body, whose influence must depend wholly upon the wisdom of its recommendations and not upon delegated or assumed power to legislate, dictate, dominate or govern, which shall be distinguished as a national student body, of which all Past Grand Masters shall be members, with every privilege except that of voting."

We note that one lodge, whose charter, granted in 1819, was becoming illegible, asked for a duplicate charter which was granted them.

Naturally we think the Maine plan, which issues charter certificates under certain restrictions, is preferable.

The Committee on Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home suggested in their report, that to obtain funds for such purpose, the per capita tax of twenty-five cents be laid and set aside until such a time as there shall be funds sufficient for the purpose.

Following an example set by another jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge turned over to the Grand Master the question of the eligibility of a candidate who had to make use of artificial appliances, but added that he must consult the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We believe that if it was worth doing at all the original suggestion that the lodge determine the question was the better way. If a lodge asks for the decision it shows that the lodge is willing to have the candidate,

and, presumably at the asking, there is nothing against the candidate except the physical deformity, and the Grand Master by and with the advice of the committee, must determine the degree of disability.

Bro. Daniel McDonald presented his twelfth "Indiana Annual Masonic Review."

From the introduction we quote:

"There are ninety-eight sovereign Grand Lodges—fifty-one in the United States; eight in Canada; three in the West Indies; Mexico and Central America one each; six in South America; six in Australasia; Egypt and Liberia one each; the United Kingdom three. Eight Grand Bodies control the German Empire and the rest of the ninety-eight are distributed throughout Europe.

"No less than eighteen Grand Lodges claim direct descent from the Grand Lodge of England, and of the whole ninety-eight, seventy work in the English language."

Under Arizona he discusses the rights of lodges in balloting for members:

"The reception of candidates into the lodge as members is wholly and solely a matter for the lodge to determine for itself, and when it rejects a candidate, the Grand Master has no right, by virtue of masonic authority, to issue a dispensation authorizing the lodge to reballet on the petition. The 'inherent right' of a Grand Master to do any and everything that he chooses has passed away, except in a few cases such as the present case, or the notable case of a Grand Master recently making a distinguished citizen of the United States a mason 'at sight.' In the case in point, if the lodge had made an error in rejecting the candidate, it had the power to rectify it, if it was desirable to do so, by receiving his petition again and having it go through the regular process without the interference of the Grand Master."

Maine for 1909 has kindly mention.

Under Tennessee he thus speaks of the Past Master's degree:

"The Grand Lodge is opened in the Master Mason degree, and everything in connection is transacted in that degree. All Master Masons, whether they have received the Past Master's degree or not, are entitled to be present and participate in the proceedings. We are aware that most, if not all, Grand Lodges require the Master-elect to receive the Past Master's degree as a part of the installation ceremonies before he can preside as Worshipful Master, but what the Master's lodge, or Master Masons have to do with it we have never been able to find out. As we look at it, everything connected with it, except the obligation, should be eliminated, and that should be administered in presence of the members of the lodge whether they have received the degree or not, simply as a part of the installation ceremonies."

M. W. Bro. Daniel Noyes, Grand Master in 1893-4, died March 13, 1910.

"He won the life-long friendship of all who knew him because of his large sympathies, his honesty and integrity of purpose, and his effectiveness in doing the right."

We have received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Isaac P. Leyden, Grand Master in 1888, who died October 11, 1910. "He was true to every trust, faithful to every obligation and an honor to the fraternity that honored him." And of M. W. Bro. Lucien A. Foote, Grand Master in 1874, who died November 30, 1910. He was the Senior Past Grand Master in Indiana, and in life was honored, respected and loved.

IOWA, 1910.

The public exercises, consisting of a parade, music, invocation, addresses of welcome and response, were held as usual, but this time at Waterloo, where the craft met in the Syndicate Theatre.

Four hundred seventy lodges were represented. There were five hundred eighteen lodges.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. David W. Clements, of whom a fine portrait is given, gave a long introduction to his address, yet filled with fine thoughts clothed in clean, expressive words.

He gives considerable space to the conferences of the Grand Masters at Philadelphia and Baltimore and argues very satisfactorily against the establishment of a General Grand Lodge.

By the by, what a discussion would arise in that General Grand Body, what oratory would be heard, what time would be uselessly taken when the "liquor" question, or the "nigger" question, or the rights of lodges over candidates came up. When we think of what might happen let us avoid it as we would the plague.

He discusses "documentary evidence" and concludes with this good advice:

"In the admission of visitors, care and caution should be taken by every lodge, so that impostors may not gain admission or the generosity of the brethren be not imposed upon. It should be kept in mind that neither documentary nor oral evidence can always be depended upon, and in cases of visitation it is better to err by excluding than by admitting a person claiming to be a brother, but of whose masonic standing there is doubt."

Three lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for two new lodges; many dispensations were required to elect and instal officers because of the date of the full moon in December.

Smoking in lodge rooms still prevails in Iowa, but happily the practice is growing less.

Many matters of local importance were brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge in the address.

From an appeal case, we quote the learned opinion of the Committee

on Appeals and Grievances on the subject of voting in a lodge under the law that all present must vote unless excused by the Master:

"It is clearly within the right of the Worshipful Master to require every brother present to vote unless excused, and it would be within the right of any brother present to ask the Master to require the brethren present to vote unless excused. But a failure to so require would not invalidate the vote, and a brother desiring a full vote must make his desire known in time to make it effective. If brethren present are not voting and have not been excused by the Master, he should protest at once, and insist on the requirement. This he should do while the vote is being taken and before the result has been announced. He cannot remain silent when his protest would be effective, take advantage of the situation if the result is favorable to him, and raise the objection after it is too late to be available. There are many votes taken in the routine work of the lodge when all the brethren present do not vote. To hold all such votes invalid because some present did not vote and were not formally excused would be to invite contests and occasion innumerable disputes. It is within the province of the Master to insist on every member present voting, and it is within the province of any brother desiring a full vote to insist on it. But this he must do in time, and before the result of the vote has been announced. He can not 'sleep on his rights' and contest the validity of the vote on that ground after the result has been announced by the Worshipful Master."

Jewels for the Past Grand Masters, costing fifty dollars each, were obtained, and thirteen Past Grand Masters were present to receive one. Hereafter the retiring Grand Master is to receive a jewel.

The Grand Representative system, its purposes, its advantages, its disadvantages and its results, are clearly set forth in the report of a Special Committee which did not favor the establishment of the System in Iowa, in which state it was discontinued in 1892.

From the report of the Special Committee on District Deputy Grand Masters, which sent circulars to the jurisdictions having that system, we quote the summary of the answers as it appeared to that committee:

"The views of the writers run from wildly enthusiastic approval, through sober non-committal, down to morbidly pessimistic ideas of its present workings and gloomy predictions of the evil outcome of its continued use. Like many other rosy-hued projects for the betterment of the human race, its success or failure rests not in the system itself, but in the men who apply it. With the enthusiasm and zeal of the brethren who glory in the splendid results accomplished, any system with but a tinge of its merit would be a thing of beauty and a joy forever. With appointees of meddlesome, officious temperament, fond of displaying authority and unduly swollen with a sense of their own august importance as the especial representatives of his puissant majesty, the Grand Master, any system with ten times the inherent worth would be incontinently wrecked."

From the information received and from the fact that Iowa was well provided with a "whole host of District Lecturers" the committee were not in favor of the District Deputy System.

Sketches of the lives of the M. W. Grand Master, and of the M. W. Grand Master elect, Bro. Frederick W. Craig, and of R. W. Bros. Senior and Junior Wardens are given.

We may be pardoned for this extract from the sketch of the life of Bro. Craig:

"Brother Craig is a sample of the good old stock nurtured and developed in the Pine Tree State. He was born at Farmington, Maine, June 29, 1854, upon a farm which his paternal grandfather had conquered from the wilderness in 1786. In that state his years of childhood and youth were passed, and there he received his education. Immediately after his graduation he turned to the west and found congenial location in Iowa. Taking up the study of law he graduated in 1879 with the degree of L.L. B., and at once entered upon the practice of that profession. In 1887 he was elected Judge of the city court of Des Moines. In business life our brother has been eminently successful, and is prominent among those having financial interests at the capital of the state."

Bro. Louis Block presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Under Canada we read:

"Under the head of 'Rulings' the Grand Master writes as follows:

"If Masters of lodges would carefully read the fundamental law of our order they would not need to write so many letters, and they would save the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary a great deal of unnecessary work."

"The everlasting repetition of complaints of this kind in the annual address of Grand Masters compels one to believe that some sort of compulsory education of the Masters of lodges ought to be set on foot by each Grand Master with the sanction of his Grand Lodge in order to pound a little masonic law into the heads of these Masters. It is too bad to be compelled to read this everlasting wail of complaint from each Grand Master of each and every Grand Lodge. Some radical, positive action ought to be taken to remedy the evil."

"One thing, at least, every Grand Master could do, and that would be to notify each Master at the beginning of his year of administration that he would refuse to answer any question in masonic law until the applicant had first certified on his honor that he had looked in the masonic law books and had failed to find the answer there."

"A Master of a lodge who is too lazy to look up the law before bothering the Grand Master with his trivial questions ought to be ashamed of himself and deserves to be severely reprimanded."

Maine for 1909 is reviewed. Inasmuch as Grand Master Mallet issued dispensations to lodges to attend church, Bro. Block, as he has in every jurisdiction *thus* far read, takes the opportunity to express his views about attending church. He says:

"We don't see the necessity for these masonic dispensations to attend church. Either the attendance of a lodge at church is a proper masonic function, or it is not. If it is proper, no dispensation should be necessary. If it is *not* proper, no such dispensations should be permitted. In our opinion the only proper occasion for a lodge to attend church services as a body is when they attend the funeral of a brother who is buried from that church, and then they are not attending the services of the church, but only the funeral of a brother."

"St. John's Day celebrations should be held in the lodge-room and the public invited, or they should be held in some undenominational hall and not in any sectarian church. It is far better to have the service in the lodge hall as a purely masonic function and invite some minister, preferably a mason, to address the lodge there, than it is to go to a church and

let that church color the masonic ceremonial or ritual to the slightest degree. In our humble opinion there should be just as absolute a separation between church and lodge as there is between church and state.

"A mason should on the one hand display absolute and undying devotion and loyalty to the religious teachings of the order so long as those teachings don't go beyond the great, simple principles of the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and the immortality of the soul, those principles which are conceded and acknowledged by every religious organization under the sun. But on the other hand, he should just as rigidly resist any movement on the part of his lodge flavoring of an effort to in any way make the lodge seem to ratify or approve of sectarian or denominational religion. Our institution is bigger and broader than any church, for it stands ready to take in and acknowledge as members good, clean, intelligent men of any church, be it Jewish, Christian, Mohammedan, Zoroastrian or Mormon."

Now we do not wholly agree with the strenuous views of Bro. Block as expressed here and frequently in the proceedings before us, nor do we care to enter into a discussion upon the question of church attendance by lodges. No trouble has ever arisen in Maine, to our knowledge. Many church edifices are owned in common and such denominational services are had as the worshippers desire. In many places the entire community worship at the only church in the community which may be denominational in its character but offers the only opportunity to the community to attend services on the Sabbath day; and even that same church edifice can be used on Saturday by the denomination known as Seventh Day Baptists. It might be better for the moral welfare of the community to remain away from the Sunday worship. Furthermore it is left to the member of the lodge to exercise his own free will and attend the service if he pleases. It is not considered that by the attendance the lodge thereby endorses the particular doctrine, if any, which is usually preached in the church. Nor can it hurt any mason to hear the opinions of others upon the question of religion, any more than it would upon any other subject.

Under Michigan he severely condemns the act of the Grand Lodge, devoting nearly a page to the subject, and one paragraph says:

"It does seem to us that it is a very great pity that this thing should have happened, and a greater pity that the occasion should have been placed on record for all the world to read."

Now, Bro. Block, would it not have been better to have left out of your report the last sentence in that paragraph, in view of your scathing rebuke of the action of Michigan "for all the world to read?" If it was necessary to say anything about the unfortunate affair, would not the first sentence of the quoted paragraph sufficiently expressed your views?

Under West Virginia he thus expresses himself about the Eastern Star:

"We recall personally one case in our own city where the brethren of the lodge became bitter enemies because of the dissensions growing out of

a contest which their wives made for office in the Chapter of the Eastern Star, and into which political contest the brethren allowed themselves to become involved in behalf of their several spouses.

"A whole lot of feeling was stirred up and a great deal of hysterical emotionalism indulged in, and the boys were just about ready to punch each other's heads.

"However, we do not believe that a refusal on the part of the lodge to permit the sisters of the Eastern Star to use the lodge-room would have been any sort of effective remedy for the situation.

"We feel that most of the trouble arising from Eastern Star sources is due to the fact that both the men and women are allowed to join the Order of the Eastern Star. If the membership of the Eastern Star was restricted solely to the ladies they could get along and settle their own disputes without the brethren becoming involved in the matter.

"We have seen cases where the husband was elected to membership in the Order, and a wife was black-balled, and *vice versa*.

"The men should get out of the ladies' Order, and let them run it to suit themselves, and this would keep the fraternity from becoming involved in what was really none of its business."

On November 16, 1910, occurred the death of M. W. Bro. David W. Clements, the Junior Grand Master, after a brief illness. "A leader in his church, a leader in his community, a leader at the bar, a leader in Masonry."

KENTUCKY, 1910.

The address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John H. Cowles, has a brief introduction, then passes to the consideration of the dead.

The financial condition is improving. The details of his work for the year are given.

Dispensations to hold masonic funerals over brothers who had been buried, were refused, as were those to receive petitions from candidates physically disqualified.

In the address we read:

"I believe in uniformity of work in so far as the essentials are concerned, but not so far as to have the floor work remind you of a calisthenic drill with broom sticks, and the speaking part like a recitation by a parrot. I believe in good work, impressive work, and the elimination of falsities, and that there is great need of instruction in this jurisdiction. We have no lecturers nor district deputies to visit the lodges to give them proper instruction, and to adopt a plan providing such, entails much expense."

This about the work of the Widows' and Orphans' Home is good reading:

"We have a well equipped printing plant which enables us to get out the Home Journal in its double size as quickly as under the old plan. We can do job printing equal to any, and I bespeak the patronage of the lodges especially for this work. Our boys are doing nicely in the Manual Training Department, and can make altars, desks, ballot-boxes, gavels,

etc., fine enough for any lodge in the state. Our boys are also making all the shoes for the Home, including the Sunday shoes for the girls. They make good shoes. I am wearing a pair to-day that was made in our shoe department, and they are the best I ever had. Our girls are learning stenography and typewriting, they cut and make most of their own clothing, and just delight in making aprons for the masonic lodges. All this training is in addition to a good academic schooling for both boys and girls."

We quote again :

"A large number of the best masons in this city (Louisville) held a mass meeting on March 28th and discussed the feasibility of erecting a hospital in this city. Everybody present was enthusiastically in favor of it, a temporary organization was formed and active work begun. All the nineteen lodges of this city have indorsed it, and the members are at work for its accomplishment. There can be no good argument against the project. Never a day passes that some brother mason or member of his family from out in the state does not come here for hospital treatment, and are forced to go often where they do not desire to go. We have a magnificent home for the care and education of our orphans. We have a magnificent home for the care and comfort of our old brothers and sisters. Now if we can build a home for the care and cure of the sick, Kentucky Masonry will be the synonym of true Masonry in the fullest measure. These brethren desire to use the name masonic in connection with the proposed hospital, and I recommend their request be granted."

We note the beginning of a new procedure in Masonry, either the effect of the procedure in other organizations, or the result of the so-called desire to hasten business:

"*Resolved*, That at all future communications of this Grand Body the address of the Grand Master, and the report of the Grand Secretary shall be printed in pamphlet, or other convenient form, and distributed among the representatives [on their arrival the evening before or in the morning of the first sitting] to the end that they may familiarize themselves with the same, early in the session, and the valuable time now consumed in the delivery of the former, and the reading of the latter may be given to the consideration of other important matters which may come before this Grand Lodge."

We are pleased to note from the report of the Trustees of the Masonic Temple, that there was quite an income from the property this year. Hitherto the balance has been on the wrong side.

Discussing the cost of degrees the Committee on Finance say:

"The fees of chapters, commanderies, and appendant degrees, are considerably in excess of those fixed by the constitution for the degrees over which this Grand Lodge has jurisdiction. This fact alone tends to cheapen the degrees in the estimation of many who value things chiefly by their cost, and are disposed to treat these most ancient and sublime degrees as mere stepping stones upon which to mount to those 'higher' ones, which must be so much more desirable and beneficial, because they are more inaccessible, financially. With no inclination, and certainly no intention to detract from the beauty and beneficent influence of the teachings of the higher degrees, we insist that the foundation upon which they are erected, and which sustains the whole fabric, must be regarded as of at least equal value with those which ornament it. How-

ever, it must never be concluded that the comparative cheapness of these degrees is regarded by us as any index of their value intrinsically, but on the contrary, they are held in such esteem as means for cultivating a spirit of brotherhood among men, that we who possess them would not deny them to any who might seek their benefits, yet be deterred by an excessive charge. We are not prepared, however, at this time to recommend an increase in the constitutional minimum for the degrees. Under the present conditions the increase in our membership is cause for sincere gratification, and the generous support accorded our benevolent institutions is a striking evidence that the seed we have sown has not fallen upon stony ground, but is yielding a bountiful harvest of good will to men."

We wonder when the Grand Lodge will welcome and accord the Grand Honors to the Great Inchoonee of the Improved Order of Red Men. They so welcomed and honored some one introduced as the Imperial Potentate of the A. A. O. N. M. S., of North America. He addressed the Grand Lodge too. Did he discuss the best method of feeding camels so that the flow of milk would increase? Did he explain why the sands that must be crossed by the candidate are made so hot? Perhaps he explained the great motive for the organization of the body he represented and urged the members of the Grand Lodge to hasten their ways and take the "higher degrees" to the end that the "Arab patrol" might capture them.

Bro. William W. Clark submitted the Report of the Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges.

From the following under Alabama, we judge that he has no more use for documentary evidence than have we:

"'Certainly if I took the test oath I would not want to be asked in the next breath to show my receipt for dues. That would be an insult to me as a man, let alone a mason, after having said my dues were paid.' And he might have added that the question of dues was one with which the visited lodge had nothing whatever to do, and an inquiry as to whether he had paid them would be an impertinence. Why not, with equal propriety, inquire whether I had paid my gas bill?"

Maine for 1910 is fraternally reviewed.

Of the action of Maine on the propositions discussed at the conference of Grand Masters, he says:

"We opined that some disposition to a tenacity to an already established and well understood system of laws would be manifested here and there; indeed, we would not be surprised to find it quite general."

Bro. Clark under Vermont clearly comments:

"The Grand Master lodges a complaint against the Grand Lodge of Scotland for permitting one of its subordinates to initiate a resident of the State of Vermont while on a visit to Scotland. The Grand Secretary of Scotland in a courteous letter explains that the Grand Lodges of Scotland, England and Ireland, have never recognized territorial jurisdiction over candidates; and that to prohibit candidates petitioning where they please, was a restraint on personal freedom that could not be recognized

by them. It sounds a little strange, doesn't it, for an American to be lectured, even in a friendly spirit, for endeavoring to restrain the personal liberty of the citizen, and that, too, by a citizen of a Monarchy? And, in view of some of the legislation of latter days, we are afraid that we cannot say that we do not stand in need of it."

We acknowledge the receipt of "Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky," which ought to make the way so plain that even those who were blind might follow it and save the Grand Master many hours of work.

The pamphlet "Ancient Landmarks," we also acknowledge.

Kentucky laments the death of M. W. Bro. John A. Ramsey, Grand Master in 1899-'90, who died March 10, 1910, a mason for forty-four years, "one of the ablest, most loved and popular" of the craft; also the death of W. Rev. James W. Rogers, Grand Chaplain, who died April 28, 1910, had faithfully fulfilled all duties devolving upon him.

MANITOBA, 1910.

Maine's Representative was absent, but sent his regrets.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James D. Baine, in his address feelingly mentions the death of His Majesty, King Edward the VII, and of others.

The details of the duties devolving upon him are found in the report of the Secretary, such as a list of the dispensations of the district meetings, seven in number; he attended five and sums up his opinion in the following:

"How can I describe these meetings:—Splendid lodge-rooms, well furnished throughout. What trouble and expense these lodges went to to make these meetings the success they were. How brethren came from all parts of their respective districts, some driving many miles, in order to be present and meet the Grand Lodge officers. What an impetus these meetings must be to the Cause we love so well. How marked is the improvement in the work exemplified at these meetings and after the work is over and an adjournment made to the Banquet which follows, how pleasant to see, in some cases, the departure from the usual custom, one which I trust will become a regular part of all these District Meetings, that of having the ladies grace the proceedings with their presence."

We do not concur with him in the final clause.

The District Deputy Grand Masters' reports are well made and full of interest to the Craft.

The Board of General Purposes reported that the grants to the two daughter Grand Lodges were paid; and also recommended "that at least one Past Master or the Worshipful Master of the lodge should form part of every committee appointed for the examination of visiting brethren."

No Report on Correspondence.

MARYLAND, 1910.

At the semi-annual communication in May, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, but action thereon was postponed to the November communication.

The death of Edward VII, *Emperor* (Italics ours) of Great Britain and Ireland, was formally noticed by addresses concerning his life.

A special communication was had for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the pumping station of the sewerage system to be built by Baltimore.

This seems rather novel, but since cleanliness is next to godliness perhaps after laying the corner-stone of a church at one special communication it would naturally follow that the next special should be for the purpose above mentioned, but Baltimore may have more need to be made clean than godly. "Quien Sabe?"

In a brief address at the annual communication held in November, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, said:

"We are in harmonious relations with every Grand Lodge in the world. Our lodges are gradually increasing, the character of the material received into them is above reproach, and the work done in the lodges is fully up to the standard; the Lodges of Relief and Lodge of Instruction are largely attended."

The M. W. Grand Master of Virginia was present to say a word or two about the proposed memorial to Washington to be erected at Alexandria, Virginia, and in his short and spirited address he said:

"I am glad to come here as the representative of the oldest grand jurisdiction in the United States, and to pay tribute to the oldest Grand Master—a veteran, sirs, not in age, not in appearance, but a veteran in the service of the craft."

Now what will Massachusetts and Pennsylvania do about this? Will they recognize that there was a splendid oratorical opportunity given and used by the distinguished brother or will they assume that in sober earnestness he asserted that Virginia was the "oldest grand jurisdiction in the United States?"

In accordance with the action of the Grand Lodge of last year, the committee to procure a suitable testimonial for the M. W. Grand Master procured a bronze bas-relief, a counterfeit presentment of the Grand Master, which was set up in the corridor of the Temple between the two entrances to the Grand Lodge room.

The committee to which was assigned the duty of preparing a suitable gift to the Grand Master to commemorate the close of his twenty-fifth consecutive term as Grand Master, "determined to ask each member of

the Craft throughout the State to contribute some metallic substance not to exceed one dollar in value and to have cast, out of the metal so contributed, according to designs to be prepared by the celebrated sculptor, an artistic, symbolic Loving Cup."

We fail to note any closing of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Edward T. Schultz submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Alabama we find from his writing that he is in accord with the method of restoration of brothers suspended for non-payment of dues; and that "the holding of a secret ballot on the question of proficiency is a 'solemn mockery,' also opposes the use of the stereopticon in the conferring of degrees."

Maine for 1910 has more than a page of review.

Bro. Schultz is a strong supporter of perpetual jurisdiction, a strong objector to cipher rituals, and dislikes very much to read about "spite ballots."

He has also a learned article in defense of the "making of masons at sight." Space forbids the reproduction of the whole article, but trusting in no way to break the force of the argument we quote:

"To understand the full force and import of old masonic writings one must be familiar with the laws, usages and customs prevailing at the time of the writing.

"Now it is a well known fact that prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, it was an inherent right of seven or more masons to meet together to make masons and practice the rites of Masonry without warrant of constitution, at their will and pleasure. Any brother sufficiently acquainted with the work could preside as Master; when the object for which the lodge was convened was accomplished, it was dissolved and there was an end of the matter. The same lodge or brethren might never again assemble, or they might meet again as opportunity required and as old minute books show a more or less continuous existence.

"It must not therefore be imagined when we read in the early days that 'at a lodge' held in such a time and place that it was anything like the organized lodges of our day existing by virtue of a warrant from the Grand Lodge and required to make returns and annual dues.

"The brethren met when and where they pleased and opened a lodge, without asking the consent of anybody. These lodges were usually held in taverns and were always accompanied with refreshments, the cost of which, together with other expenses of the night, was summed up, and each brother present was required to pay his pro rata.

"We are told that towards the end of the seventeenth and the opening of the eighteenth century Masonry fell into such great disorder that masons were sometimes made for a few shillings, the ceremony consisting of a mere investing of a mode of recognition and exacting of a promise of secrecy.

"With the foregoing facts in our mind it is as clear to us as the noon-day sun that the 1663 regulation was to correct just such irregularities as just mentioned. We think, therefore, it may be paraphrased to read as follows: 'No person of whatever degree (rank) soever shall be made or accepted a Freemason unless in a *regular* lodge, *i. e.* in an opened and tyled lodge, for there is no such thing as a lodge or Grand Lodge unless

they be opened on one or other of the degrees and so proclaimed, whereof one *to be*, that is to act, to preside, as Master or Warden.'

"There is not the slightest ground to believe that the regulation was to interfere, or take from the brethren, the immemorial right and privilege of holding a lodge when and wherever they pleased; it only insisted that the *making* must be done in an open and tyled lodge, with brethren occupying stations as Master and Wardens.

"That such is the correct interpretation of the regulation is proven by the fact that lodges on the old inherent plan continued to be held down to the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1717, when the right, together with other rights and privileges, were surrendered by the brethren, and it was ordained that no lodge should be held thereafter unless from under a warrant from the Grand Lodge.

"As to the 1753 regulation, it simply states that in a few instances the prohibition forbidding brethren to assemble and make masons on the old plan had been violated; the regulation was simply to repeat and enforce the new law.

"Now if any seven entered apprentice masons, for that was the only degree known at that time, could assemble and make masons at their will and pleasure, no one will doubt that the Grand Master of the entire craft likewise possessed such a privilege; that calling six brethren to his assistance he could open a lodge and make masons at his will and pleasure.

"As stated, the brethren surrendered this right and privilege, but that the right and privilege was retained by the Grand Master and was regarded as a prerogative inhering in his office is evidenced by the fact, as we shall presently show, that it *was* exercised subsequently by various Grand Masters and during a long series of years.

"Under Michigan, in our last year's report, we cited six cases from the Grand Lodge of England's proceedings, where the *so-called* prerogative of making masons at sight was exercised by Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, extending from 1731 to 1787.

"Just twenty-five years ago our attention was drawn to the 1737 record by the fact that among the brethren present was Charles, Lord Baltimore, Proprietary of the Province of Maryland. We became deeply interested in the record and studied it carefully to ascertain the difference between that and the ordinary manner of making masons, and we found first, the difference to be that the ceremony was not performed in or under the sanction of a warranted lodge, or of the Grand Lodge, but at a *private residence* in an *occasional* lodge; that is, a lodge convened for the purpose; that when said lodge was formed and duly tyled, the names of the brethren being given to show that the requisite number (*seven*) were present to constitute a lodge, which being performed, Frederick, late Prince of Wales, was in the *usual manner* introduced and *made* an Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft.

"There is no mention of a petition or of a committee to investigate and report on the character of the applicant, or of a secret ballot. We therefore concluded that this was what is now called making a mason at sight, but that term is not mentioned in any of the cases we have examined. Nor will it be found anywhere in the proceedings of the Mother Grand Lodge. We therefore infer that this term originated in this country, and not until about the opening of the 19th century.

"We do not object to the use of the term as it seems to be expressive enough, if as we understand 'at sight' means *at once, immediately, not waiting for or ignoring the usual requirements*, but its use has undoubtedly been the fruitful cause for the wild and absurd opinions entertained regarding the subject.

"Now if brethren will imagine this making a 'mason at sight' means that the Grand Master can take a man off the street into a private cham-

ber and by the laying on of hands, or genuflections of some sort or other, proclaim him to be a mason, all we have to say is there is no written, or, as far as we have ever heard, unwritten precedent to warrant such opinions, for have we not shown in the cases examined by us that the persons were initiated Entered Apprentices, passed Fellow Crafts and raised Master Masons in opened and tyled lodges of those respective degrees?

"Our Grand Master Shryock may well entertain a feeling of pride and satisfaction to know that when a few years ago he exercised the high prerogative of his office in the making of the Governor of our Commonwealth a mason at sight, he followed to the very letter the procedure observed in the making of the Prince of Wales a mason 173 years ago.

"That there has not been found any record later than 1787 of the exercise of this prerogative by Grand Masters of England does not necessarily prove that it was not exercised by them, or by Grand Masters of other jurisdictions. The very fact that the ceremonies were performed in a lodge specially convened and then dissolved, rationally accounts for the absence of records.

"We have a very clear and distinct recollection that when His Majesty, then Prince of Wales, was made a mason, the press, secular as well as masonic, dwelt upon the fact, and to his great credit, that he demanded that no part of the ritual or ceremonial should be omitted. How far his wishes were respected we do not know, but Brother Hughan is doubtless conversant with the procedure observed on the occasion. We therefore ask him, and do so most respectfully, to enlighten us on the following points:

"Did His Royal Highness sign the petition to a regular warranted lodge? Was that petition referred to a regular committee to report on his character, etc.? And was his application for admission into the Fraternity submitted to the ordeal of a secret ballot? If these requirements were observed we should then say His Majesty was not made a mason at sight, but if these, or even the last mentioned (the secret ballot), was omitted, we should say, as a matter of fact, he *was* made a mason at sight, for the real bone, sinew and marrow of making a mason at sight is that the Grand Master does not ask the consent of any one; it is by his will and pleasure alone that the person whom he desires to honor is made a mason."

Announcement of the death of R. W. Bro. William M. Isaac, Grand Secretary, which occurred January 4, 1911, is before us. For 55 years he served in Masonry, and for the past two years when the service was performed with the body suffering from pain. "In his long life he occupied many positions of honor and trust, all the honors of which were performed with skill and fidelity."

MASSACHUSETTS, 1910.

The year was fruitful with celebrations of the fiftieth anniversaries of lodges; no less than five lodges caused special communications of the Grand Lodge to be held for attendance thereat. But Philanthropic Lodge was not content with the celebration of a youthful anniversary, so called out the Grand Lodge to help them at the one hundred fiftieth anniversary.

Special communications were also held to constitute lodges, to dedicate a masonic hall, and to lay corner-stones.

At the quarterly communication in March, many memorials of the dead were presented; the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was recognized, although in the report it is said "that its formation was in substantial conformity to ancient masonic usage and procedure."

The Masonic Home Committee submitted reports of progress which must have been most acceptable to the craft.

The proposed amendment creating a Committee on Jurisprudence was withdrawn.

At the quarterly communication in June a bust of George Washington was presented to the Grand Lodge and other business of local character was transacted.

At the quarterly communication (annual) in December, the Grand Master, Bro. Dana J. Flanders, in his address commemorates the dead, reports his many visitations, announces the several special communications of the Grand Lodge with the purpose of each, and declares his special warrants and for what issued.

Discussing jurisdiction he says:

"I believe, and I think the practice of this Grand Lodge has been, that a man's masonic residence must coincide with his legal residence, and great care should be exercised by investigating committees to ascertain what the facts are in connection with statements made by applicants for the degrees in this respect."

In re the casting of a blank ballot at election of officers, he says:

"We have nothing referring to such cases in our constitutions, but it has been held by masonic authorities—and I believe it is a correct opinion—that blank pieces of paper found in the box should not be counted; that they have no effect, and the brethren, if they were purposely cast, have no right to expect that they shall influence the election in the slightest degree. They may have been deposited intentionally, or by error, in the ballot box, but the committee should eliminate them from consideration as votes and permit them to have no influence or effect in arriving at a decision as to the state of the ballot."

From the report of the committee we excerpt:

"The response of the lodges to the calls made by the Masonic Home Committee showed that a large proportion of the brethren appreciated the need of a Home, and were ready to contribute fairly and liberally for its maintenance fund. The ideal condition in the minds and hearts of the committee, and of their helpers, was that our great charity should not have to be administered by the levying of a tax on members of the lodges. It became evident also at an early day that the small contributions asked for as an average gift would not materialize without continuous effort to keep the cause before the minds of those who, amid the burden of other cares, would postpone, and then, perhaps, overlook entirely the moral duty resting upon them, although their intentions were of the best. This seemed to be proved by the fact that wherever direct personal solicitation was brought to bear upon the members of a lodge, and committees were

formed large enough and interested enough to treat with the brethren as individuals, rather than as a whole by small committees and printed matter, the results exceeded those attained by other means.

