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Grand Lodge of Maine.

1916

Ninety-Seventh Annual Communication.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 2, 1916. }

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

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

| | | |
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| THOMAS H. BODGE, | M. W. Grand Master, | Augusta |
| WALDO PETTENGILL, | R. W. Deputy Grand Master, | Rumford |
| FRED RAYMOND, | " Senior Grand Warden, | Liv'more Falls |
| FRANK B. ARNOLD, | " Junior Grand Warden, | Dexter |
| ALBRO E. CHASE, | " Grand Treasurer, | Portland |
| STEPHEN BERRY, | " " Secretary, | " |
| CONVERS E. LEACH, | " Cor. Grand Secretary, | " |
| REV. DAVID L. WILSON, | W. Grand Chaplain, | Bath |
| " I. JAMES MERRY, | " " " | Kittery |
| " HENRY E. DUNNACK, | " " " | Augusta |
| " ASHLEY A. SMITH, | " " " | Bangor |
| L. ELWOOD JONES, | " " Marshal, | Winthrop |
| CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, <i>as</i> | " " Senior Deacon, | Belfast |
| JOHN C. ARNOLD, <i>as</i> | " " Junior Deacon, | Augusta |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, | " " Steward, | Portland |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, | " " " | Waterville |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, | " " " | Biddeford |
| JOHN N. FOYE, | " " Standard Bearer, | Canton |
| WARREN C. KING, | " " Pursuivant, | Portland |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " " Lecturer, | Sabattus |
| WALTER S. SMITH, | " " Organist, | Portland |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | " " Tyler, | " |

Also 233 delegates, representing 186 of the 205 chartered lodges, 4 of the 8 living Past Grand Masters, with 31 out of the other 43 permanent members, including 38 of the 59 representatives of other Grand Lodges, together with visiting brethren.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, prayer being offered by the Rev. Bro. HENRY E. DUNNACK, Grand Chaplain.

R. W. GEORGE E. CORSON, Past Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S., was introduced and welcomed. He extended the greetings of the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

On motion of Bro. WALDO PETTENGILL,

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. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Voted, That the Grand Tyler be authorized to employ assistants, not exceeding four, 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:

PORTLAND, May 2, 1916.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Transportation made the usual arrangements and the lodges and members were notified of the terms given.

Fraternally submitted,

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

EXCUSES.

The following letters were read and ordered on record:

BRIDGTON, ME., May 1, 1916.

R. W. STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary,

Portland, Me.

Dear Brother Berry:

Owing to sickness I will be unable to attend the Grand Lodge this year, which I regret very much, as it has been my privilege and pleasure to attend for many years. Trusting that you will have a pleasant and profitable session, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

MILLARD M. CASWELL,

Past Junior Grand Warden.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Members of the Grand Lodge.

Your Grand Chaplain, WILLIAM H. FULTZ, sends greeting and hopes the present session will be one of great profit and that the spirit of harmony shall prevail throughout all the deliberations.

82 High St., Portland, Me.

May 1, 1916.

The Grand Master appointed the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Doings of the Grand Officers.

HOWARD D. SMITH, JAMES E. PARSONS, CHARLES W. CROSBY

On the Pay Roll.

FRANK H. BODGE, JOHN C. ARNOLD, CHARLES M. FARRAR.

On Unfinished Business.

ALBERT M. PENLEY, ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

CREDENTIALS.

Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, }
 MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 2, 1916. }

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

- 1 PORTLAND, by T. Ernest Harmon, M; Perley C. Dresser, SW.
- 2 WARREN, by James R. Talbot, SW.
- 3 LINCOLN, by William D. Patterson, Proxy.
- 4 HANCOCK, by Arthur W. Patterson, M; Willis A. Ricker, Proxy.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by John F. McKelvie, M.
- 6 AMITY, by Millard B. Long, M.
- 7 EASTERN, by Frank R. Holmes, M.
- 8 UNITED, by Edward W. Wheeler, M; Henry C. Upton, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Philip I. Towle, SW.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by Frank P. Denaco, Proxy.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by James W. Eastman, Proxy.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Chester E. Chipman, M; Henry W. Loring, SW;
 Frank H. Gray, Proxy.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by John W. Emery, M; George W. Barber, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by Albert L. Strout, Proxy.
- 15 ORIENT, by Osborne T. Sumner, M.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by Chester B. Hall, M; G. Dudley Gould, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LANDMARK, by George A. Coffin, M; Vernon W. Hall,
 SW; E. Murray Graham, JW; Harry S. Boyd, Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by Fred F. Smith, M; Raymond H. Eastman, SW; Lee
 M. Smith, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by William R. Beasley, M.
- 20 MAINE, by Colby L. Merrill, M; H. Burton Voter, Proxy.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Francis S. Dow, JW; Samuel S. Wood, Proxy.

- 22 YORK, by Albert W. Meserve, Proxy.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Ralph M. Anderson, M.
- 24 PHOENIX, by Ernest S. Webber, M.
- 25 TEMPLE, by Levi D. French, M.
- 26 VILLAGE, by Henry E. Cornish, SW.
- 27 ADONIRAM, by Harris P. Ilsley, M.
- 28 ———NORTHERN STAR, not represented.
- 29 ———TRANQUIL, not represented.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by Alfred S. Sparks, M; Frank M. Rawley, Proxy.
- 31 UNION, by Ralph B. Lewis, M.
- 32 HERMON, by Frederick A. Danforth, M.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by Henry W. Abbott, M; Charles B. Davis, SW.
- 34 SOMERSET, by John H. Lancaster, Proxy.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by Warren D. Trask, M; John C. Arnold, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by Charles B. Corliss, M.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by Frank G. Norton, SW.
- 38 HARMONY, by Frederick A. Summersides, M; William T. Libbey,
JW; Charles E. Cobb, Proxy.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by John W. Springall, M.
- 40 LYGONIA, by Edw. F. Robinson, Jr., Proxy.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by Henry Taylor, M.
- 42 FREEDOM, by George A. Carpenter, Proxy.
- 43 ALNA, by William G. Hodgkins, Jr., Proxy.
- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by George W. Morrill, M.
- 45 CENTRAL, by Charles A. Pinkham, M.
- 46 ST. CROIX, by Stephen M. McCoy, Proxy.
- 47 DUNLAP, by George M. Gordon, Proxy.
- 48 LAFAYETTE, by George E. Colman, Proxy.
- 49 MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, by Harry Merrill, M; John E. Kingsbury,
Proxy.
- 50 AURORA, by Milton W. Weymouth, M.
- 51 ST. JOHN'S, by Frank A. Prescott, M; James H. Hobbs, Proxy.
- 52 MOSAIC, by David L. Cameron, M.
- 53 RURAL, by Clyde G. Blake, M.
- 54 ———VASSALBORO, not represented.
- 55 ———FRATERNAL, not represented.
- 56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Maynard M. Wentworth, SW.
- 57 KING HIRAM, by Cyrus F. Collins, M; John M. Holland, Proxy.
- 58 UNITY, by Fred N. Flye, M.
- 59 MOUNT HOPE,—*Charter surrendered in 1879.*
- 60 STAR IN THE EAST, by George M. McClellan, M.
- 61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Fred S. Simmons, SW.

- 62 KING DAVID'S, by Warren A. Pitcher, M; Robie F. Ames, Proxy.
- 63 RICHMOND, by Frank R. Duren, M; Wallace N. Price, Proxy.
- 64 PACIFIC, by Freeman C. Hersey, M.
- 65 MYSTIC, by Everett F. Curtis, M.
- 66 MECHANICS', by William A. Davidson, M.
- 67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by J. Blaine Morrison, Proxy.
- 68 MARINERS', by Frederick K. Sawyer, SW.
- 69 HOWARD, by Willis P. Tripp, M.
- 70 ———STANDISH, not represented.
- 71 RISING SUN, by John D. Buck, SW.
- 72 PIONEER, by Charles Frederick Coffin, SW.
- 73 ———TYRIAN, not represented.
- 74 BRISTOL, by Vinal D. Kelsey, M.
- 75 PLYMOUTH, by Dana L. Small, M.
- 76 ARUNDEL, by William M. Morrill, Proxy.
- 77 TREMONT, by Eben F. Richardson, Proxy.
- 78 ———CRESCENT, not represented.
- 79 ROCKLAND, by Emil F. Witten, Proxy.
- 80 KEYSTONE, by Myron C. Jewett, M; Fred Drury, Proxy.
- 81 ATLANTIC, by William K. Herrmann, M; Herbert I. Low, JW; William S. Dresser, Proxy.
- 82 ST. PAUL'S, by J. Carleton Davis, JW.
- 3 ST. ANDREW'S, by Richard H. Palmer, JW.
- 84 EUREKA, by Elmer E. Allen, Proxy.
- 85 STAR IN THE WEST, by Fred A. Whitten, M; Austin T. Myrick, Proxy.
- 86 TEMPLE, by Oliver A. Cobb, Proxy.
- 87 BENEVOLENT, by Roscoe L. Mitchell, M.
- 88 NARRAGUAGUS, by George B. Ricker, M.
- 89 ISLAND, by Elmer L. Pendleton, M.
- 90 HIRAM ABIFF,—*Charter revoked in 1868.*
- 91 HARWOOD, by Ralph W. Chandler, JW.
- 92 SILOAM, by Ernest H. Holman, Proxy.
- 93 HOREB, by Leon Young, Proxy.
- 94 PARIS, by Ernest J. Record, Proxy.
- 95 CORINTHIAN, by Lewis A. Palmer, M.
- 96 MONUMENT, by Murdock B. McKay, Proxy.
- 97 BETHEL, by Fred B. Hall, M.
- 98 KATAHDIN, by Walter W. Woodbury, SW.
- 99 VERNON VALLEY, by Harry E. Williams, Proxy.
- 100 JEFFERSON, by H. Alton Bacon, M.
- 101 NEZINSCOT, by Edward L. Haskell, M.

- 102 MARSH RIVER, by Robert M. Stiles, SW.
103 DRESDEN, by George T. Cotton, SW.
104 ——— DIRIGO, not represented.
105 ASHLAR, by Philip E. Coombs, M.
106 TUSCAN, by Lewis H. Lackee, M.
107 DAY SPRING, by Ai Q. Mitchell, Proxy.
108 RELIEF,—*Charter recalled in 1894.*
109 MOUNT KINEO, by Carroll S. Douglass, Proxy.
110 ——— MONMOUTH, not represented.
111 LIBERTY, by Arthur H. Norton, M; Oren W. Ripley, Proxy.
112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by Horace E. Buxton, M.
113 MESSALONSKEE, by James H. Witherell, Proxy.
114 POLAR STAR, by Joseph E. Anderson, Proxy.
115 BUXTON, by Pliny A. Crockett, Proxy.
116 LEBANON, by George J. Chandler, JW.
117 GREENLEAF, by Burt C. Webb, M; Harry G. Swasey, SW; Daniel
G. Chaplin, Proxy.
118 DRUMMOND, by Charles T. Doe, M.
119 ——— POWNAL, not represented.
120 MEDUNCOOK,—*Charter surrendered in 1884.*
121 ACACIA, by John E. Merrill, M.
122 ——— MARINE, not represented.
123 FRANKLIN, by Clyde C. Day, M.
124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Herbert R. Southgate, SW.
125 MERIDIAN, by Earl N. Vickery, M.
126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Lynwood B. Thompson, SW.
127 PRESUMSCOT, by William K. Foster, M.
128 ——— EGGEMOGGIN, not represented.
129 QUANTABACOOK, by Frank W. Byrant, JW.
130 TRINITY, by Ray H. McGlauffin, M.
131 LOOKOUT, by Caleb G. Aldrich, M.
132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Addison Millett, Proxy.
133 ASYLUM, by Charles E. Wing, Proxy.
134 TROJAN,—*Consolidated with Star in the West Lodge, No. 85, in 1888.*
135 RIVERSIDE, by Henry P. Bond, JW.
136 IONIC,—*Charter surrendered in 1882.*
137 KENDUSKEAG, by Walter N. Batchelder, M.
138 LEWY'S ISLAND, by William P. Plaisted, JW.
139 ARCHON, by Jasper T. Smith, M; Rufus L. Tasker, SW.
140 MOUNT DESERT, by Fred H. Parker, M.
141 AUGUSTA, by Edward L. Ripley, M; Frank H. S. Callagan, Proxy.
142 OCEAN, by Lyman F. Getchell, Proxy.

- 143 PREBLE, by Joseph Leckenby, Proxy.
- 144 SEASIDE, by John N. Fish, M.
- 145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Freeman L. Roberts, Proxy.
- 146 SEBASTICOOK, by Brainard G. True, M.
- 147 EVENING STAR, by Wellington H. Eastman, Proxy.
- 148 FOREST, by Cabot M. Lombard, SW.
- 149 DORIC, by Earle H. Jackson, M.
- 150 RABONI, by Louis B. Costello, SW.
- 151 EXCELSIOR, by Martin G. Black, Proxy.
- 152 CROOKED RIVER, by Melville R. Wilbur, JW.
- 153 DELTA, by Weeman G. McAlister, JW; Seth F. Heald, Proxy.
- 154 MYSTIC TIE, by Albert M. Child, M; W. Harris Latham, Proxy.
- 155 ANCIENT YORK, by William A. Hollis, M; George B. Shorey, Proxy.
- 156 WILTON, by Will F. Allen, Proxy.
- 157 CAMBRIDGE, by Reginald H. Farrar, SW.
- 158 ANCHOR, by Henry G. McFarland, M.
- 159 ESOTERIC,—*Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, Jan. 11, 1908.*
- 160 PARIAN, by Charles W. Redman, Proxy.
- 161 CARRABASSETT, by John S. Goodrich, M.
- 162 ARION, by Hugh Steele, Proxy.
- 163 PLEASANT RIVER, by William Roberts, M.
- 164 WEBSTER, by Frank E. Sleeper, Proxy.
- 165 MOLUNKUS, by Daniel B. Curtis, SW.
- 166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Benjamin J. Sherman, M.
- 167 ———WHITNEY, not represented.
- 168 COMPOSITE, by Lewis M. Blake, M; Orman C. Ames, Proxy.
- 169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by James W. Wentworth, M.
- 170 CARIBOU, by Floyd A. Smith, Proxy.
- 171 ———NASKEAG, not represented.
- 172 PINE TREE, by Joseph M. Libbey, Proxy.
- 173 PLEIADES, by Joseph F. Leighton, M.
- 174 ———LYNDE, not represented.
- 175 BASKAHEGAN, by Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
- 176 PALESTINE,—*Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, Sept. 23, 1895.*
- 177 RISING STAR, by Thomas S. Grindle, Proxy.
- 178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by George C. Simpson, M; John M. Littlefield, JW.
- 179 YORKSHIRE, Elmer B. Kendall, JW; William B. Littlefield, Proxy.
- 180 HIRAM, by William H. Tanner, JW; William A. Seyford, Proxy. ☐
- 181 REUEL WASHBURN,—*Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1882.*
- 182 GRANITE, by Edwin R. Berry, JW.

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| R. W. LEANDER M. KENNISTON, | - - - - - | P. S. G. W. |
| " MANLY G. TRASK, | - - - - - | " |
| " DANIEL P. BOYNTON, | - - - - - | " |
| " ALBERT M. PENLEY, | - - - - - | " |
| " JAMES E. PARSONS, | - - - - - | " |
| " EDWIN A. PORTER, | - - - - - | " |
| " CHARLES W. CROSBY, | - - - - - | " |
| " W. SCOTT SHOREY, | - - - - - | " |
| " WILLIAM N. HOWE, | - - - - - | " |
| " FRANK J. COLE, | - - - - - | " |
| " ISAAC N. JONES, | - - - - - | " |
| " FRANK E. MONROE, | - - - - - | " |
| " FRED C. CHALMERS, | - - - - - | " |
| " ISAAC A. CLOUGH, | - - - - - | " |
| " ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, | - - - - - | P. J. G. W. |
| " BENJAMIN AMES, | - - - - - | " |
| " HOWARD D. SMITH, | - - - - - | " |
| " WM. FREEMAN LORD, | - - - - - | " |
| " GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, | - - - - - | " |
| " MOSES TAIT, | - - - - - | " |
| " ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, | - - - - - | " |
| " FRANKLIN R. REDLON, | - - - - - | " |
| " JOHN H. MCGORRILL, | - - - - - | " |
| " JAMES C. AYER, | - - - - - | " |
| " EDWARD G. WESTON, | - - - - - | " |
| " ALBERT M. AMES, | - - - - - | " |
| " GEORGE W. HOLMES, | - - - - - | " |
| " WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, | - - - - - | " |
| " SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, | - - - - - | " |
| " CONVERS E. LEACH, | - - - - - | " |
| " ERNEST P. PARLIN, | - - - - - | " |
| " CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, | - - - - - | " |

And Grand Officers as follows:

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| THOMAS H. BODGE, | - - - - - | M. W. Grand Master. |
| WALDO PETTENGILL, | - - - - - | R. W. Deputy Grand Master. |
| FRED RAYMOND, | - - - - - | " Senior Grand Warden. |
| FRANK B. ARNOLD, | - - - - - | " Junior Grand Warden. |
| ALBRO E. CHASE, | - - - - - | " Grand Treasurer. |
| STEPHEN BERRY, | - - - - - | " " Secretary. |
| CONVERS E. LEACH, | - - - - - | " Cor. Grand Secretary. |

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| WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, - - - - | R. W. D. D. G. M. | 1st Dist. |
| FRED L. GARDNER, - - - - | " " | 2d " |
| WILLIAM C. IRONS, - - - - | " " | 3d " |
| JULIAN H. HOOPER, - - - - | " " | 4th " |
| ERWIN G. RYDER, - - - - | " " | 5th " |
| RALPH W. MOORE, - - - - | " " | 6th " |
| CHARLES W. JONES, - - - - | " " | 7th " |
| EDWARD GOODWIN, - - - - | " " | 8th " |
| ALBERT H. NEWBERT, - - - - | " " | 9th " |
| VICTOR K. MONTGOMERY, - - - - | " " | 10th " |
| W. LESLIE MALOON, - - - - | " " | 11th " |
| SANGER N. ANNIS, - - - - | " " | 12th " |
| CARL C. PIPER, - - - - | " " | 13th " |
| FRED E. WARD, - - - - | " " | 14th " |
| FRED E. TREFETHEN, - - - - | " " | 15th " |
| JOHN M. HOLLAND, - - - - | " " | 16th " |
| EDGAR F. CASWELL, - - - - | " " | 17th " |
| JAMES W. EASTMAN, - - - - | " " | 18th " |
| GEORGE N. STEVENS, - - - - | " " | 19th " |
| DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE, - - - - | " " | 20th " |
| EDWIN F. CLAPHAM, - - - - | " " | 21st " |
| BENJAMIN S. MATHEWS, - - - - | " " | 22d " |
| FRANK D. FENDERSON, - - - - | " " | 23d " |
| WILLIAM H. HARTSHORN, - - - - | " " | 24th " |
| SAMUEL R. CRABTREE, - - - - | " " | 25th " |
| REV. DAVID L. WILSON, - - - - | W. Grand Chaplain. | |
| " I. JAMES MERRY, - - - - | " " " | |
| " HENRY E. DUNNACK, - - - - | " " " | |
| " ASHLEY A. SMITH, - - - - | " " " | |
| L. ELWOOD JONES, - - - - | " " | Marshal. |
| GEORGE F. GIDDINGS, - - - - | " " | Senior Deacon. |
| CHARLES LE ROY JONES, - - - - | " " | Junior Deacon. |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, - - - - | " " | Steward. |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, - - - - | " " | " |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, - - - - | " " | " |
| JOHN N. FOYE, - - - - | " " | Stand. Bearer. |
| WARREN C. KING, - - - - | " " | Pursuivant. |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, - - - - | " " | Lecturer. |
| WALTER S. SMITH, - - - - | " " | Organist. |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, - - - - | " " | Tyler. |

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance :

- Alabama—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, Pittsfield.
 British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE, Portland.
 Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabattus.
 Connecticut—ISAAC N. JONES, Calais.
 District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY, Portland.
 Florida—FRED C. CHALMERS, Bangor.
 Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland.
 Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.
 Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES, Stockton Springs.
 Maryland—GEORGE W. HOLMES, Norway.
 Minnesota—SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, Rumford.
 Mississippi—ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Portland.
 Missouri—DANIEL P. BOYNTON, Monmouth.
 Montana—CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, Belfast.
 Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER, Pittsfield.
 Nevada—LEANDER M. KENNISTON, Camden.
 New Brunswick—MOSES TAIT, Calais.
 New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.
 New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS, Lubec.
 North Dakota—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH, Auburn.
 Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Portland.
 Ohio—CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.
 Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.
 Oregon—FRANK E. MONROE, Milo.
 Philippine Islands—WALDO PETTENGILL, Rumford.
 Puerto Rico—THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.
 Quebec—JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
 Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
 Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.
 South Australia—BENJAMIN AMES, Thorndike.
 South Carolina—WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, Lisbon.
 South Dakota—EDWARD G. WESTON, Thomaston.
 Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY, Bath.
 Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY, Kent's Hill.
 Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, Portland.
 Western Australia—FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Portland.
 West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENLEY, Auburn.
 Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. ADAMS,
 RALPH H. BURBANK, } *Committee*
 CHARLES B. DAVIS, }

The report was accepted, and was left in the hands of the committee until 2 P. M., in order that additions might be made.

Vacancies in the Standing Committees for this session were filled.

Grand Master THOMAS H. BODGE then delivered his Annual Address, which was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

"What came you here to do?" you who have come from all parts of our state to participate in the work of this Grand Lodge. Many are here for the first time, while others have held council together for many years. We are convened for a common purpose,—to consult upon the work of the past and plan for the future as masons in all ages have done before us. The labors of those who have assembled in years gone by are perpetuated in our laws and customs; upon the foundations they laid has been builded the Grand Lodge of Maine with its traditions and record of achievements.

While there is no place in our Fraternity for innovations we must continue to meet from time to time to consult upon our work and determine various questions that will inevitably arise.

Masonry in Maine is certainly advancing in the broad noble sense of becoming more and more a part of the life of the members. There has been a gain in numbers, our Grand Secretary will tell you it is 444, and there are now 31,328 affiliated members of our lodges. In this we are to be congratulated. Let us, however, not forget mere numbers is not the mark at which we aim. Initiation is only a small part of the work we should have in hand when we "make a man a mason." Masonry means more than the

assembling in our lodges, reciting our ritual and making the applicants into members. It means the teaching of the truths of Holy Writ which treat of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. No man can be made a mason unless he profess belief in Deity, and no man can be a mason unless he recognizes his duty to his fellows and neighbors, and discharges that duty with honor to himself. We cannot escape the Fraternity being judged by the lives of members, and should so live that in our communities each "may be known as one to whom the burdened heart may pour out its sorrows, to whom distress may prefer its suit, whose hand is guided by justice and whose heart is expanded by benevolence."

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge we recalled the merits of three Past Grand Masters who had finished their labors with us, and felt that surely our bereavement was great. During the year just closed two more well beloved brothers who had presided over this Grand Lodge have been admitted into the Celestial Lodge, there to meet and labor again with those who had preceded them but a little.

M. W. FESSENDEN IRVING DAY, Grand Master in 1885 and 1886, died at his home in Lewiston October 6, 1915, after a long illness, at the age of 78 years. From early manhood he had been very active in all branches of Masonry and did not give over participation in the work until weakness compelled his non-attendance.

The Grand Lodge assembled in Emergent Communication October 10th to perform the burial services. Escorted by Lewiston Commandery, No. 6, and Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, we repaired to the residence for the funeral rites, the large attendance testifying to the esteem in which he was held.

M. W. WILLIAM ROSCOE GREEN ESTES, Grand Master in 1883 and 1884, died at his home in Skowhegan February 20, 1916, at the age of 85, following a shock. He too had been interested in the work almost to the last. That he had missed but one communication of the Grand Lodge for over fifty years was a source

of much pride and satisfaction to him, and only a few days before his death he was planning to meet with us at this time.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Emergent Communication February 23d, for the purpose of conducting the funeral. Escorted by De Molay Commandery, No. 10, we proceeded to the residence and performed the last services for our brother.

JOHN WARREN BALLOU, Junior Grand Warden in 1869 and 1870, died at his home in Bath January 7, 1916, at the age of 84, after a long illness. Bro. BALLOU was one of the best known of all the permanent members of the Grand Lodge; I think he had not missed a communication for more than fifty years. He was a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maine, and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine. The funeral was conducted by Dunlap Commandery, No. 6.

J. BURTON ROBERTS, District Deputy Grand Master for the Nineteenth Masonic District, died at his home in Goodwin's Mills June 17, 1915. His death was very sudden, and came as a great shock to his many friends. He had attended the meeting of his commandery in the evening, and was taken ill after his return and passed away in a few hours. His funeral was conducted by his lodge, there being a large gathering from all over the district. During the last year of his life he wrote a history of his lodge, which will remain a lasting testimonial of his devotion to the Craft.

“ I cannot say—I will not say
That they are dead. They are just away.
With the cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
They have wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since they are there.
And you—O you who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,
Think of them faring on, as dear
In the love of there as the love of here ;

Think of them still as the same, I say,
They are not dead—They are just away."

In accordance with the provisions of Section 34 of the Standing Regulations I have requested that a memorial be prepared for each of the deceased permanent members, and these will be presented later by M. W. Bro. Sleeper for M. W. Bro. DAY; R. W. Bro. Butler for M. W. Bro. ESTES; and R. W. Bro. Shorey for R. W. Bro. BALLOU.

COMMISSIONS.

In conformity with our usual custom I have issued a Commission to several brethren in other Grand Jurisdictions to act as our representatives near the Grand Lodge in which they reside.

William T. Shaw of Lansing as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Peter W. A. Burket of Montreal as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, vice John W. Tresidder, deceased.

William F. Bowe of Augusta as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Charles E. Wolverton of Portland as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Hugh P. Farrelly of Chanute as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Kansas, vice David B. Fuller, deceased.

R. W. Pitt H. Jones, who reluctantly accepted the appointment as District Deputy Grand Master for the Twentieth District because of anticipated business engagements, found it would be impossible for him to carry on the work to his own satisfaction, and on August 18th I appointed Bro. Daniel W. Ballantyne of Lincoln as his successor. How well he has attended to his duties you will learn by a perusal of his report.

Owing to the death of R. W. J. Burton Roberts, Deputy for the Nineteenth District, I appointed Bro. George A. Stevens of Kennebunk as Deputy for that District, and his report shows he has carefully looked after the duties of the office.

R. W. Winfield F. Packard, Deputy for the Second District, removed from that jurisdiction and felt unable to perform the duties of the office. Well knowing the ability and enthusiasm of R. W. Fred L. Gardner of Dennysville, who had faithfully served in that capacity in the past, I presented the need of the Grand Lodge for his consideration and he responded loyally.

I have granted permission to lodges as follows :

Bethel Lodge, No. 97, to confer a degree upon its own candidates in a hall not its own at Wilson's Mills within its own jurisdiction. I think it is not usually advisable to grant such permission, but learned from an extended correspondence and inquiries that there are a considerable number of masons living at Wilson's Mills about fifty miles from the lodge room, and the officers and members could easily and would gladly go by automobiles, while the members located at that village would be obliged to go by team to the lodge.

To Plymouth Lodge, No. 75, to remove its charter for an evening from its lodge room to the Grange Hall for the purpose of holding its installation.

To Pacific Lodge, No. 64, to remove its charter for an evening to its own new hall for the purpose of holding its annual communication, the lodge not being ready at that time to remove permanently into its new quarters.

To Nezinscot Lodge, No. 101 ; to Crescent Lodge, No. 78 ; to Bay View Lodge, No. 196 ; and to Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, to elect officers at a regular meeting following the date of the annual, no quorum or election having been held at the proper time or because some officer elect had refused to be installed or had removed from the jurisdiction.

To Portland Lodge, No. 1, Washington Lodge, No. 37, and Lebanon Lodge, No. 116, to ballot upon the petition of a candidate resident within the jurisdiction of the lodge, but by reason of his business absent a large part of the time from his home.

INTER-JURISDICTIONAL.

About the usual number of requests for lodges in this jurisdiction to work degrees for lodges of other jurisdictions, or vice versa, have been received or made.

Hiram Lodge, No. 180, conferred three degrees on an elected candidate for Manila Lodge, No. 1, Philippine Islands.

Kennebec Lodge, No. 5, and Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, each waived jurisdiction over material in favor of Sojourner's Lodge, Cristobal, Canal Zone, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

St. George Lodge of Campello, Mass., waived jurisdiction in favor of Hermon Lodge, No. 32, over a candidate rejected four years previously, otherwise a resident in the jurisdiction of Hermon Lodge.

Nestell Lodge, No. 37, of Providence, R. I., released jurisdiction over an E. A. Mason, who had been eight months a resident of Biddeford, Maine, and permission was given to Dunlap Lodge, No. 47, to receive and refer his application in the usual manner.

Akron Lodge, No. 83, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, requested Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, to work the E. A. degree upon an elected candidate, which was done.

Naval Lodge, No. 24, of Warrington, Fla., requested our Naval Lodge, No. 184, to work the E. A. degree upon a candidate for them, which they accordingly did.

Phœnix Lodge, No. 115, of Dansville, N. Y., made a request of Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, to work the F. C. and M. M. degrees on an E. A. Mason of the former lodge, which request was complied with.

Wyoming Lodge of Melrose, Mass., waived jurisdiction in favor of Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, over a resident of that city, but a sojourner in Maine for three years past.

Franklin Lodge of Westerly, R. I., worked the M. M. degree on a candidate at the request of Rabboni Lodge, No. 150.

Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, at the request of Pequossette Lodge of Watertown, Mass., conferred the three degrees upon a candidate elected in the latter lodge.

Mt. Washington Lodge, No. 87, of North Conway, N. H., waived jurisdiction in favor of Delta Lodge, No. 153.

Columbia Lodge, No. 200, waived jurisdiction over a candidate in favor of Fidelity Lodge, No. 77, under jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Amicable and Putnam Lodges, under jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, waived jurisdiction in favor of McKinley Lodge, No. 212.

TRIALS.

February 16th I received the papers concerning the trial in Aurora Lodge, No. 50, of W. H. F. on charges preferred by J. A. R. After reviewing the proceedings, which appeared to have been in accord with the laws, I transmitted them to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, who will later make report to this Grand Lodge.

BY-LAWS.

Several lodges have deemed it advisable to revise their by-laws and have submitted the proposed changes for my consideration or approval. The most of the requests have been either to raise the amount of the fees or more often dues, or to change the time for holding the lodge meetings. I have approved changes adopted by the following:

Ancient Laudmark, No. 17,
Anchor, No. 158,
Aurora, No. 50,
Cumberland, No. 12,
Deering, No. 183,
Dresden, No. 103,
Meridian Splendor, No. 49,
Parian, No. 160,
Somerset, No. 34,
Wilton, No. 156.

FIRES.

Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, lost its hall and paraphernalia by fire in July, having a reasonable insurance on same. While the binding of the records was destroyed the records themselves were saved in fairly good condition. The charter was badly damaged, but, thanks to the care of the Secretary, was used for some time when it fell to pieces. On January 8th I issued a dispensation under which the lodge might continue to do its work until this meeting of the Grand Lodge. On July 30th I issued a dispensation authorizing the lodge to hold its meetings in Grange Hall until other accommodations should be secured; and on April 25th gave permission to change into Odd Fellows Hall as more convenient and satisfactory.

Harwood Lodge, No. 91, reported its lodge rooms and charter destroyed by fire December 3d, and a dispensation was issued authorizing the lodge to continue holding its meetings until this communication, and to do all those things named in its charter.

Caribou Lodge, No. 170, also lost its hall with all its contents in January, and a dispensation was granted permitting the brethren to continue to meet until this date. Fortunately the records were at the home of the Secretary, so they were not damaged.

I presume application will be made to you at this time for a copy of the charter of each of the lodges mentioned.

In connection with this report on fires I wish to emphasize the advisability of each lodge, which has not already done so, procuring a certificate of charter for use in the lodge room, that the original charter may be kept in a fireproof safe or vault. Once the original charter is lost it can never be replaced. Many of the charters granted by the Mother Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and our own Grand Lodge have been lost, and the sentiment attached thereto, a priceless heritage, is gone forever. With our present law there is certainly no excuse for another charter being lost by fire.

- While many requests have been made for a construction of the laws there is little new that is likely to come to the Grand Master

for a real decision. Sometimes an old question in a new form is presented, and the officers and members will wish to be sure they are right before deciding, so ask for information. The following are the only matters of which I wish to make mention for confirmation.

A resident within the jurisdiction of one lodge requests a waiver in favor of a second lodge, obtains it and then presents his petition with waiver for the degrees and is rejected. Can he now apply to the first lodge?

When the waiver was granted the lodge originally holding jurisdiction voluntarily relinquished it. Under the provisions of Section 96 of the Constitutions the rejecting lodge holds exclusive jurisdiction for five years, regardless of the residence of the rejected applicant.

A town in which a lodge is located is legally divided, and the lodge wishes to retain jurisdiction over the same territory as heretofore. Is this permissible? and how may it be arranged?

Under the provisions of Section 94 of the Constitutions the lodge has jurisdiction over all residents of the town in which it is now located. That part of the town which has been set off is under the jurisdiction of the lodge nearest the individual's residence therein. Only by vote of the Grand Lodge can the old jurisdiction be continued, and special legislation along this line should not be considered except for extraordinary conditions.

I have received a considerable number of inquiries regarding the possibility of accepting petitions from persons who are traveling from place to place and have no fixed abode. There is a prevailing impression that every person has a right to apply for the degrees of Masonry somewhere, and that if he has no place he calls home he may apply anywhere. The question of jurisdiction probably causes more correspondence than any other matter.

The lodges generally understand quite fully the provisions of Section 92, respecting the requirements as to residence, but many appear to consider the mentioned prerogative of the Grand Master to grant permission in special cases an assurance that he will

always be glad to do so on request. It is my firm conviction that permission to accept petitions under other than the regularly prescribed conditions should be granted very sparingly and only for serious reasons, and the mere convenience or caprices of the petitioners are not sufficient.

If the same care were taken to observe the provisions of Section 93 the officers and friends of prospective candidates would see that it is not entirely within the power of even a Grand Master to grant permission to accept petitions from applicants with no permanent home.

Residence is established by intention coupled with presence, modified by circumstances. The home of a married man is usually determined by the residence of his family. In the case of an unmarried traveling man, who has "never been in a place long enough to gain a residence," it is usually safe to assume his home is where his parents live, and if any lodge has jurisdiction it would be the one holding jurisdiction there. We must be careful not to encroach upon the territory of other Grand Lodges. If an applicant cannot conform to the requirements regarding residence it is not the fault of the Fraternity any more than that many cannot conform to the requirements as to physical qualifications.

Several inquiries have been received to learn if certain persons might petition for the degrees, uncertainty existing because of some maim or defect. In each instance I have called the attention of the lodge to the law in the case, leaving it to the Master to determine if the intending applicant can comply with the requirements without artificial assistance. Such matters can be much more satisfactorily and correctly determined by those who can observe than by one who must trust to a communication for guidance, though it may be wise that those cases just on the border of eligibility should be considered by one with no personal interest in the petitioner.

I know there is a varying opinion among masons, and even between the Grand Lodges, as to how far the idea of physical perfection should control. However much my sympathies may be with him who wishes the degrees but cannot conform to the require-

ments of our ritual, I am still of opinion the rules laid down by our early brethren are satisfactory. A few isolated cases command our sympathy, but in general our regulations are not too strict.

The matter of the black ball still holds its usual prominent place in the correspondence. While it is doubtless true that it is occasionally used by members in an unworthy manner, I am frank to state, brethren, I am more afraid of the misuse of the white than of the black ball.

We are all human and most of us reasonably charitable, and I think we more often err in admitting those who are not suitably qualified than in rejecting those who should be accepted; and when the reverse occurs it is generally evidence some one was permitted to enter who should have been refused admittance. But for that we cannot reasonably argue that the black ball is wrongfully used. I wish moral defects might be as clearly defined as physical imperfections and legislated against as strictly; but there is a wide latitude granted the Craft, and each member is to determine from his own knowledge, observation or information what shall be his conclusion and consequent action. While we teach it is the internal and not the external qualifications that govern, there is no denying social prominence and financial success, inherited or acquired, have their influence.

If the black ball is used with discrimination it is not likely any will be admitted who will later use it viciously. In nearly every case where a member is strongly suspected of interfering with the work, will be expressed the sentiment "he should never have been admitted." Think this over, brethren, and when you ballot bear in mind the reputation and harmony of your lodge and Masonry are at stake as well as the good and pleasure of the petitioner.

REQUESTS FOR NEW LODGES.

One year ago I reported having received a petition for a new lodge to be located at Old Orchard, and all papers in connection were referred to the proper committee. That committee, finding

one lodge that would be affected had not been consulted, recommended "further time be granted the petitioners, and when the requirements of the Constitutions and Standing Regulations shall have been fully complied with, the question of issuing a dispensation be left with the Grand Master."

In October I received a renewal of the request for a dispensation, with the recommendation of Temple Lodge, No. 86, which had been wanting.

I am not yet convinced that it would be to the advantage of the brethren located there or for the good of the Craft in Maine to establish a new lodge at Old Orchard. After considering the matter carefully, and fearing I might be unduly prejudiced, I took the matter up with the Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, and suggested that a meeting be called at some mutually convenient time at Old Orchard to give all interested an opportunity to be heard. I wrote asking the proponents if that would be agreeable to them, or if they would prefer to have the matter postponed until this meeting of the Grand Lodge. I did not have the courtesy of a response to my letter until April 20th, when I received a request to meet with the brethren to talk the situation over before this meeting of the Grand Lodge. As it was so near the time for us to assemble and the matter would have to go before the committee anyway, I replied it appeared best to defer any action until it could be presented here. The proponents did not appear before the committee last year, but I have advised them to be present at this session that the matter may be definitely settled. All the papers are present for your consideration.

One Deputy called attention to the fact one lodge in his district has taken advantage of the opportunity to procure lectures from another jurisdiction, and have same read at the meetings. Several Grand Lodges have undertaken to supply the demand of subordinates for good masonic literature, and I hope the time is not far distant when this Grand Lodge will find the way to make available much matter of interest to the Craft. Addresses worthy of preservation are frequently given before lodges and these might be easily made into pamphlet form and mailed to those desiring

them. Several lodges have undertaken to establish libraries and have the nucleus of what will be in time valuable collections.

A great many of the lodges have clubs connected with them, where the members meet for social enjoyments, and these could advantageously be made centers of masonic information.

It is charged upon each lodge to preserve one copy of the Proceedings of each year, and the several other copies should be circulated among the members and carefully read, that all may be well informed. Each Master is instructed to cause to be read in the lodge the law of Masonry, "that none may pretend ignorance of its requirements," and under no circumstances should this be neglected. I also strongly recommend the reading in the lodge the record of the meeting of the Grand Lodge as soon as convenient after it is received.

I wish to call your attention to the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence published as a part of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, unbound copies of which are on the table before you for distribution.

I think few of the members read these reports as they should, and I suggest when you assemble in lodge and have little of business to occupy your attention you read the report and discuss the various subjects, ever bearing in mind that the laws and regulations of the different jurisdictions vary. While the writers profess to present only their own personal opinions, they must of necessity be largely the views held by the Grand Lodges which they serve.

During the past two years I have received the Proceedings of nearly all the Grand Lodges and am proud of the fact we have one of the best and most careful reviewers and pleased to observe he is so recognized by the rest of the guild.

Perusal of the reports has taught me something of the work of the Correspondent, and while this must perforce be largely a labor of love, I hope this Grand Lodge will show its appreciation of the work of M. W. Bro. Chase by increasing the remuneration; and recommend the proper committee submit such proposal for your consideration.

Many invitations to be present at various masonic gatherings in

this state and other jurisdictions have been received, but I have been compelled to forego the pleasure of meeting with the Craft except in a few instances.

May 13, 1915, I assisted in the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126, of Belfast.

The brethren assembled at ten o'clock for a reception and renewal of acquaintances with older members and those who returned to assist in making the day one long to be remembered. A lunch was served at noon, and in the afternoon a fine anniversary program, including an address by Past Grand Master Smith, was carried out. A splendid banquet was served. The work of the Third degree was presented by the Past Masters of the lodge. This was followed by remarks by many visiting brethren, among them the Grand Master.

October 16, 1915, the Grand Lodge was opened in special communication at Thomaston for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the new Watts Block. All preparations for the Grand Lodge were looked after by Past Junior Grand Warden Edward G. Weston, and his careful attention to every detail was appreciated by all.

Escorted by Claremont Commandery, No. 9, of Rockland, and Orient Lodge, No. 15, of Thomaston, the Grand Lodge moved from the Masonic Hall to the new building, where were in waiting the selectmen, building committee and invited guests. An address of welcome was delivered by Miss Mary J. Watts, donor of the edifice and daughter of the giver of the original Watts Block which had been destroyed by fire. The corner-stone was laid in accordance with the ritual of Masonry, and it is to be hoped the building may remain for many years a monument to the liberality of Miss Watts, who has shown the same public spirit manifested by her father.

Following the exercises all visiting masons were given a banquet by Orient Lodge, while the Grand Officers and a few other invited guests were entertained at luncheon at the home of Miss Watts.

April 26th, a reception was tendered me on the occasion of the

Thirty-third Convocation of the Maine Council of Deliberation in the City of Lewiston, Most Illustrious William C. Mason, 33^o, presiding.

The Ninety-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine is now open. The work of the past year has become a matter of record; we cannot change it if we would. I wish to thank the brethren who have assisted me so greatly during the the past two years, particularly the members of the Committee on Jurisprudence and our beloved Grand Secretary, who have responded so cheerfully and promptly to all the demands I have made upon them.

Brethren, my work as your Grand Master is nearly finished. I have remaining only the pleasant duty of presiding over the deliberations of this session of the Grand Lodge; it will be closed by another. I realize and appreciate the great honor you have conferred in electing me to this high office. I have given to it my best efforts, and while the labors have been arduous and many hours given to your service have come from the third division of time, I would not be without the experiences and recollections for many times the cost.

THOMAS H. BODGE, *Grand Master.*

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were presented by the Grand Master and referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

GRAND SECRETARY.

The report of the Grand Secretary was presented and accepted, as follows:

PORTLAND, May 2, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine.

We have received from the Grand Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania a handsome and valuable volume of the Masonic Correspondence of George Washington, for which the thanks of the Grand Lodge were returned.

Twenty-three Secretaries acknowledged the receipt of the annual proceedings, namely: Phoenix, Bethlehem, Piscataquis, Somerset, Howard, Temple, 86, Star in the East, Eastern, Hancock, Pownal, Knox, York, Rising Virtue, Rural, Mt. Tir'em, Pacific, Hiram, Trinity, Wilton, Seaside, David A. Hooper, Caribou and Moses Webster.

The returns came in promptly and in good shape. Only eight had to be written for, and the last arrived March 28th. Very few errors were found, and if all the Secretaries would follow instructions and send to the Grand Secretary before settling with the District Deputy, they would be notified of errors and save themselves trouble. In one case an error of overpayment five years ago was allowed to balance an error of this year, but that practice is bad because a future Grand Secretary might discover this error and demand payment, and the trouble go on indefinitely.

One Secretary wrote his returns with a pencil. It might have been copied for binding, but he put initials instead of first names, to save time, so it was bound as a memorial of his methods.

The tabulation of the returns impresses us with the amount of excellent work done by the 205 Secretaries in keeping a record of over thirty-one thousand members. The trifling errors show that the sum of the membership is practically exact, and the Secretaries are entitled to much praise.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Grand Secretary.*

LIBRARY.

The Committee on Library reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 2, 1916.

Your Committee on Library submit the following report:

We find the work of the Library being carried forward in a satisfactory manner.

The Librarian reports sixty-three (63) volumes bound during the year, as against thirty-two (32) volumes last year.

We recommend that the committee be authorized to purchase such volumes as they deem wise for the Library; and further that they cause to be bound such proceedings as are necessary to keep up the files of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS H. BODGE, }
WALDO PETTENGILL, } *Committee.*

PORTLAND, April 24, 1916.

To the Committee on Library, Grand Lodge of Maine.

The routine matters connected with the Library have been taken care of as usual.

Sixty-three (63) volumes have been bound during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

CONVERS E. LEACH, *Librarian.*

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

RETURNS.

The Grand Secretary submitted the report on returns, which was accepted, as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, Tuesday, May 2, 1916.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Returns would report that returns have been received from all the 205 chartered lodges.

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

| | 1912. | 1913. | 1914. | 1915. | 1916. |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Initiated, | 1,327 | 1,281 | 1,271 | 1,392 | 1,354 |
| Raised, | 1,338 | 1,255 | 1,234 | 1,408 | 1,349 |
| Affiliated, | 107 | 102 | 77 | 106 | 108 |
| Re-instated, | 70 | 56 | 64 | 77 | 79 |
| Dimitted, | 173 | 149 | 167 | 210 | 177 |
| Died, | 571 | 553 | 574 | 592 | 654 |
| Suspended, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Expelled, | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Susp. from membership, . . | 212 | 185 | 262 | 214 | 256 |
| Deprived of membership, . | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Number of members, | 29,345 | 29,872 | 30,294 | 30,884 | 31,328 |
| Rejected, | 364 | 267 | 314 | 338 | 329 |

The gain is 444 or 1.41 per cent., a decrease from last year, when it was 590.

The death rate is 20.87 to a thousand, an increase over last year.

The average lodge membership is 152.82.

The accompanying abstract will show the work in detail.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,
JAMES C. AYER,
DANIEL P. BOYNTON, } *Committee.*

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1916.

| Nos | LODGES. | Initiated. | Raised. | Affiliated. | Re-instated. | Dimitted. | Died. | Suspended. | Expelled. | N. P. D. | | No. Members. | Rejected. |
|-----|---------------------|------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Suspended. | D. of Mem. | | |
| 1 | Portland,..... | 26 | 23 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 389 | 4 |
| 2 | Warren,..... | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 144 | 1 |
| 3 | Lincoln,..... | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 148 | 1 |
| 4 | Hancock,..... | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 89 | 0 |
| 5 | Kennebec,..... | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 127 | 0 |
| 6 | Amity,..... | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 246 | 3 |
| 7 | Eastern,..... | 5 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 164 | 2 |
| 8 | United,..... | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 225 | 2 |
| 9 | Saco,..... | 6 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 213 | 4 |
| 10 | Rising Virtue,... | 11 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 243 | 2 |
| 11 | Pythagorean,..... | 6 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 130 | 0 |
| 12 | Cumberland,..... | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 198 | 4 |
| 13 | Oriental,..... | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 203 | 2 |
| 14 | Solar,..... | 6 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 228 | 5 |
| 15 | Orient,..... | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 135 | 0 |
| 16 | St. George,..... | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 121 | 0 |
| 17 | Ancient Landmark, | 24 | 28 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 566 | 6 |
| 18 | Oxford,..... | 8 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 201 | 2 |
| 19 | Felicity,..... | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 121 | 0 |
| 20 | Maine,..... | 15 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 167 | 1 |
| 21 | Oriental Star,..... | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 209 | 3 |
| 22 | York,..... | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 144 | 0 |
| 23 | Freeport,..... | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 161 | 1 |
| 24 | Phoenix,..... | 8 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 183 | 2 |
| 25 | Temple,..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 110 | 2 |
| 26 | Village,..... | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 120 | 1 |
| 27 | Adoniram,..... | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 0 |
| 28 | Northern Star,..... | 2 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 121 | 2 |
| 29 | Tranquil,..... | 15 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 381 | 3 |
| 30 | Blazing Star,..... | 21 | 24 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 331 | 5 |
| 31 | Union,..... | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 107 | 0 |
| 32 | Hermon,..... | 20 | 23 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 412 | 2 |
| 33 | Waterville,..... | 31 | 30 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 451 | 12 |
| 34 | Somerset,..... | 12 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 205 | 6 |
| 35 | Bethlehem,..... | 23 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 374 | 1 |
| 36 | Casco,..... | 7 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 191 | 1 |
| 37 | Washington,..... | 9 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 147 | 1 |
| 38 | Harmony,..... | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 185 | 4 |
| 39 | Penobscot,..... | 10 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 176 | 2 |
| 40 | Lygonia,..... | 9 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 389 | 2 |
| 41 | Morning Star,..... | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 0 |
| 42 | Freedom,..... | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 0 |
| 43 | Alna,..... | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 156 | 0 |
| 44 | Piscataquis,..... | 18 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 242 | 2 |
| 45 | Central,..... | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 106 | 1 |
| 46 | St. Croix,..... | 8 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 182 | 1 |
| 47 | Dunlap,..... | 10 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 284 | 10 |

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| 48 | Lafayette,..... | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 114 | 1 |
| 49 | Meridian Splendor | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 157 | 2 |
| 50 | Aurora,..... | 9 | 15 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 377 | 0 |
| 51 | St. John's,..... | 15 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 164 | 3 |
| 52 | Mosaic,..... | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 195 | 2 |
| 53 | Rural,..... | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 2 |
| 54 | Vassalboro,..... | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 0 |
| 55 | Fraternal,..... | 8 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 0 |
| 56 | Mount Moriah,... | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 0 |
| 57 | King Hiram,..... | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 135 | 0 |
| 58 | Unity,..... | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 0 |
| 59 | Mt. Hope, (ch. sur. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 60 | Star in the East,... | 9 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 225 | 5 |
| 61 | King Solomon's,... | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 125 | 0 |
| 62 | King David's,..... | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 0 |
| 63 | Richmond,..... | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 144 | 0 |
| 64 | Pacific,..... | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 2 |
| 65 | Mystic,..... | 7 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 1 |
| 66 | Mechanics,..... | 10 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 149 | 0 |
| 67 | Blue Mountain,... | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 126 | 0 |
| 68 | Mariners,..... | 4 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 104 | 0 |
| 69 | Howard,..... | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 134 | 0 |
| 70 | Standish,..... | 9 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 117 | 2 |
| 71 | Rising Sun,..... | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 0 |
| 72 | Pioneer,..... | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 163 | 3 |
| 73 | Tyrian,..... | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 216 | 1 |
| 74 | Bristol,..... | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 124 | 1 |
| 75 | Plymouth,..... | 17 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 52 | 0 |
| 76 | Arundel,..... | 8 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 121 | 4 |
| 77 | Tremont,..... | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 144 | 0 |
| 78 | Crescent,..... | 7 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 132 | 0 |
| 79 | Rockland,..... | 13 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 214 | 0 |
| 80 | Keystone,..... | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 127 | 0 |
| 81 | Atlantic,..... | 7 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 324 | 6 |
| 82 | St. Paul's,..... | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 150 | 0 |
| 83 | St. Andrew's,..... | 21 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 320 | 10 |
| 84 | Eureka,..... | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 | 0 |
| 85 | Star in the West,... | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 75 | 0 |
| 86 | Temple,..... | 9 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 245 | 1 |
| 87 | Benevolent,..... | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 1 |
| 88 | Narraguagus,.... | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 97 | 0 |
| 89 | Island,..... | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 110 | 0 |
| 90 | Hiram Abiff, (ch. rev. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 91 | Harwood,..... | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 171 | 0 |
| 92 | Siloam,..... | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 212 | 3 |
| 93 | Horeb,..... | 6 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 198 | 1 |
| 94 | Paris,..... | 8 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 131 | 0 |
| 95 | Corinthian,..... | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 109 | 0 |
| 96 | Monument,..... | 5 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 283 | 0 |
| 97 | Bethel,..... | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 130 | 0 |
| 98 | Katabdin,..... | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 143 | 0 |
| 99 | Vernon Valley,... | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 3 |
| 100 | Jefferson,..... | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 1 |
| 101 | Nezinscot,..... | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 0 |

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| 102 | Marsh River, | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 1 |
| 103 | Dresden, | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 1 |
| 104 | Dirigo, | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 0 |
| 105 | Ashlar, | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 350 | 2 |
| 106 | Tuscan, | 10 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 183 | 0 |
| 107 | Day Spring, | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 3 |
| 108 | Relief, (<i>ch. recalled</i>) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 109 | Mount Kineo, | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 146 | 0 |
| 110 | Monmouth, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 133 | 0 |
| 111 | Liberty, | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 | 0 |
| 112 | Eastern Frontier, | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 165 | 5 |
| 113 | Messalonskee, | 10 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 115 | 0 |
| 114 | Polar Star, | 10 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 270 | 2 |
| 115 | Buxton, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 1 |
| 116 | Lebanon, | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 123 | 4 |
| 117 | Greenleaf, | 10 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 178 | 1 |
| 118 | Drummond, | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 0 |
| 119 | Pownal, | 13 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 112 | 1 |
| 120 | Meduncook, (<i>ch. s.</i>) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 121 | Acacia, | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93 | 0 |
| 122 | Marine, | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 257 | 0 |
| 123 | Franklin, | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 56 | 0 |
| 124 | Olive Branch, | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 96 | 1 |
| 125 | Meridian, | 19 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 199 | 1 |
| 126 | Timothy Cnase, | 5 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 144 | 1 |
| 127 | Presumpscot, | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 131 | 0 |
| 128 | Eggemoggin, | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 132 | 0 |
| 129 | Quantabacook, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 0 |
| 130 | Trinity, | 8 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 204 | 3 |
| 131 | Lookout, | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 0 |
| 132 | Mount Tir'em, | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 0 |
| 133 | Asylum, | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 0 |
| 134 | Trojan, (<i>consol'd</i>) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 135 | Riverside, | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 110 | 0 |
| 136 | Ionic, (<i>ch. sur. '82</i>) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 137 | Kenduskeag, | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 0 |
| 138 | Lewy's Island, | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 176 | 2 |
| 139 | Archon, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 1 |
| 140 | Mount Desert, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 83 | 0 |
| 141 | Augusta, | 20 | 20 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 398 | 8 |
| 142 | Ocean, | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 1 |
| 143 | Preble, | 6 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 197 | 9 |
| 144 | Seaside, | 17 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 275 | 1 |
| 145 | Moses Webster, | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 207 | 0 |
| 146 | Sebasticook, | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 132 | 1 |
| 147 | Evening Star, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 88 | 0 |
| 148 | Forest, | 6 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 139 | 3 |
| 149 | Doric, | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 1 |
| 150 | Rabboni, | 9 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 277 | 1 |
| 151 | Excelsior, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 0 |
| 152 | Crooked River, | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 97 | 1 |
| 153 | Delta, | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 0 |
| 154 | Mystic Tie, | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 1 |
| 155 | Ancient York, | 8 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 12 |

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| 156 | Wilton, | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 158 | 0 |
| 157 | Cambridge, | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 110 | 2 |
| 158 | Anchor, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 0 |
| 159 | Esoteric, <i>consol.</i> '08 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 160 | Parian, | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 93 | 0 |
| 161 | Carrabassett, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 92 | 0 |
| 162 | Arion, | 7 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 0 |
| 163 | Pleasant River, | 5 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 218 | 3 |
| 164 | Webster, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 1 |
| 165 | Molunkus, | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 1 |
| 166 | Neguemkeag, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 0 |
| 167 | Whitney, | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93 | 2 |
| 168 | Composite, | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 123 | 5 |
| 169 | Shepherd's River, | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 56 | 0 |
| 170 | Caribou, | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 190 | 4 |
| 171 | Naskeag, | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 91 | 0 |
| 172 | Pine Tree, | 5 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 131 | 5 |
| 173 | Pleiades, | 12 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 167 | 2 |
| 174 | Lynde, | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 1 |
| 175 | Baskahegan, | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 155 | 1 |
| 176 | Palestine, | <i>Consolidated at ed '95</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 177 | Rising Star, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| 178 | Ancient Brothers', | 15 | 19 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 395 | 5 |
| 179 | Yorkshire, | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 111 | 3 |
| 180 | Hiram, | 23 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 335 | 2 |
| 181 | Reuel Washburn, | <i>Consolidated at ed '82</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 182 | Granite, | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 96 | 0 |
| 183 | Deering, | 20 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 456 | 5 |
| 184 | Naval, | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 198 | 8 |
| 185 | Bar Harbor, | 15 | 17 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 257 | 4 |
| 186 | Warren Phillips, | 15 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 280 | 4 |
| 187 | Ira Berry, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 1 |
| 188 | Jonesport, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 126 | 0 |
| 189 | Knox, | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 | 0 |
| 190 | Springvale, | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 160 | 4 |
| 191 | Davis, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 123 | 2 |
| 192 | Winter Harbor, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 123 | 0 |
| 193 | Washburn, | 7 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 3 |
| 194 | Euclid, | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 177 | 0 |
| 195 | Reliance, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 193 | 0 |
| 196 | Bay View, | 9 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 110 | 1 |
| 197 | Aroostook, | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 124 | 0 |
| 198 | St. Aspinquid, | 11 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 124 | 1 |
| 199 | Bingham, | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 190 | 6 |
| 200 | Columbia, | 6 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 115 | 5 |
| 201 | David A. Hooper, | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 166 | 0 |
| 202 | Mount Bigelow, | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 3 |
| 203 | Mount Olivet, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93 | 0 |
| 204 | Mount Abram, | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 1 |
| 205 | Nollesemic, | 10 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 169 | 10 |
| 206 | Island Falls, | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 155 | 1 |
| 207 | Abner Wade, | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 0 |
| 208 | No. East Harbor, | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 82 | 0 |
| 209 | Fort Kent, | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 2 |

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| | | | | | | | | | | S. | D. | | |
| 210 | Bagaduce, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 0 |
| 211 | Meduncook, | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 0 |
| 212 | McKinley, | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 83 | 1 |
| 213 | Kemankeag, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 1 |
| 214 | Limestone, | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 2 |
| 205 | | 1354 | 1349 | 108 | 79 | 177 | 654 | 0 | 0 | 256 | 6 | 31,328 | 329 |

GRAND TREASURER.

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

IN GRAND LODGE, May 2, 1916.

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

in account with ALBRO E. CHASE, Grand Treasurer.

1915.

RECEIPTS.

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| May 4. | From balance of old account: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | One bond, Town of Dexter, | | | | | | | | | \$ 1,000.00 | | | |
| | One bond, Sagadahoc Light & Power | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Co., | | | | | | | | | 481.81 | | | |
| | Cash on hand, | | | | | | | | | 13,418.39 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | <u>14,900.20</u> | | | |
| | From interest one year, Portland National | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bank, | | | | | | | | | | | 198.27 | |
| Dec. 22. | “ Grand Master, Dispensation, Dun- | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | lap Lodge, | | | | | | | | | | | 3.00 | |
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| | 1916. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April 27. | From Grand Chapter 3/10 office expenses, | | | | | | | | | \$393.66 | | | |
| | “ “ Commandery 2/10 office ex- | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | penses, | | | | | | | | | 262.44 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | <u>656.10</u> | | | |
| | From District Deputy Grand Masters: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March 14. | Winfield F. Packard, 2d District, | | | | | | | | | \$ 232.20 | | | |
| | 18. Frank D. Fenderson, 23d “ | | | | | | | | | 273.40 | | | |
| | 20. William H. Hartshorn, 24th “ | | | | | | | | | 499.60 | | | |
| | 24. James W. Eastman, 18th “ | | | | | | | | | 224.60 | | | |
| | 25. Ralph W. Moore, 6th “ | | | | | | | | | 468.80 | | | |
| | 27. Fred E. Ward, 14th “ | | | | | | | | | 371.00 | | | |
| | 30. Carl C. Piper, 13th “ | | | | | | | | | 329.40 | | | |
| | Fred E. Trefethen, 15th “ | | | | | | | | | 369.80 | | | |

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| March | 31. | John M. Holland, | 16th District, | 374.60 |
| | | Benjamin S. Mathews, | 22d " | 292.00 |
| | | Samuel R. Crabtree, | 25th " | 235.40 |
| April | 1. | Sanger N. Annis, | 12th " | 324.40 |
| | 4. | Edwin F. Clapham, | 21st " | 422.80 |
| | ; | Pitt H. Jones, | 20th " | 170.60 |
| | 10. | Edgar F. Carswell, | 17th " | 943.80 |
| | | William C. Irons, | 3d " | 267.20 |
| | 6. | Victor K. Montgomery, | 10th " | 359.60 |
| | 11. | Julian H. Hooper, | 4th " | 249.60 |
| | 17. | George N. Stevens, | 19th " | 446.40 |
| | 19. | Erwin G. Ryder, | 5th " | 426.00 |
| | 20. | Albert H. Newbert, | 9th " | 488.20 |
| | 21. | Charles W. Jones, | 7th " | 166.20 |
| | 24. | Edward Goodwin, | 8th " | 230.00 |
| | 25. | William S. Davidson, | 1st " | 309.80 |
| | 27. | W. Leslie Maloon, | 11th " | 507.80 |
| | | | | <u>8,983.20</u> |
| | | | | <u>\$24,740.77</u> |

1915.

DISBURSEMENTS.

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|------|-----|---|-------------------|
| May | 5. | By transferred to Charity Fund, per vote, One bond, Town of Dexter, \$ 1,000.00 One bond, Sagadahoc Light & Power Co., 481.81 | <u>\$1,481.81</u> |
| | 6. | Frank H. Bodge, Com. Pay Roll, 8.75 W. D. Trask, " " " 8.75 | |
| | 17. | Silas B. Adams, " Credentials, 6.00 Ralph H. Burbank, " " 6.45 Charles B. Davis, " " 9.65 Union Safe & Deposit Co., box rent, 10.00 Dinners to Augusta Lodge, 21.00 Smith & Sale, binding 32 volumes, 40.00 Winslow E. Howell, services of self and assistants, 51.10 | |
| | 19. | Walter S. Smith, services organist, 10.00 | |
| June | 1. | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent one month, 108.34 | |
| | 10. | Steam Laundry, washing, 15.40 American Bank Note Co., M.M. Diplomas, 100.00 | |
| | 14. | Convers E. Leach, services Assistant to Grand Secretary, 15.00 | |

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| June | 30. | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent one month,..... | 108.33 |
| | | Pay Roll for 1915,..... | 2,709.55 |
| | | Albro E. Chase, Com. on Correspondence, | 150.00 |
| July | 23. | Stephen Berry, salary,..... | 175.00 |
| | 31. | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent one month,..... | 108.33 |
| Sept. | 1. | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent one month,..... | 108.34 |
| | 30. | American Bank Note Co., Diplomas,.... | 100.00 |
| | 28. | Stephen Berry Co., printing,..... | 3.40 |
| | | Stephen Berry, mailing bill, | 36.97 |
| | | Stephen Berry Co., printing proceedings, | 621.56 |
| | | “ “ “ printing,..... | 16.20 |
| Oct. | 1. | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent one month,..... | 108.33 |
| | 27. | W. E. Howell, services F. I. Day,..... | 5.25 |
| | 29. | Stephen Berry, salary, | 175.00 |
| Nov. | 1. | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent one month,..... | 108.33 |
| | 4. | Thomas H. Bodge, expenses F. I. Day,... | 13.18 |
| | 15. | Frank E. Sleeper, expenses schools of instruction,..... | 59.21 |
| Dec. | 1. | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent one month,..... | 108.34 |
| 1916. | | | |
| Jan. | 1. | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent one month,..... | 108.33 |
| | | Albro E. Chase, services as Treasurer 6 months,..... | 150.00 |
| | 31. | Stephen Berry, salary,..... | 175.00 |
| Feb. | 1. | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent one month, | 108.33 |
| | 21. | American Bank Note Co., Diplomas,.... | 100.00 |
| March | 1. | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent one month, | 108.34 |
| | 6. | F. G. Danforth, flowers W. R. G. E.,... | 12.00 |
| | 9. | Thomas H. Bodge, expenses W. R. G. E., | 2.90 |
| April | 1. | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent one month, | 108.33 |
| | 15. | Stephen Berry Co., printing, | 6.75 |
| | | “ “ “ printing notices,..... | 39.00 |

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| April 15. | Albro E. Chase, salary 6 months,..... | 150.00 | |
| | " " card index,..... | 500.00 | |
| 24. | Convers E. Leach, services Librarian,... | 7.00 | |
| | Smith & Sale, binding proceedings,..... | 94.50 | |
| | Wm. W. Roberts Co., stationery,..... | 1.60 | |
| | W. E. Howell, manilla paper, | .49 | |
| 27. | Stephen Berry, salary to May 1, 1916,.... | 175.00 | |
| | " " expenses Gr. Lodge room, | 12.20 | |
| | " " office expenses one year,. | 37.36 | |
| | Albro E. Chase, postage and express,.... | 5.36 | |
| | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent to | | |
| | May 1, 1916,..... | 108.33 | |
| | Ernest Saunders, flowers F. I. Day,..... | 10.00 | |
| | | <hr/> | 7,146.58 |
| | Bought one bond, Portsmouth, Berkeley | | |
| | & Suffolk Water Co. No. 1804, 5 per | | |
| | cent., May and Nov.,..... | 495.00 | |
| | Bought one bond Portland (Oregon) Rail- | | |
| | way Co., No. 34, 5 per cent., May and | | |
| | Nov.,..... | 1,000.00 | |
| | | <hr/> | 1,495.00 |

EXPENSES OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

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| March 27. | William H. Hartshorn, | 24th District,.... | 5.36 |
| | Frank D. Fenderson, | 23d " | 32.30 |
| 28. | Fred L. Gardner, | 2d " | 7.79 |
| 30. | Ralph W. Moore, | 6th " | 14.72 |
| April 3. | Fred E. Ward, | 14th " | 12.23 |
| 4. | John M. Holland, | 16th " | 29.60 |
| | Sanger N. Annis, | 12th " | 8.50 |
| | Samuel R. Crabtree, | 25th " | 32.05 |
| 5. | Fred E. Trefethren, | 15th " | 52.72 |
| 11. | Daniel W. Ballantyne, | 20th " | 19.40 |
| 12. | Edwin F. Clapham, | 21st " | 34.08 |
| 15. | Edgar F. Carswell, | 17th " | 10.00 |
| | Victor K. Montgomery, | 10th " | 34.45 |
| 17. | Julian H. Hooper, | 4th " | 17.10 |
| | William C. Irons, | 3d " | 24.01 |
| 18. | George N. Stevens, | 19th " | 35.18 |
| | Benjamin S. Mathews, | 22d " | 3.25 |
| 20. | Edward Goodwin, | 8th " | 32.05 |
| | Erwin G. Ryder, | 5th " | 35.30 |

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| April 24. | James W. Eastman, | 18th District, | 14.70 |
| | Albert H. Newbert, | 9th " | 30.52 |
| 25. | Charles W. Jones, | 7th " | 18.49 |
| 26. | Carl C. Piper, | 13th " | 26.82 |
| | William S. Davidson, | 1st " | 60.50 |
| 27. | W. Leslie Maloon, | 11th " | 35.05 |
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| On hand one bond Portland (Oregon) | | | |
| Railway Co., | 1,000.00 | | |
| On hand one bond Portsmouth, Berkeley | | | |
| & Suffolk Water Co., | 495.00 | | |
| Cash Portland National Bank, | 12,499.31 | 13,994.31 | |
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| | | | \$24,740.77 |

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *Grand Treasurer.*

CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

Certificates of Charter were asked for and voted to the following lodges:

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| Bethlehem, 35, Augusta, | St. John's, 51, South Berwick, |
| Paris, 94, South Paris, | Drummond, 118, Parsonsfield, |
| St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village, | Hancock, 4, Castine, |
| Bay View, 196, East Boothbay, | Mystic, 65, Hampden, |
| Archon, 139, East Dixmont, | Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville, |
| Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon, | Olive Branch, 124, Charleston, |
| Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills, | Preble, 143, Sanford, |
| Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag, | King Hiram, 57, Dixfield, |
| Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor, | Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield, |
| Freeport, 23, Freeport, | Limestone, 214, Limestone, |
| Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff, | Island Falls, 206, Island Falls, |
| Evening Star, 147, Buckfield, | Deering, 183, Portland, |
| David A. Hooper, 201, W. Sullivan, | Acacia, 121, Durham, |
| Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford, | Eastern Frontier, 112, Ft. Fairfield, |
| Franklin, 123, New Sharon, | Howard, 69, Winterport, |
| Lafayette, 48, Readfield, | Aroostook, 197, Blaine, |
| Knox, 189, South Thomaston, | McKinley, 212, McKinley, |
| Moses Webster, 145, Vinal Haven, | Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield, |
| Springvale, 190, Springvale, | Mystic Tie, 154, Weld, |

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| Forest, 148, Springfield, | Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips, |
| Union, 31, Union, | Ocean, 142, Wells' Depot, |
| Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor, | Central, 45, China, |
| Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert, | Buxton, 115, West Buxton. |
| Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket, | |

COPY OF CHARTER.

Copy of Charter in place of Charter destroyed was voted,

Harwood Lodge, No. 91, Machias,
 Caribou Lodge, No. 170, Caribou,
 Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, Winter Harbor,

and it was also

Voted, That the Dispensations granted these lodges be continued in force until the Copy of Charter is issued.

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT.

The report of the Grand Lecturer was accepted as follows:

SABBATUS, May 1, 1916.

Most Worshipful THOMAS H. BODGE,
 Grand Master of Masons in Maine.

During the past year three "schools of masonic instruction" have been held, in addition to the instruction given by me personally and through correspondence.

1915, October 5, I held a school at Newport on invitation of Meridian Splendor Lodge, and in connection with a convention of the lodges of the Twenty-second Masonic District. This is the second school I have held under similar circumstances, and, like that at Lewiston, it was a decided success. There were present District Deputies from the 1st, 3d, 6th, 21st and 22d districts, and one hundred brethren representing twenty-seven lodges and five Grand Jurisdictions. An unusual incident was the presence of a brother ninety years old, CYRUS W. FRENCH, who had been a Freemason fifty-eight years, and who appeared to be as much interested in the teaching of the work as any of his brethren. I gave thorough instruction in all three degrees, closing the school at 3:30 P. M. The remainder of the afternoon and evening was occupied by the con-

vention in the working of degrees upon candidates. The hospitality of Meridian Splendor Lodge was unbounded, dinner, supper, and later a banquet being furnished to all visitors.

October 17th I held a school at Bridgton on the invitation of Oriental Lodge. The Deputy of that district, the 18th, unfortunately was not able to be present, but the Deputies from the 17th and 25th districts were there, and gave much assistance in the work of the school. Oriental Lodge furnished a large number of good masonic students, and the attendance from neighboring lodges was far greater than I had anticipated in a place not so easy of access as the location of most other schools. I think I have never been present at a school where greater interest in the study of the ritual was shown, or keener desire to obtain a correct knowledge of the secret work. The hospitality of Oriental Lodge to visiting brethren was unbounded before, during, and after the session of the school. The evening was devoted to work by the officers of the lodge for inspection by the Deputies present.

October 20th I held a school in Augusta on invitation of Augusta Lodge, the masonic home of the Grand Master. Unfortunately, as you are aware, he was not able to be with us, much to the regret of the large number of brethren present. The school was in all respects a most successful one. The Grand Lodge was well represented by officers and permanent members. District Deputies were present from the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th and 23d districts, and representatives registered from forty Maine lodges. Unflagging interest in the work of the school was manifested by all present. The division of the work among so many deputies made the part of each much briefer than is usual, but there were many skilled ritualists among the "students," and I noticed that the Deputies, as each in turn assumed the "chair" and was subjected to the searching questions of the "scholars," manifested much the same appearance as I have seen at "final exams." of medical and other students, some were wise and some, at times, were otherwise.

Augusta and Bethlehem Lodges extended a cordial invitation to all the brethren to be their guests at a dinner served in the banquet hall, and throughout the day and evening Augusta Lodge provided for the comfort and pleasure of her visitors.

Each of the schools held this year has been fully up to the standard in numbers present and in interest in the work. I have given full and exact instruction in the secret work, and in each school the brethren present have expressed great satisfaction with the results obtained.

District Deputies from the 2d, 4th, 5th, 12th, 18th and 24th districts did not attend either school this year.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. SLEEPER, *Grand Lecturer.*

WILLIAM R. G. ESTES.

BRO. ERNEST C. BUTLER presented the following memorial:

WILLIAM ROSCOE GREEN ESTES.

"I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead. He is just away!
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.
And you—oh, you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step, and the glad return—
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There, as the love of Here.
Think of him still as the same, I say,
He is not dead—he is just away."

When a man has credibly passed through the stages of youth, manhood and age and arrived at the advanced period of four score years and six and has been summoned to the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Grand Master presides, is it a time for us to mourn his departure? Far from it. It is a just cause to rejoice that such a one has been spared for so many years to assist and advise in the deliberations of this Grand Body.

Such is the case of our deceased Brother WILLIAM ROSCOE GREEN ESTES, who has been present at all but four sessions of this Grand Lodge since 1864, and was then detained because of circumstances beyond his control.

BRO. ESTES was born in Durham, Maine, November 22, 1830, and died at Skowhegan, Maine, February 20, 1916. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, at Yarmouth Academy and at Litchfield Academy. His parents were Quakers, and from them he inherited a vigorous constitution, and was the eleventh of twelve children. On his mother's side he traced his ancestry to John Alden, of the Mayflower, and was the eighth in lineal descent from him.

It was in Freeport Lodge, No. 23, at Freeport, Maine, in 1853, where Bro. ESTES was "brought from darkness to light." He was demitted from Freeport Lodge and affiliated with Alpha Lodge, No. 155, at Gales-

burg, Illinois, in 1856. Later he was demitted from Alpha Lodge and on December 29, 1862, affiliated with Somerset Lodge, No. 34, at Skowhegan, Maine.

Bro. ESTES took a deep interest in Masonry from the time he first stood "in the Northeast corner of the Lodge" and that interest continued and increased to the day he received his summons to the Lodge above.

In 1865 Bro. ESTES was elected Master of Somerset Lodge and served in that capacity for three years. Later he was elected an Honorary Member and Lodge Historian. In the latter capacity he wrote the history of Somerset Lodge in 1874, covering the period from 1820 to January 1, 1875, and again Somerset Lodge called him to write her annals from 1890 to 1915, which he did with that clearness of mind and fidelity of purpose which is not common to a man in his eighty-fifth year and it was because of his efforts that the History of Somerset Lodge was filed with this Grand Lodge in 1915.

The first committee to which Bro. ESTES was appointed in this Grand Lodge was on Grievances and Appeals in 1867. He served as D. D. G. M. for the Thirteenth Masonic District for the years 1870-1875 inclusive; in 1876 he was appointed Grand Pursuivant; in 1877-1879 Grand Steward; in 1879 he was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory near this Grand Lodge, which representation he held until he was Grand Master; in 1880 he was elected Senior Grand Warden; in 1881-1882 Deputy Grand Master; and Grand Master in 1883 and 1884, and since that date has served on many important committees. For many years he has been representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois near this Grand Lodge.

It was in the Subordinate Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Maine that Bro. ESTES did his most efficient work, but in the other bodies he had ever a watchful interest. He received the Capitular degrees in Somerset Chapter under dispensation and was the first to petition for the degrees and the first to pass under the "living arch" on February 3, 1864. He held the various offices in Somerset Chapter and was High Priest in 1881, and received the Order of High Priesthood in 1882. He was later elected an Honorary Member and Chapter Historian.

Bro. ESTES received the Cryptic degrees in Mount Moriah Council, No. 10, at Skowhegan, on December 13, 1871, and was elected Thrice Illustrious Master in 1875, and in 1892 was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Maine.

He received the Commandery degrees in Trinity Commandery, No. 7, at Augusta, March 21, 1866, and was a charter member of De Molay Commandery. In 1869-1870 he was Eminent Commander of De Molay Commandery and was later elected an Honorary Member. In 1871-1872

he was Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Maine and declined promotion.

He received the degrees of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Lewiston Lodge of Perfection July 7, 1876; Portland Council Princes of Jerusalem October 13, 1876; Dunlap Chapter of Rose Croix September 29, 1878, and Maine Consistory S. P. R. S. January 17, 1879.

Thus you have heard of him as a Mason and many of you have known of him as such. To some of us from Somerset Lodge who have attended Grand Lodge with Bro. ESTES he seemed not as a man in advanced years, but one of the youngest and most companionable of our party. The thought that he was advancing to the third stage of human life was to him unpleasant, but as a Master Mason he "enjoyed the happy reflection consequent on a well-spent life, and died in the hope of a glorious immortality."

Bro. ESTES began his business career at Harpswell, Maine, as a ship-builder, in company with a brother. Later he went to Dubuque, Iowa, and from there to Galesburg, Illinois, where he engaged in the hardware business. After three years in the West he returned to Maine and in 1861 located in Skowhegan, where he opened a clothing store, which he conducted alone until 1883, when he formed a partnership with Charles F. Ward, under the name of Estes & Ward, but he retired from the firm in 1893. For a short period after that he was editor and proprietor of the "Somerset Argus" at Skowhegan.

In 1879 Governor Garcelon appointed him a member of his staff with the title of "Colonel." He was appointed Postmaster at Skowhegan by President Cleveland in 1888, which office he held for the term of four years.

Bro. ESTES was a member of the Universalist Church and for many years one of its Trustees.