"Some one there must be who was qualified to go into the lodges and among the brethren to re-awaken the spirit which otherwise soon grows dormant again."

The stated communication, December 27, Feast of St. John the Evangelist, at which the Grand Officers were installed, was replete with brilliant speeches.

MICHIGAN, 1910.

The Grand Lodge was opened at high twelve, but the day was taken up with addresses of welcome, and a trip to Alma to inspect "The Alma Sanitarium."

At the roll call in the evening, there were present, the Grand Officers, all but five of the living Past Grand Masters, the representatives of four hundred two lodges and the Grand Representative for Maine.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Arthur M. Hume, after a very brief introduction, notes the deaths of the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions.

We note that in the case of a lodge which lost by fire its hall and furniture, he recommended that the dues of the lodge be remitted, but no commendation was made in that of a lodge whose home was wrecked by a flood, and we wondered why one was taken and the other left. From the outside it looks as though the one who lost by fire could have been protected by insurance and ought not to have been helped, while the one who lost by flood could not have effected insurance and ought to have been helped.

Thirty dispensations at five dollars each were issued "to permit the receiving of petitions, election and conferring of degrees in less than the prescribed time."

Four dispensations were issued for new lodges, and says:

"As our suburban and rural districts become more thickly populated, opportunities are presented for the forming of new lodges. This kind of growth should, I believe, be encouraged and stimulated. A large lodge is not always a good lodge, and it is often better that large lodges 'swarm,' forming, thereby, smaller ones, where hard work and unanimity of effort leave no time or place for petty bickerings, and whose sturdy growth make for the welfare of the craft, both in numbers and in promotion of the true spirit of fraternalism."

Seven lodges were constituted, but why the sub title was written "Instituting of new lodges," passes our comprehension.

Halls were dedicated; corner-stones laid; eighteen schools of instruction attended; visitations made and lodge officers installed.

We would like to give in full his account of the endeavor to find a brother who while hunting became lost in the woods, but must rest content, quoting this paragraph :

"The brethren of the lodge gave their time to this search, and where a brother did work which, in justice, ought to be paid for, the brethren of this lodge stood the expense, so that none of the money contributed by the other lodges or brethren was spent for the labor of any mason."

The amount of money contributed by the particular lodges to be expended in this search was \$1,672.39, and of this, all but \$376.10 was expended. The search was fruitless.

Of the recommendations put out by the conference of Grand Masters at Philadelphia, he reports that all but two are Michigan law and recommends the adoption of those two, one of no great value, the other the "renunciation" proposition.

He also says :

"I feel, however, that the work begun in this informal way should be carried along to completion by a more definitely organized body. This may be called a Masonic Congress, or whatsoever you will, but it should be a permanent organization, composed of regularly elected or appointed representatives from each Grand Jurisdiction, meeting annually, biennially or triennially, as may seem best. This congress should have, collectively, authority to deliberate and to recommend unanimously, to all Grand Jurisdictions participating, such measures as may seem wise and beneficial to the craft, always maintaining the individuality of each jurisdiction, and the sovereign rights of its constituent lodges.

"I would therefore recommend that this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge select a delegate or representative for a provisional term of one year, who, with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, shall be authorized to represent this Grand Jurisdiction, and to attend and take part in the deliberations and actions of such conference."

He reports the loss by fire of the Masonic Home and urges the importance of rightly considering and disposing of the subject.

Of his decisions he says :

"I have no decisions to report as amendatory to, or in contravention of, the existing regulations ; and though I may have lost my only opportunity of erecting to my memory a marker in the cemetery of 'Has Beens,' the 'Digest of Approved Decisions of Grand Masters,' I am content to be 'only remembered by what I have done.'"

The Grand Secretary is joyful because three hundred and seventeen lodges made correct returns. For his sake we hope the other hundred soon get into line and do their work promptly and correctly.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted many changes in the Grand Lodge Regulations. We quote :

"Section 1. No lodge shall initiate, pass or raise a candidate who lacks any qualification required of him by ancient usage and by a Master Mason's obligation.

"This amendment which is recommended, is probably the most important change sought to be made in this report, but we believe the time has come when the physical as well as the moral qualifications of a candidate may be safely left to the lodge to which application is made."

Swiss Grand Lodge "Alpina" was recognized.

We commend the Grand Lodge in that it declined to make any paper the official organ of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Lou B. Winsor submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence. In his review of proceedings he is governed by the following extract from Grand Lodge by-laws:

"The committee shall refrain from criticism of such proceedings, as well as promulgating the opinion of the committee upon decisions, laws and regulations of this or any other Grand Lodge."

Maine for 1909 has its full share of quotations.

A sketch of the life, with portrait, of the Grand Master elect, Bro. G. Roscoe Swift, is given in the proceedings.

Announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. William B. Wilson, Grand Master in 1888, who died January 24, 1911. He was a resident of Nebraska at the time of his death.

MISSOURI, 1910.

The portrait of M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Hall, together with a sketch of his life, is given us.

Five hundred twenty out of six hundred and seven lodges were represented.

Maine does not appear to have a Grand Representative for Missouri.

The M. W. Grand Master in his address has a paragraph of introduction, then passes to the mention of the dead of the various jurisdictions, and of the general state of the craft says:

"I am glad to report that throughout our Grand Jurisdiction the spirit of true fraternity is in abundant evidence, and peace and harmony prevail and have prevailed through all the year. Scarcely a ripple has appeared on the calm surface of events and the only contention known to your Grand Master has been 'that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree.'"

Of Lodges of Instruction he says:

"I desire most heartily to approve this feature in our masonic economy as operating not only to disseminate a clearer knowledge of Masonry in its ritualism, as also its symbolism and fundamental principles, but also as opportunities for the cultivation of acquaintance among the fraternity, under such circumstances as must secure a larger sympathy and brotherly

regard and thus cement more strongly the everlasting bonds which unite us."

He reports his attendance at the conference at Baltimore, and the nine conclusions that there obtained.

He did not favor any jurisdictional limit except the territorial.

Of the interest of the Eastern Star in the Masonic Home he says:

"Not only in or near the city but at different points throughout the state they have evidenced their interest in many ways, proving that they, as well as we, consider this the most worthy object of masonic endeavor. No true Freemason can fail to appreciate these splendid women for their generous support. We may also state that these high-souled women have voluntarily proposed that, upon the completion of the proposed Infirmary, they will assume the expense of supplying all needed furnishings."

The question of "Physical Qualifications" gave him much correspondence, as did questions involving decisions, eleven of which he presents but calls them his "opinions." We quote the eleventh as the only one with which we differ:

"11. Held, that a subordinate lodge can not hold a meeting during the session of the Grand Lodge, since, while any Past Master may open the lodge in the absence of the Master and Wardens, yet as every Past Master is a member of the Grand Lodge, they are supposed to be in attendance as well as the Master and Wardens."

The Committee on Jurisprudence in their report thus comments:

"In approving Decision No. 11 of the Grand Master, we do so with the understanding that this decision does not apply to funerals necessary to be held during the session of this Grand Lodge."

Now, how can a lodge be opened to attend funerals when all its Past Masters, and Master and Wardens are constructively absent?

We thought that it had been generally accepted as a truth, although with much adverse criticism, that personal presence meant just what it said, in other words, if the Master of the lodge was present at the lodge *he was there*, not somewhere else attending a communication of the Grand Lodge. If this opinion is in accord with the Regulations of Missouri Grand Lodge we would suggest a change in them.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that all the lodges made their reports and paid their dues; seven lodges were set at work; dispensations for four new lodges were issued, and many for other purposes.

Fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica were dissolved. Recognition of Grand Lodge of Nicaragua was postponed, while that of Swiss Grand Lodge "Alpina" was denied.

From the report of the Committee on Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters we quote a few of the points that may be applicable in Maine:

"*Thrift*—It is noticeable to what extent prosperity, from a financial standpoint, prevails in masonic circles throughout the state. Many lodges have good bank accounts; some own cemeteries, and most of them own their lodge rooms or halls, and all report an exceedingly prosperous condition. Freemasonry is taking its proper place as one of the great institutions of this great state."

The special committee on Masonic Club saw no reason to recommend that the word "Masonic" be not used in connection with a "club," principally because the "Masonic Club" was an incorporated body, a creature of the state and subject to its laws.

We think it would have been much better to have had the club incorporated under some other name.

Bro. C. C. Woods presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence. Maine for 1910 has two pages.

Under Nebraska, upon the question of solicitation, we read:

"We would mildly object to the decision, that 'no mason should invite his friends to become masons.' In our judgment the true masonic principle which forbids soliciting or urging one to join the fraternity has often been magnified or misinterpreted, greatly to the injury of the Order. While it must always be of one's 'own free will and accord,' yet not to encourage good men, in a careful and proper way, to become masons, is to be misunderstood, and, in effect, to reflect on the Order."

NEBRASKA, 1910.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Michael Dowling, says:

"The year just closed shows a large increase in our membership, the number of initiations being the largest in the history of the Grand Lodge. Our funds are ample for all purposes, including a fair appropriation for charity. Measured by the above, it can indeed be said that the year has been prosperous. Numbers, however, are not always indicative of strength, for unless the quality of the material is of the very best, the larger the number, the weaker the structure. I trust that due care has been used in the selection of material for our masonic edifice, and that each stone placed in the temple will prove worthy of a place in our Fraternity."

We quote the following paragraph to emphasize the differences:

"I submit herewith all the papers and correspondence relating to the formation of a General Grand Lodge; the correspondence relating to the erection of a monument to Brother George Washington; correspondence from the Grand Lodge of Oregon in regard to uniform dimits and laws relating to dimitted members; and correspondence from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky relating to penal jurisdiction over its members who reside in other Grand Jurisdictions. I ask that some action be taken on each of these subjects."

For in many jurisdictions all the papers, etc., mentioned above are given in full in the address of the Grand Master.

He recites quite forcibly the duties of lodges to see that the secretaries thereof make their returns and pay the dues reasonably and seasonably ; and recommends the arresting of the charter for failure to do their duty before a specified date.

From his address, it would appear that there is no way by which one can dimitt from a lodge in Nebraska, unless to join another lodge. The Grand Master recommends a change and also recommends other changes which were not accepted.

Quoted, without comment, from the proceedings :

"A query from a Past Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star as to the construction of Section 71, Law of Freemasonry, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence."

The Committee on Jurisprudence report :

"In this communication our committee is asked to make an interpretation of our own Grand Lodge law for the effect this determination may have on a question arising in the Order of the Eastern Star. We recommend that the Grand Lodge decline to enter into any matter of question which may be pending in the Order of the Eastern Star, particularly so in this instance, as the matter does not come to us officially from the officers of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star."

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Promulgation of the Work we quote :

"But Masonry does not exist in words alone. 1. A word is but an artificial device for the expression of an idea. 2. It is purely arbitrary with each individual who employs it. 3. It conveys only the particular idea to any individual, which that individual associates with it. 4. If a given word conveys to two different individuals distinctly different ideas, those two individuals will never understand each other perfectly when they employ that particular word, until they agree upon a definition of it, and then thereafter employ the word in strict conformity with that agreed definition. The true spirit of Masonry must be demonstrated in deeds of kindness ; its arbitrary words, forms and ceremonies are no more than a ' tinkling cymbal or sounding brass.' Masons are truth seekers. The teachings of Masonry hold the key to the situation. Have you got it? If not, why?"

We know that the law of Nebraska provides for perpetual jurisdiction, and if it further provides that a candidate rejected can never apply again, then the following by-law adopted at this session is right :

"An objection to initiation or advancement, or to a waiver of jurisdiction, remains effective until the objector withdraws it, dies, or ceases to be a member of the lodge in good standing."

But it is the first time that we have ever seen such a restriction, and it looks like *private* legislation under the guise of a general law.

Bro. Charles J. Phelps submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1909 is well reviewed.

Under Missouri, discussing dispensations to attend divine service, he says:

"But we can in no wise subscribe to this view. In several of the British provinces it is a custom of the Grand Lodge, after opening and before proceeding to any other business, to attend in a body services at some church, where a sermon is sometimes preached by the Grand Chaplain. In Nebraska, a lodge without a dispensation, may attend church in a body, and from a very early day the custom has prevailed. The lodge of which Washington was the first Master, at Alexandria, Virginia, occasionally attended church in a body. Our brother's fears are without foundation."

Under New Jersey he says of perpetual jurisdiction:

"And he makes one of the best arguments we remember to have read against the rule, saying that in his belief their position in claiming a perpetual penal jurisdiction over a rejected petitioner, who has acquired a masonic residence elsewhere, is erroneous. We retain in Nebraska the old rule, but we have never known it to be enforced, and it is practically a dead letter. The interdiction affects the interdicted in no jurisdiction, save that where it is promulgated."

Under Vermont he pays his respects to the conferences of the Grand Masters:

"Nothing was done; no organization formed, but three sessions of what he called a conference of Grand Masters held, yet the Grand Master thinks that it will 'go down in masonic history as one of the most important gatherings of the craft ever held.' Well, hardly! It was a meeting of good fellows, of course, they enjoyed themselves socially, were generously entertained, and they *personally* will remember it."

The Grand Master in his address noticed the death of Bro. Jacob King, who had served the Grand Lodge as Grand Tyler for thirty-four years. "A faithful officer and a good and upright citizen."

We have also received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Charles K. Conant, Grand Master in 1886-7 who died August 23, 1910. "He was faithful in the great duties which he owed to God, his country, his family and himself."

NEVADA, 1910.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank H. Norcross, (portrait), has a brief introduction to his address, then after commenting upon death and the dead, takes up the invitations received; of the conferences of Grand Masters he speaks approvingly and calls for more of them, and argues at length for the memorial to Washington, saying:

"While Masonry is essentially an institution of peace, the great fundamental and imperishable truths which it inculcates, of truth, liberty, equality, justice and brotherly love, could not have failed to have produced a powerful effect upon its devotees, living in a time of political injustice and oppression, and I think it is not too much to say that the principles of Masonry reflected through the ideas of its members, had no little effect in moulding the principles enunciated in the Declaration of American Independence and later embodied in our constitution.

"A monument to Washington the mason would not only commemorate his conspicuous work for the principles of the Order, but would represent also that of his illustrious masonic compeers. May the monument be erected and may Nevada, which owes its existence as a state to the final establishment by constitutional decree, that all men in this nation shall be free, do her part in the building of the same."

Of the dispensing of charity he says:

"While it is the imperative duty of every lodge to grant necessary relief, to the extent of its ability, to a distressed worthy brother within its jurisdiction, without considering whether it will ever be reimbursed, nevertheless, each Grand Jurisdiction should, as far as possible, care for their own and not impose burdens upon a sister Grand Jurisdiction."

He helped out one lodge by the payment of certain sums of money advanced by the Sacramento, Cal., board of relief.

Belgium Masonry does not meet his approval.

The Committee on Correspondence, whose reports were adopted, Grand Lodge of Cosmos, Mexico, Swiss Grand Lodge "Alpina" and Grand Lodge of Belgium were denied recognition, and recognition of the Grand Lodge Coahuila, Mexico, before granted, was withdrawn.

We quote one of his decisions:

"Q. Ought a lodge in this jurisdiction to confer the degrees upon a person or brother who has been elected to receive the degrees in a lodge of a foreign jurisdiction upon the request of the lodge wherein such person has been elected?"

"A. The appropriate procedure in such a case and the rule prevailing in many jurisdictions, is to have such application first come through the Grand Masters of the respective jurisdictions, that is, the lodge making the request should communicate through the Grand Master of the jurisdiction within which the lodge is located, who will in turn convey the request to the Grand Master of the jurisdiction in which the lodge is situated that is requested to confer the degree or degrees, and the Grand Master of the latter jurisdiction will communicate with the local lodge."

He says it is the "appropriate procedure." To this we do not agree. Let the lodges settle the matter.

The Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Finance Committee, in regard to relief, viz:

"We fully approve of the disbursements made by the Grand Master from the Charity Fund of this Grand Lodge; but we do believe that a line be drawn in disbursements made by Masonic Boards of Relief, or by lodges within the jurisdiction of sister Grand Bodies, on account of brethren, their widows or orphans hailing from the Grand Jurisdiction of Nevada; and we further recommend that it is the sense of this Grand

Lodge that no sum in excess of twenty dollars be disbursed on account of the Grand Lodge of Nevada or its constituent lodges, until said Grand Lodge or constituent lodge be notified of the case and the probable amount to be expended; and in the event that relief in excess of twenty dollars is supplied without such notification, this Grand Lodge or a constituent lodge shall not be held liable for any sum in excess of the amount named."

The Grand Lodge of Maine was represented at this annual communication by its Grand Representative.

Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Commissioner of Review, submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Arkansas, anent the liquor question, we read:

"The stockholder is certainly deriving a benefit and reaping profit from the sale of liquor, which sale the Grand Lodge condemns. This sale is debauching mason's sons and daughters, but why butt in on hair-line distinctions when we believe this whole matter could be avoided by leaving the whole question of the sale and manufacture of liquor with the lodges of the Loyal Blue where it belongs. But then, you know these days of 1910 occur in butt-in times, so Grand Masters, Grand Lodges, sage committeemen and critical correspondents will continue to agree and disagree all for the good of the Order."

Under Iowa, commenting upon attendance at church, he says:

"In Nevada our lodges frequently attend church, wherever and whenever invited, but not as a masonic body, nor in regalia, and we need no dispensation. The invitation is read in lodge, and the members who desire to attend assemble in the lodge room at the appointed hour and proceed to the house of worship."

Maine for 1909 has brotherly mention.

Under Nebraska, concerning the making of masons at sight, he says:

"Bro. DeBord was at the making of President-elect Wm. H. Taft a mason at sight. He, like many others of the witnesses, flies to the defence of this so-called prerogative of the Grand Master. Why all this defense?

"Because it is in disfavor with the Craft; because it is not universally received as established law by the brotherhood; because, ancient regulation as it is claimed to be, it has seldom been put in practice; because as used these days it is in direct conflict with the spirit, if not the letter, of those other and greater landmarks,—equality, amenability to the regulations of the masonic jurisdiction in which the candidate lives, and, interference in the business of local lodges, and because of the diversity of opinion as to what constitutes a landmark, and as to what are and what are not landmarks.

"Such are the objections heard on every hand, not bringing up that it is in direct violation of those regulations of the Grand Lodge of England that a Freemason must be made in a regular lodge and that the three degrees cannot be conferred at the same meeting without dispensation.

"But, tossing all this aside, the meat of the matter is, we read, of the Duke of Lorraine, the Duke of Newcastle, the Duke of Gloucester, the Duke of Cumberland, the Prince of Wales, Admiral Schley, Postmaster General John Wanamaker, and President-elect Wm. H. Taft being made masons at sight, but when do we read of Matthew Mete, the butcher; Billy Bun, the baker, or Thomas Tallow, the candlemaker, being made a

mason at sight? It is favoritism, distinguishment and notoriety that mainly put it in disfavor, yes, and make it unmasonic. Masonry should take a lesson from Shakespeare,

“‘And mannerly distinguishment leave out
Betwixt the prince and beggar.’”

The Grand Lodge mourns the death of M. W. Bro. Horatio S. Mason, Grand Master in 1873, 1881, 1882, who died November 27, 1909.

We have received the announcement of the death of R. W. Bro. Chauncey N. Noteware, who died October 22, 1910. He was elected Grand Secretary in 1887, and was serving as such at the time of his death.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1909.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John S. D. Chipman, in his address regrets that necessity compelled him to forego his visitations to the particular lodges; mentions feelingly and at length the deaths of members of the Grand Lodge; mentions the appointment of Grand Representatives; and briefly concludes.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that twenty-five dispensations were issued, either to confer degrees out of time or to attend church.

The business was entirely local and brief.

Three of the District Deputy Grand Masters made full reports.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1910.

At the semi-annual communication held in December, 1909, there were present as guests M. W. Bro. Lee S. Tillotson, Grand Master of Vermont, and R. W. Bro. Henry H. Ross, the Grand Secretary.

The work at the communication was the exemplification of the three degrees.

At the annual communication the Grand Representative for Maine was absent. Fifty-seven lodges were represented. There are eighty lodges on the roll.

The visitors on this occasion were the M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary of Massachusetts, Bros. Dana J. Flanders and Thomas W. Davis.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frederick W. Sawyer, after his introduction, pays due tribute to the memory of the deceased members. The

first to be mentioned was their lovable Grand Secretary, Past Grand Master, Bro. Frank D. Woodbury, whom we have met many times and whose companionship we shall miss. Then follows sketches, with portraits, of the lives of Bros. Charles H. Burns, Thomas S. Ellis, George A. Bailey, James B. McGregor, the oldest mason in the world, 1801-1910, Charles W. Whitney, and George P. Cleaves.

The usual matters of dispensations, asking and granting permission for lodges to confer degrees and waivers of jurisdiction, and dedications of halls required his attention.

The other duties that devolved upon him are clearly stated in his address but are wholly applicable to his jurisdiction.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, seven in number, are full and complete.

The invitation of the trial of sojourners for masonic offences as asked for by Kentucky was declined.

Bro. Harry M. Cheney presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"The so-called Queensland trouble with England is, we feel, working out its own adjustment. It is bound to end in Queensland's favor—no other ending is possible. It may take thirty years, as in the case of Quebec, but even with so long a time required to work out the complicated problem, it will not be for naught, but for added strength and power to each."

Under Kentucky we read:

"He does not like our practice of having requests for waivers of jurisdiction pass through the hands of the Grand Master, saying that 'we infer that such permits are given in New Hampshire by the Grand Master without consulting the pleasure of the subordinate lodges.' Not at all—the starting and the ending of these cases is all with the lodge. The papers go to the Grand Master to satisfy him that the right action has been taken, especially to see to it that the differing requirements of the other Grand Jurisdictions have been met. His approval is merely formal, is always given, and insures absolute escape from trouble. It works to perfection, is the reply we give you, and the subordinate lodge is deprived of absolutely nothing."

Do we infer that lodges can not be trusted to "take the right action"? If the approval of the Grand Master is merely a matter of form, why have it at all? Does it add anything to the validity of the document? Is it not worth just as much without the endorsement of the Grand Master? We once heard it said that there was danger in having too many names on the back of a note offered for discount, for it discredited the maker.

Maine for 1909 is given its full space in his happy style, which gives pleasure in the reading.

He says about attending church:

"Our advice is to follow New Hampshire's method—let lodges go to church, if they want to do so, without requiring the Grand Master's permission. It is the simple, sensible, direct way of doing things, with no possible harm to anybody."

With which view the writer agrees.

New Hampshire has a "Society of Veteran Freemasons," and the proceedings of the sixteenth annual meeting are printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, apparently for the first time.

NEW JERSEY, 1910.

One hundred seventy-seven of the one hundred eighty-six lodges were represented at the annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master of Virginia, Bro. William L. Andrews, was a distinguished visitor, as were the Grand Master of Delaware and suite.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. Clarence Conover, of whom there is a fine portrait, in the introduction to his address, among other good things, says:

"Bound by the highest and most sacred obligations of mortal man, what have we done during the year to suppress the crying evils of the day, of graft, avarice and selfishness, so common in the mad rush for gain and place; of defiance of law and the evil spirit which snaps its fingers in the face of justice and thus threatens to undermine the very foundations of our civil government?"

Of the relations with sister jurisdictions he says:

"We are not only at peace with all the world but happy in our fraternal fellowship, with only two unfortunate exceptions, namely, Mississippi and Oklahoma."

The Mississippi trouble is the negro and apparently the same cause exists in Oklahoma.

Dispensations for two new lodges were issued; two new lodges were constituted; five corner-stones were laid; the visits to the conferences at Philadelphia and Baltimore are acknowledged and the visits within his own jurisdictions recalled.

The account of his labors as Grand Master are clearly set forth in a business-like document for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

In speaking of the Masonic Home he says:

"Furthermore, under this heading, it becomes my duty to report that as the committee was obliged, for sufficient cause, recently to expel from the Home one of the inmates, his home lodge has since asked what dis-

position the committee intends to make of a paid up life insurance policy on his life amounting to \$350.

"Deeming that the committee had no power to dispose of this policy as one of the assets of the Grand Lodge, I advised that the matter be referred to the Grand Lodge for such action as it might determine on.

"While it is entirely clear that the expelled brother has no legal right to this policy, which was surrendered when he signed the petition to be admitted to the Home, still I would recommend, inasmuch as he has forfeited, by his own conduct, all right to be maintained in the Home, that, from the standpoint of equity, the policy be now surrendered by the Grand Lodge to this unfortunate, erring brother."

And the recommendation of the Grand Master was sustained.

The following regulation was adopted:

"The use of any book, document, or paper, written or printed, or in cipher, purporting to be the secret ritual of Freemasonry, is absolutely prohibited."

But in the report of the Committee on Ritual we read:

"In order that the newly raised brethren may have a better idea of the Ritual, your committee suggest that each lodge purchase Manuals and present them to the brethren when conferring the Master Mason degree."

From the report of the Committee on Ritual we again quote:

"Your committee have never been fully convinced of the wisdom of permitting, by authority, the admission or the obligating of more than one candidate at a time, and are now averse to recommending the alteration of our ritual to conform to a practice not contemplated by the early founders of our masonic system, unsupported by the early traditions of the fraternity and inferentially at least discountenanced by its ancient constitutions."

Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence of sixty-three Grand Lodges, and Bro. Adolph Klee of eight German Grand Lodges.

Maine for 1909 is pleasantly and fraternally reviewed.

Under Wyoming we read:

"Bro. Kuykendall deplores, upon what seems by the record very insufficient grounds, the waste of 'a lot of valuable time' in that line-up of Grand Representatives, and supposes that the Ambassador from the Bayou State was in the line and included in the fraternal greeting. Upon this theme he contemplates, and sees therein how absolutely ridiculous the representative system really is, and the non-universality of Masonry, together with the danger of tampering with other races. As a Grand Secretary one might suppose he had learned the trick of putting a sentence or so in the journal of Grand Lodge in the interest of euphony, and to show conventional civility, a good example of which was the sentence on p. 134, of the N. J. Proceedings; but which is the text for his criticism of the 'line-up' of the ambassadors. The Grand Master merely asked them to approach the East, which very few of them did, and receive his greeting, etc. On the other point we are in doubt as to which is the more dangerous, tampering with the human race or a horse race. Some other jurisdictions know more about both than New Jersey does about either."

NEW MEXICO, 1910.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank Johnson, reverently speaks of the dead ; gives a list of dispensations for the election and installation of officers and other purposes ; announces the holding of eleven special communications of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of instituting lodges, dedicating halls and for laying corner-stones.

Many applications for " joint occupancy " were granted, but the lodge rooms " were always and at all times to be subject to the exclusive use and control of the masonic lodges and their officers."

His decisions are in accord with the practice in Maine. We quote one :

" The only known remedy for delinquent members is extension of time, remission of dues, or suspension, and no member should be permitted to take a dimit or be installed in office until he is clear on the books. It is the duty of the Master of the Lodge to diligently see that each and every member pays his dues and that the books of the lodge are kept clear of delinquents. However, this is a personal matter between the lodge and its members, the lodge having large discretion in the matter. The dues are the life of any lodge, nor can any lodge exist long without them. As every lodge is assessed yearly one dollar for every member who is in good standing, for the support of the Grand Lodge, it is therefore imperative that the members should pay their dues or their lodge would very soon become bankrupt, and for lack of financial support would be compelled to surrender its charter."

The troubles in Mexican Masonry cause the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence extra labor. We hope that we shall live long enough to see that Republic settled not only in its Masonry, but also in its political government.

The Committee on the Address of the Grand Master say :

" We approve his dispensation for joint occupancy, although we feel that he has been extremely liberal in his views.

" In this connection, the committee deprecates the existence of conditions that must necessarily arise in all newly settled countries, making joint occupancy almost imperative, but we strongly advise that extreme care and the closest scrutiny must be given to all such applications. We have never approved of the using of masonic halls for any other purpose than Masonry, although we realize that total prohibition in this matter at present will in certain cases work an actual hardship, and we would modify the granting of dispensation for this purpose so as to confine joint occupancy to exclusively moral and benevolent associations. This is the wording of the Grand Lodge by-laws."

Bro. James H. Wroth presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Canada he says of the rights of a Master of a lodge :

" We think that a Master is an autocrat and responsible only to the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, or the Grand Master's representative. The minute we degenerate a Master into the position of a presiding officer, that minute we are doing something contrary to the fundamental

law, and it is a matter of surprise to us to note that lodges and Grand Lodges seem to regard Masters and Grand Masters as creatures of their own invention, and the moment either one of these officials does something which is allowed by the Ancient Charges, but denied by that particular lodge or Grand Lodge, there is immediately something doing in that neighborhood. In our mind the action of these bodies in this matter is like the tail wagging the dog."

Bro. Duncan of Louisiana :

"We think that Brother Wroth does not quite grasp the difficulty that presented itself to us with respect to the punishment by a lodge of a non-affiliated mason convicted of crime. How could such an one be suspended or expelled from a membership that he did not possess?"

Bro. Wroth of New Mexico :

"A non-affiliate by most authorities possesses something. He is simply an orphan without a home, and an orphan can be put in jail."

Maine for 1910 has its full share of his attention. We find that New Mexico and Maine are in accord in nearly all questions that are discussed.

He makes a plea for Masonry in Mexico :

"For years I have been extremely interested in the working of the leaven of American Masonry in Mexico and finally what I desired has come to pass.

"Symbolic Masonry has at last put itself where it should be and the names of those who have always in the past been trouble-makers appear no longer, save as seceders. Office holding, power and jewels appeal to such and now they have them let us hope they are satisfied.

"Seriously, it now becomes the duty of all jurisdictions who have supported and recognized Valle de Mexico (the original) to hold up their hands; to encourage them and to assist them to make Symbolic Masonry free and independent.

"This is merely the due of the handful of earnest, hard working, loyal masons who have strived for years to educate and eliminate the discordant element. Their work should be recognized and approved. Many of my confrères of the Round Table may not agree. (I don't expect it), but in criticizing kindly remember that I am writing from personal knowledge."

Here is a view on jurisdiction from one previously quoted in this report :

"He experienced a similar trouble as did the Grand Master of the District of Columbia regarding the question of residence, in which a party engaged in the government employ and living the prescribed length of time in the jurisdiction of North Carolina and applied thereto for his degrees, on being transferred by the department he finally returned home to Indiana and the Indiana Lodge refused to confer the degrees by courtesy, claiming that he had voted in Indiana the year prior. It is the same old story, that masonic residence and legal residence are not the same."

From his conclusion we excerpt:

"Modernism has no place with us—we have nothing in connection with any other order. We belong to ourselves and to ourselves alone, not in

a conceited sense, but in the sense of trying to prove to the world that our professions are true, that our acts are right, and that we believe what we profess. It is up to us to make good; it is up to us to show before the world that Masonry is a power, that it is a creed, that it is an active working factor in the improvement not only of ourselves, but of the world at large, and on us as members has fallen the duty of so 'letting our light shine that we may glorify our Father who is in heaven.'

NEW YORK, 1910.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel N. Sawyer, is replete with high ideas clothed in language chaste and beautiful.

The list of the fraternal dead has among others this paragraph:

"They were alike distinguished for the purity of their lives, their integrity, their gentlemanly deportment, their kindness of heart and their zeal in the Craft. 'As one star differeth from another star in glory,' so only they differ from each other. Let us embalm the memory of their virtues; let us inscribe their names upon the shield of truth; by all who honor rectitude and courtesy and fidelity; by all who admire the mild and steady radiance of those qualities which adorn and benefit society, let their memories be cherished."

The "ceremonies" which he was called to attend are set forth.

The results of the conferences of the Grand Masters at Baltimore and Philadelphia were reported with approval. Two, renunciation and perpetual jurisdiction, received particular mention. Of the first he says that "such an instrument is required in this jurisdiction rarely," while of jurisdiction, he says:

"It seems to me that if our sister Grand Lodges are, for the sake of dwelling with us in unity, willing to forego their claims of perpetual jurisdiction, we can for the same reason forego our claim of right to work their rejected material almost immediately after its rejection."

The question of Grand Representatives is discussed at length and concludes with the following recommendation:

"I recommend the adoption of a regulation providing that *hereafter* all accredits of Grand Representatives from other Grand Lodges shall be for a definite time of either three or five years, and that any sister Grand Lodge not desiring to commission a representative subject to that regulation be still held in fraternal relations, but without exchange of Representatives.

The Grand Historian, continuing his reports of particular lodges, adds twenty-five to those already issued.

Full reports of the various Associations, Boards of Relief, etc., were presented.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported against the chartering of a

new lodge which was "practically to be a literary society" and the report was accepted.

Learned opinions from the Judge Advocates are given and take some one hundred sixty pages.

We quote :

"1840-1910. On January thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred and ten, M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers celebrated his Seventieth Birthday. The present year also commemorates the twenty-ninth year of his services as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of New York.

"In recognition of his long and distinguished services to the Craft, and in view of the recent anniversary of his birth, it is especially fitting for his brethren to show their appreciation and esteem.

"Therefore Howard Lodge, No. 35, F. and A. M., has the honor to present to the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of New York a Portrait Bust in Marble of M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers.

"This Bust is the work of W. Gutzon Borglum, the Master of Howard Lodge, and is his gift to the lodge for presentation on this occasion."

From the introduction to the Report on Foreign Correspondence, we quote :

"A representative of the Grand Oriente d'Italia appeared before this committee, earnestly pleading the cause of his Grand Lodge. The point he made was that we here do not realize or appreciate the difficult task these brethren have in Italy, the center and hotbed of our opponents, and that recognition by our Grand Lodge would greatly aid them in the constant struggle against the enemies of the craft; but they do not make a belief in God a pre-requisite to admission of candidates."

Maine for 1909 has fraternal mention.

Under New Jersey we quote :

"While we have no desire to interfere with the practice and usages of any Grand Lodge, so long as the 'Ancient Landmarks' are observed, and while we recognize that Mississippi may have the right to refuse recognition of colored masons made in New Jersey, we fail to see by what right Mississippi dictates to New Jersey, or any other jurisdiction, who or who shall not be made masons, so long as the petitioners possess the necessary qualifications of being men, freeborn, of lawful age, and well recommended."

Under West Virginia, anent the Order of Eastern Star, we read :

"We see no objection to the Order using lodge rooms for meeting places; it is of common occurrence in New York, and does not carry with it official recognition of the Order in any way. The idea that women can ever become Freemasons is too preposterous to receive consideration."

The proceedings are embellished by portraits, one of R. W. Bro. John S. Brownrigg, Senior Grand Warden, 1781-2-3; the other W. John Wells, Grand Secretary, 1805-1816.

We have received the announcement of the death of M. W. James Ten Eyck, Grand Master in 1892. "He illustrated to the world of business

the crowd of virtues and charities that cluster around the heart of a manly man—a gentleman."

Also the notice of the death of M. W. J. Edward Simmons, Gr. Master in 1883, has been received. "A man of exalted character; cultured and scholarly."

NORTH DAKOTA, 1910.

A sketch of the life of the M. W. Grand Master, with portrait, is given. For the first (and may we hope for the last) time, from the hotel to the Masonic Temple the Grand Master had an escort:

"The procession was formed shortly after 9:30 A. M., with Putnam's Military Band at the head, followed by the Templar escort and color bearer, members of the Grand Lodge, Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers and the M. W. Grand Master. The procession moved south along Robert street to N. P. avenue, thence east to Broadway, north to First avenue N. and east to the Masonic Temple. Fully three hundred men were in line, and it was not only a dignified but an imposing sight. As the procession neared the Temple, the ranks were opened and the Grand Master and Grand Officers passed through into the temple."

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent, but all the Grand Officers were present.

From the opening to the address of the Grand Master, Bro. Halfdan Bendeke, we quote:

"The year has been prosperous in a masonic and commercial way; the order has had a splendid growth as shown by the reports of the various lodges. I am glad to have personally found that the best citizens in the different localities are members of our order; this has led me to say on several occasions that in order to *keep it the best* we must not take chances on doubtful applicants and not accept members on trial, we want but those who have shown themselves worthy of our esteem."

He feelingly mentions the death of Past Grand Master Frank J. Thompson, Grand Secretary.

He reported the constitution of four lodges, the issuance of dispensations for three new lodges, the laying of corner-stones, and the dedication of a temple.

He speaks enthusiastically of the conference of the Grand Masters at Baltimore and says:

"Personally I would only be in favor of a National Grand Lodge as an advisory body and towards the establishment of unity in work, but upon the ideas of older Grand Masters, who have more fully considered this matter, I feel that the resolutions adopted were for the best interests of our jurisdiction."

Of the granting of dispensations for conferring degrees he says:

"I do not believe in granting dispensations to confer the Entered Apprentice degree on any candidate on the same evening as his petition

is received in the lodge, as one lodge asked me to do, nor do I believe in the granting of dispensation for degrees at all. I should like to see this practice entirely done away with and hereby recommend that no dispensations shall be granted for degrees in less than statutory time and prior to learning the lectures belonging with each degree and repeating same in open lodge."

The Acting Grand Secretary made a very lengthy report.

Memorial services for the late Grand Secretary, M. W. Frank J. Thompson, were held.

The following recommendations were adopted:

"We recommend that the M. W. Grand Master visit in person, or by deputies, each lodge in the state once a year, so far as the respective lodges wish. The necessary traveling expenses of the Grand Master or deputy to be paid by the Grand Lodge.

"Further, we recommend that the Grand Master divide the state into as many districts as he may find advisable, and appoint District Deputy Grand Masters."

A large amount of local business was transacted.

We have printed with the proceedings the memorial addresses delivered at the memorial services for M. W. Bro. Thompson and the "Memorial Ode," which we quote:

"MEMORIAL ODE"

BY

JAMES W. FOLEY, PAST GRAND MASTER.

"Nay, Nay! Not tears! Not tears!
Not this the noblest soul, that fears
The rushing darkness; and the dread of night
Is not for those who, be how grim the plight
See light afar and Faith's bright gems adorning
The sullen skies, streaked with the hope of morning.

"'Tis only sleep. The sleep before the waking;
The darkness but the deeper for the breaking
Of dawn so soon to be. There is no weeping
In Dreamland, where the wrested soul is sleeping.
The silent tenement speaks but release
From toil outworn, into the ways of Peace,

"His are the shaded groves; the paths untrod;
The dreams of Saints; the promise, vast of God.
The ecstasy of knowledge, earned at last
When all the burden of the flesh is cast
Into the gaping tomb; and Glory breaks
In radiant light upon the soul that wakes.

"What is this Voice that through the mists is calling;
'Lo, in my hand is every sparrow's falling.'
Father, my Father, be my faith unswerving,
Thine be command and mine alone the serving;
Thine be the Wisdom; mine, a garland wreathing,
But to press on, mine Amen humbly breathing!"

Instead of a Report on Foreign Correspondence we have a compilation of the decisions of the various Grand Masters for the year 1909.

The report of the second annual meeting of the Masonic Veterans' Association of North Dakota is given.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1910.

After the usual formalities incident to the opening of the Grand Lodge, it formed in procession and proceeded to church and listened to an able sermon upon "Humanity, Fraternity, Piety and Loyalty," four great duties of masons.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William M. Black, in his address fittingly remembers the death of King Edward VII and the dead of other jurisdictions.

He very fully discusses the affairs of the Nova Scotia Freemasons' Home; reports his official acts, among which were dispensations to attend church, which he commends, and requests to confer degrees out of time, which he regrets.

His decisions accord with the practice in Maine; and the account of his visitations must have a good effect upon the lodges. Of his experience we quote:

"This is the only lodge in the jurisdiction that required me to pass an examination prior to my entering the lodge room and while they felt a great deal of diffidence about asking me to undergo any examination, I wish to congratulate and commend them for this act. While I am aware that some in this jurisdiction hold that the Grand Master and other Grand Officers on official visitations are exempt from an examination I wish to go on record as one who believes that a Grand Master or any other Grand Lodge Officer is subject to the same law as regards visitors, whom no member of the lodge can vouch for.

"I have gone into this matter at some length in order to settle the question once and for all as to whether a Grand Master, a D. D. G. M. and other Grand Lodge Officers on official visitations are subject to examination."

He reports that the work is not uniform; presents and fully discusses two methods by which the desired change to uniformity may be brought about.

The Committee on Grand Master's address say:

"As to uniformity of work, while every member of the Fraternity would naturally like to see identically the same work in every lodge in the jurisdiction, still your committee believes that while in some minor details the work may differ, in all the grand essentials it is the same. And while fully appreciating all the M. W. the Grand Master has said, and said so well, on this subject, your committee does not believe the time is opportune to adopt any of the suggestions thrown out. By and by, no doubt, Grand Lodge will be in a position to engage a paid Lecturer who can and

will visit every lodge and in the meantime we are fairly convinced that the brethren, year by year, are doing better masonic work than ever heretofore."

Bro. Thomas Mowbray presented the Report on Correspondence. Maine for 1909 found its place among the proceedings reviewed.

OHIO, 1910.

At the annual communication all the Grand Officers; all the Past Grand Master's except one; and representatives of 484 lodges out of 520 were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Of course business could not proceed until "distinguished visitors" were introduced; and the following is taken from the proceedings:

"The following introductions of distinguished visitors present in the Grand Lodge then took place, each introduction being accompanied with most fitting and eloquent references to the high standing of the brethren introduced, especial attention being called to the fact that at the present time presiding officers of three of the great National Masonic Bodies are citizens of Ohio and subject to the jurisdiction of its Grand Lodge."

But then, since Ohio has seventy-nine thousand five hundred and one Master Masons, is it to be wondered at that men should be found who are able to fill the positions mentioned above?

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. B. F. Perry, Jr., in his address pays due tribute of respect to the dead; reports the dedication of Masonic Halls, the laying of corner-stones and the constitution of three lodges.

We quote the following because we believe it right:

"I have received a great many requests for permission to disregard the express provisions of the Code and the Laws of the Grand Lodge in receiving and considering petitions for initiation, and in the conferring of degrees; also requests for permission to issue appeals for financial aid, all of which have been refused."

Speaking of the "History of Masonry in Ohio" the Grand Secretary tells a story that is similar to the experience in many another jurisdiction. He says:

"It was contemplated by the Committee on History that the brethren individually would desire copies of this work in addition to those sent out as above. So far this expectation of the committee has not been met, and we have something over eight hundred copies still undisposed of. The price was fixed at \$1 to cover the actual expense of printing and mailing, and it has been hoped that the brethren would show their appreciation of the great work done in its preparation by procuring copies before the supply is exhausted for their individual use."

But will Bro. Bromwell tell us why he used the word "recessed" in making up his report of what the Grand Lodge did at the close of its first day's session?

In the report of Committee on Jurisprudence on the matter of trial of masons, as asked for by Kentucky, we find a new idea. They say:

"Besides, to make any reciprocal arrangement with the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and such other Grand Bodies as may join therein, would be to establish something like treaty obligations and place ourselves on a basis with such Grand Lodge different from other Grand Lodges, which we deem unwise."

Bro. William A. Belt presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1910 is reviewed.

Under New Jersey, commenting on perpetual jurisdiction, he says:

"Perpetual jurisdiction over rejected petitioners has faded a notch in this rock-ribbed jurisdiction. There was nothing left to do, when other jurisdictions were sailing ahead, 'doing business' without any regard for this bald-headed, threadbare, old, unjust rule. Virginia was the latest to step on its toes, and elected and initiated a New Jersey rejection. So the law as now faded reads 'that penal jurisdiction shall be retained over rejected petitioners by the rejecting lodge so long as the rejected petitioner continues to reside within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.'"

Under Vermont, we read:

"The most interesting feature to us was his correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Americans forget that all foreign Masonry is different than ours. So, when a resident of this jurisdiction while on a visit in Scotland received the degrees and returned home, the Grand Master called the Grand Lodge of Scotland to account, and learned to his astonishment that the Scotch hold that jurisdiction over material only begins when degrees have been conferred. Before that time the world is common ground. However, the Grand Master issued an edict debarring this home-grown Scotch-made mason from any recognition in Vermont. This was standing by his guns, but the great lack of uniformity in the laws of Grand Lodges could be wiped away by a united and masonic court of reference."

From his conclusion we quote:

"Masonic clubs, if all Master Masons are allowed to participate in their membership, help to solve the social side so much demanded of late. But where restricted to a few who are able to pay extra dues it becomes a separate institution and the entering wedge of class distinctions gains a footing. This problem should be well guarded.

"College clubs, or lodges, as they are trying to make them, composed of those in and about an institution of learning, belonging to our Order, are increasing. Yale has one with a membership of sixty. And related to this feature is the fact that many college libraries are accumulating masonic literature. The drift of these clubs is toward a study of our institution's history, symbolism and literature. This we are glad to see. So while active lodges 'labor' these college clubs may enjoy 'refreshment.'"

OKLAHOMA, 1910.

Three hundred twenty-eight out of the three hundred eighty-five lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The Grand Orator delivered an address on "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

We make one extract :

"We flatter ourselves that invention has developed until the labor of millions of men is saved daily. We boast of the business-like management of huge trusts, like the beef or the oil companies, in which the by-products alone make men millionaires and wherein are machines which eliminate almost every kind of labor. And, indeed, they are evidences of what private enterprise and brain can evolve. Their saving is fabulous. Their methods are the standard methods for business of the future. We are indeed in the golden age of commercialism. No other nation has ever achieved such perfect systems of economy nor developed the bounties of the earth to so great a degree. But great error in the entire tendency of the times is that all this finely woven scheme of industry and business loses sight of the other fellow entirely. 'Love thy neighbor as thyself' would be fatal to the industrial system of to-day, and therefore it is manifestly on a false basis. Modern business needs to remodel its motive, and when it does so it will become a great blessing as it now promises to be a curse. When the spirit of brotherly love has developed to that degree where men of every calling in life will consent to the principle of 'live and *help* live,' in place of the present-day policy of 'get all you can,' when that day arrives, men, who to-day are doing the actual work, mental and physical, may get together, form their own gigantic trust, patterned after the polished systems of to-day, make their own machinery and see that these machines actually work for them, and in this manner lift the yoke from their own necks and be enabled to live a fuller, freer life."

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry L. Muldrow, then delivered his address.

After the introduction he calls the roll of the dead ; reports the issuance of dispensations for sixteen new lodges ; briefly mentions his visitations ; issued a large number of dispensations for various purposes ; divided the state into thirty-nine districts, appointing a deputy for each district, and to these deputies he gives praise for the faithfulness to their work :

"In my judgment, the deputy system is one of the most powerful adjuncts for good in any Grand Lodge, and while the inauguration of the system is new in this jurisdiction, I feel sure that it will prove invaluable in the handling of the detail affairs of the Grand Master's office. It is impossible for the Grand Master to do any large amount of visiting and as time goes on and the number of lodges increases and the duties of his office grow correspondingly, he will have to depend very materially upon the deputies for keeping closely in touch with the welfare of the lodges."

There were twenty-eight emergent communications to lay corner-stones, mostly of school buildings.

Of his decisions we quote the following :

"Question: Can a lodge waive jurisdiction over a man once rejected by it, but still living in the jurisdiction of the rejecting lodge, and permit him to petition some other lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction?"

"Answer: No."

We cannot harmonize this decision with one which he made, and in it declared that a lodge retained jurisdiction over a rejected candidate for only six months.

We do not see why, after six months, jurisdiction could not be waived by the rejecting lodge.

Three lodges surrendered their charters.

We note among the list of Grand Representatives the appointment of R. W. Bro. William F. Lord to represent Maine.

He very fully and freely reports the conferences at Baltimore and Philadelphia and lays down certain principles upon which all Grand Lodges should have uniformity:

"A member of our fraternity should know when he leaves home to go to any other jurisdiction what is going to be required of him to gain admission to the lodges there. The laws should be uniform upon penal jurisdiction for masonic offenses, jurisdiction of the lodge over rejected material should be made the same at least throughout the United States. The relation of the Grand Lodges of the United States should be more cordial and fraternal with each other. They should all recognize the same Grand Lodges in other countries. They should all pass upon the physical requirements of petitioners in the same way."

He very freely and unwisely discusses the Mississippi-New Jersey embroglio and declines "to form any fraternal relation with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey," and sets a time when New Jersey can so act that its members can be recognized in Oklahoma. Poor New Jersey! Unwise Oklahoma! Did you never read of some trouble like this up in Washington?

He made many recommendations; in fact, he made the longest of any address we have thus far read, about fifty pages.

The Master Mason's degree was exemplified.

M. W. Bro. Joseph S. Murrow declined to serve any longer as Secretary, and he was invited to prepare a masonic monitor for use in Oklahoma.

Among the appropriations made was one making M. W. Bro. Murrow, Emeritus Grand Secretary, and at a salary of nine hundred dollars the first year and six hundred dollars per year thereafter.

A Masonic Home has been established; and to help pay for and run the plant it is proposed to make the minimum fees for the degrees thirty-five dollars, of which five dollars shall be paid to the Masonic Home when the E. A. degree is conferred, and, furthermore, annually the lodges are to pay one dollar for each E. A. degree, one dollar and fifty cents for each F. C. degree, one dollar and fifty cents for each M. M. degree.

The results of the conferences at Baltimore and Philadelphia were endorsed.

The Committee on Law and Usage in their report did not approve the decision commented upon by us.

A large amount of business, caused by the union of the Grand Lodges of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, was transacted.

The District Deputies made good reports.

Bro. Wm. M. Anderson submitted a short Report of Committee on Correspondence.

OREGON, 1910.

The Representatives of Foreign Jurisdictions, among whom was the Representative from Maine, were presented and introduced immediately after the opening.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Norris R. Cox, in his address remembers the dead; reports the constitution of four lodges, dispensations issued for two new lodges, and the laying of two corner-stones.

The difficulty with Idaho was reported as happily settled; many other matters are briefly touched upon.

The Finance Committee objected to an appropriation of money for a monument to a Past Grand Master for the following reasons:

"To appropriate money for such purpose in an individual case slights others perhaps equally as worthy.

"To appropriate money in such a way and manner furnishes a precedent inimical to the purposes for which the funds of this body are devoted.

"To appropriate money for monuments furnishes an entering wedge to encourage appropriations for other foreign purposes."

The business was entirely local in its character.

Bro. J. M. Hodson presented the Report on Correspondence.

Under Alabama, in re the "negro question," we read:

"The Grand Lodge referred the resolution to the Grand Master with power to act. Why don't they cut out the Grand Lodge of England, which allows any man free born of lawful age and of good reputation to become a mason. No question as to whether he be red-headed, blonde or very dark brunette? Why not deny descent from or relationship with King Solomon, said to have been our first Grand Master, who admits that he was black, but claims to have been comely. Better go out on to a high hill or down into some low vale and sing that contraband doxology, and let New Jersey alone and it will be better for all concerned."

Maine for 1909 has fraternal review.

Commenting upon a little transaction that occurred in Maine he says:

"He or Bro. Greenleaf should have explained what they mean by 'collection ballot,' so the rest of us may know what they are talking about."

"He" means the writer—Bro. Hodson has it "collection ballot," although in the paragraph quoted he uses the correct expression "collective ballot." Perhaps the latter term is unknown to Bro. Hodson and certainly the term "collection ballot" is unknown by us as well as by him. But assuming that Bro. Hodson knows not "collective ballot" we explain it as it was used in Maine at that time to be the balloting for *all* candidates at one and the same time. If the ballot was clear all candidates were declared elected; if the ballot was foul, then each candidate was balloted for until all had been balloted for.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Half a century ago it was the tendency of masonic thought and conduct to give careful attention and obedience to the ancient laws and usages of Freemasonry, as expounded by Anderson, Preston, Webb and Mackey, who were followed and endorsed by the early writers of correspondence, such as Drummond, Pillans, Singleton, Vincil and Cunningham, all now passed to the great beyond, after having served well their day and generation, and their names are household words to the masonic student and it is known to all that they stood with many not named almost as one man in support of the maxims of the fraternity as interpreted by Mackey as the leading writer upon masonic law history and usages. Into this school of thought this writer was initiated, received his degrees and led his masonic life, having had several years active experience in each branch of the Great Fraternity. In the early days to be a mason was to be looked upon with suspicion, as the possessor of dark secrets, dangerous to public safety, but among the initiated who knew the truth it was to hold sacred every point in the obligations and faithfully practice the tenets of the fraternity, until by the force of their exemplary conduct and worthy lives the idle prejudice was largely removed and Masonry became popular and thousands have of recent years been seeking its altars, many without the proper motif and the fraternity is partaking of the commercial character of our age. Our leaders and writers hold to the ancient tenets with less tenacity, it is getting to be rare to find one who is not either the promulgator or defender of the printed or cipher ritual; masonic law is too far out of date, civil and corporation law is advocated in its place. With several correspondents, Anderson, Preston and Webb were romances and the iconoclastic openly denies their accounts of our early history and are seeking to set up standards of their own, making 1717 and Anthony Sayers the beginning of everything masonic, and the Grand Lodge of England all the masonic authority which ever existed. Pure Masonry can never be seriously injured no more than pure religion, but its patrons and professors can contaminate its stream far from the fountain, and render its usefulness much less marked than it ought to be. Brethren, remember the motto: 'Preserve the Land Marks.'"

We have written as though in the presence of the living one, but we have the announcement of the death of M. W. John Milton Hodson on October 9, 1910. We shall miss him, for he was one of the able correspondents, and had written the reports for nearly twenty years.

Also we have the announcement of the death of M. W. William Fountain Butcher, who died November 17, 1910. "He was enthusiastic in his devotion to Masonry, and insistent always upon a strict adherence to the Ancient Landmarks of the Craft."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1910.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. P. Doull, in his address fittingly remembers the dead, then attends to cutting out those who had become dead to their office of Grand Representative.

He says:

"I found some six or eight jurisdictions without Representatives and several others even worse—having Representatives who never appear at this Grand Lodge. Some of these are Past Masters of long standing, men of keen business acumen and sterling integrity. But while we know them as such the jurisdictions they represent do not, and it is a matter of small compliment to a Grand Lodge with as many subordinate lodges as we have individual members to be represented by a Right Worshipful Brother who cannot get into this Grand Lodge once in a dozen years. Some of these I have cut out, and recommended others to whom commissions have been issued. I trust the change, the newly appointed incumbents will not disappoint us. If they do let the operation be repeated."

He visited all the lodges and says:

"I have not given any detailed account of the amount of work done, or progress financial or otherwise of the lodges. I do not think it wise to publish details of such. I have, however, spoken considerably of the social side as if it were the more important. This is because I consider it the thermometer by which to gauge the temperature of masonic vitality. A brother may be painfully accurate in ritual, precise to the smallest scruple in jurisprudence, in business as upright and yet as cold as the stone in yonder cemetery, if a hand is extended at all he gives you the tips of the fingers and you shake them yourself. That brother's apron strings are untied before the Master makes the last request of his Deacons, and at the final rap of the gavel he is half way out the door. He does not believe in a 'bun-feed' as he terms it, and you are half glad he does not."

Discussing "Foreign Correspondence," he says:

"Brethren, we are a small jurisdiction. Territorially (though not numerically) we are the smallest jurisdiction on the face of the earth and being an Island we cannot hope to ever have our borders expanded. We are steadily growing in numbers and financial strength but we talk in small figures compared with other Grand Jurisdictions; yet there is no large jurisdictions where less commercialism is shown, where ritual is more uniform, where higher proficiency is demanded in the candidate's examination, where the constitution is more closely regarded, where the prerogatives of the Grand Master are so seldom invoked and where the ballot guards more jealously the admission of unworthy material. Think of it, a Grand Lodge thirty-five years old, that has never had occasion to suspend or expel a single member.

"We think we cannot afford to publish a report on Foreign Correspondence, but if that is the reason for not doing so I am not sure that our position is wholly lamentable. It is the general tendency of American Masonry to put too much on paper. Those proceedings are not private literature. There is no attempt made to keep them under lock and key, and it then resolves itself into a case where the extent of inside information furnished the outside world is bounded by the amount of curiosity to read. You take up the proceedings of one Grand Lodge and from the Grand Master's address you have the doings of that jurisdiction, but turn to the report on Foreign Correspondence and you read of the progress and troubles of the whole masonic world.

"Personally I enjoy the reading, but cannot help thinking that the sentiments I am expressing are only too true. I am aware that the finest masonic intellects of our day are engaged in the compilation of those reports, and that they contain a fund of interest and instruction to the masonic student, but too much information easily obtained by the outside world. I shall never sigh for wealth for our Grand Lodge if it be to spend it in the publication of Foreign Correspondence."

A new constitution was adopted.

We have received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Benj. Rogers, who was Grand Master in 1903-4. He died January 21, 1911. He was prominent in the business affairs of his locality and a consistent mason.

RHODE ISLAND, 1910.

A portrait of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Stephen Magown, embellishes the proceedings. At the semi-annual communication, in his address the Grand Master somewhat at length reports the proceedings at the conference of Grand Masters at Philadelphia, from which we excerpt:

"SUBJECT:—Printed rituals.

"This subject was discussed at length, but no agreement reached. There were three jurisdictions represented which authorize the use of printed rituals. The subject was resumed at the third session, and the following

"RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED:—As touching the use of written or printed books or papers in full form, or by any system, signs, symbols, or abbreviations whatsoever, giving any part of the secret work of Masonry, we find that such practice is prohibited in most of our jurisdictions. We think that it is to be regretted that such practice is permitted in any jurisdiction. While we cheerfully and fully concede the sovereignty of each jurisdiction in this matter, we, nevertheless, express the hope that all that part of Masonry ordinarily denoted as 'unwritten work,' 'secret work,' or 'esoteric work,' in every jurisdiction in this country, may be preserved as secret in fact, and not permitted to be in any manner, written or marked by any words, symbols, or abbreviations, legible or intelligible to any person under the canopy of Heaven."

At the annual communication there were present representatives of thirty-four lodges.

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The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master calls to mind those who had been members of the Grand Lodge during their life-time but had "obeyed the last summons of the Grand Master of the Universe."

The decisions given are in accord with the practice in Maine.

The address is brief and has reference mainly to matters within the jurisdiction of Rhode Island.

The District Deputy Grand Masters and the Grand Lecturer submitted reports.

The Committee on Grand Officers' Reports consider the propositions of the conference at Philadelphia at length. We quote their views upon one subject:

"5. As to petitioners who have been identified with clandestine bodies, a form of renunciation to be attached to the petition was recommended. This committee agrees heartily with the suggestions made by some of the participants at the conference that such a requirement was conferring on these bodies the undeserved honor of a recognition, at least partial, of their claims to be masonic.

"In the opinion of the committee, one who has attached himself to such a body is simply a profane who can petition any regular lodge for the degrees provided he can find the necessary number of brethren to recommend him. The fact that he had previously been, or at the time of petitioning was, affiliated with a clandestine body, if known, ought, and undoubtedly would, have a material effect upon the result of a ballot upon the petition. If after receiving the degrees he should visit such a lodge or hold masonic intercourse with its members, he would be amenable to discipline. The committee therefore recommends that no action be taken upon the recommendation."

The second and third volumes of the reprint of the early proceedings, from 1820 to 1860, were reported as completed.

The M. W. Grand Master elected was Bro. Henry W. Rugg, well known to and beloved by the craft in Maine, who died about two months after his election. At one time he was a resident of Bath, and affiliated with Solar Lodge, of which he was Master in 1862-3.

"In 1863 he received the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Maine Consistory, Portland, Maine, and on September 18, 1900, he was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, and became an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

"His wise counsel and tireless activities in the various walks of life have been most marked, as was illustrated in the deep interest he always showed in those matters which had for their object the advancement of educational work.

"Whenever Grand Lodge has been called upon to perform masonic work,—whenever the Fraternity needed a champion to proclaim her virtues,—he was always ready and willing to serve. No one can read the history of Grand Lodge without being impressed with his intense devo-

tion and loyalty to our cause, and we gratefully acknowledge what we owe to his accomplishments."

SASKATCHEWAN, 1910.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and for its first business consecrated and dedicated the Temple within whose walls it was to have its meeting, and then withdrew.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Harold Jagger, we quote:

"It is gratifying to be able to tell you that our Grand Lodge continues to prosper, and we are satisfied that our growth is commensurate with the growth and prosperity of this province. At the last meeting of this Grand Lodge we consisted of 40 chartered lodges, 13 lodges to whom charters were authorized to be issued, and 9 lodges working under dispensation, a total of 62 lodges. Now we have 53 chartered lodges and 23 lodges working under dispensations, a total of 76 lodges. Our membership at the time of last Grand Lodge numbered 2,336, and to-day we number approximately 3,300."

A detailed account of his work is submitted. We quote:

"I feel it my duty to bring to your notice that Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star have been organized in this jurisdiction. I have not been asked for any official rulings or decisions in regard to it, so have not given any. My own view is, after careful investigation, that the Order is worthy of our countenance as Freemasons. Though not in any way allied to Freemasonry, only those being Freemasons or women who are related by ties of blood to Freemasons can belong to it, whilst its teachings, its principles, work and ritual, are such as will appeal to the sympathy of any true mason."

The District Deputy Grand Masters submitted very extended and favorable reports.

On the subject of balloting, we quote the M. W. Grand Master:

"The ballot box placed on the altar with an equal number of black and white balls and either each member in order of rank proceeding to the altar and casting the ballot, or members beginning on the left of the W. M. casting the ballot.

"That is my idea of how the ballot should be cast. Of course what we desire to have is uniformity in any mode and I think this mode is the one that will be followed with least difficulty and with the best results in the majority of lodges in the jurisdiction.

"Therefore, I unhesitatingly rule that this is the mode that I feel is the proper one. I have seen the ballot box handed to officers. I do not approve of this. I think the proper way is for each member of the lodge to go to the altar and cast his ballot.

"There would seem to be some difficulty in what is to be done when the Master leaves the chair. In lodges where there are Past Masters in the East the difficulty is easily overcome. Where there are no Past Masters present the Warden is in control of the lodge."

Bro. A. S. Gorrell submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arkansas, discussing the effect of the liquor law, he says:

"Can folly go farther? The Committee on Jurisprudence wanted the stockholder fired also, but the Grand Lodge was afraid to let go of the lifebuoy and consequently hung on to the Grand Master. What will the craft do in the United States when the race track laws sweep over the several states? Woe to the man who owns a trotting horse."

Maine for 1909 is reviewed. In regard to the correspondence between lodges passing through the hands of the Grand Master, he says:

"Under Saskatchewan the opinion of M. W. Bro. Campkin in regard to correspondence with lodges in foreign jurisdictions is not concurred in. The matter is only one of precaution, as there are so many irregular and clandestine lodges in the United States the above procedure was advised as a method of safety."

Under Nova Scotia, we read:

"Saskatchewan is mentioned under Foreign Correspondence, and is a source of merriment to the Reviewer. Did he live in this Grand Jurisdiction, where masons are flocking in from all quarters of the globe, with all forms and variations of the so-called York Rite, no two the same and each considering his as the only and reliable, he would well understand our reason for making the 'Canadian' work absolute. But the word Canadian is a bit misleading. It is the work practically the same as the United Grand Lodge of England and used by Canada, in Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan."

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1909.

Two hundred fifteen chartered lodges were represented at the annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Jas. L. Michie, has a very brief introduction to his address, and then is thankful that death has not taken any from the official family, but laments the loss that has occurred in other jurisdictions.

He reports and comments quite freely upon the questions discussed at the conference of the Grand Masters at Philadelphia.

Dispensations for many purposes were granted quite freely; among them were four for new lodges, seven lodges were constituted and nine corner-stones were laid.

He urges attention to the Orphan's Home, for which contributions had declined during the year.

Sixteen District Deputies made reports.

The special committee could not agree upon any proposition looking to the relaxation of any of the physical qualifications now existing, so they were discharged.

There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence. A list of lodges with officers and members is given.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1910.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Jas. R. Johnson, we quote :

" My brethren, we are members of a ' Great Brotherhood whose origin is lost in a forgotten past ; whose traditions come to us hallowed by the mists of years ; whose Ritual, ideal in sentiment and eloquent in diction, is written in every civilized language ; whose ancient customs, usages and landmarks are familiar the round world over ; whose principles of Truth and Justice and Charity, of that righteousness which fears God and regards man, are the consummate ethical wisdom of the ages.' "

The dead are appropriately remembered.

He discusses favorably the proposed change of the constitution in regard to physical qualifications.

He commends the " proposed memorial to Washington, the Mason. "

Many dispensations were granted and a few were refused ; among those granted were six for new lodges. Three lodges were constituted ; eleven corner-stones were laid.

He rendered many decisions which were required upon questions arising almost entirely from construction of the language of the constitution and the code.

Several amendments to the code were adopted :

" ' Sec. 123. Upon receiving the M. M. degree, the newly made brother becomes a member of the lodge which elects him.' "

This is not quite the law in Maine ; for in Maine the candidate becomes a member of the lodge in which he receives the M. M. degree.

By permission the Grand Lodge was addressed by a brother on the subject of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Bro. J. L. Michie presented the correspondence report. From his introduction we quote :

" I present to you my first-born, craving from you all the indulgence we always extend to a fond father who exploits the wonderful achievements of his infant progeny.