He was twice married, first to Maria Osgood of Durham, Maine, who died in 1864, and the second time to Caroline Walker of Skowhegan, who survives him. He also leaves one daughter, by the first marriage, Mrs. W. R. Bucannan of Brockton, Mass. His home life has been ideal and since he retired from active business he has "rested from his labors and spent a green old age in elegant leisure."

The funeral of Bro. ESTES was held at his late residence on February 23, 1916, conducted by Rev. Bro. James F. Albion of Portland, followed by the masonic service performed by Most Worshipful Thomas H. Bodge, Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, De Molay Commandery, No. 10, K. T., acting as escort.

Thus has come to Bro. ESTES what we have oft heard repeated, "It is appointed unto man once to die. But we thank Thee, that in Thy great

mercy Thou has made known to us the life beyond the grave, so that all may look hopefully forward beyond the shadows that now surround us."

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST C. BUTLER.

The memorial was accepted and a page ordered to be inscribed to his memory.

JOHN W. BALLOU.

Bro. W. SCOTT SHOREY presented the following memorial:

JOHN WARREN BALLOU.

JOHN WARREN BALLOU, Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine, died at Bath, Me., Sunday, January 7, 1916, aged 83 years, 2 months and 3 days.

He was born at Newton, Mass., November 4, 1832, son of John and Sarah Warren Ballou. His parents removed to Bath in 1849, where his father opened the first ready-made clothing store in that city, and later Bro. BALLOU succeeded him and was for many years a prominent merchant. He remained in business until 1876, when he was appointed Deputy Sheriff. In 1878 he was elected Sheriff of Sagadahoc County and retired in 1913, and has since been Deputy Sheriff.

He is survived by three children: John S. Ballou of Hollywood, Cal., Miss Susan Ballou of Bath and Mrs. H. W. R. Stafford of Queens, N. Y.

Bro. BALLOU was initiated in Polar Star Lodge, Bath, April 27, 1863, was Master in 1866 and 1867.

In 1863 he was exalted in Montgomery Royal Arch Chapter, and served as its High Priest in 1867 to 1871. He dimitted from Montgomery Chapter to become a charter member of St. Bernard Chapter and was its first High Priest in 1882 to 1886.

He received the Order of Templary in Maine Commandery in Gardiner in 1863, and dimitted to become a charter member of Dunlap, and was its Commander in 1867 and 1868.

He was a member of Mt. Vernon Council, Royal and Select Masters. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, having received the 17th and 18th grades in Dunlap Chapter of Rose Croix October 27, 1863; and the 19th to 32d inclusive in Maine Consistory April, 1864.

He first appeared in the Grand Lodge in 1864, and has ever since con-

tinued to take a conspicuous part. His last appearance was in 1914, making a continuous service of 50 years without an omission.

He was elected Grand Junior Warden in 1869 and 1870. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1871 and 1872, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1874 and 1875.

BRO. BALLOU was undoubtedly one of the most popular and widely beloved men of Maine. Perhaps he ranked first of all in this regard. Certain it is that the grip he had upon the hearts of thousands of personal friends was phenomenal.

At the last Christmas Observance of Dunlap Commandery, two weeks before his death, he sent the following message; it is the lines embodying his ideas of friendship:

“Reach your hand to me, my friend,
 With its heartiest caress.
 Some time there will come an end
 To its present faithfulness.
 Some time I may ask in vain
 For the touch of it again,
 When between us land or sea
 Holds its ever back from me.

“Oh, the present is too sweet,
 To go on forever thus!
 Round the corner of the street
 Who can say what waits for us?
 Meeting, greeting night and day,
 Faring each the self-same way.
 Still, somewhere, the path must end,
 Reach your hand to me, my friend.”

W. SCOTT SHOREY.

The memorial was accepted and a page ordered to be inscribed to his memory.

FESSENDEN I. DAY.

BRO. FRANK E. SLEEPER presented the following memorial:

FESSENDEN IRVING DAY.

For unknown ages Earth, the habitation of Man, has been pursuing her changeless course through Space; the same Sun furnishes light and heat and vitalizing energy; the same Moon gives her soft, reflected radiance; the same Stars are ever twinkling in the sky. Man, the highest product of finite creation, made to be the ruler of earth, still continues. But individual men endure comparatively for but a moment. Each comes into this world unknown, lives his brief life of mingled joy and sorrow, usefulness or the opposite, then is known here no more forever save as "his works do follow him."

The writer of this memorial has reason to think of these things because, by the death of two distinguished brethren during the past year, both his intimate friends, his own name now stands in the honorable but far too suggestive place of Senior Living Past Grand Master. One of these brethren was our well-beloved brother, Most Worshipful FESSENDEN IRVING DAY, who died at his home in Lewiston October 6, 1915. He was born in Durham, Me., (so near the Brunswick line that his birth-place has been called Brunswick) on November 26, 1837, his parents being Lorenzo and Mary Louise (Hopkins) Day.

He was educated in the public schools of Brunswick, North Yarmouth Academy, and Maine State Seminary at Lewiston. After two years at the latter school he went to Janesville, Wisconsin, to manage a shoe store, where he remained until 1861, when he returned to Maine and engaged in business in Brunswick. On December 20, 1861, he married Miss Alma Holland, daughter of Capt. Daniel Holland, who was one of Lewiston's most prominent and wealthy citizens.

In 1864 he moved to Lewiston and began business there as a shoe dealer, which he carried on most successfully for fifty-one years without change of location.

Bro. DAY was always interested in national, state, and city affairs, believing that it is the duty of every citizen to do what he can for the betterment of his fellow-men. In 1883 and 1884 he was elected an alderman of his city, and during those two stormy years of political strife he so conducted himself as to win the respect of his political foes and maintain a reputation for high purpose and love of fair play. He was also a member of several beneficiary societies, and for many years was the Supreme Commander of the Order of the Golden Cross.

In Free Masonry Bro. DAY has left a remarkable record of devoted and long-continued service, for when a young man he developed a great love for it, which continued through his life. He was initiated in United Lodge, Brunswick, in 1861, but later became a charter member of Rabboni Lodge, Lewiston, and was its third Master. He was a skilled rit-

ualist and an earnest seeker after masonic light. In the days before the present method of giving instruction in the work was adopted he, with another brother, recited the ritual of the Master Mason's degree in the presence of the Grand Lodge. After occupying minor offices he was in 1885 and again in 1886 elected Grand Master of Masons in Maine, serving in that high office with honor to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his brethren.

He was a charter member of St. Paul's Chapter, Brunswick, in 1863, retaining his membership there during his life.

He was a charter member of Dunlap Council, Lewiston, in 1864, was its Thrice Illustrious Master in 1872, '73, and was Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1877-1878.

He was a charter member of Lewiston Commandery, K. T., in 1865, becoming its first Junior Warden, its fifth Eminent Commander, its seventh Recorder, and its fifth Prelate, and serving forty years continuously in those offices. He was one of the two surviving charter members of that commandery when its semi-centennial anniversary was held last May.

Bro. DAY did not confine his activities to the York Rite, but was also deeply interested in the Scottish Rite. Having received his degrees in Portland he became a charter member of Lewiston Lodge of Perfection and was its Thrice Potent Master from 1879 to 1882.

He was a charter member of Auburn Council, Princes of Jerusalem, and was its Sovereign Prince from 1889 to 1908. He was also a charter member of Dickey Chapter of Rose Croix, serving for many years as one of its officers. He was a member of Maine Consistory, and on September 18, 1894, was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General and Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33°.

From a close personal friendship with Bro. DAY, continuing more than fifty years, the writer can testify to the high esteem in which he was held as a man, a citizen, and a Mason. He was a man of high ideals. Naturally of an amiable disposition he was friendly with everyone, but was not weak, and having strong convictions he did not hesitate to mould his actions by them. He was honest, honorable, and far-seeing in business affairs, preserving the respect of all with whom he dealt.

As a Mason he was one of the most prominent and best loved in his home city, and was always ready to extend a helping hand to a falling brother, and to give freely from his skill as a ritualist or his ability as an installing officer.

Our brother will be missed at the annual meetings of our Masonic Grand Bodies, for he has attended them almost constantly for fifty years, serving faithfully as an officer, or as a member of important committees.

Under South Dakota we read, anent Freemasonry:

"We are wondering how it can have entire jurisdiction over the three degrees, when there is another Grand Lodge in France, recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, which is conferring the three degrees. And besides this, there is the Grand Orient of France, which, if we understand it, also exercises some jurisdiction or control over the symbolic degrees."

But, Bro. Williams, are we not told that all these bodies exist in France in harmony because they do not "practice the art" as do we in America, inasmuch as jurisdictional territory is not known.

When we reach the conclusion we read his "farewell." We are sorry, because we found his ideas to be truly masonic, and expressed in fitting language.

We have received announcement of the death of R. W. Bro. Ralph Reamer Rickley, Grand Treasurer from 1894 to the time of his death, January 16, 1919.

OKLAHOMA, 1918.

The Tenth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 438; number of members 32,335. Cash on hand, \$51,516.67.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present; three hundred twenty-five lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel Wilson Hogan, pays due respect to the memory of the dead, reports the proceedings of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada; announces the laying of four corner-stones, and the dedication of two Masonic Temples.

Dispensations were issued for six new lodges; six lodges were constituted; the visitations are mentioned. The interpretations of masonic law appear to be in accord with usual practice. There were four cases of consolidation of lodges, and three lodges surrendered their charters. Many recommendations are presented.

There was considerable legislation relating to War Relief of one kind and of another, all looking to the benefit of the soldier.

We quote from the Report of the Custodians of the Work:

"We, the Custodians of the Work, to whom was referred the resolution providing that the second degree and the first section of the third degree may be conferred on not more than five candidates at the same time, beg leave to report that we do not believe the same should be engrafted into our law, but should be left as it is now within the discretion of the Grand Master to grant said rights by a special dispensation, when the best interests of Masonry, in his judgment, may require it."

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| 1915, May 5. | Cash on hand from old account, | \$13,418.39 |
| | Cash receipts for years 1915-1916, | 9,840.57 |
| | | <u>\$23,258.96</u> |
| | The expenditures have been, | 9,264.65 |
| 1916, May 2. | Cash on hand new account, | \$13,994.31 |

The amount of the invested fund to the credit of the Charity Fund is \$72,407.22.

We recommend that

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| To Grand Lecturer be paid, | \$ 25.00 |
| To Grand Treasurer, including cost of Bond, | 300.00 |
| To Grand Secretary, | 700.00 |
| as compensation for their services for the year ending May 1, 1917. | |
| To the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for the year ending May 1, 1916, | 300.00 |
| Assistant Grand Secretary, | 15.00 |

We recommend that there be transferred from the funds of the Grand Lodge to the Charity Fund the following:

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| Portland, Oregon, Railway Company five per cent. Bond, No. 34, | \$1,000.00 |
| Portsmouth, Berkeley and Suffolk Water Company five per cent. Bond, No. 1804, | 495.00 |
| For the continuance of Card Index, | 500.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLET, } *Committee.*
ELMER A. DOTEN, }

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was then accepted.

DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

BRO. JAMES E. PARSONS reported as follows:

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IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 2, 1916.

Your Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers, to whom were referred the address of the Grand Master and reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters have attended to their duty and beg leave to report as follows:

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

The matters referred to the Grand Master for his decision or opinion we recommend be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and his remarks pertaining to the residence of persons applying for the degrees to the Craft in general.

We heartily commend the remarks of the Grand Master in reference to the ballot and especially to the misuse of the White Ball.

We recommend that the request for new lodge be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

The committee would add their admonition to that of the Grand Master in relation to Certificates of Charter.

We commend the remarks of the Grand Master relative to the preservation of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and especially that part which refers to the causing of the reading of them and the constitution in the lodge by the Master, "that none may plead ignorance of their requirements."

We congratulate the Grand Master on the successful administration of his office for the past year, and for the continued prosperity of the Fraternity.

Faternally submitted,

H. D. SMITH,
JAMES E. PARSONS, } *Committee.*
CHARLES W. CROSBY, }

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

ELECTION.

The hour for election (3 o'clock) having arrived the Grand Master appointed as committees to receive, sort and count votes:

- I. W. SCOTT SHOREY, CHARLES W. CROSBY, FRANK J. COLE.
- II. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, ALBERT M. AMES, EDWARD G. WESTON.

The Grand Secretary reported the number of votes to be:

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| Permanent Members present, 1 each, | 30 |
| Grand Officers present, 1 each, | 43 |
| 185 lodges represented (3 votes each), | 555 |
| Total number votes, | <u>628</u> |

The Committees, having attended to their duties, reported the election of

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| WALDO PETTENGILL, | <i>M. W. Grand Master,</i> | Rumford |
| SILAS B. ADAMS, | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master,</i> | Portland |
| RALPH W. MOORE, | " <i>Senior Grand Warden,</i> | Hampden |
| ALBERT H. NEWBERT, | " <i>Junior Grand Warden,</i> | Rockland |
| ALBRO E. CHASE, | " <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> | Portland |
| STEPHEN BERRY, | " " <i>Secretary,</i> | Portland |

Committee of Finance—HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor; EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport; ELMER A. DOTEN, Portland.

Trustees of Charity Fund for three years—FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabbatus; HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.

EXCUSE.

The Grand Junior Deacon, CHARLES L. JONES, sent the following, which was ordered printed:

WATERVILLE, May 1, 1916.

DEAR MR. BODGE:

Find that I will be unable to attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge this year. Mrs. Jones' mother is very low and I can not leave them. Greatly regret that I shall be unable to renew the many acquaintances I made last May. My very best regards to yourself.

Sincerely,

C. L. JONES.

At 4:40 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock Wednesday.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Wednesday, May 3, 1916. }

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

HISTORY.

Bro. WILLIAM N. HOWE reported as follows :

PORTLAND, May 3, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on the History of Masonry in Maine submits its annual report, as follows :

The only history to be received is that of Mt. Olivet Lodge of Washington. This is a type-written manuscript prepared by Bro. WILLARD E. OVERLOCK, and read by him at the dedication of Masonic Hall at Washington, Me., Wednesday afternoon, September 2, 1914. Although the lodge lost its records by fire in February, 1913, it is to be congratulated that its historical data has been preserved, as this concise paper contains information that will be valuable, as well as interesting to its members in the years that are yet to come.

Your committee has also received a type-written account of the laying of the corner-stone of the Watts Block, October 16, 1915, at Thomaston, Maine. The ceremony was performed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M., THOMAS H. BODGE, Grand Master. This sketch contains a list of articles contained in the copper box placed beneath the stone, also a list of the Grand Officers, together with the names of the officers of Orient Lodge, No. 15, at Thomaston, Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM N. HOWE, } *Committee.*
 FRED C. CHALMERS, }

Report accepted.

The Grand Master called to the East M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, who, after some remarks, invited Wor. WILLIAM K. HERRMANN, Master of Atlantic Lodge of Portland, with his officers, to assume

the stations and to confer the Master Mason's degree, which was done.

The Grand Lecturer resumed the East, and after brief comments surrendered the 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 the officers of Atlantic Lodge for the beautiful and correct rendering of the ritual in the work of the afternoon.

At 5 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Thursday, May 4, 1916. }

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

PAY ROLL.

Bro. FRANK H. BODGE reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 4, 1916.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Pay Roll beg leave to report that a schedule has been prepared and is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

FRANK H. BODGE,
JOHN C. ARNOLD, } *Committee.*
CHARLES M. FARRAR, }

Report accepted and schedule ordered to be paid.

PUBLICATION.

BRO. W. SCOTT SHOREY, for the Committee on Publication, reported that no business had been presented to them, and the report was accepted.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

BRO. W. SCOTT SHOREY, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, reported no business, and the report was accepted.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was accepted, and permission given to complete it. (*See Appendix.*)

JURISPRUDENCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the following report, which was accepted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 4, 1916.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the decisions of the Grand Master as reported in his address, have duly considered them and believe them to be in accord with the masonic usage in Maine.

We especially commend to the attention of the Masters of lodges the sentence, "Residence is established by intention coupled with presence, modified by circumstance."

Faternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE,
WALDO PETTENGILL, } *Committee.*
FRANK J. COLE,

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

BRO. HOWARD D. SMITH reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
Portland, May 4, 1916.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals, to whom was referred the complaint of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 117, Cornish, against Eureka Lodge, No. 84, of Tenant's Harbor, for invasion of jurisdiction, have duly considered the same and submit the following report:

The facts, which are not disputed, are these. An unmarried young man, a native of the town of Cornish, is and has been a teacher at Tenant's Harbor for some years and applied to and received his degrees in Eureka Lodge. The candidate has always paid poll taxes and always voted in the town of Cornish.

In the opinion of your committee, the residence of a candidate is established by his intentions and the fact that this candidate always paid taxes and voted in his native town seems to clearly establish the fact that he considered Cornish his home.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. SMITH,
L. M. KENNISTON, } *Committee.*

The report was accepted.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

BRO. ALBERT M. PENLEY submitted the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 4, 1916.

Your Committee on the Condition of the Fraternity have attended to the duties assigned them and submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the reports of the several District Deputies, and are happy to report that the Fraternity is in a very prosperous condition.

The District Deputy Grand Masters of the several districts have attended to their duties very faithfully and report the work uniformly and impressively done.

Your committee desire to call the attention of the District Deputy Grand Masters that each is expected to visit every lodge in his district at least once for inspection, and more than once if he deems it necessary.

We find that some of the lodges have established the practice of a "Past Masters' Night," which your committee are of opinion is very beneficial to the lodges.

The records show that the schools of instruction were well attended and we recommend that they be continued.

The records and books are well kept, the lodges in good financial condition, and dues well collected.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBERT M. PENLEY, }
WILLIAM N. HOWE, } *Committee.*
EDWIN A. PORTER, }

Report accepted.

FINANCE—FORM OF RETURNS.

Bro. EDMUND B. MALLET reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 2, 1916.

Your Committee of Finance, to which was referred the matter of proposed form of returns, have had the same under consideration and recommend that the proposed form be adopted.

EDMUND B. MALLET, } *Committee.*
ELMER A. DOTEN, }

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

Bro. ARCHIE L. TALBOT presented the following:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND,

Thursday, May 4, 1916.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters have attended to the matter of a new lodge at Old Orchard referred to in the Address of the Grand Master, which is all that has been referred to the Committee, and make report as follows:

In the matter of the petition of H. Alonzo Milliken and twenty-eight others praying for a lodge at Old Orchard to be named Orchard Lodge, recommended by two of the nearest lodges whose territorial jurisdiction would be affected by the formation of such new lodge, viz: Saco Lodge, No. 9, Saco, and Hiram Lodge, No. 180, South Portland, recommended by the District Deputy Grand Master within whose District the petitioners reside, as appears in the report of the committee published on page 231 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1915; the Grand Lodge granted the petitioners further time to apply for the recommendation of Temple Lodge, No. 86, at Westbrook, whose jurisdiction it was claimed would be affected by the formation of a new lodge at Old Orchard.

The jurisdiction of Temple Lodge, No. 86, at Westbrook, would be very little, if any, affected by the formation of a lodge at Old Orchard. Permission is granted by said Temple Lodge without recommendation. In view of the very slight effect the formation of a lodge at Old Orchard would have in the jurisdiction of Temple Lodge your committee think the recommendation of Temple Lodge is unreasonably withheld.

We recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and that a dispensation for a new lodge at Old Orchard, to be named Orchard Lodge, be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,
FRANKLIN R. REDLON, } *Committee.*
EDMUND B. MALLEY,

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

INSTALLATION AND APPOINTMENTS.

The Grand Master requested Bro. ALBERT M. PENLEY to act as Grand Marshal.

Bro. WALDO PETTENGILL was presented and installed as M. W. Grand Master, prayer being offered by Rev. DAVID L. WILSON, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments:

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| CONVERS E. LEACH, | <i>R. W. Cor. Grand Secretary,</i> | Portland |
| JOSEPH W. PORTER, | " <i>D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i> | Caribou |
| ROBERT G. MCBRIDE, | " " <i>2d</i> " | Lubec |
| GEORGE E. PARSONS, | " " <i>4th</i> " | Castine |
| ERWIN G. RYDER, | " " <i>5th</i> " | Brownville Jct. |
| FRANK D. WEYMOUTH, | " " <i>6th</i> " | Charleston |
| CHARLES L. JONES, | " " <i>7th</i> " | China |
| WILMER J. DORMAN, | " " <i>8th</i> " | Belfast |
| EMIL WITTEN, | " " <i>9th</i> " | Rockland |
| VICTOR K. MONTGOMERY, | " " <i>10th</i> " | East Boothbay |
| JOHN H. MCILROY, | " " <i>11th</i> " | Winthrop |
| SANGER N. ANNIS, | " " <i>12th</i> " | Waterville |
| JAMES M. SPENCE, | " " <i>13th</i> " | Madison |

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| FRED E. WARD, | <i>R. W. D. D. G. M. 14th Dist.,</i> | Freeport |
| J. BLAINE MORRISON, | " " 15th " | Phillips |
| ERNEST J. RECORD, | " " 16th " | South Paris |
| EDGAR F. CARSWELL, | " " 17th " | Gorham |
| FRED R. BRADBURY, | " " 18th " | East Brownfield |
| GEORGE N. STEVENS, | " " 19th " | Kennebunk |
| DAN'L W. BALLANTYNE, | " " 20th " | Lincoln |
| GEORGE HARMON, | " " 21st " | So. West Harbor |
| GUSTAVUS F. DINSMORE, | " " 22d " | Newport |
| FRANK D. FENDERSON, | " " 23d " | Limerick |
| GEORGE R. HALL, | " " 24th " | Lewiston |
| SAMUEL R. CRABTREE, | " " 25th " | Island Falls |
| JOHN M. HOLLAND, | " " 26th " | Dixfield |

The Twenty-sixth District shall be composed of the following lodges:

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| Blazing Star, No. 30, Rumford. | Evening Star, No. 147, Buckfield. |
| King Hiram, No. 57, Dixfield. | Whitney, No. 167, Canton. |

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| REV. WM. H. FULTZ, | <i>W. Grand Chaplain,</i> | Portland |
| REV. DAVID L. WILSON, | " " " | Bath |
| REV. I. JAMES MERRY, | " " " | Kittery |
| REV. HENRY E. DUNNACK, | " " " | Bangor |
| REV. ASHLEY A. SMITH, | " " " | Bangor |
| FREDERIC O. EATON, | " " <i>Marshal,</i> | Rumford |
| ERNEST C. BUTLER, | " " <i>Senior Deacon,</i> | Skowhegan |
| DAVID E. MOULTON, | " " <i>Junior Deacon,</i> | Portland |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, | " " <i>Steward,</i> | Portland |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, | " " " | Waterville |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, | " " " | Biddeford |
| ARTHUR H. BAKER, | " " " | Kittery |
| EBEN F. RICHARDSON, | " <i>Sword Bearer,</i> | South West Harbor |
| JOHN N. FOYE, | " <i>Standard Bearer,</i> | Canton |
| WARREN C. KING, | " <i>Pursuivant,</i> | Portland |
| JAMES B. STEVENSON, | " " | Rumford |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " <i>Lecturer,</i> | Sabattus |
| WALTER S. SMITH, | " <i>Organist,</i> | Portland |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | " <i>Tyler,</i> | Portland |

The remaining Grand Officers, elected and appointed, who were present, were installed by Bro. BODGE, and proclamation thereof was made.

The Grand Master assumed the East and announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.

RALPH H. BURBANK, CHARLES B. DAVIS, FRANK P. DENACO.

On Grievances and Appeals.

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, LEANDER M. KENNISTON, GEO. W. HOLMES.

On Publication.

MILLARD M. CASWELL, EDWARD G. WESTON, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

On History.

WILLIAM N. HOWE, FRED C. CHALMERS, SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS.

On Dispensations and Charters.

ARCHIE L. TALBOT, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, EDMUND B. MALLET.

On Amendments to the Constitution.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON, W. SCOTT SHOREY, WM. FREEMAN LORD.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

HUGH R. CHAPLIN, ALBRO E. CHASE, THOMAS H. BODGE.

On Foreign Correspondence.

ALBRO E. CHASE, AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM, ASHLEY A. SMITH.

On Condition of the Fraternity.

ALBERT M. PENLEY, WILLIAM N. HOWE, EDWIN A. PORTER.

On Library.

GRAND MASTER, WILMER J. DORMAN, WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY.

On Transportation.

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

On Returns.

STEPHEN BERRY, JAMES C. AYER, ERNEST P. PARLIN.

On motion of Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS, it was

Voted, That the names of the members of the Committees on Credentials and Pay Roll be placed on the Pay Roll.

THANKS.

On motion of Bro. ALBERT M. PENLEY, it was un-
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Law upon their altars, and others refusing to have anything of the kind. The resolution of the Grand Lodge of California makes no distinction between lodges or Masons working under any of the rival bodies. Is it to be assumed that the Grand Lodge of California no longer regards our first Great Light as essential to the regularity of Masonry?"

Maine for 1917 has full recognition. Bro. Chambers reviews most pleasantly his association with the Masons of Maine, as the subject is brought to his notice by the retirement of our late R. W. Bro. Stephen Berry from the office of Grand Secretary. We regret to have to add that our Emeritus Grand Secretary Berry left us for the better land the first of February, 1919.

Commenting on masonic charity he says, with which statement we agree:

"Of course, in cases where a lodge is requested by another lodge to look after and incur expenses on its behalf in providing relief for one of its members, it may reasonably ask to be reimbursed for what it has expended as an agent of the other. But we fear that in too many cases brethren are too apt to forget the lesson taught by the box of fraternal assistance, and endeavor to cast upon the lodge the duty of every brother to individually, cheerfully practice that virtue which he has accepted as binding upon himself."

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of R. W. Bro. Will H. Whyte, Grand Secretary 1902-1917, who died September 19, 1917.

RHODE ISLAND, 1918.

The One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 37; number in membership 10,283. Cash on hand \$24,634.37.

The proceedings also contain the doings at a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, held June 24, 1917, in commemoration of the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Formation of the First Grand Lodge of Masons at London, June 24th, A. L. 5717.

The proceedings consisted of an address by the Grand Master, an historical address by the Grand Lecturer, and an address of the Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England.

At the Semi-annual Communication the Committee on Jurisprudence reported:

"Section 14 provides that no subordinate lodge shall receive a petition . . . from an applicant who has not resided within the state for the period of one year and within the jurisdiction of the lodge . . . for the period of six months . . . unless such petitioner shall belong to the United States Army or Navy."

"In our opinion the design and effect of this provision is to enable a

member of the United States Army or Navy to choose his Masonic residence and to prefer his petition to any lodge within the state. Thereby that lodge acquires jurisdiction, the petitioner having by preferring his petition thereto elected his Masonic residence."

A Masonic War Board was created and to furnish funds for their work an assessment of two dollars per capita was levied upon the subordinate lodges.

Masons under the jurisdiction of Rhode Island were permitted to hold Masonic communication with the Masons of France.

At the Annual Communication the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Herbert Ambrose Rice, in the introduction to his address speaks of the war and the deaths caused by it, mentions the prosperity of the Fraternity, reports the numerous dispensations required for conferring degrees upon candidates in the military or naval service, and for other purposes.

Nearly every subject which could be brought to the attention of a Grand Master was brought before him and he tells what treatment each received at his hands.

All these matters are of paramount interest to the Craft in Rhode Island and furnish material for thought and consideration in other jurisdictions should occasion require.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported on "French Masonry" the following:

"*Resolved*, That action taken by this Grand Lodge in November, 1874, relative to withdrawal of fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France be and hereby is rescinded so as to prepare the way for a more suitable and fraternal intercourse; be it further

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge extend to the Grand Orient of France fraternal felicitation and arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives; be it further

"*Resolved*, That the request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of France be and is acceded to and that an exchange of Grand Representatives be requested."

A revised Constitution, General Regulations, Standing Orders and Decisions were adopted.

No Report on Correspondence.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1918.

The Twelfth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 139; number in membership 8,286. Cash on hand \$15,417.62.

Six Past Grand Masters were present; ninety-eight lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

With a brief introduction the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James Mc-

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| 4 | bonds Sagadahoc Light & Power Co., | 2,000.00 | 90.00 |
| 1 | " Town of Brunswick, | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 2 | " Northern Pacific Railway Co., | 2,000.00 | 80.00 |
| 2 | " Rockland Water Co., | 1,500.00 | 75.00 |
| 2 | " Wladikawkas Railway Co., | 2,000.00 | 80.00 |
| 2 | " Kennebec Light & Heat Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 | " York County Water Co., | 500.00 | 25.00 |
| 1 | " Denver City Tramway Co., | 500.00 | 25.00 |
| 5 | " Portland Water Co., | 5,000.00 | 200.00 |
| 2 | " Rumford Falls Water Power Co., | 2,000.00 | 80.00 |
| 1 | " Delaware, Ohio, Water Co., | 500.00 | 25.00 |
| 3 | " Toledo Terminal Co., | 2,200.00 | 99.00 |
| 6 | " Boston & Maine Railway Co., | 6,000.00 | 240.00 |
| 3 | " Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co., | 3,000.00 | 119.40 |
| 1 | " Portsmouth, Berkeley & Suffolk Water Co., | 500.00 | 25.00 |
| 1 | " Town of Everett, Mass., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 | " Town of Hyde Park, Mass., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 | " Town of Methuen, Mass., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 2 | " Standish Water & Construction Co., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 | " City of Portland, Oregon, | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 | " City Water Co. of East St. Louis, | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 | " City of Springfield, Mass., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 5 | " City of Minneapolis, Minn., | 5,000.00 | 200.00 |
| 1 | " Town of Dexter, | 1,000.00 | 35.00 |
| 1 | " The St. Joseph Water Co., | 1,000.00 | 25.00 |
| 1 | " Muncie Water Works Co., | 1,000.00 | 25.00 |
| 1 | " Wheeling Traction Co., | 1,000.00 | 25.00 |
| 1 | " Portsmouth, Berkeley & Suffolk Water Co., | 1,000.00 | |
| 1 | " Huntington Water Co., | 1,000.00 | |
| 1 | " Utica & Mohawk Valley Railway Co., | 1,000.00 | |
| 1 | note (Moody) secured by mortgage, | 5,000.00 | |
| 1 | bond Newton & Northwestern Railway Co. ex- changed for securities in the Ft. Dodge, Des Moines & Southern Railway Co. as follows: | | |
| | 4 5 per cent. bonds, Nos. 50, 178, 183, 184, | 800.00 | |
| | Cert. No. A203, 5 shares com- mon stock, | 500.00 | |
| | Cert. No. A228, 3 shares pref'd stock, | 300.00 | 1,000.00 |
| | Augusta Savings Bank, | 1,000.00 | |

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| Skowhegan Savings Bank,..... | 1,000.00 | |
| Waterville Savings Bank, | 1,000.00 | |
| Wiscasset Savings Bank, | 1,000.00 | |
| Bath Savings Institution, | 1,000.00 | |
| Gardiner Savings Institution,..... | 1,000.00 | |
| Brunswick Savings Institution,..... | 1,000.00 | |
| | \$69,400.00 | \$2,329.40 |
| Maine Savings Bank, | \$ 1,286.29 | \$ 51.96 |
| Portland Savings Bank, | 1,441.79 | 58.22 |
| Belfast Savings Bank, | 597.50 | 24.12 |
| Chapman National Bank, Savings Department, | 605.41 | 24.44 |
| Portland National Bank, Savings De- partment,..... | 130.65 | 84.56 |
| Fidelity Trust Co., Savings Dept., .. | 1,856.48 | 220.62 |
| | \$ 5,918.12 | \$ 463.92 |
| Total of all funds, | \$75,318.12 | |

CASH ACCOUNT.

* RECEIPTS.

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| 1915. | | |
| May 1. | Balance on hand from old account, | \$ 2,893.00 |
| | From Savings Bank on account Principal, | 355.02 |
| | “ “ “ “ “ Interest, | 296.98 |
| | “ Fidelity Trust Co., Interest,..... | 220.62 |
| | “ Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Interest, | 163.88 |
| | “ Portland National Bank, Interest,..... | 84.56 |
| | “ Exchange of Bonds, | 12.50 |
| | “ Income on Investments,..... | 2,329.40 |
| | “ Fidelity Trust Co., Savings Department, | 3,960.00 |
| | “ Portland National Bank, | 1,962.50 |
| | Total Receipts,..... | <u>\$12,278.46</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Paid beneficiaries, | \$ 2,093.00 |
| Placed in hands of Grand Master,..... | 500.00 |
| Deposited in Fidelity Trust Co., Savings Dept.,.... | 575.64 |
| “ “ Portland Nat'l Bank, “ “ | 84.56 |
| One bond, No. 449, Wheeling Traction Co., 5 per cent., | 970.00 |
| Accrued interest on same, | 12.50 |

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| One bond, No. 1425, Portsmouth, Berkeley & Suffolk Water Co., 5 per cent., | 980.00 |
| One bond, No. 91, Huntington Water Co., 5 per cent., | 980.00 |
| One bond, No. 2436, The St. Joseph Water Co., 5 per cent., | 990.00 |
| One bond, Muncie Water Works Co., 5 per cent., | 990.00 |
| One bond, Utica & Mohawk Valley Railway Co., 4½ per cent., | 1,000.00 |
| Balance cash on hand, | 3,102.76 |
| | <u>\$12,278.46</u> |

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *Treasurer.*

The Grand Master reported that the Committee of Finance had examined the securities and had found them all correct as stated, whereupon the report was accepted.

The Secretary presented 83 applications for aid, which were referred to a committee of two.

Adjourned at 5:15 P. M., subject to the call of the President.

WEDNESDAY, May 3, 1916.

Met in Grand Lodge Office at 5 P. M.

Present—THOMAS H. BODGE, *President.*

WALDO PETTENGILL,

LEANDER M. KENNISTON,

ASHLEY A. SMITH,

FRANK E. SLEEPER,

FRANK B. ARNOLD,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary.*

FRED RAYMOND.

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

Voted, That one represent twelve dollars.

Voted, That \$2,796.00 be appropriated to pay the 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 placed in the hands of the President.

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, 1889.

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.

—1916.—



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| WALDO PETTENGILL, Grand Master, | Ex-Officio. |
| SILAS B. ADAMS, Deputy Grand Master, | " |
| RALPH W. MOORE, Senior Grand Warden, | " |
| ALBERT H. NEWBERT, Junior Grand Warden, | " |
| STEPHEN BERRY, Rec. Grand Secretary, | " |
| ARCHIE L. TALBOT, | elected May 4, 1915, for three years. |
| *LEANDER M. KENNISTON, | " " " " " " " |
| EDMUND B. MALLET, | " " " " " two " |
| ASHLEY A. SMITH, | " " " " " " " |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " " 2, 1916, " three " |
| HOWARD D. SMITH, | " " " " " " " |

*Died May 27, 1916.

STANDING REGULATIONS.

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.]

I. 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 four and one-half cents for each mile one way 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. [Amended 1914, p. 55.]

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Adopted since Edition of Constitution, 1910.

[Part Fourth, Art. I, Page 42 of the Constitution.]

SEC. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions and processions 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 occasion of a public reception of him, or of a public mourning for his death. [1912, p. 53.]

Reports • of • District • Deputy • Grand • Masters.

FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I hereby submit my official report as District Deputy of the First Masonic District.

During the year I visited every lodge in the district and witnessed work in M. M. degree in all of them except Monument Lodge of Houlton.

I attended the school of instruction held at Newport, and found it very interesting and profitable. This school was under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER.

I received invitations to install the officers of three lodges in the district, namely, Limestone Lodge, Limestone; Eastern Frontier Lodge, Fort Fairfield; Trinity Lodge, Presque Isle, which I did, assisted by P. M. W. N. GOULD as Marshal.

On January 7th, by invitation of W. M. A. H. DAMON, I installed the officers of Limestone Lodge at Limestone, being assisted by P. M. W. N. GOULD as Marshal.

January 24th, by invitation of W. M. H. C. BUXTON, I installed the officers of Eastern Frontier Lodge at Fort Fairfield, assisted by Bro. H. F. KALLOCH as Marshal. This installation was held jointly with that of Order of Eastern Star. The meeting was largely attended by members of both lodges and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

At the regular February meeting of Limestone Lodge of Limestone, I again visited this lodge for the purpose of inspecting the work, which I did in the M. M. degree. The work in this lodge is done in a very creditable manner, showing that they take a lot of interest in the work. The lodge is well officered. The officers and members are all very enthusiastic in the work, and all showing a great deal of interest. I am proud of Limestone Lodge, and while it is the youngest lodge in the district, I

can report it in a prosperous condition and predict for it a most promising future.

February 14th, by invitation of W. M. S. W. BOONE of Trinity Lodge, Presque Isle, I visited that lodge for the purpose of installation and inspection. I was received very cordially by the brethren of Trinity Lodge. After the installation ceremonies the M. M. degree was worked by the newly installed officers and was done in a very satisfactory manner. Trinity Lodge is of a high standard and is in a very prosperous condition, a great deal of interest being shown by officers and members. Trinity Lodge is very fortunate in having such capable and efficient officers. The books and records are in charge of that capable and painstaking Secretary, Bro. V. E. HOWE, and show efficiency in every detail.

On February 16th, I drove to Washburn, a distance of 22 miles, on my official visit, and met with a very friendly greeting. The M. M. degree was worked on two candidates in a very satisfactory manner, a lot of interest being shown in Washburn Lodge. After offering some suggestions and giving some instruction in the floor work, &c., we repaired to the church vestry, where a very delicious banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. The books and records of Washburn Lodge are in the hands of that faithful and efficient Secretary, Bro. E. M. HINES. The dues are well collected, and I am glad to report Washburn Lodge in a prosperous condition.

February 18th, I visited Aroostook Lodge at Blaine, and met with a very cordial reception. There was a good attendance, a number of visitors being present. I witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in an excellent manner, all of the officers showing a great deal of interest in the work. The books and records of this lodge are looked after by FAY M. RAMSEY, who makes a very capable Secretary.

April 6th, I visited Caribou Lodge of Caribou. There was a fair attendance. Work was performed in the M. M. degree. As this was the first time the newly elected officers had worked this degree, and being in a strange hall, the work was not up to the standard of this lodge. Caribou was unfortunate in losing its hall by fire and are at present holding meetings in the Odd Fellows' Hall. The books and records of this lodge are well kept, the dues being particularly well collected. We hope before another year to see Caribou Lodge in a new home.

April 19th, I visited Monument Lodge of Houlton, and must say I could not help noting the contrast between the meeting last year and this year. Work was done in the F. C. degree on one candidate; very few present, not all the officers being present to fill their stations. I was greatly disappointed. Last year Monument Lodge did the best work of any lodge in the district.

I have been a regular attendant on practically all the meetings of my home lodge (Eastern Frontier, No. 112) and have witnessed work in all the degrees. The work is always very creditably done, all of the officers showing a great deal of interest in the work and trying hard to have it as near the ritual as possible. The meetings are well attended and a great deal of interest manifested. The books and records of this lodge are in the hands of P. M. W. N. GOULD, who is a very thorough and efficient Secretary, and has done great work in getting back dues collected and the records brought up to a high standard.

I sincerely hope that arrangements can be made to hold a school of instruction in the First District some time during the year. They are very interesting and instructive and produce most profitable results, and we need them.

I am glad to be able to report that Masonry in the First District as a whole is in a prosperous and progressive condition. All the lodges are growing and prospering and the true spirit of Freemasonry is manifest throughout the district.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers and other members of the lodges in the First District for the many kindnesses shown and the friendly manner in which I have been received, and to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I highly appreciate the honor conferred on me as District Deputy Grand Master of the First District, and trust that I have in some degree merited the confidence reposed in me.

Fraternally submitted,

W. S. DAVIDSON, *D. D. G. M. 1st M. D.*

Fort Fairfield, April 28, 1916.

SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

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 year 1915.

Having been appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District by M. W. Grand Master THOMAS H. BODGE, at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, held at Portland on the 4th of May, 1915, I was installed by P. M. THEO. MORRISON at a regular communication of Lewy's Island Lodge held on June 2, 1915.

December 25, 1915, I made my official visit to my home lodge. The work of the lodge is good. I examined the records, etc., and found every

thing in fine condition, the dues are well collected. Refreshments were served after the meeting and a very pleasant evening enjoyed.

W. F. PACKARD, *D. D. G. M., 2d M. D.*

Princeton, January 10, 1916.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

Owing to a vacancy caused by the resignation of D. D. G. M. W. F. PACKARD, I was appointed D. D. G. M. of the Second Masonic District for the balance of the masonic year on January 21, 1916, by M. W. G. M. THOMAS H. BODGE, and installed as such by P. D. D. G. M. ISAAC N. JONES of St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, at Calais, on February 7, 1916, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank Bro. JONES for his courtesy on that occasion.

February 7th, I made my official visitation to St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, and was very cordially received. The officers of St. Croix Lodge are new in their stations and this was the first time the Worshipful Master, JUDGE PICKARD, had occupied the East, but it was easy to see that he intends to keep up to the high standard of work for which St. Croix Lodge is noted.

The E. A. degree was conferred at this meeting and the work was very nicely done. The first lecture was given by the J. W. and S. D., the second lecture by the S. W. and S. D., the third lecture by the W. M., all in a very interesting manner. St. Croix Lodge is wise in retaining P. D. D. G. M. ISAAC N. JONES as Secretary; his books are a model of neatness and the dues are unusually well collected. The financial standing of the lodge is excellent.

February 16th, I made my official visit to Washington Lodge, No. 37, at Lubec, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. As usual, the work was excellent, both the floor work and the ritualistic. Certainly Washington Lodge is to be congratulated on the work which they present. The W. M., HARRY L. WALTON, and the S. D., GEORGE TUCKER, are officers of which the lodge may be justly proud. I examined the books of the Secretary, P. D. D. G. M. CASE, and Treasurer, P. M. MCBRIDE, and found them neatly kept, the dues well collected and the financial condition of the lodge good.

During the past summer Washington Lodge has remodeled and enlarged its hall at a large expense and now have a very desirable and attractive home. They are also doing a good amount of work. After

the work we repaired to the banquet room for cake, ice cream and coffee, and a very social smoke talk. I received a cordial welcome from the brethren, and was most agreeably entertained at the home of the W. M., Bro. WALTON.

February 21st, I made my official visit to Eastern Lodge, No. 7, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. Eastern Lodge has always done good work and this evening it was no exception.

The W. M., Dr. F. R. HOLMES, is young in Masonry, but I am confident that he will do good work. The J. W., Bro. J. P. HUTCHINSON, occupied the East during the work of this degree. He is also doing good work. Eastern Lodge is in a very prosperous condition and should be proud of those who have so ably looked after its financial welfare. P. D. D. G. M. Bro. W. C. HAWKES is Secretary and it is certainly a pleasure to examine his records. After the work we repaired to the banquet room for refreshments. On this visit I was very pleasantly entertained at the home of the W. M., Bro. HOLMES.

March 1st, I visited officially Crescent Lodge, No. 78, at Pembroke. There was no work at this meeting. One petition for the degrees of Masonry was received and others are expected at the next stated. I examined the records. The lodge is in a good condition, and the records are well kept by Bro. E. S. WILBUR.

As I was made a mason in Crescent Lodge, and for the past ten years have been a regular attendant, I feel that I know its conditions, both of working and financial, quite thoroughly. I am much pleased with its present standing. The officers, except the Treasurer and Secretary, are new in their stations and most of them young in Masonry, but are doing good work.

April 13th, I held a Masonic Convention at Eastport, by invitation of Eastern Lodge, No. 7. The day was beautiful and the attendance large, there being two hundred and seventy-five present.

A lodge of M. M. was opened in due form at 3 o'clock by the officers of Eastern Lodge, No. 7, after which labor was suspended in the M. M. degree and a lodge of E. A. opened, waiving ceremony. The officers of St. Croix Lodge then assumed the stations and exemplified the work in the E. A. degree in a most pleasing manner. The first lecture was given by the J. W. and the S. D., the second lecture by the S. W. and the S. D., the third by the W. M., Judge PICKARD. All were very correctly given. The lodge of E. A. was then closed and a lodge of F. C. opened.

The work in the F. C. degree was exemplified by Washington Lodge, No. 37, of Lubec. I think I am justified in saying that the work in this degree was some of the best that we have had at our conventions. The W. M., Bro. WALTON, and the S. D., Bro. TUCKER, certainly do good

work. The lodge of F. C. was then closed and work resumed in the M. M. degree. The lodge was then called from labor to refreshment and the brethren adjourned to the vestry of the Washington Street Baptist Church, where a most delicious banquet was served. The room was very prettily decorated. After the banquet those of the brethren who wished were entertained at the Toy Theatre.

Labor was resumed promptly at 8 o'clock. The officers of Eastern Lodge now resumed their stations and exemplified the work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work of Eastern Lodge has always been good and this was no exception. It is to be congratulated on its officers and work. At the close of the degree work I made a few suggestions, following which were interesting remarks by Bro. HARRIMAN of Meddybemps, P. M. J. M. BECKETT of St. Croix Lodge, and P. D. D. G. M. W. F. BRADISH of Eastern Lodge. As the candidate was a son of Bro. BRADISH, his remarks were particularly interesting. Among other things he said that this was his fifth son to have taken the M. M. degree.

We had with us on this occasion P. S. G. W. JAMES E. PARSONS of Lubec, also P. D. D. G. Ms. BRADISH and HAWKES of Eastern, CASE of Washington, JONES and MANN of St. Croix, and BEST of Crescent, in fact every P. D. D. G. M. of the district except one, Bro. J. F. OLIVER of St. Croix, whose absence was much regretted. There was also eighteen Past Masters, all of which I think speaks well for the interest taken in Masonry in the Second District.

I wish here to express my appreciation of the courteous and hospitable manner in which Eastern Lodge entertained the convention.

The lodges in the Second District are all in a prosperous condition, they have fine officers, do good work, and have been taking in a desirable class of candidates.

I will take this opportunity to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges for the courteous and cordial receptions which have been given me on my official visits, and I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment.

Faternally submitted,

FRED L. GARDNER, *D. D. G. M. 2d M. D.*

Dennysville, April 17, 1916.

THIRD DISTRICT.

To M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I was reappointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Third District at a regular meeting of the Grand Lodge held at Portland in May, 1915, and installed at Addison by Past Master L. H. LACKEE.

October 6th, I attended the school of instruction at Newport. FRANK E. SLEEPER, G. L., presided over the meeting, during which I received very useful instructions. I witnessed the work in the F. C. degree, which was worked by Meridian Splendor Lodge of Newport. This degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner. The M. M. degree was impressively worked by Meridian Lodge of Pittsfield.

November 9th, I made my official visit to Narraguagus Lodge, No. 88, at Cherryfield. The M. M. degree was worked in a very able and impressive manner. I was particularly pleased to see some of the oldest members of the lodge taking part in the exemplification of this degree.

January 18th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Jonesport Lodge at Jonesport. This was a joint installation, the O. E. S. being invited. This meeting was largely attended and much interest shown. After the installation we assembled in the banquet hall, where there awaited a large variety of refreshments.

January 19th, was the date of the installation of Tuscan Lodge at Addison. By a unanimous vote of the lodge I was invited to publicly install the officers of this lodge. There was an unusually large gathering present at this meeting, many coming from the surrounding towns to witness the work. Before the installation a supper was served in the Grange Hall. This is my home lodge and I have visited every meeting it has held this year. I find its records in excellent condition and the dues well collected. The lodge is having its usual amount of work and the meetings are well attended.

January 27th, I made my official visit to Lookout Lodge at Cutler. In the afternoon the lodge worked the F. C. degree on one candidate. This degree was worked in a very excellent manner. In the evening I installed the officers, after which we partook of a bountiful supper. These meetings were well attended and the usual amount of interest shown.

January 28th, by appointment, I made my official visit to Warren Lodge, No. 2, at East Machias. I find this lodge in a very fine hall, and although they are somewhat in debt I find that their meetings are well attended and a large amount of interest shown.

February 28th, I visited Pleiades Lodge at Milbridge. There I witnessed the E. A. and F. C. degrees on two candidates and the M. M. degree on one. The work in these degrees was very impressively exemplified. The new officers of this lodge are doing excellent work and I find the members very interested in the welfare of the lodge. After these meetings a supper was served, which was enjoyed by all.

March 21st, I made my official visit to Jonesport Lodge at Jonesport. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition. It has an excellent hall well furnished, and the brethren are interested in its welfare. At this

meeting I witnessed the M. M. degree. The work was done in a very able and impressive manner by the new officers. After the meeting we enjoyed a fine supper and a social hour.

I have visited every lodge in this district, except Harwood Lodge at Machias, and to the best of my ability I have tried to give the lodges the benefit of the instructions I received at the school of instruction at Newport. I have tried to make the work as near uniform as possible and to create a large amount of interest in the different lodges. The records in all the lodges in this district are well kept and the dues are well collected.

The reason I have not held a convention this year is that there is only one real suitable place to hold such a meeting. This is at Harwood Lodge, No. 91, at Machias.

Last December Harwood Lodge had the misfortune of losing by fire their entire lodge room, together with all their furnishings and paraphernalia. They are just holding their regular meetings and doing the work the best they can under the circumstances. For that reason I did not make an official visit to that lodge.

I wish to thank the officers and members of the different lodges for the courtesy shown me, and to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for my appointment.

Fraternally yours,

WM. C. IRONS, *D. D. G. M. 3d M. D.*

March 27, 1916.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District for the year 1915-16.

December 25th, I attended a joint installation of Bagaduce Lodge at North Brooksville with Bagaduce Lodge of Eastern Star. R. W. Bro. T. A. SMITH installed the officers in his usual able manner. After the installation we repaired to the banquet hall and enjoyed a fine supper, after which we returned to the hall and listened to a fine program. There was a large attendance. We surely had a fine time. This lodge is in a prosperous condition. Records well kept.

January 26th, I made my official visit to Rising Star Lodge at Penobscot, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. The work was well and correctly done. Most of the officers are young men and take great pains to have the work correctly done. The Master lives some five miles from

the lodge, but the records show he was always at his post. The records are neatly kept by Bro. WARDWELL, dues well collected. This is a prosperous lodge.

February 23d, I visited Naskeag Lodge at Brooklin, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on two candidates, which was done in a very able manner, being the first time the Master had worked this degree. The records are neatly and correctly kept by Bro. R. A. FLYE, dues well collected. There is a prosperous future for this lodge.

March 13th, I made my official visit to Eggemoggin Lodge at Sedgwick, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done very correctly. The records are still in the hands of Bro. F. C. ALLEN, dues well collected. A new fire escape has been placed on the hall the past year. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

March 14th, I visited Marine Lodge at Deer Isle, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This is surely a fine working lodge. They have snap and ability combined and take great pride in their lodge, which is the largest in the district. The records finely kept by Bro. M. D. JOYCE, who spares no pains to have them neatly and correctly kept.

March 27th, I visited Ira Berry Lodge at Bluehill. They having no work the E. A. was exemplified with much credit to the officers. Bro. A. C. HINCKLEY still has the records in charge and they surely do him credit. This is a small lodge, but they have a snug little roll in the treasury.

April 6th, I had planned a date with Hancock Lodge at Castine, but the roads being in such a bad condition I was obliged to postpone my visit, much to my regret.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren, each and every one, for making my visits so pleasant. And I also wish to thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor you have conferred upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

JULIAN H. HOOPER, *D. D. G. M. 4th M. D.*
North Sedgwick, April 7, 1916.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

On November the 15th I made my official visit to Penobscot Lodge at

Dexter, two candidates receiving the M. M. degree. The work was done in a very pleasing manner, the officers taking interest to have their work done right, W. M. Bro. SHOFF being very near perfect. Although the weather was bad some thirty or forty were present. I made what corrections I thought were necessary. The dues were well collected, and a fine oyster supper was served at the close.

On January the 15th I inspected work in the M. M. degree at Mt. Kineo Lodge at Guilford. I had previously been invited to install the officers at this meeting. As I did not think it would be possible for me to be present, I asked them to get some one else to install in my place, and if it was so I could come would inspect the work. They invited P. D. D. G. M. HUGHES of Monson to install in my place, and any one who has ever been present to see Bro. HUGHES install knows that the officers of Mt. Kineo Lodge were installed in a very impressive manner. After the new officers were installed they worked the M. M. degree, Bro. DANIELS as Master. His work was almost correct and the other officers exceptionally good. This lodge is in a good financial condition, with the dues well collected. About fifty members being present, and a banquet at the close.

February 25th, I made my official visit to Piscataquis Lodge at Milo, and witnessed work on two candidates in the M. M. degree. The work was well done, and I made what corrections were necessary. After the work I had the pleasure of installing the officers, assisted by Bro. A. E. LEONARD as Marshal. As this was one of the worst nights of this winter only about forty members were present. The prospects of this lodge look good for the coming year, as they have a good set of officers who I know will take great interest in the work. The financial condition of this lodge is good, with dues well collected. This lodge has a fine set of books and are well attended to by Bro. F. E. MONROE. After the work a banquet was served by the ladies of the U. B. Church.

On March 14th, I made my official visit at Columbia Lodge at Greenville, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, the work being well done, the brethren trying hard to be perfect and the floor work being exceptionally good. This lodge has a fine lodge room and well furnished, in a good financial condition; the dues are well collected. After the work a social hour was spent at the banquet. Any one is always made to feel at home in Columbia Lodge.

On March 16th, I made my official visit to Mosaic Lodge at Foxcroft, and witnessed work on two candidates in the M. M. degree. The brethren of this lodge are trying hard to have their work correct, very few corrections being necessary. What few corrections I made were taken in the same spirit that they were given. The books are kept in fine con-

dition under the care of Bro. CROCKER. The financial condition is very good and all the dues well collected. About fifty were present, and a banquet was served at the close.

On March 17th, I made my official visit to Pleasant River Lodge. As this was Past Masters' night and my home lodge, I will neither praise nor criticize, as I have attended a number of times during the year and expect to see work by the new regular officers at the next meeting, where I will make my corrections that I think necessary at that time. The condition of the lodge was good and the books well kept by Bro. H. W. RYDER, the dues fairly well collected. One of the beautiful things of the evening was P. D. D. G. M. E. M. JOHNSTON read the first ten years of the lodge history, which was followed closely by all the members present, and greatly enjoyed by all. Baked bean and pastry supper at the close.

On March 18th, I made my official visit to Composite Lodge at La Grange, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree and also the M. M. degree on two candidates. An unusual feature and a pleasing one was that the acting Senior Deacon was the father of the two candidates, who were twins. The work was well done, the W. M. being almost perfect. Bro. CREHORE holds the important office of Secretary and his books are neat and well kept. The dues are well collected and the lodge in good financial condition. There was a banquet at the close.

On March 20th, I made my official visit to Abner Wade Lodge at Sangerville, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. It being a very cold night few were present. The work was nicely done. Bro. BAILLIE in the East made a good presiding officer. The financial condition of this lodge is good and the dues well collected. Books are neat and well kept under the skillful care of Bro. O. D. CARR. After the work was finished a social hour was spent at a banquet.

I have been unable to visit Doric Lodge at Monson. This lodge has not done much work the past year, but from reports and knowing that this lodge has P. D. D. G. M. HUGHES with them, I feel safe to say that this lodge is in good shape. I was invited to install the officers of this lodge jointly with the Eastern Star on January 31st, and accepted the invitation, but circumstances prevented me from being present, very much to my regret.

In closing would say that the lodges in this district are in good condition, the records of all the lodges are well kept, and the dues well collected. All the Secretaries were prompt in preparing their reports, and payment of the Grand Lodge dues was good.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of the lodges of this district for the courteous treatment that they gave me, and to you, Most

Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me your representative in the Fifth Masonic District.

Fraternally submitted,

ERWIN G. RYDER, *D. D. G. M. 5th M. D.*

Brownville Junction, March 30, 1916.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge I was re-appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixth Masonic District.

Friday evening, June 11, 1915, I inspected work in the M. M. degree at Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, Bangor. The work was up to the high standard maintained by this lodge, and the records, as kept by P. M. H. W. LIBBY in his usual efficient manner, showed the lodge to be in a prosperous condition.

Wednesday evening, November 17th, I inspected work in the M. M. degree by Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137, Kenduskeag. The work was well done and very few corrections were necessary. Their records are neatly and accurately kept by P. M. F. E. HARVEY.

Wednesday evening, December 1st, I inspected work in the M. M. degree by Mechanics' Lodge, No. 66, Orono. The work was exceptionally well done, the ritual work of W. M. HANSON being as nearly perfect as any I have ever witnessed. Bro. DURGIN continues to look after the records and accounts of the lodge in his well known capable manner, and his long and faithful service to the lodge is appreciated by all its members.

Tuesday evening, December 14th, I inspected work in the M. M. degree by Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, Bangor. The work was well done with few corrections necessary. R. W. F. J. COLE continues his efficient work as Secretary and his assistance is justly appreciated by the lodge.

Thursday evening, December 16th, I visited Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, Charleston, and inspected work in the F. C. degree. The few corrections necessary were well received by the officers and members, all of whom are working faithfully for the good of their lodge. The records, as kept by P. M. WEYMOUTH, are models of accuracy and neatness.

Thursday evening, December 30th, I inspected work in the M. M. degree by Mystic Lodge, No. 65, Hampden. The work was very well done, with few corrections necessary. The lodge is in a prosperous condition

and the records as kept by W. N. TRIBOU in a careful and neat manner show it to be gaining in membership.

Friday evening, December 31st, I installed the officers of Howard Lodge, No. 69, Winterport, assisted by Rev. Bro. LOCKHART as Chaplain and P. M. GLIDDEN as Marshal.

Saturday evening, January 8, 1916, I installed the officers of Mystic Lodge, No. 65, Hampden, assisted by Rev. Bro. LEWIS as Chaplain and Bro. POMEROY as Marshal.

Tuesday, October 5, 1915, I attended the school of instruction held by R. W. Bro. SLEEPER at Newport.

Thursday evening, January 13th, I installed the officers of Mechanics' Lodge, No. 66, Orono, assisted by Rev. Bro. WHITE as Chaplain and P. M. SHAW as Marshal.

Wednesday evening, January 19th, I installed the officers of Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137, Kenduskeag, assisted by Bro. HARVEY as Chaplain and P. M. NASON as Marshal.

Thursday evening, January 20th, I installed the officers of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, Charleston, assisted by Rev. Bro. LEWIS as Chaplain and P. M. WEYMOUTH as Marshal.

Tuesday evening, January 25th, I installed the officers of Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, Bangor, assisted by Rev. Bro. GAMBLE as Chaplain and P. M. COLLAMORE as Marshal.

Friday evening, January 28th, I installed the officers of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, Bangor, assisted by Bro. BARROWS as Chaplain and P. M. WEEKS as Marshal.

Wednesday evening, February 16th, I inspected work in the E. A. degree by Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, Carmel. Few corrections were necessary and a great deal of interest is taken by officers and members. Ill health has caused the retirement of Bro. JOHNSON from the position of Secretary, which he held for many years. The work of this office is well cared for by P. M. SMITH, who is giving careful attention to it.

Monday evening, February 21st, I inspected work in the F. C. degree by Star in the East Lodge, No. 60, Oldtown. I have seldom had the pleasure of witnessing work in this degree rendered in as perfect a manner. This lodge is now occupying its new hall in the building built by it. The courage and progressiveness of the members of Star in the East Lodge is shown by the beautiful building they have erected for the use of the fraternity. The records as kept by P. M. MERRILL were in very good condition.

Friday evening, March 10th, I inspected work in the E. A. degree by Howard Lodge, No. 69, Winterport. The character of the work showed that careful attention had been given to it. A great deal of interest is

taken in this lodge by its officers and members, the result of which is shown by the progress that is being made. The records as kept by Bro. MORGAN were in good condition.

Saturday evening, March 18th, I visited Lynde Lodge, No. 174, Hermon, and as no candidate was available for work, a pleasant and profitable evening was spent in going over the ritual work. I have been present at this lodge during the past year and know that the work is well done. The records as kept by Bro. COX are in good condition.

From the report of work you will note that the lodges of the Sixth District are steadily gaining in membership, and I am pleased to be able to report that they are also in a prosperous condition. Careful attention is being given to the ritual work in all of the lodges, and I have everywhere met with a courteous and cordial reception by the officers and members of the various lodges, which has made my work of the past year a deep and genuine personal pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH W. MOORE, *D. D. G. M. 6th M. D.*

Hampden, March 19, 1916.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

Not being present at the Grand Lodge at the time of my appointment and the installation of the Grand Officers, I later presented myself before M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE, Grand Master, who duly installed me into office.

October 16th, by invitation, I went to Searsmont, accompanied by Bro. C. A. PINKHAM, W. M. of Central Lodge, where I publicly installed the officers of Quantabacook Lodge. It was a large and representative gathering of members, their wives, sisters and daughters, also many visitors from out as well as in the state. It was indeed a very pleasant occasion. After the installation a fine musical and literary program was furnished, at the close of which all repaired to the banquet hall, where a fine chicken supper was partaken of. We were entertained during the night at the pleasant home of W. M. FRED E. MILLER. Bro. MILLER informed me that the officers are quite proficient in their ritual and was prepared for work, which later on they had. I was unable to meet with them to in-

spect work owing to the bad condition of the roads. Financial condition good.

October 20th, I attended the school of instruction held by R. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, in the city of Augusta. Much credit is due the brethren of Augusta and Bethlehem Lodges for the many courtesies extended, and the fine dinner served.

October 30th, I journeyed to Liberty after a hard rain and through a quantity of mud, where in the evening Liberty Lodge presented work in the M. M. degree, and it was done in a very creditable manner, which convinced me that the officers had given much thought and study, both to ritual and floor work. The records in the hands of Bro. GREELY are well kept. Dues well collected and financial condition good. Only a few corrections were found necessary. Some points in the other degrees were taken up and such information as was desired was freely given. At the close the large number present sat down to a fine baked bean supper.

November 18th, visited Unity Lodge, Thorndike, accompanied by three brethren of Central Lodge, where I installed the officers and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. The attendance was small and many of the regular officers absent, their places being filled by those who were willing to do their part as best they could. Although laboring under disadvantages the degree was worked as well as could be expected, the W. M. being much interested and well posted. The records in the hands of P. D. D. G. M. A. W. WARD are well cared for. Light refreshments were served at the close and a social hour enjoyed.

February 16th, I visited Marsh River Lodge, Brooks, work being in the E. A. degree, which was very well executed, considering that several officers were filling their respective stations for the first time. Their zeal for the institution and desire to become proficient, both in floor and ritual work, was very noticeable. It was a pleasant duty for me to give them such assistance as they needed, and which they were glad to receive. Records in custody of Bro. ROBERTS in good shape. I recommended that the lodge take some action regarding the collection of dues, as many were several years in arrears. A fine oyster supper was served at the close.

February 17th, returning from Marsh River Lodge, Brooks, I stopped at Clinton, where in the evening I visited Seabastcook Lodge. The E. A. degree was worked in fine shape, but few minor errors appearing. Officers and members alike are interested. This is the largest lodge in the district, and the hall was well filled at the time of my visit. Records and financial condition good.

Central Lodge being my masonic home, I have been able to attend nearly all the meetings and witnessed work in all the degrees, and from

time to time assisted and given such instructions as were necessary. This lodge has been and is at the present time doing work. Records and financial condition of Central Lodge in good shape.

I have been unable to visit officially Quantabacook and Star in the West Lodges.

Permit me, Most Worshipful, to express to you my high appreciation of the honor conferred upon me, and to the brethren of the several lodges my sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES W. JONES, *D. D. G. M. 7th M. D.*

China, April 22, 1916.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

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 Eighth Masonic District for the year 1915-16.

May 13, 1915, I attended with several brothers the fiftieth anniversary of Timothy Chase Lodge, which was held at Masonic Hall, Belfast. This was a grand success.

Program. Ten o'clock, Reception. Twelve o'clock, Lunch. 1:30 P. M., Anniversary Exercises. Quartet, "Lead Kindly Light." Prayer, Rev. ARTHUR WILSON. Address of Welcome, Rev. ARTHUR A. BLAIR. Quartet, "Hail Here Lord and Leader." History of Timothy Chase Lodge, S. AUGUSTUS PARKER. Quartet, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." Address, M. W. Rev. ASHLEY A. SMITH. Closing, "Auld Lang Syne." W. G. HASELTINE, 1st Tenor; F. R. KEEN, 2d Tenor; A. P. GOODHUE, 1st Bass; L. A. HAMMONS, 2d Bass.

I wish to say that we had the pleasure of our Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine with us that evening.

I attended the school of instruction at Augusta with Bro. WARREN A. PITCHER, Master of King David's Lodge. It was a rainy day. We reached Augusta at 10 A. M. Although the traveling was bad, I felt fully repaid for attending.

January 31, 1916, by invitation, I made my official visit to Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, Belfast, and it was with pleasure that I witnessed the work in the M. M. degree on two candidates, with about one hundred members and visitors from several lodges. The ritual and floor work was without a doubt as near perfect as possible. The records are in the hands of our worthy Bro. CLIFFORD J. PATTEE and are in the best of

condition. A fine banquet was served at 6:30 o'clock by the ladies of the O. E. S. This lodge has a fine hall and with one of the best club rooms in the state.

February 16th, by invitation, I made my official visit to Pownal Lodge, No. 119, Stockton Springs, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree, which was rendered in a most satisfactory and pleasing manner. There was a large attendance of the brethren, also visitors from King David's and Mariners' Lodges. We examined the records and found them in first class condition in the hands of Bro. LINCOLN GARDINER, which speaks well for the lodge. After the meeting we retired to the banquet hall and all partook of a fine supper.

April 6th, by invitation, I made my official visit to Island Lodge, No. 89, Islesboro. There was a very large attendance. The work was in the M. M. degree upon one candidate and was rendered in a most pleasing manner, after which we retired to the banquet hall, where we partook of one of Islesboro's famous suppers. The records are in fine condition. This lodge is to be congratulated on having such able officers.

April 11th, I made my official visit with King David's Lodge, No. 62, Lincolnville. This is my home lodge. The work was exemplified in the F. C. degree, which was done in a most able and pleasing manner. This lodge is in good financial condition and the records in the hands of P. M. Bro. ROBIE AMES, which speaks well for the lodge.

April 13th, by invitation, I made my official visit to Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126, Belfast. With a very large attendance witnessed the work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The ritual and floor work was as near perfect as one would wish to see. This lodge is to be congratulated on its grand work. The records in the hands of Bro. CHARLES E. JOHNSON, who has been Secretary for about twenty-five years, need no criticism. This lodge and Phoenix occupy the same lodge and club rooms. A fine banquet was served at 6:30 by the ladies of the O. E. S. There were visitors from several lodges and all were most royally entertained.

April 18th, by invitation, I made my official visit with Mariners' Lodge, No. 68, Searsport. The work was in the M. M. degree on one candidate, which was rendered in a very able and pleasing manner by the young officers, who deserve great praise. On account of a heavy storm, the attendance was not as large as usual. We had the pleasure of meeting P. D. D. G. M. JAMES E. WENTWORTH. The records are in the hands of a very able brother, HARRY E. BANGS, and need no criticism. After the work a fine banquet was served.

April 19th, I made my official visit to Excelsior Lodge, No. 151, Northport. This lodge is doing very good work. As there was not very many

brethren present, on account of the bad traveling, I gave them some few instructions, after which the lodge was closed, and we retired to the banquet hall, where refreshments were served. This lodge owns their hall, and are in good financial condition.

In closing I wish to say that I have visited officially every lodge in the district at least once, and witnessed work in the same.

I have allowed each Master to arrange a date that would be the most convenient to his lodge and have responded to the best of my ability.

The standing of the lodges throughout the district is high. The officers are to be congratulated on their good work. The dues are well collected, and peace and harmony prevail.

I desire to express to the officers and members of the several lodges my appreciation of the many courtesies extended to me during the past two years on my several visits, and to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me your representative in the Eighth Masonic District.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD GOODWIN, *D. D. G. M., 8th M. D.*

Lincolnville, April 20, 1916.

NINTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

October 16th, I was present and assisted at the laying of the cornerstone of Watts Block in Thomaston by the Grand Lodge of Maine. The occasion was a very pleasant one and afforded an opportunity to renew old acquaintances.

The citizens of Thomaston are to be congratulated upon their magnificent town hall, erected to replace the one destroyed by fire earlier in the season.

October 20th, I attended the school of instruction held in the Masonic Temple, Augusta, by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. There was a large attendance of District Deputies and brethren. The ritual was recited and many questions asked and answered, the brethren evincing great interest in the school and it must have been productive of much good. The brethren of Augusta entertained with a lavish hand

and in the evening Augusta Lodge worked the third degree in an almost faultless manner.

November 8th, I publicly installed the officers elect of St. George Lodge, No. 16, at Warren, assisted by Wor. N. B. EASTMAN as Marshal and Rev. Bro. BURGH as Chaplain. Banquet, remarks and good music were features.

December 8th, I called a convention of the lodges composing the Ninth Masonic District at the Masonic Temple, Rockland.

The register showed 322 in attendance, representing 29 lodges, including every lodge in the Ninth District. Towns outside of the district represented were: Lincolnville, McKinley, Stonington, Waldoboro, Friendship, Machias, Lewiston, Gardiner, Presque Isle, Unity, Litchfield, Carmel, Ellsworth, Turner and Auburn in this jurisdiction, Quincy, Mass., Baltimore, Md., and Shanghai, China.

Two D. D. G. Ms., 8th and 9th Districts, eight P. D. D. G. Ms., nine Wor. Masters and forty-two Past Masters. Included in the above was P. M. GEORGE W. GLOVER of Amity, No. 6, at Camden, 88 years of age, raised in Amity Lodge in 1849, Wor. Master in 1856, and claiming to be the oldest living P. M. in Maine.

The attendance exceeded that of last year when we held our first convention. Expenses assessed pro rata among the lodges of the district.

The convention was called to order at 3 P. M. The officers of St. George Lodge, No. 16, at Warren, Wor. CHESTER B. HALL, Master, were invited to open a lodge of Entered Apprentices, which they did, and then conferred the degree. The work was done in a manner to call forth words of praise from all present. The committee appointed to follow the work found little use for their pencils. Wor. EMIL F. WITTEN of Rockland Lodge, No. 79, kindly furnished the candidate, Mr. HAROLD L. KARL of Sao Paulo, Brazil, who was on a vacation trip to his home in Rockland.

The officers of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, at Rockport, Wor. CHARLES E. RHODES, Master, then occupied the stations and opened a lodge of Fellow Crafts, passing the same candidate to the degree of a Fellow Craft. As in the preceding degree, the work of the officers left little chance for the critics.

The convention was then called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 in the evening.

During the intermission Golden Rod Chapter, No. 8, O. E. S., furnished a splendid banquet at which time the brethren exhibited more of their skill.

At 7:30 work was resumed with Wor. CHARLES R. CROWLEY and the officers of Knox Lodge, No. 189, of So. Thomaston, in the chairs. They proceeded to open a Master Mason's Lodge and conferred the degree

upon ADELBERT H. FOWLIE, another candidate furnished by W. M. WITTEN of Rockland Lodge. The work of W. M. CROWLEY and his officers was fine, and a fitting accompaniment to the work of the other lodges in the afternoon. The convention was a decided success and at the close the brethren voted unanimously to make them a permanent feature in the district.

After a practical demonstration for two years in this district, I would cheerfully recommend the system to the other districts in the state, as doing very much toward securing uniformity in the work throughout the state.

December 30th, I publicly installed the officers of Union Lodge, No. 31, at Union. Speeches from some of the brethren and clergymen present, a good musical program and a fine banquet at the close all tended to make it an enjoyable occasion.

January 18th, assisted by Wor. JAMES A. RICHAN as Marshal and Wor. HARRY L. RICHARDS as Chaplain, I installed the officers elect of Rockland Lodge, No. 79, at a public installation in the Masonic Temple. A large audience was present, Marston's orchestra furnished music, and dainty refreshments consisting of fruit punch, fancy crackers, cake and candy were served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

January 24th, I made my official visit to Orient Lodge, No. 15, at Thomaston, and witnessed work in the Master Mason degree. The new officers had only been installed into their stations five days, yet their work was that of veterans. A very few errors were noted; attention called to the same, the officers all showing a disposition to have the work right. Records still in the hands of Bro. ELLIOT and are O. K. There was a good attendance and I again had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. BRACKETT, who is a member of Orient.

February 11th, found me at Camden on an official visit to Amity Lodge, No. 6, the oldest lodge in the district. I was accompanied by several of the brethren of my own lodge. There was a large attendance of the brethren, including delegations from King David's Lodge at Lincolnville and St. Paul's Lodge at Rockport. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. EDWARD GOODWIN, D. D. G. M. of the Eighth District, R. W. LESLIE D. AMES, P. D. D. G. M. of the same district, R. W. LEANDER M. KENNISTON, P. S. G. W., and R. W. CHARLES WILSON, P. D. D. G. M. of the Ninth District, the two latter being members of Amity.

Work was presented in the Master Mason degree and was finely rendered. Wor. Bro. WILLARD B. LONG is to be congratulated upon his fine staff of officers. The Deputy looked very hard for something with which he could find fault but practically had to give it up. Records still

in the hands of Bro. M. T. CRAWFORD and are models of neatness and correct detail. Financial conditions about as reported last year.

February 28th, at the invitation of the Wor. Master, I visited St. George Lodge, No. 16, at Warren. There was a large attendance of the brethren and visitors, including about twenty members from Orient, No. 15, at Thomaston. The work presented was in the Master Mason's degree, and I am frank to say that I have never seen it rendered more impressively, and the ritual was very closely followed. Records in the hands of Bro. WILLIAM L. LAWRY are finely kept and a credit to the lodge. Dues somewhat behind, but efforts are being made to have them collected up more closely. The brethren own their hall and are very comfortably situated. I again had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. G. D. GOULD, who was D. D. G. M. and inspected work in my lodge during the two years I served as Master. Interesting remarks were made by Rev. Bros. HUTCHINGS of Rabboni, No. 150, BURGH of Benevolent, No. 87, SARGENT of Nezinscot, No. 101, and others. At the close refreshments were served in the banquet hall.

March 2d, was the date of my inspection of Eurkea Lodge, No. 84, at Tenant's Harbor. There was a fair attendance of the brethren and a very pleasant evening was spent in their company. This lodge has had a large amount of work during the past year, but at the time of my visit had no available candidate, and at my request the W. M. kindly exemplified the E. A. degree in a very satisfactory manner. I made such corrections and suggestions as I deemed necessary, the brethren all seeming anxious to have the work right. Records still in the hands of Bro. ELMER E. ALLEN, which is a sufficient guarantee as to their being O. K. Masonic block is owned by the lodge and all indebtedness paid. Dues well collected. Conferred the Past Master's degree upon Wor. CHARLES D. NORTH. At the close refreshments were served.

March 13th, at the request of Wor. CHARLES E. RHODES, I visited St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, at Rockport, and witnessed work in the Master Mason's degree. The work was performed in a very satisfactory manner and very few corrections were needed. This lodge is enjoying a season of prosperity; one candidate being raised at this meeting, two more to be raised at the next, and eight applications in hand. Financial conditions first class; a substantial reduction of the indebtedness upon their new hall during the past year and dues well collected. Records in the hands of Bro. C. W. STEWARD carefully and correctly kept. Refreshments served after the work. I was accompanied by several of the brethren from Aurora and Rockland Lodges. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. ENOS INGRAHAM, P. D. D. G. M., whose masonic home is St. Paul's Lodge.

March 14th, I was present at the regular meeting of Moses Webster Lodge, No. 145, at Vinalhaven. Wor. Master MARK P. SMITH had arranged for me to visit them officially on the evening of March 7th, when they had work on the Master Mason's degree and two candidates were raised. A violent snow storm prevailing, the boat made no trip to the island and I had to forego the pleasure of witnessing actual work at this time. I was met on my arrival by Bro. F. L. ROBERTS, Secretary, and escorted to the hotel. The Wor. Master, Bro. SMITH, came to the hotel and accompanied me to the hall in the evening. Bro. SMITH has been in poor health about all of the winter and did not feel able to stay during the evening. This was a matter of regret to me, as after witnessing his fine work last year, I had looked forward with pleasure to a repetition of the same. He left the lodge in good hands, however, Bro. KESSEL, Past Master, assuming the East, conducting the business of a regular meeting and exemplifying the work of the Master Mason's degree in a manner showing that he had not forgotten the lessons he had learned some time ago. He was well supported by the other regular officers. Work very close to the ritual. Records still in the hands of Bro. ROBERTS. He has installed a new loose leaf record book during the past year and the records, all type written, are models of neatness and accuracy. Finances in fine shape and dues very closely collected. Delicious clam stew was served in the banquet hall after closing. I again found R. W. CLAES E. BOMAN, P. D. D. G. M., in attendance, as ever deeply interested in the work. The return to Rockland the next morning in a driving northeast snow storm was over an extremely "rough road," but we weathered it all right. This particular piece of thoroughfare between Rockland and Vinalhaven needs attention from the State Highway Commission, so that it will not be a constant dread to the visiting officers of the various masonic bodies located in this hospitable island town.

March 25th, I officially visited Knox Lodge, No. 189, at So. Thomaston. There was a goodly attendance of the brethren, notwithstanding the almost impassable condition of the roads, many coming from remote sections of the town. The work presented was in the Entered Apprentice degree, the first work of the new board of officers. Wor. Master BASSICK's work was very close to the ritual and he was well supported by his officers. What few corrections were needed were received in the right spirit, the brethren evincing a disposition to thoroughly understand the work and have it right. Records in the hands of R. W. Bro. W. S. CLARKE correctly kept and dues well collected. General conditions are good. Refreshments served at the close of the lodge and a social hour enjoyed.

March 28th, I visited Rockland Lodge, No. 79, at Rockland, and wit-

nessed work in the Master Mason's degree upon two candidates, which was rendered very correctly and impressively. Bro. KELLER, the Master of the lodge, is thoroughly devoted to his work, and renders it so impressively and with such earnestness that he inspires the other officers, and the candidate who receives the degrees under him will surely understand the true principles of Masonry and be favorably impressed with the fraternity. Very few corrections needed. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition, having done the most work of any lodge in the district during the past year. Financial conditions are the best in years and the dues are very closely collected. The records are still in the hands of R. W. Bro. ALBERT I. MATHER, which is a sufficient guarantee that they are O. K. Attention was called to the matter of Lodge History, which has never been written. Nearly 200 brethren were in attendance, Orient Lodge of Thomaston and Knox Lodge of So. Thomaston being the special guests of the evening. Many other lodges were represented. R. W. Bros. ARTHUR S. LITTLEFIELD of the Ninth, and LESLIE D. AMES of the Eighth Districts, P. D. D. G. Ms., were numbered among the guests. Fine banquet served after the work.

March 30th, at the invitation of the Wor. Master, Bro. RALPH B. LEWIS, I made my official visit to Union Lodge, No. 31, at Union. I had made two previous appointments to visit this lodge but severe snow storms and blocked roads prevented me from being present, and at this time the condition of the roads made it anything but a pleasure trip. The work was on the Fellow Craft degree and was well rendered, considering that this was the first time the officers had worked the degree. The candidate was brought into the lodge room and made to show that he had acquired sufficient proficiency in the preceding degree before being passed. Records still in the hands of that veteran Secretary, Bro. CHARLES M. LUCAS. Dues very well collected and financial conditions O. K. Refreshments served at the close.

April 5th, I was present at the regular meeting of Aurora Lodge, No. 50, at Rockland, in my official capacity. This is my masonic home and as I had been present at every meeting, save one, during the past year, I had not deemed an official visit necessary, but the Wor. Master, Bro. MILTON W. WEYMOUTH, wished the work of his lodge inspected and arranged to have it done at this time. There was a large attendance of the brethren, about every lodge in the vicinity being represented, R. W. ARTHUR S. LITTLEFIELD, P. D. D. G. M. of the Ninth District, being among those present. Work was presented in the Master Mason degree and was fairly well done. The work should be rehearsed more frequently in order to obtain the best results. A quartet and stereoptican slides added to the beauty of the work. The lodge has not had the usual amount of

work this year, but four applications were accepted at this meeting and future conditions look bright. Wor. Bro. L. S. ROBINSON still continues as Secretary and the records are in fine shape, dues fairly well collected. Financial conditions good, about the same as last year. Attention called to the Lodge History, which has never been written. Banquet.

I have delayed my report until this late day in the expectation of being able to visit, officially, Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 203, at Washington, the only lodge in the district that I have not been able to visit. I have had three dates set for inspection, but severe storms, sickness, and the almost impassable condition of the roads on the dates set have all contributed to my failure to connect, and I will not hold up my report longer. I have seen the Secretary, Bro. SPRAGUE, recently and talked with him, and he assures me that the future looks bright for Mt. Olivet.

In closing this, my second annual report, I would impress upon all the lodges to collect your dues promptly, thereby avoiding suspensions; see that all candidates for advancement are made to show suitable proficiency; commence your meetings promptly; avoid late hours; and see that the "stranger within your gates" is accorded a hearty welcome.

I have issued Past Master's diplomas to those entitled.

In conclusion, I wish to return my sincere thanks to the officers and members of the lodges composing the Ninth Masonic District for the cordial greeting and hospitality accorded me as your representative during the past year, and particularly do I wish to thank the officers of St. George, St. Paul's and Knox Lodges for their prompt response to my call for assistance at the Masonic Convention, and to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of this, my second appointment, as District Deputy Grand Master for the Ninth Masonic District.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBERT H. NEWBERT, *D. D. G. M. 9th M. D.*

Rockland, April 18, 1916.

TENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

October 20th, I attended the lodge of instruction held at Augusta by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER. The attendance was large. A very

APPENDIX

Report on Correspondence

1920

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of the State of Maine:*

The Committee on Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report:

ALABAMA, 1919.

The Ninety-ninth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 558; number in membership, 37,217; cash on hand, \$20,821.33.

Three hundred eighty-nine lodges were represented; six Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent. M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert S. Teague, in the introduction to his address discusses the great unrest arising from the basis of the World's war to the basis of peace, and intimates that Masonry has not in the past done its whole duty for the betterment of the world, and ought now to be actively engaged in making "our Ideals become the World's Ideals."

The Grand Master decided:

"When a Master Mason's daughter marries a profane she loses rights as a daughter of a Master Mason and the death of her husband does not restore said rights."

but the Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve it saying:

"There may be circumstances under which the daughter of a Master Mason may lose her Masonic relation for certain purposes when she marries a profane, but we do not see that any general rule can be laid down as to when she does, or does not, lose this relation."

Eight dispensations were issued for new lodges; three lodges reinstated; and dispensations were granted for many purposes, among which were two "permitting a Past Master of the lodge to open same during the absence of the Master and both wardens." The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the act was an error but that the Grand Master evidently meant to *deputize* the Past Master which would have been the correct method. Four corner stones were laid. The Masonic Home was reported to be "full to overflowing" and another cottage is needed for the accommodation of those who require assistance.

in the hands of Bro. TURNER are the finest kept in the district and the dues well collected. Supper was served after the meeting.

March 16th, I made my visit to Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, Wiscasset, and witnessed work in the F. C. and M. M. degrees, which was well done. This lodge is in good condition, and in the hands of W. M. C. S. SEWELL, its prospects look good. The records are still in the hands of Bro. PATTERSON, which is all that is necessary to say.

March 17th, I made my visit to King Solomon's Lodge, No. 61, Waldoboro, where the M. M. degree was conferred in a very dignified and impressive manner. The attendance was large, including three P. D. D. G. Ms., all of King Solomon's Lodge, also a number of visitors. I received a very cordial reception, and had one of the most pleasant evenings of my masonic life. The records in the hands of Bro. MATTHEWS are well and neatly kept. Dues well collected.

March 20th, accompanied by P. M. ELIPHALET GAMAGE of Anchor Lodge, I made my visit to Bristol Lodge, No. 74, Bristol Mills. On account of a snow storm which blocked the roads, not a very large attendance was present. The E. A. degree was exemplified, P. D. D. G. M. HUNTER being the candidate. The work was done in a manner that convinced me that the reputation of Bristol Lodge will be carried out. Bro. E. J. ERVINE has been Secretary for 33 years and his books are the neatest and best kept in the district. In all the long years he has been Secretary, not a blot, an erased word or a blotch mars his books. Dues well collected.

On account of severe storms and almost impassable roads on the dates I had made arrangements to meet with Riverside Lodge and Dresden Lodge, I was unable to fulfill them. However, I can report both of these lodges in good shape and not in need of a visit from me.

Bay View Lodge, No. 196, my own lodge, I have not visited officially, but the officers have the ritual well in hand. Harmony prevails.

In closing, I wish to mention the most courteous manner in which I have been received in all the lodges, every effort being made to place work and record at my service. I can with pleasure report that peace and harmony prevails in the Tenth District and all is well.

Thanking you for the honor of my appointment, and with the hope that my duties have been satisfactorily completed, I am,

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

VICTOR K. MONTGOMERY, *D. D. G. M. 10th M. D.*

East Boothbay, April 3, 1916.

ciate the fact that the past four years have brought forth problems which have seriously affected the attendance in our Lodges we would suggest that the Master and Officers of each Lodge renew their efforts to make the Lodges of so much interest that the average attendance will be greatly increased this year. We would like to recommend that our Lodges take a more active interest in local charities which are not necessarily confined to the Craft.

"We would direct the attention of all Masters and Past Masters of our jurisdiction to clause 151 of the Constitution which provides that no brother shall be installed Master of a Lodge unless the examining Board reports in writing that he can confer the three degrees of Masonry and is familiar with the duties of Master of a Lodge."

When the Grand Lodge was at refreshment a memorial service in the memory of the Brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta who died for the King and country was held. The wives and relatives of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge were in attendance.

A large amount of business was done.

Bro. H. Darling presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine does not appear to have been received.

ARIZONA, 1919.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 26; number in membership, 3,366.

Cash on hand, \$4,287.15. Total amount of all funds, \$62,858.46.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present; twenty lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edwin A. Hughes, was absent because of illness but his address was delivered.

After the tribute of respect to the dead, he says:

"The general condition of Masonry in Arizona continues to be prosperous and the gain in membership is still rapid."

One lodge was constituted.

He decided

"That if a dimitted Mason is eligible for affiliation before recognition is granted to his Grand Lodge, he is eligible after such recognition is withdrawn."

"That a Lodge cannot receive a petition for the degrees, unless the applicant is twenty-one years old *at the time of the presentation of the petition.*"

The Masonic Home Endowment Fund did not increase during the year as much as it was expected.

A skeleton or outline was presented by the Committee on History to enable lodges to prepare their history.

The Masonic Service Association of the United States was endorsed, so likewise was the Masonic Overseas Mission.

The Committee on Jurisprudence expressed its opinion as follows:

"Your committee has duly considered and given weight to 'this war business' to 'unexpected and undreamt-of circumstances,' but we do

BETHLEHEM LODGE, NO. 35, AUGUSTA. I officially visited this lodge November 23d. This was a special communication and work was in the M. M. degree. I expected to see work of a high standard of excellence, as I had the pleasure of witnessing the work of Wor. Bro. JOHN C. ARNOLD and his officers at the last session of the Grand Lodge, and I was not disappointed. The officers evidently take pride in doing fine work and their returns show the largest amount of work of any lodge in the district for the past year. Records in fine shape and dues well collected. A fine banquet followed the work.

MORNING STAR LODGE, NO. 41, LITCHFIELD. October 26th, I publicly installed the officers of this, my home lodge, assisted by Bro. JAMES A. CHASE as Chaplain and R. W. Bro. H. M. STARBIRD as Marshal. The hall was well filled with masons and their guests. The ceremony was interspersed with singing and readings, and a fine supper in charge of the ladies of the Eastern Star was served at the close. I am pleased to report that we have had a fair amount of work and as ever, the officers take pride in doing their work well. The records in the hands of Bro. R. S. BOSWORTH are in fine shape and the financial condition of the lodge is first class.

DIRIGO LODGE, NO. 104, WEEKS' MILLS. I made my official visit to this lodge on February 14th. The evening was particularly cold and rough, but the attendance was fair and a good degree of interest was manifested. This lodge has had no work during the past year, yet the work of the M. M. degree was exemplified in a very commendable manner. The records are in fine shape and the dues are fairly well collected, Wor. Bro. SPROUL still having them in charge. A fine oyster stew was served at the close.

MONMOUTH LODGE, NO. 110, MONMOUTH. On October 16th, by invitation, I publicly installed the officers, assisted by Rev. Bro. C. L. BANGHEART as Chaplain and Wor. Bro. WILLARD E. DAY as Marshal. A fine program of music and readings was much enjoyed, and refreshments were served at the close.

March 25th, was the date of my official visit. This was a special communication and work in the E. A. degree was exemplified in a pleasing manner, a volunteer candidate being used. Wor. Bro. WILLARD E. DAY and his officers are sustaining the reputation of this lodge for good work, and Bro. OTIS G. RANDALL presents a neat and comprehensive set of records and evidence of dues well collected. A fine oyster supper and social hour closed a very pleasant evening.

ANGUSTA LODGE, NO. 141, AUGUSTA. Assisted by the several visiting deputies I officially inspected the work of this lodge on the evening

of October 20th, following the lodge of instruction, as noted elsewhere in this report. One hundred and eighty brethren, representing forty-six lodges, gave close attention to Wor. Bro. CALLAGHAN and his officers in the impressive work of the M. M. degree. Records well kept and dues well collected. A fine banquet was served.

January 25th, by invitation, I installed the officers. The installation was private, and I was assisted by Wor. Bro. HENRY E. DUNNACK, Grand Chaplain and Wor. Bro. LEWIS A. BURLEIGH as Marshal. Refreshments were served at the close.

The general condition within this district continues to be very gratifying. The returns show a net gain in membership of nearly fifty. The interest throughout the district is excellent, and harmony prevails.

In closing I wish to thank the brethren for the many courtesies that have made my visits so pleasant, and you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of the appointment.

Faternally submitted,

W. LESLIE MALOON, *D. D. G. M., 11th M. D.*

Bowdoin, April 27, 1916.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor of submitting my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twelfth Masonic District for the past year.

I was installed at a stated meeting of Waterville Lodge, No. 33, on May 10, 1915, by Wor. Bro. CHARLES L. JONES, Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

On October 13th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54, at North Vassalboro, assisted by Wor. Bro. HAROLD L. PEPPER and Wor. Bro. C. E. B. WALKER of Waterville Lodge. The installation was public, and followed by a short musical program and a banquet, which was much enjoyed by all.

By invitation, I installed the officers of Rural Lodge, No. 53, at Sidney, on October 16th, assisted by Wor. Bro. JOHN H. BURLEIGH of Waterville Lodge and Wor. Bro. ADELBERT BAILEY of Rural Lodge. The services were public and were followed by short speeches by several of the brethren, and a fine banquet.

I was invited to install the officers of Neguemkeag Lodge, No. 166, at Vassalboro, on October 21st, and performed this duty, assisted by Bros.

E. S. COOMBS and R. M. LEACOCK. This was a public installation and followed by an excellent banquet.

On January 3, 1916, by invitation, I installed the officers of Waterville Lodge, No. 33, at Waterville, assisted by Wor. Bro. JOHN H. BURLEIGH and Rev. Bro. FRANK L. PHALEN. This installation was not public, but there was a good attendance of the brethren.

On February 5th, I visited Messalonskee Lodge, No. 113, at Oakland. Work in the M. M. degree was performed by W. M. VIRGIL E. TOTMAN and a very efficient corps of officers in a manner highly creditable to themselves and to the lodge. There was a good attendance of the brethren, and the work, together with the excellent supper which followed, was much enjoyed.

On February 17th, I visited Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, at Readfield. Two candidates were given the M. M. degree, and the impressiveness of the work given by W. M. Rev. COSTELLO WESTON was unsurpassed by any I have seen, and in this he was ably assisted by the other officers of the lodge. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, and an excellent banquet with a number of short speeches followed the work.

I visited Rural Lodge, No. 53, at Sidney, on February 26th. The weather was about the worst of the winter, but in spite of it there was a good attendance. W. M. CLYDE G. BLAKE was unable to be present, but the work in the M. M. degree was performed in a very creditable manner by Wor. P. M. E. P. WILLIAMS and the regular officers of the lodge. An excellent supper followed the work. On account of the bad weather and roads I was unable to return home until morning, but was most hospitably entertained by Bro. FRED E. BLAKE.

On March 30th, I inspected Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54. Work in the F. C. degree was performed by W. M. GEORGE L. HUNT and the other lodge officers in a very creditable manner. Refreshments were served after the work. I was pleased to note that five applications are to be voted on at the next meeting, indicating a great deal of interest in the lodge at this time.

In Vernon Valley and Asylum Lodges there has been no work for some time. These lodges, however, are in good condition, and I have no doubt the officers are well qualified to do good work when required.

I have made no official visit to my own lodge, Waterville, No. 33, but have observed the work here frequently and know it is being done in a manner that fully sustains the reputation which Waterville Lodge has for excellent work. Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS, who has for several years been Secretary of this lodge, one of the best if not the best in the state, is now Senior Warden, and I have no doubt will later succeed to higher honors which he has so well earned.

I have been pleased to note that three lodges in this district have observed Past Masters' night during the past year. The work done on these occasions has naturally been of the highest order, and the large attendance of the brethren shows the interest which is taken in meetings of this kind.

The lodges in this district are without exception in excellent condition, and while some show a slight falling off in the amount of work done, this is more than offset by the increase in others, more candidates having been initiated this year than last.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, I want to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me, also to thank the officers and members of the lodges in this district for the cordial receptions and entertainments they have given me. I only regret that I have not space to make personal mention of the many courtesies received.

Fraternally submitted,

SANGER N. ANNIS, *D. D. G. M. 12th M. D.*

Waterville, March 31, 1916.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth Masonic District.

In company with several of the officers of my home lodge, I attended the school of instruction, conducted by M. W. Bro. SLEEPER, at Augusta. In the evening we witnessed work of the most creditable character in the M. M. degree.

After conferring with you over the phone, I went to Madison December 20th, and inspected the proposed change in location of Euclid Lodge, which was the occupancy of Odd Fellows' Hall jointly. I heartily approved this change, as it gave the members of that lodge much more desirable rooms.

At the stated communication in January of my home lodge, Siloam, No. 92, I acted as installing officer, assisted by P. M. Bro. W. W. MERRILL and Rev. Bro. E. H. HOLMAN.

February 23d, was selected as the date of my visitation to Somerset Lodge of Skowhegan, and upon this same date, as you will remember, we were called upon to pay our last respects to the memory of that devout member of our Fraternity, P. G. M. Bro. WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, who

was loved and esteemed by all. The Thirteenth District has suffered a great loss through his passing to the Celestial Lodge. He was our only permanent member of the Grand Lodge. All through the meeting of the lodge in the evening his absence was marked. The E. A. degree was worked in a most impressive manner. The work of this lodge is as near perfect as possible. I also missed the face of Bro. C. M. LAMBERT, who has been called to the Lodge above. He was serving his forty-second consecutive year as Secretary of Somerset Lodge; truly a wonderful record. P. D. D. G. M. E. C. BUTLER is a great help to the officers of this lodge.

Carrabassett Lodge at Canaan was next visited on March 14th. A goodly number of the brethren were assembled, but owing to the lack of a candidate, we held a miniature school of instruction, and passed a most pleasant and profitable evening.

On March 31st, I inspected the work of Bingham Lodge of Bingham. The F. C. and M. M. degrees were exemplified in a fine manner. The rendering of the ritual and the floor work was good.

April 3d, I again visited Euclid Lodge at Madison, this time for inspection in their new home. The work was well performed in the M. M. degree, and I cannot understand the reason why the officers of this lodge do not get better support in the way of attendance from the members.

I was invited to visit Lebanon Lodge of Norridgewock, on the evening of April 7th. Exemplification of the M. M. degree was witnessed. This lodge does fine work, and was well attended in spite of the wretched traveling. The W. M. lives three miles from the hall and he was obliged to walk in order to attend the meeting.

April 12th, I attended the meeting of Keystone Lodge of Solon. This lodge has had little work and did not have a candidate for that meeting. The business of the lodge was taken care of in a prompt manner. A very pleasant evening was passed.

I inspected Northern Star Lodge of North Anson on the evening of April 18th. The officers are all young men and their work was performed in an interesting manner in the E. A. degree. They, in conjunction with the Odd Fellows, are occupying a home built a short time ago, and their hall is the finest it has been my privilege to enter for a lodge of its size. The masons of North Anson are justly proud of their home.

I have made no inspection of my home lodge, Siloam, No. 92, but have been a regular attendant at its meetings, having served as its Secretary for several years.

Refreshments were served and pleasant chats enjoyed upon the conclusion of work at each of the lodges visited and harmony exists with all.

All the lodges of this district are in a prosperous condition, records are well and neatly kept, and dues well collected, with one exception.

With your permission, I take this means of thanking the brethren who have made my visits so pleasant.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, in appointing me a second time as your representative, I sincerely thank you for the confidence reposed.

Respectfully and fraternally,

CARL C. PIPER, *D. D. G. M. 13th M. D.*

Fairfield, April 22, 1916.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

On October 20th, I attended the school of instruction held at Augusta by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, which must have proven 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.

November 16th, I made my official visit to Acacia Lodge, and was on this occasion, as on all previous visits, met and cordially entertained by all its members. Work was performed in the M. M. degree on two candidates in a most excellent manner. After the work a fine banquet was served. I feel that this lodge is deserving of much praise, it being the smallest lodge in the district, and many of its members living at a considerable distance from the hall.

November 26th, by invitation of the W. M., I visited Richmond Lodge, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. Lack of work would seem to have greatly hampered the officers of this lodge, although they showed some improvement over what I witnessed last year on the occasion of my visit with R. W. Bro. CURTIS. This lodge has recently purchased a magic lantern, which adds much to the interest of the work.

Upon the most cordial invitation of the W. M., I visited Polar Star Lodge February 9th, and witnessed work on two candidates in the M. M. degree. The work was well rendered in an impressive manner, and afterward there followed a fine banquet. A new orchestra has lately been formed, and it is hoped that it will materially assist in the work of the lodge.

February 16th, I received a very courteous invitation to officially visit Village Lodge of Bowdoinham. I witnessed work on one candidate in the E. A. degree, which was performed in a very creditable and dignified manner. Few corrections were necessary. The records are still in the hands of R. W. Bro. EDWARD L. WHITE, whose work in this respect is deserving of much praise.

March 13th, I inspected Ancient York Lodge, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. I have visited this lodge on several occasions during the past year, and each time the work has been performed in the same pleasing and impressive manner. The unfortunate affair referred to last year has been very nearly overcome, and with the continued good work of W. M. HOLLIS and his officers, I certainly trust that the end of the difficulty is in sight.

I received a cordial invitation to visit United Lodge March 14th. I was accompanied by a number of the brothers of my own lodge, who availed themselves of the courtesy of W. M. WHEELER. Work in the M. M. degree was performed in a very dignified manner, and considering that this was the first time this degree had been worked by the present Master, I see no reason why it should not reach a high degree of excellence during the present year. A fine banquet was served at the conclusion of the work.

March 26th, accompanied by W. M. RALPH M. ANDERSON of Freeport Lodge, I visited Solar Lodge of Bath. On our arrival we were met by R. W. Bro. N. GRATZ JACKSON, who entertained us until lodge time. The general appearance of the officers during the degree work was of the best. The ritualistic part needed a few corrections, as this was the first time the degree had been worked by the present officers.

I have made no regular official inspection of my home lodge, Freeport, as I have been present at all its meetings. I installed the officers of this lodge January 3d, in the presence of a large number of brothers. The officers elected for this year are taking a special interest in the work of the lodge, and very favorable results are being obtained. Special meetings for practice in the work of the various degrees are being held.

I consider that the lodges of the Fourteenth District are in a good financial condition. The dues are carefully attended to, and the records are well kept. Some lodges need a little closer attention to the ritual; others should strive for more solemnity and impressiveness in rendering the work. I have been free to make corrections and suggestions in all the lodges, and the spirit in which these have been received convinces me that the officers are anxious to do good work.

I wish to thank the officers and brothers of the several lodges in the

Fourteenth District for the courteous manner in which I have been received during the past year.

And to thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor of my appointment.

Fraternally yours,

FRED E. WARD, *D. D. G. M. 14th M. D.*

Freeport, March 31, 1916.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

I have visited or caused to be visited all of the lodges in this district, and with great pleasure can say they still maintain the same high standard of excellence in rendering the ritual. There has been a good amount of work done and peace and harmony prevail.

October 20th, I attended the school of instruction held at Augusta by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. There was a large attendance of Deputies as well as Master Masons. The ritual was studied in all three degrees and proved very interesting and instructive.

November 3d, by invitation, I made my official visit to Kemankeag Lodge, No. 213, Rangeley. Was met at the station by Bro. FRED B. COLBY and escorted to Masonic Hall. There was a good attendance and quite a few visitors. The work of the evening was the M. M. degree on two candidates, which was performed in a manner that was a credit to the officers and the lodge. There were very few errors and those of minor importance. After the work I had the pleasure of installing the officers for the ensuing year, assisted by Wor. EUGENE I. HERRICK as Marshal. Bro. CHARLES L. HARNDEN remains Secretary and is one who performs the duties in a correct manner, with dues well collected. Banquet at the close.

On November 22d, I inspected Red Men's Hall as a place for Wilton Lodge, No. 156, Wilton, to hold temporary meetings, they having disposed of their hall and building, which they had owned for a number of years, and purchased another building which needed alterations. It was necessary to have some place for holding meetings for a short time, and therefore I inspected above hall and found it to be safe and secure and

less than one-half mile from their former hall, which is in accordance with Grand Lodge Regulations as I understand them.

November 23d, was the date of my official visit to Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 154, Weld. This lodge has had a good amount of work during the past year, and is in prosperous circumstances. The work presented at this meeting was in the F. C. degree, which was performed in an excellent manner, hardly an error appearing. Had the pleasure of meeting R. W. CLEFF MAXWELL, P. D. D. G. M., who still has charge of the records of the lodge. Dues well collected. Banquet.

On January 8th, by appointment, I met with Mount Bigelow Lodge, No. 202, Flagstaff. As many of the brethren are engaged in lumbering, also it being extremely cold and the lodge having no work, the attendance was small and we thought best to hold a school of instruction. We took for consideration the M. M. degree, and I found them very correct in reciting the ritual, but few errors being noted. The records are correctly kept by Wor. WALTER E. HINDS, and dues well collected. Refreshments.

I made my official visit to Maine Lodge, No. 20, Farmington, on February 14th. Was met at the station by Wor. COLBY L. MERRILL. Their work for the evening was in the E. A. degree on two candidates, which was rendered in an excellent manner and the ritual closely followed. The Junior and Senior Wardens gave the second and third sections of the lecture, and each was delivered in a manner that showed careful study. In short, all of the officers did credit to the stations which they filled. The records are kept as usual by Wor. GEORGE B. CRAGIN, which is all the recommendation that is necessary. Dues exceptionally well collected. Banquet at close of meeting and social hour.

February 16th, was my official visitation to Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 67, Phillips. Was met at the station by Wor. J. BLAINE MORRISON. This lodge has had very little work the past year, but the E. A. degree, which was presented for my inspection, was rendered in a correct and impressive manner, only a few minor corrections being necessary. Had the pleasure of meeting R. W. NEWELL P. NOBLE, P. D. D. G. M., also some of the old members of this lodge. The records are well kept by Wor. NATHANIEL H. HARNDEN, and dues well collected. Banquet at the close.

I made an appointment to meet with Mount Abram Lodge, No. 204, at Kingfield on February 17th, but owing to sickness was unable to attend; therefore I invited R. W. ERNEST P. PARLIN, P. J. G. W., to visit this lodge for me, which he consented to do, and reported as follows: The work of the evening was the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was done in a commendable manner, the ritual being closely followed by

the officers. The M. M. lecture given by Wor. FRED HUTCHINS was of especial interest. Bro. ARTHUR C. WOODARD remains a very efficient Secretary, with dues well collected. Banquet.

February 25th, was the date arranged for my visit to Franklin Lodge, No. 123, New Sharon, but owing to continued ill health I was unable to keep the appointment and again I invited R. W. ERNEST P. PARLIN to perform that duty for me, which he did and reported as follows: The work presented for inspection was in the M. M. degree and was rendered in a satisfactory manner, few corrections being necessary. The Master of this lodge attended the school of instruction held at Augusta, and I trust it was of much benefit. The records remain in the hands of Bro. FRED W. SANDERS, which is a surety that they are correct. Refreshments at close.

March 2d, was my official visit to Whitney Lodge, No. 167, Canton. On this visit I was accompanied from Livermore Falls by R. W. FRED RAYMOND, S. G. W. of the Grand Lodge of Maine. We were met at the station by R. W. JOHN N. FOYE, P. D. D. G. M. The work of the evening was the M. M. degree on one candidate, which was conferred in a most impressive manner. Wor. Bro. MENDELL is a good ritualist, well supported by all the officers of the lodge. Wor. Bro. A. F. RUSSELL, JR., is another Secretary who performs the duties of that office in a satisfactory and correct manner. Banquet at the close.

I received an invitation to visit Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, Livermore Falls, at their semi-annual meeting in January, but owing to a previous engagement had to decline, but made an appointment to visit them March 15th. Owing to circumstances over which I had no control, I was unable to meet with them and invited R. W. FRANK L. WOODCOCK to inspect this lodge for me, which he consented to do and reported as follows:

On March 15th, at the request of FRED E. TREFETHEN, D. D. G. M. of the Fifteenth Masonic District, who was confined to the house by illness, I officially visited Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, of Livermore Falls. The work was the M. M. degree, which was done in a very creditable manner. The W. M., Bro. SINNETT, did his work in that calm and dignified way which is always impressive. The S. D.'s work was excellent. The work of the other officers showed careful study and was well done. P. D. D. G. M. Bro. RAYMOND is Secretary, which is a guarantee that the business of the lodge is properly looked after. Banquet.

FRANK L. WOODCOCK, P. D. D. G. M.

On March 22d, I visited Wilton Lodge, No. 156, at Wilton, for inspec-

tion. This lodge is occupying their new hall, which is fitted up with all the modern conveniences for masonic purposes and is safe and secure, being situated on the third floor of the masonic building. They also have a fine banquet room and club room on the second floor which is nearly completed, and the brethren should feel proud of the fine quarters they have attained. The work presented at this meeting was the M. M. degree on two candidates, which was done in a creditable manner, considering that this was the first time the present officers had conferred the degree; also working in a new hall. The ritual was closely followed by most of the officers, with but few corrections to be made. Had the pleasure of meeting at this time R. W. CHARLES F. ROWELL and R. W. FRANK L. WOODCOCK, both P. D. D. G. Ms. of the Fifteenth Masonic District. The records are in the hands of Bro. FRED E. TREFETHEN, with dues well collected. Refreshments at close.

On March 24th, I went to Strong and made my official visit with Davis Lodge, No. 191. The work presented for inspection was the F. C. degree, which was done in an excellent manner. This is one of the lodges whose work is an honor to the district. Had the pleasure of meeting R. W. CHARLES B. RICHARDSON, P. D. D. G. M., who is filling the important office of Secretary and who performs those duties correctly, with dues well collected. Banquet at the close.

In closing, I wish to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges in this district for the hospitality extended and courteous greetings received from each and all during my several visitations, and to you, Most Worshipful, I express my sincere thanks for the honor conferred.

Fraternally yours,

FRED E. TREFETHEN, *D. D. G. M. 15th M. D.*

Wilton, April 4, 1916.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

Not being at the Grand Lodge when I received my appointment I was installed July 29th by P. D. D. G. M. FRANK STANLEY.

I attended the lodge of instruction at Augusta October 20th, under the direction of M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. The work in the degrees was carefully rendered by the several Deputies present,

the Grand Lecturer making all necessary corrections. We were royally entertained by the Augusta Lodges, both during the day and evening, witnessing the excellent work of the lodge in the M. M. degree in the evening.

October 27th, with several members of King Hiram Lodge and a number from Bethel Lodge, all present by invitation, I visited Blazing Star Lodge. Work in the M. M. degree was well and very nearly correctly performed. A very large attendance.

I made my official visit to Granite Lodge January 17th, and witnessed the exemplification of the work in the E. A. degree. A goodly number of the brethren were at the meeting, and the officers did excellent work.

January 18th, visited Paris Lodge. Work in the F. C. degree was performed in a manner that was a credit to the officers. There were many brethren at the meeting and all seemed to be much interested in their lodge work.

January 19th, I witnessed exemplification of the F. C. degree in Jefferson Lodge, which was performed in a correct and pleasing manner. Notwithstanding it being one of the coldest nights of the winter there was a good attendance.

I visited Crooked River Lodge January 20th. A very snowy night. For this reason and much sickness but few of the regular officers were present. A part of the work in the E. A. degree was exemplified. Those of the regular officers present seemed to be very well acquainted with the ritual.

February 10th, I visited Bethel Lodge, and witnessed the work in the F. C. degree exemplified in a very correct and pleasing manner. A large number were present and much interest was manifested.

February 14th, I visited Evening Star Lodge. Work exemplified in the E. A. degree. Many of the officers of this lodge were absent on account of sickness. There was a goodly number of the brethren present and all seemed interested in the work.

February 18th, visit was made to Oxford Lodge, and work was performed in the F. C. degree. The officers did their work about letter perfect. A large number of the members were present.

I visited King Hiram Lodge March 21st. Work in the E. A. degree was very well done.

The records of all the lodges in this district are in the hands of Secretaries who have had charge of them from three to twenty years, which is sufficient evidence that they are neatly and correctly kept, and the dues closely collected. All the lodges seem to be in a prosperous condition, with well kept and furnished rooms.

I wish to thank the brethren of all the lodges for the cordial manner in which I was received by each and every brother, also the royal manner in which I was entertained.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you for the honor of the appointment to this honorable office.

Respectfully and fraternally,

JOHN M. HOLLAND, *D. D. G. M. 16th M. D.*

April 12, 1916.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

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 for the year 1915-16.

October 12th, I attended the masonic school of instruction held at Bridgton by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, and while the attendance was not large, I believe this school proved a most profitable one. I had the honor to officially inspect Oriental Lodge in the evening by invitation of R. W. JAMES W. EASTMAN, who was unable to be present.

On October 29th, it was my pleasant duty to officially visit my home lodge, Harmony, No. 38, assisted by R. W. CHARLES W. CARLL as Marshal, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. As the regularly elected candidate failed to appear the work was exemplified upon a brother in a very creditable manner. Wor. Bro. SUMMERSIDES is thoroughly interested and under his efficient guidance this lodge continues to merit the honorable position it has so long enjoyed.

October 21st, accompanied by Wor. Bro. FREDERICK R. SUMMERSIDES as Marshal and nearly a hundred brethren, I officially visited Standish Lodge, No. 70, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very impressive manner. It would be impossible to visit a lodge where the true masonic spirit is more manifest, every brother appreciating the honor of being a member of the craft and considering himself a committee of one to assist in the entertainment of visitors. Surely every brother who has ever been the guest of this lodge is looking forward for an opportunity to again enjoy its hospitality. The hall has recently been thoroughly renovated and electric lights installed. A fine banquet followed the work, served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

November 15th, I had the honor to officially visit Deering Lodge, No. 183, accompanied by Wor. F. R. SUMMERSIDES as Marshal, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This lodge fully maintains its reputation for correct work, and it has never been my pleasure to witness this degree conferred in a more correct and impressive manner. A buffet lunch followed the work.

November 16th, was the date of my official visit to Casco Lodge, No. 36, when assisted by Wor. F. R. SUMMERSIDES as Marshal, I witnessed the E. A. degree conferred upon a candidate in a very pleasing manner. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren, who were accorded that hospitality for which this lodge is noted. A fine banquet preceded the work of the evening.

December 15th, I officially inspected the work of Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, assisted by Wor. Bro. F. R. SUMMERSIDES as Marshal. The M. M. degree was worked in a very satisfactory manner. The officers of this lodge are very much interested in the work and are endeavoring to do their best, but unfortunately are handicapped by the distance that most of them have to travel to attend the meetings, which condition renders rehearsals almost impossible. However, the meetings are well attended and this lodge is indeed a prosperous one. Refreshments followed the work.

January 5th, I installed the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 38, being assisted by Wor. EVERETT P. HANSON as Marshal.

January 20th, assisted by Wor. EVERETT P. HANSON as Marshal, I installed the officers of Standish Lodge, No. 70, before a large gathering of interested brethren. A fine oyster supper followed the exercises.

January 25th, I made an official visit to Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186, and assisted by Wor. F. R. SUMMERSIDES as Marshal, I witnessed the E. A. degree conferred in a very creditable manner, the officers performing the work impressively and accurately. A fine banquet followed the work.

January 28th, was the date of my official visit to Portland Lodge, No. 1, where I witnessed the M. M. degree conferred in a most dignified and correct manner. The attendance was very large and a fine quartet added much to the impressiveness of the work. Wor. Bro. SUMMERSIDES again assisted as Marshal, and a fine buffet lunch followed the work.

February 12th, I publicly installed the officers of Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, assisted by Wor. CHARLES F. PARKER as Marshal. There was a large number of members and visitors present on this occasion, and we received a specially cordial greeting. Oysters were served at the close of the exercises of the evening.

February 26th, was the date of my official visit to Hiram Lodge, No. 180. I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. F. R. SUMMERSIDES as Marshal and a large number of visiting brethren. The M. M. degree was conferred in a very pleasing and impressive manner. The ritual was closely followed and the excellent reputation of this lodge fully sustained by Wor. Bro. WOOD and his officers. Music by a fine orchestra added to the dignity of the work, which was followed by a buffet lunch.

March 2d, accompanied by Wor. Bro. EVERETT P. HANSON as Marshal, I inspected the work of Atlantic Lodge, No. 81. The M. M. degree was conferred in a correct and impressive manner, the floor work being particularly praiseworthy. Wor. Bro. HERRMANN is a very faithful and conscientious worker and has the support of a capable set of officers, who are looking forward to advancement. A buffet lunch followed the work.

March 21st, I made my official visitation to Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, assisted by Wor. Bro. F. R. SUMMERSIDES. The attendance was very large, nearly every lodge in the district being represented. The F. C. degree was conferred in a very creditable manner, the music of the quartet aiding materially in the work. A fine buffet lunch, with music by an orchestra, followed the work of the evening.

March 30th, I made my last official visitation of the season to Temple Lodge, No. 86, Wor. Bro. HANSON acting as Marshal. The F. C. degree was conferred in a remarkably exact and impressive manner and showed great care in preparation on the part of each officer. I regretted exceedingly the absence on account of illness of the Secretary, Wor. Bro. OLIVER A. COBB, who is particularly interested in the welfare of this lodge, and whose kindly influence has been felt by every lodge in the Seventeenth District. It is sincerely hoped that he may soon regain his usual health and be spared to the craft for many years to come.

In conclusion, I wish to state that I have carefully examined the records and accounts of the several Secretaries, and have been deeply impressed by the careful and efficient manner in which they have executed their duties, and I desire to compliment the different lodges upon the care and good judgment exercised in the selection of those who occupy this important position. Formal receptions have been given me by every lodge in the district, and I am pleased to report that the high standing so long enjoyed by the several lodges has been fully maintained. One hundred and fifty new members have been received during the past year, but better than all, peace and harmony have prevailed. I desire to express my sincere thanks to the officers and brethren of the several lodges comprising this district for the courtesies extended to me during my official visits

to their several lodges as your representative, and to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment.

Faternally submitted,

EDGAR F. CARSWELL, *D. D. G. M., 17th M. D.*
Gorham, April 12, 1916.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Eighteenth Masonic District.

On Friday evening, May 28th, I visited Greenleaf Lodge, No. 117, and witnessed the raising of five candidates to the M. M. degree. I was told that it was the largest gathering that ever attended a meeting of this lodge, about 350 being present, no less than twelve to fifteen lodges being represented, including quite a number of brethren from Portland, also the D. D. G. M. of the Seventeenth District. The first three candidates were raised by Past Masters, the fourth by the Senior Warden, and the fifth by the Wor. Master. The officers were somewhat handicapped by the lack of floor space to work in, but even with this to contend with, the work was excellent from start to finish, every officer doing his work in the finest manner possible. If all the lodges in the district would take half the interest that is shown in Greenleaf Lodge, there would certainly be a big improvement all around. After the work clams and lobsters were served to all in the banquet hall, and a social hour following was enjoyed mingling with the brethren from the different lodges.

On June 30th, I made my official visit to Shepherd's River Lodge, No. 169, at Brownfield, accompanied by several from my own lodge, and witnessed the raising of three candidates to the M. M. degree. A great many visitors were present from the various lodges in the district. The first two candidates were raised by Past Masters and the third by the Wor. Master. The work was very well done, and a marked improvement was shown since my last visit there a year ago. With a little closer attention to the ritual this lodge might have a fine working team. After the work a bountiful supper was served in the banquet hall, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. The records in this lodge are nicely kept and the dues fairly well collected.

On June 23d, I visited Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 56, at Denmark, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was very well done and the officers, all of whom are young men, seem to take a great deal of in-

terest in their work and are trying hard to work as close to the ritual as possible. In my opinion P. D. D. G. M. COLBY of this lodge deserves a great deal of credit for the way this lodge has improved in the last few years. After the work a fine lunch was served in the banquet hall, and a pleasant half hour was enjoyed mingling with the brethren.

On October 12th, the school of instruction was held at Bridgton, but owing to unavoidable circumstances I was unable to be present.

Upon my invitation, R. W. EDGAR F. CARSWELL, of the Seventeenth District, attended and officially visited Oriental Lodge, No. 13, in the evening, when the M. M. degree was worked before the Grand Lodge Officers. The report of R. W. CARSWELL follows:

"I have the honor to report that on Tuesday, October 12th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. F. R. SUMMERSIDES of Harmony Lodge as Marshal, I officially inspected Oriental Lodge at Bridgton. The work was conducted in an impressive and dignified manner, but it was necessary that several corrections be made in the rendition of the ritual, which I am very certain were received in the spirit in which they were given. I recommended that the Master have several rehearsals in order that the lodge might profit from the session of the school of instruction. I am sorry that you were unable to be present, for you certainly missed a most profitable and enjoyable day. The school was very well attended and every brother seemed to take great interest in the proceedings. Trusting that I may have the pleasure of meeting you in the near future and reporting further, I am,

Yours fraternally,

EDGAR F. CARSWELL, D. D. G. M. 17th M. D."

On April 13th, I visited Delta Lodge at Lovell, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. I found this lodge to be doing exceptionally good work. Although this was the first time that the new set of officers had worked, very few mistakes were made, and what few corrections were made by your Deputy were received in the same spirit in which they were given. The records are very nicely kept and they are still in the hands of Bro. P. B. WALKER, who has served this lodge so long and faithfully as its Secretary. After the work supper was served in the hall and a very pleasant half hour was enjoyed mingling with the brethren.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances I was unable to visit Mt. Tir'em Lodge at Waterford. I wrote to Bro. CLARENCE PRIDE, who is one of our Past District Deputies, asking him to visit for me, when I found that it would be impossible to go myself. He reports that this lodge is in

good condition and compares favorably with the other lodges in the district, records are nicely kept and dues well collected.

I have not officially visited my own lodge, Pythagorean, No. 11, but have attended nearly, if not all, the meetings this past year. We have an entirely new set of officers with the exception of J. D., Secretary and Treasurer. These officers are all young men who take a great deal of interest in their work, rehearsing twice each week. Your Deputy has already seen them work the first two degrees, and never in any lodge have I seen better work than I witnessed right here at home. This lodge has a great deal of work on hand and from the way things look at this writing, they will have to work all summer in order to keep up. The records are still in the hands of Bro. T. B. EASTMAN, who has served this lodge so faithfully for a great many years; they are nicely kept and the dues are very well collected.

The Secretaries of the different lodges in the district have seen long service in their respective lodges, and are well fitted for the important positions they hold. The returns came in promptly from nearly all the lodges and all were correct.

In closing, I desire to thank the officers and members of the lodges in this district for their kind and courteous treatment, and to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred upon me by this appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES W. EASTMAN, *D. D. G. M. 18th M. D.*

Fryeburg, April 25, 1916.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my annual report from the Nineteenth Masonic District.

I was installed at Kennebunk by J. G. W. GEORGE GILPATRICK on September 23, 1915.

On October 18, 1915, with six brothers from Arundel Lodge, I visited St. John's Lodge of South Berwick, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. The ritual was followed so closely that there was little room for comment and the work was done in a very impressive manner by all the officers. The records were kept in a neat and business like manner.

On November 15th, with twelve brothers of Arundel Lodge, I visited

St. John's Lodge for the second time and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was given in such a way that the candidate could not help being impressed with the different explanations. After the work a banquet was served and a social hour enjoyed by all. I would suggest in connection with this report that it would be a great help to the District Deputy if all the lodges would follow the lead of St. John's Lodge and send a card stating each communication.

On December 1st, with five brothers from Arundel Lodge, I visited Naval Lodge of Kittery, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The officers showed great interest in their work and it was rendered in a manner that left no doubt in the mind of the candidate just what Masonry meant. The ritual was followed closely. After the work a banquet was served in the banquet hall by the Eastern Star, and reflects much credit on this body of ladies.

On December 2d, with eight brothers of Arundel Lodge, I visited Yorkshire Lodge of North Berwick, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. As they had no candidate it was necessary for them to exemplify the work on another. Their exemplification of the work showed study and interest in the work of Masonry, and no doubt if there had been a candidate he would have been favorably impressed with what he would have heard. The records are kept up to date and in a neat manner. After the work a banquet was served in the banquet hall, which was much enjoyed by all socially.

On December 15th, I visited Ocean Lodge of Wells, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. Two of the officers were unable to be present and their places had to be taken by other men, who I will say did the work very well. The officers followed the ritual closely and did their work with a will. All the lodges take a great interest in Masonry and do good work. The records are kept up to date and in a neat manner. The lodge is very well off financially. After the work refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

On February 11, 1916, accompanied by Rev. THOMAS P. BAKER as Chaplain and Past Master EDWARD MESERVE as Marshal, I visited Yorkshire Lodge of North Berwick, and installed the officers. Each officer took a great interest in his work and after the installation and remarks by the brethren a banquet was served. At the conclusion of the banquet there was a musical and social hour spent in the lodge room, which was much enjoyed by all present.

On February 15th, I visited St. Aspinquid Lodge of York Village, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This being the first time that the officers had worked the M. M. degree the ritual was not followed as closely as it might have been, but by the interest that all took in the work there

is no doubt that the next time the degree is worked the ritual will be followed very closely. The work was done in a manner that was impressive and held the attention of all until completed. The records are kept up to date and very neatly and accurately and the financial outlook is promising. After work and a few remarks refreshments were served and a social time spent. I was entertained by W. M. COOK, who made my stay so enjoyable that I was extremely sorry to leave his hospitality the next morning.

On February 17th, I visited Arion Lodge at Goodwin's Mills, and saw work exemplified in the M. M. degree as they had no candidate. I had planned to make my inspection at the regular meeting before this date, but on account of a snow storm and the long drive had to postpone it until the above date, which accounts for there being no candidate present. The work was done in a manner that is a credit to any body of men, and the ritual was followed very closely and given in such a manner that the true meaning was brought out fully. The records of this lodge are in very good condition and the lodge is in fairly good financial condition. After the work refreshments were served and a social hour spent in remarks and music.

On March 1st, I visited Saco Lodge of Saco, and witnessed work as exemplified in the M. M. degree. I witnessed the opening and closing of the lodge and after talking to the Master and other officers, I am of the opinion that Saco Lodge is up to date in every particular. The records are in fine condition and are kept in a painstaking way.

On January 5th, accompanied by Past Master MESERVE as Marshal, I visited Ocean Lodge of Wells, and installed the officers at their public installation. After remarks a collation was served and an hour spent socially.

On March 13th, with fifteen brethren of Arundel Lodge, I visited Dunlap Lodge of Biddeford, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The obligation, charges and lectures were given in a very impressive and dignified manner and the work as a whole reflects great credit on the officers of this lodge. The lodge is in a good financial way and the records are kept in neat manner. After the work remarks were made and a banquet was served in the banquet hall.

On March 14th, I visited Arundel Lodge, which is my home lodge, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. I have had a chance to witness work in all the degrees here and the manner in which the officers do their work shows much study, as they follow the ritual very closely and take a great interest in the different degrees. I wish to call to the attention of the Grand Lodge the fact that Arundel Lodge have had a series of lectures this winter on Masonry that have been very instructive and inter-

esting, especially to the younger brethren, and I think other lodges would benefit greatly by the same plan. They may be secured from the Masonic Research Society of Helena, Mo. We have had as guests on this occasion Dunlap Lodge of Biddeford. After remarks refreshments were served in the dining hall.

On April 3d, with ten brethren of Arundel Lodge, I visited York Lodge of Kennebunk, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work brought out the fact that the officers have devoted a great deal of time to study, as the ritual was followed very closely and the work was done in a very fine manner. J. G. W. GEORGE GILPATRICK has served this lodge as Secretary for twenty-seven years and the orderly manner in which his records are kept need no comment. The lodge is sound financially. After the work refreshments were enjoyed in the dining hall.

I would consider this report incomplete if I did not take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the officers and members of the several lodges in the Nineteen Masonic District for the many courtesies which they have shown me on my visits this year.

To you, Most Worshipful, I desire to express my appreciation for the honor you have conferred upon me.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE N. STEVENS, *D. D. G. M. 19th M. D.*

Kennebunkport, April 10, 1916.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit to you my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twentieth Masonic District.

As you are aware, I received my appointment to this office in the latter part of the summer of last year and was a little late in taking up the work. Soon after my appointment I was installed by Past Master J. FRED CLARK.

September 7th, by special invitation, I publicly installed the officers of Baskahegan Lodge at Danforth. I was accompanied and assisted by Bro. KINGSLEY A. BALLANTYNE of Horeb Lodge. Baskahegan Lodge is second to none in Maine in the reputation and character of its officers and members. And in the beautiful hall a visitor is treated to the finest kind of entertainment and their banquets cannot help but please the most critical.

September 16th, by invitation and accompanied by Bro. MILLAGE BOYCE and our ladies, I visited Forest Lodge at Springfield, and publicly installed the officers, assisted by P. D. D. G. M. RALPH SCRIBNER. Not expecting to make a second visit, I inspected the records of Bro. L. W. TRASK, their most efficient Secretary, and after a social program we were served to a splendid banquet.

October 20th, I attended the school of instruction at Augusta, where a most enjoyable day was spent, and we could not but feel that it was a most profitable time.

The Grand Lodge of Maine is to be congratulated on being able to have such an able ritualist as our Grand Lecturer, Dr. SLEEPER, and the prominence of Maine Masonry is no doubt in a measure due to our ability to keep the "tenets of our profession pure and unimpaired" through these meetings of instruction, whose influence is felt in our widely scattered lodges.

December 16th, by special invitation, I installed the officers of Horeb Lodge.

March 7th, I made an official visit to Baskahegan Lodge, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The lodge is to be congratulated on its able corps of officers. Bro. HALEY is a good ritualist and has marked ability as a presiding officer, and the Secretary's office is well taken care of by Bro. PORTER, and they have the support of a fine lot of men.

March 18th, I made my official visit to Pine Tree Lodge at Mattawamkeag. They had no work but we spent a good time in general discussion and looked over the books of our veteran Secretary, Bro. GEORGE W. SMITH, who still enjoys the distinction of having the unbroken record of attendance for forty-four years.

I had intended to visit Forest Lodge March 18th, but finding myself unable to do so, I appointed Bro. P. H. JONES, P. D. D. G. M., to act for me.

April 4th, I made my official visit to Horeb, my home lodge, and by invitation of W. M. PINKHAM, I presided and worked the M. M. degree on four candidates, two of them being clergymen. Horeb Lodge is showing a good degree of prosperity, Bro. PINKHAM seems to demonstrate considerable ability as a leader, and the Secretary's office is still kept by Bro. WEATHERBEE.

It has been a pleasure to have had the courtesy and good fellowship extended to me by the brethren of this district, also to you, Most Worshipful, and other officers of the Grand Lodge with whom I have come in contact. Fraternal submitted,

DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE, *D. D. G. M. 20th M. D.*
Lincoln, April 22, 1916.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-first Masonic District for the year 1915-16.

My first official visit was made to McKinley Lodge, No. 212, November 30, 1915. The work was the M. M. degree, which was done in a very fine manner and as I expected it would be. The records are still kept in fine shape by Bro. HERBERT P. RICHARDSON, and the dues are well collected with one or two exceptions. They are having a good run of work. The lodge is in a very flourishing condition. A fine banquet was served at the close of the meeting.

I visited Northeast Harbor Lodge, No. 208, December 1st. I notified this lodge that I would visit them on that date. I received word that they could not hold a meeting on that date as the Eastern Star had that evening. But as I had made my plans to visit four lodges on one trip I would not change, and I would be there at that time to inspect them. There was no meeting in the hall that evening. I held a meeting with the Secretary. The books are in fine shape and the dues are well collected. They have had very little work the past year.

I visited Tremont Lodge, No. 77, December 2d. It was their annual meeting. The lodge was opened in a very fine manner. The reports were made in a business like way. The records are correctly kept by Bro. WILLIAM R. KEENE, who was re-elected to the office he has held so long. The dues are well collected. They have had only four candidates this year.

I made my visit to Mt. Desert Lodge, No. 140, on December 3d, they very kindly calling a special meeting for my accommodation. The work was the M. M. degree, which was done in a very impressive, dignified and correct manner. They have a board of young officers, and their work shows they have made a study of their parts. The records are kept very nicely by Bro. PEARL S. BORDEAUX, this being his first year. The dues are not collected as they should be, but the Secretary has done his part. A fine banquet at the close of the meeting.

I made my visit to Felicity Lodge, No. 19, December 27th. They worked the E. A. degree in a very fine manner. Bro. BEAZLEY is a fine Master and has been elected for a third term, so it looks as though they appreciate a good thing when they find one. Very few corrections were made. The records are still kept by Bro. E. L. WARREN, and are very neatly done. The dues are well collected. This lodge has a good sum in the treasury, also a large charity fund. I worked the P. M. degree on

Bro. BEAZLEY, assisted by P. D. D. G. M. ARCHIE L. WHITE. I think Felicity Lodge has a bright future. A fine banquet was served at the Robinson House at the close of the meeting.

I visited Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, December 28th. The officers were only installed the meeting before. The work was exemplified in the E. A. degree. I made a few corrections. The Master's work was done in fine shape and all the officers show interest in the work and will no doubt be ready as soon as they have regular work. The dues are well collected, and the books are still in the hands of Bro. SETH R. HUTCHINS, which speaks for their being well kept. A fine spread was furnished at the close of the meeting.

I visit David A. Hooper Lodge, No. 201, almost every evening. The work has been done in a fine manner by the officers this year what little they have had to do. The dues are not paid in as they ought to be and by order of the W. M. I have sent out legal notices to all delinquents, and if no notice is taken of them they will be suspended, something that had never been done in our lodge.

January 1st, by invitation, I installed the officers of the lodge, assisted by P. M. ANDREW DORAN as Marshal and P. M. ROBERT ABEL as Chaplain. The meeting being a special called for a joint installation with the Eastern Star.

I visited Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, by invitation, January 3d. The work was the M. M. degree, which was done in a very nice way; very few corrections had to be made. I installed the officers, assisted by P. M. F. E. WESTON as Marshal and P. M. ROBERT ABEL as Chaplain, also conferred the P. M. degree. The books are still in the hands of Bro. FRANK E. WESTON and are in fine order; dues all in with one or two exceptions. This lodge has again lost their lodge room by fire. They are meeting in a small hall now but expect to move into new quarters this summer. Their courage is still good and the best of harmony prevails. Refreshments were served at the close.

I made my visit to Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, January 4th, by invitation, it being the third one I had received from them this season. The work was the M. M. degree on three candidates, and was done in a very dignified and impressive manner. One of the best examinations I ever heard was given by one of the candidates. They have lots of work and are taking in all young men of fine stock. They have a very large attendance at their meetings. Bro. BENJAMIN L. HADLEY is still Secretary, so it is needless to say the books are well kept and dues well collected. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

I made my official visit to Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, Thursday, April 20th. The work was one candidate in the M. M. degree, and was done

in a very fine manner, the officers all doing their parts in a correct and dignified way, which must have made a good impression on the candidate. There was a large attendance. Supper was served at 6:30 P. M. Lodge was called to order at 8 P. M. Books are still in the hands of Bro. CHARLES W. JOY and are well kept. The dues are well collected. Lygonia Lodge is in a flourishing condition. The candidate received his E. A. degree thirty-three years ago.

I wish to thank you for the honor conferred on me in appointing me District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-first Masonic District the second time. I have tried to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

I am fraternally yours,

EDWIN F. CLAPHAM, *D. D. G. M. 21st M. D.*

West Sullivan, April 24, 1916.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

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 Twenty-second Masonic District.

On July 21, 1915, I officially visited Archon Lodge, No. 139, at East Dixmont. With me were several brethren from my own lodge. The evening was passed pleasantly, the work being creditably performed.

On November 10th, I again visited this lodge for the purpose of installing the officers. This was a public installation, with about one hundred present.

On October 5th, I attended a lodge of instruction at Newport. This was held with Meridian Splendor Lodge, No. 49, over which R. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER presided in his usual helpful and pleasing manner. Second degree work was performed in the afternoon by Meridian Lodge, No. 125. In the evening work in the third degree was performed by the home lodge. The work was pleasing to all, with a good number present. I made my official visit at this time. Bro. SOPER is Secretary and the books are always in neat and concise form. Later I installed the officers of Meridian Splendor Lodge, and was cordially received.

My visit to Pacific Lodge, No. 64, was on October 20th, at Exeter. The work was very well done in the M. M. degree. Bro. PACKARD, the Secretary, was unable to be present. This lodge is very prosperous. A new hall will soon be dedicated.

I installed the officers at a public installation in Corinthian Lodge, No. 95, Hartland, on November 17th. Some of the brethren of my own lodge, accompanied by their wives, were with me. We had a very pleasant time. The work of this lodge is going well under the direction of new officers. This is my only visit this year.

January 4th, 1916, I installed the officers of Cambridge Lodge, No. 157. A joint installation with the O. E. S. was held. This is also my only visit to this lodge. Bro. HERSEY is still the efficient Secretary, and the books are always neat and in good order.

On February 4th, I installed the officers of my home lodge, Meridian Lodge, No. 125. We had an enjoyable time. I have been quite a regular attendant at the meetings of Meridian Lodge, and feel that the work done here will rank well with any in the district. We have a good corps of officers who are attentive to duty and striving to make good. Bro. SCRIBNER is very efficient in his work as Secretary.

I have not visited Parian Lodge, No. 160, at Corinna, but think Bro. BURRILL, W. M., will keep it in O. K. condition.

Plymouth Lodge, No. 75, at Plymouth, I also have not visited, but am in close touch with the Secretary, Bro. CHARLES T. HARRIS, P. D. D. G. M., and am sure everything is prosperous. They are now occupying a new hall, which is far superior to the old, and of which they are very proud. The W. M., DANA SMALL, is a young man and anxious for the success of this lodge.

In closing, I wish to say that I consider that the eight lodges which compose the Twenty-second Masonic District will compare favorably with those of the other country lodges in the state. My work has been very pleasant, and I have been cordially received by the officers and brethren. I wish to thank all members of the lodges in this district for their courtesy and good will. I feel confident that they will, one and all, render a good account of their stewardship to my successor as he shall visit with them during the coming year.

And to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I express my hearty thanks for your kindness and cheerful co-operation during the two years I have been District Deputy Grand Master. I had hoped to do more and better work than I have done, and to help to bring my district to a high standard of efficiency and power. Trusting the reports of the different lodges to the Grand Lodge may be satisfactory to you and give evidence of advancement in this best of fraternal organizations,

I am respectfully yours,

BENJ. S. MATHEWS, *D. D. G. M. 22d M. D.*

Pittsfield, April 24, 1916.

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Having been appointed and installed District Deputy Grand Master for the Twenty-third Masonic District at the session of the Grand Lodge holden in May last, I have the honor to submit to you this report of my official work, having personally visited each lodge in my district.

On August 5, 1915, at the request of Wor. Bro. W. G. O. RIDLON, I made an inspection of Drummond Lodge, No. 118, at Parsonsfield, the work being that of the E. A. degree. The night was an exceedingly stormy one and the attendance of the brethren was limited. The work was well rendered in every sense and reflects credit upon Wor. Bro. RIDLON and his corps of officers. Close attention was paid to the ritual and the work was almost without error. This lodge is located in the center of the large town of Parsonsfield, and the Master as well as nearly all of the officers live several miles from the lodge in opposite directions. It speaks well for the interest shown by the Craft that the lodge is able to secure the average attendance it enjoys, and render the work in so meritorious a manner. The records are in the hands of Wor. Bro. SAMUEL M. BOOTHBY, and while I did not inspect them at this meeting, I was well pleased with the appearance of the minute book which is kept at each communication and from which the permanent records are transcribed. Wor. Bro. BOOTHBY is an efficient officer and is serving the lodge faithfully and well.

On September 8th, I visited Day Spring Lodge, No. 107, at West Newfield, for the purpose of making an inspection of their new hall in the process of construction.

On October 20th, I attended the lodge of instruction at Augusta under the charge of M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, and found it a meeting of great profit to myself and much pleasure as well.

On February 15, 1916, I made an official inspection of Springvale Lodge, No. 190, at their regular communication for that month, and had the pleasure of witnessing work in both the E. A. and F. C. degrees. The E. A. degree was worked by the incoming staff of officers for 1916, this being their first work. This degree was rendered in a beautiful and impressive manner, proving beyond a doubt that Wor. Bro. ERNEST L. OGDEN and the other officers for the year had well employed their time in the attainment of masonic knowledge. The floor work was well conducted and the ritualistic work admirable. Following this work a candidate was passed to the degree of a F. C. by Wor. Bro. ARTHUR LOW and the officers for 1915. As in the work of the preceding degree this was a dignified and

instructive teaching of the lessons to be found during the progress to the "Middle Chamber," and left the conviction in the mind of the writer that the work of the past year was of high standard. The records in the hands of Wor. Bro. ARTHUR E. HORNE are well kept and we find here what may stand as a record in the collection of dues. Out of a membership of 160, but nine members are in arrears of more than a year, and during the five years Bro. HORNE has occupied the Secretary's chair, no member has been suspended for non-payment of dues. This lodge has in the past two years equipped the most beautiful Masonic Hall in this district, and what is doubtless one of the most beautiful in the state when the size of the village is considered. The entire equipment is paid for and there remains a substantial balance in the treasury. I had the pleasure of greeting R. W. Bro. WILL F. FERGUSON, Past Deputy, and was pleased to note that the lodge at this meeting paid suitable tribute to his many years of splendid work for the order in this community. A substantial lunch was served at intermission, which, needless to say, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On the evening of February 16th, I made an official visitation and inspection of Day Spring Lodge, No. 107, at West Newfield, witnessing work in the Master's degree upon two candidates, and the E. A. upon one. The work in both degrees was commendable and of true masonic spirit. I was especially pleased with the work in the second section of the Master's degree, as well as the instructive rendering of the lectures for the benefit of the E. A. Some errors were noted in the ritual as rendered, which I am convinced came from lack of masonic instruction only and arrangements were made for a visit for instruction in the near future. Wor. Bro. THOMAS BOND is upon his second year of service as Master, and is both faithful and efficient. The records in the hands of Bro. HAROLD C. MOULTON are well kept, and the dues appear to be fairly well collected.

This lodge suffered the loss of its hall by fire about two years ago and has recently occupied a new hall which will be adequate for its needs for many years to come. No efforts have been spared in the decoration and furnishing of this hall, and the best report I can make is that after the payment of the expense incident to the occupancy of this new hall, the lodge is free from debt with a good balance in the treasury. Eleven candidates had been made Master Masons since the opening of the lodge year the previous October. During the evening I had the honor of meeting and exchanging fraternal greetings with R. W. Bro. ARTHUR A. BENNETT of Freedom, D. D. G. M. of the Sixth Masonic District of New Hampshire. An excellent banquet was served during the evening at which about sixty brethren participated.

On March 1st, I made my official inspection of Preble Lodge, No. 143, at Sanford, and received a royal welcome from Wor. Bro. ORRIN D. CLARK and the brethren. A substantial banquet was served to about one hundred at seven o'clock, followed by an hour of social greetings. This being the regular meeting, the lodge was opened for the transaction of business at eight o'clock and the routine business quickly dispatched, seven applications being received and referred and three applications balloted upon. The work of the evening was in the E. A. degree, two candidates being received. This work was well rendered both in spirit and in form by Wor. Bro. CLARK and his associates. The ritual was closely followed, the floor work excellent, and the rendering of the lectures impressive. The records are the work of Bro. JOHN WRIGHT and are models. Dues well collected, with a large balance in the treasury, together with a charity fund of considerable amount. I had the pleasure of meeting Past Deputies FRANK WILSON and JOSEPH LECKENBY, both of whom are full of interest for the order, and no lodge which has so thorough a ritualist as Wor. Bro. LECKENBY in frequent attendance can depart far from the ancient landmarks of the fraternity. The rapid growth of this lodge will render new or enlarged quarters a necessity in the near future.

On the evening of March 13th, I made an inspection of Buxton Lodge, No. 115, at West Buxton, at its regular communication. No work presented itself. After opening the lodge and disposing of the routine business, the remainder of the evening was spent in the study of the ritual. Wor. Bro. JOSEPH S. SANDS is the newly installed Master, and is assisted by a line of officers who appear equipped to render their parts in a capable manner. I have no doubt that when work presents itself this lodge will discharge its obligations to the candidate in the same excellent form which has characterized its proceedings for many years. The records are still in the custody of Wor. Bro. CYRIL P. HARMON and are well kept. Dues are well collected and the finances in good shape. The charter of the lodge is framed and hung in the lodge room, and I strongly urged that the usual certificate be secured and the charter placed in a fire proof safe. An ample oyster supper was served at the close of the evening.

March 14th, I visited Adoniram Lodge, No. 27, at Limington, the oldest in this district. The night was inclement and the attendance limited, but I received a hearty welcome from those present, and an enjoyable evening was passed. There was no work at hand and the evening was spent in the study of the ritual. The Master for the coming year is Wor. Bro. HARRIS P. ILSLEY. Bro. ILSLEY is well posted, as are the officers supporting him, and this lodge can be looked to for good work the coming

year. The records are now kept by Wor. Bro. GEORGE M. BRACKETT and well kept indeed. Dues fairly well collected. The lodge owns its building and has recently made a considerable addition thereto. When completed they will have commodious quarters. The usual charter certificate is present in place of their ancient charter, a wonderful pen and ink copy or reproduction of which adorns their walls. Another relic of unusual interest in the hands of the Secretary is the original book of constitution and by-laws, which has been signed by all members from the organization of the lodge to the present time, nearly a century. No lodge in the Twenty-third District is so rich in these ancient landmarks as Adoniram, and they should be well guarded against fire. A baked bean supper with all the trimmings was served during the evening.

On March 15th, I officially visited Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, at Alfred. Having been located in Alfred in a business way for the past three years, I have been in frequent attendance upon the communications of this lodge, which has been enjoying a season of great prosperity. The work was in the E. A. degree upon two candidates and was rendered in a manner that left me no point for criticism. Wor. Bro. MAYNARD A. HOBBS is entering upon his second year in the East and makes a capable Master. He receives fine support from his officers and permits no detail to be omitted in instructing the candidates in the various degrees. The lodge has been unfortunate, having secured good Secretaries only to have them leave town, Bro. HARRY L. DREW being the third to hold this office during the past year. Records satisfactory. Dues well collected and finances in comfortable condition.

On April 12th, I officially visited my home lodge, Freedom, No. 42, at Limerick, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree upon two candidates. This was the first work of the incoming Master, Wor. Bro. LESTER W. CARPENTER, and his staff of officers, and the work was rendered in a satisfactory manner. Having been constantly in touch with the work of this lodge for the past year, I am able to report that although the number of candidates initiated has been small, yet there has been a good interest taken by the brethren, and I look for the coming year to be a prosperous one, as several candidates are in sight. The lodge is fortunate in retaining the services of Wor. Bro. GEORGE A. CARPENTER as its Secretary, whose zeal for the institution of Masonry is so well known that no further words on my part are necessary. The lodge has a fair balance in its treasury, but should take up in the near future the matter of an increase in the amount of its annual dues. This is the only lodge in this district where the annual dues is less than one dollar, and this amount seems hardly sufficient to care for the necessary running expenses of the lodge,

pay the Grand Lodge its dues, and leave a balance for other masonic purposes.

I have inspected the charters of the various lodges wherever possible, and in each instance have found them in excellent state of preservation and well guarded against fire, personal inspection having been made of all the charters in my district except one.

I have issued seven Past Master's diplomas to the Masters who are entitled to the same, up to April 1, 1916, and have also issued three additional Past Master's diplomas in cases where the brother entitled to the same had neglected to apply for and receive his diploma, upon his retirement from the East.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, I remain

Yours fraternally,

FRANK D. FENDERSON, *D. D. G. M. 23d M. D.*

Limerick, April 22, 1916.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fourth Masonic District.

On January 17th, I made my official visit to Ashlar Lodge, Lewiston. The attendance was large and deep interest was manifested. The work was in the M. M. degree and could scarcely be too highly commended. The ritual was followed with great fidelity. Accuracy, dignity and impressiveness were exemplified in a high degree. The work was worthy of being presented, without change, before the Grand Lodge.

On January 19th, I visited officially Rabboni Lodge, Lewiston. The attendance was large and many visitors were present. The work was in the M. M. degree and exhibited the usual excellence which characterizes the work of this lodge. The officers are earnest, anxious for improvement, and are striving to perfect their work.

On February 8th, I installed the officers of Webster Lodge, Sabattus. The attendance was good. The death of W. M. STOEHR has cast a shadow over the lodge.

On February 9th, I inspected Tranquil Lodge, Auburn. The work was in the M. M. degree and was rendered in a manner highly satisfactory. The floor work was particularly impressive and the ritual was closely

followed. The attendance at this meeting and the amount of work done during the year show on the part of this lodge a keen interest in Masonry.

On February 12th, I visited in an official capacity Nezinscot Lodge, Turner. The attendance was good, the fraternal spirit marked. Work was in the M. M. degree and was rendered in a manner very creditable to the lodge. It exhibited a decided advance over that of last year and indicated that the officers are seeking to perfect themselves in their labors.

On February 16th, I installed the officers of Tranquil Lodge. There was a good attendance and all seemed earnest and united in their purposes for the future.

On February 21st, I made my official visit to Ancient Brothers' Lodge, Auburn. Many visiting brethren were present. This lodge has been doing an unusual amount of work during the past year. The work of the evening, the M. M. degree, was a pleasure to see, very correct and impressive. The officers know their ritual and only casual slips were made. This lodge is in a high degree of efficiency.

On March 19th, I visited Tyrian Lodge, Mechanic Falls. There was a good attendance. The work was in the M. M. degree. It was somewhat uneven, the officers not being equally proficient. A few rehearsals would result in greater accuracy and prove beneficial.

On April 1st, I visited Cumberland Lodge, New Gloucester. There was a very large attendance, large delegations being present from Portland and Lewiston. The work was in the M. M. degree. P. D. D. G. M. CHIPMAN was in the East. The work was good but uneven, and needs to be strengthened in places. The social hour that followed was very enjoyable.

Owing to the death of W. M. STÖHR of Webster Lodge within a few days of the time arranged for visitation, I have not officially inspected that lodge.

The past year has brought prosperity to the Twenty-fourth District. A good amount of work has been done, the lodges are well officered and the brethren united. The Secretaries are all faithful and competent. The records are well kept and in good condition. I have criticized very freely and my criticisms have been received in a spirit that does honor to the officers. I wish to thank all officers and brethren of the district for their courtesy and kindness to me, and you, Most Worshipful, for the confidence that you reposed in me.

WILLIAM H. HARTSHORN, *D. D. G. M., 24th M. D.*

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fifth Masonic District of Maine for the year 1915-16. Not being present at the Grand Lodge Session of 1915, I was duly installed as District Deputy by P. D. D. G. M. BENJAMIN C. WALKER of Island Falls.

On October 12, 1915, it was my privilege to attend a school of instruction at Bridgton, under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, FRANK E. SLEEPER, and great benefit was derived by all in attendance. Oriental Lodge, No. 13, extended a hearty welcome to all visitors and made our stay most enjoyable. Following forenoon and afternoon sessions of the school of instruction, the M. M. degree was conferred by Oriental Lodge in the evening, the work being inspected by D. D. G. M. EDGAR F. CARSWELL of Gorham.

October 20th, by invitation of Master-elect FRANK L. DOWNS, I installed the officers of Island Falls Lodge, No. 206, being assisted by Bro. J. J. MARR as Marshal and Bro. D. S. PRICE as Chaplain.

On January 18, 1916, I visited Molunkus Lodge, No. 165, at Sherman Mills. It was in the midst of the grip epidemic, so the attendance was not large. However, the E. A. and F. C. degrees were conferred on two candidates, and while some of the offices were filled by substitutes, the work was performed in a creditable manner. This lodge has an even hundred members and has just held its own the past year, having gained four members and lost four. The records are in excellent condition, the lodge is financially prosperous and in the hands of competent officers.

I inspected Nollesemic Lodge, No. 205, at Millinocket, on the evening of January 20th, and witnessed work in the Master's degree. This lodge has an excellent body of officers and is experiencing a "boom" in membership, eight applications being presented on the night of inspection. The M. M. degree was impressively conferred, the floor work, under the direction of Bro. GLENN as Marshal, being particularly good. Refreshments were served after lodge, following which I conferred the honorary degree of Past Master upon Past Masters LEON F. KENT and HOWARD W. CHASE, Past Masters REED and GLENN assisting. Nollesemic Lodge is unfortunate in having suffered loss by fire twice within a few years; notwithstanding this the lodge is in good condition and the future looks bright. A net gain of twelve was made the past year. The records are as well kept as any I have even seen.

On February 17th, I had the pleasure of visiting Katahdin Lodge, No. 98, at Patten. Work was presented in the E. A. degree, and although most of the officers were new in their positions, the work was satisfactorily performed. Excellent refreshments were served after lodge by the ladies of the Order of Eastern Star. This lodge owns its building and is making improvements in it from time to time; the past year a metal ceiling was put on and a new carpet laid, both of which contribute much to the fine appearance of the hall. A room in the basement has been converted into a club room where the members are at liberty to go at any time for recreation; no games are allowed during lodge hours. The project seems to be working well and a marked increase in attendance at lodge meetings is noticed. Katahdin Lodge is in the hands of faithful officers, its records are well kept and it is having a healthy growth.

February 23d, was the date for my official visit to Pioneer Lodge, No. 72, at Ashland. This is the oldest and largest lodge in the Twenty-fifth District. The F. C. degree was conferred in a dignified and commendable manner, although most of the officers were men young in years and young in Masonry. An active interest was shown by all and the affairs of the lodge are receiving careful attention. This lodge also owns its building, which is used exclusively for masonic purposes. Several Past Masters wished to take the Past Masters degree, but as the necessary number of honorary Past Masters were not present this ceremony was postponed until a later date.

The following evening, February 24th, by previous arrangements so as to economize on mileage, I visited Fort Kent Lodge, No. 207, at Fort Kent. This lodge enjoys an enviable reputation for hospitality and masonic fellowship, and on the occasion of my visit fully sustained its reputation. The expected candidate was unable to be present, but the work of the Master's degree was exemplified with the assistance of a brother willing to submit to the ordeal of a second raising. As part of the officers were substitutes and the candidate not a bona fide one, the work was not performed as smoothly as I judge the officers are capable of doing it; however, the ritual was quite closely followed and I found few errors to correct. Following the work a banquet was served and an excellent program presented, under the direction of Bro. HETHERINGTON as toastmaster. This lodge enjoys a unique distinction in being the most northerly lodge in Maine, and possibly the most northerly one east of the Mississippi river. It is the youngest and smallest lodge in the Twenty-fifth District, but is in good condition, well officered, its records unusually well kept, and a fine masonic spirit prevails among its members.

I have made no formal inspection of my own lodge, Island Falls, No. 206, but have attended most of its meetings during the year and have

witnessed work in all the degrees, and have made such suggestions and corrections as I deemed necessary from time to time. This lodge is in excellent condition, has an efficient corps of officers and is having a successful year's work. It owns its building and rents to the Order of Eastern Star and Royal Arch Chapter. Two important events in the year's history of Island Falls and Katahdin Lodges was the observance of Past Master's night by both lodges; on June 9th by the former and on September 16th by the latter. All offices were filled by Past Masters of the respective lodges, and the Master's degree was admirably conferred on each occasion. Bro. GEORGE H. DONHAM, first Master of Island Falls Lodge, presided at the meeting of this lodge, and Bro. W. L. BONNEY at the meeting of Katahdin Lodge. Both occasions were greatly enjoyed by those present and each lodge agreed that while this was their first observance of Past Master's night it should not be their last.

In summary, I wish to say that I consider the lodges of the Twenty-fifth District in good condition, their records well kept, financial affairs carefully looked after, their officers faithful and alert and desirous of conforming to the ritual. There has been a net gain of seventeen in the six lodges during the year, and four of the six own their halls and all are in a prosperous condition.

In closing, I wish to thank the several Masters and other officers for their courteous treatment, and for the kindly reception of all suggestions offered for the improvement and uniformity of their work. I also wish to thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor conferred in appointing me to this office.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL R. CRABTREE, *D. D. G. M. 25th M. D.*

Island Falls, April 15, 1916.