" The preparation of the following report has been the most interesting work I ever engaged in. If it meets the approval of my South Carolina brethren I will feel amply repaid for the many nights spent in its compilation. But I cannot help thinking that there is a good deal of truth in what so many reviewers say, viz : that these reviews are read only by a very few of the brethren. "

Under Alabama we read :

" We are familiar with the history of this New Jersey negro lodge, we have the full particulars from the lips of Past Grand Master Wolfskeil himself, and we think that if all the facts were more generally known, a greater spirit of toleration would be shown. We are not running to the defense of New Jersey, New Jersey is quite capable of taking care of herself, but we happen to know ' good and sufficient reasons ' for the exist-

ence of this negro lodge under the protection of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey."

Under Louisiana, anent attending church:

"A masonic lodge, whose membership consisted of all creeds, might attend a church service and hear nothing that would offend any brother present. We once attended a service in a Methodist church where a Jewish Rabbi preached a most eloquent sermon from the text: 'Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us?'

"As before noted, the Grand Master refused to allow a lodge to attend service in a church, on the ground that a church is sectarian, yet he allowed a sectarian mission to conduct services in a lodge room, while he himself publicly installed the officers of a lodge in a Methodist church, and delivered a lecture on the Tenets of Freemasonry in a Presbyterian church. Verily, of a truth, the era of hair-splitting is at our doors."

Maine for 1910 has full review. Of our M. W. Grand Master Mallet, he says:

"We were very much disappointed at not seeing a portrait of the Grand Master, whom we met at Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore. We never met a man, mason or profane, whom we 'took to' quicker than we did to Bro. Mallet. And the more we saw of him the more we liked him."

We quote:

"Bro. Chase thus takes us to task for devoting 'two printed pages' of our address to the Eastern Star:

"While we have every reason to believe that all that he said about it is true and the quotations in its favor are worthy of the subject, yet we fail to see why the subject is pertinent. Next year we may hear from him about the 'Shrine.'

"No fear of that, my brother. We admit being a 'Shriner,' are not ashamed to own the fact. We will go a step further and say that we love the social intercourse engendered by the Shrine. Every Shriner is a Master Mason in good standing in his lodge, but Shriners seem to love their fellow Shriners more than those do who have only 'taken' the three symbolic degrees. In a strange town you may wear a badge of the Blue Lodge, of the R. A. Chapter, or the K. T. Commandery, aye, or the thirty-second degree, and never once be hailed by a brother wearing the same badge. But no 'Shriner' ever meets another anywhere without exchanging cordial fraternal greetings. Grand Master Sawyer, of New Hampshire, says: 'The social feature is one of the most attractive sides of Masonry,' and nowhere has the writer (who is somewhat of a 'jiner') seen this 'social feature' so prominent as among the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

"At the same time, we think a reference to the Shrine would be out of place in a Grand Master's address.

"It is different with the Eastern Star. This Order is composed of those we masons hold most dear on earth, our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters. If Bro. Chase will read the addresses of the Grand Masters of the various jurisdictions in the United States, he will find that quite a large number of them contain very favorable references to the Eastern Star, commending very highly the noble, unselfish work this Order is doing among the poor and needy of the Masonic Fraternity."

So too are we a "shriner," and so too we have read in the addresses of Grand Masters about the "Eastern Star." Yet, what these Grand Masters say does not make the Order a masonic order. We believe that

Grand Lodges and particular lodges have to do with "blue lodge" Masonry, no more, no less.

As regards the Grand Representative of Maine near South Carolina: He was in the employ of the United States at Washington but during the year he has been taken to the realm above.

M. W. Jacob T. Barron, Grand Secretary, died September 16, 1910:

"No one man was, masonically, so widely known in this jurisdiction. No one was more sincerely beloved. No one ever lived whose loss will be more deeply felt, for his death was and is mourned by all who knew him, and by no one more than by him who was his faithful friend, and who to-day drops a tear and plucks a laurel to lay upon his tomb."

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1910.

Ninety-three of the one hundred twenty-one lodges were represented at the annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel A. Brown, in his address, after a brief introduction, mentions the dead of his own jurisdiction, which suffered many inroads during the year, and especially speaks of the prominent dead of other jurisdictions.

He reports four lodges constituted; dispensations issued for two new lodges; the laying of two corner-stones; and dispensations for other purposes, but none to confer degrees out of time.

He gives an account of the conferences at Philadelphia and Baltimore and commends the results obtained to the consideration of the Grand Lodge. However, he is right when he doubts the advisability of having correspondence between lodges pass through the office of the Grand Master.

He discusses at length a "General Grand Lodge," and favors a "General Conference." but "the formation of a General Grand Lodge is a revolution."

He gives quite an account of the Grand Lodges of Germany and the Scandinavian States and thinks that it is a "distinct loss that we are not in fraternal relations with them." He then goes on with an account of the Grand Orient of France, with others that fellowship with it, and wants to know what his Grand Lodge will do about fellowship with them.

He offers the following rule for recognition:

"The recognition of a governing body of Master Masons in any country should be influenced by the attitude of the craft nearest to them, and, no important objection being known, we ought to recognize those recognized as regular by their masonic neighbors.

The Grand Orator entertained the lodge with an address on "Intolerance." We quote:

"Is it not rather strange, old as Masonry really is, that since the days of Solomon, King of Israel, we have advanced but little? That while we commemorate the virtues of the illustrious founder of Ancient Craft Masonry, we have neglected to remember, and remembering, live, the lessons of wisdom he left us, the sum of which was to be broad and not narrow, charitable and not intolerant?"

The Committee on Fraternal Relations in their report have had adopted a resolution by which the Grand Lodge of South Dakota will not recognize as masonic, those bodies which do not require a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, but will recognize as masonic those bodies which recognize as masonic the bodies which South Dakota will not recognize.

Following out the ideas of the Grand Master the correspondence is to be had with the German bodies with reference to recognition.

The Oregon plan of dimitts was not concurred in; the general celebration of the 200th anniversary of St. John the Baptist day, 1717, proposed by the District of Columbia, was approved.

Bro. Arthur H. Tufts submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1909 is reviewed.

Under New Hampshire, discussing residence in the army and navy, he says:

"We suggest that a naval lodge could be located at each of the navy yards, with the right to accept navy men, without regard to their legal domicile. Let the navy form a Grand Lodge of its own if it seems feasible. Let them hold lodge meetings on foreign stations where, as often happens, there are many ships lying inactive for weeks together in the far away waters of the world. These men would visit the masons of many lands and learn and tell us about them so that we could know something definite about the craft as it exists or is trying to exist throughout the world; and they could help those masons to understand what the real fraternity is in this masonic land."

In the address of the Grand Master, mention is made of the death of M. W. Bro. Byron P. Dague, Grand Master in 1903, who died May 8, 1910.

We have also received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. William C. Allen, Grand Master in 1894, who died November 9, 1910; of M. W. Bro. Henry H. Blair, Grand Master in 1876, who died February 27, 1911; and of M. W. Bro. Frederick H. Files, Grand Master in 1895, who died March 1, 1911.

"Bro. Files was born in West Gorham, Maine, December 1, 1862; he attended the Limerick High School, Graham Academy and Westbrook Seminary. At the age of sixteen he entered Bates College, remaining

one year, finishing his course at Bowdoin College at Brunswick, Maine, in 1883. He taught five years and was Principal and Preceptor of the Boys' Hall at Westbrook Seminary. He then studied medicine and completed the courses at the Medical Schools at Bowdoin and Portland, after which he was House Physician at the Maine State Hospital.

"In 1890 he came to South Dakota taking up the practice of medicine at Sioux Falls, and in 1900 moved to Madison, where by his ability he was attending to a very large practice."

The proceedings also contain the doings of the Masonic Veterans Association at their tenth annual session.

A fine portrait (Bather) of the Grand Master is given us, as well as portraits of several of the deceased brothers mentioned.

TEXAS, 1910.

Portraits of the M. W. Grand Master and of M. W. Bro. John Watson, Grand Master in 1891, appear in the proceedings.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. T. C. Yantis, we quote:

"No disaster of a general nature has befallen our state, nor any portion thereof, for which we should be, and I believe we are, profoundly thankful to an Allwise Providence. Our membership has grown so rapidly and to such numbers that the office of Grand Master now requires a great deal of time and work, as well as carrying with it great responsibilities; however, the cheerful assistance given to me by the District Deputy Grand Masters of the various Masonic Districts, has in a great measure, lightened the duties and made the work a pleasure where it would otherwise have been a burden."

He reports the constituting of twenty-seven new lodges; dispensations issued for eight new lodges and many dispensations for other purposes, but only two for the conferring of degrees out of statutory time, and these were army and navy cases. Many corner-stones were laid and he says:

"I always made inquiry before granting any dispensation for the laying of corner-stones, and if the building was of wood I always refused to grant the dispensation, and I refused several on that account."

Of the use of ciphers, we quote:

"There has been a great amount of advertising matter relating to this subject sent into the state during the year, which has caused many letters to be written to me by brethren wishing to know if our law now permitted the use of ciphers. In all cases I have answered in the negative and asked for the destruction of such as the writer possessed or knew about. I have had a few cases reported of brothers refusing to give up or destroy a cipher and in all such cases I have written the Worshipful Master of the lodge to which the brother belonged to require such member to destroy the same or to have charges preferred against him."

Of his decisions, we quote:

"A masonic lodge cannot meet in a hall occupied by another order, or used for other than masonic purposes; I report this because there is so much confusion on that point.

"That when a lodge has been opened in regular session it can be called to refreshment and back to labor as many times as may be necessary, and each time the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Lodge is opened it can transact any business that is pending and that appertains to that degree; when the Master Mason Lodge has been duly closed it cannot be reopened in regular session, but can be in a called meeting."

From the address of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Walter Ackler, who acted as Grand Master for a while during the absence of the Grand Master in Europe, we quote:

"On June 23, 1910, I received a request from Dallas Lodge, No. 760, for a dispensation authorizing said lodge to open on July 21st, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Dallas, Texas, in the Master's degree, for the purpose of receiving the Traveling Silver Trowel, and also to confer the Master's degree. After a most searching investigation of our masonic laws and precedents, I was unable to find any authority, expressed or implied, which would warrant the granting of the dispensation prayed for, and therefor, much against my personal inclination, I was unable to comply with the request."

The Grand Orator delivered an able address on "our obligations." We quote:

"Do not leave your Masonry in the lodge room. Carry home with you the gentle thought, the kindly word and helping hand, showing distinguished consideration for the faithful wife who is the angel of your home and the patient mother of your children. Out in the world of business and of pleasure carry its messages of honesty, sincerity and virtue. Lodge-room Masonry is no better than 'amen corner' religion which does not extend beyond the limits of its corner. There are grander flights, more lofty pinnacles and broader fields of thought and endeavor than the limited environments of masonic sanctuaries. Along these exalted pathways the mason, ever mindful of our obligation towards all our human brothers, will tread with unerring steps, extending always, to those less strong and confident, the encouraging word and generous hand, instilling new inspiration and hope for better, purer and nobler things."

The Traveling Silver Trowel was presented and received.

Rev. Bro. A. E. Baten addressed the Grand Lodge on the subject, "The Bible and the Masonic Brotherhood."

The reports of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals occupy much space. We cannot pass by one report which is unique, although we do not believe that reports should be fully set forth:

"A Master Mason was charged with gross unmasonic conduct, in that he had become an habitual drunkard, and was also charged, under different specifications, with being drunk at specific times and on different occasions.

"To these charges the accused pleaded not guilty. After hearing the testimony, however, he was found guilty by a majority of twenty to nineteen upon two of the specifications. A vote then having been taken as to the punishment to be inflicted, the lodge refused either to expel or

suspend, which left the reprimand as the only punishment to be administered.

"As has been said before, after the accused had pleaded not guilty, numbers of witnesses, among them being both masons and profanes, gave evidence that he had been found drunk and down. Court records are also in evidence that on more than one occasion he had pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness in a public place, and paid the fines assessed against him.

"In respect of these matters, the accused testified that he was sleepy on all these occasions, so sleepy that he could not retain his senses, and his surrender to Morpheus was frequent, full and complete.

"These explanations of the influence of the drowsy god were not satisfactory to his local brethren, nor is their verdict satisfactory to your committee, and we believe that the accused should be permitted to sleep masonically for the remainder of his natural life, and, therefore, recommend that the action of — lodge be reversed, and that the accused be indefinitely suspended."

Bro. Thomas M. Mathews, Sr., presented the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Of the conferences held at Baltimore and Philadelphia he says:

"To the recommendations we confess we can see no possible or reasonable objection, and we believe that their adoption by the Grand Lodges would well subserve the purpose for which they were intended—the strengthening of the bonds of peace and harmony between them—and do away entirely with the friction now so frequently occurring; nor can we possibly imagine even how, by their adoption and enforcement, any injury whatever to the craft could result."

Maine for 1910 is reviewed.

During the year M. W. Bro. Sam R. Hamilton, Grand Master in 1898, died. He was the author of the Taylor-Hamilton Monitor; an authority upon the esoteric work. He died August 25, 1910.

UTAH, 1910.

All but one of the chartered lodges were represented at this communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Fred C. Schramm, in his address, says of the condition of the craft:

"We have not only made the greatest gain in membership, with the exception of the year 1873, that we have ever made (and we have made none at sight) in a like period, but throughout the entire jurisdiction it seems to have been the ambition of the officers and members of all the lodges to not only improve the standard of their ritualistic work, but they are also more scrutinizing and particular in the selection of the material from which they are making masons—and we cannot be too careful in this respect."

He reports his official visitations; the constitution of a lodge; the dedication of a Temple; and the visitation of the Grand Army of the Republic in Salt Lake City.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of San Salvador and of the Grand Lodge of Nicaragua was denied for the present.

The following resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Resolved, That it is inconsistent with the principles of Freemasonry for any constituent lodge, in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to serve intoxicating liquors within any Masonic Hall or Temple during the hours of refreshments; and be it further

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge shall in the future forbid such practice within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge."

And the committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

"While the evident purport of the resolution is highly commendable, and deserves the earnest consideration of each of the constituent lodges, and of all the members thereof, nevertheless we are persuaded that the subject matter of the resolution is one peculiarly within the province of those lodges to regulate, and we do not think that this Grand Lodge should undertake the control of such a matter of lodge regulation.

"One of the cardinal tenets of Masonry is temperance in all things, and we believe that this principle is fully appreciated by a large majority, if not all of the masons within this jurisdiction. Each lodge, through its Master and Wardens, has the enforcement of this obligation strictly in charge, and we think the entire matter may safely and wisely be left to the lodges. THEREFORE we recommend that the resolution be not adopted."

It was voted that "at least two weeks shall elapse between the conferring of each degree."

Bro. Chistopher Diehl submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Georgia we read:

"Bro. Moody agrees with Bro. Clarke of Kentucky in fighting the disposition of Grand Lodges to take from the lodges every vestige of right and privileges and the centralization of all authority in the Grand Lodge. It ought to be stamped out and if every member of the Guild would assist in the fight it might force Grand Lodges to call a halt."

We agree to help.

Under Indiana, commenting on the proposition of a General Grand Lodge, he says:

"For the last century and a half Masonry in the United States has done exceedingly well and if let alone will so continue for all time to come. The agitation for such a Grand Lodge may become a fad, like many others of late tacked on the Ancient Institution, but our confidence in the great body of the Craft is convincing proof that it will remain a dream forever."

Maine for 1909 is reviewed.

From his conclusion we quote:

"This is the finis of our thirty-fourth annual report on correspondence. We again lay aside the pen with a feeling of relief and a conscious joy. We are glad that the work is done; we are glad that the work was worth doing. One cannot make the journey through the fifty-seven North American Grand Jurisdictions without a keener sense of the value of human brotherhood, a stronger love for the Masonic Fraternity, and a glow of enthusiasm over the noble achievements of the honored Craft. There is a fearless movement which insists on truer interpretation and practical application of time honored tests of which the moral standard is the foremost and real test. Only the worthy and well-qualified should pass the Tyler's door. Grand Officers, Committees, Correspondents, Orators and Masonic Students may differ on the origin of Masonry, and its fundamental laws, but all are united and speak in no uncertain voice upon the moral standard of applicants. Masonry at present has a time of unexampled prosperity and the necessity of exercising the greatest care is now. The black ball should not be abused, but when rightly used 'is one of the most important parts of the furniture of a masonic lodge.' A prudent man shingles his roof before it rains."

Bro. Diehl thinks that "documentary evidence" has come to stay and that a majority of the Grand Lodges have assented to their use. But is this true, Bro. Diehl? The last enumeration that we have seen gave twenty Grand Lodges in favor, twenty-eight opposed and ten not heard from. We rather hope that Utah will not agree.

M. W. Bro. Walter Scott, Grand Master in 1903, died July 28, 1909. "A true friend and earnest laborer on the Masonic Edifice—sincerely loved.

The first Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Joseph F. Nounan, died July 31, 1909.

VERMONT, 1910.

Ninety-three subordinate lodges were represented at the annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Lee S. Tillotson, we quote:

"Three times since I was a Master Mason, and twice during my administration as Grand Master, I have been called upon to deliver the masonic burial service for one who had died by his own hand. As I looked into the tearful and agonized faces of the brethren assembled on those occasions, the thought came to me with awful force that if just one brother had been at hand at the crucial moment to offer calm and affectionate counsel and help, the awful catastrophe might have been prevented. We live too much to ourselves. An independent man does not seek help, in fact he often shrinks from it; but there are many ways in which we may give encouragement and impart mental strength to a brother without seeming to offer it, but in order to do so it is necessary that we keep constantly in touch with the lives of those around us. *Give your flowers to the living and you will have no bitter tears for the dead.*"

A final decision in regard to the taxation of the Masonic Temple has not been reached. In the County Court judgment was entered against the Grand Lodge.

Of his decisions we quote:

"One who had received the 1st and 2d degrees was arrested for and convicted of stealing. No charges were preferred against him in the lodge. After he had satisfied the penalty imposed upon him by the law, he made application for his third degree. *Held* that if no objection was made by any member of the lodge he was entitled, in the discretion of the Master, to be raised, but that, under the circumstances, the Master should cause careful investigation to be made and notice of the application to be sent to all resident members of the lodge.

Scotland made a mason of a sojourner, a resident of the State of Vermont, and the Grand Master of Vermont placed him under the ban.

He reports quite fully his visitations to the Philadelphia and Baltimore conferences, and to other jurisdictions.

One lodge was constituted and two masonic halls were dedicated.

The District Deputy Grand Masters made able reports.

Bro. Marsh O. Perkins submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Delaware we read:

"Bro. Jackson unequivocally commends the course of the Grand Master of Mississippi in severing fraternal relations with New Jersey, because of the negro question, and advises the same course to be pursued by Delaware. But why stop with New Jersey? To be consistent, the same steps should be taken with England, Scotland, Ireland and other foreign Grand Lodges, with which Delaware is amicably related—all pretended negro masons in Delaware may be 'spurious and clandestine'—in fact all 'pretended' masons of any color, race or other distinction are masonically illegitimate. Why then single out New Jersey, as a pariah on the color line? If 'Masonry encircles the globe, and is exerting a powerful influence for good in the amelioration and happiness of the human race,' as he says in his 'Conclusion,' why should a single lodge in New Jersey be held as of the outer darkness?"

Maine for 1909 has very kindly notice.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont mourns the loss of R. W. T. Vernon Dutton, Grand Junior Warden, who died in office, October 18, 1909.

VIRGINIA, 1910.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present at this communication.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston, we quote the following paragraph which ought to be read, digested and acted upon by those to whom it applies:

"One lesson I have learned that all should learn. I fear that some among you, prosperous and successful, educated, and surrounded by

every comfort, with congenial environment in your private lives, do not fully realize what Masonry means to others less happily situated. To some it is all the education they have; its ritual their only instruction in the higher ideals and finer things of life, and that ritual clothed in language that is to them sublime. Many of them look forward all the month to the lodge meeting. Its comfortable room and its genial companionship are the bright spots in many meagre lives of toil and discomfort. They enjoy the handshake of their brethren as some of you can never realize. Let us be more careful, brethren, in our treatment of them. Which of us would knowingly send one poor brother home wounded and sick at heart? And yet I fear we often thoughtlessly do and never know it."

Discussing the making a mason at sight, he holds "the doctrine that this right is a landmark which no Grand Lodge can alter," but cannot see how any necessity may arise for the use of the prerogative.

The work of the District Deputy Grand Master is praised; the account of his visitations within his own jurisdiction is full of interest, but his account of visits to Philadelphia and Baltimore are descriptive of the details of those enjoyable occasions.

Of his decisions, we quote:

"That more than twelve months having elapsed since a petitioner was elected, he must be balloted on again, notwithstanding that it was no fault of his that his degree was not conferred."

This is the law in Maine, but absence from the state for more than three months at a time is deducted.

Of the laying of corner-stones, he says:

"It seems that we have departed from the ancient way. I have seen many criticisms on our allowing Subordinate Lodges, with the Grand Master's permission, to lay corner-stones. Every other jurisdiction, so far as I am informed, permits it done only as a Grand Lodge function, by the Grand Master or his special representative."

So returning to the ancient way he had several corner-stones laid under the auspices of the Grand Lodge.

Dispensations were issued for eleven new lodges.

Of "Fees" he says:

"Masonry is too cheap at the fees we charge. Thirty dollars now would be less to pay than was twenty a few years ago. If no other change were desirable, it would be well if every lodge were to add to its fees five dollars as an initial contribution, from every initiate, to the Masonic Home. I honestly believe that a general and uniform increase in fees would make the profane world respect us more and keep out no man we ought to want among us."

The Committee on History reported the results of the conference as follows:

"That the recommendations of the convocation above set forth, except the fifth and eighth being omitted, as they are not applicable to Virginia, as we appoint no committees on petitioners, and do not claim personal jurisdiction."

A special committee on non-payment of dues made an exhaustive report, in which they submitted several amendments to the law, by which Secretaries and Masters of lodges should be held to a greater accountability for the notification to members of their responsibility to pay dues.

Their classification of those unable to pay dues, is as follows :

"First. Those who are in narrow circumstances and unable to pay.
 "Second. Those who fail to pay from inattention and oversight, and,
 "Third. Those who have lost their interest in Masonry and of whom there are some perhaps no longer good men or masons."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, thought the proposed amendments ought not to be adopted, and it was so voted.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters made reports of the condition of the Fraternity in their several districts, from which it appears that the craft are harmonious and prosperous.

Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Alabama he takes issue with the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who especially made note of negro masonry in New Jersey, and says :

"What surprises us most is the authorship of the report. We had supposed that all at the round table were aware of the fact that England, Nova Scotia, and perhaps other British Jurisdictions, have negro lodges, and even were New Jersey alone in this position we had hoped that all writers on Foreign Correspondence would agree in the broad principle that a question of internal policy of this sort was strictly the affair of a Sovereign Grand Lodge and not to be questioned by others as, pardon the expression, none of their business. There are no negro masons in Virginia, but not because we have ever legislated on color lines. The subject was 'a sleeping dog,' and ought to be permitted to go to sleep again. We can all be sorry for New Jersey, and there are thousands of splendid men among her masons whom we can respect and honor, and the few negroes in Alpha Lodge need never trouble our sleep. It is at least creditable to them that they do not fellowship the spurious Prince Hall crowd."

Under Connecticut, writing of liquor legislation, he wisely and tersely summarizes the situation :

"Saloon-keepers and bar-tenders ought not to be masons, because they are rarely, if ever, of a sufficiently high type of manhood, but the lively back ball and not class legislation should be relied upon to keep them out."

Maine for 1909 is reviewed. We quote :

"Bro. Chase argued ably, but not to us convincingly, that a mason could and should be tried and punished for a false statement in his petition which deceived the lodge. Now that such a mason should be punished, and in some cases expelled, needs no argument, but that it can be done by the usual method seems impossible. Every Grand Lodge should

have a law providing for such cases, and the petition itself should state that initiation under false pretenses is void. Anything obtained under false pretenses is unlawfully obtained and should always be taken away, but we should not call an offense committed by a profane a masonic offense."

WASHINGTON, 1910.

All the lodges except six were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

On behalf of the masons at Tacoma, where the Grand Lodge met, W Bro. James McCormack gave an address of welcome from which we learn that the great Cascade mountain must be called "Tacoma" and not "Ranier," as we learned in our geography.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William R. Baker, (portrait) in his address regrets that more time has not been at his disposal for masonic functions; commemorates the dead of his own and sister jurisdictions; reports the constitution of five lodges and the issuance of dispensation for one lodge; and the laying of seven corner-stones. He queried the advisability of laying the corner-stone of the State Reformatory Building, but inasmuch as it was a public building we think that he was justified in his action.

He decided:

"That a petitioner who owns a building which he rents to a saloon keeper is eligible to petition for the degrees of Masonry."

Of the District Deputy system he says:

"I recommend the continuation of the Deputy System and think it is the source of a great deal of good to the lodges and is potent in imparting knowledge to the members of the craft. This Jurisdiction is so large that it is a physical impossibility for the Grand Lecturer to visit all of the lodges each year, but with the Deputy System we will be able to have a Grand Lodge Officer visit them every year."

Trouble arose because of an "American Masonic Federation" which established lodges in Seattle and Tacoma.

We note that in several of the reports "regalia" is mentioned for officers of the Grand Lodge. We would suggest that the word "clothing" was the more appropriate in connection with lodges.

The Grand Orator delivered an able address on the subject of charity. We excerpt one thought:

"What is this virtue of charity? An outward expression of an inward love having its foundation in God. A love which seeketh not her own, but inspires men to be considerate, generous, and compassionate; to sympathize with one another in joy and sorrow, to co-operate in bearing one another's burdens, finding its happiness in making others happy and ever standing ready to sacrifice itself. A love which admonishes men

not to demand too much from their fellow men, believing 'if they knew all they would forgive all.' In very truth, charity is the summary of the virtues—the sure passport to heaven—the wedding garment of the soul."

Recommendations looking to the establishment of a Masonic Home were adopted.

Bro. Stephen J. Chadwick submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Alabama we read the following, and with the closing sentence we are in full accord:

"The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for the purpose of receiving a delegation from the Eastern Star. Felicitations were exchanged and a bouquet of flowers presented to the Grand Master. This is a pleasant diversion and no harm can come from it, but as loyal as we are to the Eastern Star, we deplore the present tendency of the 'sisters' to work their propensity to go calling on a masonic Grand Lodge."

Maine for 1909 is reviewed.

We quote:

"It is still customary for this Grand Lodge to waive jurisdiction in favor of other states. Just how it and other jurisdictions which adhere to this practice can waive something that they do not possess has never been satisfactorily explained. When a profane moves out of a jurisdiction, its right (the only right it has is to receive his petition) over him ceases *ipso facto*."

The last sentence above stated is true in Maine.

A resident of Maine, who wishes to take his degrees in a lodge in New Hampshire, gets the consent of the lodge in Maine and the Grand Master of Maine, and then places his application in the lodge in New Hampshire, and if elected he takes his degrees in the lodge in New Hampshire and becomes a member of the New Hampshire lodge and still lives in Maine.

That is to say:—Maine does not waive jurisdiction over any person who moves without the state and has not resided in the other state long enough to gain masonic residence under the masonic law of the other state, nor does Maine ask waiver from other states under similar circumstances. But, perhaps, as within our personal knowledge, one born and raised in Maine leaves Maine for another state in early manhood, before he knows of Masonry. He prospers in his worldly affairs, makes friends who are masons, expresses a desire to become a mason, but wishes, if possible, to become a member of the lodge in the town in which he was born and brought up and to which he is hoping to return to pass the later years of his life. He finds that he must ask the lodge in another state by *unanimous secret ballot* to grant him permission to apply to his lodge in Maine; that this consent, if granted, must bear the endorsement of the Grand Master of another state, and then the application is presented to the lodge in Maine and has to take the usual course. If he is elected and

receives the degrees he is a resident of another state but a member of a lodge in Maine.

It may be a roundabout way but it certainly guards against the making of an unworthy person a mason, for he has to undergo the ballot to get a waiver and then another to get his degrees.

He might take his degrees in the lodge in another state, then take a dimit, and, still a resident of another state, apply for membership in the Maine lodge and if elected become a member of the Maine lodge, although a resident of another state.

In the first case he knows before he starts whether his purpose will be attained. In the second case he may be made a mason and get his dimit, but he does not know that the Maine lodge would accept him as a member.

In regard to attendance upon religious observance on St. John's Day we refer to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for this year.

Under Missouri, anent the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Chili and San Salvador, he says:

"By Jenks and De Wolf-Smith, think of that! A Masonic Grand Lodge testing a foreign Scottish Council to determine the legitimacy of a Grand Lodge. Had our brothers put their judgment upon the ground that the Grand Lodge was working the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry and was Sovereign and Independent, they would have been on safe, or at least, diplomatic ground. It never helps a man (or a lodge) to refer to his illegitimate birth, although his father may be a prince of the blood."

From his conclusion we quote:

"The cipher ritual has been tried in a few states. In Idaho it is pronounced a failure by the Grand Master, although defended by the Committee on Correspondence. In Oregon the Grand Master condemns it, as does the Committee on Correspondence. In Kansas enough is shown in this report and our preceding ones to prove that it is not only a failure, but the endeavor to sustain it has carried our Kansas brethren to absurd and indefensible conclusions."

WEST VIRGINIA, 1910.

One hundred thirty-six of the one hundred forty-two lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank W. Clark, in his address feelingly remembers the dead; commends the labors of the officers for the year; reports the dedication of three masonic halls and the laying of five corner-stones.

Many decisions were given. They touched in the most cases upon the

procedure within the jurisdiction. The visitations are mentioned, and then he learnedly and eloquently discusses Masonry.

We select one paragraph:

"In Masonry we find the most splendid of all philosophies of life and morals, the concentrated wisdom of all the generations of men who have lived and suffered and labored and to-night rest in dreamless sleep in quiet cities of the dead. So Masonry means, not only the garnered wisdom stored up in lectures and books, but more especially that wisdom which becomes part of the life."

The District Deputy Grand Lecturers and the District Deputy Grand Masters presented reports.

The business was local in character.

Bro. Hiram R. Howard submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Alabama he rightly criticises the issuance of eighty-five dispensations to confer degrees out of time.

Maine for 1910 has three pages. We quote:

"Bro. Chase does not approve of the printing of the list of members of lodges in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and regards it as useless, probably because his own Grand Lodge, which does not print such a list, has educated him into that belief. We are all creatures of environment and association, you know."

Under Western Australia we read:

"It has long been my contention that failure to open a lodge promptly at the appointed hour has more to do with slim attendances at meetings than all other causes combined. If the officers of a lodge show an indifference and carelessness in this respect, it soon becomes contagious among the members, interest in the work languishes and when meetings are held it is only by a 'drumming up' process and are without life or good results. Try for one year opening the lodge promptly at the appointed hour and note the increase of attendance and interest."

Under Wisconsin, discussing "documentary evidence," he says:

"I am inclined to the opinion of Grand Secretary Parvin, of Iowa, that the uniform receipt and certificate has come to stay. Those who don't want their members to be left when attempting to visit in many jurisdictions, 'had better climb in the band wagon.'"

But the "band wagon" hasn't started yet. The band is still playing and at last count there were twenty jurisdictions which had climbed into the wagon, while twenty-eight were still listening to the band and ten that had not come within hearing distance of the band.

From his conclusion, we quote:

"There are no new or novel questions to engage attention. The subjects of making Taft a mason at sight, the Conferences of Grand Masters at Philadelphia and Baltimore and a National Grand Lodge, the most prominent topics of the year, have all been threshed over and quieted down, while even Mississippi's withdrawal of fraternal relations with New Jersey on account of negroes being admitted members in one of her

lodges, which seemed so full of big possibilities and complications, is not now mentioned enough to cause a wavelet on the masonic stream. But, of course, the regularity of Grand Lodges formed by Scottish Rite Blue Lodges, cipher rituals, physical qualifications, landmarks, documentary evidence, balloting for each degree, attending divine services as a lodge and other like subjects, we always have with us, and 'in a pinch' are brought up and discussed."

WISCONSIN, 1910.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Alvin T. Webb, in his address in the introduction says:

"Masonry meets the need of mankind and blazes the trail of civilization because it proclaims democracy and practices its precepts. It exemplifies men's relations, one toward another, and teaches not only the rights of men, but upholds the principles of brotherhood throughout the ever-widening realms of human activities. We love Masonry because we love men, and behold in all its ancient forms and ceremonies the magic key—unity—opening the hearts of men to true masonic light, and bringing together all classes and conditions into one harmonious whole."

The dead are remembered; three lodges were constituted; two halls were dedicated; and one corner-stone laid; two dispensations for new lodges were granted.

Of his decisions we quote:

"A charity association is being formed consisting of the different churches, fraternal orders, etc., with one representative from each organization. Can a lodge join such an organization?"