Officers of the Grand Lodge,

1916

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| WALDO PETTENGILL, | <i>M. W. Grand Master,</i> | Rumford |
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| ALBERT H. NEWBERT, | " <i>Junior Grand Warden,</i> | Rockland |
| ALBRO E. CHASE, | " <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> | Portland |
| STEPHEN BERRY, | " " <i>Secretary,</i> | Portland |
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| ARTHUR H. BARTLETT, | " " <i>3d " "</i> | Cherryfield |
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| ERWIN G. RYDER, | " " <i>5th " "</i> | Brownville Jct. |
| FRANK D. WEYMOUTH, | " " <i>6th " "</i> | Charleston |
| CHARLES W. JONES, | " " <i>7th " "</i> | China |
| WILMER J. DORMAN, | " " <i>8th " "</i> | Belfast |
| EMIL WITTEN, | " " <i>9th " "</i> | Rockland |
| VICTOR K. MONTGOMERY, | " " <i>10th " "</i> | East Boothbay |
| JOHN H. MCILROY, | " " <i>11th " "</i> | Winthrop |
| SANGER N. ANNIS, | " " <i>12th " "</i> | Waterville |
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| EDGAR F. CARSWELL, | " " <i>17th " "</i> | Gorham |

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| FRED R. BRADBURY, | <i>R. W. D. D. G. M.</i> | <i>18th</i> | " | East Brownfield |
| GEORGE N. STEVENS, | " | " | <i>19th</i> | " Kennebunk |
| DAN'L W. BALLANTYNE, | " | " | <i>20th</i> | " Lincoln |
| GEORGE HARMON, | " | " | <i>21st</i> | " So. West Harbor |
| GUSTAVUS F. DINSMORE, | " | " | <i>22d</i> | " Newport |
| FRANK D. FENDERSON, | " | " | <i>23d</i> | " Limerick |
| GEORGE R. HALL, | " | " | <i>24th</i> | " Lewiston |
| SAMUEL R. CRABTREE, | " | " | <i>25th</i> | " Island Falls |
| JOHN M. HOLLAND, | " | " | <i>26th</i> | " Dixfield |

The Twenty-sixth District shall be composed of the following lodges.

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| Blazing Star, No. 30, Rumford. | Evening Star, No. 147, Buckfield. |
| King Hiram, No. 57, Dixfield. | Whitney, No. 167, Canton. |

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| REV. WM. H. FULTZ, | <i>W. Grand Chaplain,</i> | Portland |
| REV. DAVID L. WILSON, | " " " | Bath |
| REV. I. JAMES MERRY, | " " " | Kittery |
| REV. HENRY E. DUNNACK, | " " " | Bangor |
| REV. ASHLEY A. SMITH, | " " " | Bangor |
| FREDERIC O. EATON, | " " <i>Marshal,</i> | Rumford |
| ERNEST C. BUTLER, | " " <i>Senior Deacon,</i> | Skowhegan |
| DAVID E. MOULTON, | " " <i>Junior Deacon,</i> | Portland |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, | " " <i>Steward,</i> | Portland |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, | " " " | Waterville |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, | " " " | Biddeford |
| ARTHUR H. BAKER, | " " " | Kittery |
| EBEN F. RICHARDSON, | " " <i>Sword Bearer,</i> | S. West Harbor |
| JOHN N. FOYE, | " " <i>Standard Bearer,</i> | Canton |
| WARREN C. KING, | " " <i>Pursuivant,</i> | Portland |
| JAMES B. STEVENSON, | " " " | Rumford |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " " <i>Lecturer,</i> | Sabattus |
| WALTER S. SMITH, | " " <i>Organist,</i> | Portland |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | " " <i>Tyler,</i> | Portland |

List . of . Subordinate . Lodges, WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS,

As Returned March 1, 1916.

| | DISTRICT. |
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| Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. James Baillie, M; James Lynch, SW; L. A. Perkins, JW; Orville D. Carr, S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, September. | 5 |
| Acacia, 121, Durham. John E. Merrill, M; Lyndon E. Sylvester, SW; Carl W. Brown, JW; Marcus W. Eveleth, R. F. D. 2, Lisbon Falls, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election December. | 14 |
| Adoniram, 27, Limington. Harris P. Ilsley, M; George O. Haley, SW; Stephen P. Moulton, JW; George M. Brackett, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. | 23 |
| Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Edwin F. Stetson, M; George A. Cowan, SW; William B. Austin, JW; Wilbur G. Knowlton, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. | 10 |
| Amity, 6, Camden. Millard B. Lory, M; Wilson D. Barron, SW; Herbert E. Sylvester, JW; Melzer T. Crawford, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October. | 9 |
| Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Henry G. McFarland, M; Willard N. Thorpe, SW; Alfred L. Harrington, JW; John A. Turner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. | 10 |
| Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. George C. Simpson, M; Ned P. Willis, SW; John M. Littlefield, JW; Frank L. Lowell (18 Center St.,) S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. | 24 |
| Ancient Landmark, 17, Portland. George A. Coffin, M; Vernon W. Hall, SW; Edward M. Graham, JW; Arthur J. Floyd, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. | 17 |
| Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. William A. Hollis, M; Oscar B. Ingalls, SW; George E. Basford, JW; Asbury M. Blake, Lisbon, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. | 14 |

- Archon, 139, East Dixmont. Jasper T. Smith, m; Rufus L. Tasker, sw; Alton H. Reedy, jw; Fred M. Johnston, Hampden Highlands, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Clinton F. Warren, m; Byron L. Hill, sw; Frank Littlefield, jw; Hugh Steele, Dayton, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 19
- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Harley B. Dority, m; Paul T. Bubar, sw; Theodore A. Richardson, jw; Fay B. Ramsay, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, November. 1
- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. Abner Boothby, m; Charles W. Johnson, sw; George W. Twombly, jw; Silas H. Perkins, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. Phillip E. Coombs, m; George E. Bearce, sw; Herbert C. Edwards, jw; Fred I. Morrell, s. Meeting third Monday; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Thurlow B. Tarbox, m; Frederick L. Chenery, Jr., sw; Albert W. Riggs, jw; Frederick L. Chenery, s. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. William K. Herrmann, m; Arthur Manchester, sw; Herbert I. Low, jw; Almon L. Johnson, Box 424, s. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. Edward L. Ripley, m; Alfred C. Turner, sw; Harold D. Jennings, jw; Weston Lewis, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Milton W. Weymouth, m; Freeman A. Stanley, sw; Robert V. Stevenson, jw; Lorenzo S. Robinson, Box 565, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. Ernest E. Babson, m; John E. Bowden, sw; Charles H. Babbidge, jw; Alden B. Blodgett, s. Meeting third Saturday; election, December. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Clifford F. Came, m; Everett W. Johnson, sw; Harold P. Whitmore, jw; Benjamin L. Hadley, s. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. James A. Haley, m; Ben E. Parker, sw; A. W. Gilpatrick, jw; Martin L. Porter, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. Percy L. Orne, m; George I. Hodgdon, sw; Luther A. Barlow, jw; Norman S. Fuller, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. R. Lee Mitchell, m; Adoniram J. McGown, sw; Charles B. Friend, jw; Walter A. Smith, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, December 27th. 6

- Bethel, 97, Bethel. Fred B. Hall, m; Ernest F. Bisbee, sw; Dellison C. Conroy, jw; Herbert C. Rowe, s. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. Warren D. Trask, m; Claude C. Cole, sw; John H. Lathe, jw; Pearle E. Fuller, s. Meeting first Monday; election, October. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. Philip A. Wood, m; Harold A. Coleman, sw; Arlie A. Dinsmore, jw; Wallace W. Stoddard, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. Alfred S. Sparks, m; William E. Sturtevant, sw; Leo H. Frisbie, jw; Walter O. Raynes, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 26
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Carl B. Beedy, m; Alfred G. Cronkhite, sw; Everett C. Higgins, jw; Nathaniel H. Harnden, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol. Vinal D. Kelsey, m; L. O. Whitman, sw; Clifton C. Redonnett, jw; Edwin J. Ervine, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Joseph F. Sands, m; Albert T. Elwell, sw; Frank M. Elwell, jw; Cyril P. Harmon, s. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, January. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Stanwood I. Mower, m; Reginald H. Farrar, sw; Carroll F. Bailey, jw; Frank J. Hersey, (R. F. D. 4, Dexter), s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Judson C. Briggs, m; John H. McDaniels, sw; Burnham G. Belyea, jw; Harry M. Vinal, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. John S. Goodridge, m; George A. Maxfield, sw; Frank B. Foster, jw; Alpheus Nason, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. Charles B. Corliss, m; Perlle E. Winslow, sw; Henry G. Rogers, jw; Leone R. Cook, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. Charles A. Pinkham, m; Wallace W. Jones, sw; George M. Hammond, jw; Thomas W. Washburn, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Isaac A. Harris, m; Sidney P. Young, sw; Adelbert G. Rogers, jw; Philip C. Young, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Composite, 168, La Grange. Lewis M. Blake, m; Willard Snell, sw; Leon A. Bishop, jw; Benjamin F. Crehore, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5

NEW YORK, 1919.

The One Hundred and Thirty eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 872; number in membership, 220,777. Cash on hand, \$70,605.73.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William S. Farmer, reports his official acts. He issued seven dispensations for new lodges and warrants for "Sea and Field Lodges, Nos. 2, 3 and 4 for work and instruction Overseas."

The Grand Historian presented a summary account of the history of Free Masonry in the State of New York.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the War and Relief Association be and it is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to build at Utica a hospital, in accordance with the plan and scope outlined by the Grand Master in his address, and that the War and Relief Administration devise ways and means for the maintenance thereof."

It is impossible to present the transactions of such a Grand Lodge as New York which is always in the forefront of every endeavor not only to benefit Masonry but humanity as a whole. Space does not allow us to quote the stirring appeals made by brethren of the Grand Lodge in support of all the institutions supported by contributions of the Craft. While we, here in Maine, talk in thousands, in New York the talk is in millions.

New York may well be proud of its work, not only for those who went Overseas, but also for the care of those left at home. Especially their efforts for the amelioration of those who returned from abroad who were ill from disease or were suffering from the loss of limbs or were otherwise disabled.

The Report of the Masonic Overseas Mission on efforts to secure governmental permission to engage in independent war relief work abroad ought to be in the hands of every mason in America.

Bro. Wm. Sherer submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. From the introduction we quote:

"Two arguments against the recognition of Grand bodies which have eliminated the Bible and do not require candidates for initiation to declare belief in Divinity, are particularly commended to the consideration of the Brethren: One calls attention to the fact that Negro Grand Lodges are not accorded recognition, and asks the question whether it shall be said of us that the color of a man's skin is of greater concern to us than his belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe. The other reminds us that in our obligations we have declared that an atheist cannot be made a Mason and that we cannot hold Masonic intercourse with atheists, and then asks whether we have a right to violate our obligation by recognizing as Masonic a Grand body which admits atheists to membership. These two arguments place the case squarely and clearly before the Brethren.

"Now that the war is over and Masonry can take account of its mission in the world, uninfluenced by extraneous considerations, it behooves us to look well to the East and renew our loyalty to the everlasting verities

of our Craft. What a sorry thing Freemasonry would be without its Great Light, without faith in the Fatherhood of God, without belief in Immortality! The dangers to which the Brotherhood is exposed where ignorance of essentials prevails, ought to be a warning to all of us. A clear understanding of the abiding principles is of vital importance for the preservation and progress of Freemasonry."

Maine for 1918 has favorable mention.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1919.

The One Hundred Thirty-second Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 444; number in membership, 28,805. Cash on hand, \$7,441.08.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George S. Norfleet, delivered a business like address, touching upon the activities of the Craft, among which was the erection of a building at Camp Sevier for the use of the Masonic Fraternity. In this they were assisted by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. Army Lodge "A" held its meetings at this camp.

He made some forty decisions, but believing that the most of them were mere interpretations of existing law he reported only one which appears to be right under the North Carolina code. In Maine where a lodge holds jurisdiction for *five* years, the candidate would have to wait that length of time before he could apply to another lodge other than the one rejecting him.

Some of the District Deputy Grand Masters made no reports to him and he would like to find out why these officers do not work in the Masonic Vineyard.

He granted no dispensations to shorten time and each petitioner was obliged to wait the required thirty days' time.

Four new lodges were constituted; one lodge was instituted and two corner stones were laid.

He made a plea for increased revenue for the Grand Lodge. He says:

"This can only be done by one of two ways: We could increase the *per capita* tax from \$1.00 to \$1.50 and raise approximately \$15,000.00 additional, or we could amend the last clause of Section 140 of the Code and provide for the payment to the Grand Lodge of \$10.00 for each initiate in the subordinate Lodges, which would raise as much money, or probably some more.

"The minimum initiation fee is now \$15.00 and if this is raised to \$25.00 the local lodges will not suffer any financial loss, on account of the law being changed, as the candidate himself would pay the increase."

The business was of local character and considerable in amount.

Bro. Marshall D. Haywood presented the Report of Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1918 has a page.

Under Michigan we read:

"If there were just some way to weed out all the fool fables which often render ridiculous the noble Order of Masonry, it would be better for the

- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Ralph M. Anderson, M; Sumner G. Brewer, SW; Roscoe J. Dwyer, JW; Fred E. Ward, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. Fremont E. Whitman, M; A. Elroy Dean, SW; Edwin R. Berry, JW; Edgar F. Barrows, (R. R. 1) S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Burt C. Webb, M; Harry G. Swasey, SW; Merle F. Smith, JW; Francis A. Norton, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. Arthur W. Patterson, M; William A. Walker, SW; Ralph Wardwell, JW; Frank S. Perkins, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. Frederick R. Summersides, M; Waldo G. Fenlason, SW; William T. Libby, JW; Charles E. Cobb, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Ralph W. Albee, M; Carl H. Bryant, SW; Ralph W. Chandler, JW; Albert S. Allan, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Frederick A. Danforth, M; Charles W. Nichols, SW; Ernest L. Goodspeed, JW; Harry E. Larrabee, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. Fred S. Woods, Portland, M; William O. Verrill, SW; William H. Tanner, JW; Josiah F. Cobb, (430 Preble St.) S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, June. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. Henry S. Pinkham, M; Paul E. Hannerman, SW; Charles H. Mitton, JW; Artemus Weatherbee, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Monday in December. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. Willis P. Tripp, M; Walter A. Cowan, SW; Frank C. Bragg, JW; Seth H. Morgan, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Frank L. Stover, M; Arthur M. Herrick, SW; Albion K. Saunders, JW; Arthur C. Hinckley, S. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro. Elmer L. Pendleton, M; Ralph E. Pendleton, SW; Howard C. Pendleton, JW; Arthur C. Hatch, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. Frank L. Downs, M; Gustavus A. Young, SW; Howard R. Sisson, JW; Frank L. Mooney, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. H. Alton Bacon, M; Fred M. Cole, SW; Clarence M. Cole, JW; James L. Bowker, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16

- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Harry H. Ginn, m; Herbert Farnsworth, sw; Karl D. Lee, jw; Edgar A. Worcester, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Ralph I. Miles, m; Walter W. Woodbury, sw; Edwin R. Woodbury, jw; Frank L. Huston, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 25
- Kemankeag, 213, Rangeley. Fred B. Colby, m; Sylvader Hinkley, sw; Charles W. Barrett, jw; Charles L. Harnden, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 15
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Walter N. Batchelder, m; Elmer W. Cole, sw; George L. Wiggin, jw; F. Ernest Harvey, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. John F. McKelvey, m; Guy M. Towle, sw; Alton W. Blaisdell, jw; Ernest S. Currier, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Myron C. Jewell, m; Forrest A. Ray, sw; Charles H. Severy, jw; Perry S. Longley, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Warren A. Pitcher, m; Ernest E. Carver, sw; George Collemer, jw; Robie F. Ames, s. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, December. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. C. Frank Collins, m; George Walters, sw; Albert S. Trask, jw; Charles L. Dillingham, s. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 26
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. Thomas E. Leavitt, m; Fred S. Simmons, sw; Ralph W. Miller, jw; Clinton E. Matthews, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Oscar L. Bassick, m; Charles W. Hurd, sw; Fred W. Pierce, jw; Winfield S. Clarke, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Costello Weston, m; Edward G. Palmer, sw; Fremont A. Hunton, jw; Merle J. Harriman, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Dennison J. Haynes, m; Albert W. Kidder, sw; George J. Chandler, jw; Ernest W. Gilman, s. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. George E. McLaughlin, m; Guy W. Swan, sw; William P. Plaisted, jw; Theodore Morrison, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Arthur H. Norton, m; Grover C. Cox, sw; Clabon H. Wellington, jw; Willis J. Greeley, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7

- Limestone, 214, Limestone. Albert H. Damon, M; Dennis F. Getchell, SW; Lyman F. Getchell, JW; Harold S. Chase, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 1
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. Charles S. Sewall, M; William N. Bradford, SW; Frederick J. McTeer, JW; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. Charles G. Aldrich, M; Forrest G. Stevens, SW; Charles E. Maker, JW; Lucius E. Gardner, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Carl R. Wiberg, M; William A. Alexander, SW; Bartlett Cottle, JW; Charles W. Joy, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Fred A. Wing, M; William H. Snow, SW; S. Everett Hunt, JW; Charles B. Cox, Bangor, R. F. D. 3, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Everett A. Stanley, M; Vernon H. Latty, SW; Leslie E. Hamblin, JW; Herbert P. Richardson, S. Meeting first Tues'day; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. Colby L. Merrill, M; Frank O. Fales, SW; John A. Sweet, Jr., JW; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting Monday in week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Benjamin C. Smith, M; Arthur B. Haskell, SW; Crockett E. Dow, JW; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. Alfred S. Trundy, M; Fred K. Sawyer, SW; Edison Fletcher, JW; Harry E. Bangs, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. H. M. Brown, M; R. M. Stiles, SW; H. M. Brown, JW; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanics', 66, Orono. William A. Davidson, M; Newton A. Robbins, SW; C. Harry White, JW; Albert J. Durgin, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, 21, Friendship. Austin B. Cook, M; Eugene H. Brown, SW; Oliver F. Brown, JW; Robert L. Thompson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 10
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. Earl N. Vickery, M; Fred H. Estes, SW; Rodney Shaw, JW; Jay H. Scribner, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22
- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. Harry Merrill, M; Charles A. Nutter, SW; Forrest L. Swett, JW; Lewman B. Soper, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22

- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Virgil C. Totman, M; Spurgeon S. Hoar, sw; I. Russell Clark, JW; Orestes E. Crowell, s. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Arthur L. Todd, M; Daniel B. Curtis, sw; George L. Daggett, JW; Freeman C. Harris, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Millard E. Day, M; Eugene Andrews, sw; Calvert A. Thompson, JW; Otis G. Randall, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Nathaniel Tompkins, M; Arthur O. Putnam, sw; Alfred E. Astle, JW; Howard D. McIlroy, s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Henry Taylor, M; William E. Tarr, sw; Wm. M. Drummond, JW; Roscoe S. Bosworth, (R. D. route 18), s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Foxcroft. David L. Cameron, M; Fred F. Wiley, sw; W. Merton Berry, JW; Eugene W. Crocker, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinal Haven. Mark P. Smith, M; Herbert W. Field, sw; Leigh E. Williams, JW; Freeman L. Roberts, s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. Earl L. Wing, M; F. Raymond Phillips, sw; Phil. S. Huse, JW; Arthur C. Woodard, s. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. Charles Daggett, Dead River, M; Edward L. Donahue, sw; Mahlon L. Sampson, Dead River, JW; Walter E. Hinds, s. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. Fred H. Parker, M; Elton L. Bunker, sw; Ivory W. Higgins, JW; Pearl S. Bordeaux, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. Harry M. Daniels, M; Raymond W. Davis, sw; Nelson N. Scales, JW; Joseph T. Davidson, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. A. Scott Wentworth, M; Maynard A. Wentworth, sw; Perley F. Smith, JW; Alfred P. Cobb, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. Arthur O. Sherman, M; Charles L. Finn, sw; Richard H. Austin, JW; George L. Sprague, Union, R. F. D. 3, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9

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- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. Elbridge P. Kimball, M; Geo. W. Sias, sw; Edgar L. Stone, JW; Warren V. Kneeland, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Everett F. Curtis, M; Leslie N. Sparrow, sw; Warren C. Loud, JW; William H. Tribou, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Albert M. Child, M; Lester D. Lee, sw; Wm. W. Palmer, JW; Cleff Maxwell, S. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. George B. Ricker, M; John M. Sherwood, sw; Kilbourn H. Willey, JW; William F. Campbell, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. William F. Cousins, M; Harold D. Powers, sw; Prinn A. Allen, JW; Roland A. Flye, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Charles R. Wasgatt, M; Walter L. Lutts, sw; Wm. O. Kennard, JW; David G. Walker, Kittery Depot, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. Benj. L. Sherman, M; George E. Rand, sw; J. Perley Kennedy, JW; Howard B. Lawrence, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Edward L. Haskell, M; Royal W. Bradford, sw; Charles F. Bradford, JW; Donald C. Prince, R. D. 1, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. Howard W. Chase, E; Addison Matthews, sw; George W. McKay, JW; Leon F. Kent, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. Reuben F. Lurvey, M; Mark H. Reed, sw; Leroy S. Clement, JW; George E. Turner, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Willis L. Hodgdon, M; Truman B. Carl, sw; Wilbur L. Eaton, JW; Wilbur C. Simmons, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. Perley C. Goodwin, M; Austin R. Goodwin, sw; Roger S. Bragdon, JW; Joseph Waterhouse, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Ernest T. Decker, M; Herbert R. Southgate, sw; Fred W. Campbell, JW; Frank D. Weymouth, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 76
- Orchard, U. D., Old Orchard. H. Alonzo Milliken, M; Clement P. Wight, sw; Frank H. Libby, JW; Wm. J. C. Milliken, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon. 19

- Orient, 15, Thomaston. Osborn T. Sumner, M; Clarence E. Oliver, SW; William C. Lenfest, JW; Arthur J. Elliott, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January' 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. John W. Emery, M; Carl T. Plummer, SW; Roland L. Woodbury, JW; D. Eugene Chaplin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18
- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. John N. Sinnett, M; Carroll M. Hall, SW; Francis S. Dow, JW; Fred Raymond, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. Fred E. Smith, M; Raymond H. Eastman, SW; Eugene Andrews, JW; Howard D. Smith, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. Freeman C. Hersey, M; Carl R. Smith, SW; Arthur J. Trefethen, JW; Daniel B. Packard, Dexter, R. F. D. 1, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. Thomas F. Burrill, M; L. Everett Hutchins, SW; Guy C. Nutter, JW; Oliver L. Sprague, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. George C. Fernald, M; Harold C. Fletcher, SW; Stanley M. Wheeler, JW; Walter L. Gray, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. John W. Springall, M; Walter N. Rowe, SW; George H. Hall, JW; Charles S. Hutchinson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. Ernest S. Webber, M; Frank R. Keene, SW; Roy E. Young, JW; Clifford J. Pattee, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Albert F. Martin, M; Fred D. Sherard, SW; John C. Handy, JW; George W. Smith, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Charles A. Carter, M; C. Fred Coffin, SW; Clyde E. Carter, JW; Henry S. Brown, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. George W. Morrill, M; William P. Newman, SW; Ralph A. Leonard, JW; Frank E. Monroe, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, February. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. William Roberts, M; Alfred Merrill, SW; Percy A. Ryder, JW; Harvey W. Ryder, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. Joseph F. Leighton, M; Fred C. Gay, SW; Albert F. Allen, JW; A. Lincoln Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3

was an Ancient Lodge at York, England, which has enjoyed much celebrity, especially upon account of its great age and antiquity. It was in possession of several old manuscript copies of the Constitution and charges of Freemasonry. In one of these old York Manuscript Constitutions we read:

" 'Ye that be to be charged take good heede that ye may keepe these charges right well, for it is perilous and great danger for a man to forswear himself upon the wholly scripture. The first charge is that he or thou shall be a true man to God and the wholly church, etc.'

" After reciting the duties of a Mason it concludes:

" 'These charges that we have now rehearsed to you and to all others here present which belongeth to Masons, you shall well and truly keepe to your power, so help you God and by the contents of that book.'

" Time will not permit an examination of all the various manuscript Constitutions known to us but Brother Robert Freke Gould of England, probably the greatest Masonic historian the world has ever known, after an examination of all of them says in his history of Freemasonry (American Edition, Vol. 1, Page 103):

" 'The distinctly religious or Christian character of all the MSS. is indicated in many ways. One (22) displays this feature in a manner wholly its own; another styles the Invocation 'a prayer before meeting,' (18), and two of the York MSS. state it was 'ye holy scripture' on which the new members were sworn, while others were charged to be obligated by 'God's grace' or 'Divine Grace.' (31), etc.'

" I think these quotations are sufficient to show that a belief in God and the presence of the Holy Scriptures are landmarks of the Craft. Any body of men claiming to be Freemasons who renounce these have thereby ceased to be Freemasons.

" We are forced to the conclusion that of all the landmarks of Freemasonry a belief in Deity and the use of the Holy Scriptures in obligating its candidates are the most universal and best established. To remove them is to destroy the nature of the Institution."

WYOMING, 1919.

The Forty-fifth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 35; number in membership, 4,448. Cash on hand, \$9,936.46.

Twelve Past Grand Masters were present; thirty lodges were represented.

The address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George E. Brimmer was read by the Senior Grand Deacon.

He regrets that there was no existing body in Masonry which would look after the welfare of Masons generally in the event of National calamity or of war. He issued an appeal for the Masonic War Relief Association which brought \$2,443.50. Of the condition of the lodges he says:

" The lodges generally are in good condition, no matter from what angle considered. In some, existing indebtedness swamps charitable impulse and lays a deadening hand upon the social life of the lodge. Lack of knowledge relative to the gross assets and liabilities, income and expenses generally exists in the membership of the subordinate lodges. Attention to business details of the lodge is sometimes lacking. The care which is given to our own personal business fails to exist in some of the lodges."

And then submits several propositions relative to the financial affairs of lodges for consideration.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report:

" Upon the suggestion of the Grand Master that an investigation be made of the gross assets and liabilities of all subordinate Lodges, source of income, expense, title to property, insurance, and of all matters generally relating to the financial condition of said Lodges, your committee recommends that the Grand Secretary be authorized by resolution to request from each subordinate Lodge a report of its assets, property and title thereto, liabilities, and its financial condition generally, as of January 1, 1920, upon suitable blanks to be prepared and furnished by the Grand Secretary. The matter of insurance upon Lodge property is covered.

They also recommended membership in the Masonic Service Committee but were not ready to report recognition of French Masonry.

One hundred dollars was donated to the Salvation Army.

Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Maine for 1919 was fraternally reviewed.

He replies upon the subject of Masonic Emblem:

" The legislation regarding the emblem was necessary owing to the design being a copyrighted one, and the brother who owned the copyright insisted that legislation be enacted making it the official emblem of the Jurisdiction. We do not think that Maine is bothered with clandestine lodges like we are in the west and therefore it is not necessary to protect themselves from clandestine members. Many western Masons do not wear Masonic emblems on account of these conditions existing."

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS

CUBA, 1919.

The proceedings are in Spanish excepting the preamble of the Report of the Committee of Foreign Relations.

We quote:

" But it is in another phase of international affairs where American Masonry has been found wanting, showing the lack of unity to which reference is hereby previously made.

" What attitude is there to be adopted before the frank, sincere and cordial one of French Masons? In what shape were to be united the habits and traditions of the anglo saxons to the courtesy and gratefulness of the man of the world and the Masonic duties?

" Sincerely, I admit, that the climax was reached at this point. While some Grand Lodges as Louisiana, Rhode Island, Kentucky, New Jersey, California, New York, Alabama and Iowa, voluntarily acknowledged or re-established their fraternal relations with the total of French Masonry, that is, with the Grand Orient and the Grand Lodge, others would simply deal with the Grand Lodge, fearing the radicalism of the Grand Orient. Many of them simply allowed their members to visit French lodges, which constitutes a legal acknowledgement, while there were some, very few at that, that although having authorized the visits to the temples over there, have refused to admit in their midst those French Masons who happened to come to the United States. It is to be hoped that these brothers will reconsider their attitude and show less antagonism in their proceedings."

- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. John A. Partridge, M; Charles H. Gibson, SW; Wallace A. Hill, JW; Carl C. Piper, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Rupert C. Cowles, M; Raymond B. Welch, SW; Arthur E. Baum, JW; Albert L. Strout, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. Edward F. Merrill, M; George L. H. Smith, SW; Harvey A. McGuire, JW; William T. Seekins, S. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Ernest L. Ogden, M; Alfred H. Pearson, SW; Joseph Everett Ridley, JW; Arthur E. Horne, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. Robie C. Marean, M; Joseph T. Swasey, SW; George E. Brazier, JW; Fred B. Sanborn, R. F. D. 2, West Buxton, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Oldtown. George M. McLellan, M; Dana W. Libby, SW; Kent R. Fox, JW; Edward A. Merrill, S. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Fred A. Whitten, M; Charles O. Gannett, SW; Herbert M. Clark, JW; Reuel M. Berry, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Levi D. French, M; G. Chase Adams, SW; Willis A. French, JW; L. Elwood Jones, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. Percy C. Knight, M; Alfred F. Winslow, SW; Charles H. McBride, JW; Oliver A. Cobb, Box 64, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Henry B. Ladd, M; Lynwood B. Thompson, SW; Luther A. Hammons, JW; Charles E. Johnson, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. George C. Wing, Jr., M; Willis P. Atwood, SW; Daniel L. Stetson, JW; Irving M. Curtis, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. John C. Ralph, M; Clinton H. Hamblen, SW; Barclay Burgess, JW; William R. Keene, Manset, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Ray H. McGlauffin, M; Horace B. Harmon, SW; Otis B. Stevens, JW; Vivian E. Howe, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. Lewis H. Laker, M; Milford H. Brown, SW; Elisha D. Wass, JW; Veranus C. Plummer, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3

- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. Windsor A. Golderman, m; Guy V. Mills, sw; Jno. W. Fessenden, jw; Lewin Jefferies, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Ralph B. Lewis, m; Fred M. Lucas, sw; Lorenzo W. Hadley, jw; Charles M. Lucas, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. Edward W. Wheeler, m; Ernest L. Mayberry, sw; William S. Rogers, jw; Joseph S. Stetson, s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. Fred N. Flye, m; Guss L. Cates, sw; Howard N. Harmon, jw; Albert W. Ward, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. George L. Hunt, m; Merle R. Wyman, sw; Elton B. Ayer, jw; James T. Staples, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Allston W. Tyler, m; Joseph W. Allen, sw; Thomas W. McQuaide, jw; Clarence L. Wheaton, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Anson P. M. Given, m; Henry E. Cornish, sw; Frank W. Hackett, jw; Edward L. White, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. Ralph S. Smith, m; James R. Talbot, sw; Harry M. Gardner, jw; C. Hollis White, Box 1, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. James R. Waltman, m; Willis G. Carll, sw; Lendall M. Goff, jw; Almon N. Waterhouse, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Percy M. Porter, m; Sherman G. Packard, sw; Harold L. Umphrey, jw; Edward M. Hines, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. Harry L. Walton, m; Frank G. Norton, sw; James W. Mitchell, jw; Irving W. Case, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. Henry W. Abbott, m; Charles B. Davis, sw; John B. Levy, jw; Herbert M. Fuller, s. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. George T. Bain, m; Edward H. Danforth, sw; Fred W. Walker, jw; Herbert L. Jordan, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. Caleb E. Mendall, m; Almon L. Poland, sw; George M. Rose, jw; Alphonso F. Russell, Jr., s. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 26

- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Charles W. Sharkey, M; Charles A. Comins, SW;
William L. Hopp, JW; Fred E. Trefethen, S. Meeting Wednesday
week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. Frank L. Davis, M; Hoel H.
Hanson, SW; Irving Willey, JW; Frank E. Weston, S. Meeting
first Wednesday; election, December. 21
- York, 22, Kennebunk. Joseph B. Mitchell, M; John H. Cooper, SW;
Fred M. Severance, JW; George A. Gilpatric, S. Meeting Monday
on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. Benjamin A. Parker, Jr., M; H. Edwin
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BRETHREN DIED DURING THE YEAR.

From March 1, 1915, to March 1, 1916.

THOSE MARKED * WERE RETURNED AS BURIED WITH MASONIC RITES.

- 1 Portland, Portland. James B. Henley, April 19; Fred M. Smith, April 24; William B. Andrews, May 24; Angier H. Merriman, June 24; William M. Stephenson, July 4; William N. Prince, October 23; Charles W. York, November 7; Melville N. Eldridge, November 12; George Thompson, December 5; John F. Hamilton, January 23; Edwin L. Dyer, February 12.
- 2 Warren, East Machais. Frank N. Stuart, September.
- 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. George P. Colby, September 9; Silas Y. Jackson, October 26; Edward Jones, December 18; Charles E. Cowley, January 4; Charles L. Macurda, January 17.
- 4 Hancock, Castine. Walter S. Brown, June; George D. Moore; E. H. Carpenter, October; Andrew Wescott.
- 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. Joseph F. Bodwell, May 30; William B. Donald, August 27; Melvin G. Robinson; George S. Trask; Frank S. Davenport, January 16; Griffith P. Roberts, February 10.
- 6 Amity, Camden. Hansen A. Mills, April 9; Noah B. Dunten, June 3; Andrew Wentworth, August; Fred D. Aldus, September 2; George Burd, October 6; William G. Alden, October 18; Perez Mullin, February 22.
- 7 Eastern, Eastport. Irving G. McLarren, April 3; James I. Brewster,* June 8; Joseph L. Roop,* September 5; William C. Grant,* January 12; George J. Ferguson,* January 27.
- 8 United, Brunswick. John E. Osborne, April 10; Charles Fish,* June 8; Alfred Mitchell, June 13; Amos R. Nickerson, August 27; James H. Fisk,* November 8; Frederick H. Wilson, December 4.
- 9 Saco, Saco. Samuel P. H. White, July 30; Albert Peysen, September 25; Frederick A. Fogg, November 8; Augustus A. Cole,

- December 15; William C. Perry, December 25; Alonzo A. Seavey, January 7.
- 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Joseph W. Thompson, May 16; Frank D. Pullen,* October 24; William N. Sawyer, November 28; Charles G. Glidden,* February 5.
- 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. Eskley T. Stearns, August 28; Thomas K. Holt, July 7; George W. Emery, January 31.
- 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. Joseph H. Burbey.
- 13 Oriental, Bridgton. Albert S. Pitts, March 14; Charles B. Gibbs, April 19; Joseph N. March, August 30; Frank H. Burnham, January 19.
- 14 Solar, Bath. Charles M. Snow, May 11; Charles W. Crooker, June 12; Charles Whitehouse, August 27; J. Walter Higgins, December 17; John S. Jacques, December 31; James L. Spinney, January 7; Alfred D. Cutting, February 17.
- 15 Orient, Thomaston. William F. Gay, March 30; Warren R. Washburn, June 12; William R. Harrington, June 12; Newell B. Jordan, June 16; Elbridge Burton, January 26; Linwood M. Brackett, September 24; Archbold M. Graves, October 27; John T. Rivers, October 29; Charles E. Hastings, January 26; James Brennan.
- 16 St. George, Warren. John R. Andrews, June 19; Matthew Allen, August 28.
- 17 Ancient Landmark, Portland. Watson E. Colman, August, 1911; George H. Rounds, February 15, 1913; John R. Aymar, December, 1913; George T. Stevens, March 19; Samuel F. Bearce, March 22, 1915; Zenas Thompson, May 23; George W. Gray, May 26; Giles O. Bailey, June 3; John A. Lidback, June 29; Frank Bartlett, August 29; Frederick W. Roberts, September 12; Isaac L. Knight, October 11; Eben R. Dyer, November 8; Lawrence C. Smith, December 22; William E. Bailey, December 26; Ralph H. Stockman, January 17; Andrew M. Floyd, February 7.
- 18 Oxford, Norway. Jason F. Rowe, October; George B. Dunham,* October 2; George W. Cash,* January 16; Horace J. Morton,* January 22.
- 19 Felicity, Bucksport. Byron C. Avery, July 5; Reuben S. Collins, August 3; Charles G. Anderson, October 4; Newell A. Avery, February 15.
- 20 Maine, Farmington. John F. Melcher,* October 27; Edwin Thurston, January 17.
- 21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. William H. Thompson, May 9;

- William G. Moore, March 12; Adalmer B. Thompson, March 16; Judson Alvin Record, May 21.
- 22 York, Kennebunk. Wallace Scott, May 26; Enoch W. Coneens, June 1; George William Frost, October 29; Charles William Roberts,* December 7.
- 23 Freeport, Freeport. Harrison G. Sleeper, November 4; Edward J. Chase, February 7.
- 24 Phoenix, Belfast. George A. Dunning, May 18; James Pattee, August 16; George A. Beckett, January 3; Nathan F. Huston,* February 8.
- 25 Temple, Winthrop. A. Gorham Chandler,* June 17.
- 26 Village, Bowdoinham. Charles E. Newton,* March 24.
- 28 Northern Star, North Anson. Ellery M. Wing,* April 3; Edward Payson Viles,* February 27.
- 29 Tranquil, Auburn. Thomas J. Ginn; Nelson L. Page, March 24; Benjamin F. Sturgis, March 30; Charles E. Judkins, June 30; James M. Stevens, August 13; David S. Curtis, January; Vertrude P. Buck, February 15; George W. Curtis, February 15.
- 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. Walter J. Bray,* March 15; Philo B. Clark, October 24; Wallace R. Moore,* November 14; Randal L. Taylor, February 25.
- 31 Union, Union. George K. Messer,* March 8; William E. Hilt,* April 13; Abijah M. Crabtree,* April 16; Joel B. Hills,* July 6; Andrew J. Lermond, August 17; Ulysses G. Jones,* December 1; Charles Gleason,* January 26.
- 32 Hermon, Gardiner. Lyman B. Wing,* April 16; Freeman A. Johnson, April 18; Albert K. Jewett, December 4; Gustavus Moore, December 27; Kingsbury K. Blanchard,* February 5.
- 33 Waterville, Waterville. J. Fred Pollard, November 27; Alfred J. Noble, January 20; Frank J. Lewis, February 11.
- 34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Edward F. Rowell,* March 9; J. Henry Frost,* April 9; Charles M. Lambert,* November 1; William R. G. Estes,* February 20.
- 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. John H. Cogan, April 27; George W. Williams, May 9; Fred D. Lynn, July 10; Edward Tuell, August 7; Benjamin H. Rowe, August 10; John H. Whitney, September 9; Treby Johnson, November 21; John G. Kowe, January 31; Clarence L. Haskell, February 1.
- 36 Casco, Yarmouth. Alvarado H. Parsons, June 28; John M. Britt, Jr., August 1; William B. True, January 20; Ansel L. Loring, February 17.

- 37 Washington, Lubec. F. Y. Trefry,* July 29; Frank Leighton, February 5; John McBride, February 9.
- 38 Harmony, Gorham. Edward P. Lenham, October 28; John A. Hinkley, December 15; Arthur H. Harding, February 11.
- 39 Penobscot, Dexter. William Tate, March 26; Andrew H. Knight, March 27; Charles W. Yeaton, August 31; James Raynor, November 1.
- 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. Frank W. Grindal, April 5; Edmund Bonsey, April 13; Charles F. Dinsmore; Sheppard Cousins, October 28; William E. Leighton, November 6; Frank S. Lord, November 11; Charles S. Holt, December 22; Frank S. Holmes, January 5; Charles I. Welch, January 23; Fred B. Sadler; Hollis I. Higgins, February 26.
- 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. Edgar S. Briery,* April 26.
- 43 Alna, Damariscotta. E. H. Winslow, April; Isaac Genthner, June.
- 44 Piscataquis, Milo. John O. Donald, March 25; Frank W. Hamlin, April 16; Albert W. Murray, September 23; Charles M. Packard, November 13; Frank S. Ramsdell, November 15; Solomon G. Collins, January 26.
- 45 Central, China. Gregory A. Martin, March 9; Herbert Turner, August 6; George H. Wilson, October 5; Frank W. Metcalf, December 25.
- 46 St. Croix, Calais. Stephen E. Webber, January 12.
- 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. Nathaniel M. Milliken, April 23; Benjamin F. Bryant, September 6; James W. Burnham, November 5; Royal E. Gould, December 14; Samuel C. Chadbourne, January 27.
- 48 Lafayette, Readfield. Charles C. Morrill, April 2; Charles H. Mallett, June 2; Gervais Nolen, June; F. M. Bunnell, January 1; J. O. Butman, February 9; D. D. Merriman, February 14.
- 49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. Orville H. Judkins, April 30; Edward R. Leach, September 16; Edgar R. Dow,* January 6; Ellis Jones, February 18.
- 50 Aurora, Rockland. Robert McMeeken, January 17; Henry A. Smith, February 22; Charles H. Burgess, June 4; Arthur Shea, July 15; Ezra Whitney, September 1; Charles C. Glover, October 24; Wilbur C. Packard, December 23; John Wiley.
- 51 Saint John's, South Berwick. Charles H. Drew, May 26.
- 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. Charles C. Judkins, July 16; David E. Dinsmore, November 15.
- 55 Fraternal, Alfred. Oren F. Hobbs.
- 56 Mt. Moriah, Denmark. Frank Watson, November 1; Henry W. Evans, November 19; Marshall S. Whitney, January 31.

- 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. George A. Marsh, October 28; Charles W. Greenleaf, December 17.
- 60 Star in the East, Old Town. Eugene L. Spencer,* April 27; George H. Richardson,* September 26; Fred E. Loyejoy,* November 7; Hosea Spencer, November 28; Llewellyn Doyle,* January 19.
- 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. Lowell P. Haskell, March 17; Frank L. Welt, January 13.
- 62 King David's, Lincolnville. William A. Bragg, June 6; George S. Perry, July 3; George S. Ames, February 18.
- 63 Richmond, Richmond. Quinam F. Knight, April 2; William T. Hall, July 10.
- 64 Pacific, Exeter. George A. Weeks, March 26.
- 65 Mystic, Hampden. Henry W. Hammond, January 5.
- 66 Mechanics, Orono. Edwin A. Reed, June 30; Orlando T. Goodridge, July 13; Nathan S. Hill; Liston L. Harris.
- 67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. Henry P. Kimball, May 4; Willard M. Chandler, December 12; Bradford Beal, December 12; Fred Morton, December 13.
- 68 Mariners' Searsport. Frank I. Pendleton, July 2; Alfred E. Nickerson, September 29.
- 69 Howard, Winterport. John G. Walker, March; James E. Lovett, March 23; Augustus M. Clark, May 5; John Butter, May 12; Frank H. Lougee, September 14; John H. Baker, December 22; Amos F. Carleton, February 27.
- 70 Standish, Standish. Alanson M. Rich, June 3.
- 71 Rising Sun, Orland. Weslie D. Leach, May 10.
- 72 Pioneer, Ashland. Harry G. Clark; William E. Hopper.
- 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. Charles R. Millett,* March 18; Thomas S. Turner, March; Samuel D. Bailey, April 14; Charles O. Cole, August 4; James M. Mills, December 5; James E. Tripp, December 20; William E. Dolley,* January 24; Charles H. Brown, January 28.
- 74 Bristol, Bristol Mills. Arthur Cox,* March 29; Frank Partridge, April 30; Thomas McFarland; William L. Stickney,* May 30; Edward Thorpe, June 20.
- 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. James Durrell, April 27; Andrew Perkins, May 7; George B. Carll, October 5; Charles Otis Littlefield, October 16; Alvin Stuart, December 31.
- 77 Tremont, South West Harbor. John E. Billings, December 8.
- 78 Crescent, Pembroke. Frank L. Smith, April 7; George E. Gove, April 25; Alonzo V. Moore, June 19; B. Franklin Bridges, June

- 21; Jethro B. Nutt, August 1; Ansel W. Fisher, January; Josephus F. Mahar, January.
- 79 Rockland, Rockland. Charles E. Littlefield, May 2; Wilson S. Webber,* June; Oliver Otis, July 1; Edward J. Clifton,* September 12; Anson W. Blackington, September 16; Alfred H. Farrington,* October 31; Joseph E. Verrill, December 10.
- 80 Keystone, Solon. Moses Thompson, April 26.
- 81 Atlantic, Portland. John K. Martin, May 24; Daniel King,* June 11; Benjamin F. Davenport,* July 17; Stephen E. Doten,* August 12; Grenville C. Smith,* January 6; William D. Carruthers, January 31; James Edward Fickett,* February 6.
- 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. Horatio G. Jenkins, March 25; John F. Howard, June 10; E. G. T. Ingraham, July 6; Edwin A. Morrill, July 9; Lorenzo C. Greenlaw, November 3; J. Washburn Ingraham, November 30.
- 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. Samuel E. Head, December 16, 1914; Chas. H. Potter, March 20; John Q. Lander, May 2; James M. Swett, May 6; Herbert A. Fogg, May 14; Alfred G. Fickett, November 24.
- 84 Eureka, St. George. Fred Shrader, April 6; James E. Shrader, June 27; George F. Brown, August 5; James N. Dempster; Charles Gannett, November 12; William Stokes; Thomas Hocking.
- 85 Star in the West, Unity. Enoch E. Bagley, March 14; Silas M. Pendleton, March 17; Charles E. Stevens, August 1; Crosby Fowler, January; Leroy S. Knight, February 21.
- 86 Temple, Westbrook. Dwinal Pride, April 7; Samuel M. Shehan, June 5; Alfred J. Libby, July 19; W. Scott Pratt,* September 23; William W. Cutter, September 24; Temple H. Snow, November 29; Orrin H. Bailey.
- 87 Benevolent, Carmel. Benjamin F. Sylvester, Henry Kimball, April 15; Joseph Carter, February 23.
- 88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. Charles O. Dinsmore, 1913.
- 89 Island, Islesboro. Fields C. Pendleton,* September 22; Crayden H. Boardman,* November 5.
- 91 Harwood, Machias. Zina B. Pennell, March 21; Charles H. Clough, April 12; William K. Pennell, August 24; George A. Parlin, January 12; Edgar O. Pennell, February 11; Charles O. Furbush, February 13.
- 92 Siloam, Fairfield. Orlando A. Bowman, December 29; Frederic H. E. Bragg, January 30.

- 93 Horeb, Lincoln. Luna Batchelder,* March 19; Samuel W. Bragg,* August 9; Francis Babcock,* November 18; Lore E. Gordon,* January 5.
- 94 Paris, South Paris. Charles A. Hersey,* March 16; Ira M. Bearce, May 21; Charles G. Andrews, November 22.
- 95 Corinthian, Hartland. Alex. R. Johnston; George Cummings.
- 96 Monument, Houlton. Jonathan Benn,* April 21; Duncan Manson,* June 5; Charles E. F. Stetson,* June 9; Hjalmar Edblad,* July 1; Fred Verplast,* August 1; J. Warren Inman,* October 17; William A. Martin,* February 23.
- 97 Bethel, Bethel. Elmer E. Randall, July 8; J. French Bullard, September 29.
- 98 Katahdin, Patten. Martin Main, May 9; George A. Bryant, August 20; B. C. Woodbury.
- 99 Vernon Valley, Mount Vernon. J. Wallace Ferrand, March; William H. Dudley, March; William T. Morrill, June 11; Rice Brown, September.
- 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. David G. Swan,* April 6; Frank S. Small,* August 20.
- 101 Nezinscot, Turner. Henry C. Munson, September 1.
- 102 Marsh River, Brooks. J. H. Gordon,* September 2; J. H. Frost,* November 17; N. P. Sargent, February 14; M. J. Dow,* February 17.
- 103 Dresden, Dresden Mills. John S. Snow,* March 11; Frank Lemar,* May 26; James L. Ham,* October 17; Nathaniel Stewart,* November 16.
- 104 Dirigo, Weeks' Mills. Charles J. Lincoln, March 14; Frank C. Plummer, March 20; John S. Briggs, August.
- 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. Herbert L. Pratt, July 31; James H. McPhee, July 24; Albert N. Ames, October 7; James G. Borthwick, December 4; George B. Bearce, December 4.
- 106 Tuscan, Addison. John W. Coffin, March 13; Thomas Sisk, May 20; Alphus H. Chandler, November 4; William A. Sawyer, December 6; Benjamin F. Reynolds, December 18; Temple C. Allen, March 1.
- 107 Day Spring, West Newfield. George O. Hannaford, January 14.
- 109 Mt. Kineo, Guilford. Elisha Briggs, May 26; Frank M. Briggs, August 5; Joseph Cousins, August 24; James E. Watters, October 8.
- 110 Monmouth, Monmouth. W. H. Hathaway, May 10; C. J. Bragdon, September 25; R. G. Bickford, October 23.

- 111 Liberty, Liberty. David C. Gilman, July 8; Edward Glidden, December 12; Daniel B. Nutter, December 23; Daniel W. Carrey, January 1.
- 112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. Charles W. Johnston, July 2; Fred H. Landers, November 29; Thos. W. Watson, January 23.
- 113 Messalonskee, Oakland. Nathan Clemson, November 19.
- 114 Polar Star, Bath. John M. Hill, March 11; Jacob R. Andrews, March 26; John Hughes, June 29; Benjamin Rowe, October 20; John W. Ballou, January 7.
- 115 Buxton, West Buxton. Rolland H. Soule, March 2; Edward C. Ambrose, April 1; Oscar D. Rand,* April 14; John C. Warren, July 28; John C. Blunt, December 12; George E. Smith,* January 11.
- 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. Leroy F. Pike, March 10; Wm. W. Thompson, April 29; Charles C. O'Brien; Orman W. Woodbury, December 19.
- 118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. Charles Milliken,* August 11.
- 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. Simeon B. Littlefield,* April 13; Frank L. Heath,* August 21.
- 121 Acacia, Durham. George W. Nichols, January 15; Josiah L. Vining, May 6.
- 122 Marine, Deer Isle. William S. Pickering, January; Edward J. Hutchinson; Daniel J. Cole, March 12; James Staples, October 25; Joseph Fifield, November 1; George H. Spofford, January 2.
- 123 Franklin, New Sharon. Herbert W. Knapp, January 24; Francis A. Dunn, April 17; Abel Chandler, July 16.
- 124 Olive Branch Charleston. Lewis W. Coy,* October 5; Edward Fletcher, November 5.
- 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. Gordon Dobson, May 21; Nichols Sinclair, May 31; Lewis O. Haskell, July 28; Llewellyn Parks, December 4; Richard M. Daniels, January 3; Preston Hersey, February 10.
- 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. Ora T. Perrigo, April 29; William H. Moody, August 16; Elijah H. Haney, January 5; Nathaniel W. Delano, January 21.
- 127 Presumpscot, North Windham. Charles Davis, Jr., March 26; Eugene F. Hayden,* May 10; George H. Freeman, October 25; Jacob N. LeGrow,* December 26; James K. Morrill, February 12.
- 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. Austin H. Dority, April 1; William F. Lane, April; Lowell Grindle, May 25; William A. Higgins,

- September; Loring O. Eddy, October 16; Hiram Harding, February 15.
- 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. Aaron B. Ripley,* June 27.
- 130 Trinity, Presque Isle. Simon B. Gates, April 19.
- 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. Alfred S. Kimball, April 12; James Brown, May 8; Jonathan Bartlett, January 15.
- 133 Asylum, Wayne. Charles Balentine, August 4; Frank G. Foss, October 10; Clarence M. Stevens, November 2; George Parker, December 11.
- 135 Riverside, Jefferson. Walter Williams; William A. Jackson, February 13.
- 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. Charles C. Simpson, March 8; Elisha A. Pierce, May 6; Charles F. White, September 27; Albert Hodsdon, November 27; Simon H. Boyd, February 19.
- 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. James Spencer, March; Thomas M. Smith, March 26; Frank S. Robinson, July 9; George W. Williams, December; A. A. Day, December.
- 139 Archon, East Dixmont. John F. Gray,* May; Ephran D. Tasker, January 8; Jeremiah Smith,* February 23.
- 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. Daniel McKay, May 3; John H. Burr, February 1.
- 141 Augusta, Augusta. Irving O. Gage, May; George P. Goodridge, May; Charles H. Barker, October 8.
- 142 Ocean, Well's Depot. George H. Dodge,* March 2; Frank L. Buker, March 29; Freeman E. Hatch, December 21.
- 143 Preble, Sanford. Archibald Ker, September 3; Hosea A. Allen, January 10.
- 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. Mansfield W. Toole, September 20; Dennis S. Wylie, January 12.
- 145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Charles F. Thompson, May 14; Edmond B. Roberts,* June 6; Ira Calderwood, November 3; David Grant,* February 10; William W. Kittredge, February 18.
- 146 Seabasticook, Clinton. Llewellyn Decker, July 23; Nathaniel Jaquith, December 10.
- 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. Appleton F. Mason, March 21; Jenet A. Rawson, April 10; Fred E. Heald, December 20.
- 148 Forest, Springfield. Judson L. Young, August 9; Hiram Stevens, December 8; Klein E. Cole, December 24; George A. Winship, February 29.
- 149 Doric, Monson. Robert N. Davidson,* December.
- 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. Watson W. Abbott, December 28, 1914; Geo. A. Drew,* March 10; Elkanah B. Harlow,* March 18; Frank

- E. Holding, April 3; Benjamin P. Bibber, August 19; Fessenden I. Day,* October 6; John B. Wise,* February 29.
- 152 Crooked River, Otisfield. Watson T. Andrews, April 11; Clarence B. Caswell, July 5.
- 153 Delta, Lovell. Sylvester Abbott, October 1; Henry W. Stearns, December 22; Nathan B. Dresser, February 12.
- 154 Mystic Tie, Weld. Eugene S. Twaddle, April 20; George N. Coburn, January 2.
- 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. Aaron H. Goodwin, April 6; James F. Ordway, April 17; Frank Tobie, June 18; George D. Frost, September 24.
- 156 Wilton, Wilton. Marian Douglas, October; Edwin R. Sullivan, December 18.
- 157 Cambridge, Cambridge. Cyrus S. Young, July 1; Daniel G. Leavitt,* August 16; John W. Cole,* February 8.
- 158 Anchor, South Bristol. Thomas H. Foster, March 18; Walter H. McFarland, April 14; Russell P. Gamage, July 31.
- 161 Carrabassett, Canaan. Elbridge Richardson, January 27.
- 162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. J. Burton Roberts, June 17; Hiram Huston, November 15.
- 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. H. E. Smith, April 13; A. B. Berry, October 13; E. B. Barton, January 30.
- 164 Webster, Sabattus. Charles Stoehr, December 11.
- 165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. Alfred H. Spooner, May 14; John W. Caldwell, January 12.
- 166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. Henry W. Purington, January 15; Chas. H. Gray, February 20.
- 167 Whitney, Canton. Elion E. Fuller, May 7; James E. York, August 2; Roscoe G. Dunn, August 10; Frank E. Bicknell, December 15.
- 168 Composite, La Grange. William H. Cross, July 24.
- 170 Caribou, Caribou. William C. Spaulding, July 6; Howard P. Todd, December 16.
- 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. Lewis Freethy, April 1; Joseph B. Bobson, June 28.
- 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. Philip W. Lynch, July 28; Judson P. Mallett, September 15; John D. McCain,* February 10.
- 173 Pleiades, Millbridge. William H. Plummer, William W. Field, October 20; Lorenzo Whitten, November; Lincoln H. Leighton, January 28.
- 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. Harry W. Stearns; Joseph C. Malvin; Robert J. Love.

- 178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. Sewell C. Parker,* March 16; George W. Allen,* March 26; George W. Lyon, August 18.
- 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. Herbert F. Stone, March 16; M. Morrill Sherburne, May 7.
- 180 Hiram, South Portland. Oliver B. Mills, April 30; Frank A. Thompson,* July 3; Angus Nicholson,* July 22; Elijah S. Hamilton, August 13; Herbert E. Wallace, August 20; William E. St. John,* September 27; James H. Syphers,* October 25; Nathan R. Dyer, October 30.
- 182 Granite, West Paris. Winfield Emmons, July 2.
- 183 Deering, Portland. Frank Crockett,* April 22; Leonard J. Perkins,* October 1; John E. Sawyer, January 31; James W. Parker,* February 6; Reuel D. Small,* February 10.
- 184 Naval, Kittery. Thomas J. Billings, April 11.
- 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. John H. Pressey, May 6; John S. Lyman, July 11; Thomas S. Liscomb, August 21; Blither S. Higgins, December 9; John W. Conners, January 16.
- 186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Joseph G. Cobb, April; James McLellan, May; Bertram C. Lesser, May; Charles Kelson, June; J. W. Knight, September; W. Scott Swett, October; H. M. Raymond, February; George Meehan, February.
- 187 Ira Berry, Blue Hill. William McHowell, September 15; Paris A. Snow, January 24.
- 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. George T. Jenkins, August 28; Maynard Cummings, September; Abijah Bagley, January 26.
- 189 Knox, South Thomaston. John Ingram,* May 26; Arthur F. Sellers,* January 16; Edmond Wade,* January 31; Thomas R. Drew,* February 19.
- 190 Springvale, Springvale. William H. Wood,* May 19; Edmund E. Goodwin, March 28.
- 191 Davis, Stong. Clinton V. Starbird,* September 26.
- 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. James F. Coombs, October 5; George W. Sargent, January 25.
- 193 Washburn, Washburn. David J. McCubrey,* June 28.
- 194 Euclid, Madison. Samuel E. Remick, February 18; George W. Cushing; Seth M. Nutting.
- 195 Reliance, Stonington. Asa P. Candage, April 15; William Bishop, May 7; George W. Redman, November 15.
- 196 Bay View, East Boothbay. Austin Reed; John T. Murray; Isaac L. Murray.
- 197 Aroostook, Blaine. Daniel H. Jones, May 18; John F. Ketchum, June 3; Robert Scott, October 3; Richard H. Perkins, January 10.

- 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. John E. Staples, August 11.
199 Bingham, Bingham. Charles A. Williams, January.
200 Columbia, Greenville. Edmund Crossman.
201 Davis A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Van Buren Gordon, October 10;
George C. Havey, November 11.
202 Mount Bigelow, Flagstaff. Fremont Lincoln,* April 25; David A.
Butler,* May 4.
204 Mount Abram, Kingfield. Stephen K. Pullen, November 8.
207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. Joseph W. Leighton,* February 23.
209 Fort Kent, Fort Kent. George E. McRae, May 23.

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

M. W. WILLIAM R. G. ESTES,

Grand Master in 1883 and 1884.



Born in Durham, Me., November 22, 1830.

Died in Skowhegan, Me., February 20, 1916,

AGED 85 YEARS, 2 MONTHS, 28 DAYS.



“How fast they fall—those we have known—
As leaves from Autumn branches blown,
So quickly sear!
Yes, one by one they drop away
As withered leaves that fall and stray
And disappear.”

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

M. W. Fessenden I. Day,

Grand Master in 1885 and 1886.



Born in Durham, Me., November 26, 1837.

Died in Lewiston, Me., October 6, 1915.

AGED 77 YEARS, 10 MONTHS, 10 DAYS.



“And so it is forever,
On life's unresting sea,
Men meet, and greet, and sever,
Drifting eternally.”

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. W. John W. Ballou,

Junior Grand Warden in 1869 and 1870.



Born in Newton, Mass., November 4, 1832.

Died in Bath, Me., January 7, 1916,

AGED 83 YEARS, 2 MONTHS, 3 DAYS.



“His life was gentle; and the elements
So mixed in him, that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world ‘This was a man.’”

List of Lodges by Districts.



DISTRICT NO. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, Fort Fairfield.

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| 96 Monument, Houlton. | 193 Washburn, Washburn. |
| 112 Eastern Frontier, Ft. Fairfield. | 197 Aroostook, Blaine. |
| 130 Trinity, Presque Isle. | 214 Limestone, Limestone. |
| 170 Caribou, Caribou. | |

DISTRICT NO. 2.

District Deputy Grand Master—ROBERT G. MCBRIDE, Lubec.

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| 7 Eastern, Eastport. | 78 Crescent, Pembroke. |
| 37 Washington, Lubec. | 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. |
| 46 St. Croix, Calais. | |

DISTRICT NO. 3.

District Deputy Grand Master—ARTHUR H. BARTLETT, Cherryfield.

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| 2 Warren, East Machias. | 131 Lookout, Cutler. |
| 88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. | 173 Pleiades, Millbridge. |
| 91 Harwood, Machias. | 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. |
| 106 Tuscan, Addison Point. | |

DISTRICT NO. 4.

District Deputy Grand Master—JULIAN H. HOOPER, Sedgwick.

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| 4 Hancock, Castine. | 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. |
| 122 Marine, Deer Isle. | 187 Ira Berry, Blue Hill. |
| 128 Eggmoggin, Sedgwick. | 195 Reliance, Stonington. |
| 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. | 210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. |

DISTRICT NO. 5.

District Deputy Grand Master—ERWIN G. RYDER, Brownville Junction.

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| 39 Penobscot, Dexter. | 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. |
| 44 Piscataquis, Milo. | 168 Composite, La Grange. |
| 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. | 200 Columbia, Greenville. |
| 109 Mount Kineo, Guilford. | 207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. |
| 149 Doric, Monson. | |

DISTRICT NO. 6.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRANK D. WEYMOUTH, Charleston.

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| 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. | 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. |
| 60 Star in the East, Oldtown. | 87 Benevolent, Carmel. |
| 65 Mystic, Hampden. | 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. |
| 66 Mechanics', Orono. | 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. |
| 69 Howard, Winterport. | 174 Lynde, Hermon. |

DISTRICT NO. 7.

District Deputy Grand Master—CHARLES W. JONES, China.

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| 45 Central, China. | 111 Liberty, Liberty. |
| 58 Unity, Thorndike. | 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. |
| 85 Star in the West, Unity. | 146 Seabasticook, Clinton. |
| 102 Marsh River, Brooks. | |

DISTRICT NO. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILMER J. DORMAN, Belfast.

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| 24 Phoenix, Belfast. | 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. |
| 62 King David's, Lincolnville. | 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. |
| 68 Mariners', Searsport. | 151 Excelsior, Northport. |
| 89 Island, Islesboro. | |

DISTRICT NO. 9.

District Deputy Grand Master—EMIL WITTEN, Rockland.

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| 6 Amity, Camden. | 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. |
| 15 Orient, Thomaston. | 84 Eureka, Tenant's Harbor. |
| 16 St. George, Warren. | 145 Moses Webster, Vinal Haven. |
| 31 Union, Union. | 189 Knox, South Thomaston. |
| 50 Aurora, Rockland. | 203 Mount Olivet, Washington. |
| 79 Rockland, Rockland. | |

DISTRICT NO. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master—VICTOR K. MONTGOMERY,
East Boothbay.

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| 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. | 135 Riverside, East Jefferson. |
| 43 Alna, Damariscotta. | 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. |
| 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. | 158 Anchor, South Bristol. |
| 74 Bristol, Bristol. | 196 Bay View, East Boothbay. |
| 103 Dresden, Dresden. | 211 Meduncook, Friendship. |

DISTRICT NO. 11.

District Deputy Grand Master—JOHN H. MCILROY, R. F. D. 2,
Sabattus.

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| 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. | 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. |
| 25 Temple, Winthrop. | 104 Dirigo, Weeks' Mills. |
| 32 Hermon, Gardiner. | 110 Monmouth, Monmouth. |
| 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. | 141 Augusta, Augusta. |

DISTRICT NO. 12.

District Deputy Grand Master—SANGER N. ANNIS, Waterville.

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| 33 Waterville, Waterville. | 99 Vernon Valley, Mt. Vernon. |
| 48 Lafayette, Readfield. | 113 Messalonskee, Oakland. |
| 53 Rural, Sidney. | 133 Asylum, Wayne. |
| 54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. | 166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. |

DISTRICT NO. 13.

District Deputy Grand Master—JAMES M. SPENCE, Madison.

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| 28 Northern, Star, North Anson. | 116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. |
| 34 Somerset, Skowhegan. | 161 Carrabasset, Canaan. |
| 80 Keystone, Solon. | 194 Euclid, Madison. |
| 92 Siloam, Fairfield. | 199 Bingham, Bingham. |

DISTRICT NO. 14.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRED E. WARD, Freeport.

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| 8 United, Brunswick. | 63 Richmond, Richmond. |
| 14 Solar, Bath. | 114 Polar Star, Bath. |
| 23 Freeport, Freeport. | 121 Acacia, Durham. |
| 26 Village, Bowdoinham. | 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. |

watching the ceremonies, enables one to gain a wider and deeper insight into the operations of the Craft, and to appreciate more fully the spirit that animates members. It is gratifying to be able to report that our Order is prospering; that many Masons are filled with warm enthusiasm for the cause of Masonry, and that as an institution, existing for the betterment of mankind, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand is well and faithfully performing its part. That Masonry is a vital and edifying force in our country is in a great measure due to the devoted work performed by the executive boards, and by the eminent brethren who are in charge of districts."

Three new lodges were constituted.

The following motion prevailed:

"That the balance standing in the books of Grand Lodge to the credit of 'The Hutment Fund,' and any further contributions that may be received from Lodges and brethren for that fund, be transferred to the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund, and be applied for the benefit of the Annuity Fund."

PANAMA, 1919.

The proceedings are in Spanish. The address of the Grand Master, however, is printed in English.

We quote:

"During the masonic year embraced in this Memoir no Lodge has been established within our jurisdiction, but rather one of the constituent Lodges has been in the verge of inexistence: Restauracion Lodge, No. 4, has been in recess during some time, and is still so."

From his conclusion we quote:

"Our organization is not yet finished, and there will be required great efforts, and perseverance to carry it on. The Grand Officers that take the oath today ought to be like expert pilots, our Grand Master as a Mate and all masons of the jurisdiction as eager sailors, full of enthusiasm, of discipline and of perseverance in order to take the bark away from risks and danger that menace the navigation all along. And it is to be hoped that in their labor they may have the aid as those who are worth of seeking it from the Great Architect of the Universe deserve it."

There is a Report on Foreign Correspondence, also in Spanish. Maine is reviewed.

SCOTLAND, 1919.

The proceedings at the Quarterly Communications in August and November, 1919, have been received.

The following law was adopted:

"No Lodge shall initiate more than seven candidates on the same day, and no Lodge shall pass to the Second Degree, or raise to the Third Degree, more than seven brethren in either of said Degrees on any one day."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1919.

Routine business required the attention of those present at the Communications of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Correspondence made report.

DISTRICT NO. 20.

District Deputy Grand Master—DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE, Lincoln.

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| 93 Horeb, Lincoln. | 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. |
| 148 Forest, Springfield. | 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. |

DISTRICT NO. 21.

District Deputy Grand Master—GEORGE HARMON, Southwest Harbor.

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| 19 Felicity, Bucksport. | 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. |
| 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. | 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. |
| 71 Rising Sun, Orland. | 201 David A. Hooper, W. Sullivan. |
| 77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor. | 208 N. E. Harbor, N. E. Harbor. |
| 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. | 212 McKinley, McKinley. |

DISTRICT NO. 22.

District Deputy Grand Master—GUSTAVUS F. DINSMORE, Newport.

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| 49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. | 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. |
| 64 Pacific, Exeter. | 139 Archon, East Dixmont. |
| 75 Plymouth, Plymouth. | 157 Cambridge, Cambridge. |
| 95 Corinthian, Hartland. | 160 Parian, Corinna. |

DISTRICT NO. 23.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRANK D. FENDERSON, Limerick.

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| 27 Adoniram, Limington. | 115 Buxton, West Buxton. |
| 42 Freedom, Limerick. | 118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. |
| 55 Fraternal, Alfred. | 143 Preble, Sanford. |
| 107 Day Spring, West Newfield. | 190 Springvale, Springvale. |

DISTRICT NO. 24.

District Deputy Grand Master—GEORGE R. HALL, Lewiston.

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| 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. | 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. |
| 29 Tranquil, Auburn. | 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. |
| 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. | 164 Webster, Sabattus. |
| 101 Nezinscot, Turner. | 178 Ancient Brothers, Auburn. |

DISTRICT NO. 25.

District Deputy Grand Master—SAMUEL R. CRABTREE, Island Falls.

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| 72 Pioneer, Ashland. | 205 Nollesemic, Millinocket. |
| 98 Katahdin, Patten. | 206 Island Falls, Island Falls. |
| 165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. | 209 Fort Kent, Fort Kent. |

DISTRICT NO. 26.

District Deputy Grand Master—JOHN M. HOLLAND, Dixfield.

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| 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. | 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. |
| 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. | 167 Whitney, Canton. |

Recapitulation--1916

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| Lodges enrolled, | 214 |
| " extinct, | 9 |
| " working, | 205 |
| " granted charters at communication, 1916, | 0 |
| " represented at communication, 1916, | 195 |
| Number of representatives, | 259 |
| Lodges to make returns, | 205 |
| Making returns in time, | 205 |
| Initiated, | 1,354 |
| Raised, | 1,349 |
| Affiliated, | 108 |
| Re-instated, | 79 |
| Corrections, | 1 |
| Total increase, | 1,537 |
| Dimitted, | 177 |
| Died, | 654 |
| Suspended for unmasonic conduct, | 0 |
| Expelled, | 0 |
| Lost membership by non-payment of dues, | 262 |
| Total decrease, | 1,093 |
| Net increase, | 444 |
| Members, March 1, 1915, | 30,884 |
| Members, March 1, 1916, | <u>31,328</u> |
| Grand Lodge Receipts, | \$9,840.57 |
| " " Disbursements, | \$9,251.07 |
| Amount of Charity Fund, | \$75,318.12 |
| Income of Charity Fund, | \$2,793.32 |

Grand Lodges and

GRAND LODGES.

Alabama, Dec. 1, 1915,
 Alberta, May 26, 1915,
 Arizona, Feb. 9, 1915,
 Arkansas, Nov. 16, 1915,
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 Illinois, Oct. 12, 1915,
 Indiana, May 22, 1916,
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 Ireland, Dec. 27, 1915,
 Kansas, Feb. 16, 1916,
 Kentucky, Oct. 19, 1915,
 Louisiana, Feb. 9, 1916,
 Maine, May 2, 1916,
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 Maryland, Nov. 16, 1915,
 Massachusetts, Dec. 28, 1915,
 Michigan, May 25, 1915,
 Minnesota, Jan. 19, 1916,
 Mississippi, Feb. 15, 1916,
 Missouri, Sept. 28, 1915,
 Montana, Sept. 15, 1915,
 Nebraska, June 8, 1915,

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Fraternally submitted for the Committee,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *Chairman.*

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Victoria—HENRY J. ARMSTRONG, Kyneton.
Virginia—CHARLES A. NESBITT, Richmond.
Washington—LEVI ANKENY, Walla Walla.
Western Australia—THOMAS WALL HARDWICK, Perth.
West Virginia—A. BERTRAM C. BRAY, Ronceverte.
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, Pittsfield.
 Alberta—MANLY G. TRASK, Bangor.
 Arizona—AUGUSTUS BAILEY, Gardiner.
 Arkansas—
 Belgium—
 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—FRED C. CHALMERS, Bangor.
 Georgia—BIAL F. BRADBURY, Norway.
 Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland.
 Illinois—
 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—
 Minnesota—SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, Rumford.
 Mississippi—ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Portland.
 Missouri—DANIEL P. BOYNTON, Monmouth.
 Montana—CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, Belfast.
 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—
- North Carolina—CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Waterville.
- North Dakota—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH, Auburn.
- Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Portland.
- Ohio—CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.
- Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.
- Oregon—FRANK E. MONROE, Milo.
- Peru—
- Philippine Islands—WALDO PETTENGILL, Rumford.
- Prince Edward Island—GEORGE W. MCCLAIN, Brownville Junction.
- Puerto Rico—THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.
- Quebec—JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
- Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
- Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.
- South Australia—BENJAMIN AMES, Thorndike.
- South Carolina—WINFIED 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—GEORGE A. GILPATRICK, Kennebunk.
- 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. MALLETT, Freeport.

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The Engraver's Mark

Your faithfully
Stephen Berry

Grand Lodge of Maine.

1917

Ninety-Eighth Annual Communication.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 1, 1917. }

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

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

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| WALDO PETTENGILL, | M. W. Grand Master, | Rumford |
| SILAS B. ADAMS, | R. W. Deputy Grand Master, | Portland |
| RALPH W. MOORE, | " Senior Grand Warden, | Hampden |
| ALBERT H. NEWBERT, | " Junior Grand Warden, | Rockland |
| ALBRO E. CHASE, | " Grand Treasurer, | Portland |
| STEPHEN BERRY, | " " Secretary, | Portland |
| CONVERS E. LEACH, | " Cor. Grand Secretary, | Portland |
| REV. DAVID L. WILSON, | W. Grand Chaplain, | Bath |
| " I. JAMES MERRY, | " " " | Kittery |
| " HENRY E. DUNNACK, | " " " | Bangor |
| " ASHLEY. A. SMITH, | " " " | Bangor |
| FREDERIC O. EATON, | " " Marshal, | Rumford |
| ERNEST C. BUTLER, | " " Senior Deacon, | Skowhegan |
| JOHN N. FOYE, <i>as</i> | " " Junior Deacon, | Canton |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, | " " Steward, | Portland |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, | " " " | Waterville |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, | " " " | Biddeford |
| EBEN F. RICHARDSON, | " " Sword Bearer, | S. West Harbor |
| JOHN N. FOYE, | " " Standard Bearer, | Canton |
| WARREN C. KING, | " " Pursuivant, | Portland |
| JAMES B. STEVENSON, | " " " | Rumford |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " " Lecturer, | Sabattus |
| WALTER S. SMITH, | " " Organist, | Portland |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | " " Tyler, | Portland |

Also 237 delegates, representing 187 of the 205 chartered lodges, 7 of the 9 living Past Grand Masters, with 30 out of the other 41 permanent members, including 38 of the 55 representatives of other Grand Lodges, together with visiting brethren.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, prayer being offered by the Rev. Bro. HENRY E. DUNNACK, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS,

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. SILAS B. ADAMS,

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

On motion of Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Voted, That the Grand Tyler be authorized to employ assistants, not exceeding four, 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.

EXCUSE.

The following was received and ordered on record:

PITTSFIELD, May 1, 1917.

*Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge
F. & A. M. of Maine.*

By reason of sickness in my home and professional duties I am unable to be with you at this session. You have my best wishes for a pleasant session and a prosperous year.

Fraternally yours,

EDWIN A. PORTER, P. S. G. W.

TRANSPORTATION.

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

PORTLAND, May 1, 1917.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Transportation made the usual arrangements and caused notice of the same to be sent to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

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

The Grand Master appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Doings of the Grand Officers.

HOWARD D. SMITH, THOMAS H. BODGE, ASHLEY A. SMITH.

On the Pay Roll.

FRANK H. BODGE, JOHN C. ARNOLD, CHARLES M. FARRAR.

On Unfinished Business.

ALBERT M. PENLEY, ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

CREDENTIALS.

BRO. RALPH H. BURBANK reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 1, 1917.

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

- 1 PORTLAND, by Perley C. Dresser, M; Harold B. Chase, JW.
- 2 WARREN, by James R. Talbot, SW; George F. Ray, Proxy.
- 3 LINCOLN, by Edward C. Leighton, Proxy.
- 4 HANCOCK, by Willis A. Ricker, Proxy.
- 5 ———KENNEBEC, not represented.
- 6 AMITY, by Wilson D. Barron, M.
- 7 EASTERN, by Frank R. Holmes, M.
- 8 UNITED, by Henry C. Upton, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Howard A. Whitten, M; Thomas H. Hooper, JW; Ralph N. Perry, Proxy.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by Horace S. Stewart, M; Frank P. Denaco, Proxy.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by Benjamin T. Newman, Proxy.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by William H. Dunphe, Proxy.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by Carl T. Plummer, M; Maurice W. Hamblen, JW.
- 14 SOLAR, by W. Scott Shorey, Proxy.
- 15 ORIENT, by Clarence E. Oliver, M; William C. Lenfest, SW.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by Chester B. Hall, M; G. Dudley Gould, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LANDMARK, by E. Murray Graham, SW.
- 18 OXFORD, by Raymond H. Eastman, M; Lee M. Smith, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by Harry C. Page, M.
- 20 MAINE, by Frank O. Fales, M; Henry B. Voter, Proxy.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Francis S. Dow, SW; Arthur E. Grose, Proxy.
- 22 YORK, by George A. Gilpatrick, Proxy.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Herman G. Fisher, JW.
- 24 PHENIX, by Morris L. Slugg, JW; Ernest S. Webber, Proxy.
- 25 TEMPLE, by Levi D. French, M; L. Elwood Jones, Proxy.
- 26 VILLAGE, by Henry E. Cornish, M.
- 27 ———ADONIRAM, not represented.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by John M. Getchell, Proxy.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by Willis P. Atwood, M.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by Frederic O. Eaton, Proxy.
- 31 UNION, by Ralph B. Lewis, M.
- 32 HERMON, by Charles W. Nichols, M; Harry E. Larrabee, Proxy.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by Charles B. Davis, M; John B. Levy, SW; Harry S. Grindall, Proxy.
- 34 SOMERSET, by Edward F. Merrill, M.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by Claude C. Cole, M; John C. Arnold, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by Perley E. Winslow, M; Henry G. Rogers, SW; Louis W. Riggs, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by Frank G. Norton, M.
- 38 HARMONY, by Everett P. Hanson, Proxy.
- 39] PENOBSCOT, by Leland A. Ross, JW.

- 40 LYGONIA, by Edward F. Robinson, Jr., Proxy.
41 MORNING STAR, by Freeman W. Jordan, SW,
42 ———FREEDOM, not represented.
43 ALNA, by William B. Austin, SW.
44 PISCATAQUIS, by Ralph A. Leonard, SW; Charles M. Farrar, Proxy.
45 CENTRAL, by Charles A. Pinkham, Proxy.
46 ST. CROIX, by Joseph E. Collins, M.
47 DUNLAP, by Edwin R. Small, Proxy.
48 LAFAYETTE, by Edward G. Palmer, M; Costello Weston, Proxy.
49 MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, by Charles A. Nutter, M; John E. Kingsbury, Proxy.
50 AURORA, by Freeman A. Stanley, M; Benjamin J. Philbrook, JW;
Richard K. Snow, Proxy.
51 ST. JOHN'S, by Frank A. Prescott, M.
52 MOSAIC, by Charles W. Hayes, M.
53 RURAL, by Charles S. Taylor, M.
54 ———VASSALBORO, not represented.
55 FRATERNAL, by James H. Littlefield, Proxy.
56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Perley R. F. Bradbury, Proxy.
57 KING HIRAM, by Charles L. Dillingham, Proxy.
58 UNITY, by Elisha P. Webster, M.
59 MOUNT HOPE,—*Charter surrendered in 1879.*
60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Dana W. Libbey, M.
61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Thomas E. Leavitt, M.
62 KING DAVID'S, by Ernest E. Carver, M.
63 RICHMOND, by Frank R. McKenney, M; Wallace N. Price, Proxy.
64 PACIFIC, by Freeman C. Hersey, Proxy.
65 MYSTIC, by Leslie N. Sparrow, M.
66 MECHANICS', by Newton A. Robbins, M.
67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by J. Blaine Morrison, Proxy.
68 MARINERS', by Bedford N. Staples, Proxy.
69 HOWARD, by Willis P. Tripp, M.
70 STANDISH, by Harry B. Hartford, Proxy.
71 RISING SUN, by Irving R. Saunders, M.
72 PIONEER, by Hugh B. Bartlett, JW.
73 TYRIAN, by Lewin Jefferies, Proxy.
74 BRISTOL, by Joseph E. Crooker, Proxy.
75 PLYMOUTH, by Dana L. Small, M.
76 ARUNDEL, by Andrew M. Rollins, JW; Thomas P. Baker, Proxy.
77 TREMONT, by Eben F. Richardson, SW; Henry L. Gray, Proxy.
78 CRESCENT, by Fred L. Gardner, Proxy.
79 ROCKLAND, by Hyman Alperin, Proxy.

- 80 KEYSTONE, by Ira R. Adams, SW; Hazen L. Jewett, JW; Fred Drury, Proxy.
- 81 ATLANTIC, by William K. Herrmann, M; Herbert I. Low, JW.
- 82 ST. PAUL'S, by J. Carleton Davis, M.
- 83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Charles H. Johnson, JW.
- 84 EUREKA, by Elmer E. Allen, Proxy.
- 85 STAR IN THE WEST, by Fred A. Whitten, M.
- 86 TEMPLE, by Oliver A. Cobb, Proxy.
- 87 BENEVOLENT, by Adoniram J. McGown, M.
- 88 NARRAGUAGUS, by William F. Campbell, Proxy.
- 89 ISLAND, by Ralph E. Pendleton, M.
- 90 HIRAM ABIFF,—*Charter revoked in 1868.*
- 91 HARWOOD, by Ralph Chandler, SW.
- 92 SILOAM, by Carl C. Piper, Proxy.
- 93 HOREB, by Leon Young, Proxy.
- 94 PARIS, by Charles E. McArdle, Proxy.
- 95 CORINTHIAN, by Charles E. Norcross, M.
- 96 MONUMENT, by Arthur O. Putnam, SW.
- 97 BETHEL, by Ernest F. Bisbee, M.
- 98 KATAHDIN, by Walter W. Woodbury, M.
- 99 VERNON VALLEY, by Allston W. Tyler, Proxy.
- 100 JEFFERSON, by H. Alton Bacon, M; James M. Day, Proxy.
- 101 NEZINSCOT, by Royal W. Bradford, M; Frank M. Marden, JW; Albert T. Bradford, Proxy.
- 102 MARSH RIVER, by Everett E. Brown, JW.
- 103 ———DRESDEN, not represented.
- 104 DIRIGO, by Joseph A. Banks, Proxy.
- 105 ASHLAR, by Philip E. Coombs, M.
- 106 TUSCAN, by Milford H. Brown, M.
- 107 ———DAY SPRING, not represented.
- 108 RELIEF,—*Charter recalled in 1894.*
- 109 MOUNT KINEO, by Carroll S. Douglass, Proxy.
- 110 MONMOUTH, by Eugene Andrews, SW.
- 111 LIBERTY, by Oren W. Ripley, Proxy.
- 112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by William G. Chamberlain, M.
- 113 MESSALONSKEE, by Spurgeon S. Hoar, M; James H. Witherell, Proxy.
- 114 POLAR STAR, by Alden P. Denham, SW; Raymond C. Brown, Proxy.
- 115 BUXTON, by Pliny A. Crockett, Proxy.
- 116 LEBANON, by William B. Longley, Proxy.
- 117 GREENLEAF, by Harry G. Swazey, M; Merle F. Smith, SW.

- 118 DRUMMOND, by George A. Doe, M.
119 POWNAL, by Charles A. Snow, Proxy.
120 MEDUNCOOK,—*Charter surrendered in 1884.*
121 ACACIA, by Lyndon E. Sylvester, SW.
122 MARINE, by Moses D. Joyce, Proxy.
123 FRANKLIN, by Fred W. Sanders, Proxy.
124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Horace E. Mitchell, Proxy.
125 MERIDIAN, by Fred H. Estes, M.
126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by James A. Sanker, Proxy.
127 PRESUMPCOT, by William K. Foster, M.
128 EGGEMOGGIN, by Irving S. Candage, Proxy.
129 QUANTABACOOK, by Alton P. French, M.
130 TRINITY, by Philip D. Phair, M.
131 LOOKOUT, by Forrest S. Stevens, SW.
132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by George W. Sias, M.
133 ASYLUM, by Frederick L. Chenery, Jr., M.
134 TROJAN,—*Consolidated with Star in the West, No. 85, in 1888.*
135 RIVERSIDE, by Forrest C. Hodgkins, M; H. Prescott Bond, SW.
136 IONIC,—*Charter surrendered in 1882.*
137 ———KENDUSKEAG, not represented.
138 LEWY'S ISLAND, by Guy W. Swan, M.
139 ARCHON, by Rufus L. Tasker, SW; Fred M. Johnston, Proxy.
140 MOUNT DESERT, by Charles G. Bordeaux, Proxy.
141 AUGUSTA, by Alfred C. Turner, M.
142 OCEAN, by Charles H. West, Proxy.
143 PREBLE, by Ben Ramsden, Proxy.
144 SEASIDE, by Harry N. Davis, M.
145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Frederick A. Grindle, Proxy.
146 SEBASTICOOK, by Roger F. Stinchfield, M.
147 EVENING STAR, by Fred Cummings, M.
148 FOREST, by Lysander W. Trask, Proxy.
149 DORIC, by Henning T. Johnson, M; William R. Hughes, Jr., Proxy.
150 RABONI, by Louis B. Costello, M.
151 EXCELSIOR, by Rodol A. Packard, Proxy.
152 CROOKED RIVER, by Adna D. Pike, M; Melville R. Wilbur, SW.
153 ———DELTA, not represented.
154 MYSTIC TIE, by Albert M. Child, M; Dennis B. Swett, Proxy.
155 ANCIENT YORK, by Oscar B. Ingalls, M; George B. Shorey, Proxy.
156 WILTON, by Fred E. Trefethen, Proxy.
157 CAMBRIDGE, by Stanwood I. Mower, M.
158 ANCHOR, by Alva F. Gamage, M.
159 ESOTERIC,—*Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 40. Jan. 11, 1908.*

- 160 ——— PARIAN, not represented.
- 161 CARRABASSETT, by John S. Goodridge, M.
- 162 ARION, by Hugh Steele, Proxy.
- 163 PLEASANT RIVER, by Alfred Merrill, M.
- 164 WEBSTER, by Charles W. Coombs, M; Frank E. Sleeper, Proxy.
- 165 MOLUNKUS, by Freeman C. Harris, Proxy.
- 166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Everett S. Coombs, Proxy.
- 167 WHITNEY, by Caleb E. Mendall, M; John N. Foye, Proxy.
- 168 COMPOSITE, by Lewis M. Blake, M.
- 169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by Almon F. Johnson, Proxy.
- 170 CARIBOU, by Willard P. Hamilton, Proxy.
- 171 NASKEAG, by Owen L. Flye, Proxy.
- 172 PINE TREE, by Edson P. Reynolds, Proxy.
- 173 PLEIADES, by Albert F. Allen, SW.
- 174 LYNDE, by William H. Snow, M.
- 175 BASKAHEGAN, by Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
- 176 PALESTINE,—*Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, Sept. 23, 1895.*
- 177 RISING STAR, by Melvin A. Wardwell, Proxy.
- 178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by Ned P. Willis, M; John M. Littlefield, SW.
- 179 YORKSHIRE, by William B. Littlefield, Proxy.
- 180 HIRAM, by William H. Tander, SW.
- 181 REUEL WASHBURN,—*Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1882.*
- 182 GRANITE, by Frederick R. Penley, Proxy.
- 183 DEERING, by John F. Larrabee, M; Wilson C. Blake, SW; Henry L. Thompson, JW; William H. Richardson, Proxy.
- 184 NAVAL, by William O. Kennard, SW.
- 185 BAR HARBOR, by Everett W. Johnson, M.
- 186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by Willis G. Carl, M.
- 187 IRA BERRY, by Charles E. Greene, JW; Ithamar E. Stanley, Proxy.
- 188 JONESPORT, by Harry K. Ginn, M.
- 189 KNOX, by Charles R. Crowley, M; Charles S. Watts, Proxy.
- 190 SPRINGVALE, by Arthur E. Horne, Proxy.
- 191 DAVIS, by William J. Smith, M.
- 192 ——— WINTER HARBOR, not represented.
- 193 WASHBURN, by Andrew J. Beck, M.
- 194 EUCLID, by Earl S. Cox, M.
- 195 RELIANCE, by John A. McNevin, Proxy.
- 196 BAY VIEW, by Luther A. Barlow, Proxy.
- 197 AROOSTOOK, by Howard Pierce, M.
- 198 ST. ASPINQUID, by Everett F. Davis, M.
- 199 BINGHAM, by Harold A. Coleman, M.

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| R. W. MILLARD | M. CASWELL, | - - - - - | P. J. G. W. |
| " | FRANKLIN R. REDLON, | - - - - - | " |
| " | JOHN H. MCGORRILL, | - - - - - | " |
| " | JAMES C. AYER, | - - - - - | " |
| " | EDWARD G. WESTON, | - - - - - | " |
| " | ALBERT M. AMES, | - - - - - | " |
| " | GEORGE W. HOLMES, | - - - - - | " |
| " | WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, | - - - - - | " |
| " | SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, | - - - - - | " |
| " | CONVERS E. LEACH, | - - - - - | " |
| " | ERNEST P. PARLIN, | - - - - - | " |
| " | GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, | - - - - - | " |
| " | CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, | - - - - - | " |
| " | FRANK B. ARNOLD, | - - - - - | " |

And Grand Officers as follows:

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| WALDO PETTENGILL, | - - - - - | M. W. Grand Master. |
| SILAS B. ADAMS, | - - - - - | R. W. Deputy Grand Master. |
| RALPH W. MOORE, | - - - - - | " Senior Grand Warden. |
| ALBERT H. NEWBERT, | - - - - - | " Junior Grand Warden. |
| ALBRO E. CHASE, | - - - - - | " Grand Treasurer. |
| STEPHEN BERRY, | - - - - - | " " Secretary. |
| CONVERS E. LEACH, | - - - - - | " Cor. Grand Secretary. |
| ROBERT G. MCBRIDE, | - - - - - | " D. D. G. M. 2d Dist. |
| ARTHUR H. BARTLETT, | - - - - - | " " 3d " |
| ERWIN G. RYDER, | - - - - - | " " 5th " |
| FRANK D. WEYMOUTH, | - - - - - | " " 6th " |
| CHARLES W. JONES, | - - - - - | " " 7th " |
| WILMER J. DORMAN, | - - - - - | " " 8th " |
| EMIL WITTEN, | - - - - - | " " 9th " |
| JOHN H. MCILROY, | - - - - - | " " 11th " |
| SANGER N. ANNIS, | - - - - - | " " 12th " |
| JAMES M. SPENCE, | - - - - - | " " 13th " |
| FRED E. WARD, | - - - - - | " " 14th " |
| J. BLAINE MORRISON, | - - - - - | " " 15th " |
| ERNEST J. RECORD, | - - - - - | " " 16th " |
| EDGAR F. CARSWELL, | - - - - - | " " 17th " |
| FRED R. BRADBURY, | - - - - - | " " 18th " |
| GEORGE N. STEVENS, | - - - - - | " " 19th " |
| DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE, | - - - - - | " " 20th " |
| GEORGE HARMON, | - - - - - | " " 21st " |

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| GUSTAVUS F. DINSMORE, - - - | R. W. D. D. G. M. | 22d | Dist. |
| GEORGE R. HALL, - - - - - | " " | 24th | " |
| SAMUEL R. CRABTREE, - - - | " " | 25th | " |
| JOHN M. HOLLAND, - - - - - | " " | 26th | " |
| REV. DAVID L. WILSON, - - - | W. | Grand Chaplain. | |
| " I. JAMES MERRY, - - - - - | " " | " | |
| " HENRY E. DUNNACK, - - - | " " | " | |
| " ASHLEY A. SMITH, - - - - - | " " | " | |
| FREDERIC O. EATON, - - - - - | " " | Marshal. | |
| ERNEST C. BUTLER, - - - - - | " " | Senior Deacon. | |
| JOHN N. FOYE, - - - - - as | " " | Junior Deacon. | |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, - - - - - | " " | Steward. | |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, - - - - - | " " | " | |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, - - - - - | " " | " | |
| EBEN F. RICHARDSON, - - - - - | " " | Sword Bearer. | |
| JOHN N. FOYE, - - - - - | " " | Stand. Bearer. | |
| WARREN C. KING, - - - - - | " " | Pursuivant. | |
| JAMES B. STEVENSON, - - - - - | " " | " | |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, - - - - - | " " | Lecturer. | |
| WALTER S. SMITH, - - - - - | " " | Organist. | |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, - - - - - | " " | Tyler. | |

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance :

Alabama—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, Pittsfield.
 British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE, Portland.
 Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabattus.
 Connecticut—ISAAC N. JONES, Calais.
 District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY, Portland.
 Florida—FRED C. CHALMERS, Bangor.
 Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland.
 Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.
 Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.
 Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES, Stockton Springs.
 Maryland—GEORGE W. HOLMES, Norway.
 Minnesota—SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, Rumford.
 Mississippi—ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Portland.
 Montana—CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, Belfast.
 New Brunswick—MOSES TAIT, Calais.
 New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.
 New York—HENRY R. TAYLOR, Machias.
 New Zealand—ERNEST P. PARLIN, Wilton.

North Carolina—CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Waterville.
 North Dakota—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH, Auburn.
 Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Portland.
 Ohio—CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.
 Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.
 Oregon—FRANK E. MONROE, Milo.
 Philippine Islands—WALDO PETTENGILL, Rumford.
 Puerto Rico—THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.
 Quebec—JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
 Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
 Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.
 South Carolina—WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, Lisbon.
 South Dakota—EDWARD G. WESTON, Thomaston.
 Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY, Bath.
 Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY, Kent's Hill.
 Victoria—GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, Keenebunk.
 Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, Portland.
 Western Australia—FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Portland.
 West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENLEY, Auburn.
 Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALET, Freeport.

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH H. BURBANK, }
 CHARLES B. DAVIS, } *Committee.*
 FRANK P. DENACO, }

The report was accepted, and was left in the hands of the committee until 2 P. M., in order that additions might be made.

Grand Master WALDO PETTENGILL then delivered his Annual Address, which was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge :

✓ The lapse of time has brought another year to its close. Its events are now history and its possibilities for good or evil are now gone forever. While it has been a year of peace and prosperity to us in our free and happy land, to our brethren across the

sea it has been a year of sorrow and suffering. War with all its attendant evils has deluged the land with blood as the several nations are striving to secure peace and liberty for the future. May the conflict be brought to a close speedily, may freedom, justice and liberty for all people prevail and all governments have as their foundation Divine law and love in place of so-called Divine right.

Our nation has taken the stand to assist in bringing about this happy conclusion, and we all as loyal citizens of our country, and in accordance with the solemn obligations taken at our altars, are bound by duty and manhood to use our best energies, physical, material and mental, to assist in every possible way our President and his advisors in this day of National trial; and may God bless our efforts. To our Grand Lodge it has been a year of peace and growth and we now number 31,855 good and true men as brother masons, a gain over last year of 527 members.

I wish to repeat what has been said by so many of my predecessors, that great care be taken in the admission of new members, to carefully examine a man before he becomes a mason, if he is accepted that he may not injure our Order and if he is injured by rejection that it is for a good and sufficient cause.

DEATHS.

R. W. LEANDER M. KENNISTON was called to the Lodge above Sunday, May 28, 1916. He was our oldest P. S. G. W. in point of service. His activities and services in the Grand Lodge have helped us all for many years and he will be greatly missed. I have asked R. W. Edward G. Weston, his friend, to prepare a suitable memorial to be presented at this session of the Grand Lodge.

R. W. BENJAMIN AMES, P. J. G. W., of Thorndike, died Wednesday, February 7, 1917, aged 75 years and 5 months. I have asked his Pastor, P. M. Rev. D. Brackett, to prepare an obituary notice which is herewith presented.

R. W. DANIEL P. BOYNTON, P. S. G. W., of Monmouth, passed

to the higher life at Lewiston Sunday, February 18, 1917, aged 79 years and 1 month, and R. W. Bro. C. W. Crosby has prepared a memorial to be presented at this session of the Grand Lodge for your approval.

APPOINTMENTS.

July 13, 1916, Arthur H. Bartlett to be R. W. D. D. G. M. for the 3d Masonic District.

And the following brethren to install officers :

- 1st District, Floyd A. Smith, Caribou, Me.
- 3d " George B. Ricker, Cherryfield, Me.
- 4th " James E. Parsons, Lubec, Me.
- 8th " R. W. Clifford J. Pattee, Belfast, Me.
- 12th " Charles L. Jones, Waterville, Me.
- 14th " M. W. Edmund B. Mallet, Freeport, Me.
- 19th " R. W. George A. Gilpatric, Kennebunk, Me.

April 25, 1917, I appointed Bro. Edwin A. Ripley of Mandan, North Dakota, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

NOMINATIONS.

August 4, 1916, R. W. Ernest P. Parlin as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

BY-LAWS.

By-Laws have been approved as follows :

- November 8, 1916, Alna Lodge, No. 43, at Damariscotta, Me.
- July 3d, Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, at Portland, Me.
- January 30, 1917, Granite Lodge, No. 182, at West Paris, Me.
- April 10th, Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, at Carmel, Me.
- April 23d, Mechanics' Lodge, No. 66, at Orono, Me.

DISPENSATIONS.

I granted a dispensation to Bay View Lodge, No. 196, to receive and ballot upon the application of a man for the degrees of Masonry at the same meeting, he being a sea faring man about to leave for a foreign voyage.

June 17, 1916, I granted a dispensation to Moses Webster Lodge, No. 145, to receive and ballot upon an application for the degrees of Masonry of a person who had lived in their jurisdiction less than the required time, for the reasons that seemed sufficient to me.

June 20th, I granted a dispensation to Penobscot Lodge, No. 39, to attend Divine worship on June 25th, in regalia, for observance of St. John's Day.

June 30th, I granted a dispensation to Moses Webster Lodge, No. 145, to receive and ballot upon an application for the degrees of Masonry at the stated communication in July.

July 17th, I granted a dispensation to St. Aspinquid Lodge, No. 198, of York, to receive an application for degrees during vacation, at a special meeting to be held August 1st.

August 3d, I granted a dispensation for Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, of Wiscasset, to confer the Entered Apprentice degree upon William James Ward and James Howard Brickett at the request of Kossuth A. Meyer Lodge, No. 703, of Pine Hill, Ala., and Grand Master Walter Smith of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, they to be properly identified.

August 28th, I granted permission for Bethel Lodge, No. 97, to work the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degree at Wilson Mills in a hall not their own but in their jurisdiction, that was to be inspected by the D. D. G. M. of the 15th District.

September 26th, I granted a dispensation to Alna Lodge, No. 43, at Damariscotta, to receive and ballot upon an application at the same stated meeting.

December 28th, I granted a dispensation to Bagaduce Lodge, No. 210, to hold a special meeting on Monday, January 1st, for the purpose of electing officers.

January 1, 1917, I granted a dispensation to Reliance Lodge, No. 195, of Stonington, to elect a Secretary and Treasurer at a meeting for that purpose to fill vacancies.

April 23d, I granted a dispensation to Piscataquis Lodge, 44, to receive and ballot upon an application at a special meeting in case of an enlisted soldier.

DEDICATION.

June 8, 1916, I dedicated the new hall of Pacific Lodge, No. 64, at Exeter, at 10:30 A. M. After the ceremony a sumptuous banquet was furnished by the sisters of the Eastern Star, followed by a fine literary program and address by M. W. Ashley A. Smith, which was delivered in his usual masterly manner.

I was assisted by

- R. W. SILAS B. ADAMS, D. G. M.
- R. W. RALPH W. MOORE, S. G. W.
- R. W. FRED C. CHALMERS, P. S. G. W. as J. G. W.
- R. W. FRANK D. WEYMOUTH, D. D. G. M. 6th Dist., as G. T.
- M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH, G. Chaplain.
- R. W. FRANK J. COLE, P. S. G. W. as G. Marshal.
- W. ERNEST A. BUTLER, G. S. D.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Freeman C. Hersey, whom we all know for his interest in Masonry, and the officers and brethren of Pacific Lodge, are to be commended for their interest and zeal in the cause of Masonry as shown by the beautiful home they have built, and the occasion was one long to be remembered by all present.

Thursday, October 12th, I dedicated the new hall of Wilton Lodge, No. 156, at Wilton.

I was assisted by the following brethren :

- R. W. SILAS B. ADAMS, D. G. M.
- P. D. D. G. M. JAMES B. STEPHENSON as R. W. S. G. W.
- R. W. ARCHIE L. TALBOT as R. W. J. G. W.
- P. D. D. G. M. L. E. JONES as R. W. G. Treasurer.

P. J. G. W. ERNEST P. PARLIN as R. W. G. Secretary.

P. S. G. W. FRED RAYMOND as R. W. Chaplain.

W. FREDERIC O. EATON as G. Marshal.

R. W. D. D. G. M. JOHN H. McILROY as G. S. D.

W. ALBERT M. CHILD as G. J. D.

P. D. D. G. M. JOHN N. FOYE as G. S. S.

Bro. W. W. SMALL as G. J. S.

W. WINSLOW E. HOWELL, G. Tyler.

The occasion was further honored by the presence of M. W. P. G. M. Thomas H. Bodge and several of the D. D. G. Ms., including R. W. J. Blaine Morrison of the 15th District, of which Wilton Lodge is a part, and some 400 of the brethren representing 42 lodges as I was informed. After performing the ceremonies of dedication the Grand Lodge and brethren present proceeded to the hall where a bountiful banquet was spread, after which the convention was dissolved.

It was said to be the largest assemblage of masons ever held in Franklin County.

DECISIONS.

The knowledge and labor of my predecessors in the office of Grand Master have made the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge so plain that it is seldom that new questions arise that require a ruling. None such have arisen this year, and all the questions asked were answered by former rulings or the action of the Grand Lodge. I would recommend that the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge be read frequently by the brethren and for the benefit of all the Craft, thereby saving the asking of questions already answered.

GRAND SECRETARY.

I desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the long and faithful service of our Grand Secretary. For more than sixty years he has served the Craft as a recording officer, so far as I know the longest period of service of any one in masonic history.

It appears to me that it is due to him that some recognition should be made by this Grand Lodge of his long and faithful service and some measure adopted whereby the heavy duties that he has borne so long may be lightened in his declining years, so that he can longer be spared to grace our meetings by his presence and that we may have the benefit of his counsels in the years to come. During the past year, by my direction, he has employed assistance at the expense of the several Grand Bodies, which has materially reduced the strain upon him, and something of a similar nature must be considered.

In closing I wish to thank the brethren for all the courtesies that have been extended to me and for the many kind invitations that I have received, but have not been able to accept. Also to express my thanks to R. W. Silas B. Adams, D. G. M., for the help he rendered throughout the year, and especially during my absence from the state the past winter.

WALDO PETTENGILL, *Grand Master.*

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were presented by the Grand Master and referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

EXCUSE.

The following letter was read and ordered on record:

LUBEC, April 28, 1917.

WALDO PETTENGILL, Grand Master F. & A. M.,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

Owing to the serious illness of my assistant in the bank, I find myself unable to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge this year. It is the first time for many years that I have missed a session, but I hope next year to be able to attend.

With fraternal greetings to all the brethren, I am,

Yours sincerely,

JAMES E. PARSONS, *P. S. G. W.*

GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary reported as follows:

PORTLAND, May 1, 1917.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

The Proceedings of 1916 were sent to the lodges by Parcel Post after having gone by Express for sixty years to my knowledge, and probably much longer. They seem all to have gone safely and at one-third of the rate collected by the Express.

Twenty Secretaries acknowledged their receipt, namely: Eastern, St. Croix, Harmony, Springvale, Archon, Messalonskee, Temple of Westbrook, Dresden, York, Rising Virtue, Howard, Ancient York, Davis, Piscataquis, Mount Abram, Bethlehem, Tranquil, Knox, Caribou and Pacific.

We are indebted to Julius F. Sachse, Grand Librarian of Pennsylvania, for a copy of his book on General Lafayette's Connection with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, also to the National Masonic Research Society of Anamosa, Iowa, for a Reprint of the Constitutions of 1722.

The Returns came in about as usual. Ten had to be written for and it took fifty letters to straighten them all out. There is always at least one new Secretary who has not notified the Grand Lodge of the change of officers, and the returns have gone to the old Secretary and are lost. It takes two or three letters to ascertain who the new officers are and to get the lodge on the track again.

Some Secretaries find it difficult to make up their returns because the old Secretary has lost the return and left no correct list of members. One brought forward 129 members instead of 104, which was the number last year. We spent a day in checking up his return, struck off a dozen who had been suspended, added two whom he had overlooked and came within two of the 110 which he should have had and sent him the result of our labor.

When we have a correct statement of the year's work we determine the correct number of members. But the difficulty is in showing the exact names. If the Secretary could get rid of thus proving his account his task would be easy, just as the careless cashier would find it easy to make up his balance if he were not required to count his cash and make it agree.

In 1856, when I first had the honor of serving the Grand Lodge, the number of lodges was 85 with 3,211 members. The increase has not been rapid, but with ten times the number of members the work is much increased.

We had no office then, but when we did have an office the room was scarcely larger than the space now occupied by our Library of Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Grand Secretary*

The report was laid on the table.

RETURNS.

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

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, Tuesday, May 1, 1917.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Returns would report that returns have been received from all the 205 chartered lodges.

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

| | 1913. | 1914. | 1915. | 1916. | 1917. |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Initiated, | 1,281 | 1,271 | 1,392 | 1,354 | 1,382 |
| Raised, | 1,255 | 1,234 | 1,408 | 1,349 | 1,406 |
| Affiliated, | 102 | 77 | 106 | 108 | 103 |
| Re-instated, | 56 | 64 | 77 | 79 | 74 |
| Dimitted, | 149 | 167 | 210 | 177 | 159 |
| Died, | 553 | 574 | 592 | 654 | 629 |
| Suspended, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Expelled, | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Susp. from membership, .. | 185 | 262 | 214 | 256 | 266 |
| Deprived of membership, .. | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| Number of members, | 29,872 | 30,294 | 30,884 | 31,328 | 31,855 |
| Rejected, | 267 | 314 | 338 | 329 | 311 |

The gain is 527 or 1.68 per cent., an increase over last year, when it was 444.

The death rate is 20.07 to a thousand, a decrease from last year.

The average lodge membership is 155.87.

The accompanying abstract will show the work in detail.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,
JAMES C. AYER,
ERNEST P. PARLIN, } *Committee.*

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1917.

| Nos | LOGES. | Initiated. | Raised. | Affiliated. | Re-instated. | Dimitted. | Died. | Suspended. | Expelled. | N. P. D. | | No. Members. | Rejected. |
|-----|-------------------------|------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Suspended. | D. of Mem. | | |
| 1 | Portland, | 10 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 394 | 7 |
| 2 | Warren, | 6 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 148 | 0 |
| 3 | Lincoln, | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 150 | 0 |
| 4 | Hancock, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 90 | 0 |
| 5 | Kennebec, | 7 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 132 | 0 |
| 6 | Amity, | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 244 | 1 |
| 7 | Eastern, | 5 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 167 | 3 |
| 8 | United, | 8 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 224 | 5 |
| 9 | Saco, | 8 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 204 | 2 |
| 10 | Rising Virtue, | 5 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 248 | 6 |
| 11 | Pythagorean, | 5 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 136 | 0 |
| 12 | Cumberland, | 7 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 204 | 2 |
| 13 | Oriental, | 8 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 204 | 3 |
| 14 | Solar, | 20 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 239 | 2 |
| 15 | Orient, | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 138 | 0 |
| 16 | St. George, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 120 | 0 |
| 17 | Ancient Landmark, | 20 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 548 | 10 |
| 18 | Oxford, | 10 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 202 | 4 |
| 19 | Felicity, | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 121 | 1 |
| 20 | Maine, | 8 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 177 | 2 |
| 21 | Oriental Star, | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 208 | 2 |
| 22 | York, | 4 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 149 | 1 |
| 23 | Freeport, | 13 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 170 | 0 |
| 24 | Phoenix, | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 180 | 2 |
| 25 | Temple, | 6 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 112 | 0 |
| 26 | Village, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 112 | 0 |
| 27 | Adoniram, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 0 |
| 28 | Northern Star, | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 122 | 2 |
| 29 | Tranquil, | 23 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 387 | 1 |
| 30 | Blazing Star, | 10 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 338 | 4 |
| 31 | Union, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 107 | 2 |
| 32 | Hermon, | 18 | 16 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 424 | 3 |
| 33 | Waterville, | 22 | 27 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 461 | 8 |
| 34 | Somerset, | 11 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 215 | 2 |
| 35 | Bethlehem, | 20 | 20 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 379 | 2 |
| 36 | Casco, | 8 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 193 | 0 |
| 37 | Washington, | 9 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 156 | 2 |
| 38 | Harmony, | 14 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 195 | 3 |
| 39 | Penobscot, | 12 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 182 | 2 |
| 40 | Lygonia, | 3 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 377 | 1 |
| 41 | Morning Star, | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 106 | 1 |
| 42 | Freedom, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 | 0 |
| 43 | Alna, | 10 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 162 | 0 |
| 44 | Piscataquis, | 17 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 249 | 6 |
| 45 | Central, | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 108 | 2 |
| 46 | St. Croix, | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 185 | 1 |
| 47 | Dunlap, | 10 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 292 | 1 |

| Nos. | Lodges. | In. | R. | A. | R. | D. | D. | S. | E. | N. S. | P. S. | Dues. D. | Mem. | R. |
|------|------------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|-------|----------|------|----|
| 48 | Lafayette, | 10 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 119 | 1 |
| 49 | Meridian Splendor | 9 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 163 | 2 |
| 50 | Aurora, | 11 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 373 | 0 |
| 51 | St. Johns, | 8 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 173 | 2 |
| 52 | Mosaic, | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 1 |
| 53 | Rural, | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 | 2 |
| 54 | Vassalboro, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 1 |
| 55 | Fraternal, | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 0 |
| 56 | Mount Moriah, ... | 10 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 1 |
| 57 | King Hiram, | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 134 | 0 |
| 58 | Unity, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 |
| 59 | Mt. Hope, (ch. sur.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 60 | Star in the East, .. | 14 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 233 | 6 |
| 61 | King Solomon's, .. | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 129 | 2 |
| 62 | King David's, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 0 |
| 63 | Richmond, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 151 | 0 |
| 64 | Pacific, | 14 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 98 | 1 |
| 65 | Mystic, | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 151 | 0 |
| 66 | Mechanics', | 14 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 158 | 0 |
| 67 | Blue Mountain, ... | 4 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 131 | 0 |
| 68 | Mariners', | 6 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 110 | 0 |
| 69 | Howard, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 135 | 0 |
| 70 | Standish, | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 118 | 1 |
| 71 | Rising Sun, | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 1 |
| 72 | Pioneer, | 5 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 170 | 3 |
| 73 | Tyrian, | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 216 | 0 |
| 74 | Bristol, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 122 | 0 |
| 75 | Plymouth, | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 0 |
| 76 | Arundel, | 8 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 133 | 5 |
| 77 | Tremont, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 139 | 1 |
| 78 | Crescent, | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 132 | 0 |
| 79 | Rockland, | 11 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 218 | 0 |
| 80 | Keystone, | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 122 | 2 |
| 81 | Atlantic, | 10 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 316 | 2 |
| 82 | St. Paul's, | 20 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 165 | 2 |
| 83 | St. Andrew's, | 11 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 322 | 5 |
| 84 | Eureka, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 97 | 0 |
| 85 | Star in the West, .. | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 0 |
| 86 | Temple, | 6 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 245 | 0 |
| 87 | Benevolent, | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 91 | 2 |
| 88 | Narraguagus, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 97 | 1 |
| 89 | Island, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 112 | 1 |
| 90 | Hiram Abiff, (ch. rev) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 91 | Harwood, | 14 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 178 | 0 |
| 92 | Siloam, | 17 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 219 | 1 |
| 93 | Horeb, | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 201 | 1 |
| 94 | Paris, | 7 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 140 | 2 |
| 95 | Corinthian, | 7 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 117 | 0 |
| 96 | Monument, | 13 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 287 | 1 |
| 97 | Bethel, | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 134 | 0 |
| 98 | Katahdin, | 11 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 151 | 0 |
| 99 | Vernon Valley, ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 0 |
| 100 | Jefferson, | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 2 |
| 101 | Nezinscot, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 92 | 0 |

| Nos. | Lodges. | In. | R. | A. | R. | D. | D. | S. | E. | N.P. S. | Dues. D. | Mem. | R. |
|------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| 102 | Marsh River, | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 0 |
| 103 | Dresden, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 0 |
| 104 | Dirigo, | 6 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 0 |
| 105 | Ashlar, | 18 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 359 | 0 |
| 106 | Tuscan, | 8 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 191 | 0 |
| 107 | Day Spring, | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 82 | 0 |
| 108 | Relief (<i>ch. recalled</i>) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 109 | Mount Kinco, | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 141 | 0 |
| 110 | Monmouth, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 124 | 1 |
| 111 | Liberty, | 8 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 0 |
| 112 | Eastern Frontier, .. | 6 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 170 | 10 |
| 113 | Messalonskee, | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 118 | 0 |
| 114 | Polar Star, | 7 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 265 | 2 |
| 115 | Buxton, | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 113 | 4 |
| 116 | Lebanon, | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 121 | 2 |
| 117 | Greenleaf, | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 177 | 0 |
| 118 | Drummond, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 0 |
| 119 | Pownal, | 9 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 0 |
| 120 | Meduncook (<i>ch. s.</i>) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 121 | Acacia, | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 96 | 0 |
| 122 | Marine, | 7 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 253 | 0 |
| 123 | Franklin, | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 0 |
| 124 | Olive Branch, | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 106 | 1 |
| 125 | Meridian, | 10 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 204 | 1 |
| 126 | Timothy Chase, .. | 6 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 3 |
| 127 | Presumpscot, | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 133 | 1 |
| 128 | Eggmoggin, | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 135 | 0 |
| 129 | Quantabacook, ... | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 73 | 1 |
| 130 | Trinity, | 10 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 212 | 1 |
| 131 | Lookout, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 0 |
| 132 | Mount Tir'em, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 0 |
| 133 | Asylum, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 0 |
| 134 | Trojan, (<i>consol'd</i>) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 135 | Riverside, | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 107 | 0 |
| 136 | Ionic, (<i>ch. sur. '82</i>) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 137 | Kenduskeag, | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 106 | 1 |
| 138 | Lewy's Island, | 13 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 188 | 3 |
| 139 | Archon, | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 0 |
| 140 | Mount Desert, | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 83 | 0 |
| 141 | Augusta, | 16 | 19 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 410 | 2 |
| 142 | Ocean, | 8 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 0 |
| 143 | Preble, | 23 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 209 | 10 |
| 144 | Seaside, | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 278 | 1 |
| 145 | Moses Webster, .. | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 205 | 0 |
| 146 | Seabasticook, | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 131 | 0 |
| 147 | Evening Star, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 0 |
| 148 | Forest, | 6 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 131 | 0 |
| 149 | Doric, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 97 | 0 |
| 150 | Rabboni, | 7 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 280 | 4 |
| 151 | Excelsior, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 0 |
| 152 | Crooked River, ... | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 99 | 1 |
| 153 | Delta, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 0 |
| 154 | Mystic Tie, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 2 |
| 155 | Ancient York, | 9 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 164 | 5 |

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|------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------------|----|------|----|
| | | | | | | | | | | S. | D. | | |
| 156 | Wilton, | 12 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 170 | 2 |
| 157 | Cambridge, | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 111 | 0 |
| 158 | Anchor, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 69 | 1 |
| 159 | Esoteric, <i>consol.'08</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 160 | Parian, | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 0 |
| 161 | Carrabassett, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 0 |
| 162 | Arion, | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 0 |
| 163 | Pleasant River, ... | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 225 | 2 |
| 164 | Webster, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 54 | 0 |
| 165 | Molunkus, | 16 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 112 | 2 |
| 166 | Neguemkeag, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 0 |
| 167 | Whitney, | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 90 | 0 |
| 168 | Composite, | 6 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 131 | 1 |
| 169 | Shepherd's River, | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 0 |
| 170 | Caribou, | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 186 | 6 |
| 171 | Naskeag, | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 92 | 0 |
| 172 | Pine Tree, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 131 | 0 |
| 173 | Pleiades, | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 152 | 1 |
| 174 | Lynde, | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 1 |
| 175 | Baskahegan, | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 0 |
| 176 | Palestine, | <i>Consolidated '95</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 177 | Rising Star, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 99 | 0 |
| 178 | Ancient Brothers, | 21 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 316 | 9 |
| 179 | Yorkshire, | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 5 |
| 180 | Hiram, | 12 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 340 | 4 |
| 181 | Reuel Washburn, | <i>Consolidated '82</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 182 | Granite, | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 98 | 2 |
| 183 | Deering, | 22 | 21 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 469 | 2 |
| 184 | Naval, | 33 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 222 | 18 |
| 185 | Bar Harbor, | 12 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 265 | 2 |
| 186 | Warren Phillips, .. | 9 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 280 | 1 |
| 187 | Ira Berry, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 0 |
| 188 | Jonesport, | 14 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 133 | 0 |
| 189 | Knox, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 0 |
| 190 | Springvale, | 17 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 174 | 5 |
| 191 | Davis, | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 123 | 1 |
| 192 | Winter Harbor, .. | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 123 | 0 |
| 193 | Washburn, | 12 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 102 | 7 |
| 194 | Euclid, | 10 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 182 | 0 |
| 195 | Reliance, | 6 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 193 | 2 |
| 196 | Bay View, | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 115 | 0 |
| 197 | Aroostook, | 11 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 139 | 0 |
| 198 | St. Aspinquid, | 15 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 138 | 7 |
| 199 | Bingham, | 12 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 183 | 7 |
| 200 | Columbia, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 118 | 2 |
| 201 | David A. Hooper, | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 137 | 0 |
| 202 | Mount Bigelow, .. | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 4 |
| 203 | Mount Olivet, | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 90 | 0 |
| 204 | Mount Abram, | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 0 |
| 205 | Nollesemic, | 7 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 170 | 3 |
| 206 | Island Falls, | 11 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 164 | 1 |
| 207 | Abner Wade, | 7 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 2 |
| 208 | N. East Harbor, . | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 79 | 0 |
| 209 | Fort Kent, | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 91 | 4 |

| Nos. | Lodges. | In. | | | | R. | | | | D. | | S. | | E. | | N. P. D. | | Mem. | R. |
|------|------------------|------|------|-----|----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|----|--------|-----|----|----|----------|--|------|----|
| | | In. | R. | A. | R. | D. | D. | S. | E. | S. | D. | S. | D. | S. | D. | | | | |
| 210 | Bagaduce, | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 54 | 0 | | | | | | |
| 211 | Meduncook, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 0 | | | | | | |
| 212 | McKinley, | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 2 | | | | | | |
| 213 | Kemankeag, | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 0 | | | | | | |
| 214 | Limestone, | 6 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 1 | | | | | | |
| 205 | | 1382 | 1406 | 103 | 74 | 159 | 629 | 2 | 1 | 266 | 8 | 31,855 | 311 | | | | | | |

GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 1, 1917.

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

in account with ALBRO E. CHASE, Grand Treasurer.

1916.

RECEIPTS.

| | | | | |
|-------|-----|---|-------------|-------------|
| May | 2. | Balance from old account: | | |
| | | One bond Portland (Oregon) Railway | | |
| | | Co., | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| | | One bond Portsmouth, Berkeley & | | |
| | | Suffolk Water Co., | 495.00 | |
| | | Cash on deposit Portland National | | |
| | | Bank, | 12,499.31 | |
| | | | | \$13,994.31 |
| | | Interest 1 year Portland National Bank, .. | \$ 154.24 | |
| Sept. | 20. | Dispensation Moses Webster Lodge, ... | 3.00 | |
| | | 1917. | | |
| April | 10. | " Penobscot " ... | 3.00 | |
| | 26. | Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, sundries, | 13.60 | |
| | | Grand Chapter 3/10 office expenses, ... | 569.20 | |
| | | " Commandery 2/10 office expenses, | 379.46 | |
| | | | | \$ 1,122.50 |
| | | From District Deputy Grand Masters: | | |
| March | 16. | John M. Holland, 26th District, .. | \$ 161.20 | |
| | 20. | J. Blaine Morrison, 15th " ... | 331.60 | |
| | 22. | George R. Hall, 24th " ... | 552.60 | |
| | 23. | George Harmon, 21st " ... | 379.80 | |
| | 24. | George N. Stevens, 19th " ... | 564.00 | |
| | | James M. Spence, 13th " ... | 374.80 | |

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| March | 26. | Arthur H. Bartlett, | 3d District, ... | 295.60 |
| | 27. | Joseph W. H. Porter, | 1st " | 345.60 |
| | 29. | Edgar F. Carswell, | 17th " | 887.80 |
| | 30. | Samuel R. Crabtree, | 25th " | 285.60 |
| | | Fred E. Ward, | 14th " | 424.20 |
| April | 4. | Sanger N. Annis, | 12th " | 300.60 |
| | 5. | Emil F. Witten, | 9th " | 497.40 |
| | | Frank D. Weymouth, | 6th " | 485.00 |
| | 7. | Frank D. Fenderson, | 23d " | 308.00 |
| | 9. | Victor K. Montgomery, | 10th " | 331.00 |
| | | Gustavus F. Dinsmore, | 22d " | 294.60 |
| | 13. | John H. McIlroy, | 11th " | 506.20 |
| | 16. | Charles W. Jones, | 7th " | 162.00 |
| | 18. | Robert G. McBride, | 2d " | 235.60 |
| | | Erwin G. Ryder, | 5th " | 424.00 |
| | | Ernest J. Record, | 16th " | 234.20 |
| | | Fred R. Bradbury, | 18th " | 232.80 |
| | 19. | Daniel W. Ballantyne, | 20th " | 155.80 |
| | | Wilmer J. Dorman, | 8th " | 227.00 |
| | | | | \$ 8,997.00 |
| | | Error charge safety vault, | | 10.00 |
| | | | | \$24,123.81 |

1916.

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | | | |
|------|-----|---|-------------|--|
| May | 4. | Transferred to Charity Fund per vote: | | |
| | | One bond Portland (Oregon) Railway | | |
| | | Co., | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| | | One bond Portsmouth, Berkeley & | | |
| | | Suffolk Water Co., | 495.00 | |
| | | | \$ 1,495.00 | |
| | 15. | W. E. Howell and assistants, services, ... | 48.00 | |
| | | Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co., rent, .. | 10.00 | |
| June | 1. | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent, | 108.34 | |
| | 7. | Convers F. Leach, services, | 15.00 | |
| | 12. | J. A. Merrill Co., D. D. G. M. Jewel, | 7.50 | |
| | | Pay Roll, | 2,663.25 | |
| | | Edward Goodwin, School of Instruction, | 7.00 | |
| | | Charles M. Farrar, pay roll, | 12.85 | |
| | | John C. Arnold, " | 8.75 | |
| | | Frank H. Bodge, " | 8.75 | |
| | | Edwin F. Clapham, visitation, | 1.80 | |
| | 29. | James C. Ayer, pay roll, | 5.40 | |

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| July | 3. | Silas B. Adams, credentials,..... | 6.00 |
| | | Ralph H. Burbank, "..... | 6.45 |
| | | Charles B. Davis, "..... | 9.65 |
| | | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent,..... | 108.33 |
| | 17. | J. L. Brackett Co., trunk,..... | 5.00 |
| | | Stephen Berry Co., printing, .. | 36.46 |
| | | " " " envelopes,..... | 7.70 |
| | | Stephen Berry, salary,..... | 175.00 |
| Aug. | 1. | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent, | 108.33 |
| Sept. | 1. | " " " " " "..... | 108.34 |
| | 14. | Stephen Berry, mailing bill,..... | 57.33 |
| | | Stephen Berry Co., proceedings, | 641.68 |
| | 15. | American Bank Note Co., diplomas,..... | 100.00 |
| Oct. | 2. | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent,..... | 108.33 |
| | 27. | Frances Howarth, clerk,..... | 65.00 |
| | | Stephen Berry, salary,..... | 175.00 |
| Nov. | 1. | Albro E. Chase, correspondent,..... | 300.00 |
| | | " " " salary,..... | 150.00 |
| | | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent,..... | 108.33 |
| | 22. | Frank E. Sleeper, Schools of Instruction, .. | 101.05 |
| | 27. | Frances Howarth, clerk,..... | 65.00 |
| Dec. | 1. | Frank E. Sleeper, salary,..... | 25.00 |
| | | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent, | 108.34 |
| | | F. O. Bailey & Co., repairing chair,..... | 1.50 |
| | 4. | American Bank Note Co., diplomas,..... | 100.00 |
| | 30. | Frances Howarth, clerk,..... | 65.00 |
| 1917. | | | |
| Jan. | 1. | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent,..... | 108.33 |
| Feb. | 1. | Smith & Sale, binding,..... | 119.00 |
| | | Frances Howarth, clerk,..... | 65.00 |
| | | Stephen Berry, salary,..... | 175.00 |
| | | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent, | 125.00 |
| March | 1. | " " " " " "..... | 125.00 |
| | | Frances Howarth, clerk,..... | 65.00 |
| April | 2. | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent,..... | 125.00 |
| | | Frances Howarth, clerk,..... | 65.00 |
| | | American Bank Note Co., diplomas,..... | 40.00 |
| | 7. | " " " " " "..... | 100.00 |
| | | Anderson, Adams & Co., insurance,..... | 180.00 |

 \$ 8,426.79

EXPENSES DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

| | | | | | |
|-----------|---|----------------|--------|--------|--------------------|
| April 12. | Samuel R. Crabtree, | 25th District, |\$ | 36.75 | |
| 20. | Victor K. Montgomery, | 10th " | .... | 8.00 | |
| | Frank D. Weymouth | 6th " | .... | 34.82 | |
| | Emil F. Witten, | 9th " | .... | 44.00 | |
| | Sanger N. Annis | 12th " | .... | 2.00 | |
| | Fred E. Ward, | 14th " | .... | 11.20 | |
| | Edgar F. Carswell, | 17th " | .... | 14.00 | |
| | Joseph W. H. Porter, | 1st " | .... | 19.82 | |
| | Arthur H. Bartlett, | 3d " | .... | 26.83 | |
| | James M. Spence, | 13th " | .... | 21.98 | |
| | George N. Stevens, | 19th " | .... | 26.88 | |
| | George Harmon, | 21st " | .... | 46.35 | |
| | George R. Hall, | 24th " | .... | 3.25 | |
| | J. Blaine Morrison, | 15th " | .... | 50.20 | |
| | John M. Holland, | 26th " | .... | 9.55 | |
| | Gustavus F. Dinsmore, | 22d " | .... | 22.50 | |
| 21. | Daniel W. Ballantyne, | 20th " | .... | 18.40 | |
| | Fred R. Bradbury, | 18th " | .... | 14.76 | |
| | Charles W. Jones, | 7th " | .... | 23.85 | |
| | John H. McIlroy, | 11th " | .... | 20.75 | |
| | Ernest J. Record, | 16th " | .... | 8.29 | |
| | Robert G. McBride, | 2d " | .... | 17.00 | |
| | Erwin G. Ryder, | 5th " | .... | 42.76 | |
| | Frank D. Fenderson, | 23d " | .... | 36.39 | |
| | | | | | 560.33 |
| 26. | Albro E. Chase, salary 6 months, | | | 150.00 | |
| | Convers E. Leach, library, | | | 6.75 | |
| | Frances Howarth, clerk, | | | 65.00 | |
| | Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent, | | | 125.00 | |
| | Stephen Berry Co., envelopes, | | | 10.15 | |
| | " " " printing, | | | 35.75 | |
| | Stephen Berry, salary, | | | 175.00 | |
| | Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, room ex- | | | | |
| | pense, | | | 5.66 | |
| | Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, sundries, | | | 48.48 | |
| | Card Index, | | | 500.00 | |
| | Albro E. Chase, postage and express, | | | 7.25 | |
| | | | | | 1,120.04 |
| May 1. | Cash on hand to balance, | | | | 14,007.65 |
| | | | | | <u>\$24,123.81</u> |

The returns from the 4th Masonic District were not received until May 1, 1917, too late for this account.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *Grand Treasurer.*

The report was laid on the table.

FINANCE.

BRO. EDMUND B. MALLET reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 1, 1917.

Your Committee of Finance have examined and approved the bills against the Grand Lodge and have certified them for payment to the Grand Treasurer.

The records of the Grand Lodge are faithfully and completely written up to date and the accounts of the Grand Secretary are correct.

The books of the Grand Treasurer have been examined and have been found correct.

For his detailed account of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge we refer you to the report of the Grand Treasurer.

A summary of this business of the office is as follows:

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| May 5, 1916. | Cash on hand from old account, | \$13,994.31 |
| | Cash receipts for years 1916-1917, | 10,129.50 |
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| | | \$24,123.81 |
| | The expenditures have been, | 10,116.16 |
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| May 1, 1917. | Cash on hand to new account, | \$14,007.65 |

The amount of the invested fund to the credit of the Charity Fund is \$76,532.82.

We recommend that

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| To Grand Lecturer be paid, | \$ 25.00 |
| To Grand Treasurer, including cost of Bond, | 300.00 |
| To Grand Secretary, | |
| as compensation for services for the year ending | |
| May 1, 1918, | 700.00 |
| To the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Corre- | |
| spondence for the year ending May 1, 1917, | 300.00 |
| Assistant Grand Secretary for the year ending May 1, | |
| 1917, | 50.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLET, } *Committee.*
ELMER A. DOTEN, }

The report was accepted and the recommendations were laid on the table.

APPROVALS.

Voted, That the report of the Grand Secretary be taken from the table and accepted.

Voted, That the report of the Grand Treasurer be taken from the table and accepted.

GRAND LECTURER,

The report of the Grand Lecturer, M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, was presented as follows:

SABBATH, April 1, 1917.

Most Worshipful WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of Masons in Maine.

Since my last report I have held four "schools for masonic instruction," in addition to answering letters of inquiry from brethren who evidently had not attended "school," and giving personal instruction to many who came to my office from a distance.

1916, September 26th, I held a school at Madison on invitation of Euclid Lodge, at which were present District Deputy Grand Masters from the 6th, 7th, 13th and 17th districts, and about 50 brethren representing 14 lodges. I had some hesitation about holding a school at Madison, but from my experience there I think the selection was wisely made.

September 28th, I held a school at Lewiston on invitation of Ashlar and Rabboni Lodges, and like all the schools I have ever attended there it was a most successful one. There were present Deputies from the 5th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 24th, 25th and 26th districts, and about 200 brethren representing 26 lodges. I had expected the school to be under the patronage of two Lewiston and two Auburn lodges, but for some reason unknown to me one of the Auburn lodges received no notice of the meeting, which somewhat reduced its attendance.

October 11th, I held a school at Eastport on invitation of Eastern Lodge, at which were present Deputies from the 2d, 3d and 21st districts, and 11 lodges were represented by about 50 brethren. The comparatively small number present was fully accounted for by the meeting occurring in the very height of the "packing season." This compelled the absence

of many brethren who desired and expected to be present, but the scholars made up in zeal what was lacking in number. The local paper said, "The instruction imparted by the Grand Lecturer was greatly appreciated by all present. This was Dr. SLEEPER'S first visit to Eastport since as Grand Master he laid the corner-stone in 1887 and dedicated the Masonic Temple in 1888."

October 17th, a school was held at Damariscotta on invitation of Alna Lodge, at which were present Deputies from the 9th, 10th, 18th and 23d districts, and about 50 brethren representing 16 lodges. The attendance was entirely satisfactory to me, was in fact larger than I had anticipated.

I wish to say of all these schools in general what I might say of each one in particular. The hospitality of the entertaining lodge was unbounded, and nothing was left undone for the comfort and pleasure of visiting brethren. Interest in the work was maintained from opening to closing, and all the "scholars" appeared to have a strong desire to acquire a perfect knowledge of the phraseology of the ritual.

As a result of these and preceding "schools for instruction" I am sure that throughout this Grand Jurisdiction the accuracy and uniformity of work in conferring the degrees are now far in advance of what they have been at any previous time within my now nearly fifty years knowledge of Freemasonry. One of the duties of the Grand Lecturer is "to exemplify work in the Grand Lodge." Up to this time I have been obliged to depend upon large city lodges for officers to do the work before the Grand Lodge, but we now have many small lodges well qualified to do excellent work, and which would gladly do so if the Grand Lodge would assist them in paying the actual traveling expenses of their officers.

The District Deputy Grand Masters not attending either of the schools this year were from the 1st, 4th, 8th, 12th, 19th and 22d districts. R. W. Bro. DORMAN of the 8th was very ill. I know of no reason why the others could not have been present.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. SLEEPER, *Grand Lecturer.*

The report was referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

BENJAMIN AMES.

The following Memorial was read, accepted, ordered to be printed in the proceedings, and a page inscribed to his memory:

BENJAMIN AMES died at his home in Thorndike, Maine, February 7, 1917, at the age of 75 years, 5 months. He was Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine, Free and Accepted Masons.

He was highly respected by all who knew him. A true Christian gentleman. A soldier of his country. A true hearted man.

He had been in poor health for a long time but was ready for the summons when it came.

He leaves a loving faithful wife, one sister, and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

He was buried from his late home, where friends and flowers proved the high esteem in which he was held.

His pastor spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing ones, and the brethren of his lodge performed their usual rites and his form was laid to rest in the bosom of mother earth, where many loved ones had gone before, and we leave him with his God, who we believe will raise him up again at the last day.

(HIS PASTOR) REV. D. BRACKETT.

DANIEL P. BOYNTON.

Bro. CHARLES W. CROSBY presented the following Memorial:

DANIEL PLUMMER BOYNTON, Past Senior Grand Warden, died in Lewiston, Maine, Sunday, February 18, 1917.

"The days of our years are three-score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be four-score years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow."

Those of us who one year ago had particular occasion to notice Bro. BOYNTON as he mingled with the Craft here, could have little thought of applying the above quotation to him then, yet at that time, he lacked less than two years of four-score, but his vigorous frame and active mind gave no indication of labor or sorrow.

Bro. BOYNTON'S massive and conspicuous figure has been familiar to us in this Grand Lodge for many years, and now, as we have come to the parting of the ways, it becomes our duty as fellowcraftsmen to take a few moments of our time, after the custom of this Grand Lodge for many years, to pay that tribute to memory which his character as a man and Mason justly deserves.

Bro. BOYNTON was born in Wales, Maine, January 16, 1838, and there lived the first twenty years of his life after the manner of boys in like surroundings in those days.

It was his fortunate lot to be born the son of a good farmer, and on that foundation was built the superstructure of his life.

His educational advantages were those of the schools of his town and Monmouth Academy, supplemented by reading and intelligent observation in the school of life.

He taught school a number of terms successfully, and also learned the trade of carpenter and cabinet maker.

Being very skillful in the use of the working tools of his profession he became a very fine workman.

When about twenty years of age his parents removed to Monmouth and there he remained with them a few years working at his trade and on the home farm.

He then went to Massachusetts, where he worked at his trade in several cities for about twenty years.

The failing health of his father called him back to Monmouth where he continued to care for his parents during the remainder of their lives.

The management of three large farms then occupied his time and attention for several years. In later years he was interested in buying and selling farms, timberlands and other forms of real estate.

He had a deep interest in all that concerned the welfare of his town and for several years was one of the Selectmen, and this interest continued to the last day of his life. About five years before his death he went to Lewiston to make his home in the family of a cousin, but he retained his residence and paid his poll tax in Monmouth that he might continue to have a voice and vote in the affairs of the town.

Bro. BOYNTON'S character and individuality were as upright, marked and strong as was his powerful figure itself.

No one could bring a word to derogate from the uprightness of his character, and his individuality was marked by a tenaciousness of opinion that could not be easily changed, and a frankness of expression that would remove all doubt as to his position on any subject in which he was interested.

To a stranger Bro. BOYNTON'S first appearance might have been that of a distant and perhaps not particularly social person, an impression quickly dispelled on closer acquaintance, if the stranger had made a favorable impression on Bro. BOYNTON.

The glint of welcome in his kindly way, the smile of happy recognition and the warm hand clasp for a friend will long be remembered by those who knew him best.

His friendship was as strong and true as his other characteristics, and if it was the misfortune of any to have his adverse opinion it was never cloaked in hypocrisy or its object left in doubt as to his position.

No man has lived among us of kinder heart or more generous impulses. The children loved him for his kindness and attention, and no worthy person or cause left him without sympathy and aid.

His business integrity was regulated by rule and line and his word was his bond.

His faith in the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe was of that nature that he could never ask to know the number of his days or to be certified how long he had to live; knowing that in the fullness of time he must lay down the working tools of life, yet living every day as though life might be eternal or that the silver cord might be loosed at any moment, doing his daily tasks as it might be given him to see them and rendering unto every man his just due. And in that faith he passed over the Bar, to that, to man, uncharted sea

“Whereof our world is but the bounding shore,”

passing out as he would have ordered it if he could, with little physical suffering for himself and with no trouble to his friends,

“To that last deep where we and thou are still.”

As a Mason Bro. BOYNTON was of that type who stood firmly by the Ancient Landmarks and would countenance no innovations or departures from the established usages and customs of the Order.

He was a student of Masonic lore and a ritualist, who had few equals and fewer superiors.

He received his degrees in Monmouth Lodge, his application being presented and he receiving all the degrees in April, 1862, while the lodge was still working under a Dispensation. He did not, however, become actively identified with the work of the lodge until about twenty years later, that time having been mostly spent in Massachusetts.

In 1880 and 1881 Monmouth Lodge was nearly dormant, due to financial trouble. At this time he took a dimit from the lodge, but very soon after, when it was proposed to move the lodge from North Monmouth to Monmouth Centre, he returned his dimit and reuniting with the lodge became one of the leading spirits in the removal.

The lodge was moved to the Centre in the Spring of 1882, and in October he was elected Master and re-elected the next year. He was then elected Secretary and afterward Treasurer.

As he was one of the guiding spirits in the removal and resuscitation of the lodge so he continued its mentor all the days of his life, and his influence on the work and conduct of Monmouth Lodge will long continue as a testimonial to the esteem in which he was held by his brethren.

In 1888 and 1889 he was D. D. G. M. in the 11th Masonic District, and in 1890 he was elected Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge. He

was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri near this Grand Lodge.

Bro. BOYNTON first entered Grand Lodge in 1883, and although his attendance has not been continuous, yet since 1888 there have been but few communications when he has not been present.

He has never been active in the business of Grand Lodge because of his natural modesty, which would not allow him to participate in discussion of important questions.

His judgment could have been of great value to this body and his interest was deep and abiding. Only a few days before his last illness he was planning for this Annual Communication.

Bro. BOYNTON was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Jerusalem Chapter, Hallowell, September 24, 1863, and knighted in Lewiston Commandery April 24, 1879, and dimitted therefrom February 1, 1917. He received the Council degrees in Dunlap Council, Lewiston, March 27, 1883.

He was a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Lewiston and Auburn, and took the Oath of Fealty in Portland Consistory, 32^o, June 19, 1886.

He was a member of the Red Cross of Constantine.

He was largely instrumental in organizing the Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star at Monmouth and the Chapter was named for him and has a beautiful set of Jewels which was his gift.

Bro. BOYNTON had no near relatives, an only sister dying many years ago.

His last years he lived in the home of his cousin, to whom and her family he greatly endeared himself by his kindness and cheerful and happy life. His life is epitomized in her words, "Too much cannot be said of his goodness and honorable way of living."

His last illness was of but four days duration, his death being due to paralysis following an attack of acute indigestion.

His funeral at Lewiston was attended by Ashlar Lodge and his remains were met at the station in Monmouth by his own lodge and escorted to the cemetery.

"Some time, at eve, when the tide is low,
I shall slip my moorings and sail away,
With no response to a friendly hail
Of kindred craft in a busy bay,
In the silent hush of the twilight pale,
When the night stoops down to embrace the day,
And the voices call in the water's flow—

Some time at eve, when the tide is low,
 I shall slip my moorings and sail away
 Through purple shadows that darkly trail
 O'er the ebbing tide of the unknown sea,
 I shall fare me away with a dip of sail,
 And a ripple of waters to tell the tale
 Of a lonely voyage, sailing away
 To mystic isles where at anchor lay
 The craft of those who have sailed before,
 O'er the unknown sea to the unknown shore.
 A few who have watched me sail away
 Will miss my craft from the busy bay ;
 Some friendly barks that were anchored near,
 Some loving souls that my heart held dear
 In silent sorrow will drop a tear ;
 But I shall have peacefully furled my sail
 In mooring sheltered from storm and gale,
 And greeted the friends who have sailed before
 O'er the unknown sea to the unknown shore."

CHARLES W. CROSBY.

The Memorial was accepted, ordered to be printed and a page inscribed to the memory of Bro. BOYNTON.

DEERING LODGE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE moved that Standing Regulation, No. 33, relating to the jurisdiction of Deering Lodge, No. 183, be repealed, and the motion was referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

Certificates of Charter were voted to

Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, Auburn.
 Fort Kent Lodge, No. 209, Fort Kent.
 Morning Star Lodge, No. 41, Litchfield.
 Bingham Lodge, No. 199, Bingham.
 Yorkshire Lodge, No. 179, North Berwick.

ORCHARD LODGE.

The dispensation and papers of Orchard Lodge at Old Orchard, with a petition for a charter, were presented, and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

CARIBOU LODGE.

A request from Caribou Lodge at Caribou, for the remission of its dues for the year 1916, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

LIBRARY.

The Committee on Library reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 1, 1917.

Your Committee on Library submit the following report:

We find the work of the Library has been carried forward in the usual satisfactory manner.

The Librarian reports sixty-eight volumes bound during the year, as against sixty-three volumes last year.

We recommend that the committee be authorized to purchase such volumes as they may deem wise, for the Library; and that they authorize the binding of such Proceedings as may be necessary to keep up the files of the Grand Lodge.

The report of the Librarian we attach herewith.

Fraternally submitted,

W. S. HINCKLEY, }
WALDO PETTENGILL, } *Committee.*

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, April 21, 1917.

To the Committee on Library, Grand Lodge of Maine.

The routine matters connected with the Library have had the usual attention.

Sixty-eight volumes have been bound. Owing to the high cost of material it has been thought best to discontinue binding for the present.

Fraternally submitted,

CONVERS E. LEACH, *Librarian.*

The report was accepted.

DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 1, 1917.

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, to whom were referred the address of the Grand Master and reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, have attended to their duty and report as follows:

We congratulate the Grand Lodge on the condition of the Fraternity as shown by the address of the Grand Master, the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and the returns of the subordinate lodges.

We extend to the families of the deceased Permanent Members our sincere sympathy.

We approve the appointments made by the Grand Master and the provisions for installation.

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 matters referred to the Grand Master and reported on by him, together with his dispensations, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

We recommend that the reference to the faithful service of our Grand Secretary for more than sixty years, which meets with our hearty approval, be referred to a special committee.

Fraternally submitted,

HOWARD D. SMITH, }
THOMAS H. BODGE, } *Committee.*
ASHLEY A. SMITH, }

The report was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

The Grand Master appointed as a special committee recommended in the report, Bros. THOMAS H. BODGE, EDMUND B. MALLETT, SILAS B. ADAMS, JAMES A. RICHAN and WILMER J. DORMAN.

At 11:30 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Tuesday, May 1, 1917. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock.

LEANDER M. KENNISTON.

BRO. EDWARD G. WESTON presented the following:

IN MEMORIAM.

Once again are we called to pause in our business deliberations in Annual Communication to pay respects to a departed Brother.

LEANDER M. KENNISTON, Past Senior Grand Warden, died at his home in Camden on Saturday, May 26, 1916, aged 76 years, 11 months and 1 day. Only a few days before, at our last Annual Communication, had he been among us in the flesh, apparently in health for one of his age, and his death so soon after was a surprise.

BRO. KENNISTON was a native of Appleton, but had lived in Camden 53 years. His record as a Mason in that vicinity and in Grand Lodge as you all know was an active one.

He was made a Mason in Amity Lodge, No. 6, in November, 1863, and was elected Master of the same in 1868. He was elected Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge in 1888, and he also served as Grand Captain of the Host in the Grand Chapter and as Grand Sword Bearer in the Grand Commandery, besides for many years serving on the Board of Trustees of the Charity Fund.

He was a member of Keystone Chapter of his town, and elected High Priest of that body in 1884. He joined Claremont Commandery of Rockland and was its Eminent Commander in 1887. He also was a member of King Hiram Council of Rockland, and took his Scottish Rite Degrees up to the 18th in 1899, and became a 32d Degree Mason in Portland in 1900. He was also the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nevada in this Grand Lodge.

He was one of the most active in the organization of Camden Commandery, and was its first Eminent Commander from February, 1905, to February, 1908.

He was also a member of the Eastern Star and served his home chapter as Patron.

He was a man of wide acquaintance among the Fraternity and held in high esteem. For years he was Superintendent of the Camden Anchor Works and had charge of a large crew of men.

(I am indebted to Bro. OGIER of the Camden Herald for a clipping from his paper, which devoted a column and a half to his memory.)

"As a citizen he stood always for righteousness, temperance and civic betterment, as a man clean in habits, upright and industrious, genial and kind to all. As a husband and father he was ever indulgent and devoted. Truly may it be said of him he was 'one who loved his fellow men' and in response all loved him. He was a charter member of Mt. Battie Lodge of Odd Fellows and was its second Noble Grand, and served his town in many offices."

While the town and the orders will greatly miss him, the blow falls the heaviest in the home circle and the sympathy of all is felt for them. The funeral services were held at his home Memorial Day at 10 A. M., and though there was a pouring rain all the forenoon, there was one of the largest attendance ever in the town, and over 125 men marched in procession to the cemetery, where the masonic service was carried out by the officers of Amity Lodge, Camden Commandery, Mt. Battie Lodge of Odd Fellows and the Camden Band escorting them to the cemetery. The floral displays from the orders and hosts of friends were numerous and beautiful.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD G. WESTON.

Accepted, ordered printed and a page inscribed to his memory.

ELECTION.

The hour of election (3 o'clock) having arrived, the Grand Master invited M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER to preside. Bro. SLEEPER assumed the East and appointed the following committees to receive, sort and count votes:

- I. W. SCOTT SHOREY, CHARLES W. CROSBY, FRANK J. COLE.
- II. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, ALBERT M. AMES, EDWARD G. WESTON.

The Grand Secretary reported the number of votes to be:

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| Permanent Members present, 1 each, | 37 |
| Grand Officers present, 1 each, | 43 |
| 186 lodges represented (3 votes each), | 558 |
| Total number votes, | 638 |

The Committees, having attended to their duties, reported the election of

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| WALDO PETTENGILL, | <i>M. W. Grand Master,</i> | Rumford |
| SILAS B. ADAMS, | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master,</i> | Portland |
| JAMES H. WITHERELL, | " <i>Senior Grand Warden,</i> | Oakland |
| EDWIN K. SMITH, | " <i>Junior Grand Warden,</i> | Lewiston |

The Grand Master resumed the East.

On motion of Bro. ERNEST C. BUTLER, it was

Voted, That the election of the other Grand Officers lie over until Thursday morning.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in print, which was accepted, and permission given to complete it. (*See Appendix.*)

JURISPRUDENCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE, for the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, reported that nothing had been reported to the Committee, and the report was accepted.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

BRO. THOMAS H. BODGE reported his visit to Washington Lodge, at Alexandria, Va., and presented the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 1, 1917.

The following is offered:

Be it Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Maine subscribe the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and the Grand Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment of the same.

The resolution was referred to the Committee of Finance.

At 5:20 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock Wednesday.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Wednesday, May 2, 1917. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock.

PAY ROLL.

BRO. FRANK H. BODGE reported as follows: •

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 3, 1917.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Pay Roll would report that they have received the Report of the Committee on Credentials, that a schedule has been prepared and is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

FRANK H. BODGE,
JOHN C. ARNOLD,
CHARLES M. FARRAR, } *Committee.*

Report accepted and schedule ordered to be paid.

The Grand Master called to the East M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, who, after some remarks, invited Wor. WILLIS P. ATWOOD, Master of Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, of Auburn, with his officers, to assume the stations and to confer the Master Mason's degree, which was done.

The Grand Lecturer resumed the East, and after brief comments surrendered the 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 the officers of Tranquil Lodge for the beautiful and correct rendering of the ritual in the work of the afternoon.

The Grand Master expressed his obligations to the officers of Tranquil Lodge for their attendance and work.

At 5 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Thursday, May 3, 1917. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

Bro. ARCHIE LEE TALBOT reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND,
Thursday, May 3, 1917.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters have attended to the business relating to Orchard Lodge, U. D., which is all that has been submitted to same, and report as follows:

In the matter of the petition of H. Alonzo G. Milliken of Old Orchard, and thirty other members of Orchard Lodge U. D., praying that a charter be issued to said lodge, your committee find that the lodge has a good hall and is well situated; that regular meetings have been held and the records show that the lodge is in good condition. The committee note that the time named in the by-laws for the stated meeting is governed by the moon, and gives two stated meetings in April and none in May. We suggest that it is better to name a fixed date for the stated meeting, as for instance the second Monday in each month, rather than the "Monday on or before the full moon." Holding stated meetings according to the full moon was all right in Colonial days, but in cities and large towns a fixed date gives a stated meeting every month, is easy to remember and a much better way.

We recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the dispensation be continued until the lodge is constituted.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,
FRANKLIN R. REDLON, } *Committee.*
EDMUND B. MALLET,

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

PUBLICATION.

Bro. MILLARD M. CASWELL, for the Committee on Publication, reported that no business had been presented to them. The report was accepted.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Bro. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
Portland, May 3, 1917

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have carefully considered such matters as have been presented to them, and respectfully present the following report:

In the case of Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44, at Milo, against Bro. Leroy F. Shaw, wherein Bro. Shaw was indefinitely suspended by said lodge, we recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the action of Piscataquis Lodge be approved and confirmed; and that Bro. Leroy F. Shaw be and hereby is indefinitely suspended from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In the case of Dirigo Lodge, No. 104, at Weeks' Mills, against Bro. Cyrus A. Davis, wherein Bro. Davis was on the sixth day of November, 1916, indefinitely suspended from all the rights and benefits of Freemasonry by said lodge, we recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the action of Dirigo Lodge be approved and confirmed; and that Bro. Cyrus A. Davis be and hereby is indefinitely suspended from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, }
ALBERT M. PENLEY, } *Committee.*
GEORGE W. HOLMES, }

Report accepted and recommendations severally adopted.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

Bro. ALBERT M. PENLEY reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 3, 1917.

Your Committee on Condition of the Fraternity have attended to the duties assigned them and submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the reports of the several Grand Officers and are pleased to say that the Fraternity is in a prosperous condition.

From the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters your committee note an improvement in the rendition of the ritual and general work of conferring the degrees. The reports show that the records and books are well kept, the financial condition of the lodges improving and dues are better collected.

The value of Schools of Instruction have been so often and so well demonstrated that your committee recommend that they be continued the coming year. It is the special duty of every District Deputy Grand

Master to attend at least one of these Schools, that he may be able to perform his duties in the most efficient manner.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBERT M. PENLEY, } *Committee.*
WILLIAM N. HOWE, }

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

DEERING LODGE,

The same committee further reported:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 3, 1917.

The committee to whom was referred the motion to repeal Standing Regulation, No. 33, relative to the jurisdiction of Deering Lodge, recommend that the same be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT M. PENLEY, } *Committee.*
WILLIAM N. HOWE, }

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

On motion of Bro. ALBRO E. CHASE, it was

Voted, That Standing Regulation, No. 33, be repealed.

HISTORY.

Bro. WILLIAM N. HOWE, for the Committee on History, reported that no Histories had been received. The report was accepted.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Bro. W. SCOTT SHOREY, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, reported that no business had come before them. The report was accepted.

GRAND SECRETARY.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 3, 1917.

Your Committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the Grand Master, which deals with the long and faithful service of our beloved Grand Secretary, have given careful consideration to the matter and would report:

For many years Right Worshipful Brother BERRY has served the Grand Lodge of Maine as Grand Secretary with signal ability. The Craft of Maine have shown their confidence in his skill and care by re-electing him so many times that few members of this Grand Lodge can recall any other incumbent of that office. He has labored long and faithfully for the Fraternity.

Now that he may enjoy in rest and comfort the remaining span of life, and as a testimonial of our appreciation of his services and our sincere affection for him, we recommend that it be

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge of Maine make Brother STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary Emeritus, *ad vitam*, and that the Grand Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay to him in monthly installments the same salary as last year.

Fraternally submitted,

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| THOMAS H. BODGE, | } <i>Committee.</i> |
| EDMUND B. MALLET, | |
| WILMER J. DORMAN, | |
| SILAS B. ADAMS, | |
| JAMES A. RICHAN, | |

The report was accepted and the recommendation was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 2, 1917.

Whereas the one hundredth anniversary of the formation of this Grand Lodge is fast approaching, therefore

Resolved, That a committee of five, of which the M. W. Grand Master be the Chairman, be appointed to consider the appropriate celebration of that event and report at the Annual Communication in 1918.

The Grand Master appointed to complete the committee, FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabattus; SILAS B. ADAMS, Portland; FRANK E. MONROE, Milo; HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.

POSTPONED ELECTION.

The election of Grand Officers was continued, and the same committee reported the election of

ALBRO E. CHASE, *R. W. Grand Treasurer*, Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS, " " *Secretary*, "

Committee of Finance—HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor; EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport; ELMER A. DOTEN, Portland.

Trustees of Charity Fund for one year—EDWARD G. WESTON, Thomaston.

Trustees of Charity Fund for three years—EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport; ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.

FINANCE.

It was voted that the report of the Finance Committee be taken from the table and recommitted to the committee.

Bro. MALLET, for that committee, reported as follows:

We recommend that

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| To Grand Lecturer be paid, | \$ 25.00 |
| To Grand Treasurer, including cost of Bond, | 300.00 |
| To Grand Secretary, | |
| for compensation for services for year ending | |
| May 1, 1918, | 1,100.00 |
| To the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Corre- | |
| spondence for year ending May 1, 1917, | 300.00 |
| Assistant Grand Secretary for year ending May 1, 1917, | 50.00 |

We further recommend that all fees received by the Grand Secretary be paid into the Treasury for the benefit of the Grand Lodge.

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

CARIBOU LODGE—WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

The committee further reported as follows :

In the matter of Caribou Lodge, No. 170, who "ask the Grand Lodge to remit our Grand Lodge dues paid last March, on account of the fire we had last January," your committee have not ascertained the amount of insurance carried by Caribou Lodge for protection of their property. We recommend that the dues of Caribou Lodge, No. 170, be remitted when satisfactory information is presented to the Grand Master that they did carry an adequate amount of insurance.

In the matter of the Grand Lodge subscribing an amount to the "George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association," there, by becoming a member of said Association, we recommend that the sum of One Hundred Dollars be appropriated.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLETT, } *Committee.*
ELMER A. DOTEN, }

Report accepted. The recommendation in respect to Caribou Lodge was adopted. The recommendation respecting the George Washington Memorial Association was amended by substituting \$500 for \$100, and was thus adopted.