"Answer: No. A lodge should be in a position to handle its charity funds separately, and not submit them to outside control.

"Is there any written or unwritten masonic law, usage or custom which permits or sanctions a minority report of an investigating committee?"

"Answer: No, there is no ancient usage or custom that sanctions the use of a minority report. From its very nature there can be no such report upon the application for a petition for the degrees."

"A party who has been elected to receive the degrees moves away before being initiated. Can the petition fee be returned to him?"

"Answer: No."

This decision may be in accord with the law of the jurisdiction. If so the law is wrong. If not the law the decision is wrong. Masonry has justice for one of its tenets and it is not just to retain the petition fee. Furthermore, the lodge should have a right to do with its own as it pleases. The fee belonged to the lodge and the lodge erred in asking the Grand Master what could be done with the fee.

Sixty-one dispensations were issued, of which a majority were waivers as to residence and time between degrees.

The special committee on subordinate lodges make many criticisms of the action of lodges. We quote:

"The proper use of music at masonic gatherings and during the conferring of degrees adds much to the occasion and is to be commended and encouraged. Your committee would recommend that where there is sufficient musical talent to make it possible, the singing of an opening and closing ode be used at all lodge communications; also that during the conferring of degrees a few songs can be used which will embellish and improve the work. Such music should, however, be used with discretion and not to an extent to detract from the solemnity of the ceremonies. It has come to the knowledge of your committee that in one lodge no less than fourteen different songs were rendered during the conferring of the Master's degree. Such practice partakes more of the nature of a concert than of masonic work."

We quote again:

"MODERNIZING FREEMASONRY.

"There came to our notice in connection with this report an instance where a Master Mason who previous to becoming a mason had been prominent in other societies. Being ambitious, in due course of time he was elected Worshipful Master of his lodge. Upon his assuming the important duties of Master he proceeded to ignore the beaten path of his predecessors and sought to conduct the business affairs of the lodge as well as the conferring of the degrees in keeping with the ideas he had absorbed in these modern societies.

"So at variance was his administration with the known usages of the craft and the interpretation and construction of its well established laws, that it met with an earnest protest from the older masons. Fortunately for the lodge and the good of Masonry, he served only one term, but he had sown the seeds of dissension to such an extent that many of the younger masons had imbibed his modern ideas. The esoteric work adopted by this Grand Lodge and as taught by the Grand Lecturer should unhesitatingly be accepted and adopted by every mason as the pure work of this jurisdiction, while the statutory laws of the Grand Lodge should be cheerfully upheld and implicitly obeyed.

"No man, much less a mason, should be above the law. All should obey it. To obey the mandate of law only when it suits our convenience would not only be childish, but would destroy every institution that permitted such revolutionary practices. When masons regard the written and unwritten law of Masonry only as a myth to be brushed aside whenever it shall be convenient, to gratify their vaulted ambition, then indeed will Masonry become a misnomer."

Bro. Aldro Jenks presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arkansas, discussing the liquor question, he says:

"Without in the least surrendering our opposition to the damnable traffic, we cannot help feeling that Masonry, according to the designs of our fathers, intended that such questions should be determined in each lodge rather than by any specific rule which should include or exclude any certain class. So far as the conferring of degrees is concerned no one can be elected otherwise than by a clear ballot. For a Grand Lodge to say who has or has not the moral fitness for the masonic status, if approved by the unanimous voice of those who know him best, is subversive of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry."

Under Florida, speaking of the Conference of the Grand Masters at Philadelphia, he says:

"This gathering illustrated the nonsensical result that may be worked out through a cast-iron rule requiring documentary evidence as a condition precedent to the right to visit a lodge. On this occasion it was found that many of the visiting Grand Masters were debarred from visiting Pennsylvania lodges because they did not possess certificates of good standing, and receipts showing the payment of dues. No comment is necessary."

Maine for 1909 is reviewed. We quote:

"The Wisconsin proceedings reviewed are those of 1908. He notes the fact that the constitution of Wisconsin requires that six days shall intervene between the election of a candidate and his initiation, and asks, 'Is it expected that the candidate would go wrong within that six days?' We answer, 'No,' but to make sure that every brother has a chance to express his unwillingness to the reception of a candidate, and enable him to make objection to initiation if circumstances prevented his attendance at the time of balloting, this period of waiting is prescribed. Where no such provision exists all kinds of subterfuges are indulged in at times in order to prevent some brother exercising his masonic right of preventing the initiation of a brother whom he deems unworthy."

Under South Carolina, discussing the "perfect youth" doctrine, he says:

"In fact there is too much of a tendency in modern times to regard the 'landmarks' of the craft as of no greater sanctity than fly marks when they stand in the way of some one's desire to modernize Freemasonry. If any one of these ancient requirements can be abrogated or set aside by one Grand Lodge, other Grand Lodges must have an equal right to set aside others, and so we have the spectacle of initiating part of a man into Freemasonry when the landmarks declare that this privilege can be conferred only upon those who can fairly claim the possession of all their limbs and members; of Michigan, Kansas and other Grand Lodges publishing and promulgating an official cypher of the work; Mexico in former times initiating women, and Peru, in common with other Grand Lodges of Scottish Rite parentage, removing the First Great Light in Masonry, and placing on the altar in its stead a copy of Anderson's Constitutions. There is evidently but one hope of preserving Masonry unimpaired, and that is to set our faces resolutely against anything and everything that smacks of innovation."

Under Vermont, we read:

"If masons wish to indulge in a Masonic Temple as a matter of luxury, pure and simple, they have as much right to do so as any other class of human beings have to indulge themselves; but as a business proposition, the average Masonic Temple is a delusion, beyond all question."

Under Washington we read these sensible thoughts:

"Among the decisions, we find a ruling that a 'stationary engineer employed in a brewery is not eligible for affiliation.' As this was approved by the Grand Lodge, it is certainly the law in Washington. Just what position it leaves the brother in is difficult to say. The old maxim of 'once a mason always a mason,' would seem to indicate that he is still a mason in good standing. Certainly he has not been deprived of his masonic status by that method which alone can be resorted to for terminating masonic standing; viz., that of preferring charges for something which has been declared to be a masonic offence, giving the brother a

regular trial, and having sentence passed upon him by a masonic lodge. Presumably he could resign his position in the brewery, file his dimit and be affiliated to membership, and afterwards accept employment of this nature. We are not making this contention with any view of finding fault with the hostility that is being expressed against those engaged in the liquor traffic, but simply to illustrate some of the difficulties encountered when we endeavor to regulate all things by positive legislation. It is only a short time ago we noticed a ruling that a stockholder in a railroad company on whose lines buffet cars were run, where intoxicants were sold, was ineligible to petition for the degrees in Masonry. It is perhaps open to doubt as to whether after all we have found any better method of dealing with the liquor seller than to permit each lodge to wrestle with the problem of determining for itself the fitness of the material brought up from the quarries to be wrought into finished ashlar for a niche in the temple. The one thing we may be certain of is that legislation of this nature is a departure from the customs and ways of our fathers."

M. W. Bro. William Chester Swain, Grand Master in 1893, died September 15, 1909.

R. W. Bro. William Brown Andrews, Grand Senior Warden in 1893, died September 16, 1909.

To their memory are given beautiful memorials, but no more than they deserved.

WYOMING, 1910.

From the introduction to the address of M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Birney H. Sage, we quote:

"The past year, like several of those preceding it, shows a steady, healthy increase in membership and finances. Our Orphans' Home fund is gradually assuming proportions which in a few years more will insure the successful erection and maintenance of such a home. Therefore, let us devote ourselves personally and collectively to the great work before us and harmoniously conduct the business of this session with reasonable dispatch and with an eye single to the good and welfare of our great fraternity."

The dead are fraternally remembered.

He rendered a few decisions touching upon the Scottish Rite degrees and funerals, which from the outside appear to have been unnecessary. All other decisions are in accord with the practice in Maine.

Here is an example of what will occupy a part of the address of the Grand Masters when it is fully agreed that all correspondence between lodges must pass under the eye of Grand Masters. There are only three cases in this address. Here it is:

"February 26th last I wrote to Bro. G. W. Musser, Grand Master of Colorado, asking him to request Berkeley Lodge U. D. of Colorado, to post Bro. John H. Chiles, a Fellow Craft of our Rock Springs Lodge, No. 12, in the work of said degree, to examine him as to his proficiency

therein, and that he report to me as to such proficiency, so that our No. 12 could ballot on the advancement of said brother. Being informed in due time by the Grand Master that said Lodge U. D. had complied with request I notified Rock Springs Lodge No. 12 of that fact, which thereupon elected him to be advanced to the M. M. degree and I have been informed that he was raised to that degree by Berkeley Lodge U. D., on March 29th last as an act of courtesy to our Rock Springs Lodge No. 12."

However, such matters will serve to pad an address.

The account of his visitations is interesting. At one of them we note, after the meeting of the lodge at which one candidate was raised:

"After the meeting was over we were highly entertained with a banquet and dance, which had been prepared by the ladies of the Eastern Star, who merited and received the thanks of all present."

Four corner-stones were laid. He rightfully declined to lay a corner-stone on the Sabbath day. One lodge was constituted and a dispensation was issued for a new lodge.

He was unable to visit all the lodges and says:

"In my opinion it is asking too much of any incumbent of the office to sacrifice that length of time away from his business during the short term of one year, and it therefore seems to me a definite plan of some kind could be adopted whereby one Grand Master should be required to visit a certain number of lodges in one particular section of the state, followed by the next two succeeding him doing likewise in the two remaining sections as would be most convenient in saving time. This might be accomplished through districting the state and assigning the next three incumbents of the office to certain lodges for visitation by each, or by and through an agreement on their part to so divide up the work and labor of visiting."

And this leads us to enquire the necessity for the Grand Master to visit lodges. Cannot the craft be depended upon to transact their business, confer degrees, and care for the interest of Masonry in their respective localities without the presence of the Grand Master? Do the lodges act any differently in the presence of the Grand Master than they do in his absence? If true masonic spirit prevails in a lodge, it is capable to care for its own affairs and it ought so to do. If the masonic lodge is not in good repute in its locality, then it needs to be cut out.

The following resolution had a passage:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed and empowered to ascertain and gather together all facts obtainable relating to the early history of Freemasonry in Wyoming and of its lodges in particular. To collect such relics, documents, etc., as he may deem of historical value and of interest to the fraternity, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars in the work contemplated by this resolution."

Bro. W. L. Kuykendall submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under California, discussing recognition of Grand Lodges, he says:

"Under present ideas entertained by a few masonic writers in this country that they have a right to recognize any man as a mason who may claim to be such, whether the lodge from which he hails has been recognized as a regular masonic body or not, and with masons going to France and fraternizing with the clandestine, unrecognized masons of that country, coupled with the desire on the part of some of our Grand Lodges to recognize the shady political Grand Lodges and Grand Orients of Latin countries, with which the York Rite never at any time had anything whatever to do, our great fraternity is, in our opinion, getting on very dangerous ground."

Under Colorado we read:

"We very much fear our good brother in his zeal to bolster up the Solomonic antiquity of Masonry has allowed a few jokers and others endowed with wonderful imagination to impose upon him by relating absolutely unreasonable stories to the effect that 'lives, camp outfits and stock were saved from Indians on the war path through the interposition of chiefs who recognized and answered masonic signs.' Having personally been through nearly all kinds of experience with plain Indians when on the war path, I do not remember the time nor the occasion when there was really any danger where a chief ever came close enough to recognize and answer masonic signs without a bullet knocking him off his pony. Bullets and not signs were depended upon to save everything."

Maine for 1910 has mention. We quote:

"We are greatly pleased to note that another old Grand Lodge on the Atlantic coast has refused to accept and adopt the recommendations adopted in the recent conferences of part of the Grand Masters of this country."

Portraits of the M. W. Grand Master elect and of the R. W. Grand Secretary embellish the proceedings.

We have also received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Jethro T. Holliday, Grand Master in 1894, who died September 20, 1910.

"He considered the lasting results, not the temporary effect of action."

ADDITIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

ARKANSAS, 1910.

Four hundred sixty-six out of the five hundred fifty-three lodges were represented at the annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. A. J. Witt, in the introduction to his address has but three or four paragraphs, yet they have fine thoughts well clothed in language. We quote one:

"In every age, in every clime, since the principles of our fraternity have assumed definite shape in the formation of our brotherhood, the love of brother for brother, the freedom of conscience which actuates and moves us all, owe their existence to the teachings of Masonry. We teach no creed, we adhere to no special religious tenets, we worship no idols; but we adore the Supreme Being, who holds in His keeping the destinies of all, and we believe in a universal brotherhood and the equality of personal rights. We teach lessons of altruism, charity, benevolence, friendship and morality, and are moving quietly and silently, but steadfastly onward, letting the record of our deeds and actions speak for themselves."

A few decisions were made. However, he reads his constituents quite a lecture on the lack of masonic knowledge, as shown by the questions asked, and tells them how necessary it is that all should become acquainted with the published documents that make known the law.

We quote one decision. It shows how differently the same thing is considered in different localities. How would it do for these conferences of Grand Masters to consider and recommend the proper functions on such occasions as these quoted:

"Is it proper or prudent, at public installations, or laying of corner-stones under the auspices of a masonic lodge, to have or to approve of having speculative stands, such as shooting matches, doll racks, knife boards, swings and other devices, etc., for speculative purposes? Answer. No; but quite unmasonic. A lodge which connives at, permits or encourages such devices on any masonic occasions, deserves censure and severe discipline."

He granted dispensations for *ten* lodges and says:

"Brethren, in my humble opinion, this Grand Lodge has already too many subordinate lodges for the best interest of the craft. Under the constitution it is quite difficult to check the organization of others, and it results that we have too many lodges which are weak, numerically and financially. Our motto should be 'Quality and not Quantity.'"

Nine corner-stones were laid. And of these occasions he remarks not upon the surroundings, but says:

"Upon the occasions when I attended personally I saw abundant evidences of the thrift and zeal of the brethren of the respective localities, in providing for themselves attractive lodge halls, churches and temples of justice."

If the Grand Lodge of Arkansas were not acquainted with masonic affairs in that jurisdiction as administered by the Grand Master for the year, it was not because he did not give them a minute detail of the transactions, nearly thirty-one pages.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, "from all the light obtainable," are willing to recognize the Grand Orient of the Ottoman Empire. The "light" gave out before it reached Maine. The committee also say:

"As mentioned in the report of this committee one year ago, the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee 'against cipher rituals was timely.' Judging from the mention of the matter in the different proceedings of the Grand Jurisdictions which it has been our pleasure to consult within the last year, we are led to believe that such certain, positive and decisive action has been taken against their use, that the question will not again trouble the fraternity for some time to come, at least. Their use is so directly in conflict with masonic obligations and the landmarks of the fraternity, that it is absolutely astounding that the use of these rituals should ever receive consideration from any Grand Body. Yet, we very much regret to be compelled to report that one Grand Jurisdiction has authorized their use, that being the State of Kansas."

Quite a large amount of local business was done.

Bro. George T. Black reviewed the proceedings of the Grand Lodges. Maine was among the missing. The Reviewer says:

"We deem it more the duty of a committee of this character to properly and correctly reflect the important happenings in different jurisdictions than of expressing individual opinions of the same, leaving that matter for him who desires to give his time and attention to the writing of masonic history."

The death of M. W. Bro. William K. Ramsey, Grand Master in 1890, occurred March 18, 1910. He was one of the most faithful of members of the fraternity.

CONNECTICUT, 1911.

One hundred ten lodges were represented. There are just that number.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Fred A. Verplanck, in the introduction to his address says:

"For the Grand Master it has been a year of activity, but the work has been pleasurable and if it has met with the approval of the craft, it has been energy well expended. For Masonry in general it has been a year of progress and prosperity. No internal dissension has disturbed the general harmony which should prevail. We are enjoying the most fraternal and cordial relations with other Grand Jurisdictions."

The dead are fraternally remembered; the visitations happily reported; the reports of the District Deputies carefully analyzed; and of the dispensations issued, he says:

"I have issued but twenty-one dispensations, a number smaller than usual. This is a good sign and indicates that our rules and regulations are so far perfected as to fit nearly all cases of masonic work or procedure. Six of the dispensations were for the purpose of attending Divine Worship in regalia."

His decisions are in accord with Maine usage.

He is in favor of the Washington Memorial Association; commends

and recommends the continuance of the tax for the Masonic Charity Foundation; believes the management of the Masonic Home to be judicious; and praises the Order of the Eastern Star.

Other matters were touched upon in this most business-like document that we have read.

The "30-year Masons" contributed during the year to the Masonic Home \$1,248.

Permission was given to the Washington Masonic Memorial Association to solicit contributions in the jurisdiction.

Bro. Frank W. Havens submitted the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Under Canada, anent the Eastern Star, he says:

"To the question, 'If the Order of the Eastern Star was formed by masons and includes the esoteric teachings of Masonry, how came women to be admitted?' To which we reply that we never claimed that it was so far a part of Masonry as to contain the secret workings of the three degrees, but that it was founded by masons, regular and enthusiastic ones, too, as an adjunct and help-mate to masonic lodges and to Masonry in general. And as such it is so closely allied that we can see no reason for not admitting it to hold its meetings in halls which are occupied at times or regularly by masonic lodges. Certainly it has more right in equity so to do than various modern fraternities have to occupy jointly masonic halls, as is frequently the case."

Under Kansas, he comments as follows on the adoption of an "official cipher":

"How does the issuance of an 'official cipher' by Kansas or any other single jurisdiction, alter the case except to make that jurisdiction a close corporation? It may give uniformity of work among its several lodges, but that has no effect upon Masonry in general. Is not a visitor from any one of the sixty or more jurisdictions obliged to make himself known in his own language or the language of his own country, and shall he be denied admission if he speaks a tongue which differs from the official of the jurisdiction he is visiting but which may have been used years before that jurisdiction existed? It seems to us that the 'official cipher' in any jurisdiction which has adopted it has made no progress towards general unity of work, which is the thing, as we understand it, aimed at by the disciples of the printed ritual. If we read him aright, Kansas is up against the very difficulties of which it was forewarned,—the careless or dishonest handling, the loss and the falling into improper hands of copies of the cipher."

Maine for 1910 is reviewed.

We would say that the Representative for Connecticut was an aged man and during the last year he has died.

Under Wisconsin, about "documentary evidence," he says:

"If one asking for a test has not that requisite the examining committees are instructed to go no further, but after having satisfied that requirement they are able to prove themselves worthy, it will and is a help to guard against imposters. It is our belief that documentary evidence is made necessary by the so-called ciphers. According to the manner in

which we were taught Masonry no cipher can be legitimate and we can see no reason why a Grand Jurisdiction should feel itself so far above the law as to, for one moment, countenance or indulge in the printing of a so-called cipher."

This Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Frederick H. Waldron, Grand Master in 1883; of Wor. Bro. John McCarthy, Grand Tyler; of R. W. Bro. John G. Root, Past Grand Treasurer; and of Rev. Bro. Beverley E. Warner, Past Grand Chaplain.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1910.

A special communication was held March 24, 1910, for paying the last honors to M. W. Bro. Eldred G. Davis, Grand Master in 1877-1878, who died suddenly March 22, 1910.

At the stated communication in May there was adopted a rule with reference to the burial of a brother, which rule is in accord with the practice in Maine.

The Ottoman Grand Lodge was not recognized.

Such legislation, as was made necessary by the transfer of stock in the Masonic Temple from its several owners to the Grand Lodge, was begun.

At the annual communication in December, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George C. Ober, read his address, in which he makes mention of the dead; rejoices that he was not obliged to issue many dispensations; reported one decision, and gives an extended account of Washington Masonic Memorial Association.

Many other topics of local character were touched upon. It was quite lengthy, about thirty-one pages.

Bro. George W. Baird submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1910 has its place in the Report. Of the Masonic Temple in the District of Columbia, he says:

"This is the third Temple we have occupied. The first was begun in 1827, when the Morgan excitement frightened many masons out of the craft. It was built by an association (of masons), who could not hold it and it was finally devoured by its mortgage in 1855. It is now a bar-room. The next essay was in 1868, when we built at Ninth and F Streets, which building we outgrew when we built this last one. It was built, also, by an association (of masons), the stock being all owned by masonic bodies and masons. Some 92 per cent of his stock has been donated to the Grand Lodge, which constitutes the 'take-over.'"

Under Portugal we read:

"We were made a mason in Portugal in 1867, left them in 1868, returned in 1878 and found our lodge had been disbanded by the influence of the priests. We had our lodge rooms on the fourth floor of a building in Rua Nova de Carmo (street of new ivory), but this united Orient is situated in Rua do Gremio Lusitano. Its character is evidently very different from its predecessor.

"The Republic of Portugal may, like the Republic of Cuba, remove the ban on Freemasonry. Under the monarchy of Portugal it was a penal offense to be a mason; for that reason no man recorded his own name upon the books; but used a *subrique* which they called a *nom de guerre*, or the name of some dead but well known warrior, and when the lodge books were brought into court there was no living man to indict. We have no proper appreciation of the trouble it is to be a mason in that country until we have tried it. This is quite enough to induce a kindly feeling for the masons there instead of despising them as some masonic writers seem to do.

"However, as Scottish Rite Masons, those of us who enjoy the privileges of that Rite, are at liberty to visit their Rose Croix Chapters and Consistories without fear of encountering spurious brethren, for the Cerneaus are unknown in Europe."

FLORIDA, 1911.

Portraits of M. W. Bro. General Robert Butler, Grand Master in 1832, of R. W. Bro. Henry Robinson, Grand Treasurer since 1877, and of R. W. Bro. Wilber P. Webster, Grand Secretary since 1896, grace the proceedings.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Louis C. Massey, we quote:

"The year has been one of prosperity to our state. Industries have thrived, crops have yielded good returns and immigrants of the best class, having recognized the advantages and the possibilities of Florida, have poured over our borders. Our population as a whole has increased within the decade over forty per cent., while particular counties and cities have grown as if touched by a magic wand. Our fraternity partakes of the general prosperity, and now two hundred and two lodges work under charter or dispensation and shelter between nine and ten thousand Master Masons, living, for the most part, in contentment, peace and harmony."

The dead are fraternally remembered, and the monument erected during the past year to M. W. Bro. Robert Butler described.

Six lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for seven lodges; by-laws were approved; complaints were settled; corner-stones laid and halls dedicated.

He endorses the five year term over rejected material; believes in an uniform card for dues, and recommends the Washington Masonic Memorial Association.

He approved several appeals for aid but argues against the system in vogue.

Of his decisions we quote :

"One who is employed as secretary and manager of a bona fide social club which holds a club license under the state laws for selling liquors to its members, is not engaged in the business of liquor selling within the meaning of the regulations prohibiting masons from engaging in the liquor traffic."

"The ceremony of laying a corner-stone cannot be performed when the building has been practically completed, or when its walls have been already built over the place provided for the corner-stone; much less when a mere space has been left into which the corner-stone is to be slipped. Neither will a corner-stone be laid above the first floor of a building."

The Grand Lodge joined the procession which favors "documentary evidence"; and it also believes in the circumlocution office, that is to say, that lodges in different jurisdictions should correspond through the office of the Grand Master.

The Grand Orator delivered an oration upon "Self Control."

Bro. Silas B. Wright presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1910 is reviewed.

M. W. Bro. Thomas M. Puleston, Grand Master in 1903-4, died February 16, 1910. "A sound lawyer, a good official and citizen, exemplary in his family relations, and a distinguished member of our Fraternity."

KANSAS, 1911.

Three hundred seventeen lodges were represented. There are three hundred ninety lodges.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present, as were a large number of distinguished visitors from Missouri.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Marion K. Brundage, (portrait) had quite a lengthy introduction to his address. We quote one paragraph :

"We all have a part to play in the settlement of life's problems, in the adjustment of the conditions existing between classes and interests and in the correction of the evils which threaten the moral welfare of our communities and there are no higher duties devolving upon us as masons than to put the lessons of our art into concrete daily practice, meeting our responsibilities in this direction with true hearts, a firm purpose, and an unwaivering determination to the end that the glory of our institution may be reflected in the individual effort of every member of our craft."

Two lodges were constituted; dispensations issued for four new lodges; seven corner-stones were laid; two masonic halls were dedicated; vacancies declared in the office of Master of lodges and election of Masters

authorized. This last procedure is entirely foreign to the practice in Maine.

Forty-eight dispensations were granted to confer degrees without regard to time. But he says, "this has been the banner year for the number raised," although "it is believed that lodges are scrutinizing more closely the character of the petitioners."

He discusses the restoration and preservation of old charters. We suggest that the plan operative in Maine by which certificate for a charter is granted be considered.

We do not agree with this expressed opinion :

"That it would be both unwise and unmasonic for a lodge to maintain a 'masonic club' in a part of their temple to be fitted up with card and billiard rooms and gymnasium."

Discussing the payment of District Deputies, he says :

"To provide a uniform and more equitable system it is recommended that By-Law No. 164 be amended so as to provide that the total actual traveling expenses of the District Deputies in making their visitations, upon approval of the Grand Master, be equally apportioned among the lodges in his district."

Now go one step further and make it "more equitable" by having the expense of the visitations paid by the Grand Lodge, and if the per capita tax at the present time will not furnish the means then add to it a few cents. Even five cents added would yield over \$1,800. On general principles all expenses of caring for the welfare of the lodges and promoting their interests should be paid by the Grand Lodge just as much as the payment of a salary to the Secretary, and of other similar accounts. And the Grand Lodge should get the funds from a per capita tax, so that each and all should equitably pay, that is, all pay the same amount.

Official ciphers cause trouble from carelessness and lack of supervision. It seems that fifty are in the lost column.

The action of Oregon in regard to dimitted masons causes him to state :

"Under our laws a dimitted mason deprives himself of the right to claim masonic charity or masonic burial, and his right of visitation, which includes the right to appear in public processions, can be controlled or restricted entirely, by the lodge to which he presents himself ; yet, under these laws, a lodge *may* extend the hand of charity to a non-affiliate when, in his judgment, such assistance or masonic burial may be warranted, thus exemplifying the highest principle of our craft without restriction. As long as the right of dimission is recognized the lodge should be left free to exercise its discretion in extending its charity to non-affiliates."

In the report of the Secretary we find one paragraph explaining one of the beauties of the "documentary evidence" :

"As there is no law specifically enjoining the Grand Secretary from attaching his certificate to the many forms of masonic standing now being sold to members of the craft throughout the jurisdiction, and which are not

included in the several forms of documentary evidence now contained in the present law, it is recommended that a standing regulation or by-law be adopted, whereby the Grand Secretary will have full authority to decline adding a Grand Lodge certificate to any form of documentary evidence except that specifically mentioned in the sections of our law to which reference is made above."

An oration was delivered upon the subject, "The Mason as a Citizen."

We excerpt one sound, sensible paragraph:

"I have never worried greatly over the question whether Solomon knew as much about Speculative Masonry as he did about Operative Masonry. It is enough for me to know that my father was Master of his lodge, and that back in Pennsylvania two farmers, who were neighbors and friends, one of whom was my paternal and the other my maternal grandfather, were each Master at different times of their lodge, and that a few years ago there hung upon the wall of their old lodge room a framed resolution signed by a committee of which they were both members, adopted by the lodge upon the death of Washington. Masonry is ancient enough for me when it goes back that far; and one of the reasons why I like to attend the meetings of the blue lodge is because I have been led to believe that it is opened and closed and conducted, substantially at least, in the same form as in the days when my forbears were masons."

Fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico were continued. We understand this to be the *Spanish* contingent.

We have the portrait and a sketch of the life of M. W. Bro. Matthew M. Miller, who writes the Report on Correspondence, which contains the following paragraph in the introduction:

"While we have been perfectly content with the grammatical perfection of our rituals and the absolute worthlessness of those of the next jurisdiction; while we have spent decades in settling the question whether it takes the loss of a toe-nail or a limb to deprive an applicant from right to be considered a 'perfect youth'; and have devoted like decades in arriving at a consensus whether we could with propriety and safety permit the occupancy of our halls by the Eastern Star—let the Serpent into Eden—as occasionally a jurisdiction remote from Kansas believes it to be—yet all this time we have not concerned ourselves in the least as to the knowledge of our foreign brethren, to say nothing of fellowship or communion with them."

Maine for 1910 has three pages.

Commenting upon the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, relative to the conferences, he says:

"In the second report the committee practically stands pat (there 'Bishop,' see the force of example) upon the constitution, regulations and decisions of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and better backing there is none in masonic law, procedure, or precedent, anywhere. Nevertheless we think that many of the Grand Jurisdictions could well get together in this formulation of procedure on some of the matters presented for consideration at the Convention of Grand Masters; but we think the wise course to take would be to have each Grand Jurisdiction formulate its own ideas and plan of procedure for general acceptance and adoption, and then see if some basis of agreement upon which all could stand might not be reached. The great trouble in progressive movements of such a

character lies in the fact that those most strenuous for the acceptance of their particular 'doxy' present one which close investigation demonstrates to be full of deadly holes. In our process of centralization, that it is to say, taking away the power of the lodges and centering it in Grand Masters and Grand Lodges, we are accumulating a vast amount of statutory law that never was conceived of in the philosophy of Ancient Craft Masonry. The tendency is in that direction, and, much as masonic students may deplore it, they might as well get used to it. It may result in some good, it may produce greater ill; but whatever the result we should all work together for the greater good."

November 26, 1910, died M. W. Bro. John C. Postlethwaite, Grand Master in 1890.

"He was a Christian gentleman and mason of wide experience and influence, and he has left his indelible impress upon the Freemasonry of Kansas."

M. W. Bro. Chiles C. Colman, Grand Master in 1896, died March 4, 1911.

He was prominent as a lawyer as well as a distinguished mason.

LOUISIANA, 1911.

One hundred sixty-three lodges were represented.

Two hundred ten lodges made returns and there are on the roll lodges to the number of (?).

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John S. Thibaut, reports a gain of about 700 members; the granting a dispensation for and the instituting of seven lodges; and says:

"The burden of my work during the present year has been to bring the brethren to the better realization to a clearer conception of their obligations, and duties to themselves, to the greater fraternity in which they hold membership and to the social body of which every individual man and mason is part and parcel."

And then gives rather a pessimistic account of the material that has obtained the privileges of Masonry.

He argues under foreign relations for a more liberal construction of the doctrine of "fraternal recognition," and in this connection says:

"I plead also for the extending of the right of visit to every individual mason who has been regularly initiated, passed, and raised, within a regular lodge, holding a charter from a regular governing body, whether that body be of the York or Scottish Rite and whether it be in fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge or not. This would be in accordance with the principles of our fraternity and would boldly and logically put to the test our claim as a Universal Brotherhood."

Four corner-stones were laid; many visitations to lodges made; several dispensations granted, and, further:

"I have written over thirteen hundred letters bearing upon all questions, physical and metaphysical, legal, illegal, and otherwise, questions of ethics and logic, in fact the variety has been so great that I have come to believe that the brethren have an idea that the knowledge of a Grand Master must be encyclopædic. Not to be outdone by my predecessors and aided by the enquiring inclinations of my brethren, I have been able to 'perpetrate' some hundred decisions of which I have recorded fifty-five. These bear upon questions which have been decided heretofore though possibly in a different form."

After reading these fifty-five decisions he came to the conclusion that it was easier to write the Grand Master than it was to look up the *practice* or that the *practice* was not accessible to the reading mason.

Discussing the work of the Grand Lecturers he says:

"I believe that the usefulness of the Grand Lecturers would be materially increased if more time was devoted to the dissemination of the principles of Freemasonry and a little less to the verbal perfection of the ritual. It is well to remember that the life of the ritual is not in the letter but in its spirit. At best, it is only the vesture of the essential truths we desire to communicate. He is the best mason who may not be the accomplished ritualist but understands the philosophy of its teaching. The peace and harmony of the craft, the welfare and prosperity of the institution, would be better enhanced by the more thorough popularization of its philosophy than by the routine repeating of the 'work.' The ordinary mind conceives but little of the beauty of Masonry if the applicability of its teachings to the relations of our life is not forcibly impressed by other means than that of the ritual."

He severely criticizes the work of the District Deputies.

From the report of the Secretary of the Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1, "the only one of its kind in existence," we learn that one brother from Maine was assisted.

Recognition of Grand Lodge Alpina was deferred but the Grand Orient of Paraguay was recognized.

Action was had towards the celebration next year of the one hundredth anniversary of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Herman C. Duncan presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Illinois we read these pertinent suggestions:

"And what a good thing it would be if we had a school of masonic symbolism and ethics which our Masters should be required to attend, nay, our Wardens, and from which they should obtain certificates of proficiency before being allowed to occupy the chair from which they would be expected to teach those things.