INSTALLATION AND APPOINTMENTS.

The Grand Master invited the Senior Past Grand Master, FRANK E. SLEEPER, to the East to install the Grand Officers.

BRO. ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, as Grand Marshal, presented the Grand Master elect, BRO. WALDO PETTEN-GILL, who was duly installed as Grand Master for the

ensuing year, prayer being offered by Rev. HENRY E. DUNNACK, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments:

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| CONVERS E. LEACH, | <i>R. W. Cor. Grand Secretary,</i> | Portland |
| BERNARD ARCHIBALD, | " <i>D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i> | Houlton |
| ROBERT G. MCBRIDE, | " " <i>2d</i> " | Lubec |
| ARTHUR H. BARTLETT, | " " <i>3d</i> " | Cherryfield |
| FORREST B. SNOW, | " " <i>4th</i> " | Bluehill |
| EUGENE A. WHITTRIDGE, | " " <i>5th</i> " | Foxcroft |
| FRANK D. WEYMOUTH, | " " <i>6th</i> " | Charleston |
| ELISHA P. WEBSTER, | " " <i>7th</i> " | Thorndike |
| RALPH E. PENDLETON, | " " <i>8th</i> " | Islesboro |
| EMIL WITTEN, | " " <i>9th</i> " | Rockland |
| EDWARD C. LEIGHTON, | " " <i>10th</i> " | Wiscasset |
| JOHN H. MCILROY, | " " <i>11th</i> " | Winthrop |
| EVERETT S. COOMBS, | " " <i>12th</i> " | East Vassalboro |
| JAMES M. SPENCE, | " " <i>13th</i> " | Madison |
| ASBURY M. BLAKE, | " " <i>14th</i> " | Lisbon |
| J. BLAINE MORRISON, | " " <i>15th</i> " | Phillips |
| ERNEST J. RECORD, | " " <i>16th</i> " | South Paris |
| FANNING J. BURBANK, | " " <i>17th</i> " | Portland |
| FRED W. BRADBURY, | " " <i>18th</i> " | East Brownfield |
| ARTHUR H. BAKER, | " " <i>19th</i> " | Kittery |
| DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE, | " " <i>20th</i> " | Lincoln |
| GEORGE HARMON, | " " <i>21st</i> " | So. West Harbor |
| LEWMAN B. SOPER, | " " <i>22d</i> " | Newport |
| FRED B. RAND, | " " <i>23d</i> " | Sanford |
| GEORGE R. HALL, | " " <i>24th</i> " | Lewiston |
| HOWARD W. CHASE, | " " <i>25th</i> " | Millinocket |
| ALPHONSO F. RUSSELL, | " " <i>26th</i> " | Canton |
| REV. WILLIAM H. FULTZ, | <i>W. Grand Chaplain,</i> | Portland |
| " DAVID L. WILSON, | " " " | Bath |
| " I. JAMES MERRY, | " " " | Kittery |
| " HENRY E. DUNNACK, | " " " | Bangor |
| " ASHLEY A. SMITH, | " " " | " |
| " JOHN M. BIELER, | " " " | Machias |
| " ARTHUR F. STRAY, | " " " | Auburn |
| FREDERIC O. EATON, | " " <i>Marshal,</i> | Rumford |

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| ERNEST C. BUTLER, | <i>W. Grand Senior Deacon,</i> | Skowhegan |
| DAVID E. MOULTON, | " " <i>Junior Deacon,</i> | Portland |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, | " " <i>Steward,</i> | " |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, | " " " | Biddeford |
| FRANK P. DENACO, | " " " | Bangor |
| NATHAN C. REDLON, | " " " | Portland |
| EBEN F. RICHARDSON, | " " <i>Sword Bearer,</i> | S. West Harbor |
| JOHN N. FOYE, | " " <i>Standard Bearer,</i> | Canton |
| WARREN C. KING, | " " <i>Pursuivant,</i> | Portland |
| JAMES B. STEVENSON, | " " " | Rumford |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " " <i>Lecturer,</i> | Sabattus |
| WALTER S. SMITH, | " " <i>Organist,</i> | Portland |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | " " <i>Tyler,</i> | " |

MT. TIR'EM LODGE.

The Grand Master announced the transfer of Mt. Tir'em Lodge, No. 132, at Waterford, from the Eighteenth Masonic District to the Sixteenth Masonic District.

The remaining Grand Officers who were present were installed and proclamation was made.

The Grand Master assumed the East and thanked Bros. SLEEPER and TALBOT.

He then announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.

RALPH H. BURBANK, FRANK P. DENACO, WARREN C. KING.

On Grievances and Appeals.

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, GEORGE W. HOLMES, ALBERT M. PENLEY.

On Publication.

MILLARD M. CASWELL, EDWARD G. WESTON, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

On History.

WILLIAM N. HOWE, FRED C. CHALMERS, SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS.

On Dispensations and Charters.

ARCHIE L. TALBOT, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, EDMUND B. MALLET.

On Amendments to the Constitution.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON, FRANK E. SLEEPER, WILLIAM FREEMAN LORD.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

HUGH R. CHAPLIN, ALBRO E. CHASE, THOMAS H. BODGE.

On Foreign Correspondence.

ALBRO E. CHASE, AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM, ASHLEY A. SMITH.

On Condition of the Fraternity.

WILLIAM N. HOWE, EDWIN A. PORTER, FRANK E. MONROE.

On Library.

GRAND MASTER, WILMER J. DORMAN WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY.

On Transportation.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, WILLIAM FREEMAN LORD, JAMES E. PARSONS.

On Returns.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, JAMES C. AYER, ERNEST P. PARLIN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

BRO. ALBERT M. PENLEY, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that the business of the communication was completed, and the report was accepted.

CLOSING.

The minutes were read by the Assistant Grand Secretary and approved, and at 11:20 the Grand Lodge was closed.

Attest:



Charles B. Davis

Grand Secretary.

The Ninety-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine will be held at Masonic Temple, Portland, on Tuesday, May 7, 1918, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TRUSTEES . OF . THE . CHARITY . FUND.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND,

Tuesday, May 1, 1917.

The Trustees met in the Grand Lodge Office at 5:30 P. M.

Present—WALDO PETTENGILL, *President*,

SILAS B. ADAMS,

RALPH W. MOORE,

ALBERT H. NEWBERT,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*,

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,

EDMUND B. MALLET,

ASHLEY A. SMITH,

HOWARD D. SMITH.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was accepted, as follows:

PORTLAND, May 2, 1917.

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 |
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| 25 shares Canal Bank Stock (National), | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| 18 " Casco-Mercantile Trust Co., | 1,800.00 | 180.00 |
| 14 " First National Bank Stock, | 1,400.00 | 98.00 |
| 20 " Westbrook Trust Co., | 2,000.00 | 120.00 |
| 4 bonds Sagadahoc Light & Power Co., | 2,000.00 | 90.00 |
| 1 " Town of Brunswick, | | 20.00 |

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| 2 bonds | Northern Pacific Railway Co., | 2,000.00 | 80.00 |
| 2 " | Rockland Water Co., | 1,500.00 | 75.00 |
| 2 " | Wladikawkas Railway Co., | 2,000.00 | 80.00 |
| 2 " | Kennebec Light & Heat Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 " | York County Water Co., | 500.00 | 25.00 |
| 1 " | Denver City Tramway Co., | 500.00 | 25.00 |
| 5 " | Portland Water Co., | 5,000.00 | 200.00 |
| 2 " | Rumford Falls Water Power Co., | 2,000.00 | 80.00 |
| 1 " | Delaware, Ohio, Water Co., | 500.00 | 25.00 |
| 3 " | Toledo Terminal Co., | 2,200.00 | 99.00 |
| 6 " | Boston & Maine Railway Co., | 6,000.00 | |
| 3 " | Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co., | 3,000.00 | 119.40 |
| 3 " | Portsmouth, Berkeley & Suffolk Water Co., | 2,000.00 | 100.00 |
| 1 " | Town of Everett, Mass., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 " | Town of Hyde Park, Mass., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 " | Town of Methuen, Mass., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 2 " | Standish Water & Construction Co., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 " | City of Portland, Oregon, | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 " | City Water Co., of East St. Louis, | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 " | City of Springfield, Mass., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 5 " | City of Minneapolis, Minn., | 5,000.00 | 200.00 |
| 1 " | Town of Dexter, | 1,000.00 | 35.00 |
| 1 " | The St. Joseph Water Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 " | Muncie Water Works Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 " | Wheeling Traction Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 " | Huntington Water Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 " | Utica, Mohawk Valley Railway Co., | 1,000.00 | 45.00 |
| 1 " | Portland & Rumford Falls Deb., | 1,000.00 | 20.00 |
| 1 " | Portland (Oregon) Railway Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 note (Moody) secured by mortgage on real estate, | | 5,000.00 | |
| 4 cert. No. A203, 5 shares common stock, . . \$500.00 | | No value | |
| cert. No. A233, 3 shares pref'd stock, . . . 300.00 | | " " | |
| | Augusta Savings Bank, | 1,000.00 | |
| | Skowhegan Savings Bank, | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | Waterville Savings Bank, | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | Wiscasset Savings Bank, | 1,000.00 | |
| | Bath Savings Institution, | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | Gardner Savings Institution, | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | Brunswick Savings Institution, | 1,000.00 | |
| | | \$69,900.00 | \$2,548.00 |
| | Maine Savings Bank, | 1,300.00 | |
| | Portland Savings Bank, | 1,500.00 | |

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| Belfast Savings Bank,..... | 646.72 |
| Chapman National Bank, Savings Dept., | 655.27 |
| Portland " " " " | 530.83 |
| Fidelity Trust Co., " " | 2,000.00 |
| | <u>\$ 6,632.82</u> |
| Total of all funds,..... | \$76,532.82 |

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

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| 1916. | | |
| May 4. | To balance cash on hand,..... | \$3,102.76 |
| | " amount of income on investments. | 2,625.22 |
| | " " " Town Brunswick Bond, called, .. | 1,000.00 |
| | " " " interest Union Safe Deposit Co., | 168.82 |
| | " " " " Savings Bank, | 338.45 |
| | " " " 8 shares Central Iowa Co., | 120.00 |
| | | <u>\$7,355.25</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| | By amount paid beneficiaries,..... | \$2,196.00 |
| | " " placed with Grand Master,..... | 600.00 |
| | " " bond Portland & Rumford Falls | |
| | deb, 4's, | 925.00 |
| | " " accrued interest on same, | 4.00 |
| | " " Portland National Bank deposited | |
| | in Savings Dept., | 71.00 |
| | " " deposited Union Safe & Deposit | |
| | Co., interest,..... | 168.82 |
| | " " deposited Portland National Bank, | |
| | Savings Dept., | 120.00 |
| | " " paid for Safety Vault,..... | 10.00 |
| | " cash on hand to balance,..... | 3,260.43 |
| | | <u>\$7,355.25</u> |

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *Treasurer.*

The Grand Master reported that he had examined the securities and had found them all correct as stated, whereupon the report was accepted.

The Secretary presented 78 applications for relief, which were referred to a committee of two.

Adjourned to Wednesday P. M.

WEDNESDAY, May 2, 1917.

Met in Grand Lodge Office at 5 P. M.

Present—WALDO PETTENGILL, *President*,
SILAS B. ADAMS,
RALPH W. MOORE,
ALBERT H. NEWBERT,
STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*,
FRANK E. SLEEPER,
HOWARD D. SMITH.

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

Voted, That one represent twelve dollars.

Voted, That \$2,704 be appropriated to pay the schedule.

Voted, That \$400 be placed in hands of President.

The renewal of the Grand Treasurer's bond was ordered to be left in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

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, 1889.

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.

1917.



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| WALDO PETTENGILL, Grand Master, | Ex-Officio. |
| SILAS B. ADAMS, Deputy Grand Master, | " |
| JAMES H. WITHERELL, Senior Grand Warden, | " |
| EDWIN K. SMITH, Junior Grand Warden, | " |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, Rec. Grand Secretary, | " |
| ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, elected May 4, 1915, for three years. | |
| HOWARD D. SMITH, " " 2, 1916, " " " | |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, " " " " " " " | |
| EDMUND B. MALLET, " " 3, 1917, " " " | |
| ASHLEY A. SMITH, " " " " " " | |
| EDWARD G. WESTON, " " " " " one " | |

STANDING REGULATIONS.

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.]

I. 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 four and one-half cents for each mile one way 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. [Amended 1914, p. 55.]

Standing Regulation, No. 33, relating to the jurisdiction of Deering Lodge, No. 183, was repealed May 3, 1917.



AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Adopted since Edition of Constitution, 1900.

[Part Fourth, Article I, Page 42 of the Constitution.]

SEC. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions and processions 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 occasion of a public reception of him, or of a public mourning for his death. [1912, p. 53.]

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters.

FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report for the First Masonic District.

Not being in attendance on the Grand Lodge, I was later installed by Past Master FLOYD A. SMITH.

It was impossible for me to attend a School of Instruction as my notice thereof went astray, and two of them had been held before I knew. I planned to attend the School at Eastport, but at the last moment had to give it up.

I have visited each lodge in the district and find all in sound condition, financially and in masonic spirit. I have endeavored to see work in the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft degrees, and have carefully examined the records of the various lodges. The records are generally in excellent shape and show the activities of the lodges to have been according to masonic law and usage. In the few cases that I have found errors of record or form of record, such suggestions as I have been able to make have been very cordially received.

On January 3, 1917, I visited Washburn Lodge at Washburn, and had the pleasure of installing the officers, who then proceeded to work in the Entered Apprentice degree. The fact that this was the first work of the new officers did not detract from the dignity thereof. I feel justified in saying that this work was the closest to the ritual of any that I have seen in this degree. This lodge is very active and both officers and members show a great interest in Masonry. Bro. E. M. HINES still continues as their efficient Secretary. An appetizing supper was served at the close.

January 15th, I visited Limestone Lodge at Limestone, and installed the officers. The Fellow Craft degree was exemplified upon one candidate in a very capable manner. Bro. A. H. DAMON again serves as Master and takes a valuable and energetic interest in the lodge, which is

now endeavoring to build a new hall. The Limestone brethren are royal entertainers and served a bounteous chicken pie supper after the work.

I was invited to install the officers of Eastern Frontier Lodge on January 17th, but was unable to do so.

February 23d, I visited Aroostook Lodge at Blaine. It was expected that two candidates would be on hand for the Entered Apprentice degree, but owing to a severe storm and impassable roads, they could not make the six mile drive to the hall. In the absence of work an informal discussion was held, which was instructive, I trust, to the brethren present. P. D. D. G. M. HOWARD PIERCE is now Master, which is a sufficient guarantee of the work being well done. The location of their hall is very poor, necessitating a long walk for most of the brethren. This is due to the changing of the center of population since the building of the B. & A. Railroad. A movement is being made to change the location from Blaine to Mars Hill. I hope this change can be made, and feel sure it will mean added interest and growth to the lodge. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

March 7th, I visited Monument Lodge at Houlton, and witnessed the Master Mason work conferred upon two candidates. This was observed as Past Master's Night, one candidate being raised by the regular officers and the other by a team of Past Masters, with Bro. BERNARD ARCHIBALD in the chair. The attendance was large and the work well done. Bro. TOMPKINS is a very capable Master and is supported by a fine corps of officers. This is the largest lodge in the district and is in good condition. A new hall is being contemplated. Refreshments were served at the close of a very pleasant evening.

March 19th, I visited Trinity Lodge at Presque Isle, and learned something of masonic history from their courteous Master, Bro. PHILIP D. PHAIR. One candidate was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft in a very praiseworthy manner. The officers were new in their position, but did very efficient work. The attendance was large and the interest of the members in the work was particularly pleasing. This lodge is one of those which boasts of an excellent Secretary. Refreshments were served, following which several brethren remained some time for a pleasant discussion of various masonic subjects.

March 21st, I visited Eastern Frontier Lodge at Fort Fairfield, the home lodge of my predecessor in office, Bro. W. S. DAVIDSON. This is the "honor" lodge of the district for the year. One candidate was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft in a very impressive manner, the Senior Warden, Bro. THURBER C. HOLD, being in the East. The records, which are very carefully kept by Bro. W. N. GOULD, show a very large average attendance upon their meetings. Very few suggestions could be offered.

In no place have I seen a greater interest in the lodge, both by officers and members, than in Eastern Frontier Lodge. Supper was served at the close.

During the year I have been a regular attendant in my home lodge at Caribou, and had the pleasure of installing the officers. This lodge has done but little degree work during the past year. For this reason, which was dependent upon poor quarters following the fire of last year, the work has not been up to the usual standard. On February 1st, the lodge occupied new and commodious quarters, with a consequent improvement in the work. Caribou Lodge looks forward to a very prosperous year. The officers are efficient and interested in their duties. The Masons of Caribou are deserving of particular commendation for the amount of charitable work in the past few years.

In conclusion, I wish to express to you my thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me. The work has been a pleasure to me and I trust that in some small measure I have merited your confidence. I sincerely appreciate the reception that has been given me in the several lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH W. H. PORTER, *D. D. G. M., 1st M. D.*

Caribou, March 28, 1917.

SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

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. I was installed at a special meeting of Washington Lodge, No. 37, on Wednesday evening, June 21, 1916, by Bro. JAMES E. PARSONS, P. S. G. W.

On October 11th, I attended the School of Instruction held by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, at Eastport, with Eastern Lodge. There was a good attendance from Eastern, Crescent and Washington Lodges. The School was very instructive and interesting. This School was called especially for the benefit of the Second District, and I regret that all the lodges did not take advantage of it. A banquet was served at six o'clock, and I wish to thank Eastern Lodge for entertaining the School and for their kind and courteous treatment.

In the evening I made my official visit to Eastern Lodge, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was rendered in a most impressive man-

ner. After the work M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, made some pleasing and interesting remarks. D. D. G. M. A. H. BARTLETT of the Third Masonic District and D. D. G. M. GEORGE HARMON of the Twenty-first Masonic District were present and complimented Eastern Lodge on their work.

I visited Lewy's Island Lodge, No. 138, at Princeton, on February 7th. They exemplified the work of the F. C. degree in a very acceptable manner. This lodge has had the most work of any lodge in the district, the officers are young men and are interested in the work. The finances are in good condition. After the lodge closed we repaired to the banquet room where refreshments were served.

On March 7th, I officially visited Crescent Lodge, No. 78, at Pembroke. The Master being absent Bro. FRANK CONANT, the Senior Warden, presided. They exemplified work of the E. A. degree in a very creditable manner. I was much pleased with the floor work Bro. WILLIAM HARRIMAN is doing. The records in charge of Bro. WILBUR are very correctly and neatly kept. I installed Bro. ALVIN LEIGHTON, Treasurer. Refreshments were served after the work.

By invitation of St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, of Calais, I called a convention of the lodges of the Second Masonic District to meet with St. Croix Lodge March 22d. Arrangements were made with the Maine Central R. R. Co. for special trains to return to Eastport and Princeton at the close of the convention. The day was fine and the attendance large. The convention was called to order soon after 3 o'clock and opened on the M. M. degree by St. Croix Lodge. The E. A. degree was conferred by the officers of Crescent Lodge and was extremely well done. Bro. FRANK CONANT, S. W., who acted as Master, certainly impressed the brethren of the convention by the able manner in which he presented the work. A few corrections were made. The work in the F. C. degree was conferred by Lewy's Island Lodge in a very satisfactory manner. The lodge of the F. C. was then closed and work resumed in the M. M. degree. It being six o'clock, lodge was called from labor to refreshments, when the brethren repaired to the vestry of the Congregational church where more than three hundred sat down to a bounteous repast furnished by the ladies of the Eastern Star. After the banquet the brethren enjoyed an hour at the St. Croix opera house. The convention was called to order at 8 o'clock, the officers of St. Croix Lodge presiding. Lodge was called from refreshments to labor. It was voted to appoint a committee to express to Past District Deputies Bro. JOHN F. OLIVER and Bro. WALTER F. BRADISH the regret of the convention of their inability to be present. Committee appointed as follows: P. D. D. WHEELER C. HAWKES, P. D. D. FRED L. GARDNER and P. M. HERBERT DUD-

LEY, who reported and resolutions were adopted and sent by letter to Bro. OLIVER and wired to Bro. BRADISH, who was sick at Portland.

The M. M. degree was then conferred on one candidate by St. Croix Lodge in a very acceptable manner, after which some very interesting remarks were made by P. D. D. G. Ms. MOSES TAIT and WHEELER C. HAWKES. A vote of thanks and appreciation was extended to St. Croix Lodge for their entertainment and to the ladies for their very excellent banquet. Past Master L. R. HORSEMAN of Princeton invited the convention to meet with Lewy's Island Lodge next year, after which the largest convention that has been held in the district closed. I also made my official visit with St. Croix Lodge at this time. The records being in charge of Bro. ISAAC N. JONES, insure that they are ably looked after and the dues well collected. The lodge is in good financial condition with Bro. JOHN R. TRIMBLE as Treasurer.

I have not officially visited my home lodge, Washington, No. 37, but have been present at every meeting except two. We have had a good amount of work this year, the officers are much interested and are trying to make good. Our Secretary, Bro. I. W. CASE, faithfully looks after the records and has the dues well collected.

I wish to thank the brethren of the Second Masonic District for the many courtesies shown me, and you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for appointing me to this honorable office.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT G. McBRIDE, *D. D. G. M. 2d M. D.*

Lubec, April 14, 1917.

THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

In August, I was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Third Masonic District. This appointment was made to fill a vacancy caused by the inability of the original appointee to serve.

September 16th, I was installed by P. D. D. G. M. E. R. WINGATE. I received my commission September 23d and the book of records, jewel, etc., September 25th.

October 11th, I attended a School of Instruction given by the Grand Lecturer, Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, at Eastport, with Eastern Lodge, which was very beneficial to all present. In the evening, I with other

visiting brethren, was permitted to enjoy the pleasure of witnessing work in the M. M. degree, which was performed in a most creditable and impressive manner.

December 4th, I visited Lookout Lodge at Cutler, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The weather being stormy, but few members were present. The work was well performed and the ritual closely followed, both in the work and opening ceremonies. I had occasion to make but few corrections and suggestions. After working the M. M. degree, this being the annual meeting, the brethren proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing year. This was done in a harmonious and business like manner, after which refreshments were served and a social hour spent, interspersed with singing and good cheer. I found the records well kept and dues well collected. Lookout Lodge is in a good condition financially and its affairs in the hands of good and efficient officers.

December 5th, I made an official visit to Warren Lodge at East Machias, and after partaking of a bountiful supper prepared by the ladies of the Eastern Star, which was followed by a smoke talk, I witnessed work in the F. C. and M. M. degrees, the lodge having two candidates for each degree. I was very much pleased with the manner in which the work was performed, the ritual being very closely adhered to and the floor work made very impressive. I inspected the records and found them well kept and the dues fairly well collected. A visit to Warren Lodge is an inspiration to every brother who may enjoy that privilege, the history of the lodge being so largely a history of eastern Maine from its earliest settlement. This lodge is somewhat in debt but is meeting its obligations as they mature, and is in a flourishing and healthy condition, having an efficient corps of officers. I found it necessary to make a few corrections and suggestions, which were well received.

January 16, 1917, I officially visited Jonesport Lodge and witnessed work in the E. A. degree, which was performed in a very creditable manner. I also installed the officers for the ensuing year, and on learning that the Master last year had not received the Past Master's degree at the time of his installation, conferred on him, and another who had served in previous years as Master of this lodge, the degree of Past Master. In conferring this degree, I was ably assisted by P. D. D. G. M. CUMMINGS, who also very efficiently acted as Grand Marshal, during the installation of the officers. I also received the assistance of Bro. HENRY MANSFIELD as Grand Chaplain. I found Jonesport Lodge in a flourishing and prosperous condition, the owners of a fine and commodious hall, finely fitted to the use of the lodge. The officers are well equipped to perform good work. After a few minor criticisms, the lodge was closed

and those present adjourned to the banquet hall, where a fine collation was partaken of by about fifty-five of the brethren.

January 22d, made an official visit to Pleiades Lodge at Milbridge and installed the officers. I received the assistance of P. M. Bro. ARNOLD LEIGHTON as Grand Marshal. I found the lodge in a good condition, dues fairly well collected, the records finely kept, but I also found that the lodge had been obliged to suspend quite a number for non-payment of dues. I conferred the degree of Past Master on the Master-elect and another Past Master who did not receive it at the time of his installation. This brother served as Master of this lodge quite a few years ago. After the lodge was closed, those present partook of an oyster supper served in the banquet room adjoining the lodge room and a very pleasant hour was spent in discussing matters pertaining to Masonry.

February 5th. On this date I made an official visit to Harwood Lodge at Machias. Witnessed work in the M. M. degree upon four candidates. The work was finely rendered and the ritual followed very closely. There was a large number of the members present. This lodge is at present working under difficulties, the room where they hold their meetings being small and quite low posted, but I found the brethren very enthusiastic and doing fine work. Harwood Lodge is in a good condition financially, and they will doubtless build a new masonic building this year. From their plans I learn that it will be one which the brethren may well be proud and an ornament to the community. After the lodge was closed, the brethren repaired to the Grange building, where refreshments were served. There were fifty-two of the brethren at the tables, and considering that one of the worst storms of the winter occurred on this date, I think this a proof of a right spirit among the craft.

February 17th, I installed a part of the officers of my home lodge, Narraguagus, No. 88, at Cherryfield. On account of the severity of the weather, there were but few of the brethren present. I have installed the other officers as opportunity occurred. This lodge is suffering from indifference and lack of attendance on the part of some of its members. Financially, the lodge is in a fairly good condition, and the dues are well collected. This being my home lodge, I will simply add that the officers are doing very good work.

I have not been able to visit Tuscan Lodge at Addison. I was away from home on personal business at the time of their installation, which was performed by P. D. D. G. M. WILLIAM C. IRONS, and on the other dates when they had work and notified me, the weather was such that I could not attend, hence all that I can say about Tuscan Lodge is what I have been able to learn from their returns to the Grand Lodge, which indicate a very prosperous year.

I wish to take occasion to thank the officers and members of the several lodges in the district for their courtesy to me, and you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor conferred on me by my appointment. Fraternal submitted,

ARTHUR H. BARTLETT, *D. D. G. M. 3d M. D.*
Cherryfield, April 10, 1917.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

No report.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District for the year ending May 1, 1917.

September 11th, I made my official visit and inspected work in F. C. and M. M. degrees at Pleasant River Lodge. As this is my home lodge I have a chance to make corrections when required. The brothers are always ready to receive instructions. The records as kept by P. M. HARVEY RYDER are in good condition, dues fairly well collected. Since my visit the Secretary, Bro. RYDER, has been called to the Grand Lodge above. He will be greatly missed in the lodge room and all can join in saying that a good man has gone to his rest.

July 17th, I made my official visit to Doric Lodge at Monson, and witnessed work in M. M. degree, which was well done, the officers showing a desire to perform the work in a truly masonic manner. The records are well kept and dues well collected. After work lunch was served in banquet hall.

September 22d, I made my official visit to Piscataquis Lodge at Milo, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was well done. This lodge is in a prosperous condition, the officers taking great interest in their work. Only a few corrections were necessary. The books are in good hands and dues well collected. About fifty were present. Banquet at close. *

September 28th, I attended the School of Instruction at Lewiston by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, which proved very interesting and profitable to all present. In the evening Lewiston Lodge

worked the M. M. degree, and a splendid banquet was served by the home lodge at 6 P. M.

October 16th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Abner Wade Lodge at Sangerville, assisted by P. M. Bro. HOLMES as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. MONTAIN as Grand Chaplain. Refreshments were served at the close. I have not had a chance to inspect any work in this lodge this year. The books are in good hands and dues well collected and lodge in prosperous condition. I had a date set for my official visit, but on account of a bad storm was unable to get to lodge on the date set.

October 21st, I was invited to install the officers of Composite Lodge at La Grange, but circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from so doing. I invited P. D. D. G. M. Bro. H. A. FOWLES to act in my place on this date, which he did, and I thank him very much for the favor.

November 9th, I made my official visit to Mosaic Lodge at Foxcroft, and witnessed work in M. M. degree. Only a few of the regular officers were present, but this lodge has a lot of members who are always willing to take an office and do good work. The work was well done and only a few corrections necessary. Books well kept and dues well collected. At the close a fine oyster supper was served and a social hour enjoyed. About forty-five present.

December 4th, I was invited to install the officers of Pleasant River Lodge at Brownville, assisted by P. M. Bro. L. F. JOHNSON as Grand Marshal and Rev. Bro. C. R. CARLETON as Grand Chaplain. Banquet at close.

January 6, 1917, I made my official visit to Mt. Kineo Lodge at Guilford, and installed the officers, assisted by Bro. L. A. HOUSTON as Grand Marshal and Bro. C. S. DOUGLASS as Grand Chaplain. After installation I witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was performed in a manner that was a credit to the officers of the lodge. Wor. Bro. DANIELS is one of the best Masters in the district. The books in the hands of Bro. DAVIDSON are well kept and dues fairly well collected. Financial condition of lodge is good. Oyster supper at the close; about fifty present.

January 8th, I made my official visit to Penobscot Lodge at Dexter, and witnessed work in M. M. degree, which was very well done. I made such corrections as were necessary. This lodge is one year behind in dues and I asked them to try and get started so they would be up to date. The lodge has several candidates and a set of officers willing to do the work. After the work we had a fine supper with about forty present.

At the last meeting of Composite Lodge at La Grange, I intended to make my official visit, but being unable to be there I asked P. D. D. G. M.

Bro. FOWLES to inspect the lodge and report. He attended to that duty and reports this lodge is doing good work.

I have been unable to visit Columbia Lodge at Greenville, but from reports received this lodge is in good condition. I am in hopes to visit this lodge before I go out of office.

In closing I wish to sincerely thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges for the courteous and cordial manner in which I have been received and entertained.

And to you, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor conferred on me by my appointment as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District.

Fraternally submitted,

ERWIN G. RYDER, *D. D. G. M. 5th M. D.*

Brownville Junction, April 15, 1917.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor of submitting my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District for the year 1916-1917.

I received notice of my appointment as District Deputy from Grand Secretary BERRY, May 20, 1916, and was installed by R. W. Senior Grand Warden R. W. MOORE, May 27, 1916.

Thursday, June 8, 1916, I attended a special session of the Grand Lodge at Exeter, convened for the purpose of dedicating the beautiful new hall of Pacific Lodge.

September 26th, accompanied by two members of my own lodge, I attended the Lodge of Instruction held with Euclid Lodge at Madison. Wor. Bro. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, presided in his usual thorough, painstaking and practical manner. It was generally felt that this was one of the most profitable meetings of the kind that has been held for a long time.

Wednesday evening, October 11th, I inspected the work of Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, Carmel, in the Master Mason's degree. Although the principal officers were men who had been members of the fraternity for a comparatively short time, the work was most impressively done. A few corrections only were necessary. The records are splendidly kept by P. M. SMITH. A goodly delegation from the surrounding lodges were present by special invitation, and a royal good time was enjoyed by all. There was a banquet at the close.

Wednesday evening, November 15th, I inspected Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137, Kenduskeag. The Master Mason's degree was conferred, and the work was of the usual high order seen in this lodge. The floor work was especially good, and a few corrections in the ritualistic part only were necessary. Members of Olive Branch Lodge were present by invitation, and a good time was enjoyed by all. There was a banquet at the close. The records are in the efficient hands of P. M. HARVEY.

Wednesday evening, November 22d, I inspected Mechanics' Lodge, No. 66, Orono. There was work in the Master Mason's degree. The degree work was of a high order, being of a seriousness and impressiveness seldom seen. The lectures were given in full, none of the monitorial work being omitted. This lodge has lately lost one who had been its faithful Secretary for a great many years, Bro. A. J. DURGIN. Bro. HANSON is now filling the office of Secretary splendidly. The lodge has done a lot of work during the past year and is in a prosperous condition.

Friday evening, December 8th, I inspected the work of Mystic Lodge, No. 65, Hampden. Two candidates were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, in a thorough and impressive manner. A goodly number from Mechanics' Lodge were present as special guests. This lodge is fortunate in having an energetic worker and careful ritualist in its Wor. Master CURTIS, and the records are neatly and systematically kept by Bro. TRIBOU.

Friday evening, December 15th, I inspected St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, Bangor. It was a special meeting, with work in the Fellow Craft degree. A sumptuous banquet was served at 6:30 p. m., and the degree work followed. The work was thoroughly and impressively done. The records are in the capable hands of P. M. H. W. LIBBY.

Tuesday evening, December 19th, I inspected Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, Bangor. One candidate was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The work was fairly well done, a certain amount of nervousness due to the fact that it was an inspection, no doubt detracted from the work usually rendered. The records, under the care of P. M. COLE, are above criticism.

Friday evening, December 29th, I installed the officers of Mystic Lodge, No. 65, Hampden, assisted by Rev. Bro. A. W. LEWIS as Grand Chaplain and Bro. POMEROY as Grand Marshal.

Wednesday evening, January 3, 1917, I installed the officers of Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137, Kenduskeag, assisted by Bro. W. K. NASON as Grand Chaplain and Bro. W. E. NASON as Grand Marshal.

Thursday evening, January 4th, I installed the officers of Olive Branch

Lodge, No. 124, Charleston, assisted by Rev. Bro. CLARENCE EMERY as Grand Chaplain and P. M. C. L. MARROWS as Grand Marshal.

Saturday evening, January 6th, I installed the officers of Lynde Lodge, No. 174 Hermon, assisted by Bro. PATTEN as Grand Chaplain and Bro. E. LEATHERS as Grand Marshal.

Friday evening, January 19th, I installed the officers of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, Bangor, assisted by Bro. WEEKS as Grand Marshal.

Wednesday evening, January 24th, I installed the officers of Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, Carmel, assisted by Bro. DAMON as Grand Chaplain and Bro. DEXTER ROBERTS as Grand Marshal.

Saturday evening, March 3d, I inspected the work in the Fellow Craft degree, of Lynde Lodge, No. 174, Hermon. This was the first time that the new officers had worked this degree, and the work was fairly well done. The officers are striving to get the ritual work correctly, and the lodge seems to be in a flourishing condition. The records are well kept by Bro. C. B. COX.

Thursday evening, March 8th, I inspected the work of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, (my own lodge) in the Master Mason's degree. This lodge now has the largest membership in its history, the best of feeling prevails, and the attendance at its meetings shows the deep interest in its welfare by its members. Its degree work is well done.

Friday evening, March 9th, I inspected the work of Howard Lodge, No. 69, Winterport, in the Entered Apprentice degree. Although this lodge has worked but one candidate for over a year, the degree was conferred in an unusually impressive manner. The records are neatly and systematically kept by Bro. MORGAN.

Monday evening, April 2d, I inspected the work of Star in the East Lodge, No. 60, Oldtown. It was a special meeting, with work in the Entered Apprentice degree. The degree work was very impressively rendered and nearly letter perfect. I have never seen better work in this degree. This lodge has taken in more members than any in the district for the past year, and its splendid new hall gives it probably the most up to date quarters of any in the district. The records are well kept by Bro. E. A. MERRILL.

Lodges, without exception, seem prosperous, the best of feeling prevails, and there appears to be a gradually increasing interest in Masonry in this section.

Although the position of District Deputy Grand Master necessarily requires some sacrifice of time, I can heartily say that I have felt well repaid for the time spent in visiting the various lodges. The new acquaintances formed among such a splendid body of men has been very

pleasing to me; and the courtesy that I have had extended to me everywhere has been much appreciated.

In closing, Most Worshipful, allow me to thank you for the honor of the appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK D. WEYMOUTH, *D. D. G. M. 6th M. D.*
Charleston, April 7, 1917.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the pleasure of submitting my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District.

September 26th, I attended the School of Instruction held at Madison by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. All present were much interested and benefited by this meeting.

October 7th, I made my official visit to Quantabacook Lodge of Searsmont, this being their annual meeting. After the report of committees, election of officers were concluded, the remainder of the evening was devoted to the raising of three brethren to the sublime degree of a M. M. The ritual and floor work was well done, especially the delivery of the lecture by the Wor. Master. A large delegation of Masons being present from different lodges made the occasion a most pleasant one. Only a few corrections in the ritual and floor work were necessary. This lodge is in good financial condition, and has done considerable work during the past year and deserve much credit.

November 4th, I visited Liberty Lodge of Liberty. The work presented for my inspection was the E. A. degree upon three candidates. The floor and ritual work was almost perfect. The Senior Deacon, although doing his part of the work for the first time, did exceptionally well and deserves much praise. Records in the hands of P. D. D. G. M. W. J. GREELY are well cared for and the financial condition of the lodge good.

March 7th, I journeyed by team and rail to Brooks, where in the evening I met with the brethren of Marsh River Lodge. Only about a dozen of the members were present, it being just after a blocking snow storm which had made all roads practically impassable and was in a measure responsible for the small number present. There being no work the time was devoted to the matter of collection of dues, which was thoroughly

threshed out and measures taken to bring delinquents to a realization of their masonic obligations. The financial condition of the lodge is not what the brethren would like to see, yet they have faith that new material will soon be added to the lodge and a new and prosperous era begun. Some parts of the ritual were discussed to the satisfaction of all.

April 5th, I visited Sebasticook Lodge of Clinton. There being no work on hand, the E. A. degree was exemplified for my inspection, which I must confess was nearly perfect. The officers deserve much credit for their faithful devotion to the ritual and floor work. A large and representative number of members being present added greatly to the interest of the meeting. They have work on hand and more in sight. The records are well kept and financial condition good.

Central Lodge of China, being my masonic home, I can say I have attended nearly every meeting, and have witnessed work in all of the degrees, and instructions have been given in the ritual and floor work as occasion required.

This lodge is doing work at the present time and the officers are striving hard to keep up the reputation the lodge has so long had for doing good work. Financial condition good.

I have not been able to visit Star in the West Lodge of Unity, or Unity Lodge of Thorndike, much to my regret.

I had made arrangements to meet with both lodges at their regular meetings in March, but a blocking snow storm prevented my reaching the train, so cancelled my engagements by phone. I am informed that Star in the West Lodge has had, and is at the present time doing work, although your representative had no knowledge of the fact until a short time ago, the Secretary not having kept me informed.

In conclusion, I desire to express to you, Most Worshipful, my sincere thanks for the high honor conferred upon me. Also to the brethren of the several lodges for the many courtesies extended.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES W. JONES, *D. D. G. M. 7th M. D.*

China, April 21, 1917.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

On October 9, 1916, I privately installed the officers of Phœnix Lodge, No. 24.

On January 25, 1917, I installed the officers of Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126. After the installation the officers worked the E. A. degree in a very creditable manner. March 15th, I officially inspected Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126. A fine banquet was served at 6:30 o'clock and M. M. degree was conferred in the evening. Seldom has it been my privilege to see this degree presented as correctly as on this occasion. The ritual and floor work showed careful study and reflects great credit upon the officers and members. The records are neatly and correctly kept and the financial condition good.

On April 23d, I officially visited Phoenix Lodge, No. 24. The M. M. degree was conferred in a very correct and impressive manner. This is my home lodge and I am pleased to report that the officers fully maintained the high standard of work usually presented in this lodge. The records in the hands of R. W. Bro. PATTEE are unusually well kept and the finances are in a satisfactory condition. At 6 o'clock a very fine banquet was served by the ladies of the O. E. S.

It is a source of great regret to me that owing to business engagements, which could not be broken, I have been unable to visit the other lodges in this district. However, from the returns and from reports received, I am satisfied that they are all in excellent condition and that whenever they have work it will be done in a correct and impressive manner.

Fraternally submitted,

WILMER J. DORMAN, *D. D G. M. 8th M. D.*

NINTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Masonic District for the year 1916-1917.

October 14, 1916. Masonic School of Instruction, held at Damariscotta. FRANK E. SLEEPER opened the School of Instruction at 10 o'clock A. M. The large number of visitors gives an idea of the interest taken, but only those that were present can realize the enthusiasm that prevailed.

In the evening, after the School of Instruction, the officers of Alna Lodge worked the M. M. degree, which is a trying ordeal for the officers of any lodge when they realize that the Grand Lecturer and four deputies are watching for a chance to make all the corrections that they can find to make; considering this fact I feel that they did the most excellent work which I have ever seen.

Rockland Lodge, W. Bro. DAVIS of St. Paul's Lodge, Bro. CAMPBELL of Aurora Lodge, as well as others. We then marched to the banquet hall, where fully 150 masons enjoyed a most bountiful repast and a pleasant social hour, ending with singing "Star Spangled Banner" and "America."

March 20th, I made my official visit to Union Lodge, No. 31, of Union. As there was no candidate, the E. A. degree was exemplified and very well done. The W. M. informed me that there had been very little work for a year or more, but I can safely say that the officers and brethren seem very interested in the welfare of their lodge and especially in the work. After seeing the E. A. degree exemplified, I asked the brethren to pass lectures, which they were only too willing to do, and it proved that there was not a single one present who was not well informed, and I only wish that every lodge in this district would do the same thing. The records are in the hands of A. M. LUCAS, are correctly kept, and dues well collected. A nice banquet at the close.

March 21st, I officially visited Mount Olivet, No. 203, Washington, accompanied by W. B. HARDING, Past Master of Union Lodge, No. 31, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The officers of this lodge are very earnest and zealous masons and I have informed them that I will go to Washington later, and spend a day to have a sort of a School of Instruction, discuss the ritual and exemplify the work if necessary, and all were only too glad to have me come there. A fine banquet was served after the close of the lodge, where about 60 brethren participated. Records are very neatly kept, and dues well collected.

March 27th, I went to Tenant's Harbor to make my official visit, but owing to the bad road, I left there before night, and was glad that I had left early in the day, as during the night we had a very severe rain storm, which made the road impassable. This lodge is fully up to the standard, which they proved at our last convention.

March 28th, I officially visited Aurora Lodge, No. 50, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree, which was well done. I made corrections where necessary, which were received in the same spirit as that in which they were given. I neglected to look at the records, but they are still in the hands of that veteran, W. M. LORENZO ROBINSON. After the close of the lodge a banquet was served.

March 31st, I officially visited Knox Lodge, No. 189, at South Thomaston. Witnessed the exemplification of the E. A. degree. W. M. CROWLEY is probably as well conversant with the ritual and work as anyone in the district, and the work was very well done. Wor. Bro. GEORGE T. STUART, Wor. Bro. CARLTON and Bro. W. BENNER accompanied me. After the close of the lodge refreshments were served.

I have attended all the meetings of Rockland Lodge since I was raised, excepting three in seven years, and in regard to the work I will say that this lodge maintains its reputation that is well known in the district. Modesty forbids me saying more.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the appointment, also the officers and members of the several lodges for the kind, courteous treatment I have received wherever I have met with them, and Most Worshipful I have tried to be of some service to them as your representative.

I think that as a whole the past year has been a prosperous one and no discord of any consequence has occurred to my knowledge.

Fraternally submitted,

EMIL F. WITTEN, *D. D. G. M. 9th M. D.*

Rockland, 1917.

TENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

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 Tenth Masonic District.

October 17th, I attended a Lodge of Instruction at Damariscotta, under the direction of M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. A very interesting and instructive meeting was held. Alna Lodge entertained royally, and in the evening worked the M. M. degree, and I consider the work of Alna Lodge above criticism. I recommend the brethren of the Tenth District to visit Alna Lodge.

December 30th, accompanied by several of the brethren of Bay View Lodge, I installed the officers of Anchor Lodge, a very pleasant evening was spent.

January 4th, I installed the officers of Bay View Lodge. A number of visitors were present.

January 27th, I made my official visit to Seaside Lodge of Boothbay Harbor, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was well done and in line with this enterprising lodge. The records well kept and dues well collected.

May 24th, I made my visit to Anchor Lodge of South Bristol, and am glad to report that this lodge is prospering. The M. M. degree was worked in a very fine manner. The records are well kept and dues well collected.

On account of sickness in my family, I have been unable to attend to that part of my duty of visiting lodges, and owing to the fact that we had a Lodge of Instruction in this district, did not think it necessary to appoint anyone to take my place, but I can report the general condition of the Fraternity in this district as sound.

I have attended almost every meeting of Bay View, my home lodge. The lodge is in good hands and is prospering.

I desire to express to the officers and members of the several lodges my appreciation of the many courtesies extended to me during the past two years. And to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me your representative in the Tenth Masonic District.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR K. MONTGOMERY, *D. D. G. M. 10th M. D.*
East Boothbay, April 1, 1917.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I hereby submit my first annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District.

Not being present at the Grand Lodge at the time of my appointment, I presented myself before M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE, P. G. M., who duly installed me into office.

In September I attended the School of Instruction held by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER in Lewiston, where both valuable information and inspiration was obtained to begin the work for which I was appointed.

BETHLEHEM LODGE. On October 30th, I made my first official visitation of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, at Augusta, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree. The reputation of this lodge was fully sustained by the impressive manner in which each officer rendered his part, following the ritual very closely. The floor movements were very finely executed. I find the records correctly kept and the finances are in very good condition. A banquet followed.

November 27th, I publicly installed the officers of this lodge, assisted by Rev. Bro. W. J. LAYTON as Grand Chaplain and Wor. Bro. L. E. JONES as Grand Marshal. A large number were in attendance. The ceremonies were interspersed with music, followed by a banquet.

HERMON LODGE, NO. 32, GARDINER. On October 31st, I visited Hermon Lodge. It was a pleasure to witness the work in the M. M. de-

gree. The floor work was exceptionally good and the work fully up to the standard. A quartet composed of members furnished music, which added greatly to the work. The financial condition of the lodge is in good condition, dues well collected and records correctly kept. A fine banquet followed.

KENNEBEC LODGE, NO. 5, HALLOWELL. I inspected this lodge November 1st, witnessing work in the M. M. degree, rendered in a very satisfactory manner, followed by a banquet. November 22d, I installed the officers of this lodge, assisted by Rev. Bro. E. W. WEBBER as Grand Chaplain and Wor. Bro. L. E. JONES as Grand Marshal. Music by an orchestra, a soprano solo and a reading, followed by a banquet, brought a very pleasant evening to a close. Since visiting the above lodge, I understand their beautiful new hall has been more or less damaged by smoke, caused by a recent fire in the store below, which I trust has been repaired and the good work progressing.

AUGUSTA LODGE, NO. 141, AUGUSTA. December 26th, I visited this lodge. There was a large attendance. Witnessed the work in the M. M. degree. The ritual and floor work were very creditably done. The records are neatly and correctly kept and finances in good condition. A fine banquet was served at the close of the meeting. On January 16th, I installed the officers of this lodge, assisted by Rev. Bro. A. FRANCIS WALSH as Grand Chaplain and Wor. Bro. L. E. JONES as Grand Marshal. Music was interspersed, followed by a banquet.

MONMOUTH LODGE. I officially visited Monmouth Lodge, No. 110, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very creditable manner, considering that it was the first candidate the new officers had worked. The officers of this lodge are composed largely of young men and with the spirit manifested will maintain the standard so well established by their predecessors. The records kept by Bro. OTIS RANDALL were found in excellent condition and the dues well paid up. An oyster stew followed the close of the meeting.

DIRIGO LODGE, NO. 104, WEEKS' MILLS. March 26th, I visited this lodge. Owing to the poor traveling I was obliged to go by rail, making it quite a roundabout way to reach there. On account of the W. M. and several of the brethren living some distance from this lodge it was rather late in opening. Work in the M. M. degree was rendered in a pleasing manner. The fact that Wor. Bro. SPROUL continues as Secretary is a guarantee the records are correctly kept and dues well collected. At the close of the meeting all enjoyed an oyster stew. During my stay I enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. V. S. ODLIN and Bro. QUINNAN.

TEMPLE LODGE, NO. 25, WINTHROP. April 2d, I visited my home lodge. Modesty forbids that I extoll this lodge to the extent that I

might do were I not one of its members. Suffice it to say, W. M. LEVI E. FRENCH and his corps of officers rendered very creditable work in the M. M. degree. Wor. Bro. L. E. JONES continues to be Secretary of this lodge, which is guarantee that the records are correctly kept and the finances in good condition. At the close of the meeting a banquet was served at which speeches by the candidate and others were made, Wor. Bro. FRENCH acting as Toast Master.

MORNING STAR LODGE, NO. 41, LITCHFIELD. On April 3d, I made my official visit to this lodge. Owing to bad traveling I was obliged to go by trolley instead of the usual way by team. I was met at Batchelder's Corner by Wor. Bro. H. M. STARBIRD, who drove me $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Litchfield Corner. Bro. STARBIRD returned home on account of poor health. Work in the M. M. degree was rendered in a very creditable manner by Wor. Bro. DRUMMOND and his officers, the ritual being very closely adhered to. Bro. R. S. BOSWORTH continues to be Secretary and the records are correctly kept and the finances are in good condition. An oyster stew followed the close of the meeting.

It has been my privilege to visit every lodge in the district. It is indeed gratifying to witness the interest manifested in these lodges. The uniformity and harmony gives one an inspiration to continue in the good work. I take this opportunity in closing to thank the brethren for all the courtesies received at their hands and Most Worshipful to you for the honor of my appointment.

JOHN H. McILROY, *D. D. G. M. 11th M. D.*
Winthrop, April 13, 1917.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Twelfth Masonic District, a report that must of necessity be brief and general in character, because on account of press of business, combined with ill health, I have been unable to give the individual personal attention to the work in this district that I would like to have done.

The lodges in the Twelfth District are all in a healthy, prosperous condition, and general harmony and good fellowship exists throughout. The work in the lodges is fully up to the high standard of former years. In reporting this work I want to thank Bros. LESTER M. ANDREWS, CHARLES W. CROSBY, E. P. WILLIAMS and C. A. COLLINS, who have

so kindly conducted inspections for me. I have no recommendations to make, as I feel sure everything points to prosperity and happiness for our lodges in the days to come.

Fraternally submitted,

S. N. ANNIS, *D. D. G. M. 12th M. D.*

Waterville, April 9, 1917.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

On June 15th, by invitation, I visited Siloam Lodge, No. 92. The M. M. degree was conferred on three candidates by the Past Masters, the officers performing the work impressively and accurately. Wor. Bro. JOHN A. PARTRIDGE and his officers are sustaining the reputation of this lodge for good work.

July 22d, I made my official visit to Lebanon Lodge, No. 116, accompanied by Bro. GEORGE CHARLES of Euclid Lodge, No. 194. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate. Their rendering of the ritual was nearly perfect. The records are well kept by Bro. ERNEST W. GILMAN.

On September 18th, I publicly installed the officers of Euclid Lodge, No. 194, with the assistance of P. M. WALDO HOUGHTON as Grand Marshal and Bro. K. C. GRAY as Grand Chaplain. A musical program followed the installation and a choice banquet was served by the incoming officers.

September 26th, I attended the School of Instruction held at Madison by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. There was a good attendance of Deputies as well as Master Masons. The ritual was studied in all three degrees and proved very interesting and instructive.

On October 6th, I installed the officers of Lebanon Lodge, Bro. E. S. MILLER as Grand Marshal, Rev. R. L. SHEAFF as Grand Chaplain. Speeches from the brethren and clergymen present. At the close refreshments were served.

On the afternoon of October 11th, I publicly installed the officers of Keystone Lodge, No. 80, P. M. Bro. MYRON C. JEWELL as Grand Marshal, P. M. Bro. TURNER BUSSELL as Grand Chaplain. The lodge held its annual meeting October 11th at 10 o'clock A. M., and elected officers. Dinner was served by the ladies of the O. E. S., making it an enjoyable occasion.

On November 7th, I publicly installed the officers of Carrabassett Lodge, P. M. Bro. HARRY B. HARRIS as Grand Marshal, Bro. DANIEL M. FOSTER as Grand Chaplain. After the installation a good musical program and a fine banquet made it an enjoyable occasion.

On January 2d, I installed the officers of Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, P. D. D. G. M. Bro. JOHN GETCHELL as Grand Marshal, P. M. Bro. WILLIS L. HODGDON as Grand Chaplain. At the close refreshments were served in the banquet hall. All had a good time.

On October 7th, I officially visited Bingham Lodge and witnessed the work on three candidates. The M. M. degree was worked in a satisfactory manner, both ritual and floor work. The records are well and accurately kept and dues well collected. At the conclusion of the work refreshments were served.

January 21st, I officially visited Keystone Lodge, and although they have done little work in the last year they show great interest in Masonry. The officers exemplified the E. A. degree well. This lodge owns their hall and is in good financial condition. The records are in the hands of Bro. W. H. SOPER and are correctly kept. This lodge has some members that have been members of the Masonic Lodge for more than fifty years, one of whom I will mention—Bro. TURNER BUSSELL.

February 5th, I inspected Euclid Lodge at Madison. This is my home lodge. The ritual and floor work were well done. Bro. EARL COX occupied the East and he intends to keep up the standard of this lodge. The records are in the hands of Bro. ERNEST H. WARD. I examined the records and found them in better condition than last year. Bro. WARD is a good collector.

February 6th, I made my official visit to Carrabassett Lodge. The evening was the coldest we had this winter and the roads bad traveling. This lodge had no work but exemplified the E. A. degree in a very commendable manner. The records are in the hands of Bro. ALPHEUS NASON and are well kept. I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. WILLIAM BINGHAM, who is ninety-eight years old and has been a member of that lodge nearly forty years. Wor. Bro. JOHN S. GOODRIDGE in the East made a good presiding officer.

February 12th, I had the honor to officially visit Somerset Lodge, No. 34. I drove twelve miles and it was a bitter cold night, but the work of the lodge warmed me up. The E. A. degree was conferred in a very pleasing and impressive manner with Wor. Bro. EDWARD F. MERRILL and his officers. I am frank to say that I have never seen it rendered more impressively and the ritual work so correctly followed. The lectures in the degree were given in full by the officers and they were very closely followed by me, and enjoyed by all present. The floor work was excel-

lent. This lodge is in a high degree of efficiency. I had the pleasure of meeting P. D. D. G. M. ERNEST BUTLER, who is very interested in the Masonic Order, and exchanging fraternal greetings. The records of this lodge are in the hands of Bro. SEEKINS. They are nicely kept and the dues well collected. However, the meetings are well attended and this lodge is indeed a prosperous one. Refreshments followed the work.

March 6th, I received a very courteous invitation to officially visit Northern Star Lodge, No. 28. I witnessed the work on two candidates in the F. C. degree, which was performed in a very dignified manner, and, considering that this was the first time this degree had been worked by the present Master, I see no reason why it should not reach a high degree of excellence during the year. The records are the hands of Bro. WILLIS L. HODGDON and are neatly kept. A fine banquet was served after lodge closed.

March 8th was the date of my official visit to Siloam Lodge, No. 92. The M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates in a very commendable and praiseworthy manner. Wor. Bro. CHARLES H. GIBSON is a good ritualist and was ably assisted by his officers. Visiting brethren were present from several of the lodges in the district. Suffice it to say, that the reputation of Siloam Lodge for good work was fully sustained. On this occasion, I had the pleasure of meeting P. D. D. G. M. CARL PIPER. The records are well kept by Bro. PIPER, dues well collected and the lodge in a prosperous condition. After work a fine collation was served in the banquet hall.

I have inspected the charters of the various lodges and in each instance have found them in an excellent state of preservation and well guarded against fire.

I have issued eight Past Master's Diplomas to the Masters who are entitled to the same up to March 1, 1917.

I wish to thank you for the honor conferred on me in appointing me District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth District. I have tried to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

I am fraternally yours,

JAMES M. SPENCE, *D. D. G. M., 13th M. D.*

Madison, April 24, 1917.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the pleasure of submitting to you my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth Masonic District. Not being present at the Grand Lodge at the time of my appointment, at your request I was installed by M. W. EDMUND B. MALLETT.

On September 28th, I had the pleasure of attending a School of Instruction at Lewiston. I had hoped to attend at least two of these schools, but circumstances prevented, much to my regret.

By invitation of the W. M., I visited Acacia Lodge, November 7th, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on two candidates. The work was very well rendered, though owing to a slight misunderstanding the candidates were late in presenting themselves for initiation. Following the work, refreshments were served in the lower hall.

I received a most courteous invitation to visit Solar Lodge, November 20th, to witness work in the E. A. degree. This was performed in a very pleasing and dignified manner. I have previously witnessed the work of the officers of this lodge, and I feel that they well deserve all the credit that I can give them.

On January 8th, I visited Richmond Lodge, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. This lodge has nearly an entire new set of officers, composed of many of its younger members, who are taking a deep interest in their office and in welfare of the lodge.

January 10th, by invitation of W. M. FULLER, I visited Polar Star Lodge to witness work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was exceedingly well rendered in a manner which reflected great credit on the Order. After the meeting the W. M. invited all present to repair to the "Colonial Café," where a delicious banquet was served.

January 3d, was the date for my official inspection of Village Lodge, but owing to a severe storm I was advised to postpone my visit to a more favorable date. Arrangements were accordingly made for January 31st, at which time I visited the lodge, expecting to witness work in the F. C. degree, but owing to the candidate's non-appearance no work was performed. Wor. Bro. CORNISH, however, offered to exemplify the F. C. degree, but knowing the good work this lodge is capable of doing I declined, thinking the time could be more profitably improved by the discussion of Masonry and Masonic History, as the lodge plans to hold its One Hundredth Anniversary September 17th of this year.

W. M. ERNEST L. MAYBERRY extended a very cordial invitation to me to visit United Lodge March 13th, to witness work on three candi-

dates in the E. A. degree. The officers are steadily endeavoring to bring the work of this lodge to a high degree of perfection, and it is always a pleasure to witness the creditable and dignified manner in which it is performed. Refreshments were served previous to the work.

I made my official visit to Ancient York Lodge March 19th, to witness the work of the M. M. degree on two candidates. It was performed in a manner that reflected credit on the lodge, especially as this was the first time the degree had been worked by the present officers. Previous to the work a banquet was held in the lodge dining hall.

Freeport Lodge, No. 23. To this, my home lodge, I have made no official visitation, having been present at all but one of its meetings. The officers for the present year are practically the same as last year—all young men desirous of becoming thoroughly acquainted with Masonry. This has been a busy year for the lodge, there having been an unusual number of candidates.

This completes my official report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth District. The lodges are all in good condition, and the returns show a net gain of nearly fifty for the year. The interest throughout is praiseworthy, and to the best of my belief the utmost good feeling prevails everywhere.

I wish once more to thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment, and also wish to thank the officers and members of the various lodges for the ever courteous treatment which I received at their hands.

With all good wishes to my successor,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

FRED E. WARD, *D. D. G. M. 14th M. D.*

Freeport, March 24, 1917.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth Masonic District for the past year.

I have personally visited, for the purpose of inspection, every lodge in the district, and it is with pleasure I can report that the condition of all the lodges is most satisfactory. The officers and members appear to be active and interested for the welfare and good of their respective lodges,

and in the performance of the work, the ritual, as a rule, is closely followed.

September 28th, I attended a School of Instruction held at Lewiston, by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. It was very interesting and instructive and every one present must have received much valuable information. I would strongly recommend an attendance from every lodge of one or more brothers to a School of Instruction each year.

I also had the pleasure of being present at the dedication of the new Masonic home of Wilton Lodge, No. 156, at Wilton. This gathering was one of the largest assemblies of Blue Lodge Masons that ever met together in Franklin County. A very enjoyable evening was passed and the members of Wilton Lodge are to be congratulated on their beautiful new quarters and the royal manner in which they entertained their guests on this occasion.

November 11th, I made my official visit to Mount Bigelow Lodge, No. 202, at Flagstaff. The Third degree was worked on one candidate in a very creditable manner, the work of the Worshipful Master and Senior Deacon being especially worthy of mention. The night was cold and windy and considering the weather and the long distance that many of the members of this lodge have to travel there was a very good attendance. P. M. WALTER E. HINDS is still Secretary. The records are correctly kept and the dues well collected. Banquet at the close of the meeting.

November 15th, I accepted an invitation to go to Rangeley and install the officers of Kemankeag Lodge at a public installation. Besides nearly a full attendance of the members, a large number of the ladies and gentlemen of the town were in attendance and were very attentive listeners to the ceremonies. An entertainment followed the work and a fine banquet brought to a close a very pleasant evening passed with the brothers of Kemankeag Lodge and the citizens of Rangeley.

December 7th, I drove across country to Kingfield and visited Mount Abram Lodge, No. 204. Owing to other engagements that some of the members had for the same evening there was not a very large attendance. The First degree was worked on one candidate in an impressive manner, W. M. EARL L. WING presiding in the East with the dignity and ease befitting that important station. I found the records in the hands of Secretary WOODARD neatly and correctly kept. After the meeting a banquet was enjoyed by all.

January 3, 1917, was the date of my visit to Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, at Livemore Falls. Arriving at about three o'clock in the afternoon I was met at the station by P. M. WILLIAM MCKENNEY and other brothers and escorted to the lodge rooms, where I found the lodge already in ses-

sion. I learned that this meeting was the regular semi-annual meeting of the lodge, at which times afternoon and evening sessions are held. The afternoon session to more especially accommodate older members and those who may reside some distance from the village. The First degree was exemplified in the afternoon, supper in the banquet hall at six o'clock, and the Third degree worked on one candidate in the evening. Especially fine work was done and I was more than pleased with the work of W. M. HALL and the Senior and Junior Wardens. Here I had the pleasure of meeting Past District Deputy S. S. WOOD and Past Senior Grand Warden FRED RAYMOND, the efficient Secretary of Oriental Star.

January 8th, I visited Maine Lodge, No. 20, at Farmington. This lodge is having considerable work at this time and there was a very good attendance of the members. The Second degree was given to three candidates. The rendering of the work was very near the ritual and could not help but give the candidates a most favorable impression of the F. C. degree. W. M. FALES makes an excellent presiding officer. The lecture of the Senior Deacon was very nicely given. Bro. GEORGE B. CRAGIN still performs the duties of Secretary in that pleasing and painstaking way and his knowledge of Masonry is such that he is especially respected by all the members of Maine Lodge. A banquet followed the work.

January 10th, I made my official visit to my home lodge, Blue Mountain, No. 67, at Phillips. The Third degree was worked on one candidate. This lodge has not been having a great amount of work and this was the first time that the present officers had ever worked the Third degree. The work, however, was well rendered and impressive. P. M. HARNDEN is Secretary and the records are neatly kept and the dues well collected. Banquet after the meeting.

January 12th, I went to Strong and paid a visit to Davis Lodge, No. 191. This was one of the coldest nights of the winter but the weather did not prevent a large number of the brothers from being present. One candidate was worked in the Third degree. A great deal of interest is taken by the members to keep Davis Lodge up to a high standard in Masonry. The impressive work of the Master showed that he had been a diligent and earnest student of the ritual. R. W. CHARLES B. RICHARDSON, P. D. D. G. M., is the Secretary, and his past experience in Masonry and zeal for the institution is a great benefit to Davis Lodge. Refreshments were served in the banquet room and I passed a very pleasant evening with the Strong brethren.

January 17th, I made my official visitation to Wilton Lodge, No. 156, at Wilton, where I received a most hearty welcome. This was a special communication of the lodge and the work presented was the First de-

gree on two candidates. All of the officers do excellent work. W. M. SHARKEY is a good ritualist and performs his duties in an impressive manner. I believe that a deep interest in Masonry is taken by the officers and members of Wilton Lodge. At this meeting, I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. FRANK L. WOODCOCK, P. D. D. G. M., also R. W. FRED E. TREFETHEN, my predecessor, whose knowledge of the ritual, genial fellowship and kindly courtesy to every brother gave him such an enviable reputation as Deputy in the Fifteenth District. After the meeting a banquet was served and then a social time was passed in the fine masonic club rooms down stairs.

March 2d, I visited Franklin Lodge, No. 123, at New Sharon. Here I found a lively lodge in good condition and the officers doing very creditable work. The interest manifested by the members was shown by the large attendance at the meeting. One candidate was worked in the Third degree and there was very little opportunity for criticism. Bro. FRED W. SANDERS is the Secretary and the work is neatly and correctly done. At the close of the meeting all partook of a fine oyster stew. The members of Franklin Lodge certainly have the faculty of making a visitor feel at home.

March 7th, I went to Rangeley for the purpose of visiting Kemankeag Ldge, No. 213, and inspecting the work. This is the youngest lodge in the district. Many of the members were former members of Blue Mountain at Phillips, and it seemed like old times to see their familiar faces in the lodge room. Although young in years, Kemankeag Lodge is in a prosperous condition and having considerable work. I do not worry but that it will hold its own with its older neighbors. Here I witnessed the Second degree on one candidate and the lodge should be proud of the fine work done by its officers. Particularly was I impressed with the work of the W. M. FRED B. COLBY, who has the unique distinction of having been a member of the oldest lodge in the United States, St. John's of Boston, and afterwards his present home lodge, Kemankeag, which, of course, at one time was the youngest. I inspected the records in the hands of Bro. CHARLES L. HARNDEN and found that the duties of this office are faithfully attended to. Banquet.

March 6th, was the regular meeting night of Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 154, at Weld, and the date arranged for my official visit. Owing to a bad storm and the almost impassable condition of the roads it was impossible for me to fill the engagement at that time and W. M. CHILD very kindly appointed a special for Tuesday night of the week following, at which time I was present and witnessed the work of the First degree on three candidates. Mystic Tie Lodge has an enviable reputation through the district for its excellent work, and, as I remarked in the lodge, the present

officers are living up in every particular to that reputation that their predecessors have deservedly earned. Seldom, in the work of any Masonic degree, have I witnessed such a close and accurate following of the ritual. I congratulate Mystic Tie upon the high standard it has reached. The lodge is having a good lot of work. The records of the lodge are unusually well kept by P. D. D. CLEFF MAXWELL, the present Secretary. A banquet followed the work.

In closing I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers and members of all the lodges in the district for their kindness and the courtesy in which I was received on every occasion. My duties as District Deputy have been very pleasant to perform. And to you, Most Worshipful, I also extend my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me by this appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

J. BLAINE MORRISON, *D. D. G. M. 15th M. D.*

Phillips, April 7, 1917.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

I attended the School of Instruction held at Lewiston September 28th, under the direction of Grand Lecturer FRANK E. SLEEPER, which was both interesting and profitable to me, as I there received instruction which has been helpful to me in my visits to the several lodges in this district.

At the invitation of Bethel Lodge, I went with the members of the lodge to Wilson's Mills, where, under a dispensation granted the lodge, a special communication of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, October 2d, in the Grange Hall at that place, and the F. C. and M. M. degrees were conferred on one candidate. The work was done in a creditable manner, and the occasion was greatly enjoyed by all present. There was a large attendance, many coming from Gorham, Colebrook, Berlin and Errol, N. H., as well as from several lodges in our own jurisdiction. A fine banquet was served after the work.

On Monday evening, November 20th, I went to West Paris and installed the officers of Granite Lodge at a special meeting. Refreshments were served after the installation and a social hour spent together.

November 23d, at the request of Bethel Lodge, I went to Bethel and installed the officers of that lodge, P. D. D. G. M. DAVIS G. LOVEJOY assisting as Marshal. This was a special meeting and attended by Masons and their ladies, and a pleasing musical and literary program was also furnished, with refreshments at the close. There was a good attendance, though the night was stormy, and the cordial reception that I received, with the entertainment, made it a very enjoyable evening.

January 5th, I made my official visit to Oxford Lodge, and witnessed the conferring of the M. M. degree on three candidates. Oxford Lodge is of a high standard, and is in a prosperous condition, a great deal of interest being manifested by officers and members, as was shown by the large attendance. R. W. P. J. G. W. HOWARD D. SMITH, after thirty-seven consecutive years as Secretary of this lodge, has resigned, but in the hands of P. M. FRED E. SMITH, "his son and successor," the books are still kept in the same neat and efficient manner, and the dues are practically collected to date. A banquet followed the work.

January 30th, I made my official visitation to Jefferson Lodge at Bryant Pond. The M. M. degree was worked on one candidate in a very able and impressive manner. This lodge takes great pride in their work, especially the ritualistic part, and is fortunate in having so many Past Masters who still retain their interest in the work and so willingly render their assistance. The lodge has had a fair amount of work for the year, and the books are still well taken care of by P. M. JAMES L. BOWKER. Refreshments were served during the work.

February 6th, I installed the officers of Paris Lodge, P. M. C. E. MCARDLE assisting as Marshal. This being my home lodge, I have been present at nearly every meeting for the year, and have seen work in every degree. I have made such suggestions and corrections from time to time as would help to improve the work, which have been cheerfully accepted by the officers. The lodge has had a prosperous year, and is in a good financial condition, with the records correctly kept and the dues exceptionally well collected.

February 19th, I made my official visit to Granite Lodge at West Paris, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree on two candidates. The officers are nearly all young in Masonry, and the pleasing manner in which the degree was conferred plainly showed the interest they have, and that time and study had been freely given to the work. Bro. RALPH A. BACON is entering on his first year as Secretary and is performing the duties in a creditable manner. I impressed upon him the importance of cleaning up some of the back dues that have been allowed to accumulate. A banquet followed the work.

March 8th, I visited Crooked River Lodge at Bolster's Mills. The

F. C. degree was conferred on one candidate. The officers showed interest in the work, and are trying to have their work correct, and the few corrections I made were received in the same spirit in which they were made. The night was stormy and the traveling hard, and, with their scattered membership, the attendance was not large. A fine oyster supper was served after the work.

March 28th, I made my official visit to Bethel Lodge, and inspected work in the F. C. degree on one candidate. The character of the work showed that careful attention had been given to it. The ritual was followed closely and the floor work good. The officers are nearly all young men and are taking an interest in the work. The books of the lodge are neatly kept and the dues well collected. The attendance was good, although the hour of starting the work was late, owing to my being late in arriving on account of a break-down to the train I was on. Refreshments in the banquet hall and a social time followed the work.

In closing I wish to say that I have visited officially every lodge in the district, have witnessed work in all, and that peace and harmony prevail.

I will take this opportunity of thanking the officers and brethren of the several lodges for the courteous and cordial receptions which have been given me on my official visits, and I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment.

Faternally submitted,

ERNEST J. RECORD, *D. D. G. M. 16th M. D.*

South Paris, April 16, 1917.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.:—I have the honor to submit my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventeenth Masonic District.

I attended the School of Instruction held with Euclid Lodge, No. 194, at Madison, by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER. There was a good attendance of District Deputies and brethren who evinced great interest in the work of the school, which certainly was productive of much good.

May 23d, I made my first official visitation of the year to Deering Lodge, No. 183, when, assisted by Wor. Bro. NATHAN C. REDLON as Grand Marshal, I witnessed the E. A. degree conferred in a remarkably correct and dignified manner before an appreciative audience which

taxed the capacity of the hall). A buffet lunch followed the work of the evening.

October 11th, assisted by Wor. Bro. WILLIAM H. USHER as Grand Marshal, I officially visited my own Lodge, Harmony, No. 38, and witnessed the F. C. degree exemplified in a most creditable manner. Refreshments were served after the work.

October 12th, I paid an official visit to Standish Lodge, No. 70. The M. M. degree was worked in a very complimentary manner before a large and appreciative audience of visiting brethren. Wor. Bro. STEPHEN E. PATRICK assisted as Grand Marshal, and a banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star, after the work.

October 23d, I installed Wor. DAVID E. MOULTON, Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

November 4th, was the date of my official visit to Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, when, assisted by Wor. Bro. EVERETT P. HANSON as Grand Marshal, I witnessed the E. A. degree conferred in a commendable manner. There was a good attendance of visiting brethren and a fine banquet followed the work.

December 12th, I officially visited Casco Lodge, No. 36, when, assisted by Wor. Bro. CHARLES B. CORLISS as Grand Marshal, I witnessed the M. M. degree conferred on two candidates in a particularly pleasing manner. Although the weather was extremely disagreeable there was a very good attendance. A splendid banquet preceded the work of the evening, with music by an orchestra.

December 27th, I installed the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 38. This was a joint installation with the Eastern Star and the evening proved a most pleasing one. After the exercises several brethren made brief remarks and refreshments were served in the banquet hall. Wor. Bro. EVERETT P. HANSON assisted as Grand Marshal.

January 4th, with the assistance of Wor. Bro. HANSON, I installed the officers of Standish Lodge, No. 70, and the evening proved an exceedingly pleasant one. Refreshments were served after the exercises.

January 9th, I officially inspected the work of Portland Lodge, No. 1, assisted by Wor. Bro. WILLIAM S. DRESSER as Grand Marshal. The M. M. degree was conferred in a most dignified and correct manner, the floor work being particularly praiseworthy, while the singing of the quartet added greatly to the impressiveness of the work. A fine buffet lunch followed the work of the evening.

February 1st, accompanied by Wor. F. R. SUMMERSIDES as Grand Marshal, I officially visited Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. The reputation of this lodge for fine work was fully sustained on this occasion by the efficient officers who are now serving.

The attendance was large, including many visitors, and refreshments were served at the close of the work.

February 7th, I officially visited Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186, when the E. A. degree was conferred in a dignified and impressive manner. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren and a fine banquet followed the work of the evening. Wor. Bro. HANSON again assisted as Grand Marshal.

February 17th, it was my pleasant duty to officially visit Hiram Lodge, No. 180. There was a particularly large attendance of visiting brethren, who had the pleasure of witnessing the M. M. degree conferred in a correct and impressive manner. Music by an orchestra added to the dignity of the work and a fine banquet concluded the exercises of the evening. Wor. Bro. SUMMERSIDES assisted as Grand Marshal.

March 22d, was the date of my official visit to Temple Lodge, No. 86. Wor. Bro. SUMMERSIDES assisted as Grand Marshal and the M. M. degree was conferred in a particularly praiseworthy manner. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren, who were impressed by the efficient manner in which the officers of this lodge performed their duties. A fine banquet followed the work of the evening.

March 27th, I had the honor to make my final visitation to Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, when the E. A. degree was conferred in a manner which deeply impressed the large number of brethren present. The lectures particularly were rendered in a praiseworthy manner and certainly impressed all with the importance of this splendid degree. The masonic quartet rendered several selections and a buffet lunch followed the work. Wor. Bro. WILLIAM K. HERRMANN assisted as Grand Marshal.

In conclusion, permit me to state that the excellent reputation for good work so long enjoyed by the several lodges of this district has been fully maintained. The records and accounts of the Secretaries in every instance are examples of neatness and correctness.

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 Seventeenth Masonic District.

Faternally submitted,

EDGAR F. CARSWELL, *D. D. G. M. 17th M. D.*

Gorham, April 20, 1917.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

On May 4, 1916, I received my appointment, and was installed District Deputy Grand Master. Herewith I submit the personal work done by me for the year, also reports of Past Masters appointed by me to visit lodges that I was unable to attend.

On June 9th, by invitation of the W. M., BURT C. WEBB, I visited Greenleaf Lodge of Cornish. I know that careful preparations had been made to make this meeting one of the best, but the hard storm of the previous day and the continuous storm of the 9th made it impossible to have a big attendance from outside of the village. However, I witnessed the work in the M. M. degree on two candidates, and can simply say to you, that the work was a repetition of the beautiful work that Greenleaf Lodge is capable of doing.

On July 12th, I visited Mt. Moriah Lodge of Denmark. This lodge having done the greatest amount of work of any in the district, and the officers by holding their chairs for the year and a half, were right on their mettle and doing excellent work. Denmark being my home town, the welcome that I receive when I visit them (which is quite often) is beyond question, and the amount of work that they are willing to do, and the amount that they want me to do, the following will be significant. On January 3, 1917, by invitation of the lodge, I installed the officers, and worked the P. M. degree on three candidates. The officers of the lodge worked the three degrees on four different candidates.

On October 17, 1916, I attended a School of Instruction at Damariscotta, in Alna Lodge Room, No. 43, held by FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. I would not at this time undertake to speak for the other three District Deputies who were present until I have a personal talk with them, how they emerged from that episode of ritual by the Grand Lecturer, and the feeds that Alna Lodge puts up. Suffice it to say, I have fully recovered, and still retain a great amount of the ritual that I never knew before.

March 5, 1917, I visited Pythagorean Lodge at Fryeburg. When I took the train at night, the conditions were such to make any man want to stay by his fireside, deep snows, no roads, and the wind blowing a gale. I was surprised to find the attendance that I did on such a night. As it happened there was no work, but I found that the lodge had been doing quite a good amount of work in the past year. The old officers were retained for this year and the prospects look good for a prosperous year.

I find the ritual well followed, true masonic spirit, and in my visitations the inner-man has been well provided for.

It is with pleasure that I hand you such nice reports from Delta, Mt. Tir'em and Oriental Lodges, by Past Masters deputed by me to visit the same.

FRED R. BRADBURY, East Brownfield, Maine.

Dear Sir and Brother:—I visited the Masonic Lodge at Lovell. I found the lodge in good condition, the records are neatly and correctly kept, and their financial standing is good, having some \$400, as I think they have reported to you, to the good. The brothers will be very glad to have you visit them when you can. You will find them good Masons and conforming to the Ancient and Masonic usages of the Order

Very truly and fraternally yours,

Fryeburg, Me.

E. C. BUZZELL.

FRED R. BRADBURY, D. D. G. M.

Dear Sir and Brother:—According to your request of February 12th, I visited our lodge at their last meeting for the purpose of inspecting the work, but as we have an entirely new set of officers that were installed in January, they are putting in considerable time rehearsing the ritual and I look to see some good work before the year is out. We have not had any work for the past year, but live in hopes we may have some soon. Our dues are fairly well collected, and Bro. W. V. KNEELAND, who has been our Secretary for a long time, has kept the books very neatly and accurately.

Fraternally yours,

C. H. PRIDE.

FRED R. BRADBURY, D. D. G. M.

Dear Sir and Brother:—At your request, I visited Oriental Lodge Saturday evening, March 3d. There were about fifty of the brethren present, including ten Past Masters. The work was in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very nice way. Very few mistakes were made. The books are still in the hands of Bro. CHAPLIN, and are in fine order. The dues well collected, and the finances in good shape.

Yours fraternally,

Bridgton, March 5, 1917.

D. C. SAUNDERS.

I have not officially visited my own lodge, Shepherd's River. We did not do any work in 1916. January 10, 1917, the public was asked into our

hall, at which time I installed the officers. It showed results. We have five candidates on the road, and prospects look good.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED R. BRADBURY, *D. D. G. M. 18th M. D.*
East Brownfield, April 24, 1917.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I beg the honor of submitting my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Nineteenth Masonic District.

I was installed by J. G. W. GEORGE A. GILPATRICK at Kennebunk on September 2, 1916.

October 10, 1916, assisted by P. M. C. E. MESERVE, I installed the officers of St. Aspinquid Lodge at York. The singing by the male quartet was something to be long remembered, and after a few remarks refreshments were served, after which a very delightful social time was enjoyed by all.

October 5th, I inspected Arion Lodge, No. 162, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The officers of this lodge proved to me that the time since the last inspection has been improved with much study, and the creditable way in which the work was done reflects much credit to the officers and brethren of Arion Lodge. After the work, refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

October 11th, with six brothers from Arundel Lodge, I inspected Naval Lodge, No. 184, and the M. M. degree was worked. The ritual was followed very closely and the entire work was done in a very satisfactory manner. I desire to call your attention particularly to the floor work, which was done in a manner which left no doubt that the officers have had much practice and study. After the business of the evening was finished, we repaired to the banquet room, where a sumptuous repast, prepared by ladies of the Eastern Star, was in waiting to be inspected, and I should consider this report incomplete if I did not state it was perfect.

October 27th, I visited Yorkshire Lodge, No. 179, where the officers worked the M. M. degree with great credit. The ritual was followed very closely and the impressive manner in which the different parts were given must have left a very favorable opinion on the candidate. The floor work was excellent and every member shows a deep regard for Masonry.

There was little room for corrections. After the lodge was closed, a banquet was served and a very pleasant evening enjoyed by all.

November 6th, I witnessed the M. M. degree worked by the officers of St John's Lodge, No. 51, which was done in a most excellent manner, the ritual being followed so closely that there was no room for comment. This is one of the strongest lodges in my district and they deserve praise for keeping the lodge at the high point of perfection which always marks its work. After work, the brethren assembled in the dining hall, where a banquet was served and a few remarks were made.

November 8th, I inspected Ocean Lodge, No. 142, and the officers worked the M. M. degree. The work was done in a very impressive manner and but few errors occurred, which were due to lack of instruction rather than lack of study. All the officers of Ocean Lodge live in widely separated districts, some of them as far as seven miles from the lodge, which makes it very hard to get together for rehearsals and study except when there is work to do, at which time they are all present. After work was done we sat down to an oyster supper, which was much enjoyed.

December 4th, I installed the officers elect of Dunlap Lodge, No. 47. I was met at the station by W. M. EDWIN R. SMALL and W. M. elect CHARLES F. GILPATRICK, and was escorted to the Thatcher Hotel, where a dinner was in waiting, after which we repaired to the Masonic Hall and proceeded with the installation.

December 11th, I inspected work in the M. M. degree at St. Aspinquid Lodge, No. 198. In this lodge there is always shown true Masonic spirit and every stranger is made welcome and seems to feel at home as soon as he has been in the lodge and has met the brethren. The work was rendered in fine form and very few errors occurred. The officers have taken a deep interest in Masonry and must have done a great deal of studying in order to quote the ritual so closely. After work a dinner was served which was much enjoyed by all.

December 13th, on the invitation of Orchard Lodge, the youngest lodge in my district, assisted by Past Masters from Arundel Lodge, No. 76, I raised two candidates for the instruction of the officers of Orchard Lodge. The members of this lodge all show a great interest in Masonry and seem very desirous of building up their membership from the best material in the town. Before the work we all sat down to a five course shore dinner, the quality of which needs no comment, as Old Orchard is famous for its shore dinners.

December 19th, assisted by P. M. C. E. MESERVE, I installed the officers elect of my own lodge, Arundel, No. 76. The installation was private, and after remarks by some of the visiting brethren a social hour was

spent, during which some of our younger members furnished us with song and music.

January 26, 1917, at a private installation, I installed the officers elect of Yorkshire Lodge, No. 179. At the close of the installation we were entertained by music and speaking, after which we partook of a delicious banquet.

February 28th, I inspected Saco Lodge, No. 9, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. All the officers of this lodge are young men and are taking a deep interest in their work, and the impressive and ready manner in which the different lectures and charges were given shows that much study has been done. With a few corrections of minor importance the work was done in a very fine and able manner. The singing by the male quartet was very impressive and finely rendered, and I am sure that other lodges would benefit by forming a quartet to sing during certain parts of the work. After the lodge was closed we partook of a delicious banquet.

March 5th, I was planning on making my official visit to York Lodge, No. 22, but on account of the snow storm, which was very severe in my district, I was unable to get through on the cars, so I appointed R. W. ALBERT W. MESERVE of Kennebunk to make the inspection for me, which he did very kindly. Below I will quote his letter on the inspection:

Kennebunk, Me., March 8, 1917.

R. W. GEORGE N. STEVENS, D. D. G. M.,
Kennebunkport, Me.

Dear Sir and Brother:—In compliance with your request I visited York Lodge, No. 22, at the stated communication on March 5th. The lodge has had no work thus far, but with a candidate elected and an application to be acted upon there will be some later. The lodge is in good financial condition and the officers are capable and ready to do any work necessary and do it well.

Yours fraternally,

ALBERT W. MESERVE.

March 6th, I inspected my own lodge, Arundel, No. 76, and the officers worked the M. M. degree. As I attend this lodge almost every meeting night I am more familiar with their work than most of the others, and I will say that in all three degrees the work they do is a credit to any lodge. Their rendering of the ritual and their strict conformity to rules and regulations shows that they have not only studied their ritual closely but also other works on Masonry. After work we listened to a few remarks and then lunch was served in the dining room.

March 12th, I made my official visit to Orchard Lodge, where the M. M. degree was worked. As I have mentioned in a previous paragraph, this is the youngest lodge in my district, but one that is doing the best of work, and considering the short time that the officers have been together I am sure that they must have put in a great deal of time studying and practicing the floor work. I made a few corrections in the work and the officers I am sure will not make the same errors again, as I noticed in particular the questions asked me on my previous visit were carried out to the letter. Next year you may rest assured this lodge will have an excellent report. A turkey supper was served at eight in the evening, after which the work was done. W. M. MILLIKEN entertained me over night, and after enjoying his hospitality for this short time I was sorry to leave Old Orchard.

March 19th, I visited Dunlap Lodge, No. 47, and inspected the work in the M. M. degree. Four of the brethren from Arundel Lodge accompanied me on this trip. This was a special meeting and a very large attendance was present and the brethren all seemed very interested in Dunlap Lodge and in Masonry generally. Their floor work was the finest I have seen this year and the ritual was followed so closely it left little room for comment. The Senior and Junior Wardens had their parts almost perfect, as did all the officers with a few minor exceptions. Dunlap Lodge is very strong financially and has had a good year's work with the best of material. After work a very fine banquet was enjoyed, after which a social time was spent.

January 1st, assisted by P. M. WEST and P. M. HOBBS I installed the officers elect of Ocean Lodge. After the installation speeches were in order, which were listened to with much interest. Refreshments were then served and a social evening enjoyed.

In concluding my report I wish to say that all the lodges of the Nineteenth District are in good financial standing and all records are kept up to date and in a neat manner. You will notice by my report that most of the lodges have done excellent work and this fact is attributed to the way in which the other officers have been to a neighboring lodge on inspection night and have therefore benefited by the corrections made there, and together with the study and work they have done makes them better fitted to carry on the Masonic work intrusted to them. I will take this opportunity to thank the officers and brethren of the different lodges for the manner in which they have always received me and the courteous treatment afforded.

To you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I wish to express my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me, and I trust I have dis-

charged my duties to your entire satisfaction and with credit to the Fraternity.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE N. STEVENS, *D. D. G. M. 19th M. D.*

Kennebunkport, March 20, 1917.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit to you my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twentieth Masonic District.

September 5th, my first official act was to install the officers and inspect the work of Baskahegan Lodge at Danforth.

October 20th, I attended the School of Instruction at Lewiston, and although I have attended such meetings many times we found many things that are ever new.

November 7th, I made an official visit to my own lodge, Horeb at Lincoln, and inspected the work.

December 5th, by special request, I installed the officers of Horeb Lodge.

March 3d, I planned to make an official visit to Forest Lodge at Springfield, but was prevented on account of illness. Since then I have appointed P. D. D. G. M. P. H. JONES to act for me at the April meeting.

April 7th, I officially visited Pine Tree Lodge at Mattawamkeag, and inspected the work and spent a very enjoyable evening with the brethren. It was a disappointment not to meet the Veteran Secretary, Bro. SMITH whose Masonic labor seems to be about completed.

March 6th, I made an official visit to Baskahegan Lodge at Danforth, and inspected work in the M. M. degree.

*Being a very busy man, I have been obliged to leave undone many things I would like to have done. But it is a pleasure to report that the work of the lodges in the district are prospering and doing work equal to any lodges in the state. And I take this opportunity through you, M. W., to thank the brethren of the district and the officers of the Grand Lodge for their kind help and courtesy that has been shown me in so many ways.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE, *D. D. G. M. 20th M. D.*

Lincoln, April 23, 1917.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

On October 11, 1916, I attended a School of Instruction held at Eastport, by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. The school was very interesting and instructive. Certainly these schools are an important factor in Masonry. In the evening, we were entertained by Eastern Lodge in a very cordial manner, and witnessed some fine work by W. M. F. R. HOLMES and his officers.

By invitation, I have installed the officers of several of the lodges in my District.

My first official visit was made to Mt. Desert Lodge, No. 140, at Mt. Desert, on February 3, 1917. The work was on the M. M. degree, which was done in a very dignified and correct manner by W. M. FRED PARKER and his officers, which did not leave much for criticism. Refreshments were served after the work. The records are kept very neatly and correctly by Bro. PEARL S. BORDEAUX, and I was pleased to note that some \$300 of dues which were in arrears have been collected, which certainly is a fine record, and brings the dues well collected to date. Bro. MARK W. SOMES was installed at this meeting as Secretary for the ensuing year.

By invitation, I made my visit to Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, on Thursday evening, February 22d. Tremont Lodge, No. 77, which is my home lodge, was invited as the guests of Bar Harbor Lodge, and about twenty members of Tremont Lodge accepted the invitation. This was the regular Past Master's evening in Bar Harbor Lodge, and the chairs were filled as follows: W. M., CHARLES GILLEY; S. W., STROUD RODICK; J. W., ALBERT L. MORGAN; Treasurer, ARTHUR W. BROWN; Secretary, BENJAMIN L. HADLEY; Chaplain, JAMES N. EMERY; Marshal, CLARENCE E. DOW; S. D., BERT H. YOUNG; J. D., KENNETH McLANE; S. S., CLIFFORD CAME; J. S., EVERETT JOHNSON; all of the above being Past Masters of Bar Harbor Lodge. The work was rendered in a very dignified, impressive and correct manner on two candidates in the M. M. degree, assisted by a male quartet. The examination of the candidates was given in open lodge and was letter perfect. There was a large attendance, eighty-one members and thirty-nine visitors being present. Refreshments were served after the work, and a most enjoyable evening was passed. Bar Harbor Lodge is fortunate, in that of its twenty-six Past Masters, twenty-four are living, twenty of these

being present on this occasion. The books are correctly kept by Bro. BENJAMIN L. HADLEY, who has held this position for twenty-six consecutive years, and the dues are well collected.

By appointment, I made my visit to Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, on Tuesday evening, February 27th. A fine banquet was served at 6:30 P. M., followed by some beautiful selections rendered by a male quartet. Lodge was convened at 8 P. M., with one hundred and four members present. The M. M. degree was conferred by W. M. WILLIE ALEXANDER and his officers, assisted by a male quartet, in a very dignified, impressive and correct manner, and considering that these officers have been working but a short time, they are doing exceptionally fine work, and the candidate must have been deeply impressed. The work of the officers, and the large attendance, shows that there is a great interest in Lygonia Lodge. The presence of the veteran Past Master EDWIN T. HALE, assisting in the work, was very gratifying. The books are neatly and correctly kept by Bro. CHARLES W. JOY, and the dues are well collected.

Agreeable to an invitation, I visited Northeast Harbor Lodge, No. 208, on Tuesday evening, March 6th. The work was on the M. M. degree, which was very correctly rendered by W. M. MARK H. REED and his officers. This was the first time that these officers had worked this degree and they should be congratulated on the fine manner in which it was conferred. Refreshments were served after the work. The books are very neatly and correctly kept by Bro. GEORGE E. TURNER, and the dues are well collected.

By appointment, I visited Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, on Wednesday evening, March 7th. This was their regular meeting and their business was conducted in a smooth and business like manner. There being no regular work, the E. A. degree was exemplified by W. M. JAMES B. WEBBER and his officers in a dignified and, considering that this was their first time working this degree, correct manner. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. The books are correctly kept by Bro. FRANK WESTON, and the dues are well collected.

By invitation, I visited David A. Hooper Lodge, No. 201, on Thursday evening, March 8th. I was impressed with the very cordial manner in which I was received, and the good fellowship which pervades this lodge. The work was on the M. M. degree, which was rendered in a correct and impressive manner by W. M. ARNO W. WOOSTER and his officers, and exceptional interest is manifest in making the work letter perfect. A fine banquet was served after the work, and the evening was most enjoyable. I was entertained at the home of P. D. D. G. M. EDWIN F. CLAPHAM. The books are still in the hands of Bro. CLAPHAM, and it is unnecessary to say that they are looked after in a business like way, and the dues well collected.

I visited Felicity Lodge, No. 19, Bucksport, by appointment, on March 12th. I was met at the depot by Past Master Bro. BEAZLEY and escorted to the Robinson House, where later I was met by W. M. HARRY C. PAGE and several of the brethren, who conducted me to their well furnished hall. Bro. PAGE has just recovered from a five weeks illness, and this was his first attempt at working a degree. The work was on the F. C. degree, and they have cause to be gratified on the dignified and correct manner in which the work was conducted. After the work, a fine banquet was served at the Robinson House, and a very pleasant hour was spent. I was very much impressed by the very cordial and courteous manner in which I was entertained by Felicity Lodge. The books are very nicely kept by Bro. FRANK L. WARREN, and the dues are well collected.

By appointment, I visited Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, Orland, on Tuesday, March 13th, accompanied by W. M. HARRY C. PAGE and P. M. Bro. BEAZLEY of Felicity Lodge. W. M. IRVING R. SANDERS and his officers opened the lodge in a correct manner, and as there was no regular work, we held an informal School of Instruction of about three hours, taking up sections of all three degrees, and a very beneficial evening was passed. Light refreshments were served. The books are correctly kept by Bro. SETH HUTCHINGS, and the dues are well collected.

By appointment, I made my visit to McKinley Lodge, No. 212, McKinley, Tuesday evening, March 20th. There being no regular work, W. M. HERBERT P. RICHARDSON and his officers proceeded to exemplify the work on the E. A. degree. The work was done in a very smooth, dignified and impressive manner, and, considering that this was the first time that this set of officers had attempted to work this degree, the work was done very correctly. Refreshments were served after the meeting, and a very pleasant evening was passed. The books are in the hands of Bro. CHARLES MARTIN and are very neatly and correctly kept, and the dues are well collected.

Tremont Lodge, No. 77, Southwest Harbor, is my home lodge, and I have been present at most of their meetings. The work is being done in a very creditable manner by W. M. EARL GOTT and his officers, and the prospects seem somewhat brighter than for several years past. The books are still in the hands of Bro. WILLIAM R. KEENE, who has rounded out a quarter of a century in this office, and it is needless to say that the books are neatly and correctly kept and the dues well collected.

In closing, I wish to return my sincere thanks to the officers and members of the different lodges composing the Twenty-first Masonic District for the very cordial and courteous manner in which I have been received and entertained.

I wish to thank you for the honor conferred on me, and I have tried to perform the duties of this office to the best of my ability.

I am fraternally yours,

GEORGE HARMON, *D. D. G. M. 21st M. D.*

Southwest Harbor, April 24, 1917.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

June 8th, I had the pleasure of attending the Dedication of the new Masonic Hall of Pacific Lodge, No. 64, at Exeter, which was very interesting to me, and I certainly must congratulate the brethren of Pacific Lodge on their nice home.

September 26th, accompanied by P. D. D. G. M. BENJAMIN MATHEWS of Meridian Lodge, No. 125, at Pittsfield, and Bros. L. B. SOPER and J. O. GILMAN of Meridian Splendor Lodge, No. 49, at Newport, I attended the School of Instruction at Madison, called by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. We received much benefit from his instructions, and the meeting was very enjoyable to all.

September 12th, I visited Plymouth Lodge, No. 75, at Plymouth, it being a convention of the lodges of the Twenty-second District. There was a large number present and witnessed work in M. M. degree on two candidates, which was done in a very satisfactory manner, showing that the officers take much interest in the lodge. I examined the records, which are in the hands of P. D. D. G. M. CHARLES T. HARRIS, who is certainly the right man in the right place, and found them nicely kept and the dues all collected.

October 5th, I made my official visit to Archon Lodge at East Dixmont, this being their annual meeting and election of officers, after which they conferred the M. M. degree on one candidate, which was very well done. Records in the hands of Bro. JOHNSTON are well kept and dues well collected. I was invited to install their officers two weeks from that night, but on account of sickness was unable to do so.

October 11th, I made my official visit to Pacific Lodge at Exeter, accompanied by several brothers from my own lodge. Witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. Their Master being absent, Past

Master COLBATH presided. Considering that so many of their regular officers were absent, the work was done in a very satisfactory manner.

After the work, we repaired to the spacious banquet hall below, where refreshments were served. Records in the hands of P. D. D. G. M. PACKARD, are well looked after, but am sorry to say quite a few of the brethren are in arrears for dues.

November 8th, by invitation, I visited Corinthian Lodge at Hartland, for the purpose of installing their officers. I also made this my official visit. As the Secretary was absent I could not examine the records, but was informed by Bro. LANCEY, Treasurer, that the dues were well collected. Judging from the manner in which the newly installed officers performed the ceremony of closing the lodge, I feel assured that the brethren of Corinthian Lodge will not suffer for the want of proper instruction.

December 29th, I made my official visit to Meridian Lodge, No. 125, at Pittsfield, where they conferred the M. M. degree on two candidates, which was done in a very impressive manner. I wish to speak especially of the beautiful prayer which was made at the Raising, composed and delivered by P. D. D. G. M. BENJAMIN MATHEWS, who is Chaplain of that lodge. Records in the hands of Bro. SCRIBNER are neatly and correctly kept, and dues well collected.

January 2, 1917, I officially visited Cambridge Lodge, accompanied by P. M. L. B. SOPER of Meridian Splendor Lodge, and Bro. CHARLES H. DAVIS of Plymouth Lodge. By invitation, I installed their officers that evening, assisted by Bro. SOPER as Grand Marshal. They expected a candidate for the M. M. degree, but as he did not appear, after the installation a pleasant hour was passed listening to remarks by the brethren for the good of the Order. The records in the hands of Bro. HERSEY are very nicely kept, and the dues all collected. After closing, we were invited to the banquet room, where we partook of a bountiful repast.

February 6th, I made my official visit to Parian Lodge at Corinna. The F. C. degree was conferred on one candidate, in a very creditable manner by the new officers, who are all new men and show much interest in the work of the lodge. The records, in the hands of Bro. O. L. SPRAGUE, are exceptionally well kept. The dues are well collected.

February 9th, by invitation, I again visited Meridian Lodge for the purpose of installing their officers. This being a joint installation with Ira Berry Royal Arch Chapter, there was a large attendance, especially as it was a special meeting called for this purpose.

March 1st, I officially visited my own lodge, Meridian Splendor at Newport. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate by the officers, who are all young men and show much enthusiasm and interest in

the work. I privately installed the officers January 4th. I am glad to say this lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and the work is above the average, with a very good attendance. The records, in the hands of Bro. L. B. SOPER, are models of neatness and the dues well collected.

In closing, I will say that during the year I have had the pleasure of officially visiting every lodge in the Twenty-second District, and found them all in a very prosperous and harmonious condition, as their returns will show. I have also delivered six Past Master's diplomas to as many Past Masters.

I wish to extend my thanks to the officers and brethren of the several lodges for the kindness and courtesy shown me on my visits.

And now, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor conferred upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

GUSTAVUS F. DINSMORE, *D. D. G. M., 22d M. D.*

Newport, April 5, 1917.

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Having been re-appointed and installed as District Deputy at the session of the Grand Lodge of Maine for 1916, I submit my annual report. Having reviewed at some length the condition of each lodge in this district in my report for last year, I will take the liberty of submitting this report in briefer form.

I have made the following official visitations and inspections:

October 18, 1916. Lodge of Instruction held by order of Grand Lecturer FRANK E. SLEEPER, with Alna Lodge, No. 43, at Damariscotta.

November 11th. Inspection of Day Spring Lodge, No. 107, at West Newfield.

November 22d. With Preble Lodge, No. 143, at Sanford, as their guest at Past Master's night.

April 2, 1917. Inspection of Buxton Lodge, No. 115, at West Buxton.

April 3d. Inspection of Springvale Lodge, No. 190, at Springvale.

April 4th. Inspection of Preble Lodge, No. 143, at Sanford.

April 19th. Inspection of Drummond Lodge, No. 118, at Parsonsfield.

Being located at Alfred in business, I have made no official inspection of Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, nor have I made an official inspection of my home lodge, Freedom, No. 42, Limerick, but have been in frequent attendance upon the meetings of each.

The weather prevented my making an inspection of Adoniram Lodge, No. 27, at Limington, the oldest lodge in this district, but have had several reports from this good old lodge and feel assured that the brethren are discharging their duties toward the craft and the community in a most creditable manner.

At each inspection a degree was either worked or exemplified, and I have no criticism to make of the ritual and floor work of any lodge. Each showed careful study and the desire to work the degrees in the true Masonic spirit. I am indebted to the brethren for the genuine welcome received, as well as for the ample repast which was served at each visitation.

We shall note with regret the retirement of Wor. Bro. CYRIL P. HARMON as Secretary of Buxton Lodge, after a quarter of a century of service. Probably no brother can render his lodge greater service than in the position of Secretary and Bro. HARMON was all that a good Secretary should be. Bro. FRED T. EATON succeeds Bro. HARMON and appears well qualified to fill the position. The only other change to be noted among the Secretaries is the election of Bro. WALTER C. EMERY as Secretary of Fraternal Lodge at Alfred. In passing, I feel that the beautifully inscribed records of Wor. Bro. JOHN WRIGHT, Secretary of Preble Lodge, No. 143, should be mentioned, as well as the splendid record maintained by Wor. Bro. ARTHUR E. HORNE, Secretary of Springvale Lodge, in the collection of its dues. Each Secretary in the district is faithful and efficient and presents most admirable records for inspection.

The lodges are all well housed. During the past two years Adoniram Lodge at Limington and Drummond Lodge at Parsonsfield have made quite extensive additions to their halls, while Day Spring Lodge at West Newfield has completed an entire new hall well adapted for their needs. Special mention should be made of the interior decorations and furnishings. The decorations are by Bro. W. W. WILSEY of Day Spring Lodge, and are of real artistic worth. Preble Lodge at Sanford is confronting the problem of enlarged quarters in the near future.

The eight original charters in this district are all preserved against fire and each lodge is working under the usual charter certificate.

I have delivered six Past Master's diplomas to the retiring Past Masters entitled to the same up to April 1, 1917, and five more to Past Masters who had neglected to apply for the same upon their retirement from the East.

In closing, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank the several lodges in this district for the uniform courtesy which they have shown me during the past two years, and to thank you for the honor conferred upon me.

Fraternally yours,

FRANK D. FENDERSON, *D. D. G. M. 23d M. D.*

Limerick, April 21, 1917.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fourth Masonic District.

Not being present at the installation of the Grand Lodge Officers at Portland, I was installed May 15th by Wor. Bro. P. E. COOMBS, W. M. of Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, he having been previously authorized by the Grand Master so to do.

I attended the School of Instruction held in Lewiston, September 28th, and presided over by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, which was largely attended by the brethren of this district and several District Deputies. This school was very instructive, and I would suggest that whenever it is convenient the brethren, and especially the officers of the different lodges, attend these schools, for they are most helpful and instructive to those who are desirous of improving in their work.

In the evening, accompanied by Wor. Bro. E. A. NEVENS as Grand Marshal, I inspected the work of Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, which was in the M. M. degree, and I am pleased to be able to report that the work was very finely done and up to the high standard of excellence and correctness which this lodge has enjoyed for a long time. The officers are taking great interest in their work. The records are very correctly kept by that veteran, Wor. Bro. FRED I. MORRELL, who is serving his thirtieth year as Secretary.

On December 6th, I paid an official visit to Tranquil Lodge, No. 29. This is the largest lodge in the district and its members have always manifested great interest in their lodge. The work this evening was in the F. C. degree, and was impressively done, although several errors occurred to which I called attention at the close of the work, and I feel sure the officers received these corrections in the proper spirit. Refreshments and a social hour followed the closing.

On December 14th, in company with Wor. Bro. E. A. NEVENS and

several other brethren, I inspected Webster Lodge, No. 164. This lodge having had no work during the past year exemplified the F. C. degree on one of its members in a very correct and dignified manner. This being the lodge of which M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, is a member the officers are fortunate in having such an able and interested Instructor to assist them when needed. Light refreshments were served at the close.

On December 30th, accompanied by several of the brethren of the Lewiston and Auburn Lodges, I inspected the work of Nezinscot Lodge, No. 101. There was a large attendance, several different lodges being represented. The work was in the M. M. degree, and taking into consideration that the officers have but recently been installed, was very well done. I made some corrections and suggestions at the close of the work, which I trust will be helpful to the officers. A fine oyster stew and a social time followed the closing.

On January 17th, I visited officially Rabboni Lodge, No. 150. It being the annual meeting and official visitation, there was a large crowd and much interest was manifested. The work was in the M. M. degree, and considering that this lodge has had very little work during the past year it was very well done. I made such corrections and suggestions at the close of the work as I considered would be helpful to the officers, which seemed to be appreciated by them. Refreshments followed.

On January 29th, I made an official visit to Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, this being a special meeting called for the purpose of working the M. M. degree. The work was very nicely done. The newly installed officers acquitted themselves very creditably and deserve much credit for the very fine manner in which they exemplified the M. M. degree. There was a very large attendance and all seemed to take great interest in the lodge and the work. I made some corrections at the close, which were well received. A fine banquet brought to a close a very interesting meeting.

On February 3d, in company with a large delegation from Lewiston and Auburn, I inspected Cumberland Lodge, No. 12. The work was in the E. A. degree and the officers were laboring under the great disadvantage of having just been installed, and not as proficient in the work as they otherwise should be. I gave them the best advice and instruction I could and made a large number of corrections, which seemed to be received in the proper spirit. Refreshments followed the closing.

On March 8th, accompanied by a large number of brethren from the Lewiston and Auburn Lodges, I inspected Tyrian Lodge, No. 73. The work was in the M. M. degree, and was delivered in an earnest and interesting manner, and the large number of brethren that attended were well

rewarded for their efforts. I am convinced the officers are striving to do their best. They received the corrections and suggestions I made in a true brotherly spirit, and are bound to realize much improvement by so doing. Refreshments and a social time followed the closing.

On February 19th, I assisted in the installation of the officers of Ashlar Lodge, acting as Grand Marshal for Wor. Bro. E. A. NEVENS.

On February 21st, I again acted as Grand Marshal for Wor. Bro. E. A. NEVENS, who installed the officers of Rabboni Lodge.

I have issued a large number of Past Master's diplomas, as I found on inquiry that there were many Past Masters who had not been presented with one.

I have examined the records of the lodges in this district and find the Secretaries have attended to their duties very faithfully, and the lodges are in a prosperous and healthy condition, with prospects of a busy year to come.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the lodges in this district for the very cordial and fraternal manner in which I have been received, and I sincerely thank you, Most Worshipful, for the high honor conferred on me by this appointment.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE R. HALL, *D. D. G. M. 24th M. D.*

Lewiston, March 15, 1917.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my second annual report for the Twenty-fifth District for the year 1916-1917.

On September 28th, I was privileged to attend a School of Instruction at Lewiston, held under the direction of Grand Lecturer FRANK E. SLEEPER, and received much benefit and instruction therefrom.

My first official duty was to install the officers of my own lodge, Island Falls, No. 206, by invitation of Master elect G. A. YOUNG, on the night of November 16th, at which time a joint installation of Island Falls Lodge and Daniel Randall R. A. Chapter was held. The members of Loyal Chapter, No. 111, O. E. S., were present as guests of the Masonic Bodies and the occasion was a most enjoyable one.

On December 28th, I installed the officers of Katahdin Lodge, No. 98, at Patten, by request of retiring Master RALPH I. MILES, this too being

a joint installation of Katahdin Lodge and Pleiades Chapter, O. E. S. An excellent banquet was served, and this, with a fine musical program, contributed much to the evening's pleasure.

My first visit of inspection was to Molunkus Lodge, No. 165, Sherman Mills, on the evening of February 6th, at which time the Master's degree was conferred with dignity and close adherence to the ritual. A good interest was manifested in the affairs of the lodge and the officers seemed anxious to perform their work properly. Eight applications were received at this meeting.

On March 8th, I was present at the regular meeting of Nollesemic Lodge, No. 205, at Millinocket, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was impressively and carefully performed. Nollesemic Lodge has a good membership, is well officered and is in good financial condition.

On March 14th and 15th, I visited Pioneer Lodge, No. 72, at Ashland and Fort Kent Lodge, No. 209, at Fort Kent, respectively. Pioneer Lodge enjoys the distinction of being the oldest lodge in Aroostook County and has had an honorable history. Its officers this year are mostly young men who have received their Masonic instruction from competent predecessors, and this is reflected in the admirable manner in which the Master's degree was conferred. A net gain of seven for the year indicates a healthy growth and brings its membership to a tie with Nollesemic for first place in the Twenty-fifth District, (170 members).

After the regular work of the lodge, I conferred the Past Master's degree on five former Masters of the lodge, being assisted by P. M. C. D. CARTER as Wor. Marshal.

A special meeting of Fort Kent Lodge had been called for the following evening in order to enable me to visit both lodges on one trip and thus economize in time and mileage. The Master's degree was also conferred by this lodge and the work was performed in a most creditable manner. The membership of this lodge is scattered over a large area, and this tends to make the attendance less than it would otherwise be. However, the business of the lodge is well looked after and a steady growth in membership assures its prosperity. This is one of the most hospitable lodges in the district and on the occasion of my visit fully demonstrated its ability in this direction. An unusually fine banquet was served by the wives of the members and an excellent program was carried out, under the direction of Bro. BERT DOYLE as Toastmaster.

My last official visit was to Katahdin Lodge, No. 98, at Patten, on Thursday evening March 22d, when a special meeting was called for my accommodation. Katahdin Lodge has long enjoyed an enviable reputation and on this occasion admirably sustained it in the work of the

Master's degree, which was conferred with impressive dignity and uniform accuracy. Following the work of the lodge, I conferred the Past Master's degree on two candidates, with the assistance of P. M. RALPH I. MILES as Wor. Marshal.

I have made no formal inspection of my own lodge, Island Falls, No. 206, but have attended most of its meetings throughout the year and have observed its work in all three degrees, making such suggestions and corrections as seemed expedient. The lodge is in good condition, its officers alive to its interests and all working for its advancement.

In closing, I wish to say that I consider the six lodges of the Twenty-fifth District to be in a healthy condition, as evidenced by the fact that they have made a net gain of 39 for the year as against a net gain of 17 for the preceding year, and every lodge in the district has contributed toward that gain, none having made a net loss. It is gratifying to know that the Past Masters in their respective lodges continue to take an active part in the work of their lodges and stand ready to give the new officers the benefit of their knowledge and experience. Not all of the lodges have availed themselves of the privilege of securing Certificates of Charter from the Grand Lodge, but I recommended this to them that their original charters may be properly safeguarded.

The officers in the several lodges seem anxious to perform their work conscientiously and have received such suggestions as I have offered in a courteous and appreciative spirit.

The several Secretaries and Treasurers are faithful and alert to the important duties of their offices. Some of them have filled their positions for several years continuously and I think this contributes to the welfare of the Order. There is only one criticism to be made of their work, and that is one that applies to nearly all lodges, namely, that of allowing too large an accumulation of uncollected dues, notably from non-resident members. This is a matter that affects the prosperity of every lodge and great care should be exercised by Secretaries in general in this respect.

It has been a pleasure to serve the lodges of the Twenty-fifth District as their Deputy, and I wish to thank the several Masters and other officers for their cordiality and hospitality and for the courtesy shown me in the performance of my official duties.

I also wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred in my re-appointment.

Respectfully and fraternally,

SAMUEL R. CRABTREE, *D. D. G. M. 25th M. D.*

Island Falls, April 10, 1917.

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-sixth Masonic District.

On September 28th, I attended the Lodge of Instruction at Lewiston under the charge of M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. There were a large number present and I think the School was of much profit. We were royally entertained by Ashlar Lodge and witnessed excellent work in the M. M. degree in the evening.

On December 6th, by special invitation, I made my official visit to Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30. I was accompanied by C. FRANK COLLINS, W. M. of King Hiram Lodge, and two other brothers. The M. M. degree was conferred in a very impressive manner, the ritual being closely followed. Music by a fine quartet added to the dignity of the work. The records are in the hands of Bro. W. O. RAYNES, and I think it would be quite a task to find a neater and more correct set of books than his.

February 6th, I officially visited King Hiram, No. 57, my home lodge. Work was exemplified in the E. A. degree, which was about letter perfect. There was a large number present. An excellent quartet, which is something new for this lodge, added much to the work. The records are in charge of Bro. CHARLES L. DILLINGHAM, which is a sufficient guarantee that they are neatly and correctly kept.

March 1st, by special request, I officially visited Whitney Lodge, No. 167. Work in the E. A. and M. M. degrees was conferred in a remarkably exact and impressive manner and showed great care in the preparation on the part of each officer. Bro. ALPHONZO W. RUSSELL has charge of the records, which are in excellent condition.

I officially visited Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, by special request on March 5th. Work was exemplified in the E. A. degree. This lodge has had no work in the last two years, but for all that, the officers performed the work in a very pleasing and dignified manner and great credit is due them for keeping in so close touch with the ritual with no real work to do. The dues are well paid and the records correctly and neatly kept.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the officers and brethren of all the lodges for the cordial and brotherly manner in which I have been received by each and every one, also the royal manner in which I have been entertained. I consider the lodges in the new Twenty-sixth District although small in numbers but great in ability. And, Most Wor-

shipful Grand Master, I sincerely thank you for the honor of being appointed to this honorable office.

Respectfully and fraternally,

JOHN M. HOLLAND, *D. D. G. M. 26th M. D.*

Dixfield, April 7, 1917.

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LIST . OF . SUBORDINATE . LODGES,

WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS,

AS RETURNED MARCH 1, 1917.

DISTRICT,

- Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. James Lynch, m; Louis A. Perkins, sw; V. O. Hussey, jw; Orville D. Carr, s. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, September. 5
- Acacia, 121, Durham. John E. Merrill, m; Lyndon E. Sylvester, sw; Carl W. Brown, jw; Marcus W. Eveleth, R. F. D. 2, Lisbon Falls, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 14
- Adoniram, 27, Limington. George O. Haley, m; Stephen P. Moulton, sw; George D. Randall, jw; George M. Brackett, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Alna, 43, Damariscotta. George A. Cowan, m; William B. Austin, sw; James G. Stetson, jw; Robert K. Tukey, s. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Amity, 6, Camden. Wilson D. Barron, m; Herbert E. Sylvester, sw; Charles W. Coombs, jw; Melzer T. Crawford, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Alva F. Gamage, m; Willard N. Thorpe, sw; Alfred L. Harrington, jw; John A. Turner, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 10
- Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. Ned P. Willis, m; John M. Littlefield, sw; William M. Richardson, jw; Frank L. Lowell (18 Center St.), s. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. 24
- Ancient Landmark, 17, Portland. Vernon W. Hall, m; Edward M. Graham, sw; Porter A. Roberts, jw; Arthur J. Floyd, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Oscar B. Ingalls, m; George E. Basford, sw; Harry J. Goodbout, jw; Asbury M. Blake, Lisbon, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 14

- Archon, 139, East Dixmont. Jasper T. Smith, m; Rufus L. Tasker, sw; Willard B. Cates, Monroe, jw; Fred M. Johnston, Hampden Highlands, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Byron L. Hill, m; Frank Littlefield, sw; Walter F. Huff, jw; Hugh Steele, Biddeford, R. F. D. 4, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 19
- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Howard Pierce, m; Theodore A. Richardson, sw; Malcolm T. Barry, jw; Fay B. Ramsay, Mars Hill, s. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, November. 1
- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. Charles W. Johnson, m; Harry L. Prescott, sw; Andrew M. Rollins, jw; Silas H. Perkins, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. Phillip E. Coombs, m; George E. Bearce, sw; Herbert C. Edwards, jw; Fred I. Morrell, s. Meeting third Monday; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Frederick L. Chenery, Jr., m; Augustus E. Campbell, sw; Albert W. Riggs, jw; Frederick L. Chenery, s. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. William K. Herrmann, m; Arthur Manchester, sw; Herbert I. Low, jw; Almon L. Johnson, Box 424, s. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. Alfred C. Turner, m; Harold D. Jennings, sw; Leonard V. Clark, jw; Albert M. Pingree, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Freeman A. Stanley, m; Robert V. Stevenson, sw; Benjamin J. Philbrook, jw; Albert H. Newbert, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. John E. Bowden, m; William Cane, sw; Neal F. Dow, jw; Alvan A. Goodell, s. Meeting third Saturday; election, January. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Everett W. Johnson, m; Harold P. Whitmore, sw; Samuel Hillson, jw; Benjamin L. Hadley, s. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. Arthur J. Haley, m; A. W. Gilpatrick, sw; Fred Keating, jw; Martin L. Porter, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. Percy L. Orne, m; John A. Dodge, sw; Wallace W. Goudy, jw; Norman S. Fuller, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Adoniram J. McGown, m; Charles B. Friend,

- sw; Frank A. Loring, jw; Walter A. Smith, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, December 27th. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. Ernest F. Bisbee, m; Dellison C. Conroy, sw; Ernest L. Brown, jw; Herbert C. Rowe, s. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. Claude C. Cole, m; Harold A. Allan, sw; Charles W. Creasy, jw; Pearle E. Fuller, s. Meeting first Monday; election, October. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. Harold A. Coleman, m; Arlie A. Dinsmore, sw; Pearl A. Woodard, jw; Wallace W. Stoddard, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. William E. Sturtevant, m; Leo H. Frisbie, sw; Leopold Schonauer, jw; Walter O. Raynes, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 26
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Alfred G. Cronkhite, m; Everett C. Higgins, sw; Cony M. Hoyt, jw; Nathaniel H. Harnden, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol. Vinal D. Kelsey, m; Norris A. Miller, sw; Clifton C. Redonnett, jw; Edwin J. Ervine, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Albert T. Elwell, m; Frank M. Elwell, sw; John M. Dunn, jw; Fred T. Eaton, s. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, January. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Stanwood I. Mower, m; Carroll F. Bailey, sw; Fred C. Eldridge, jw; Frank J. Hersey, (R. F. D. 4, Dexter), s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Judson C. Briggs, m; John H. McDaniels, sw; Edgar W. Russ, jw; Harry M. Vinal, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. John S. Goodridge, m; George A. Maxfield, sw; Charles L. Williams, jw; Alpheus Nason, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. Perlie E. Winslow, m; Henry G. Rogers, sw; Aubrey W. Maxim, jw; George H. Thompson, Yarmouthville, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. Wallace W. Jones, m; George M. Hammond, sw; Charles L. Taylor, jw; Thomas W. Washburn, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Sidney P. Young, m; Adelbert G. Rogers, sw; Dick A. Young, jw; Harry A. Sanders, Jr., s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 5

- Composite, 168, La Grange. Lewis M. Blake, m; Leon A. Bishop, sw; Roland J. Heat, jw; Benjamin F. Crehore, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Charles E. Norcross, m; Bert H. Moulton, sw; Edwin D. Young, jw; Edward A. Webber, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Andrew B. Coggins, m; Frank G. Conant, sw; James Abernethy, jw; Eugene S. Wilbur, West Pembroke, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Adna D. Pike, m; Melville R. Wilbur, sw; Albert W. Weston, jw; Edward A. Wight, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. George A. Rickar, m; Horace C. Marsden, sw; Ashley F. Chipman, jw; Lewis E. Jordan, R. F. D., s. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. Arno W. Wooster, m; John Robertson, sw; Peter Milne, jw; Edwin F. Clapham, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. William I. Smith, m; J. Hammond Richardson, sw; George L. Burns, jw; Charles B. Richardson, s. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. Everett E. Ham, m; J. Harold Mitchell, sw; William A. Davis, jw; Harold C. Moulton, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. John F. Larrabee, m; Wilson C. Blake, sw; Henry L. Thompson, jw; Francis E. Chase, 188 State St., s. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. Waldo N. Seavey, m; Weeman G. McAllister, sw; Eugene H. Woodbury, jw; Preston B. Walker, s. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. Eugene C. Rowe, m; Calvin A. Rowe, sw; George T. Pierce, jw; Orren F. Sproul, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. Henning T. Johnson, m; William R. Hughes, Jr., sw; Lyman E. Davidson, jw; Walter C. Jackson, s. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. George T. Cotton, m; Orrin L. Ham, sw; John C. Cheney, jw; Charles H. Daniel, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10
- Drummond, 118, Parsonsfield. George A. Doe, m; Thomas Taylor, sw;

- Frank W. Towne, JW; Samuel M. Boothby, Kezar Falls, R. F. D. 2, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. Charles F. Gilpatric, M; Edward C. Thompson, sw; William H. Stone, JW; Everett M. Staples, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 19
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. Frank R. Holmes, M; John P. Hutchinson, sw; Herbert Kilby, JW; Wheeler C. Hawkes, Box 312, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. William G. Chamberlain, M; Thurber E. Holt, sw; George Herbert Foss JW; William N. Gould, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggmoggin, 128, Sedgwick. Eugene P. Clapp, M; Raymond C. Bridges, sw; Guy M. Means, JW; Frank C. Allen, s. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. Earl S. Cox, M; Herbert L. Sawyer, sw; Geo. B. Walker, JW; Ernest H. Ward, s. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Charles D. North, M; Weston H. Wiley, sw; Everett W. Cook, JW; Elmer E. Allen, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Fred Cummings, M; Chester C. Tuttle, sw; Eugene A. Stevens, JW; Arthur L. Newton, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 26
- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Everett S. Bird, M; Harry W. Chapman, sw; Frank McCabe, JW; Rodel A. Packard, s. Meeting first Wednesday in each month; election, November. 8
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. Harry C. Page, M; William R. Beazley, sw; John Wells, JW; Edward L. Warren, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Raymond Ham, M; Cabot M. Lombard, sw; George I. Hebb, JW; Lysander W. Trask, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. Guilford L. Perkins, M; Isaac W. Dow, sw; William H. Kirk, JW; Augustus D. Dow, s. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. Roscoe L. Paine, M; Parker G. Lane, sw; Walter L. Linscott, JW; Fred W. Sanders, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15
- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. John Tebbetts, M; Geo. H. Williams, sw; Forest W. Burbank, JW; Walter C. Emery, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23

- Freedom, 42, Limerick. Chadbourne O. Woodsum, m; Augustus P. Whalen, sw; Arthur F. Lougee, jw; George A. Carpenter, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Ralph M. Anderson, m; Sumner G. Brewer, sw; Herman G. Fisher, jw; Fred E. Ward, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. A. Elroy Dean, m; Edwin R. Berry, sw; Oscar L. Peabody, jw; Ralph A. Bacon, Box 27, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Harry G. Swasey, m; Merle F. Smith, sw; Elmer W. Parker, jw; Francis A. Norton, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. Otis Parker, m; Ralph Wardwell, sw; Will Carlton Perry, jw; Frank S. Perkins, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. Waldo G. Fenlason, m; William T. Libby, sw; Ira C. Alden, jw; Charles E. Cobb, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Carl H. Bryant, m; Ralph W. Chandler, sw; Frank L. Allen, jw; Albert S. Allan, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Charles W. Nichols, m; Ernest L. Goodspeed, sw; Arthur E. Smith, jw; Harry E. Larrabee, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. William O. Verrill, m; William H. Tanner, sw; Benjamin F. Wentworth, jw; William A. Seyford, s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, June. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. Henry S. Pinkham, m; Paul E. Hannerman, sw; Brunswick M. Taylor, jw; Artemus Weatherbee, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Monday in December. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. Willis P. Tripp, m; Walter A. Cowan, sw; Frank O. McCambridge, jw; Seth H. Morgan, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Arthur M. Herrick, m; Albion K. Saunders, sw; Charles E. Greene, jw; Arthur C. Hinckley, s. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro. Ralph E. Pendleton, m; Howard C. Pendleton, sw; Eben M. Randlett, jw; Arthur C. Hatch, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. Gustavus A. Young, m; Howard R. Sisson, sw; E. Leroy Martin, jw; John J. Marr, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 25

- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. H. Alton Bacon, m; Fred M. Cole, sw; Clarence E. Cole, jw; James L. Bowker, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Harry H. Ginn, m; Herbert Farnsworth, sw; Harry Stevens, jw; Edgar A. Worcester, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Walter W. Woodbury, m; Frank L. Huston, sw; Stanley L. Wescott, jw; J. Hal Patterson, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 25
- Kemankeag, 213, Rangeley. Fred B. Colby, m, Sylvader Hinkley, sw; Charles W. Barrett, jw; Charles L. Harnden, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 15
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Elmer W. Cole, m; George L. Wiggin, sw; Edgar D. Salley, jw; F. Ernest Harvey, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Guy M. Towle, m; Alton W. Blaisdell, sw; Arthur R. Fish, jw; Ernest S. Currier, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Forrest A. Ray, m; Ira R. Adams, sw; Hazen S. Jewett, jw; William H. Soper, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Ernest E. Carver, m; George Collemer, sw; James H. Peavey, jw; Robie F. Ames, s. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, December. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. C. Frank Collins, m; James M. Sturtevant, sw; Vivian C. Horne, jw; Charles L. Dillingham, s. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 26
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. Thomas E. Leavitt, m; Fred S. Simmons, sw; Ralph W. Miller, jw; Clinton E. Matthews, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Charles R. Crowley, m; John C. Stanton, sw; Harvey D. Crowley, jw; Oscar L. Bassick, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Edward G. Palmer, m; Leon C. Roberts, sw; Fremont A. Hunton, jw; Costello Weston, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Albert W. Kidder, m; George J. Chandler, sw; Almon H. Blaisdell, jw; Ernest W. Gilman, s. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. Guy W. Swan, m; William P. Plaisted, sw; Charles H. Swan, jw; Theodore Morrison, Box 121, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2

- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Arthur H. Norton, m; Grover C. Cox, sw; Clabon H. Wellington, jw; Willis J. Greeley, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Limestone, 214, Limestone. Albert H. Damon, m; Dennis F. Getchell, sw; John M. Ward, jw; Harold S. Chase, s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 1
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. William N. Bradford, m; Frederick J. McTeer, sw; Leon A. Gray, jw; William D. Patterson, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. Charles G. Aldrich, m; Forrest S. Stevens, sw; Charles E. Maker, jw; Lucius E. Gardner, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. William A. Alexander, m; Orin M. Clement, sw; Everett B. Mowry, jw; Charles W. Joy, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. William H. Snow, m; S. Everett Hunt, sw; Laforest J. Wright, jw; Charles B. Cox, Bangor, R. F. D. 3, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Herbert P. Richardson, m; Loren W. Runnill, sw; Leslie E. Hamblin, jw; Charles W. Martin, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. Frank O. Fales, m; John A. Sweet, Jr., sw; Earle W. Hall, jw; George B. Cragin, s. Meeting Monday in week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Benjamin C. Smith, m; Arthur B. Haskell, sw; Crockett E. Dow, jw; Moses D. Joyce, s. Meeting first Tuesday; * election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. Story Trundy, m; Clifton Whittum, sw; Bedford N. Staples, jw; Frederick K. Sawyer, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. F. K. Roberts, m; W. E. Barker, sw; E. E. Brown, jw; Elmer G. Roberts, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanics', 66, Orono. Newton A. Robbins, m; C. Harry White, sw; Roydon L. Hammond, jw; Herman H. Hanson, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, 211, Friendship. Eugene H. Brown, m; Oliver F. Brown, sw; Waterville L. Thompson, jw; John D. Mitchell, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 10
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. Fred H. Estes, m; Rodney M. Shaw, sw; Raymond Hurd, jw; Jay H. Scribner, s. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22

- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. Charles A. Nutter, m; Forrest L. Swett, sw; Frank W. Greenway, jw; Lewman B. Soper, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22
- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Spurgeon S. Hoar, m; Forrest E. Fowles, sw; Albion W. Blake, jw; Orestes E. Crowell, s. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Daniel B. Curtis, m; Tremont B. Webber, sw; Dwight M. Caldwell, jw; Frank A. Ambrose, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Millard E. Day, m; Eugene Andrews, sw; Edward D. Baird, jw; Otis G. Randall, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Arthur O. Putnam, m; Alfred E. Astle, sw; Murdock B. McKay, jw; Howard D. McIlroy, s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Wm. M. Drummond, m; Freeman C. Jordan, sw; Cyrus M. Kindrick, jw; Roscoe S. Bosworth, (R. D. route 18), s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Foxcroft. Charles W. Hayes, m; W. Merton Berry, sw; Robert E. Hall, jw; Eugene W. Crocker, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinal Haven. Herbert W. Fifield, m; Leigh E. Williams, sw; Charles C. Webster, jw; Freeman L. Roberts, s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. Earl L. Wing, m; F. Raymond Phillips, sw; Herschel P. Boynton, jw; Arthur C. Woodard, s. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. Edward L. Donahue, m; Mahlon L. Sampson, Dead River, sw; Clyde L. Burbank, jw; Walter E. Hinds, s. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. Elton L. Bunker, m; Ivory W. Higgins, sw; Pearl S. Bordeaux, jw; Mark W. Somes, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. Harry M. Daniels, m; Raymond W. Davis, sw; Nelson N. Scales, jw; Joseph T. Davidson, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Maynard A. Wentworth, m; Perley F. Smith, sw; Irving Trumbull, jw; Alfred P. Cobb, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. Benj. K. Ware, m; Leroy G. Cunningham, sw; Richard H. Austin, jw; George L. Sprague, Union

- R. F. D. 3, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. George W. Sias, m; Edgar L. Stone, sw; Walter W. Fillebrown, jw; Clarence H. Pride, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 16
- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Leslie N. Sparrow, m; Warren C. Loud, sw; Fred M. Cole, jw; William H. Tribou, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Albert M. Child, m; Oliver D. Welch, sw; Harry N. Ferren, jw; Cleff Maxwell, s. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. George B. Ricker, m; John M. Sherwood, sw; Bela T. Wass, jw; William F. Campbell, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. William F. Cousins, m; Harold D. Powers, sw; R. Lewis Smith, jw; Roland A. Flye, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Walter L. Lutts, m; Wm. O. Kennard, sw; Warren N. Phinney, jw; David G. Walker, Kittery Depot, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. John M. Cates, m; James S. Emery, sw; Howard B. Lawrence, jw; Leonard A. Gilbert, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Royal W. Bradford, m; Charles F. Bradford, sw; Walter F. Marden, jw; Donald C. Prince, R. D. 1, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. Frank O. Daisey, m; Harold H. Hodgman, sw; John F. Rhoades, jw; Carl V. Stockwell, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. Mark H. Reed, m; Lewis L. Holmes, sw; Ernest E. Swan, jw; George E. Turner, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Truman B. Carl, m; Wilbur L. Eaton, sw; Elmer W. Sawyer, jw; Willis L. Hodgdon, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. Roger S. Bragdon, m; Austin R. Goodwin, sw; Joseph Waterhouse, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Ernest T. Dexter, m; Herbert R. Southgate, sw; Frank L. Palmer, jw; Frank D. Weymouth, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 6

- Orchard, u. n., Old Orchard. H. Alonzo Milliken, m; Clement P. Wight, sw; Frank H. Libby, jw; Wm. J. C. Milliken, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September 19
- Orient, 15, Thomaston. Clarence E. Oliver, m; William C. Lenfest, sw; Harrison W. Whitehill, jw; Arthur J. Elliott, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. Carl T. Plummer, m; Roland L. Woodbury, sw; Maurace W. Hamblen, jw; D. Eugene Chaplin, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18
- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. Carroll M. Hall, m; Francis S. Dow, sw; George E. Pomeroy, jw; Fred Raymond, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. Raymond H. Eastman, m; Eugene Andrews, sw; John W. Laselle, jw; Fred E. Smith, s. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. George G. Grinnell, m; Carl R. Smith, sw; Arthur J. Trefethen, jw; Joseph P. Eaton, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. L. Everett Hutchins, m; Guy C. Nutter, sw; Sheridan F. Ireland, jw; Oliver L. Sprague, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. Harold C. Fletcher, m; Stanley M. Wheeler, sw; Merlin C. Joy, jw; Walter L. Gray, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Walter N. Rowe, m; George H. Hall, sw; Leland A. Ross, jw; Charles S. Hutchinson, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. Frank R. Keene, m; Roy E. Young, sw; Morris L. Slugg, jw; Clifford J. Pattee, s. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Fred D. Sherrard, m; John C. Handy, sw; Lester J. Kyle, jw; George W. Smith, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. C. Fred Coffin, m; Hugh Hayward, sw; Hugh B. Bartlett, jw; Arthur G. Andrews, s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. William P. Newman, m; Ralph A. Leonard, sw; Ralph E. Pineo, jw; Frank E. Monroe, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, February. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Alfred Merrill, m; Percy A. Ryder,

- sw ; Rufus R. McClain, jw ; Joseph G. Henderson, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon ; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. Fred C. Gay, m ; Albert F. Allen, sw ; Frank C. Bixby, jw ; A. Lincoln Wallace, s. Meeting first Monday ; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Dana Small, m ; Frank S. Andrews, sw ; Algie Small, jw ; Charles T. Harris, Detroit, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon ; election, September. 22
- Polar Star, 114, Bath. E. Motley Fuller, m ; Aiden P. Denham, sw ; Delmar E. Bates, jw ; Lucius M. Lemont, 923 Middle St., s. Meeting second Wednesday ; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. Perley C. Dresser, m ; George F. Gould, sw ; Harold B. Chase, jw ; Albro E. Chase, s. Meeting second Wednesday ; election, June. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. William J. Young, m ; French Richards, sw ; Isaac Littlefield, jw ; Lincoln A. Gardner, s. Meeting first Wednesday ; election, January. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. Orrin G. Pillsbury, m ; John V. Tucker, sw ; George S. Pickles, jw ; John Wright, s. Meeting first Wednesday ; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. William K. Foster, m ; Joseph B. Manchester, sw ; Charles E. Thayer, jw ; William H. Cram, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon ; election, December. 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. Hugh W. Hastings, m ; Asa Osgood Pike, sw ; Wilfred H. Bosworth, jw ; Tobias L. Eastman, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon ; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Alton P. French, m ; Frank W. Bryant, sw ; George W. Butler, jw ; Allen L. Maddocks, s. Meeting first Saturday ; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. Louis B. Costello, m ; Linwood S. Barbour, sw ; Walter L. Emerson, jw ; Edwin L. Goss (41 Main St.), s. Meeting third Wednesday ; election, January. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. John Wallace, m ; John A. McNevins, sw ; Max Button, jw ; Elmer W. Calley, s. Meeting first Saturday ; election, December. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Frank R. McKenney, m ; Harry S. Jordan, sw ; George W. Greene, jw ; Sidney M. Gray, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon ; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Herbert C. Perry, m ; Ralph J. Wooster, sw ; Earl F. Sellers, jw ; Melvin A. Wardwell, s. Meeting first Wednesday ; election, December. 4

- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Irving R. Saunders, m; John D. Buck, sw; Rufus P. Facticeaux, jw; Seth R. Hutchins, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. Horace S. Stewart, m; Charles H. Hubbard, sw; Alvoid E. Cushman, jw; Frank J. Cole, s. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Forrest C. Hodgkins, m; Henry P. Bond, sw; Albert A. Hall, jw; Charles W. Besse, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, second Wednesday in December. 10
- Rockland, 79, Rockland. William R. Lufkin, m; Frank F. Trafton, sw; W. Lester Rokes, jw; Albert I. Mather, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Rural, 53, Sidney. Charles S. Taylor, m; William P. Marble, sw; Dimon A. Sawtelle, jw; Arthur W. Hammond, R. F. D. 7, Augusta, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Saco, 9, Saco. Howard A. Whitten, m; Myron A. Savage, sw; Thomas H. Hooper, jw; Abram T. Lord, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19
- St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Ernest L. Lyman, m; Richard H. Palmer, sw; Charles H. Johnson, jw; Arthur L. Johnson, Box 814, s. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6
- St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. Everett F. Davis, m; John D. Keene, sw; Howard C. Goodwin, jw; Samuel H. Junkins, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- St. Croix, 46, Calais. Joseph E. Collins, m; Walter LeRoy Thomas, sw; Herbert A. Gardner, jw; Isaac N. Jones, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- St. George, 16, Warren. Chester B. Hall, m; Roland O. Wade, sw; Ernest G. Castner, jw; William L. Lawry, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- St. John's, 51, South Berwick. Frank A. Prescott, m; Arthur E. Chesley, sw; C. Fred Ramsdell, jw; J. Willey Whitehouse, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19
- St. Paul's, 82, Rockport. J. Carlton Davis, m; L. True Spear, sw; Fred E. Whitney, jw; Carleton W. Steward, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Harry N. Davis, m; Howard B. Thompson, sw; H. Chandler Reed, jw; Edward J. Hutchinson, s. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Sebasticook, 146, Clinton. Roger F. Stinchfield, m; Lloyd A. Harmon, sw; Jewell G. Mudgett, jw; Irvin M. Holt, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 7

- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. James W. Wentworth, m; Hector C. Blake, sw; Walter C. Bickford, jw; Almon F. Johnson, s. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Charles H. Gibson, m; Wallace A. Hill, sw; Warren S. Swett, jw; Carl C. Piper, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Rupert C. Cowles, m; Raymond B. Welch, sw; Arthur E. Baum, jw; Albert L. Strout, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. Edward F. Merrill, m; George L. H. Smith, sw; Harvey A. McGuire, jw; William T. Seekins, s. Meeting second Monday; election, June. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Alfred H. Pearson, m; Joseph Everett Ridley, sw; Omar W. Chase, Jr., jw; Arthur E. Horne, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. Joseph T. Swasey, m; George E. Brazier, sw; Elmer R. Higgins, jw; Fred B. Sanborn, R. F. D. 2, West Buxton, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Oldtown. Dana W. Libby, m; George E. Harding, sw; Howard A. Lancaster, jw; Edward A. Merrill, s. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Fred A. Whitten, m; Herbert M. Clark, sw; Clair L. Whitten, jw; Reuel M. Berry, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Levi D. French, m; G. Chase Adams, sw; Willis A. French, jw; L. Elwood Jones, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. Alfred F. Winslow, m; Charles H. McBride, sw; Hale M. Dow, jw; Oliver A. Cobb, Box 64, s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Lynwood B. Thompson, m; Luther A. Hammons, sw; Earl J. Braley, jw; Charles E. Johnson, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. Willis P. Atwood, m; Daniel L. Stetson, sw; Julian F. Ellis, jw; Chester A. Miller, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Earll W. Gott, m; Eben F. Richardson, sw; Austin M. Mitchell, jw; William R. Keene, Manset, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Philip D. Phair, m; Horace B. Harmon, sw; Thomas F. Phair, jw; Vivian E. Howe, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 1

- Tuscan, 106, Addison. Milford H. Brown, m; Elisha D. Wass, sw; Ernest L. Thompson, jw; Veranus C. Plummer, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. Guy V. Mills, m; John W. Fessenden, sw; Calvin H. Mills, jw; Lewin Jefferies, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Ralph B. Lewis, m; Henry G. Ames, sw; Geo. E. Fossett, jw; Charles M. Lucas, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. Ernest L. Mayberry, m; William S. Rogers, sw; Arthur B. Johnson, jw; Joseph S. Stetson, s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. Elisha P. Webster, m; Guss L. Cates, sw; Howard N. Harmon, jw; Albert W. Ward, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. Joseph Wall, m; Elton B. Ayer, sw; Francis D. Walker, jw; Ray O. Nisbet, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Allston W. Tyler, m; Fred W. Foss, sw; Carlton E. Turner, jw; Clarence L. Wheaton, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Henry E. Cornish, m; Anson P. M. Given, sw; Frank W. Hackett, jw; Edward L. White, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. Ralph S. Smith, m; James R. Talbot, sw; Harry M. Gardner, jw; C. Hollis White, Box 1, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Willis G. Carll, m; Lendall M. Goff, sw; George W. Craigie, jw; Almon N. Waterhouse, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Andrew J. Buck, m; Harold L. Umphrey, sw; Fay C. Shaw, jw; Edward M. Hines, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. Frank G. Norton, m; James W. Mitchell, sw; Robert L. Chittenden, jw; Irving W. Case, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. Charles B. Davis, m; John B. Levy, sw; Carleton P. Cook, jw; Herbert M. Fuller, s. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. Charles W. Coombs, m; Fred W. Walker, sw; William Ramsay, jw; Herbert L. Jordan, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 24

- Whitney, 167, Canton. Caleb E. Mendall, m; Almon L. Poland, sw; George M. Rose, jw; Alphonso F. Russell, Jr., s. *pro tem.* Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 26
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Charles W. Sharkey, m; Charles A. Comins, sw; William L. Hopp, jw; Fred E. Trefethen, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. James B. Webber, m; Henry E. Frazier, sw; Elisha N. Bickford, jw; Frank E. Weston, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 21
- York, 22, Kennebunk. John H. Cooper, m; Fred M. Severance, sw; Edgar S. Hawkes, jw; George A. Gilpatric, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. Elmer B. Kendall, m; Arthur A. Brackett, sw; Chester A. Batchelder, jw; Brainerd S. Drake, s. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 19

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OF

R. W. LEANDER M. KENNISTON,

Senior Grand Warden in 1888.



Born June 25, 1839.

Died in Camden, Me., May 27, 1916,

AGED 76 YEARS, 11 MONTHS, 2 DAYS.



"As time runs on, the road
Grows strange with faces new.
And near the end, milestones
Into headstones change:
Neath every one a friend."

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TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. W. Daniel P. Boynton,

Senior Grand Warden in 1890.



Born in Wales, Me., January 16, 1838.

Died in Lewiston, Me., February 13, 1917.

AGED 79 YEARS, 1 MONTH, 2 DAYS.



“Bear him in memory, then, kind friends and true,
As one who loved the Master’s course and you;
Join his fond name with ours in mystic chain,
Although on earth we cannot meet again.”

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TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. W. Benjamin Ames,

Junior Grand Warden in 1886.



Died in Thorndike, Me., February 3, 1917,

AGED 75 YEARS, 5 MONTHS.



“ Life’s labor done,
Serenely to his final rest he passed,
While the soft memory of his virtues yet
Lingers like twilight hues when the bright sun is set.”

- Heath,* June 15; Solon Macomber,* July 26; James O. Roberts, October 17; Abiezer Purington, February 11.
- 27 Adoniram, Limington. Warren W. Ford, August 29.
- 28 Northern Star, North Anson. Josiah Chase, March 3.
- 29 Tranquil, Auburn. Fred J. Witcher, March 1; John E. True, May 30; Joseph E. Hewey, June; Roscoe Smith, July 8; Robert H. Libby, September 8; John R. Brett, December 4; Dennis N. Marrell, January 2; Harry L. Haskell, January 31.
- 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. Daniel E. Dickey, March 5; Arthur Lovejoy, October 27.
- 31 Union, Union. Otis N. Butler, January 6.
- 32 Hermon, Gardiner. William H. Oliver, March 20; William H. Wilford, May 10; Wentworth L. Hayes, August 12; William J. Landers,* September 28; Frank H. Goodrich, October 1; William Hilt Young, December 25; Fuller G. Sherman,* January 17; Henry S. Webster, February 16.
- 33 Waterville, Waterville. John J. Newell, March 16; William H. Stobie, April 10; Willis F. Wing,* May 3; Mark Gallert, May 13; George L. Learned, May 28; Stephen F. Brann, May 28; James Lowe, July 10; Lewis P. Mayo,* September 29; Henry H. Eames, November 25; Edwin R. Emerson, January 26.
- 34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Hiram S. French, June 11; James Lumsden,* September 26; John F. Chadburne, October 8; Edwin W. Marble, October 16; William M. Stinchfield,* October 28; Charles S. Pratt,* November 15; Albion L. Hilton, December 16; Rosmus L. Mitchell,* January 25; Philander C. Jewett, January 30.
- 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. Pope Gibbs, May; George Tobey, May 17; Cornelius Hadfield, July 31; Roland Campbell, August 19; Charles H. Cunningham, October 24; Marcellus W. Engely, November 16; Thomas Adams, December 1.
- 36 Casco, Yarmouth. Augustus H. Humphrey, April 23; Stillman Sawyer, July 28; Hollis St. C. Mitchell, November 3; H. Ward Johnson, January 1; Leone R. Cook, January 14.
- 37 Washington, Lubec. William A. McConnell,* April 29; William J. Mahlman,* September 14; Eugene Ingalls, December 2; Frank E. Miller,* February 24.
- 38 Harmony, Gorham. Daniel D. Plummer,* April 16; Wesley Murch, January 15; Oliver C. Watson,* January 31; Melville B. Alley,* February 7.
- i 39 Penobscot, Dexter. Owen W. Bridges, April 8; Benjamin F. Stearns, April 15; Charles C. Hale, September 8; Jesse Kimball, January 29; William H. Abbott, January 29.

- 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. Fred P. Aiken, April 4; Charles C. Burrill, September 17; Everett L. Webber, October 24; Joseph N. Higgins, November 8; Owando Cousins, November 30; John D. Perkins, February 5.
- 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. Alpheus M. Brown,* March 8; James A. Chase,* April 19; Thomas T. Jenkins,* August 25.
- 42 Freedom, Limerick. Marshall F. Coffin, January 20.
- 43 Alna, Damariscotta. John F. Merry; J. Fred Summer, August; L. D. Perkins, January; Charles E. Hatch, February.
- 44 Piscataquis, Milo. Thomas F. Hodgdon, March 5; John A. Ramsdell, March 20; William H. Campbell, April 21; Frank H. Rogers, June 9; Percy M. Hamlin, July 9; Robert W. Bell, August 20; Louis C. Ford, September 9; Robert H. Morrison, October 2; Cyrus C. Durgan, November 8.
- 45 Central, China. Albert G. Breed, July 26.
- 46 St. Croix, Calais. William B. Graham, May 20, killed "Somewhere in France"; William C. Drugan, September 25; Herbert H. Collins, February 8.
- 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. William M. Smith, October 13; Napoleon B. Osgood, November 11; Charles A. Moody, December 21; William S. Parker, December 29.
- 48 Lafayette, Readfield. Henry Clay Packard, March 16; Edson D. Scofield, November 30.
- 49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. John B. Barnes, April 30.
- 50 Aurora, Rockland. Charles M. Milbury, March 9; George Smith, July 6; Edward L. Estabrook, August 9; William E. Spear, November 3; Clarence A. Packard, November 8; Edward Boston, February 7; Francis G. French, February 14; Edward K. Glover, February 16; George M. Brainerd, February 23.
- 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. Charles E. Bullard, May 24, 1915; Thomas N. Lord, February; Charles H. Newton, March 10; Bernard J. Warren, March 22; John G. Mayo, May 18; Kendall P. Knowlton, August 1.
- 53 Rural, Sidney. George F. Bowman,* May 10; George E. Reynolds,* October 16; William L. Kelley, February 6.
- 54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. Joseph P. Phillips,* January 22.
- 55 Fraternal, Alfred. Charles W. Linscott, April 25; Edward E. Whicher, January 28; Fred J. Allen, February 2.
- 56 Mt. Moriah, Denmark. William H. Holland, January 17.
- 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. James R. Kittredge, October 10; Henry G. Thayer, November 28; John F. Stanley, November 23; Milton E. Butterfield, January 19.

- 58 Unity, Thorndike. Daniel H. Clark, December 19; Benjamin Ames, February 8; John R. Sparrow, February 18.
- 60 Star in the East, Old Town. Mansur E. Russell,* April 27; Charles Green,* July 22; George L. Godfrey, October 23.
- 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. Edwin O. Clark,* January 9.
- 62 King David's, Lincolnville. Perrin P. Freeman, January 5; Israel V. Miller, February 6.
- 64 Pacific, Exeter. Charles H. Foster, May.
- 65 Mystic, Hampden. Isaiah C. York, March 4; Josiah P. Rigby, December 7; Thomas H. Emery, December 12; Warren M. Hopkins, January 12; Charles E. Lawrence, February 9.
- 66 Mechanics', Orono. Frank Vinal; Albert J. Durgin, October 16.
- 68 Mariners', Searsport. Ansel Anshland, May 12; Fred N. Park, January 19; James A. Colsen, February 21.
- 69 Howard, Winterport. Charles Edwin Campbell,* October 27.
- 70 Standish, Standish. Daniel Guthrie, March 9; Walter E. Marceau, December 21; Ansel Hawkes, December 31; William S. Higgins, January 15.
- 71 Rising Sun, Orland. Samuel R. Dunham, May 18; Charles W. Brown, January 8.
- 72 Pioneer, Ashland. William M. Junkins, September 1; Charles H. McQuarrie, January 31.
- 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. Francis M. Cobb; Orren W. Edgcomb, April 6; James W. Bancroft, July 28; Prescott R. Cobb,* November 4; Frank R. Harmon, November 21; Francis H. Witham,* January 4; Frank C. Coller, February 18.
- 74 Bristol, Bristol Mills. Robert O. Loud; Frank Farrin; William G. Loud,* September 19.
- 75 Plymouth, Plymouth. Amos T. Morse, August 14; Reuel Porter, January 21; Frank Giles, January 23; Hermon Norton, January 24.
- 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Robert E. Smith, April 24.
- 77 Tremont, South West Harbor. George O. Johnson, July 8; Perry O. Rich, August 27; Thomas Clark, October; James S. Fernald,* October 29; John T. R. Freeman,* December 23.
- 78 Crescent, Pembroke. Joseph M. Bell,* April 4; Roscoe E. Wilder,* July 8; Isaac Mincher, February; William H. Potter, February.
- 79 Rockland, Rockland. Matthew Robb, September 27, 1915, lost at sea; Andrew B. Armstrong, May; Richard C. Rankin,* June 23; G. Howe Wiggin, August 2; George E. Hill, January 2.
- 80 Keystone, Solon. Perry S. Longley, June 8; Danville L. Hamblett,

- August 4; Lester L. Patterson, November 2; Obed A. Corson, November 7; Cornelius A. Merrill, January 4.
- 81 Atlantic, Portland. Romie P. Edwards, March 2; Oscar Charleson, March 25; George C. Irvin, April 22; Charles W. Fenn, May 2; George D. Batchelder, September 5; Sylvan Shurtleff, December 26; William F. Weeks, January 5; Franklin D. Rogers, January 19.
- 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. John Nelson, March 10; Daniel C. Howard, May 7; William D. Bartlett, July 21; Henry J. Cole, August 22; George T. Turner, October 12; James E. Shibles, November 15.
- 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. James A. Boardman, February 27; John C. Wilson, April 10; Augustus D. Prescott, April 18; Charles H. Glass, July 22; George H. Oakes, August 7; Edgar B. Thompson, August 14; Frank H. Drummond, December 31; Harold C. Sawyer, December 31; John H. Gillispie, January 21; Moses M. Hastings, February 12.
- 84 Eureka, St. George. Thomas J. Wheeler, March 8; Oscar F. Nelson, November 15; Joseph Jenkins, November 17; John S. Smalley, December 1; Samuel J. Clark, January 1.
- 85 Star in the West, Unity. Charles A. Gerrish, May 20.
- 86 Temple, Westbrook. Fred G. Ward, August 13, 1912; Charles E. Hodgkins, March 9; Herbert H. Cutter, July 21; Allen G. Reed,* August 2; Edward H. Hale, August 6; William H. Bacon,* November 12.
- 87 Benevolent, Carmel. Ichabod F. Partridge, July 5.
- 88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. Phineas B. Guptill, March 1; Albert M. Matthews, March 15; Brown E. Smith, October 10.
- 89 Island, Islesboro. John P. Bragg, March 27; James E. Hall,* September 25.
- 90 Harwood, Machias. Charles C. Perry, March 27; James E. Crane, May 25; Ozias B. Bridgham, November 26; Charles W. Bridgham, January 1; Fred P. Gilson, January 21; Horace T. Gardner, February 11.
- 92 Siloam, Fairfield. George W. Pike; Archer M. Farrar, January 4.
- 93 Horeb, Lincoln. Luther Clay,* June 19; Albert P. Whittier,* December; Julius B. Potter,* January.
- 95 Paris, South Paris. George A. Briggs, May 30.
- 96 Monument, Houlton. John J. Royal,* May 11; Finly Macdonald,* June 27; Reuel W. Fowler,* July 6; George A. Shea, January 11; Benjamin Atherton,* January 12.
- 97 Bethel, Bethel. Prentice E. Kimball, November 12.
- 99 Vernon Valley, Mount Vernon. Robert L. Folsom, January.

- 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. Horace C. Berry,* May 5.
- 101 Nezinscot, Turner. J. E. Ashe; Silas Morse; W. B. Beals; W. P. Francis.
- 102 Marsh River, Brooks. F. R. Daggett, April 17; David Knowles, May; A. J. Simmons, July 6; A. E. Chase, August 8.
- 103 Dresden, Dresden Mills. Carl G. Moody; George W. Palmer;* Charles Seigers; Chester Plummer; Nathaniel Leeman.*
- 104 Dirigo, Weeks' Mills. Albion P. Moar; John H. Black; Alfred C. Stuart.
- 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. Freeman H. Merrill, April 30; John F. Emerson, February 11; Samuel A. Blaisdell, February 13.
- 106 Tuscan, Addison. Darius F. Merrill; Hershall J. Allen, March 26; Jotham Merritt; Melville H. Haycock, January 29.
- 109 Mt. Kineo, Guilford. Archibald C. Houston, May 7; Samuel B. Drew, June 13.
- 110 Monmouth, Monmouth. Daniel Perry, March 8; Horace C. Frost, December 10; John W. Simpson, January 28; A. L. Walker, January 28; Daniel P. Boynton, February 18.
- 112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. Ward H. Estabrook, April 13; Richard L. Baker, July 21; Arthur Albert Stevens, October 11.
- 113 Messalonskee, Oakland. William H. Miner, April 17; Eugene A. Richardson,* August 5.
- 114 Polar Star, Bath. W. Scott Percy, March 31; John H. Trevett, April 17; Fred E. Pond, April 27; Fred S. Page, June 10; Geo. W. Wills, September 5; William Eagan, September 23; James M. Hughes, September 30; Joseph E. Anderson, November 6; Karl Breckenridge, January 14; Walter Dorkendorff, February 16; James Jones, February 20.
- 115 Buxton, West Buxton. Almon H. Cressey, November 24; Joseph H. Murphy, December 16; Stephen Harmon, December 26.
- 116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. Edwin C. Whiting,* March 25; O. Fremont Hall, June 22; William M. Hobbs,* July 26; Henry E. Capen, September 4; Henry M. Pierce, October 24.
- 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. Melville Murch, March 10; Theophilus S. Barker, May 6; Albert F. Clark, July 29; James Evans; John Hinkleman, November 10.
- 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. Alvah A. Clifford, February 19; L. M. Partridge,* February 27; Frank Davis,* April 13; Stephen B. Smith, July 31; James M. Treat,* November 5; Joe La Farley, December 11.
- 121 Acacia, Durham. Joseph H. Davis, June 24; Elbridge O. Tyler, June 27; Albert L. Sawyer, July 10.