"What a pitiable sight it is to see a man in a position in which he is required to superintend work; administer masonic justice; and give instructions in symbolism and ethics, and knows nothing except to play a parrot's part. And alas! it is true that many of our Masters are simply bosses and not builders."

Maine for 1910 was reviewed.

MINNESOTA, 1911.

All the Grand Officers were present. Two hundred twenty-two lodges of the two hundred fifty-three were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was not present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William B. Patton, (portrait) had a very brief introduction to his address. He lamented the loss by death of the many distinguished masons of his own and sister jurisdictions.

He constituted two lodges and laid three corner-stones.

Decisions were not given except in two cases, since the laws clearly answered all other queries. We quote:

"Decision No. I. Where the by-laws of a lodge provide for Life Membership, in accordance with the resolution of this Grand Lodge, a brother cannot claim such membership, before the expiration of the twenty-five years, by tendering payment, in advance, of the dues for twenty-five years, or any part thereof.

"Decision No. II. The resolution of this Grand Lodge, adopting the work and lectures for this jurisdiction, passed at the communication of 1869, does not permit the use of robes, scenery or other accessories, in the conferring of the degrees, which were not used at the exemplification before the Grand Lodge at that time."

Discussing the use of robes and other accessories in conferring degrees he wisely says:

"On this subject permit me to say that, in my opinion, the desire to improve upon the rendition of the work is founded on a wrong hypothesis. It seems to be the feeling that the impressiveness and beauty of the degree is increased in proportion to the adornments added thereto. Such, however, is not the case, but, on the contrary, in the very simplicity of the work, as commonly rendered in our lodges, in the past, and at present, lies its eternal vigor, and continuing power. When once we cease to depend on the unadorned work, and turn to side issues to awaken interest, we step from a rock to a quicksand footing. The new features soon pall upon the taste; and so, others must be added, to maintain the attractiveness; and this must continue *ad infinitum* until the original purpose and intent of the degree is buried under the accumulated rubbish. Again, too often the work is looked upon as a spectacle to entertain the brethren, rather than, as it is truly intended to be, a sermon to edify the candidate."

There was a large amount of local business.

Bro. Irving Todd presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine has its place in the Report. It appears to have been a mistake. It should have been printed *Past Masters'* degree instead of *Past Grand Masters'* degree, of which in Minnesota there is none.

M. W. Bro. Charles W. Nash, Grand Master in 1866, died August 18, 1910. "He was firm in his convictions, though lovable in every relation of life."

MONTANA, 1910.

As we open these proceedings we have a sketch of the life, with portrait of the Grand Master.

Sixty-one of the sixty-three lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In the preface to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John S. Carroll, says :

"The chartered lodges have all increased their membership, young men with the world before them, are coming in to learn the lessons of Masonry ; to assume its duties, and extend its usefulness still more and more through each succeeding year ; and as the fertile soil and the well nigh inexhaustible mines and forests of this great state are calling into existence new and thriving towns, they too are knocking at our doors for masonic privileges.

"During the masonic year just closing, we have issued dispensations for the formation of seven new lodges ; some of which we have personally inspected ; and all come well recommended, and with every indication of becoming important factors in Montana Masonry."

We also read :

"This Grand Lodge has, at each and every one of its annual communications in recent years, spoken positively against the use of every so-called masonic ritual, and furnish each one of the four principal officers of every lodge in the state with a copy of the Montana Ritual, and insisted upon its use, yet I regret to say that in many of the lodges visited by me they are simply held in trust to be transmitted to their successors in office while the work is obtained from something easier to read. I have worked persistently to counteract this apparent lack of interest, and to impress upon the minds of the officers that it is their plain duty to obey the laws, edicts, and regulations of this Grand Lodge in every respect."

The Committee on Jurisprudence made this report which was adopted :

"Respecting the construction of the 'anti-liquor legislation' we are of the opinion that if one engages in the hotel business, with which there is connected a bar over which liquor is sold at retail, he does not violate the provisions of Article XXIV, Standing Resolutions, if the bar is conducted simply as an adjunct to the hotel and is not the prime purpose of the business conducted."

The Grand Treasurer, Bro. H. M. Parchen, at the age of seventy-one and after a service of thirty-nine years in the office of Grand Treasurer, declined to serve any longer.

Bro. H. S. Hepner presented the Report of Foreign Correspondence Committee.

From the introduction we quote :

"When we joined our mystic order, youthfulness and vigor imbued us with a belief that many remedies and innovations might be applied to strengthen and adorn this hoary giant of the ages, but as we grow older our ardor is cooled, and serene judgment takes its place. We are more than ever inclined to make no 'inroads into the body of Masonry' and to preserve intact the landmarks of the Fraternity."

Under Arkansas, anent "liquor legislation," we read :

"To the query 'Can a director or stockholder in a corporation which operates a hotel with a saloon therein, be made a mason or be allowed to retain his membership in a masonic lodge?' He held that a director is not eligible, but a stockholder may be, provided he does not own a controlling interest of the stock. This is drawing the line of demarkation rather finely; it seems to us as though it is really going a little too far in carrying the crusade against anyone directly or indirectly, interested in the liquor traffic. We cannot but assert our own views to the effect that from experience we know that ninety per cent. of the saloon keepers are better qualified to become members of the Fraternity, than a great portion of their customers against whom no crucifixion is urged. We do not mean by this to defend the traffic, but believe that every man should stand on his own merits."

Maine for 1910 is reviewed.

W. Bro. Rev. A. B. Martin, Grand Chaplain, died suddenly January 10, 1910. "He won and retained the love and respect of every person who became his acquaintance.

We have also received the announcement of the death of R. W. Harrison Jordan, Deputy Grand Master in 1885. He was eighty-five years old and "was greatly loved for his genuine Christian character."

NORTH CAROLINA, 1911.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Richard N. Hackett, in the introduction to his address expresses his thankfulness for the good things that are, then fittingly remembers the dead, of whom there was a long list.

Eighteen decisions were given, none of which were new or startling, although the following might cause the Grand Lodge to work over time:

"18. Two special communications of the Grand Lodge may be held on the same day at different places; provided, it is possible for the Grand Master, or his representative, and the Grand Tyler with regalia and jewels to reach both."

Eleven special communications were held to lay corner-stones; twenty lodges were instituted and dispensations were granted for ten new lodges.

He further says in regard to the "Masonic and Eastern Star Home":

"A proposition from the masons of Greensboro to donate twenty-five acres of land and five thousand dollars in cash was accepted and the deed to the property has been executed. It is a beautiful site on an eminence, near the railroad, and will be connected with the city by the electric car line.

"It is proposed to erect as soon as possible, a central building to cost about fifteen or twenty thousand dollars."

He devotes four pages to the Memorial to Washington the Mason.

The Grand Orator delivered a poem on "Masonry." We quote the introductory stanza :

"Masonic love ! O sacred spirit,
That kindly weighs a brother's merit !
Angelical bond from heaven sent down
To gird its chain the world around,
Mankind to lead in paths of peace,
To cause all social discords cease,
Uplift the weak, repress the strong.
Give ear to truth, hush error's song,
And in the bond of doing good
Join mankind in one brotherhood !"

The Oxford Orphan Asylum was fully reported.

Bro. Jno. A. Collins presented the Report on Correspondence.
Maine for 1910 receives due and kindly consideration.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1910.

Fine portraits of the R. W. Grand Master and of the R. W. Grand Treasurer grace the volume.

At one of the quarterly communications there was begun the initiatory movement for the celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the Grand Lodge on September 25, 1911.

The "Mystic Shrine" was denied the use of rooms in the Masonic Temple.

The following were adopted :

"The committee recommended that after St. John's Day next lodges be authorized and required to issue to members receipts for dues, signed by the Secretary, with the seal of the lodge attached ; and that a visitor, not masonically known and vouched for, to a lodge, shall be required to produce such a receipt for dues for the preceding year before he is examined.

"LODGE NOTICES.

"The committee is of the opinion that the display of masonic emblems on lodge notices, as practiced by many lodges, is unmasonic, and that the use of notices bearing emblems should be prohibited, unless and until they have been submitted to, and approved by, the Grand Master, and that notice to this effect be issued by the Grand Master."

At the annual communication in his address the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. George W. Guthrie, states that arrangements have been made whereby Masters and Wardens of the lodges may be so instructed that they can "safely enter upon the discharge of their duties without danger to themselves, their lodges, or the best interests of the whole Fraternity."

Four new lodges were constituted and four corner-stones laid during the year.

Many edicts and decisions were given, but they applied mainly to the management of the craft in Pennsylvania.

One cannot read the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania without being almost overwhelmed with the amount of wealth that it has for its charitable purposes. And now there is in progress a Masonic Home at Elizabethtown which bids fair to excel in every particular any masonic home anywhere.

Bro. James M. Lamberton presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Iowa we read:

"On one subject our Bro. Block does not leave us in doubt, indeed it seems almost a favorite topic, namely, the attendance of lodges at church; he would have none of that. While we do not favor the attendance of brethren *in their masonic clothing* at church, we find that as early as 1755 Pennsylvania brethren attended a church service, and we do not feel as acutely upon the subject as our brother. As the matter of attendance is entirely voluntary, we are not impressed with the strength of the opposition to such attendance."

Maine for 1910 is fraternally mentioned, three pages.

We quote:

"In these reports, we have frequently made mention of lodges under 'dispensation,' and for the benefit of our Pennsylvania brethren, we may say that in a number of jurisdictions their method of organizing lodges is different from ours. In this jurisdiction, a petition, signed by at least five Master Masons, not members of any lodge, and recommended by the District Deputy Grand Master and at least three Master Masons, members of a subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction, is presented to the Grand Lodge, and the usual action is to refer the same to the Grand Officers (*i. e.*, the Grand Master and his Deputy, the two Grand Wardens, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary,) 'with power to act.' If these brethren decide that it is for the good of the craft, the warrant is granted, being dated the day of the communication at which the action just mentioned was taken. A day is then set when the brethren are constituted into a regular lodge, either by the Grand Master or by his representative."

TENNESSEE, 1911.

A special communication was held for the purpose of laying the corner stone of Freemasons Hall, which is being erected by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge met in annual communication January 25, 1911, but called off until March 8, 1911, when it met in his own home, at which time four hundred thirty-one lodges were represented. Thirteen lodges were not represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles H. Byrn, starts out with an account of his endeavors to raise at least twenty-five thousand dollars, one dollar to each mason, for the Widows' and Orphans' Home. The dead are fittingly remembered.

Two lodges and two lodge halls were dedicated ; eleven corner-stones laid ; dispensation issued for a new lodge ; and a large number, two pages, of dispensations granted for other purposes.

It takes a page of print to tell us how the "circumlocution office" worked in various cases.

There are twenty-seven "official rulings," of which the "Edicts," had they been consulted, would have answered a larger part of the questions.

Of his visitations he says :

"The little boy, when asked the difference between a visit and a visitation, said : 'A visit is when you go to see your grandma and a visitation is when she comes to see you.'

"No part of my duty of Grand Master gave me more pleasure than that of visiting the subordinate lodges.

"In the discharge of this part of my duty, I have traveled nearly ten thousand miles, requiring about ninety days of my time, making over one hundred visits, and conferring more than seventy degrees."

The Secretary evidently knows his jurisdiction, and may not his remarks apply to other jurisdictions ? We quote :

"The cultivated habit so many Secretaries have acquired of waiting until the last moment to send in their reports should be severely condemned.

"Many are evidently of the opinion that the Grand Secretary has nothing to do when the Grand Lodge is in session except check reports from careless, indifferent and lazy Secretaries.

"There is another class of 'quill pushers' who get their returns in very promptly, making the usual number of errors, at least a sufficient number to convince the average business man that their reports were not made from the records, but entirely from a faulty memory. When his errors are pointed out he goes to 'sleep at his post,' like Ahisha of old, and pays no attention whatever to the first, second or even the third letter on the subject and dreamily waits for his Master to 'fix it up' when he reports as the Representative of his lodge.

"It is frequently the case that when the attention of the Worshipful Master is called to the discrepancies, he is totally ignorant of the facts in the case and endeavors to correct the mistakes of his Secretary by 'thinking he's dead or suspended,' and so returns are corrected as the Master 'thinks' and not as to the facts. Results follow.

"Some years ago one of the prosperous lodges of the jurisdiction failed to enroll the name of a brother ; when the representative reported for enrollment he was asked, 'what has become of brother ——,' he replied, 'He's dead.' The report was corrected accordingly. Seven years later the brother did actually die and was buried ; shortly thereafter his widow and children applied to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home for admission, which was denied them because the husband and father was not a mason in good standing when he died, not having paid any dues or even made himself known as a mason during all that time. On appeal to the Grand Master, he ruled that the brother was in good standing and the widow and orphans were admitted to the sheltering protection of the Home.

"This year another case develops. A few years ago a member of another lodge left home on a visit and stayed so long that his Master, when he came to the Grand Lodge, reported him 'dead' and so he was

masonically, until this year, when the aforesaid dead brother 'bobs up,' paid up and again appears on the rolls as a real live mason.

"We have often heard that for so much money one's sins might be forgiven, but not before this did we know that a brother could be resurrected from the dead for so many pieces of silver."

Tennessee is one of the jurisdictions in which the appeal cases have full statements.

Bro. Henry A. Chambers submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From the introduction we excerpt:

"The demand for this seems, this year as last, to be growing. Grand Master Webb of Wisconsin, however, raises a very suggestive objection on the ground that documentary evidence will have a tendency to make lodges and examining committees careless about requiring the ancient and approved tests."

Maine for 1910 is fraternally reviewed. He says:

"Things seem to run so smoothly among the masons of Maine that we find little to comment on and nothing to criticise. This fine condition, doubtless, in great measure arises from the spirit of conservatism indicated in the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence on the suggestions of the Grand Masters' Conference."

M. W. Bro. John Robert Smith, Grand Master in 1902, died July 30, 1910. "A true and generous mason and devoted Christian."

Foreign Jurisdictions.

CUBA, 1909-10.

We quote from the address of the Grand Master, which is given in English:

"It seems that those dreamed of days of moral peace, social confraternity and public welfare that will allow us to live peacefully, happy and content, will never arrive for our native country; because in reality passions still prevail all around us; nobody seems content and something similar to the nervousness that precedes the great phenomena of Nature, prevails in this country, so dearly beloved by us. . . . It is on that account that I dare proclaim as an undisputed triumph the virtuality of the masonic doctrines, for, notwithstanding that critical period undergone, the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba has suffered the trial successfully, advancing steadily in the path of moral and material progress."

Dispensations for three lodges were issued; six lodges gave up their charters.

There is also in Spanish the Report of the Committee on Correspondence. The introduction, however, is in English, and from it we quote:

"Careful and far seeing governments, rulers of truly free countries, find in our Institution a faithful ally, a loving friend, ready to abide by the laws of the land, to help her in her distresses, to educate her citizens, to calm the impulses of the masses, to impart education to all, even to be an apostle and missionary of progress and civilization."

Maine is reviewed.

EL SALVADOR, 1910.

The second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Republic was held at San Salvador. Five lodges were represented.

From the address of the Grand Master we quote:

"Our Institution has now existed in Central America for 42 years. For more than a quarter of a century it has remained in an unpardonable state of inaction and stagnation, its social action a nullity; its mission benumbed by conventionalism; its aims bound to the indolence of those called upon to prosecute them; and its high purposes hindered in their progressive advance. In El Salvador, there were light convulsions provoked by personal interest, followed by the lukewarmness and lassitude habitual to the leaders who were charged with guiding, enlightening and correcting. From time to time, and with groundless fears, slight protests were heard; but they could not rend asunder the dense obscurity formed by a mass of errors fomented by silly vanities. At last, like a luminous point, there arose among us Brother Thomás Soley, with the product of his comprehension and study, bringing to us the indestructible truth of history, the potency of his work, and the valuable support of his undeniable energies, all of which were placed with laudable enthusiasm at the service of the Institution. It was then that we saw the true light and realized our error; from that time we have ceased to see in every high degree, the omnipotent personage, the Sovereign Prince of Eastern legends.

"The result of the instruction initiated by Brother Soley is now apparent to all. What are we to-day? We are the corpse of yesterday, which has raised itself at the voice of a Lazarus who opened its eyes, placed in its hands a book, and ordered it to: Walk!"

Commenting upon recognition by other masonic powers he says;

"A Grand Lodge, which like ours springs from the crevices of a Rite falsely interpreted and without prestige, has necessarily to encounter many obstacles before being recognized, and be subjected, more than any other, to the severity of a minute examination made in order to ascertain if it still preserves the vices and blemishes of its origin."

Under the review of "Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina" we read:

"We do not wholly share in the ideas so brilliantly expressed, with respect to certain differences which unfortunately exist between the bodies unqualifiedly masonic and those that only uphold some of the masonic doctrines. Above all, in respect to the belief in a Supreme Being, we

hold that such a belief is indispensable to all masons. In general, we do not believe that any isolated group has the right to alter even one point of the fundamental laws of Masonry.

"If such a doctrine should prevail, in a short time the universal character of Masonry would disappear, and in its place would exist only groups seeking different ends under the name of Masonry."

"An Historical Review of Masonry in El Salvador" is given, with statements of the existing dispute with the Supreme Council of Central America.

ENGLAND, 1910.

An Especial Grand Lodge was held on the 19th day of May, 1910, to pay fitting tribute to the memory of King Edward Seventh, Past Grand Master and Protector of the Order.

The Grand Registrar, the well known masonic writer, Bro. John Strachan, was obliged to resign his appointment owing to his failing health. An honorarium of one thousand guineas were voted to him. His golden wedding occurs this year too.

IRELAND, 1910.

The address of the Deputy Grand Master gives an account of many services held in memory of King Edward VII.

Six new Warrants were granted, two of which were for lodges in South Africa.

One lodge performed the wonderful feat of working the E. A. degree, then the M. M. degree, and then the F. C. degree, for which action the charter was suspended for three months. The lodge, however, was located in South Africa.

MEXICO, 1909.

Twenty-three lodges were represented.

Recognition of the Grand Lodges of Belgium, of Salvador, and of France was postponed.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Alberto Pro, in his address says:

"It is with great pleasure that I report to this meeting, that during the past year, the majority of our lodges have worked with enthusiasm, and that new and healthy bodies have been added to their number, always after special care has been taken to watch over the purity and good character of our Institution. As in every association, and specially in ours, which is made up of so many bodies, which live their own lives, difficulties arise from time to time, and we have had to lament some losses, which have arisen from causes beyond the will of the individuals or lodges interested."

Four lodges surrendered their charters.

Bro. H. W. Selover presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

VALLE DE MEXICO, 1910.

A special meeting was held in January to consider amendments to the constitution and by-laws of the Grand Lodge, and these were referred to the lodges in the jurisdiction.

At the annual meeting the Grand Master stated :

" That amended constitution having been approved by the majority of the lodges of the jurisdiction, in compliance with his duty, he declared the new constitution and by-laws, from that moment in full force and vigor, with the exception of Art. 3 of the constitution which related to ritual, and Art. 7 of the by-laws which relates to the representation by proxy in the meetings of the Grand Lodge, against which articles he gave his veto, because he did not consider it right to oblige the lodges of the jurisdiction to change their ritual in view of the different languages in which they work, nor did he consider it right that the lodges which reside at a long distance from the city, should be obliged to send representatives of their own membership, who would have to travel ten or more days in order to attend, and for these reasons he referred both articles back to the committee."

Some members of the Grand Lodge protested against the new constitution and by-laws.

Immediately upon the result of the vote on Grand Master being announced, several representatives " rushed out of Grand Lodge without sign or ceremony and in great disorder, expressing their non-conformity with Bro. Reynoso's election. There remaining a majority, 20 lodges represented, the labors of the Grand Lodge were continued in order."

The Grand Orient of Italy and the Grand Lodge of France were recognized.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1910.

At the quarterly meeting in September, 1909, there was a long discussion as to the erection by the Grand Lodge of a Temple in Sydney, and the consideration of the question came up at almost every communication of the Grand Lodge.

There is a Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1909 is reviewed.

NEW ZEALAND, 1909-10.

By the death of King Edward VII, the Grand Master, the M. W. Grand Master, Lord Plunket, the Governor of the Dominion, was detained.

The Pro-Grand Master made a short address upon the sad occasion, commemorating the death of the King.

A form for masonic burial was adopted.

We note :

"R. W. Bro. J. J. Dougall, of Christchurch, has been appointed to represent the Grand Lodge of Maine in this territory, in succession to R. W. Bro. F. J. Smith, deceased."

Eleven new lodges were constituted.

The Provincial Grand Masters presented gratifying reports of their several districts.

Bro. Alfred H. Burton presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote :

"It may be that when my 'prentice hand becomes accustomed to the work, I shall be able to give, in concise form, my matured impressions of Freemasonry, as exemplified in other lands, especially in the United States of America. The reading of the many volumes of proceedings that have come before me of late has 'given me to think.'"

Maine for 1909 is fraternally mentioned.

PERU, 1910.

From our Grand Representative we learn of the sudden death of the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Ego-Aguirre. He was a Senator and belonged to the liberal party and after an exciting session in Congress he fell dead. His remains had an official and religious burial, at which the government was represented by every brand, civic and military. Masonry not being officially recognized in Peru the masons were there in plain clothes.

"As our Grand Lodge at the present time is in bad condition a new Grand Master will not be appointed until some future time."

QUEENSLAND, DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, 1910.

At the September communication a long discussion was had over the confirmation of the minutes, and it was decided not to approve them, although the minutes were correct as to what was done.

It also appears that forty-nine of the seventy-five lodges voted for the formation of a Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Again at the December communication there was considerable discussion on parliamentary points about the records, and when it came to the finding out of the disposition of certain funds for Masonic Homes the discussion became quite "hot."

QUEENSLAND, 1910.

The pamphlet contains a full and interesting account of the ceremonies and addresses at the installation of Bro. Adolphus M. Hertzberg as Grand Master.

The Grand Master said :

"As regards the initiation of candidates on the same nights that they are balloted for, the Grand Master said that it showed most unwarranted haste to pursue any such course, and it was quite incompatible with masonic dignity; apart from that he had known the unexpected to happen when a candidate, instead of being called in for initiation, had to be told of his rejection. The indignity to the lodge and to the man is surely sufficient to warrant the refusal of any such dispensation, unless there are very exceptional circumstances, such as a man leaving the locality for good or going beyond the seas."

A Lodge of Sorrow was held in memory of the late King Edward VII.

SCOTLAND, 1910.

We quote :

"The District Grand Lodge of Natal asks for a ruling as to whether a brother who is a member of two lodges may be elected to office in one of these while he is in arrear with his contributions to the other.

"The ruling recommended by the committee is, that any Master Mason may be nominated for any office in a lodge, provided he is in good standing with that lodge. His eligibility is not affected by his being in arrear with his contributions to some other lodge."

SOUTH AFRICA—DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, 1910.

From the address of the R. W. District Grand Master we quote :

"But a somewhat kindred cognate subject has been brought to my official notice and it is this, that some lodge Secretaries are in the habit of dealing with matters of serious import to their lodge quite off their own bat. The chief offenders I believe are generally Past Masters, some of whom are apt to assume the prerogative of a Worshipful Master. They forget and ignore the fact that the Master of a lodge is entirely responsible for all matters of correspondence with his lodge. The Worshipful Master should be fully acquainted with all masonic difficulties and irregularities, and has to instruct the lodge Secretary as to the mode of dealing with such lodge matters. Full oft lodge Masters are utterly ignorant of the letters that pass between lodge Secretaries. Such things ought not so to be, and must not be again. A Secretary is a penman and a correspondent, and not a Master of a lodge."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1910.

A Lodge of Sorrow was held in memory of Bro. James H. Cunningham, Grand Secretary 1884-1909.

The Board of General Purposes report:

"The past year has been one of steady progress and material advancement, and probably at no other period has the craft in this state been in a more prosperous condition than it is at the present time. The M. W. the Grand Master has been recommended to grant warrants for four new lodges, and three of these have been consecrated, and there is every prospect that they will each have a highly successful career. Three Masonic Temples have also been dedicated. There are now 53 lodges in active working, of these, 12 are city lodges and meet at the Freemason's Hall, Flinders Street, whilst of the remaining 41 suburban and country lodges, no less than 27 have their own temples."

We note the recommendation of the Board of the appointment of Wpl. J. E. Morley, P. M., as the representative for Maine.

Bro. Charles R. J. Glover presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine has a place.

TASMANIA, 1911.

A Lodge of Sorrow as a tribute of respect to the memory of King Edward VII was held.

Nothing of general importance was done at the semi-annual communication nor at the annual communication.

VICTORIA, 1909.

Judging from the reading of the proceedings, masonic affairs in Victoria are in fine shape.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1910.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D. D., Lord Bishop of Perth, we quote:

"We used to have two great and serious blots upon our banner—division and opposition, and no charitable institution. The divisions are healed, and now our Widows', Orphans', and Aged Freemasons' Fund is an accomplished fact—already the first beneficiary has been appointed."

Again:

"Some people won't have anything to do with us. We cannot help that; we have no quarrel with them. We only wish to be allowed to develop our organization in a quiet, peaceful manner, and believing that in the past, as in the present, and as we hope in the future, Masonry is for the uplifting of the people, and the cementing together of men of divers views on all other matters in one great brotherhood. That at least is a need of the times. That need we are trying to supply."

APP. 17 G. L.

At the annual communication in his address the subject of exclusions for non-payment of dues is wisely discussed:

"This leads me to wonder what efforts were made on the part of the lodge officers to secure payment of the arrears owing. In addition to sending the usual registered letter, did the Master himself go, or did he send some tactful officer to interview the delinquent member and to urge him to come to some arrangement with the lodge to save his name being placed on the Excluded List? I am afraid not. The Master will probably answer my question by saying the offending brother received due notice to pay, which he disregarded, and, consequently, the exclusion is his own lookout. Very likely; but the unfortunate brother who has placed himself in this position is not so well acquainted with the laws and regulations of the craft as the officers of the lodge are, and while he may have neglected to discharge his duty to the lodge, it is no reason why the lodge should neglect its duty to him; for the brethren must bear in mind that he was received among them as a member after every enquiry had been made, was well and worthily recommended, and as one in whose favor the tongue of good report had been heard. In addition to that, he had declared at his initiation that he was in a position to support the craft, and that statement was certified to by two members of the lodge—his proposer and seconder. That being so, how is it that 109 brethren have been struck off for non-payment of dues this year? Have they been overtaken with disaster, and have the lodges failed to turn a sympathetic ear to their misfortunes? I fear not; rather do I think that men are being admitted who cannot support the Institution: and, on the other hand, I am afraid that lodges are becoming careless of the membership of those who have ceased to take an active interest in masonic affairs. I think before any person is admitted to Freemasonry it should be made clear to him that, in addition to his initiation fee, he is required to pay an annual subscription of two or three guineas, as the case may be. At all events, the point which I desire to impress on the craft is, that the striking of a member from the roll must be regarded as a much more serious matter than it is at present, and should only be resorted to when all other means have failed; and it must always be borne in mind that the imposition of this masonic penalty is a reflection on the lodge as well as the brother on whom the punishment falls. Always remember that a personal interview is worth half-a-dozen registered letters."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence appears.

Discussing the question of the ineligibility as a mason of a stockholder of a railroad selling liquor on a train we quote:

"Just so, as we have previously attempted to point out, the 'liquor law,' as interpreted in many of the American jurisdictions, is all-embracing. Take, for example, the above decision, and apply it to Western Australia, where the railways are state owned and liquor is dispensed on the dining cars on the trunk lines. In this case we are all—teetotallers and non-teetotallers alike—'indirectly interested,' and consequently ineligible for Freemasonry."

Maine has mention.

Under Connecticut, discussing the conferring of rank, we read:

"Just look at the map of Western Australia which we have sent you, and you will get an idea of the 975,920 square miles that comprise our jurisdiction, and will appreciate how impossible it would be for worthy brethren in remote parts to obtain the laurels they so hardly earn if such honors

were conferred only on those who actually served in the office indicated. Our experience is that some of our brethren in remote parts, who think little or nothing of riding on horseback 50 miles once a month to attend the meetings of their lodges, and who travel long distances to perform masonic duties of all descriptions, who devote so much of their time and energy to the cause that we all love, are more entitled to receive the honors than are we who live under much more favorable conditions. We who have the good fortune to live in the more settled parts of the state find it necessary only once each year to encroach on our private time, and then for only a day or two to attend the annual communication. Other meetings we attend at our leisure during the spare time of our evenings, and then are assisted by trams, trains and other conveniences.

"No, my brother, as it is the hope of reward that sweetens labor we do not grudge our country brethren their well-earned, if complimentary honors. They are in every case earned, and some might well have received even more than they have had.

"We might remind you that some of our brethren could only reach our capital city, Perth, after a seven days' journey by steamer, whilst many others would have to make a three days' journey by train, yet they do manage to visit us sometimes, and that at their own expense."

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED.

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In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MASTER, WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE.

SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That WILLIAM KING, SIMON GREENLEAF, WILLIAM SWAN, NATHANIEL COFFIN, their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Maine; with power to sue and be sued; to have a common seal, and to change the same; to make any by-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this state, nor to ancient masonic usages; to take and hold, for charitable and benevolent uses, any real estate to the value of twenty thousand dollars, and any personal estate to the value of sixty thousand dollars; and to give and grant, or bargain and sell the same; and with all the privileges usually granted to other societies instituted for purposes of charity and beneficence.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the first meeting of said corporation shall be holden at such time and place, and be notified in such manner, as the majority of the persons herein named may direct.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the powers granted by this act may be enlarged, restrained or repealed, at the pleasure of the Legislature.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 15, 1820.

This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

BENJ. AMES, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, June 16, 1820.

This bill having had two several readings, passed to be enacted.

JOHN CHANDLER, *President.*

June 16, 1820.—Approved:

WILLIAM KING.

Copy from original:

Attest:

ASHUR WARE, *Secretary of State.*

CONSTITUTIONS AND GENERAL REGULATIONS
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GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
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STATE OF MAINE.

We, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine, in order to form perfect fraternal union, establish order, insure tranquillity, provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and secure to the Fraternity the blessings of masonic privileges, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

PART FIRST.

OF THE GRAND LODGE.

ARTICLE I.—*Style and Title.*

SEC. 1. The style and title of this GRAND LODGE shall be, "THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF MAINE."

ARTICLE II.—*Officers and Members—Rank and Title.*

SEC. 2. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the following officers and members; and their rank and title shall be as follows:

A Most Worshipful Grand Master ;
A Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master ;
A Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden ;
A Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden ;
Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters ;
Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Masters ;
Right Worshipful Past Grand Wardens ;
Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer ;
Right Worshipful Recording Grand Secretary ;
Right Worshipful Corresponding Grand Secretary ;
Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters ;
Worshipful and Reverend Grand Chaplains ;
Worshipful Grand Marshal ;
Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon ;
Worshipful Grand Junior Deacon ;
Worshipful Grand Stewards ;
Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer ;
Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer ;
Worshipful Grand Pursuivants ;
Worshipful Grand Organist ;
Brother Grand Tyler.

All of whom, together with the Worshipful Masters and Wardens, for the time being, of the several chartered lodges under this jurisdiction, or their legally appointed proxies, shall be entitled to vote as members of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Organist and the Grand Tyler excepted.

Each member of the Grand Lodge shall have one vote, and one only, in his own right ; *provided, however*, That if but two of the officers of a lodge, who are members of the Grand Lodge, are present, the superior officer shall have two votes, and the other one vote ; and if only one of such officers, or in the absence of all the proxy of the lodge, is present, he shall have three votes.

ARTICLE III.—*Time and Place of Meetings.*

SEC. 3. The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge

shall be holden in Portland, on the first Tuesday in May, at nine o'clock A. M.

Special Communications may be called, as the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may direct.

ARTICLE IV.—*Powers of the Grand Lodge.*

SEC. 4. The Grand Lodge, by the ancient Constitutions and usages of the fraternity, is invested with certain original, essential and unalterable powers and privileges belonging to the ancient craft, and has powers especially :

First—To enact and enforce all laws and regulations for the government of the fraternity, and to alter, amend and repeal the same at pleasure.

Second—To constitute new lodges by granting dispensations and charters under seal ; and, for good cause, to suspend, revoke or annul the same at pleasure.

Third—To establish and preserve a uniform mode of working and lectures, in accordance with the ancient landmarks and customs of Masonry.

Fourth—To assess and collect, from the several lodges under its jurisdiction, such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the benefit of the craft.

Fifth—To hear and determine all questions of dispute between two or more lodges.

Sixth—To hear and decide all cases of appeal from the decision of subordinate lodges.

Seventh—To demand and receive such fees and charges for granting dispensations, charters, certificates and diplomas as may be reasonable.

Eighth—To hear and decide all charges and complaints against any officer of the Grand Lodge, or Master of a lodge, and to inflict such punishment on the delinquent and guilty as may appear just and proper.

Ninth—To exercise all such powers, and perform all such acts,

as by custom are exercised and performed by Grand Lodges within the ancient constitutions and landmarks of Freemasonry.

[See Sec. 45.]

ARTICLE V.—*Qualifications of Grand Officers.*

SEC. 5. No brother shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, or District Deputy Grand Master, unless he shall have been regularly elected and duly installed Master of a duly constituted lodge, and shall have faithfully discharged his duties in such office for one term. And no one of the officers above named during his continuance in office shall be Master or Warden of a lodge. And any such Past Master, notwithstanding he may be, at the time being, the Master or Warden of a lodge, shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Lodge; but, upon installation into either of the offices above named, vacates his said office in the lodge.

SEC. 6. No brother shall be eligible to an office in the Grand Lodge, except he be a Permanent Member thereof, or a member of a subordinate lodge under this jurisdiction; and a brother having been duly elected to either of the stations of Grand Warden, and having served in said station for one year, shall not be re-elected to the office the year following.

ARTICLE VI.—*Elections.*

SEC. 7. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Recording Grand Secretary, shall be elected by ballot at the annual communication, on the first Tuesday in May, the election to commence at three o'clock P. M. A majority of the votes collected shall be necessary to a choice. All Grand Officers, not herein designated for election, shall be appointed by the Grand Master. [See Reg. 31, 32, 35.]

ARTICLE VII.—*Installation.*

SEC. 8. The officers of the Grand Lodge, elected and appointed, shall be installed at the annual communication of the

Grand Lodge, as soon after their election and appointment as may be. The Grand Master shall be installed by his immediate predecessor, or, in his absence, by the Senior Past Grand Master present, and in the absence of such Past Grand Master, by the Senior Past Master present; preference, however, being given to Past Grand Officers according to their rank.

SEC. 9. In case the Grand Master elect be absent at the time of installation, he may be installed at such time and place and by such person as the Grand Lodge may specially authorize and appoint; and if he declines the acceptance of said office, the Grand Master shall call a special communication of the Grand Lodge to elect his successor.

SEC. 10. All other elected or appointed Grand Officers, if present, shall be installed in open Grand Lodge; if not present, he may be installed by some brother specially authorized by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master; or he may present himself for installation to one of the first four officers of the Grand Lodge, or to a District Deputy Grand Master; the installing officer shall cause a certificate of the installation to be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, who shall note the same on his record. No officer can be installed by proxy.

SEC. 11. The several Grand Officers, previous to their installation, shall make the following declaration: "I solemnly promise upon the honor of a mason, that in the office of — —, I will according to the best of my abilities, strictly comply with the Constitutions and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, and all other ancient masonic usages, so far as the same shall come to my knowledge."

SEC. 12. All Grand Officers, elected or appointed, when installed, shall be proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and installed.

SEC. 13. No elected officer of the Grand Lodge, or of any lodge, shall act as such, until he is duly installed.

ARTICLE VIII—*Of the M. W. G. Master.*

SEC. 14. The Grand Master has power and authority, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, to grant dispensations to new lodges, to continue in force until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge; to arrest the dispensation or charter of any lodge, for good cause, until the next communication of the Grand Lodge; and for dereliction of duty, or other unmasonic conduct, he may suspend a brother or lodge until the next communication of the Grand Lodge, when he shall present the reason for such arrest or suspension, in writing. He may convene the Grand Lodge at pleasure, giving reasonable notice thereof to the lodges and members of the time and place intended for the meeting, and stating therein the object of it. He may convene any lodge within his jurisdiction, preside therein (with his officers or otherwise), inspect their proceedings, and require their conformity to the regulations and edicts of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 15. The Grand Master has authority from time to time, as he may think for the good of Masonry, to divide the State into districts, and assign their limits. Every newly-constituted lodge shall be assigned by him to some district, and notice given to the District Deputy Grand Master of the same.

He may also grant dispensations for processions, and for conferring degrees, and do all other acts and deeds that are warranted and required of him by the regulations and ancient customs of the fraternity.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Master, or presiding officer, at every annual communication of the Grand Lodge, to give, or cause to be given, at least one section of the lecture of each degree, or an exemplification of the work in each degree. [See Sec. 9, 37-45, 48, 62, 69, 78, 84; Reg. 6, 23, 34.]

ARTICLE IX.—*Of the Deputy Grand Master.*

SEC. 16. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Master to attend all the communications of the Grand Lodge, and to render

to the Grand Master such assistance as may be required of him ; and in the absence of the Grand Master, he shall preside in Grand Lodge, and perform such duties, and possess such authority while presiding, as appertain to the Grand Master.

SEC. 17. In case of the death, or removal from the State, of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall, *ex-officio*, exercise all the powers, and perform all the duties of the Grand Master, as herein provided, until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge ; and during the temporary absence of the Grand Master he may, by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Wardens, call special meetings of the Grand Lodge, should the interest of the craft in their opinion require it. And he may grant dispensations for processions.

ARTICLE X.—*Of the Grand Wardens.*

SEC. 18. It shall be the duty of the Grand Wardens to assist the Grand Master in the Grand Lodge ; and when required, they are to attend in the examination of any particular lodge, and act as his Wardens.

SEC. 19. In the absence of the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden shall preside over the Grand Lodge ; and in his absence, the Junior Grand Warden ; and, in the absence of all these, then the Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, and Past Grand Wardens, according to seniority ; and if no officer of either grade be present, the Senior Past Master is to preside, unless he waive his right to another brother, who is Past Master. In either of these cases, the presiding officer, unless he be Past Grand Master, shall wear the jewel of the Deputy Grand Master.

In case of a vacancy in both the offices of Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, the ranking Grand Warden succeeds to the duties of Grand Master as provided in section seventeen.

In case of vacancy in any office ranking below that of Junior Grand Warden, the Grand Master shall fill the vacancy by ap-

pointment for the remainder of the term, and cause the appointee to be installed as provided in section ten. If a bond is required of such officer, it shall be in such amount and with such sureties as the Grand Master shall approve.

ARTICLE XI.—*Of the Grand Treasurer.*

SEC. 20. The Grand Treasurer shall have the custody and charge of all the property and funds of the Grand Lodge; and shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, give bond with surety or sureties, to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his trust; and shall, from time to time, invest all unappropriated funds in his hands, in such manner as the Grand Lodge or said Board of Trustees may direct.

SEC. 21. He shall lay before the Grand Lodge, on the first day of the annual communication thereof, a statement of his accounts, exhibiting the amounts received and paid out, and on what account, with the respective dates of receipts and disbursements.

SEC. 22. He shall receive all moneys from the District Deputy Grand Masters, as well as all other moneys paid to the Grand Lodge; shall pay all bills passed by the Committee of Finance, and such sums as the Grand Lodge or the Trustees of the Charity Fund shall direct; shall have in his care all the Regalia not entrusted to the Senior Grand Steward, all Charters, Records, Seals and Regalia returned to the Grand Lodge, and all Charters and Dispensations for constituting new lodges; shall annually render to the Committee of Finance a statement of his accounts, together with the vouchers, with a schedule of the Funds of the Grand Lodge; and shall deliver to his successor in office, the Funds and other property of the Grand Lodge, taking duplicate receipts therefor, one of which he shall deposit with the Recording Grand Secretary.

[See Reg. 1.]

ARTICLE XII.—*Of the Recording Grand Secretary.*

SEC. 23. The Recording Grand Secretary shall attend upon the communications of the Grand Lodge, observe and record the proceedings thereof, and preserve the same in suitable books kept for that purpose.

He shall give notice of all the meetings of the Grand Lodge, by addressing a circular to the several officers and permanent members thereof; and one to each lodge, stating the time when the returns should be made and the dues paid.

He shall receive all petitions, applications and appeals, and lay them before the Grand Master.

He shall have the custody of the seal of the Grand Lodge.

He shall engross, attest and affix the seal to all warrants, charters, commissions, diplomas and certificates, when ordered by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

He shall send the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge, blanks for applications for the charity fund, blanks for returns, with a circular stating when they must be returned, and diplomas from his office directly to the lodges, keeping an account with each lodge of the number of diplomas furnished, and charging each lodge with the price, at cost, of all over the number to which it is entitled.

He shall keep a list of all lodges under this jurisdiction, according to seniority.

He shall furnish the chairman of every committee with a copy of the vote of his appointment, and attend all committees with the records and papers of his office, when required; and shall record all reports of committees which may be accepted by the Grand Lodge.

He shall, as soon as may be, after its several communications, forward to each member of the Grand Lodge, such number of copies of the edicts and regulations of the Grand Lodge, including a list of the Grand Officers for the time being, as shall be directed by the Grand Master; and all such other transactions of

the Grand Lodge as may be necessary for the information and regulation of the subordinate lodges.

When required, he shall cause a transcript of the journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge to be printed, as soon after the annual communication as the same can be done, and shall forward three copies thereof to each of the Grand Lodges of the United States, and also to the Grand Lodges of such foreign States as may be in communication with this Grand Lodge, and one copy to each officer and permanent member of this Grand Lodge, and four copies to each lodge.

At the intervals of the communications of the Grand Lodge, he shall, at his discretion, answer all communications addressed on the subject of Masonry, [See Sec. 60, 67, 120; Reg. 18, 19.]

ARTICLE XIII.—*Of the Corresponding Grand Secretary.*

SEC. 24. The Corresponding Grand Secretary shall, under the direction of the Grand Master, answer any foreign communication made to the Grand Lodge, and when present may, if desired by the Grand Master, read all communications to the Grand Lodge.

[See Reg. 36.]

ARTICLE XIV.—*Of the District Deputy Grand Masters.*

SEC. 25. The District Deputy Grand Masters shall visit the several lodges in their respective Districts, once at least in every year; preside in the same, when present; and shall inspect their by-laws, records and mode of working; but if unable to visit any lodge, they may appoint some suitable brother to perform that duty.

They shall communicate to the lodges all such edicts and regulations of the Grand Lodge as may be received by them from the Recording Grand Secretary; shall receive and receipt for all dues to the Grand Lodge; receive the returns of the lodges, and make their remarks thereon.

They shall, on or before the first day of April in each year, make a report of their doings to the Grand Master; and they shall attend annually in the Grand Lodge; and they shall pay to the Grand Treasurer all moneys in their hands, or transmit the returns and money to the Grand Treasurer, on or before the fifteenth day of April. They shall be reimbursed their expenses in visiting the lodges, their accounts being first examined and passed by the Committee of Finance.

Each District Deputy Grand Master, on receiving from the Grand Treasurer the jewel of his office, and the record of the district over which he is appointed, shall give a receipt to the Grand Treasurer, in substance, as follows, viz :

"Whereas, I, ———, have been appointed and duly commissioned District Deputy Grand Master for the ——— Masonic District and have received the collar and jewel appertaining to said office, and the book of records of said district, I hereby promise to return the same, at the expiration or revocation of my commission, to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maine; and in default thereof I promise to pay the Treasurer of said Grand Lodge the sum of fifty dollars.

[See Sec. 48, 63; Reg. 11, 23, 39.]

ARTICLE XV.—*Of Grand Chaplains.*

SEC. 26. There shall be not less than four Grand Chaplains, appointed by the Grand Master on the day of his installation, who shall attend the communications of the Grand Lodge, and perform such duties as may be suitable to the occasion, and as are established by masonic usages.

ARTICLE XVI.—*Of the Grand Marshal.*

SEC. 27. The Grand Marshal shall direct the organization of the Grand Lodge before it is opened; collect from the members and petitioners in the Grand Lodge all communications, and place

them before the Grand Secretary ; introduce visitors ; direct the formation of, and conduct processions ; call the lodges when required, and execute all commands of the Grand Master not otherwise provided for.

ARTICLE XVII.—*Of Grand Deacons.*

SEC. 28. The Grand Deacons shall communicate messages, and attend the Grand Master in processions.

ARTICLE XVIII.—*Of Grand Stewards.*

SEC. 29. There shall be four Grand Stewards, annually appointed by the Grand Master. The Senior Grand Steward, under the direction of the Grand Treasurer, shall have in charge all the jewels, clothing, furniture and regalia of the Grand Lodge ; and, with the assistance of his brother Stewards, properly distribute the jewels and clothing of the Grand Lodge and take due care of all that comes to his charge.

ARTICLE XIX.—*Of Grand Sword Bearer.*

SEC. 30. The Grand Sword Bearer shall take rank as Assistant Grand Marshal, and in his absence perform the duties of Grand Marshal.

ARTICLE XX.—*Of Grand Standard Bearer.*

SEC. 31. It shall be the duty of the Grand Standard Bearer to carry the Grand Banner of the Order in processions and public ceremonies.

ARTICLE XXI.—*Of Grand Pursuivants.*

SEC. 32. The Grand Master shall annually appoint two Grand Pursuivants. Their stations shall be at the inner door of the

Grand Lodge, and it shall be their duty to attend to the officers, members and visitors; to see that they appear in Grand Lodge suitably clothed, and, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, that they take their proper stations. In all public processions of the Grand Lodge, they shall precede and assist the Grand Marshal.

ARTICLE XXII.—*Of Grand Tyler.*

SEC. 33. The Grand Tyler shall duly guard the outer door, and see that none, except the Grand Officers and members, enter without the special permission of the Grand Master.

ARTICLE XXIII.—*Of Grand Lecturers.*

SEC. 34. Whenever, in the opinion of the Grand Master, the interest of the craft requires it, Grand Lecturers may be temporarily appointed, whose duty it shall be to exemplify the work and lecture in Grand Lodge, if required, and impart instruction to any lodge requiring their services, such lodge paying them a reasonable compensation therefor. The Grand Lecturer shall not, as such, be entitled to vote in Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XXIV.—*Clothing in Grand Lodge.*

SEC. 35. The clothing of a Grand Officer shall be as the Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, prescribe. Permanent members of the Grand Lodge shall wear the apron prescribed for Grand Officers.

An officer of a lodge shall wear a blue velvet collar, a silver jewel, and white or figured apron. [See Reg. 40.]

ARTICLE XXV.—*Of Committees of the Grand Lodge.*

SEC. 36. At each annual communication of the Grand Lodge, a *Committee of Finance* shall be chosen by ballot, consisting of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine and pass all

bills against the Grand Lodge, and audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer; to examine the records of the Grand Secretary, and see that they are properly kept; and recommend such compensation for the services of those officers, or either of them, as may be just and proper. They shall report to the Grand Lodge, at each annual communication and before the election of officers, an account of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year, with a statement of all funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer; an abstract of which shall be inserted in the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 37. There shall be appointed after the installation of the Grand Officers, and before the close of the annual communication, the following committees to be composed of three members each:

1. On Credentials.
2. On Returns, of which the Grand Secretary shall be *ex-officio* a member and chairman.
3. On Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Publication.
5. On History of Masonry in Maine.
6. On Dispensations and Charters.
7. On Amendments to the Constitution.
8. On Masonic Jurisprudence.
9. On Foreign Correspondence.

SEC. 38. There shall be appointed, as soon as convenient after the opening of each annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the following committees, to be composed of three members:

1. On Doings of the Grand Officers.
2. On the Pay Roll.
3. On Unfinished Business.

And all vacancies in the other Standing Committees shall also be filled.

SEC. 39. The committees, named in Section thirty-seven, shall hold their office until the close of the next annual communication; the Grand Master may refer to any of those committees, during

the recess, any matter for their consideration, and he or the Chairman may call the committee together during the recess, if deemed expedient; and, in all cases in which it is practicable, said committees shall be in readiness to report on the first day of the annual communication.

The committees named in Section thirty-eight shall act as such during the communication for which they are appointed. [See Sec. 44; Reg. 18, 21.]

SEC. 40. All committees, whose election is not herein provided for, shall be appointed by the Grand Master, or in his absence by the presiding officer, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 41. The appointment of these committees shall not preclude the Grand Master or Grand Lodge from appointing any other Standing or Special Committees whenever it is deemed expedient, to which any matters may be referred.

SEC. 42. No brother, not a member of the Grand Lodge, shall be appointed on any committee therein. This, however, is not intended to militate against the right of the Grand Master to commission any brother in writing for a specific purpose; and a member of the Grand Lodge shall not vacate his place upon a committee, by ceasing to be a member of the Grand Lodge after his appointment upon such committee. [See Sec. 44; Reg. 34.]

SEC. 43. The first brother chosen or appointed on a committee shall be the Chairman, and shall duly notify each member of the committee of the time and place of meeting; unless the Grand Master, who, *ex-officio*, has a right to act as a member and chairman of every appointed committee, shall see fit to act.

SEC. 44. The necessary expenses of all committees shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XXVI.—*Rules for the Government of the Grand Lodge.*

SEC. 45. The Grand Master shall direct the business of the Grand Lodge according to his own judgment, except as specially provided in the following Rules:

Rule 1. None but members of the Grand Lodge, officers or past officers of other Grand Lodges excepted, shall be present at the opening of the same, nor shall any visitor be admitted during the session except by permission of the Grand Master, or by vote of the Grand Lodge. [See Reg. 32.]

Rule 2. Members and visitors shall keep the seats assigned them, except the Grand Marshal and officers whose duties may call them about the lodge.

Rule 3. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing, as shall all motions, if the presiding officer or any brother desire it.

Rule 4. All questions shall be decided by a show of hands, unless five members shall call for the yeas and nays, in which case the members shall vote as provided in section two, upon the call of the roll; at the request of any ten members, the yeas and nays shall be recorded, the representatives of lodges by the number of their lodge, and the other members by name, or the title of their office.

Rule 5. Each member shall vote on all questions, except where he is personally interested, unless excused by the Grand Lodge; and no member can delegate his right of voting to another.

Rule 6. Every member who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the presiding Grand Officer; nor shall he be interrupted without his consent, except by a call to order from the presiding officer, or from some member of the Grand Lodge.

Rule 7. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except to lay on the table, to commit, to postpone or to amend, which motions shall take precedence in the order above named.

Rule 8. A motion to amend, until decided, shall preclude all other amendments of the main question.

Rule 9. Any member may call for a division of the question, where the same will admit of it.

Rule 10. No new motion, which totally changes the subject matter on which the original motion was intended to operate, shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion under debate.

Rule 11. No member, except one of the majority which decided the question, shall be allowed to move for a reconsideration.

Rule 12. After a motion is stated by the presiding Grand Officer it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Grand Lodge, and shall not be withdrawn by the mover, against the objection of any member, without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

Rule 13. There shall be no debate upon any question after it has been put by the presiding Grand Officer.

Rule 14. All motions and reports may be committed at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

Rule 15. While the presiding Grand Officer is addressing the Grand Lodge, or putting a question, or a brother is speaking, no member shall entertain any private discourse, or pass between the speaker and the chair.

Rule 16. No brother shall leave the Grand Lodge during the session, without permission of the Grand Master.

Rule 17. No brother shall speak more than twice upon the same question, unless to explain, without permission from the Grand Lodge, if any member objects.

Rule 18. A motion for reconsideration may be made on the same day the decision was made, or on the next day, and not afterwards.

Rule 19. All motions not finally disposed of at the close of the Grand Lodge, unless in the hands of a committee or postponed to the next communication, are lost.

ARTICLE XXVII.—*Discipline by the Grand Lodge.*

SEC. 46. The Grand Lodge may punish summarily, as for contempt, any offence committed in its presence, or by any member while in attendance upon a communication thereof.

SEC. 47. The Grand Lodge has exclusive power to try and punish its own officers for any offence; and the rules herein prescribed for the government of subordinate lodges, in the trial of offences, shall govern the Grand Lodge in like cases, so far as the same may be applicable, except as provided in the preceding section. [See Sec. 115, 121.]

SEC. 48. It shall not be competent for a lodge to try its Master. Any five members of the lodge, or the District Deputy Grand Master, may impeach him before the Grand Master, who shall order an investigation of the charges; and if in his opinion they are well founded, and of a character to justify the proceedings, he may suspend the delinquent, and summon him to appear at the next communication of the Grand Lodge, to show cause why he should not be dealt with according to the regulations and usages in such cases established. But the Grand Master, without such impeachment, may proceed in the same manner. [See Sec. 14.]

SEC. 49. The Grand Lodge has power to try and punish any mason residing within its jurisdiction, whether a member of one of its lodges or not, for any offence committed by him; and when the M. W. Grand Master shall suspend a brother and present the reason of such suspension, as provided in Section fourteen, the Grand Lodge shall act upon such reason as upon a charge duly filed. [See Sec. 96, 115, 121.]

SEC. 50. The Grand Lodge shall hear all appeals upon the record as sent up, unless for special reasons it shall determine to hear other testimony; and, according to its immemorial usage, may confirm, modify or reverse the proceedings appealed from, and it may give such final judgment and sentence as it deems just

or remand the case to the lodge for a new trial. [See Sec. 51, 54, 115.]

SEC. 51. The Grand Lodge shall review the proceedings of lodges in all cases in which the penalty of suspension or expulsion is inflicted, with same power of confirmation, modification or reversal, as contained in the preceding section. [See Sec. 115.]

SEC. 52. When the Grand Lodge reverses or abrogates the judgment of a lodge, suspending or expelling a brother, he shall at once be entitled to all his masonic rights and privileges, including membership in his lodge.

SEC. 53. The Grand Lodge may restore any brother suspended or expelled, but he shall not thereby be restored to membership in his lodge. [See Sec. 54.]

SEC. 54. No petition for the restoration of a mason expelled or indefinitely suspended upon action by any lodge, shall be entertained by the Grand Lodge, unless notice of the proposed petition be given to such lodge at least sixty days before the session of the Grand Lodge. [See Sec. 118.]

PART SECOND.

ARTICLE I.—*Grand Charity Fund.*

SEC. 55. The Charity Fund established by the Grand Lodge shall be styled, "THE CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE."

SEC. 56. This fund shall from time to time be increased by adding thereto such moneys as may be voted into it at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge; and also by all donations not specially appropriated by the donors. [See Sec. 70.]

SEC. 57. The interest arising from this Charity Fund may be appropriated, in whole or in part, for the relief of such poor and

distressed brethren, their widows and orphans, as the Grand Lodge or the "Trustees of the Charity Fund" may consider worthy of assistance; and if the whole be not so distributed, the residue, after deducting therefrom such sums as may be necessary for the ordinary expenses of the Grand Lodge, may be added to the fund.

SEC. 58. The Charity Fund shall be held in the name of the "*Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Maine*," but shall be under the direction of a Board of Trustees, consisting of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Recording Grand Secretary, and six brethren, who are not acting officers of the Grand Lodge, to be elected by ballot, for the term of three years; and to constitute, during that term, a permanent part of the Board. And if a vacancy occur in said Board, it shall be reported to the Grand Lodge, and be filled at its next meeting. The Board of Trustees thus constituted, shall be styled "*The Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine*"; who shall invest the accruing funds in the manner they shall deem most safe and productive; and no part of the principal of said fund shall be expended for any purpose whatever.

Provided, That it may be lawful for said Trustees to exchange said fund from one investment to another, at a meeting of the Board and not otherwise.

SEC. 59. The Trustees of the Charity Fund shall meet at Portland, at five o'clock in the afternoon of the day of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and at such other times as may be thought expedient. A majority of the Board shall be necessary for every act, except that of adjournment. *Provided*, That if, at the annual meeting of said Trustees, a majority of the whole Board shall not be present, vacancies may be filled by ballot as aforesaid, in Grand Lodge, for the time being; so that all necessary business may be transacted.

SEC. 60. The Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge shall be, *ex-officio*, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, whose duty it

shall be to keep just and fair records of their proceedings, and report the same to the Grand Lodge whenever required.

SEC. 61. The Trustees have the power to adopt such regulations for their own government and proceedings as are not inconsistent with the constitution of the Grand Lodge.

PART THIRD.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

ARTICLE I.—*Lodges under Dispensation.*

SEC. 62. Dispensations for holding new lodges may be issued by the Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge, on the petition of not less than seven Master Masons of known skill and good standing.

SEC. 63. No petition for a dispensation for a new lodge shall be presented, unless recommended by all of the lodges whose territorial jurisdiction would be affected by the formation of the new lodge, and by the District Deputy Grand Master within whose district the petitioners reside, unless such recommendation be unreasonably withheld. [See Reg. 12.]

SEC. 64. The fee for such dispensation shall be twenty-five dollars, to be paid to the Grand Treasurer; and every dispensation shall be returned to the Grand Lodge at the next annual communication, together with a written petition for a charter, an attested transcript of all the proceedings and the by-laws of the lodge, the dues, and the limits of such of the petitioners as were members of other lodges. If these be approved by the Grand Lodge, a Charter of Constitution may be issued to the petitioners, bearing even date with the dispensation, for which they shall pay to the Grand Treasurer the further sum of thirty dollars, five of which shall be for the Recording Grand Secretary.

SEC. 65. The form of a petition for dispensation shall be in substance as follows:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine.

"We, the undersigned, being Master Masons of good standing, and having the prosperity of the craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Freemasonry; and for the convenience of our respective dwellings, and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new lodge, to be named _____. We, therefore, with the approbation of the District Deputy Grand Master, and the lodges whose jurisdiction would be affected thereby, respectfully pray for a dispensation empowering us to meet as a regular lodge at _____, on the _____ of every month, and there discharge the duties of Ancient York Masonry, in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order and the laws of the Grand Lodge. And we have nominated and do recommend Brother A_____ B_____ to be the first Master, Brother C_____ D_____ to be the first Senior Warden, and Brother E_____ F_____ to be the first Junior Warden of said lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge."

SEC. 66. Lodges under dispensation have all the rights and powers of chartered lodges, except the election and installation of officers and the rights growing out of election and installation; and the membership, in other lodges, of their members, is suspended during the continuance of the dispensation.

ARTICLE II.—*Chartering and organization of new lodges.*

SEC. 67. No charter can be granted save by the Grand Lodge; and hereafter the name of no brother, who is a member of another lodge, shall be inserted in a charter; but the Grand Secretary, under the direction of the Grand Master, shall omit from the charter the names of all who do not file their dimits or proper evidence that they are not then affiliated. [See Sec. 84, 132.]

SEC. 68. Every newly-chartered lodge may work under dispensation until constituted under the charter, unless the Grand Lodge or Grand Master otherwise order.

SEC. 69. Every new lodge shall be solemnly constituted by the Grand Master and his officers, or by some competent brother especially appointed by him for the purpose; and no new lodge is owned, or entitled to representation in this Grand Lodge, unless it be regularly constituted, solemnly dedicated and registered, and its officers installed.

Any two lodges having concurrent jurisdiction, or whose territorial jurisdictions are contiguous, may consolidate into one lodge in the manner following:

i. When a proposition to consolidate a lodge with another is made therein, the Worshipful Master shall cause the matter to be laid over to a future meeting, and special notice given to the members of the lodge that the matter will come before the lodge at that meeting for action.

ii. If the lodge votes to consolidate, with not exceeding six votes in the negative, the measure shall be deemed to be carried.

iii. Concurrent action must be taken in the other lodge, at a meeting notified for the purpose, in the same manner and adopted by the same vote.

iv. If both lodges vote to consolidate, the proceedings shall be certified by each lodge to the M. W. Grand Master for examination.

v. If he finds that the proceedings of the lodges are in accordance with these provisions, the lodges may be consolidated under the name which may be selected.

vi. The oldest charter shall be endorsed under the attestation of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, as the warrant of the consolidated lodge; which shall take rank as of the date of the charter.

vii. The other charter shall be endorsed in such manner as to show that it is no longer in force, and delivered to the consolidated lodge, if desired, to be preserved in its archives.

viii. The Grand Master, by himself or such brother as he may specially depute therefor, shall cause the members of both lodges

to be assembled, and shall proceed to organize the lodge by delivering the charter endorsed as above provided; and shall preside during the election of officers, and cause them to be installed; he shall make due return of his proceedings to the Grand Secretary, to be entered upon the records of the Grand Lodge and reported to Grand Lodge at its next annual communication.

ix. The officers of each of the old lodges shall at once deliver and pay over to the corresponding officers of the consolidated lodge all the property, books and moneys of each of said lodges, to be the property of the new lodge.

ARTICLE III.—*Surrender, Forfeiture, and Revocation of Charters.*

SEC. 70. Every charter surrendered to the Grand Lodge, whether or not with the intention of being resumed at a future period, shall be accompanied by the by-laws, records, seal, regalia, funds and other property of the lodge of every description; and all the property of a lodge, surrendering its charter with the intention of resuming it, shall be held by the Grand Lodge in trust until such time as the charter shall be restored, or the intention of reclaiming it abandoned. The interest arising from said funds and other property shall be made a part of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge; and in case of forfeiture the principal shall be disposed of as the Grand Lodge shall direct. No charter thus deposited shall be restored, unless upon the petition of seven Master Masons, of whom four at least of the petitioners for its restoration were members of the lodge at the time of its surrender. And it shall be the duty of the petitioners to notify the District Deputy Grand Master of the District, and the lodge nearest their residence, of their intention to petition for the restoration.

SEC. 71. Every charter, when declared forfeited, shall be returned to the Grand Lodge, with the records, by-laws, seal, regalia, funds and other property of the lodge, of every description; and

all members of a lodge who shall refuse to make such surrender, or who shall vote to divide the funds among themselves, or to appropriate them in any other way than is here designated, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of the rules and regulations of Masonry.

SEC. 72. If at any time it shall be found necessary to suspend or cancel the warrant or charter of any lodge under this jurisdiction, for irregular or unmasonic conduct, the members of said lodge implicated in such irregular or unmasonic conduct, at the time of its having incurred such penalty, shall be disqualified to join or visit any other lodge, without special permission from the Grand Lodge obtained on memorial.

SEC. 73. Any mason assisting at the work of a lodge, knowing its warrant or charter to have been suspended or canceled, shall be liable to expulsion from the rights of Masonry.

[See Sec. 14, 49.]

ARTICLE IV,—*Proxies of Lodges.*

SEC. 74. As the Grand Lodge, when congregated, is a representation of every individual member of the Fraternity, it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority and power, and in its acts should be assisted by all the light and intelligence of its own members and the whole craft.

It is the duty, therefore, of every lodge to be represented at the communications of the Grand Lodge by its Master and Wardens, or by a proxy duly commissioned under the seal of the lodge, and the attestation of the Master and Secretary. And that there may be no neglect of this duty each lodge is required, at the stated communication next before any communication of the Grand Lodge (unless it has been previously done), to appoint a Master Mason of regular standing, not holding office in Grand Lodge, and being a member of a subordinate lodge under this jurisdiction, as proxy to represent them in the Grand Lodge, and such proxy shall have

a right to a seat in the Grand Lodge during the masonic year in which he was appointed, and to cast the vote of the lodge he represents when neither the Master nor either of the Wardens shall be present.

The letter by which a lodge shall appoint a proxy is to be in form and substance as follows, viz :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine :

BE IT KNOWN, That Brother ———, of ———, having been
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} chosen by the members of ——— Lodge, in ———,
 _____, to represent said Lodge in Grand Lodge the ensuing
Master year, I do in their behalf appoint him their representa-
of _____, tive ; for them to appear, and upon all subjects relat-
 _____, ing to the craft in general, and this lodge in particular,
Lodge. to act and decide, as fully as though we were personally
 present.

Confirming the acts of our beloved brother in his capacity, we pray that he may enjoy all the protection and privileges to which we are entitled.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of our lodge to be affixed, this ——— day of ———, A. D. 19—.

Attest :

Secretary.

In case of vacancy, not filled by the lodge before the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, or the inability of the proxy appointed by the lodge to attend the annual communication, the Master or acting Master may appoint a substitute and give him a certificate under the seal of the lodge ; but such substitute can act as proxy only by special vote of the Grand Lodge.

[See Sec. 75, 76, 80.]

SEC. 75. Every lodge represented by proxy in Grand Lodge, shall issue the commission annually. All commissions of proxies of the Grand Lodge shall expire with the closing of the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication after such appointment, and no brother shall represent more than one lodge at the same time, either as representative or proxy.

SEC. 76. No informality in the form of the commission shall

preclude the Grand Lodge from admitting to a seat any brother who has been duly elected as the proxy of a lodge.

ARTICLE V.—*Powers and duties of Lodges.*

SEC. 77. All lodges under this jurisdiction have a right to convene as Free and Accepted Masons, to receive and enter Apprentices, pass Fellow-Crafts and raise Master Masons, and establish fees therefor; to choose officers annually, establish funds for charitable purposes, and transact all matters appertaining to Masonry, agreeably to their charters, the laws of the Grand Lodge, and the ancient usages of the craft.

SEC. 78. The lodges under this jurisdiction shall be formed into districts by the Grand Master; for each of which a District Deputy Grand Master shall be annually appointed. And it shall be the duty of every Master or presiding officer of a lodge, when notified of the intended official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, to convene his lodge, receive him as the representative of the Grand Lodge, resign to him the chair, while making his official communication, and submit to his inspection the by-laws, records, and mode of working.

SEC. 79. The lodges under this jurisdiction shall make returns in triplicate annually of their officers and members, and of all the work done during the year ending on the first day of March, agreeably to the form established and on the blanks furnished by the Grand Lodge; and the Secretary shall, on or before the fifteenth day of March, send one copy to the Grand Secretary, and two copies, with the dues, to the District Deputy Grand Master, who shall receipt for the dues upon one copy and return it to the Secretary to be preserved on the files of the lodge, and shall, as provided in section twenty-five, forward or deliver the other copy to the Grand Treasurer, with a duplicate receipt for the dues.

SEC. 80. Should any lodge neglect to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge for the space of two years, the

Master and Wardens of such lodge shall not be permitted to attend, in their official capacity, any meeting of the Grand Lodge, until such returns and payments are made. And should the delinquency continue for three years, the charter, funds and regalia of such lodge may be declared forfeited to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 81. No petition for the removal of a lodge from the place in which it is located shall be sustained in Grand Lodge, unless said petition is sanctioned by the District Deputy Grand Master of the District where said lodge is situated and has the approbation of the lodge nearest the place where said lodge is intended to be held, unless such approbation be unreasonably withheld. Nor shall any lodge hold meetings, unless authorized by the Grand Master, in any town other than the one designated in its charter, under the penalty of a forfeiture thereof; nor move its hall more than one-half a mile from where it is now* located, or where it may be located when the lodge is constituted, without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 82. Every warranted lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which body all the power of the Fraternity resides; and no other authority except that possessed by the Grand Lodge can annul, abrogate or destroy the power of a warrant. If, therefore, the majority of a lodge should determine to leave the institution or that lodge, the constitution or power of assembling remains with the rest of the members who adhere to their allegiance. If the number remaining, however, be reduced to less than seven, the charter shall be returned agreeably to the regulation in such cases provided.

SEC. 83. If the Master and Wardens of any lodge be summoned to attend, or to produce the charter, books, papers or accounts of their lodge to the Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Master, within whose jurisdiction it is located, or to any committee authorized by the Grand Lodge, and shall refuse to comply or to give satisfactory reasons for non-compliance, they

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may be suspended, and the proceedings shall be notified to the Grand Lodge, when, in case of contumacy, expulsion or revocation of charter shall be the penalty. [See Sec. 48, 49.]

SEC. 84. Whenever any lodge under this jurisdiction shall have lost its charter by casualty or otherwise, it shall be the duty of said lodge to apply for a new charter or dispensation, which application shall be signed by at least seven Master Masons who are members of said lodge, and sanctioned by the District Deputy Grand Master of the District where said lodge is situated; and if, in the opinion of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, a new charter or dispensation should be granted, the same may be issued by the Grand Master; the lodge applying therefor paying to the Grand Secretary a fee of five dollars for engrossing the same, which shall be the only fee demanded for said charter.

[See Reg. 41.]

SEC. 85. Each lodge shall pay annually towards the support of the Grand Lodge twenty cents each for all of its members, including honorary members and those absent from the state, and two dollars for every candidate initiated. Each lodge shall be entitled to receive as many diplomas from the Grand Lodge as they make Master Masons. And no dues will be remitted unless upon petition of the lodge and the report of a committee of the Grand Lodge thereon.

SEC. 86. Every lodge, after adopting or revising by-laws, shall send a transcript of such by-laws or revision immediately to the Grand Secretary for examination, and await the approval of the Grand Master before recording or printing.

SEC. 87. No lodge should "call off" from one day to another; but, when the business cannot conveniently be completed at one session, a lodge may close to open on another day without further notice, and so on from time to time until the business is completed; and the subsequent meetings shall be held to be a continuance of the first meeting, but no business shall be transacted except such as was pending on the first day.

SEC. 88. No lodge under this jurisdiction shall hold more than one stated meeting in each month, at which they can receive petitions and ballot for candidates, except by dispensation.

[See Reg. 7.]

SEC. 89. Immediately after the installation of the officers of a lodge, the Secretary shall return to the Grand Secretary the names and addresses of the Master, Wardens and Secretary.

SEC. 90. Any officer below the rank of Junior Warden may resign; any such officer removing permanently from the state thereby vacates his office. Whenever a vacancy occurs in any of said offices, it may be filled at the next or any succeeding stated communication of the lodge.

SEC. 91. Every lodge must preserve one copy of the printed Proceedings in the hall, and when a volume is completed, should bind it for the use of the lodge.

ARTICLE VI.—*Work of Lodges.*

SEC. 92. No lodge, without the permission of the Grand Master, shall receive the petition of a candidate until he has resided in this state one year, nor (except sea-faring men absent only on a voyage to sea) unless he has had his dwelling place and personally been within the jurisdiction of the lodge at least six months during the year next preceding. [See Sec. 101, 107; Reg. 7.]

SEC. 93. If any person, who wishes for initiation in any lodge, resides without the state, he shall first obtain the consent of the lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides, by unanimous vote at a stated communication, and the permission in writing of the Grand Master within whose jurisdiction he resides, which consent and permission shall be annexed to his application.

SEC. 94. Every candidate must apply to the lodge in this state nearest his residence, *except* that he must apply to a lodge in the town in which he resides, if one is located there. But when a

municipality, or a part of one, is annexed to another under the law of the state, the Grand Lodge may modify this rule in particular cases as it may deem wise. [See Reg. 30, 33, 37.]

SEC. 95. A candidate, in other respects eligible, may apply to any lodge, with the consent of the lodge having jurisdiction of him under section ninety-four; but such consent can be granted only by a unanimous vote, taken by the secret ballot at a stated communication, upon an application presented at the preceding stated communication.

SEC. 96. No candidate whose application may be rejected by a lodge shall be initiated in any lodge under this jurisdiction other than the one which rejected him, except after five years from such rejection, unless the lodge recommend him to another lodge by a unanimous vote—the vote to be taken by the secret ballot. *Provided, however,* that, if the candidate shall at the end of five years from such rejection be a resident within the jurisdiction of the rejecting lodge, consent shall be granted unless there are more than three negative ballots. And if any mason knowingly assist or recommend for initiation, to any lodge whatever, any candidate rejected as aforesaid, except as above provided, such mason shall be expelled from the Institution. [See Sec. 14, 49.]

SEC. 97. No petition for the degrees shall be received by any lodge from any candidate, who has been rejected in that lodge, within less than six months after the rejection.

SEC. 98. A candidate, rejected in any lodge and subsequently residing in the jurisdiction of another lodge, may apply to either with the consent of the other, obtained in the manner and under the conditions hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 99. The general rule which governs the order in the admission of members and candidates is, that such admission is to be sanctioned by entire unanimity; and so sacred and fundamental does the Grand Lodge conceive this rule to be, that no candidate

shall be initiated in any lodge under this jurisdiction, without a clear and unanimous ballot in his favor. Every member present shall ballot on the application, unless excused by the lodge.

SEC. 100. By the ancient regulations, the physical deformity of an individual operates as a bar to his admission into the fraternity. But as this regulation was adopted for the government of the craft, at a period when they united the character of *operative* with that of *speculative* masons, this Grand Lodge authorizes such a construction of the regulation as that, when the deformity of the candidate is not such as to prevent him from being instructed in the arts or mysteries of Freemasonry, and does not amount to an inability honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, the admission will not be an infringement upon the ancient landmarks, but will be perfectly consistent with the spirit of our institution.

SEC. 101. All applications for initiation must be made and the ballot thereon taken at stated communications, except by dispensation.

Each application must be made in writing, under the signature of the applicant, stating his age, residence, that he has resided in the state one year, and in the jurisdiction of the lodge the six months next preceding the date of his application (except in the cases above provided), and whether he has made application and been rejected by any other lodge.

No candidate shall be balloted for, in any case, until his application has been referred to a committee and strict inquiry made into his moral character and fitness to be made a mason.

And no candidate shall be balloted for in less than four weeks from the presentation of his application, without first obtaining a dispensation therefor.

No petition for initiation, or application for membership, shall be withdrawn after it has been referred to the committee of inquiry, without the consent of the lodge, nor until after a report of the committee and ballot had thereon, nor unless the ballot shall be clear. But if it shall appear, at any time before a rejection, that the lodge has not jurisdiction over the candidate, or that he is not

eligible under section one hundred, the fact shall be entered of record, and the petition and fee returned to the candidate.

[See Sec. 92, 107.]

SEC. 102. There shall be but one ballot for all the degrees, which must be free and secret; and in balloting for the degrees or for membership, if more than one negative vote appear, the balloting shall cease and the candidate be declared rejected; but if on the first ballot one negative only appear, a second balloting shall immediately take place, and if a negative still appear, the candidate shall be declared rejected.

[See Reg. 38.]

An objection by any member before the initiation is equivalent to rejection by ballot, and must be so recorded; such objection may be made privately to the Master, or to the lodge, and the reasons therefor cannot be required; and if any mason shall declare the name of the objector, or assist in the initiation of any one against whom he has knowledge or information that objection has been made after the acceptance, he shall be liable to be expelled from the institution; but if objections are made after initiation, to the advancement of the candidate, they must be made known to the lodge and their sufficiency determined by a two-thirds vote.

SEC. 103. Whenever a dispensation is granted for receiving or balloting upon a petition or for conferring degrees, it shall be the duty of the officer granting the same, to require and receive of the lodge to whom the same may be granted, the sum of three dollars for the dispensation, which shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer for the use of the Grand Lodge; and the lodge shall require of the candidate five dollars in addition to their usual fee.

[See Reg. 7.]

SEC. 104. No candidate should be permitted to receive the degree of Fellow Craft or Master Mason without a sufficient knowledge of the preceding degree to prove himself as a mason of such degree in the usual manner, unless in a case of absolute emergency.

SEC. 105. No lodge shall permit more than one candidate to be present at a time in the first section of the first, or the second section of the third degree. And no lodge shall confer more than five degrees at the same communication of the lodge, or hold more than one communication upon the same day.

[See Sec. 87, 108.]

SEC. 106. A candidate for the degrees, whose petition has been accepted, who does not present himself for initiation within one year from such acceptance, shall forfeit all right by reason of such acceptance, and shall not be initiated except on a new petition; but any time, if more than three months, such person is temporarily absent from the state shall be deducted.

SEC. 107. No Entered Apprentice, or Fellow Craft, shall be passed or raised in any lodge, without the recommendation of the lodge in which he was first admitted.

SEC. 108. No candidate shall receive more than two degrees at one and the same communication of the lodge, and no lodge shall hold more than one communication on the same day for the purpose of conferring the degrees upon the same candidate, without first obtaining a dispensation therefor. [See Sec. 105.]

SEC. 109. The fee demanded by a lodge for conferring the first three degrees in Masonry, shall not be less than twenty dollars, including the fee to the Grand Lodge; but clergymen approved by competent authority to preach the gospel, may be initiated, crafted and raised, without any fee whatever; and no lodge under this jurisdiction shall take notes of hand for fees, or grant any time of credit therefor.

SEC. 110. No lodge, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, shall initiate, craft, or raise a candidate, unless a Past Master is present to preside; and no ballot shall be taken for initiation or membership, unless there are at least seven members of the lodge present.

ARTICLE VII.—*Membership of Lodges.*

SEC. 111. Every candidate who shall receive the third degree in any lodge in this jurisdiction, shall thereby become a member of said lodge, and the Secretary shall record his name upon the roll of membership; provided, that this section shall not be so construed as to prohibit any lodge in this jurisdiction from conferring any degree upon a candidate lawfully elected thereto by a lodge in any other jurisdiction with which this Grand Lodge holds fraternal relations, on the request under seal from the electing lodge, the identity and standing of the candidate being fully established, in which case the membership of the brother shall remain in the electing lodge and the fees shall belong thereto.

[See Reg. 15.]

SEC. 112. [Repealed, 1904, p. 73.]

SEC. 113. Lodge membership may be terminated in either of the following methods:

I. Upon application at any stated communication, the lodge may vote a dimit at once, either in the form of an honorable discharge from membership, or with a recommendation, as it may see fit.

II. Or a member may give notice at a stated communication that at the next he shall apply for a dimit, and at such next stated meeting, if no charges have been filed and his dues are paid to that time, it is the Secretary's duty to give him a certificate of honorable discharge from membership. The lodge may also vote him such recommendation as it sees fit. The Secretary shall note on his record the giving of the notice and the issuing of the dimit.

III. Or a member, first getting permission of his lodge, may apply to another lodge for membership, in which he shall state in his petition that he is still a member of ——— lodge (naming it); then, if accepted, he may procure his dimit in either of the methods above stated, file it with the other lodge at any time within six months, sign the by-laws thereof, and thereby become a member.

SEC. 114. [Repealed, 1904, p. 73.]

ARTICLE VIII.—*Suspensions and Expulsions.*

SEC. 115. Whenever a member of a lodge, or a brother under this jurisdiction, shall be accused of an offence which, if proved, would subject him to discipline, he shall have a fair and impartial trial, and the proceedings shall be conducted substantially as follows: [See Sec. 125; Reg. 24.]

Rule 1. The accusation shall be made in writing, under the signature of a Master Mason, and given in charge to the Secretary of the lodge, who, under the direction of the Master, shall serve, or cause the accused to be served, with an attested copy of the charges, and shall give him seasonable notice of the time and place of hearing, if his residence be known; if he resides out of the jurisdiction of the lodge, such copy and notice may be sent by mail to his last known post office address. If the accused do not appear at the time fixed, the lodge shall determine whether the required notice has been given, and this determination entered of record.

Rule 2. The examination of the charges shall be had in a lodge specially notified and convened for the purpose, at which none but members of the lodge or of the Grand Lodge shall be admitted, except as counsel or witnesses.

Rule 3. The accused may select any brother for his counsel, and the witnesses shall testify on their honor, and, if masons, on their honor as such. Hearsay evidence shall be excluded. The accused may testify in his own behalf.

Rule 4. If the witnesses cannot or will not attend the lodge, their depositions may be taken and read as evidence. Reasonable notice of the time and place of taking each deposition shall be given in writing to the opposite party, by the person appointed to take the same; the deponent shall give his testimony on his honor; both parties may be present with their counsel, and put such questions to the deponent as they please and as are relevant. The deposition, having been reduced to writing, shall be read to

and then signed by the deponent, and sealed up in his presence, and returned unopened to the lodge.

Rule 5. The question, "*Is the accused guilty or not guilty?*" shall be distinctly put to each member of the lodge, by name, commencing with the youngest. The Secretary shall record the answer as given.

Rule 6. If two-thirds pronounce him guilty, the Master shall put the question of expulsion, indefinite suspension, definite suspension and reprimand, in order, until one is adopted.

Rule 7. If the verdict be suspension or expulsion, an attested copy of the proceedings shall be sent to the Grand Lodge at the next ensuing meeting thereof, for examination and final action.

Rule 8. A concurrence of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary to suspend or expel. And no mason, whose suspension or expulsion has been confirmed by this Grand Lodge, shall be restored to the privileges of Masonry except by a unanimous vote of the members, present when such restoration may be acted on, of the lodge by which he was so expelled or suspended, except as provided in Section fifty-three.

Rule 9. A sentence of suspension or expulsion shall not take full effect until confirmed by this Grand Lodge, but shall operate as suspension of the delinquent in the mean time.

Rule 10. The lodge shall appoint some brother to take minutes of the evidence, which shall be preserved on the files of the lodge, but not entered upon the records.

Rule 11. The Secretary shall keep a full record of all proceedings, and shall transmit to the Grand Master, within thirty days and before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, a full copy of all the evidence, charges, specifications, notices, services of same, and of all things in any way pertaining to the trial, which copy shall be signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary under seal.

Rule 12. If the Grand Master shall find evident errors in the proceedings, he shall remand the matter to the lodge for correction, and, if necessary, order a new trial.

Rule 13. The accused or any member of the lodge may appeal from the decision of the lodge or rulings of the Master, which appeal must be in writing, signed by the appellant and filed with the Secretary of the lodge within one month of the decision, and must set forth the reason why he makes the appeal. The appellant shall give at least ten days' notice in writing to the other party of such appeal prior to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 116. An expulsion or suspension of a brother from any other masonic organization, shall not operate as an expulsion or suspension from the lodge of which he is a member.

SEC. 117. No lodge shall suspend or expel a member from the rights of Masonry for non-payment of dues. The penalty of such delinquency shall be forfeiture or suspension of membership; and that only after due trial, as in other masonic misdemeanors.

[See Sec. 123.]

A brother suspended from membership for non-payment of dues will be restored by the payment or remission of the amount due at the time of his suspension at any time within five years thereafter; but after that time he can be restored only upon his application and a two-thirds vote of the lodge, after payment or remission of the amount in arrears.

SEC. 118. No restoration of an expelled or indefinitely suspended mason shall take effect until it is confirmed by the Grand Lodge; and in all such cases a copy of the charges and findings of the lodge shall be filed in the Grand Lodge before action thereon.

[See Sec. 52-54.]

SEC. 119. No mason expelled for fraudulently obtaining the degrees after having been rejected, shall be restored without the unanimous consent of the rejecting lodge or lodges.

[See Sec. 53.]

SEC. 120. No subordinate lodge under this jurisdiction shall publish the suspension or expulsion of any of its members, unless by authority of the Grand Lodge. It is therefore enjoined on all

subordinate lodges to make returns, of the names and the character of the offence of all such masons as may be suspended, to the Recording Grand Secretary, whose duty it shall be to transmit such notice to all lodges under this jurisdiction for their information.

SEC. 121. A lodge or brother offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no penalty is attached, shall at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or subordinate lodge having jurisdiction of the case, be subject to admonition, suspension or expulsion.

[See Sec. 47-49, 115.]

PART FOURTH.

ARTICLE I.—*Miscellaneous Regulations.*

SEC. 122. No business, other than that appertaining to the work and lectures, shall be transacted in a lodge while open on the first or second degree. All general business, such as the election and installation of officers, the discussion of questions relating to the general interests of the Fraternity and the local affairs of the lodge, shall be transacted in a Master's lodge.*

SEC. 123. Any brother who has been discharged from membership for the non-payment of dues, shall not be admitted to membership in any other lodge, until the same are paid or remitted. The recommendation of the Master and Wardens of the lodge, of which the applicant was last a member, should accompany such application.

[See Sec. 117.]

SEC. 124. The Master of any lodge under this jurisdiction, who has faithfully discharged his duties and complied with the laws of the Grand Lodge, shall, at the end of his first term, be presented by the District Deputy Grand Master with a Past Master's diploma.

*At least seven members must be present. [Proc. 1868, p. 200.]

SEC. 125. Lodges should take cognizance of masonic offences committed within their territorial jurisdiction by any brother, except members of lodges having concurrent jurisdiction.

[See Sec. 49, 115]

SEC. 126. No lodge shall encourage, promote, or permit the delivery of any masonic lectures which have not been sanctioned and authorized by the Grand Lodge. Nor shall any mason be permitted to deliver such lectures under this jurisdiction.

SEC. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions excepted, without permission from the Grand Master. And it is proper, as a mark of respect for the Chief Magistrate of the Nation or State, to permit lodges to appear in public, either upon occasions of a public reception of him, or of public mourning for his death.

[See Sec. 17.]

SEC. 128. No one below the degree of Master Mason shall be interred with masonic honors and the formalities of the Order. It is the duty of a lodge of which a brother is a member, or the nearest lodge, to attend and perform the usual masonic burial service over deceased Master Masons, when requested so to do by the deceased or his nearest relatives.

SEC. 129. No lodge, or officer or member of a lodge, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation to enable a mason to go from lodge to lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to lodges for relief.

SEC. 130. It shall not be permitted to introduce political or other exciting topics not connected with Masonry, for discussion, in any lodge under this jurisdiction.

SEC. 131. A lodge ought to meet once in each calendar or lunar month, but may with propriety stand closed during the summer months of June, July and August.

SEC. 132. The Master of a lodge has the special charge of its charter, and it is his duty to see that it is carefully preserved. It must be present when the lodge is opened.

[See Reg. 41.]

SEC. 133. A visiting brother has the right to inspect the charter of the lodge he desires to visit.

SEC. 134. No brother shall be a member of more than one lodge, nor shall he hold more than one office in the same lodge at the same time.

SEC. 135. The removal of a brother into another jurisdiction does not, of itself, authorize his name to be stricken from the roll of the lodge of which he is a member.

SEC. 136. No lodge can suspend the operation of a by-law, or, at a *special meeting*, alter or expunge any part of the proceedings of a stated one.

SEC. 137. No lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons can legally assemble in this state under a warrant or charter granted by any foreign masonic power.

SEC. 138. It shall not be legal for any lodge to interfere with the business or concerns of another lodge.

SEC. 139. A vote passed by a lodge may be reconsidered at the same communication, and not afterwards; but this shall not prevent the rescinding or repealing of a vote when it can legally be done.

SEC. 140. This constitution shall not be altered or amended, unless such alteration or amendment be first proposed in writing at a regular communication of the Grand Lodge, when the Grand Lodge shall proceed to consider the question *whether the proposition shall be entertained*; and if decided in the affirmative, the proposed alteration or amendment shall be referred to a committee, entered upon the records, published with the other Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and sent to the several subordinate lodges for their consideration; and it shall be deemed in order to take up the subject and act upon it definitely, at the next annual communication, and not sooner. But no alteration or amendment shall be adopted, unless a majority of the members present concur therein.

STANDING REGULATIONS.

I. I. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer pay to one delegate who shall be present on the first day of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and (unless excused by the Grand Lodge on account of his own sickness or that of his family) attend during the session, for mileage such sum as is granted by the several railroads or steamboats to Portland from the station or landing place in the town where the lodge is located, together with such additional sum for stage fare from the place of location of the lodge to such station or landing place when such is paid; and two dollars for each day's actual attendance, not exceeding three days, when the delegate is a member of the lodge he represents; and the same mileage and per diem to District Deputy Grand Masters and all permanent members. When a lodge is represented by more than one brother, the senior officer shall receive the mileage and per diem. [1900, p. 52.]

II. *Resolved*, That in the absence of Master and Wardens, the Proxy be paid the mileage and per diem of his lodge, unless his residence be nearer the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge, in which case he shall receive the mileage of the lodge in the town wherein he resides. [1903, p. 275.]

(For distances, see Proc. 1887, p. 927.)

2. *Resolved*, That after all the lodges shall have furnished their histories to the present time, it shall be their duty once in ten years, commencing in 1870, to furnish their history for the preceding decade, or so much as shall be lacking.

[1866, p. 165.]

3. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will not remit Grand Lodge dues to subordinate lodges on account of loss by fire of property not insured. [1866, p. 192.]

4. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Maine disapproves of the public use of masonic emblems, especially that ostentatious display calculated to lead the world to suppose that we are still an operative fraternity and endeavoring to receive more wages. [1867, p. 113.]

5. [*Repealed.*]

6. *Resolved*, That Masters of lodges be required to report to the Grand Master all invasions of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge by lodges of other jurisdictions, with all the circumstances attending, so far as they may be able—to be by the Grand Master reported at each annual communication. [1869, p. 406.]

7. *Resolved*, That no action shall be had in any lodge under this jurisdiction, upon a petition for degrees or for an election of an officer or officers of a lodge, under a dispensation from the Grand Master, until the expiration of *forty-eight* hours from the time the notices calling the meeting for action have been issued and delivered. Notices calling the meeting, in either case, shall be delivered either in person, or left at the last and usual place of abode of every member within a distance of one mile of the lodge room. Notices to other members may be sent by *mail*.

[See Sec. 103.] [1871, p. 346.]

8. *Resolved*, That the Master of any lodge may require of any person, who may wish to be examined for the purpose of visiting such lodge, a voucher, under seal, that such person had been initiated in a regular lodge; and Masters are enjoined not to allow any person to visit their respective lodges without being vouched for by some well-known brother present, or being found by strict examination to be a mason in good standing. [1883, p. 505.]

9. *Resolved*, That whenever a lodge, after being constituted, requests a Grand Officer to visit them and install their officers, or

dedicate a hall, the expenses attending such visit must be paid by the lodge requesting the services, and not by the Grand Lodge.

[1874, p. 308.]

10. [*Incorporated in Constitution.*]

11. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of, and is hereby enjoined upon, the District Deputy Grand Masters in the several masonic districts, to use their best endeavors to impress upon the various lodges in their several jurisdictions, and their Masters and Wardens, the importance of the attendance of said officers upon the communications of the Grand Lodge, and to make use of their best efforts to have every lodge represented at all such communications by their first three officers.

[1877, p. 301.]

12. *Resolved*, That no action shall be had in any lodge under this jurisdiction, upon a petition for the approval or recommendation for a new lodge, until the same shall have been before the lodge one month.

[1877, p. 453.]

13. [*Repealed.*]

14. [*Repealed.*]

15. One lodge cannot confer a degree at the request of another lodge in this jurisdiction, unless the requesting lodge waives jurisdiction, and the other lodge accepts the candidate in the usual manner, and for its usual fees.

[1908, p. 49.]

16. [*Incorporated in Constitution.*]

17. [*Incorporated in Constitution.*]

18. *Voted*, That the Grand Secretary, in issuing notices of each annual communication, notify the lodges that the Committee on Credentials will be in session at half past seven o'clock in the morning, on the first day of said annual communication, in Tyrian Hall.

[1880, p. 494.]

19. The Grand Secretary shall notify each Grand Officer, elect or appointed, who has not been installed in the Grand Lodge, of his election or appointment, and transmit to him an extract of Section 10 of the Constitution.

[1894, p. 57, *re-enacted.*]

20. [*Incorporated in Constitution.*]

21. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be required to report, upon all cases submitted to them thirty days or more prior to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, on the first day of said annual communication, except cases of appeal.
[1881, p. 808.]

22. [*Repealed*, 1898, p. 68.]

23. *Resolved*, That lodges be allowed to occupy halls with other associations, provided the District Deputy of the district first personally inspect, and in writing approve, the occupation. But this inspection shall not be necessary in cases where other societies seek to have joint occupation of previously dedicated masonic halls.
[1882, pp. 32, 212.]

A hall can be built for joint occupancy with another association, provided the plans of such building shall be submitted to the Grand Master, and after his approval permission may be given to build a building in common.
[Added 1891, p. 253.]

Voted, That application to a lodge for joint occupation of their hall by another society, shall be granted only by a two-thirds vote of the lodge, the application having been laid over from one stated meeting to another. *Provided*, however, that in special cases the Grand Master may give permission to act upon such application at any stated or special meeting, if he shall find sufficient cause therefor.
[1882, pp. 32, 212.]

24. *Resolved*, That lodges may, by a two-thirds vote, refuse to receive and entertain charges presented after the lapse of four years from the time of the commission of the alleged offence, unless the reasons for delay in presenting them grow out of the absence of the accused, or of material witnesses, or the concealment of the offence, or be decided by the Grand Master to be sufficient.

[1882, p. 205.]

25. [*Repealed.*]

26. [*Incorporated in Constitution.*]

27. *Resolved*, That, while the Grand Lodge does not desire to interfere with the right of the fraternity as individuals to attend or promote balls and dancing, the lodges are forbidden to connect masonic balls, so called, with a lodge, or use the name of a lodge in reference to them, or to advertise them, or sell tickets for admission thereto. [1885, p. 225.]

28. *Resolved*, That when, under the by-laws of any lodge, its annual meeting falls in a month in which there are two stated meetings, the first shall be deemed the annual meeting, and, when it falls in a month wherein there is no stated meeting, the stated meeting next before such month shall be deemed the annual meeting of such lodge. [1888, p. 47.]

29. [*Incorporated in Constitution.*]

30. I. Candidates residing in Kingman at a greater distance from Pine Tree Lodge than from Forest Lodge by the common road, but at a greater distance from Forest Lodge than from Pine Tree Lodge by railroad, may apply to either of said lodges ;

II. And the same rule shall apply to candidates residing within the united territorial jurisdiction of Forest and Baskahegan Lodges, nearer to one lodge by the common road, but nearer to the other by railroad. [1890, p. 910.]

31. *Voted*, That before proceeding to vote for Grand Officers, the brethren be supplied with printed or written ballots, or with a sufficient number of slips of paper upon which each may write the names of candidates, and then seated in the hall. Then the committee shall pass around among the brethren and receive their votes, while they remain seated, until all the officers have been elected. [See Sec. 45, Rule 2.] [1891, p. 244.]

32. *Resolved*, That when the hour arrives for the election of the officers of the Grand Lodge, as is provided in the Constitution, the Grand Lodge shall go into an executive session for that purpose, and none but members of the Grand Lodge shall be

present without the consent of the M. W. Grand Master in each case. [See Sec. 45, Rule 1.] [1898, p. 68. Amended 1900, p. 49.]

33. *Voted*, That the jurisdiction of Deering Lodge, No. 183, be, and remain until the further order of the Grand Lodge, as it was before the annexation of the City of Deering to the City of Portland. [1899, p. 238.]

34. *Resolved*, That, in the case of the death of a Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer, the M. W. Grand Master be authorized, in his discretion, to appoint a special committee to prepare a memorial and present the same to the Grand Lodge at its next session. [See Sec. 42.] [1900, p. 52.]

35. *Voted*, That hereafter the M. W. Grand Master at the opening of the Grand Lodge appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary to serve during the session, to be paid by the Grand Lodge. [1902, p. 72.]

36. *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Grand Secretary, in addition to the duties required of him by the Constitution, be the Librarian, and perform such duties and receive such compensation as the Committee on Library may advise. [1904, p. 44.]

37. To ascertain which of two lodges is nearer the residence of a candidate, the measurements must be made along the shortest established route or way which the candidate can take, regardless of the fact that more people may use one route or way more than the other, and regardless of the fact that one route or way may be easier to travel than the other.

[1905, pp. 217 and 241.]

38. *Resolved*, That in balloting upon applications for degrees the ballot shall be taken upon each applicant separately.

[1907, p. 214.]

39. *Resolved*, That the District Deputy Grand Master be seasonably notified in writing, by the secretary of each lodge in his district, of each and every meeting of that lodge to be held.

[1910, p. 47.]

40. *Voted*, That the clothing of the Grand Officers shall be as follows :

The aprons of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens shall be of white lambskin, lined with purple, having the emblem of his office suitably embroidered in the centre and with other suitable embroidery on the edgings thereof, with purple edging and strings.

The aprons of the other Grand Officers shall be of white lambskin, lined with purple, with purple strings and edging.

That the jewels of the Grand Officers shall be as follows :

That of the Grand Master, the Compasses extended to 45°, with the segment of a circle at the points and a gold or metal gilt plate included, on which is represented an eye, eradiated, with a triangle, also eradiated. That of the Deputy Grand Master, the Compasses and Square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre. That of the Senior Grand Warden, the Level ; Junior Grand Warden, the Plumb ; the Grand Treasurer, a Key ; Recording Grand Secretary, Crossed Pens ; Corresponding Grand Secretary, Crossed Pens ; Grand Chaplain, Book with a Triangle ; Grand Marshal, Crossed Rods ; Grand Deacons, Dove and Olive Branch ; Grand Stewards, Cornucopia ; Grand Sword Bearer, Crossed Swords ; Grand Standard Bearer, Banner ; Grand Pursuivants, a Rod and Sword, crossed ; Grand Organist, Lyre ; Grand Tyler, Sword.

Each Past Grand Master, Past Deputy Grand Master and Past Grand Warden may be distinguished by the jewel prescribed for the office he has filled, with this difference, that such jewel shall be fixed within a circle or oval of gold or metal gilt. It shall be worn over the left breast.

The collars of the Grand Officers shall be a purple velvet collar suitably embroidered.

[1896, p. 64.]

41. *Voted*, That charter certificates may be issued, signed by the Grand Master and attested by the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge, by a special vote of the Grand Lodge in each case and subject to the following regulations :

1. The charter shall be kept or deposited in such a manner that the Worshipful Master, upon reasonable notice, can have access thereto and take the same into his possession at his discretion.

2. It shall be the duty of the Master to have the charter present in the lodge at the time of the installation of the Master, into whose custody the same shall be delivered, to be kept or deposited by him as hereinbefore provided.

3. Upon the visitation of the lodge by the Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master, or any special representative of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, the charter shall be produced, provided that notice to that effect shall have been seasonably given.

4. The life of the certificate shall depend upon and be coëxistent with the life of the charter in all respects, the authority of the certificate proceeding from the charter, for which it is merely a physical substitute and evidence that the lodge has, and works under, a regular charter.

5. The fee of the Grand Secretary for issuing this certificate shall be two dollars, to be paid by the petitioners.

[1902, p. 54.]

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