- 122 Marine, Deer Isle. Roland H. Macey, April 11; Jasper S. Eaton, September 6; George E. Greenlaw, October 19; Mark H. Pickering, October 21; George W. Dow, November 24; Isaac H. Woodworth, January 18; Stedman F. Tarrey, January 27.
- 123 Franklin, New Sharon. Thomas H. McLain, December 24.
- 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. Thomas H. Wentworth, January 26.
- 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. Naaman Corey,* March 20; Fernando C. Harding,* June 1.
- 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. Woodcock D. Faunce, June 23.
- 127 Presumpscot, North Windham. Orin Watkins,* May 23; John A. Hammond,* May 27; Edwin L. Field,* June 21; John Trickey,* October 4; Thomas Morton,* November 5.
- 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. Freeman G. Higgins, June 21; Jonathan Bridges, November 8; Horace Dority, February 8.
- 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. George W. Marriner, September 21; Albert A. Waterman,* December 3.
- 130 Trinity, Presque Isle. Winfield S. Sawyer, May 12; Arthur W. Davis, June 6; Edwin A. Smith, November 18.
- 131 Lookout, Cutler. William L. Maker, November 19; Gilman N. Williams, January 9; Henry H. Maker, February 10.
- 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. Fred H. Muller, July 30; Andrew S. Hapgood, January 28.
- 135 Riverside, Jefferson. R. S. Partridge, April 12; J. H. Bond, June 6; A. D. Kennedy, October 12; A. C. Halpen, April 12.
- 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. Andrew M. Purington, June 16; David V. Bodge, December 8.
- 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. John McPhail, April 12; Fred A. Johnson, August 26.
- 141 Augusta, Augusta. Wallace S. Weeks, May 28; Edwin C. Burleigh, June 16; Charles R. Whidden, December 31.
- 142 Ocean, Wells Depot. William S. Wells, June 6.
- 143 Preble, Sanford. Moses W. Emery, April 11; Roland S. Gove, December 19.
- 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. Harrie I. Smith,* April 24; William H. Hodgdon,* October 26; George A. Boyd,* February 1; Fred H. Swett,* February 15.
- 145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Benjamin J. Richards, January 11; Horace B. Pierce, March 3; William M. Strout, May 1; Llewellyn F. Arey, June 11; Timothy H. Mills, August 22; James W. P. Turner, December 21; James C. Collamore, December 27; Charles W. Shields, January 11.

- 146 Seabastcook, Clinton. George C. Parker, September 6; Gershom W. Clifford, October 9; Hamilton M. Beane, February 16.
- 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. George O. Grose, June 23.
- 148 Forest, Springfield. Richard J. Tilton, March 19; Joseph J. Porter, March 31; Joseph W. Burke, July 23; Nathan Averill, November 14.
- 149 Doric, Monson. Frank P. Norton,* March; Theodpre Messinen,* April; Hiram V. Hathaway,* Samuel J. Hughes.
- 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. C. Fred Maines, July 24; Silas Bartlett, August 15; Alexander E. Ridley, September 12; Cyrus Greely,* December 31; Albert L. Murch, February 14.
- 151 Excelsior, Northport. Fred L. Knowlton, November 14; Nason T. Waterman, December 8.
- 152 Crooked River, Otisfield. Isaac S. Skillings, March 6; Stephen C. Maxfield, October 5.
- 154 Mystic Tie, Weld. Edwin W. Parlin, April 27.
- 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. Everett G. Starbird,* April 29; Emil Demuth,* June 5; Alonzo Purington,* August 24.
- 156 Wilton, Wilton. Sherman I. Bean,* December 7; Charles K. Jewett,* January 13.
- 157 Cambridge, Cambridge. S. Almond Buzzell, November 25; Charles W. Libby, January 24.
- 158 Anchor, South Bristol. Merrett C. Thompson, February 20.
- 160 Parian, Corinna. Arah Southard, June; H. Q. Worthen, October; G. W. Knowles, January.
- 161 Carrabassett, Canaan. George H. Bean, April 11; Ivory Lowe, November 26; Wilson Fitzgerald, January 14.
- 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. George L. Herrick, August 16; Harvey W. Ryder, October 24.
- 165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. John Frederick Warrell, May 12; Augustus S. Woodard, May 24; Calvin A. Emery, February 5.
- 166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. Charles A. Stilson, June 4.
- 167 Whitney, Canton. Polaski Hodge,* March 27; Frank O. Proctor, June 2; Nathan Reynolds, September 13; William K. Da Costa, January 4.
- 169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. John D. Sands, August 12.
- 170 Caribou, Caribou. Frank O. Landgraine, April; William E. Dorman, September 18; Parker L. Hardison, November 4.
- 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. John G. Reed.
- 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. Elmer G. Hale,* May 2; George A. Daisey, October 1; Gordon McKay, December 14; Stark Webster,* December 21; Almon Leavitt, January 24.

- 173 Pleiades, Millbridge. Fred Dyer, October 8; Benjamin W. Strout, October; Elmer E. Sawyer, January 2; Sidney Turner, January 6; Jason D. Leighton, February 9.
- 174 Lynde, Hermon. John D. Graves, June 19.
- 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. Douglass H. Lee,* May 7.
- 178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. Henry A. Fletcher, March 13; Andrew M. Peables, May 24; Willie E. Cutler,* July 5; Daniel I. Drake, September 11; Nathaniel L. Mower, October 25.
- 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. Madison J. Allen, June 25; Nathaniel Hobbs, September 15; Edgar M. Roberts, October 30.
- 180 Hiram, South Portland. Gustave Ludicke, August 30; George W. McKenney; Charles P. Brackett,* January 20; Samuel D. Plummer, February 5.
- 182 Granite, West Paris. Stillman R. Cole, February 26.
- 183 Deering, Portland. Richard Darker,* March 9; George M. Cram,* March 13; Gardner Walker,* March 24; Alonzo Hansen, May 21; Edwin R. Brown,* May 27; Leander Leighton,* August 11; Robert A. Bell, November 2; Charles L. Swan,* February 12.
- 184 Naval, Kittery. Augustus Stevenson, April 15; Robert B. Martin, May 9; Edwin A. Duncan, June 3; Henry C. Neal, November 17; John S. Safford, December 20; Elroy F. Cottle, December 26; Jethro H. Swett, January 12.
- 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. Willis C. Hodgkins,* March 3; Alfred E. Conners,* January 1.
- 186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Edward A. Richardson, September; Edward A. Veits, September; Edward H. Hooper, October 21; Greenlief E. Bachelder, January 4.
- 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. James R. Fulkingham, March 12; Enoch U. Kelley, July 5; Samuel B. Cummings, October 8.
- 190 Springvale, Springvale. Willie F. Ferguson,* January 18.
- 191 Davis, Strong. Francis R. Conant,* January 23; Isaiah Wilcox,* April 15; Gellert E. Eustis,* October 22; Charles H. Pease,* November 18.
- 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. Freeman P. Joy, May 19; Milford W. Lash, September 15.
- 193 Washburn, Washburn. Fred W. Chase,* September 17; Melvin A. Greenleaf,* October 27.
- 194 Euclid, Madison. Jesse H. Russell; Edward F. Spear.
- 195 Reliance, Stonington. James H. Coombs, October; Rollins Y. Stinson, December 26; Andrew Stinson, February 28.
- 196 Bay View, East Boothbay. Elmer L. Adams, lost at sea.

- 197 Aroostook, Blaine. George H. Boone, March 26; John H. Bubar, November 2.
- 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. Hampden C. Keen, August 31.
- 199 Bingham, Bingham. Albert E. Webster,* April 25; Oliver Adams,* May 12; Alphonso Flanders,* May 23; Fred G. Williams,* July 14; Charles F. Ham,* July 20; Orison Gordon,* July 20; Paul H. Cates,* January 25; James O'Hara,* February 8; John Noble.
- 200 Columbia, Greenville. Perley R. Lovett, March 21.
- 201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Henry S. Workman, January 11.
- 202 Mount Bigelow, Flagstaff. Benjamin E. Savage,* May 5; William H. Bean, November 21.
- 203 Mount Olivet, Washington. Lora Bowman, 1915; Hilton B. Wright,* February 8; Frank W. Mears, February 18.
- 204 Mount Abram, Kingfield. Albert H. Perry, April 14; Abram E. Saunders; Philander Butts, November 16.
- 205 Nollesemic, Millinocket. William H. Tapley, April; Edwin C. Jackson, February 21.
- 206 Island Falls, Island Falls. Martin L. Emerson, February 9.
- 208 North East Harbor, North East Harbor. T. Eugene Coster, April 4.
- 210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. Harry Saunders, May 10.
- 211 Meduncook, Friendship. Elijah M. Davis, December 24.
- 215 Orchard, Old Orchard. John P. Milliken, February 13.

....List of Lodges by Districts....



DISTRICT NO. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master—BERNARD ARCHIBALD, Houlton.

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| 96 Monument, Houlton. | 193 Washburn, Washburn. |
| 112 Eastern Frontier, Ft. Fairfield. | 197 Aroostook, Blaine. |
| 130 Trinity, Presque Isle. | 214 Limestone, Limestone. |
| 170 Caribou, Caribou. | |

DISTRICT NO. 2.

District Deputy Grand Master—ROBERT G. MCBRIDE, Lubec.

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| 7 Eastern, Eastport. | 78 Crescent, Pembroke. |
| 37 Washington, Lubec. | 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. |
| 46 St. Croix, Calais. | |

DISTRICT NO. 3.

District Deputy Grand Master—ARTHUR H. BARTLETT, Cherryfield.

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| 2 Warren, East Machias. | 131 Lookout, Cutler. |
| 88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. | 173 Pleiades, Millbridge. |
| 91 Harwood, Machias. | 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. |
| 106 Tuscan, Addison Point. | |

DISTRICT NO. 4.

District Deputy Grand Master—FORREST B. SNOW, Bluehill.

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| 4 Hancock, Castine. | 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. |
| 122 Marine, Deer Isle. | 187 Ira Berry, Bluehill. |
| 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. | 195 Reliance, Stonington. |
| 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. | 210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. |

DISTRICT NO. 5.

District Deputy Grand Master—EUGENE A. WHITTRIDGE, Foxcroft.

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| 39 Penobscot, Dexter. | 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. |
| 44 Piscataquis, Milo. | 168 Composite, La Grange. |
| 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. | 200 Columbia, Greenville. |
| 109 Mount Kineo, Guilford. | 207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. |
| 149 Doric, Monson. | |

DISTRICT NO. 6.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRANK D. WEYMOUTH, Charleston.

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| 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. | 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. |
| 60 Star in the East, Oldtown. | 87 Benevolent, Carmel. |
| 65 Mystic, Hampden. | 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. |
| 66 Mechanics', Orono. | 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. |
| 69 Howard, Winterport. | 174 Lynde, Hermon. |

DISTRICT NO. 7.

District Deputy Grand Master—ELISHA P. WEBSTER, Thorndike.

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| 45 Central, China. | 111 Liberty, Liberty. |
| 58 Unity, Thorndike. | 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. |
| 85 Star in the West, Unity. | 146 Seabasticook, Clinton. |
| 102 Marsh River, Brooks. | |

DISTRICT NO. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master—RALPH E. PENDLETON, Islesboro.

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| 24 Phoenix, Belfast. | 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. |
| 62 King David's, Lincolnville. | 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. |
| 68 Mariners', Searsport. | 151 Excelsior, Northport. |
| 89 Island, Islesboro. | |

DISTRICT NO. 9.

District Deputy Grand Master—EMIL WITTEN, Rockland.

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| 6 Amity, Camden. | 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. |
| 15 Orient, Thomaston. | 84 Eureka, Tenant's Harbor. |
| 16 St. George, Warren. | 145 Moses Webster, Vinal Haven. |
| 31 Union, Union. | 189 Knox, South Thomaston. |
| 50 Aurora, Rockland. | 203 Mount Olivet, Washington. |
| 79 Rockland, Rockland. | |

DISTRICT NO. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master—EDWARD C. LEIGHTON, Wiscasset.

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| 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. | 135 Riverside, East Jefferson. |
| 43 Alna, Damariscotta. | 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. |
| 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. | 158 Anchor, South Bristol. |
| 74 Bristol, Bristol. | 196 Bay View, East Boothbay. |
| 103 Dresden, Dresden. | 211 Meduncook, Friendship. |

DISTRICT NO. 11.

District Deputy Grand Master—JOHN H. McILROY, Winthrop.

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| 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. | 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. |
| 25 Temple, Winthrop. | 104 Dirigo, Weeks' Mills. |
| 32 Hermon, Gardiner. | 110 Monmouth, Monmouth. |
| 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. | 141 Augusta, Augusta. |

DISTRICT NO. 12.

District Deputy Grand Master—EVERETT S. COOMBS, East Vassalboro.

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| 33 Waterville, Waterville. | 99 Vernon Valley, Mt. Vernon. |
| 48 Lafayette, Readfield. | 113 Messalonskee, Oakland. |
| 53 Rural, Sidney. | 133 Asylum, Wayne. |
| 54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. | 166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. |

DISTRICT NO. 13.

District Deputy Grand Master—JAMES M. SPENCE, Madison.

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| 28 Northern Star, North Anson. | 116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. |
| 34 Somerset, Skowhegan. | 161 Carrabassett, Canaan. |
| 80 Keystone, Solon. | 194 Euclid, Madison. |
| 92 Siloam, Fairfield. | 199 Bingham, Bingham. |

DISTRICT NO. 14.

District Deputy Grand Master—ASBURY M. BLAKE, Lisbon.

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| 8 United, Brunswick. | 114 Polar Star, Bath. |
| 14 Solar, Bath. | 121 Acacia, Durham. |
| 23 Freeport, Freeport. | 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. |
| 26 Village, Bowdoinham. | 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. |
| 63 Richmond, Richmond. | |

DISTRICT NO. 15.

District Deputy Grand Master—J. BLAINE MORRISON, Phillips.

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| 20 | Maine, Farmington. | 156 | Wilton, Wilton. |
| 21 | Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. | 191 | Davis, Strong. |
| 67 | Blue Mountain, Phillips. | 202 | Mount Bigelow, Flagstaff. |
| 123 | Franklin, New Sharon. | 204 | Mount Abram, Kingfield. |
| 154 | Mystic Tie, Weld. | 213 | Kemankeag, Rangeley. |

DISTRICT NO. 16.

District Deputy Grand Master—ERNEST J. RECORD, South Paris.

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| 18 | Oxford, Norway. | 100 | Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. |
| 94 | Paris, South Paris. | 152 | Crooked River, Bolster's Mills. |
| 97 | Bethel, Bethel. | 182 | Granite, West Paris. |

DISTRICT NO. 17.

District Deputy Grand Master—FANNING J. BURBANK, Portland.

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| 1 | Portland, Portland. | 86 | Temple, Westbrook. |
| 17 | Ancient Landmark, Portland. | 127 | Presumpscot, North Windham. |
| 36 | Casco, Yarmouth. | 180 | Hiram, South Portland. |
| 38 | Harmony, Gorham. | 183 | Deering, Portland. |
| 70 | Standish, Standish. | 186 | Warren Phillips, Cumb. Mills. |
| 81 | Atlantic, Portland. | | |

DISTRICT NO. 18.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRED R. BRADBURY, East Brownfield.

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| 11 | Pythagorean, Fryeburg. | 117 | Greenleaf, Cornish. |
| 13 | Oriental, Bridgton. | 153 | Delta, Lovell. |
| 56 | Mount Moriah, Denmark. | 169 | Shepherd's River, Brownfield. |

DISTRICT NO. 19.

District Deputy Grand Master—ARTHUR H. BAKER, Kittery.

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| 9 | Saco, Saco. | 162 | Arion, Goodwin's Mills. |
| 22 | York, Kennebunk. | 179 | Yorkshire, North Berwick. |
| 47 | Dunlap, Biddeford. | 184 | Naval, Kittery. |
| 51 | St. John's, South Berwick. | 198 | St. Aspinquid, York Village. |
| 76 | Arundel, Kennebunkport. | 215 | Orchard, Old Orchard. |
| 142 | Ocean, Wells' Depot. | | |

DISTRICT NO. 20.

District Deputy Grand Master—DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE, Lincoln.

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| 93 Horeb, Lincoln. | 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. |
| 148 Forest, Springfield. | 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. |

DISTRICT NO. 21.

District Deputy Grand Master—GEORGE HARMON, Southwest Harbor

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| 19 Felicity, Bucksport. | 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. |
| 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. | 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. |
| 71 Rising Sun, Orland. | 201 David A. Hooper, W. Sullivan. |
| 77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor. | 208 N. E. Harbor, N. E. Harbor. |
| 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. | 212 McKinley, McKinley. |

DISTRICT NO. 22.

District Deputy Grand Master—LEWMAN B. SOPER, Newport.

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| 49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. | 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. |
| 64 Pacific, Exeter. | 139 Archon, East Dixmont. |
| 75 Plymouth, Plymouth. | 157 Cambridge, Cambridge. |
| 95 Corinthian, Hartland. | 160 Parian, Corinna. |

DISTRICT NO. 23.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRED B. RAND, Sanford.

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| 27 Adoniram, Limington. | 115 Buxton, West Buxton. |
| 42 Freedom, Limerick. | 118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. |
| 55 Fraternal, Alfred. | 143 Preble, Sanford. |
| 107 Day Spring, West Newfield. | 190 Springvale, Springvale. |

DISTRICT NO. 24.

District Deputy Grand Master—GEORGE R. HALL, Lewiston.

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| 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. | 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. |
| 29 Tranquil, Auburn. | 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. |
| 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. | 164 Webster, Sabattus. |
| 101 Nezinscot, Turner. | 178 Ancient Brothers, Auburn. |

DISTRICT NO. 25.

District Deputy Grand Master—HOWARD W. CHASE, Millinocket.

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| 72 Pioneer, Ashland. | 205 Nollesemic, Millinocket. |
| 98 Katahdin, Patten. | 206 Island Falls, Island Falls. |
| 165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. | 209 Fort Kent, Fort Kent. |

DISTRICT NO. 26.

District Deputy Grand Master—ALPHONSO F. RUSSELL, Canton.

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| 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. | 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. |
| 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. | 167 Whitney, Canton. |

Recapitulation--1917

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| Lodges enrolled,..... | 215 |
| " extinct, | 9 |
| " working,..... | 206 |
| " granted charters at communication, 1917,..... | 1 |
| " represented at communication, 1917,..... | 187 |
| Number of representatives,..... | 237 |
| Lodges to make returns,..... | 206 |
| Making returns in time,..... | 206 |
| Initiated,..... | 1,382 |
| Raised, | 1,406 |
| Affiliated,..... | 103 |
| Re-instated,..... | 74 |
| Corrections,..... | 9 |
| Total increase,..... | 1,592 |
| Dimitted,..... | 159 |
| Died,..... | 629 |
| Suspended for unmasonic conduct,..... | 2 |
| Expelled, | 1 |
| Lost membership by non-payment of dues,..... | 274 |
| Total decrease,..... | 1,065 |
| Net increase,..... | 527 |
| Members, March 1, 1916,..... | <u>31,328</u> |
| Members, March 1, 1917,..... | <u>31,855</u> |
| Grand Lodge Receipts, | \$10,129.50 |
| " " Disbursements,..... | \$10,116.16 |
| Amount of Charity Fund,..... | \$76,532.82 |
| Income of Charity Fund,..... | \$2,548.00 |

Grand Lodges and

| GRAND LODGES. | GRAND MASTERS. |
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| Alabama, Dec. 6, 1916, | Walter Smith, Tuscaloosa. |
| Alberta, May 31, 1916, | E. T. Bishop, Edmonton. |
| Arizona, March 14, 1916, | Frederick W. Perkins, Flagstaff. |
| Arkansas, Nov. 21, 1916, | J. S. Reamy, Hot Springs. |
| Belgium, 1914, | Charles Magnette, Brussels. |
| British Columbia, June 22, 1916, | William Astley, Vancouver. |
| California, Oct. 10, 1916, | Francis V. Keesling, San Francisco. |
| Canada, July 19, 1916, | Sydney A. Luke, Ottawa, Ont. |
| Colorado, Sept. 21, 1916, | Guy V. Sternberg, Grand Junction. |
| Connecticut, Feb. 7, 1917, | L. J. Nickerson, West Cornwall. |
| Cuba, April 2, 1916, | Francisco S. Curbelo, Habana. |
| Delaware, Oct. 4, 1916, | Stuart J. Horn, Wilmington. |
| Dist. Columbia, Dec. 20, 1916, | James W. Witten, Washington. |
| England, March, 1916, | Duke of Connaught. |
| Florida, January 16, 1917, | Apelles S. York, Live Oak. |
| Georgia, Oct. 26, 1915, | N. H. Ballard, Brunswick. |
| Idaho, Sept. 12, 1916, | John D. Bloomfield, Nampa. |
| Illinois, Oct. 10, 1916, | Ralph H. Wheeler, Chicago. |
| Indiana, May 22, 1916, | Harry B. Tuthill, Michigan City. |
| Iowa, June 8, 1917, | Thomas Arthur, Logan. |
| Ireland, Dec. 27, 1916, | Earl of Donoughmore. |
| Kansas, Feb. 21, 1917, | Charles E. Lobdell, Great Bend. |
| Kentucky, Oct. 17, 1916, | James N. Saunders, Stanford. |
| Louisiana, Feb. 15, 1917, | John W. Armstrong, Welsh. |
| Maine, May 2, 1917, | Waldo Pettengill, Rumford. |
| Manitoba, June 14, 1916, | Henry E. Bletcher, Winnipeg. |
| Maryland, Nov. 21, 1916, | Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore. |
| Massachusetts, Dec. 28, 1915, | Melvin M. Johnson, Boston. |
| Michigan, May 23, 1916, | John H. Hawks, Lansing. |
| Minnesota, Jan. 17, 1917, | Albert Berg, St. Paul. |
| Mississippi, Feb. 13, 1917, | G. Frederic Cullens, Wallerville. |
| Missouri, Sept. 19, 1916, | Edward Higbee, Kirksville. |
| Montana, Aug. 30, 1916, | Dr. Robert W. Getty, Milltown. |
| Nebraska, June 6, 1916, | Andrew H. Viele, Norfolk. |

Addresses of Grand Officers.

GRAND SECRETARIES.
CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.

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| Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery. | Oliver D. Street, Guntersville. |
| Dr. George Macdonald, Calgary. | G. H. Hogbin, Calgary. |
| George J. Roskruge, Tucson. | Harry A. Drachman, Tucson. |
| Fay Hempstead, Little Rock. | S. O. Whaley, Sulphur Springs. |
| George Petre, Brussels. | None. |
| W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster. | W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster. |
| John Whicher, San Francisco. | Edward H. Hart, San Francisco. |
| Ralph L. Gunn, Hamilton, Ont. | Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton, Ont. |
| Charles H. Jacobson, Denver. | Lawrence N. Greenleaf, Denver. |
| George A. Kies, Hartford. | George A. Kies, Hartford. |
| José Martí, Havana. | Francisco de P. Rodriguez, Havana. |
| Harry J. Guthrie, Wilmington. | Harry J. Guthrie, Wilmington. |
| Arvine W. Johnston, Washington. | George W. Baird, Washington. |
| Sir Edward Letchworth, London. | None. |
| Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville. | Silas B. Wright, DeLand. |
| | Raymond Daniels, Atlanta. |
| George E. Knepper, Boise. | George E. Knepper, Boise. |
| Isaac Cutter, Camp Point. | Charles H. Martin, Bridgeport. |
| Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis. | Elmer F. Gay, Indianapolis. |
| Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids. | Louis Block, Davenport. |
| Henry E. Flavelle, Dublin. | None. |
| Albert K. Wilson, Topeka. | Matthew M. Miller, Topeka. |
| Dave Jackson, Louisville. | William W. Clark, Owensboro. |
| John A. Davilla, New Orleans. | Herman C. Duncan, Alexandria. |
| Charles B. Davis, Portland. | Albro E. Chase, Portland. |
| James A. Ovas, Winnipeg. | Percy E. Kellett, Winnipeg. |
| George Cook, Baltimore. | Rev. Henry Branch, Baltimore. |
| Frederick W. Hamilton, Boston. | None. |
| Lou B. Winsor, Reed City. | Lou B. Winsor, Reed City. |
| John Fishel, St. Paul. | Irving Todd, Hastings. |
| Frederick G. Speed, Vicksburg. | Henry Clay Yawn, Lumberton. |
| John R. Parsons, St. Louis. | Charles C. Woods, St. Louis. |
| Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena. | Herman S. Hepner, Helena. |
| Francis E. White, Omaha. | Francis E. White, Omaha. |

| GRAND LODGES. | GRAND MASTERS. |
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| Nevada, June 13, 1916, | Alfred W. Holmes, Reno. |
| New Brunswick, April 25, 1916, | Hedley V. B. Bridges, Frederickton. |
| New Hampshire, May 17, 1916, | George Edward Bales, Wilton. |
| New Jersey, April 18, 1917, | William M. Thompson, Trenton. |
| New Mexico, Oct. 9, 1916, | Alonzo B. McMillen, Albuquerque. |
| N. South Wales, June 4, 1916, | William Thompson. |
| New York, May 3, 1917, | Thomas Penney, Buffalo. |
| New Zealand, May 10, 1916, | Oliver Nicholson, Auckland. |
| North Carolina, Jan. 16, 1917, | Claude L. Pridgen, Wilmington. |
| North Dakota, June 20, 1916, | Alexander B. Taylor, Fargo. |
| Nova Scotia, June 14, 1916, | Donald F. Fraser, New Glasgow. |
| Ohio, Oct. 18, 1916, | Joel C. Clore, Cincinnati. |
| Oklahoma, Feb. 21, 1917, | Samuel W. Hogan, Cashion. |
| Oregon, June 7, 1916, | Will Moore, Pendleton. |
| Pennsylvania, Dec. 27, 1916, | Louis A. Watres, Philadelphia. |
| Peru, 1911, | |
| Philippine Islands, Feb. 13, 1917, | William H. Taylor, Manila. |
| Puerto Rico, April 11, 1914, | W. F. Lippitt, San Juan. |
| P. E. Island, June 28, 1916, | A. Stirling McKay, Summerside. |
| Quebec, Feb. 14, 1917, | W. W. Williamson, Montreal. |
| Rhode Island, May 21, 1917, | Herbert A. Rice, Pawtucket. |
| Saskatchewan, June 21, 1916, | J. H. Anderson, Saskatoon. |
| Scotland, Feb. 3, 1916, | R. King Stewart, Murdostoun. |
| South Australia, April 19, 1916, | Eustace B. Grundy. |
| South Carolina, Dec. 12, 1916, | R. A. Cooper, Laurens. |
| South Dakota, June 7, 1916, | James Roane, Yankton. |
| Tasmania, Feb. 24, 1916, | William G. Macartney, Hobart. |
| Tennessee, Jan. 31, 1917, | John T. Peeler, Huntingdon. |
| Texas, Dec. 5, 1916, | Frank C. Jones, Houston. |
| Utah, Jan. 16, 1917, | Charles Fred Jennings, Salt Lake City. |
| Vermont, June 14, 1916, | Henry H. Ross, Burlington. |
| Victoria, Dec. 15, 1915, | Charles Carty, Salmon. |
| Virginia, Feb. 13, 1917, | Henry K. Field, Alexandria. |
| Washington, June 3, 1916, | George R. Malcolm, Walla Walla. |
| West Virginia, Nov. 15, 1916, | Charles E. Carrigan, Moundsville. |
| West Australia, July 22, 1916, | Charles O. L. Riley, Perth. |
| Wisconsin, June 13, 1916, | Cyrus S. Stockwell, Neillsville. |
| Wyoming, Sept. 13, 1916, | Herbert J. King, Laramie. |

GRAND SECRETARIES.

CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.

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| Edw. D. Vanderlieth, Carson City. | Edw. D. Vanderlieth, Carson City. |
| J. Twining Hartt, St. John. | James Vroom, St. Stephen. |
| Harry M. Cheney, Concord. | Harry M. Cheney, Concord. |
| Isaac Cherry, Trenton. | Robert A. Shirrefs, Elizabeth. |
| Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque. | John Milne, Albuquerque. |
| Arthur H. Bray, Sydney. | S. Scott-Young, |
| | William Sherer, Brooklyn. |
| Malcolm Niccol, Auckland. | Malcolm Niccol, Auckland. |
| William W. Willson, Raleigh. | Marshall DeL. Hayword, Raleigh. |
| Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo. | William E. Hoover, Fargo. |
| Thomas Mowbray, Halifax. | James C. Jones, Halifax. |
| Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati. | Nelson Williams, Hamilton. |
| Wm. M. Anderson, Oklahoma City. | Thomas C. Humphry, Hugo. |
| James F. Robinson, Portland. | David P. Mason, Albany. |
| John A. Perry, Philadelphia. | Thomas F. Penman, Scranton. |
| J. Benjamin Choza, Lima. | None. |
| Newton C. Comfort, Manila. | Walter W. Weber, Manila. |
| Jose G. Torres, San Juan. | H. Glyde Gregory, San Juan. |
| Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown. | Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown. |
| Will H. Whyte, Montreal. | E. D. T. Chambers, Quebec. |
| S. Penrose Williams, Providence. | William M. Chatterton, Pawtucket. |
| W. B. Tate, Regina. | Arthur S. Gorrell, Regina. |
| David Reid, Edinburgh. | None. |
| Charles R. J. Glover, Adelaide. | J. R. Robertson, |
| O. Frank Hart, Columbia. | James L. Michie, Darlington. |
| George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls. | Samuel A. Brown, Sioux Falls. |
| John Hamilton, Hobart. | |
| Stith M. Cain, Nashville. | Henry A. Chambers, Chattanooga. |
| W. B. Pearson, Waco. | John L. Terrell, Dallas. |
| Freeman A. McCarty, S. Lake City. | Sam Henry Goodwin, Provo. |
| Frank A. Ross, Burlington. | Kittredge Haskins, Brattleboro. |
| Charles James Barrow, Melbourne. | David Meadowcroft, Melbourne. |
| Charles A. Nesbitt, Richmond. | Joseph W. Eggleston, Richmond. |
| Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma. | Ralph C. McAllaster, Seattle. |
| John M. Collins, Charleston. | George W. Atkinson, Charleston. |
| J. D. Stevenson, Perth. | J. D. Stevenson, Perth. |
| William W. Perry, Milwaukee. | Aldro Jenks, Dodgeville. |
| Joseph M. Lowndes, Lander, acting. | Joseph M. Lowndes, Lander, acting. |

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Lodge of Maine near other Grand Lodges.

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- Alabama—CHARLES H. WINSTON, Ivy.
 Alberta—CLAUDE W. E. GARDINER, Macleod.
 Arizona—FREDERICK P. CRUCE, Prescott.
 Arkansas—JACOB TRIEBER, Little Rock.
 Belgium—ALBERT J. KRUGER, Anvers.
 British Columbia—FRANCIS BOWSER, Kerrisdale.
 Canada—JOHN B. WAY, Sault Ste Marie.
 Colorado—JOSEPH A. DAVIS, Boulder.
 Cuba—AURELIO MIRANDA, Havana.
 Connecticut—CHARLES M. BEACH, New Milford.
 Delaware—GEORGE L. BROOKS, Newark.
 District of Columbia—WARREN C. BICKFORD, Washington.
 Florida—WILLIAM S. WARE, Jacksonville.
 Georgia—WILLIAM F. BOWE, Augusta.
 Idaho—WILLIAM C. HOWIE, Mountain Home.
 Illinois—AMOS PETTIBONE, Chicago.
 Indiana—ELMER F. GAY, Indianapolis.
 Kansas—HUGH S. FARRELLY, Chanute.
 Louisiana—JOSEPH MEYERS, New Orleans.
 Manitoba—ROBERT STIRTON THORNTON, Deloraine.
 Maryland—THOMAS H. HOOVER, Unknown.
 Michigan—WILLIAM T. SHAW, Lansing.
 Minnesota—HENRY R. ADAMS, Minneapolis.
 Mississippi—FREDERIC GORDON SPEED, Vicksburg.
 Missouri—G. A. GOBEN, Kirksville.
 Montana—CHARLES W. COOK, White Sulphur Springs.
 Nebraska—THOMAS K. SUDBOROUGH, Omaha.
 Nevada—SANFORD C. DINSMORE, Reno.
 New Brunswick—HERBERT E. GOOLD, Sussex.
 New Hampshire—STANTON OWEN, Laconia.

- New Jersey—WILLIAM RITCHIE, Jersey City.
New York—GEORGE FLINT WARREN, JR., New York.
New South Wales—CHARLES A. Y. SIMPSON, Sydney.
New Zealand—JOHN JOSEPH DOUGALL, Christchurch.
North Carolina—ALEXANDER S. HOLDEN, Wilmington.
North Dakota—EDWIN A. RIPLEY, Mandan.
Nova Scotia—JAMES HENRY WINFIELD, Halifax.
Ohio—ORION P. SPERRA, Ravenna.
Oklahoma—SAMUEL CLYDE FULLERTON, Miami.
Oregon—CHARLES E. WOLVERTON, Portland.
Peru—
Philippine Islands—GEORGE R. HARVEY, Manila.
Prince Edward Island—GEORGE W. WAKEFORD, Charlottetown.
Quebec—PETER W. A. BURKET, Montreal.
Rhode Island—ARTHUR A. RHODES, Pawtuxet.
Saskatchewan—ANDREW H. GORDON, Grenfell.
South Australia—JAMES EDWARD MOLLEY MORLEY, Adelaide.
South Carolina—CLAUDE F. SAWYER, Aiken.
South Dakota—SAMUEL H. JUMPER, Aberdeen.
Tasmania—WILLIAM G. WILKINSON, Launceton.
Tennessee—NATHAN S. WOODWARD, Knoxville.
Texas—STEPHEN M. BRADLEY, Denton.
Utah—ELMER ELLSWORTH CORFMAN, Provo.
Vermont—WILLIAM B. VINTON, Brattleboro.
Victoria—WILLIAM CHARLES JAMES SAYER, Malvern.
Virginia—CHARLES A. NESBITT, Richmond.
Washington—LEVI ANKENY, Walla Walla.
Western Australia—THOMAS WALL HARDWICK, Perth.
West Virginia—A. BERTRAM C. BRAY, Ronceverte.
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, Pittsfield.
 Alberta—MANLEY G. TRASK, Bangor.
 Arizona—AUGUSTUS BAILEY, Gardiner.
 Arkansas—
 Belgium—
 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.
 D elaware—AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM, Bangor.
 District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY, Portland.
 Florida—FRED C. CHALMERS, Bangor.
 Georgia—BIAL F. BRADBURY, Norway.
 Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland.
 Illinois—
 Indiana—EDWIN F. DILLINGHAM, Bangor.
 Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.
 Louisiada—MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.
 Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES, Stockton Springs.
 Maryland—GEORGE W. HOLMES, Norway.
 Michigan—
 Minnesota—SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, Rumford.
 Mississippi—ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Portland.
 Missouri—
 Montana—CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, Belfast.
 Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER, Pittsfield.
 Nevada—
 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—ERNEST P. PARLIN, Wilton.
North Carolina—CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Waterville.
North Dakota—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH, Auburn.
Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Portland.
Ohio—CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.
Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.
Oregon—FRANK E. MONROE, Milo.
Peru—
Philippine Islands—WALDO PETTENGILL, Rumford.
Prince Edward Island—GEORGE W. MCCLAIN, Brownville Junction.
Puerto Rico—THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.
Quebec—JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.
South Australia—
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—GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, Kennebunk.
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 1917.

GRAND MASTERS.

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| William King, 1820, '21.* | John H. Lynde, 1869-71.* |
| Simon Greenleaf, 1822, '23.* | David Cargill, 1872-74.* |
| William Swan, 1824, '25.* | Albert Moore, 1875, '76.* |
| Charles Fox, 1826, '27.* | Edward P. Burnham, 1877, '78.* |
| Samuel Fessenden, 1828, 29.* | Charles I. Collamore, 1879, '80.* |
| Robert P. Dunlap, 1830, 31.* | Marquis F. King, 1881, '82.* |
| Nathaniel Coffin, 1832-34.* | William R. G. Estes, 1883, '84.* |
| Reuel Washburn, 1835-37.* | Fessenden I. Day, 1885, '86.* |
| Abner B. Thompson, 1838-40.* | Frank E. Sleeper, 1887, '88. |
| Hezekiah Williams, 1841.* | Albro E. Chase, 1889, '90. |
| Thomas W. Smith, 1842-44.* | Henry R. Taylor, 1891, '92. |
| John T. Paine, 1845, '46.* | Horace H. Burbank, 1893, '94.* |
| Alexander H. Putney, '47, '48.* | Augustus B. Farnham, 1895, '96. |
| Joseph C. Stevens, 1849, '50.* | Joseph A. Locke, 1897, '98.* |
| John C. Humphreys, 1851, '52.* | Winfield S. Choate, 1899, 1900.* |
| Freeman Bradford, 1853.* | Alfred S. Kimball, 1901, 1902.* |
| Timothy Chase, 1854.* | William J. Burnham, 1903.* |
| John Miller, 1855.* | Hugh R. Chaplin, 1904, '05. |
| Jabez True, 1856.* | Charles F. Johnson, 1906, '07. |
| Robert P. Dunlap, 1857.* | Edmund B. Mallet, 1908, '09. |
| Hiram Chase, 1858, '59.* | Ashley A. Smith, 1910, '11. |
| Josiah H. Drummond, '60-62.* | Elmer P. Spofford, 1912, '13.* |
| William P. Preble, 1863-65.* | Thomas H. Bodge, 1914, '15. |
| Timothy J. Murray, 1866-68.* | Waldo Pettengill, 1916, '17. |

*Deceased.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| Simon Greenleaf, 1820, 1821.* | David Cargill, 1869-71.* |
| William Swan, 1822, '23.* | Albert Moore, 1872-74.* |
| Charles Fox, 1824, '25.* | Edward P. Burnham, 1875, '76.* |
| Samuel Fessenden, 1826, '27.* | Charles I. Collamore, 1877, '78.* |
| Peleg Sprague, 1828-30.* | Marquis F. King, 1879, '80.* |
| Nathaniel Coffin, 1831.* | William R. G. Estes, 1881, '82.* |
| Amos Nourse, 1832.* | Fessenden I. Day, 1883, '84.* |
| Reuel Washburn, 1833, '34.* | Frank E. Sleeper, 1885, '86.* |
| David C. Magoun, 1835-37.* | Albro E. Chase, 1887, '88. |
| Asaph R. Nichols, 1838-43.* | Henry R. Taylor, 1889, '90. |
| James L. Child, 1844.* | Horace H. Burbank, 1891, '92.* |
| Asaph R. Nichols, 1845.* | Augustus B. Farnham, 1893, '94. |
| Elisha Harding, 1846.* | Joseph A. Locke, 1895, '96.* |
| Samuel L. Valentine, '47, '48.* | Winfield S. Choate, 1897, '98.* |
| John C. Humphreys, '49, '50.* | Alfred S. Kimball, 1899, 1900.* |
| Freeman Bradford, 1851, '52.* | William J. Burnham, 1901, '02.* |
| Timothy Chase, 1853.* | Hugh R. Chaplin, 1903. |
| Jabez True, 1854, '55.* | Charles F. Johnson, 1904, '05. |
| Hiram Chase, 1856, '57.* | Edmund B. Mallet, 1906, '07. |
| Josiah H. Drummond, '58, '59.* | Ashley A. Smith, 1908, '09. |
| William P. Preble, 1860-62.* | Elmer P. Spofford, 1910, '11.* |
| John J. Bell, 1863.* | Thomas H. Bodge, 1912, '13. |
| Timothy J. Murray, 1864, '65.* | Waldo Pettengill, 1914, '15. |
| John H. Lynde, 1866-68.* | Silas B. Adams, 1916, '17. |

SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| William Swan, 1820, 1821.* | Thomas W. Smith, 1838-41.* |
| Charles Fox, 1822, '23.* | John T. Paine, 1842-44.* |
| Samuel Fessenden, 1824, '25.* | Alexander H. Putney, '45, '46.* |
| George Thacher, Jr., '26, '27.* | John C. Humphreys, '47, '48.* |
| Robert P. Dunlap, 1828, '29.* | Freeman Bradford, 1849, '50.* |
| Amos Nourse, 1830, '31.* | Timothy Chase, 1851, '52.* |
| John L. Megquier, 1832-34.* | Jabez True, 1853.* |
| Joel Miller, 1835-37.* | Ezra B. French, 1854, '55.* |

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| Isaac Downing, 1856.* | Augustus B. Farnham, 1892. |
| William Allen, 1857.* | Joseph A. Locke, 1893.* |
| Gustavus F. Sargent, '58, '59.* | Herbert Harris, 1894. |
| John J. Bell, 1860, '61.* | Winfield S. Choate, 1895.* |
| David Bugbee, 1862.* | Albert M. Penley, 1896. |
| Edmund Hinckley, 1863.* | Alfred S. Kimball, 1897.* |
| Francis L. Talbot, 1864, '65.* | Elmer P. Spofford, 1898.* |
| David Cargill, 1866-68.* | William J. Burnham, 1899.* |
| Thaddeus R. Simonton, '69, '70.* | James E. Parsons, 1900. |
| Albert Moore, 1871.* | Hugh R. Chaplin, 1901. |
| Edward P. Burnham, 1872-74.* | Edwin A. Porter, 1902. |
| William O. Poor, 1875.* | Charles W. Crosby, 1903. |
| Charles I. Collamore, 1876.* | W. Scott Shorey, 1904. |
| Marquis F. King, 1877, '78.* | Curtis R. Foster, 1905.* |
| Sumner J. Chadbourne, 1879.* | James M. Larrabee, 1906.* |
| William R. G. Estes, 1880.* | William N. Howe, 1907. |
| John B. Redman, 1881.* | John Clair Minot, 1908. |
| Arlington B. Marston, 1882.* | Frank J. Cole, 1909. |
| William H. Smith, 1883.* | Isaac N. Jones, 1910. |
| Frank E. Sleeper, 1884. | Frank E. Monroe, 1911. |
| Joseph M. Hayes, 1885.* | Waldo Pettengill, 1912. |
| Albro E. Chase, 1886. | Fred C. Chalmers, 1913. |
| Horace H. Burbank, 1887.* | Isaac A. Clough, 1914. |
| Leander M. Kenniston, 1888.* | Fred Raymond, 1915. |
| Manly G. Trask, 1888. | Ralph W. Moore, 1916. |
| Daniel P. Boynton, 1890.* | James H. Witherell, 1917. |
| George R. Shaw, 1891. | |

JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Nathaniel Coffin, 1820, 1821.* | Reuben Nason, 1830, '31.* |
| Josiah W. Mitchell, 1822.* | David C. Magoun, 1832-34.* |
| Samuel Fessenden, 1823.* | Abner B. Thompson, 1835-37.* |
| George Thacher, Jr., '24, '25.* | Stephen Webber, 1838-40.* |
| Robert P. Dunlap, 1826, '27.* | John T. Paine, 1841.* |
| Amos Nourse, 1828, '29.* | Alexander H. Putney, 1842-44.* |

- John C. Humphreys, 1845, '46.* Wilford J. Fisher, 1887.*
 Frye Hall, 1847.* Samuel G. Davis, 1888.*
 Joseph C. Stevens, 1848.* Algernon M. Roak, 1889.*
 Stephen Webber, 1849.* E. B. Mallet, Jr., 1890.
 Timothy Chase, 1850.* Samuel L. Miller, 1891.*
 William Somerby, 1851, '52.* Howard D. Smith, 1892.
 Thomas B. Johnston, '53, '54.* Wm. Freeman Lord, 1893.
 William Kimball, 1855.* Gustavus H. Cargill, 1894.
 William Allen, 1856.* Moses Tait, 1895.
 John Williams, 1857.* Benjamin L. Hadley, 1896.
 Stephen B. Dockham, 1858.* Enoch O. Greenleaf, 1897.
 Oliver Gerrish, 1859.* Millard M. Caswell, 1898.
 Joseph Covell, 1860.* Franklin R. Redlon, 1899.
 Francis J. Day, 1861.* John H. McGorrill, 1900.
 T. K. Osgood, 1862.* Adelbert Millett, 1901.
 F. Loring Talbot, 1863.* James C. Ayer, 1902.
 John H. Lynde, 1864, '65.* Charles F. Paine, 1903.
 Thaddeus R. Simonton, '66-'68.* George W. McClain, 1904.
 John W. Ballou, 1869, '70.* Edward G. Weston, 1905.
 Henry H. Dickey, 1871.* Albert M. Ames, 1906.
 William O. Poor, 1872-74.* Leon S. Howe, 1907.
 Charles I. Collamore, 1875.* George W. Holmes, 1908.
 A. M. Wetherbee, 1876.* Winfield S. Hinckley, 1909.
 S. J. Chadbourne, 1877, 78.* Sullivan L. Andrews, 1910.
 Edwin Howard Vose, 1879.* Convers E. Leach, 1911.
 Archie L. Talbot, 1880. Ernest P. Parlin, 1912.
 Fessenden I. Day, 1881.* George A. Gilpatrick, 1913.
 Charles W. Haney, 1882.* Clifford J. Pattee, 1914.
 Goodwin R. Wiley, 1883.* Frank B. Arnold, 1915.
 Augustus Bailey, 1884. Albert H. Newbert, 1916.
 Henry R. Taylor, 1885. Edwin K. Smith, 1917.
 Benjamin Ames, 1886.*

GRAND TREASURERS.

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| Joseph M. Gerrish, 1820-30.* | Frederick Fox, 1883-94.* |
| James B. Cahoon, 1831-33.* | M. F. King, June, 1894-1904.* |
| Benjamin Davis, 1834-43.* | Millard F. Hicks, October, 1904- |
| Henry H. Boody, 1844-52.* | April 3, 1914.* |
| Moses Dodge, 1853-79.* | Albro E. Chase, 1914-17. |
| William O. Fox, 1880-82.* | |

GRAND SECRETARIES.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| William Lord, 1820-31.* | Charles B. Smith, 1846-55.* |
| Asaph R. Nichols, 1832-35.* | Ira Berry, 1856-91.* |
| Philip C. Johnson, 1836-44.* | Stephen Berry, Sept. '91-1916. |
| Charles Fox, 1845.* | Charles B. Davis, 1917. |

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, | Briarcton, | 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 Saint 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, | Livernore, | 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 Phœnix, | 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 Saint 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. |
| 50 Aurora, | Rockland, | July 18, 1826. | May 9, 1872.† |
| 51 Saint John's, | South Berwick, | Jan. 12, 1827. | Feb. 13, 1827. |

| LODGE. | LOCATION. | DATE OF PRECEDENCE. | DATE OF CHARTER. |
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| 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, | Old Town, | Feb. 23, 1848. | May 5, 1848. |
| 61 King Solomon's, | Waldoboro, | April 4, 1849. | Feb. 4, 1855.† |
| 62 King David's, | Lincolnton, | June 10, 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. 24, 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 Saint Paul's, | Rockport, | Oct. 27, 1855. | May 2, 1856. |
| 83 Saint 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. |
| 108 Relief, | Belgrade, | Jan. 11, 1861. | May 8, 1862.‡ |
| 109 Mount Kineo, | Abbot, | May 10, 1861. | May 8, 1862. |

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| 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 | Quantabcook, | 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 | Ionie, | 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 | Sebasticook, | 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. |
| 166 | Neguemkeag, | Vassalboro, | Dec. 22, 1871. | May 9, 1872. |
| 167 | Whitney, | Canton, | Mch. 9, 1872. | May 9, 1872. |

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| 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 Saint 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 Mount 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. |
| 213 Kemankeag, | Rangeley, | Oct. 6, 1913. | May 7, 1914. |
| 214 Limestone, | Limestone, | Nov. 10, 1913. | May 7, 1914. |
| 215 Orchard, | Old Orchard, | May 4, 1916. | May 3, 1917. |

- 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.
 150 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. 26, in 1892.

Lodges enrolled 215; extinct 9; working 206.

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② Appendix ②

Report • on • Correspondence.

≈ 1916 ≈

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of
Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine:*

The Committee on Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report:

ALABAMA, 1915.

Ninety-fifth Annual Communication.

All the Grand Officers, seven Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of four hundred twenty-one lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry C. Miller, in the introduction to his address bespeaks an interest in the work of the Grand Lodge from all of those present; comments upon the war in Europe; reports greater interest in Masonry throughout the state; desires the craft to live nearer to the principles of Masonry, and among other bad habits to forget to swear.

Dispensations were issued for nine new lodges. Only nine lodges either lost their charter or the charters were destroyed, so duplicate charters were recommended without cost.

This granting of duplicate charters without cost would not be allowed in Maine unless the loss was occasioned by fire.

Dispensations were granted to elect Senior and Junior Wardens, but were denied to elect Worshipful Masters.

Of the work in the lodges he says:

"There is room for great improvement in the matter of learning the ritual. Many of the lodges confer the degrees without having the several lectures given at the same communication of the lodge, while some do not attempt to have them given at any time."

Six corner-stones were laid.

The Masonic Home is commended and the need of money to accomplish all that is wished is placed prominently before Grand Lodge.

He rendered the following decision:

"*Every Member Must Vote*—Every member of the lodge who is present and can hear the evidence submitted at a trial not only has the right but is required to vote, except where there is such near relation by blood or marriage to the accused (or to the brother preferring charges) as would likely bias his verdict. In such event he should not sit on the trial of the case, and should retire from the lodge-room when the vote is being taken."

This was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence which did not approve the decision. However, it was thrashed out on the floor of the Grand Lodge and the decision was sustained.

Too many complications arise for a discussion of the question. However, the decision, for one thing, arbitrarily deprives a brother of his rights. Again how is it known how he is going to vote?

This may go in Alabama, and, probably, is in accord with the advanced ideas of the Grand Master, for he makes a plea for less attention to minor physical disabilities of candidates, saying:

"We are not willing to sit in judgment upon the intellectual attainments—or rather the lack of them—of one who desires to connect himself with our ancient and honorable institution, but we never overlook a stiff knee, nor waive the loss of a foot, nor the first joint of a thumb. In so doing we deny membership to many men of big brains and warm hearts; men of good moral character; men whose mental ability and intellectual attainments would be of great benefit to the Craft and of greater benefit to the world by reason of their association with us, and their help in the great work in which we are engaged."

The minimum fee for the three degrees in Alabama is fixed by constitutional amendment at forty-three dollars, of which three dollars is for the benefit of the Masonic Home.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland and of Philippine Islands was recognized.

An issue of bonds to the amount of \$20,000.00 for the benefit of the Masonic Home was authorized.

Bro. Nathaniel L. Mewhinney submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which is arranged according to topics.

Bro. Angus M. Scott, Grand Lecturer, died February 15, 1915.

ALBERTA, 1915.

The Tenth Annual Communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. A. Jackson, in his address reports the constitution of seven lodges, the consecration of two lodge rooms, the dispensations issued, the making of visitations to thirty lodges; treats of the war in Europe, and in the following tells us of charity, for we read:

"It is needless for me to dwell upon the awfulness of the disaster in the mines at Hillcrest last June, when a number of our brethren met with death in the performance of their duties. We, as masons, owe a duty to those brethren in seeing that their widows and children shall not want. I am pleased to state that over one thousand dollars has been raised directly by Grand Lodge and about the same amount was sent directly to Sentinel Lodge at Hillcrest for relief purposes. This money is being used wisely and the brethren may feel assured that their contributions are for a most worthy purpose. I wish to thank all the lodges that have contributed to this cause."

He made several recommendations, among which was the incorporation of lodges. We do not know the laws of Alberta, but in Maine from our knowledge of them we have no use for the incorporation of lodges.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters made detailed reports of the condition of the lodges in their several districts.

The question of an arrangement between the Grand Lodge of Alberta and the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan relative to reciprocity in case of candidates was disposed of by adopting the plan generally used in the United States.

From the Report of the Committee on Condition of Masonry we quote the following:

"The attendance at lodge meetings shows a lower average attendance than is satisfactory. We think the statistics of attendance would be much more helpful if the membership of the lodges were classified into resident and non-resident members. The average attendance of members should be computed on the resident members only if it is to serve as a guide to the comparative zeal and assiduity of the membership of the several lodges."

"The National, Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France and of the French Colonies" was recognized, but the York Grand Lodge of Mexico was not recognized.

From the Report of the Committee on Benevolence we quote the following request, which was granted:

"We ask for \$150 to pay accrued interest and taxes on the property of a widow of a deceased brother in order to save her property from mortgage foreclosure."

The following resolution was passed:

"That this Grand Lodge establish a Patriotic Fund for masonic dependents. That the M. W. Grand Master appoint a special committee to control this fund and make the necessary arrangements to secure subscriptions from lodges and brethren, also that this Grand Lodge donate the sum of \$1,000 to this Fund."

We read:

"R. W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay, Grand Treasurer for several years, having felt the necessity of dropping activity in office, and who had presented his wish to withdraw, was the subject of many appreciative remarks, and in token of his long attachment to the fraternity and his steady work in the furtherance of Masonry and masonic principles, was by Grand Lodge unanimously made an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M."

Bro. S. Y. Taylor presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Florida we read:

"We are in favor of a social evening in every lodge, once a year, at which the wives of the brethren and their friends are invited, but never could see what value to Masonry a public installation would be."

Perhaps the public installation serves as a social meeting.

Maine for 1914 has two pages.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Masonry in its earliest days was a Craft operative in its nature, but by reason of its environment and through social conditions became a speculative science, dealing wholly in rules and guides for our faith and moral conduct.

"Again a change is taking place and Masonry is becoming an intensely practical human institution. Works are taking the place of words. Our professions are taking form in Masonic Relief Associations, in Masonic Homes and other charities and are only limited by our capacity to fulfill the ever increasing demands now presenting themselves.

"In the present great struggle for right and supremacy among many nations of the earth, the call for help is loud and frequent, and the Grand Lodges of the world are making this their supreme duty. May we all prove ourselves equal to the great task, and may a greater brotherhood be the outcome of this mighty conflict."

ARIZONA, 1915.

The Thirty-third Annual Communication.

All the Grand Officers except three, eight Past Grand Masters and the representatives of twenty-one lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles M. Smith, discourses upon the war in Europe and the measures that are being taken for the relief of the distressed and needy.

He reports in detail the correspondence relating to many projects presented to him.

Four corner-stones were laid; a dispensation for one lodge was issued; four decisions were presented, of which three agree with Maine law; visitations to every lodge in the jurisdiction were made. From his report we quote the following sentences:

"That uniformity of work does not exist, a visit to the various lodges will clearly reveal.

"I have noticed that in many of the lodges where I have visited the desire on the part of some of the members to discolor everything in sight with tobacco smoke seems to be a matter of vital importance to them, notwithstanding the fact that there may be some present to whom the scent of tobacco is repulsive. I firmly believe that pure air in such places would add very materially to the wisdom displayed by the members in the transactions of the lodge, as well as to the satisfaction of those who have to suffer unnecessarily."

A strong appeal by the Committee on Histories to have the lodges submit their histories was made. It would seem that with less than thirty lodges all ought to respond.

On the evening of the first day an "Unofficial Session" was held to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry into Arizona. An elaborate program was given, probably to the satisfaction of the masons and their families who were present.

The Committee on Jurisprudence thus reported upon a troublesome matter, and the report was adopted:

"In the matter of the protest of Bro. O. H. Willis against the action of Yuma Lodge, No. 17, in initiating a brother regardless of an objection made by Bro. Willis, your committee finds that the W. M. was in error in conferring the degree after the objection had been made. The W. M. is no longer in office, and your committee does not find from the evidence before it that the candidate was in any way to blame. Having been initiated, he is entitled to advance unless stopped as provided in Section 81 of the Constitution."

This action would not hold in Maine.

No Report on Correspondence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1915.

The Forty-fourth Annual Communication,

The officers, ten Past Grand Masters, and representatives of the lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James Stark, says:

"The year just passed has been perhaps the most eventful in the history of the world; it has been crowded with events of the most momentous and startling character, and with far-reaching effects and consequences. Almost the entire human family has been touched to a greater or less extent. Only the comparatively fortunate few have been exempt from calamitous experiences either of a physical or financial nature.

"And let those of us here present, brethren, with all reverence and humility, thank our Great Creator that we are spared in health and strength, and that our lines have fallen in pleasant places—that we possess such a goodly heritage—for we are indeed a favoured people in this peaceful and beautiful Province of ours."

He reported his official visits made for the constitution of lodges, installation of officers, dedication of lodge rooms, and social functions.

He refused dispensations to confer the degrees out of time and to change date or hour of regular communication.

We quote:

"I feel impelled by a sense of duty to draw the attention of this Grand Lodge to the fact that there exists in the City of Vancouver a self-constituted body of masons, styled 'The Masonic Senate,' which, I submit, is certainly a 'misnomer.' Webster defines 'Senate' as follows:

"'An assembly having the highest deliberative and legislative functions.'

"'A body of elders appointed or elected and having supreme legislative authority.'

"Now, with all due respect to the brethren composing such so-called 'Senate,' and they may be the very flower of Masonry, imbued with the very best intentions and the most fervent zeal in the interests of Freemasonry, yet I beg to submit that such a body should not be permitted, as the perpetuation of such might eventually result in the usurpation of the powers of this Grand Lodge. I therefore ask this Grand Lodge to give a deliverance on the subject."

The Deputy Grand Master and the various D. D. G. Ms. made a report of their visitations.

The Grand Chaplain delivered an able address on "Masonic Brotherhood—a sacred relationship." We quote:

"The idea that the Masonic Brotherhood is a real and sacred thing has been more firmly fixed in his mind by the careful preparation for, and the serious conferring of, the degree. He goes out into the world expecting to find his new relationship a sacred thing.

"How quickly, in many cases, he is doomed to disappointment! How soon he finds that his idea is a false one! As a general thing, after a few months of masonic experience, the mason finds that the term, 'My brother,' is not a sacred appellation. He learns that it is often nothing more than a ceremonial form of address. He sees that in actual life by far the greater proportion of Freemasons fail to put into practice those things that would make the Brotherhood a sacred reality. He finds masons taking advantage of masons. He sees them preying upon each other, trying to injure each other, and often absolutely indifferent to each other's welfare. His high opinion of Freemasonry as a sacred brotherhood vanishes, and with it vanishes his own high and laudable ambition. He watches the conduct of other masons in the world. He governs himself accordingly, and the type of unbrotherly masons is perpetuated.

"I plead for a more general exercise of fraternal privilege, so that the newly-made mason may find that the appellation, 'My brother,' means something real and sacred. And when he leaves the lodge room full of enthusiastic hope, and high ambition, and pride in his new relationship, and comes in contact with Masonry in the world, he may find that after all it is not a mere society, depending on the fulfillment of obligations, and the recognition of rights, but a sacred brotherhood, where each seeks the welfare of others equally with his own, where no brother's heart can ache without his brethren's knowledge and sympathy, where kindness lives unbought, where disinterested counsel and wise admonitions come unsought, and where brotherly hands proffer relief before the heart often distressed can formulate or his voice utter an appeal for aid."

Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Illinois we read:

"Reference is made to the growing spirit of extravagance among the lodges, there being apparently a rivalry as to which can provide the most elaborate refreshments or the most costly jewel for its Past Master. In one lodge the Grand Master found that the Master had been the recipient of money, a jewel and a solid silver service, for no other reason than that he was 'a good fellow.' It is admitted that the disposal of lodge money is purely a matter of lodge economy, but the Grand Master suggests that these expenditures should be cut down to something reasonable. He is severe, and rightly so, in his reference to the class of entertainment provided by some of the lodges. In some instances this has been of a character to bring 'a blush of shame to the earnest mason who finds in the Fraternity a morality which the careless and perverse never recognize.' When remonstrated with, these lodges replied that the lodge was closed and it was no one's business what they did. This is not the Grand Master's view however, and he intimates that lodges which assume 'to take matters into their own hands to the detriment of masonic principles,' will have to mend their ways 'lest they feel the chastening rod.'"

Under Nebraska we excerpt:

"'Not a small part' of the Grand Master's correspondence was with the Grand Masters of other jurisdictions in connection with requests to have degrees conferred. Why not let the lodges attend to their own business, and so lighten the Grand Master's labors while avoiding interference with the rights of the lodges?"

Under Prince Edward Island we read:

"The reference to 'documentary evidence' takes up the greater part of the Report. It appears that a brother from 'The Island' desired to visit a lodge in another jurisdiction, but although provided with a receipt for dues which bore the Grand Secretary's signature, and the seal of his lodge, he was denied the privilege of visiting because the Grand Lodge seal was not affixed. The committee thinks that the brother might be pardoned if 'thoughts slightly tinged with harshness chased each other through his mind.' But why? While not admitting that Mackey's list of Landmarks (quoted by the committee) is of any particular authority, we agree that it is the right of every brother to visit and sit in any regular lodge. However, the right (or more properly the privilege) is subject to certain restrictions. In the first place, the would-be visitor must prove that he is a regular mason (and every Grand Lodge has the right to institute what tests of this it may consider advisable); and secondly, there

must be no objection to the visitor by any member of the lodge. We refer the committee to his own authority—Mackey. (Jurisprudence, p. 203, *et seq.*) However, instead of standing by what it considers right, the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island capitulated at once, and now the mason from that jurisdiction may go forth with a certificate authenticated by the autographs of the Grand Secretary, the Lodge Secretary, and of the brother himself, while the seals of the Lodge and the Grand Lodge also adorn the document.

"For Bro. Doull's information we may say that we are as much opposed to this innovation as he is, but we have not yet framed our laws to suit other jurisdictions."

Maine does not appear in the Report.

CALIFORNIA, 1915.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of three hundred and fifty-three chartered lodges were present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Benjamin F. Bledsoe, we quote:

"The man, then, who can actually add something to the uplift of political life, something to the brotherhood of social life, something to the ethics of commercial life, something to the justice of industrial life, something to the freedom of religious life, something to the practical efficiency of spiritual life,—that man is a mason, whether he has ever taken our obligations or not. He who, on the contrary, has not done some of these things, even in a small and modest way, is not a mason, no matter how many letters or figures may be seen after his name, nor how large and inspiring a watch charm may adorn his waistcoat."

Twelve lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for seven new lodges; seven corner-stone were laid; and sixty-eight different lodges in thirty-two districts were visited.

Twenty-three decisions were made. Of these as the most important we quote:

"One of our Boards of Relief submitted the following suggestions and queries:

"This Board of Relief is often importuned to give aid to women who claim to be daughters of deceased Master Masons, and insist that they have, as a *right*, a claim on the Fraternity.

"It is quite evident that if the daughters of deceased Master Masons be entitled to the same masonic consideration *after* attaining the age of majority as they are during their minority, then the door of Masonry would be opened very wide and the drain upon the funds would be exceedingly great.

"Therefore, we wish to ask:

"What is the meaning of "orphan" as applied to Masonry? Does the term "orphan" in Masonry mean male, female, or both male and female?

"Should there be any distinction made in extending masonic charity

to the boy or girl, the man or woman—they being the offspring of a Master Mason?

“Would the marriage of the daughter make any difference as to her masonic standing?”

“I replied in this vein:

“The word ‘orphan’ as used in Section 163 of the Constitutions means the son or daughter of a Master Mason who is deceased, and obviously includes both males and females. I understand that no distinction should be made in extending masonic charity to a mason’s son or daughter, except that in the event the son has reached his majority, and he not being a mason, he is not entitled, as a matter of right, to apply to a masonic lodge for assistance. I do understand, however, on the contrary, that a daughter of a mason, irrespective of her age and whether or not she is married, if in distress, is entitled, as a matter of right, so to apply, and a lodge or other masonic body within whose jurisdiction she resides, is in duty bound to relieve her in so far as such relief is necessary and proper. The fact that she is married is immaterial. The question always is, is she in distress, and is she the daughter of a mason, who is or was, in good standing? This answers your questions as I understand them.

“I would like to suggest, in addition, however, that it would not be at all to the credit of our fraternity for it to evince a disposition or tendency to be technical and over critical in considering or construing the rights and claims of those who may appeal to us for relief to succor their distress and who show by proper evidence that they have masonic claims upon our benevolences. We will stand better with the community if we exhibit less concern for the strict legality of the appeal and more for the necessity which prompts it.”

From his topic the “Relations with other Jurisdictions,” we quote:

“The one aggravating source of friction between Grand Lodges, as it has been brought home to me, is that of securing reimbursement from subordinate lodges of other jurisdictions, for relief extended, or money advanced to members of such lodges sojourning within our midst.

“If other jurisdictions refuse to reimburse our subordinate lodges for assistance rendered to masons who are in possession of all of the evidence which show them entitled to masonic relief, simply because the granting of relief was not authorized by such foreign jurisdiction—and I can assure you that that has been the case in several instances brought to my attention during the past year—then it would seem to follow as a matter of protection to our own subordinate lodges, and as a saving of time and useless effort of future Grand Masters, that no request for reimbursement should be recognized except in the face of an authorization for the original expenditure.”

Under the topic—Inspectors—we quote:

“Apropos of nothing in particular, one of my most diligent and efficient Inspectors ventures the suggestion that the great need in Masonry, and likewise the great need in citizenship generally, is *more real thought*. This suggestion, though extremely general in its nature, is most striking in its sound philosophy and general applicability. Most of us, whether masons or otherwise, give very little genuine thought to conditions as they exist about us. If a few of us would really *think*, many more of us would be led to *act*. Some of us are prone to think we think, but it is so out of line with the ordinary course of events for a real thinker to be developed, that his appearance among us is almost epochal in its nature. I am convinced that Masonry would become a much more efficient instru-

mentality of progress and general betterment in the world, if its great and growing membership would occasionally sit themselves down and bring to bear upon some of the pressing problems of the hour the degree of mentality of which they are really capable, and the spirit of real altruism with which they ought to be imbued, if they have given proper thought to the functions and destiny of Freemasonry."

The Los Angeles Board of Relief expended \$104.50 for the relief of brothers of Maine.

San Francisco Board of Relief received from Maine \$154.29 and expended for relief \$399.40.

The Constitution requires for the election of officers of a lodge, "a majority of the votes of the members present." Confusion arises among the workmen because they cannot agree as to the meaning of the simple clause of nine words. Is it a "majority of the members present," or "a majority of the votes" cast?

We wish in the learned reports we had been told how a knowledge of the number of the "members present" entitled to vote was ascertained before the balloting began?

The financing of the Masonic Temple at San Francisco required earnest, careful thought. The interest charges are the losing factor in the game.

The Masonic Homes of California require some thirty pages for the report of their condition.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

The Orator, Wor. Matt S. Hughes, delivered the Annual Oration on "A Triad of Masonic Ideals:—The Ideal of Quality—The Ideal of Knowledge—The Ideal of Religion." We quote a few paragraphs:

"The ties of brotherhood are so close in Masonry that every opportunity and inducement is offered to the man of mercenary spirit who would prostitute it to personal uses. The result is that nearly every lodge has those who are continually calling upon their brethren to turn their grindstones. There are those who capitalize their membership for business purposes; there are those who capitalize their masonic affiliations for political ends. Such persons are the pan-handlers of Masonry. Whenever public-spirited citizens in a community begin to shake their heads and say it will be hard to defeat an office-holding barnacle because of his fraternal support, it is high time for those who love the Order to sit up and begin to take notice. Under such circumstances the hallmark of excellence is being erased from the lodge door.

"The first outcome is what may be called masonic illiteracy. It is not too much to say that there are a great many who have received our degrees who have no clear idea as to what a mason actually is. If they were held up at the point of a gun some night with the demand: 'A definition of a mason, or your life!' they would be likely to turn up in heaven or some other place at breakfast time. The current notions about our Order sometimes remind one of the famous college definition of a lobster. A freshman was asked by the professor of natural history to define a lobster. He gravely replied that a lobster is a red fish that walks backward. The professor said it was a most excellent definition with some

trifling exceptions. In the first place, a lobster is not a fish; in the second place, it is not red; and, in the third place, it does not walk backward. Otherwise, he said, the freshman had given a good definition.

"There is another class of offenders against the masonic ideal of religion—those who would substitute Freemasonry for the teaching of religion and those who would substitute the lodge for the institution of religion. While Masonry has a religious aspect, its principles do not exhaust the teachings of religion, and the lodge is not the distinctive institution of religion. Yet it is no unusual thing to hear some enthusiastic mason declare that the principles of the Order are his religion and the lodge his church. And sometimes, with an air of profound wisdom, some thoughtless brother declares that if a man is just as good a mason as he ought to be he will be a good-enough Christian. Some sayings have the sound of wisdom without its substance, and this is one of that platitudinous sort. Why, if a man is just as good a blacksmith as he ought to be, he will be a good-enough Christian. Or, to stretch the imagination somewhat, if a man is just as good an alderman as he ought to be, he will be a good-enough Christian. Such speech is wasted lung action."

A very large amount of business, local in character, was transacted.

Bro. Edward H. Hart submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Iowa we read:

"We have in previous years pointed out in some of our comments upon this subject that it is absolutely impossible for a Sovereign Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to surrender *any part* of its sovereignty without *at once* disqualifying itself for recognition as a Sovereign Grand Lodge, and in our judgment all of this effort to modernize Ancient Craft Masonry through 'booster' or 'get-together' methods is inconsistent with the true character of Freemasonry and out of order."

Under Kentucky we read:

"The secrets of Masonry, we are early taught, are confided to the repository of faithful breasts and are communicated from 'mouth to ear,' and are in this way passed from generation to generation, and, in our opinion, it is in no wise essential to the true spirit of Freemasonry that there should be absolute uniformity of language and that the letter-perfect recital is necessary in order that the true realization of the hidden and deeper meanings of Masonry may be realized.

"One of the grand things about Masonry is that, while each jurisdiction is within itself sovereign and supreme, and while different jurisdictions will differ as to the precise language of the unwritten work, yet the landmarks and principles are everywhere the same, with the result that a mason who is truly a mason has no difficulty in proving himself as such in jurisdictions other than the one to which he belongs, notwithstanding, as stated, there are wide variations in the language of the unwritten work."

Maine for 1914 is reported.

We quote:

"The Grand Master also ruled that an appropriation could not be made from the funds of the lodge for the purchase of a jewel to be presented to the retiring Master. Technically, possibly, this decision may be correct, but we know that it is the well-nigh universal practice of lodges to make

appropriations of this character, and there is in principle no reason why the lodge should not be permitted to express its appreciation for one who has devoted perhaps years of unselfish effort for the advancement of the cause of Masonry and the promotion of the welfare of his own lodge."

We quote:

"Another decision which seems to us at least peculiar was to the effect that a lodge could not confer the degrees upon a candidate of another lodge. The rule that is now almost universal (Pennsylvania being the only state, we believe, now remaining holding an opposite opinion) is that degrees may, as a matter of courtesy, be conferred by one lodge upon the request of and for the benefit of another lodge."

Perhaps there may be a little misunderstanding in regard to the matter of conferring degrees as requested by lodges.

Maine holds that a lodge in Maine cannot, by courtesy, confer degrees for another lodge in *Maine*, but can confer degrees, by courtesy, for a lodge in any jurisdiction with which it is in fraternal relations.

Under Oregon we read:

"The Grand Master is distressed because of the apparent lack of 'masonic education.' We do not know to just what extent acquaintance with masonic lore is necessary in order to practice masonic precepts, but the masonic tenets of 'brotherly love, relief and truth' seem, in most instances, heretofore to have been fairly well practiced by the rank and file of Masonry, without any great amount of familiarity with the lectures of Preston, or Krause, or Oliver, or Pike, or other learned pundits of the past.

"During the Communication of the Grand Lodge a delegation of 'sisters,' headed by the 'Grand Matron,' from the Order of the Eastern Star, which happened to be in session at the time, was received and entertained with appropriate remarks pro and con, and then, to make the incident quite complete, a Committee of the Grand Lodge, duly appointed, returned the visit to the 'sisters' of the Eastern Star, which was, of course, quite proper and formal, and all of which is recorded at length in the Proceedings, and all of which, it seems to our unregenerate, masculine mind, is a lot of child's play.

"In addition to the exchange of visitations mentioned above, there was a visit to the Grand Lodge of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oregon and the Grand Commander of Knights Templar, which events are also duly recorded in the Proceedings, and all of which, it strikes us, is improper in a Grand Lodge of Masons, which is a Sovereign Body, with neither off-shoots nor appendages of any kind whatever: and, in our judgment, it is just as inappropriate for a 'High Priest' or a 'Grand Commander' to be received in a Sovereign Grand Lodge of Master Masons as it is to receive the 'Grand Matron' or the 'Grand Patron' of the Order of the Eastern Star. It is fitting and proper for a Grand Lodge of Masons to receive a Grand Master of a sister jurisdiction—that is a courtesy extended by one sovereign to another sovereign; but to receive 'Grand Matrons' or 'Grand Patrons,' or 'High Priests' or 'Grand Commanders' is, in our opinion, belittling to a Grand Lodge and out of order."

CANADA, 1915.

The Sixtieth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters, many other Past Officers, and representatives of 386 lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Wm. David McPherson, reports the granting of dispensations for four new lodges, of the issuance of thirteen warrants for lodges, and announces his rulings, thirty-five in all.

From these we learn that Canada has no provision for any kind of a traveling certificate for a member; that a lodge cannot rent their hall to non-masonic bodies; that lodges must try those of its members convicted of criminal offences and sentenced to prison therefor.

Fifteen official visitations are reported.

Under the caption, "Our Brethren at the Front," he says:

"In the ten years preceding the present titanic contest, Germany threatened Europe with war on three occasions; in 1905 when she demanded and obtained the resignation of M. Delcasse, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs as the alternative; in 1909 when she threw her 'Shining Armour' into the scale and compelled Russia to acquiesce in the annexation of Bosnia-Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary and the tearing up of the treaty of Berlin, and again in 1911 when she endeavored, at Agadir, to coerce France and break up her entente with Britain.

"The event, however, which precipitated this greatest war of history, was the assassination, on 28th June, 1914, of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria, but that heinous crime was only an incident, though the last, in a chain of events which led up to the war. Austria, however, forthwith seized upon it as excuse for making an end of Servian independence."

A large part of the address is taken up with the war in Europe.

The benevolence semi-centennial fund is \$101,821.60.

There was contributed for the relief of Belgium \$42,232.96.

The several District Grand Masters, requiring some over two hundred pages, presented reports of the condition of the lodges in their respective districts.

Bro. A. T. Freed submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Illinois we read:

"Bro. Scott appears to be disturbed because the Grand Master in this jurisdiction is said to have been 'on the throne' when Grand Lodge was opened. Well, Canadian Masons are somewhat conservative, and they prefer the term made venerable by the usage of centuries rather than the innovation of the 'oriental chair.' Liddell and Scott tell us that thronos (from which we get the word throne) was 'a seat, chair,' and in a secondary sense, 'a chair of state, throne; the chair of a judge, teacher, etc.' But the word which was good enough for republican Athens in the days of Pericles is not good enough for republican Chicago in the days of Carter Harrison. Perhaps the most celebrated throne in the world, that

on which the sovereigns of England have been crowned since the days of Edward the first, is intrinsically worth about two dollars and a half."

Maine for 1914 is reported.

We quote:

"Bro. Chase is kindly, appreciative and comprehensive in his report. On a single point we shall take the liberty of disagreeing with him. Under British Columbia he quotes Grand Master Rudd that a 'brother could not be admitted to the lodge while the ballot was being taken,' and said: 'This may be a correct ruling, but we do not like it. The brother asking admission could create no great disturbance by alarming the lodge; the one who answered the alarm could have been so directed, and when the brother had been properly received he could have been told by the W. M. the particular business the lodge was then upon.' We cannot agree with Bro. Chase at all. The taking of the ballot is a very important piece of business, and it should be conducted without confusion or interruption. The brother who cannot get to the lodge within a reasonable time after the hour set for opening must not complain if he is required to wait in the ante-room till it is convenient and proper for the Master to receive him. Nor do we think the door should be opened at any time when business is before the lodge. There are times between orders of business when members and visitors may be admitted without disturbance, but at other times the door should be kept shut."

The death of M. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Grand Master in 1911, who died July 14, 1915, is greatly lamented.

COLORADO, 1915.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, twenty-three permanent members, and representatives from one hundred twenty-five of the one hundred twenty-nine lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

With one paragraph of introduction the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles H. Dudley, reports his official acts in concise form. Most of the acts are entirely interesting to the Craft in Colorado and to them alone, but we mention some of them.

Not all the Masters of lodges read or cause to be read the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge, even after warning.

Three lodges were constituted; one temple dedicated; one dispensation issued for a new lodge and many for other purposes; four corner stones laid; and one charter arrested.

Under the topic "War Relief," after recounting the action taken by him, he concludes:

"As the New Year approached and clouds began to gather over our own horizon, with no prospect of a cessation of hostilities in the war zone,

I felt reluctant to make an appeal to the Craft in our Grand Jurisdiction, and have, from time to time, felt it less desirable so to do, and ultimately have refrained from so doing, deeming it more appropriate to submit the question to you at this time for your deliberate action, with an opportunity for a complete exchange of views and upon a consideration more thorough than otherwise might be had."

We quote from his decisions one which is of some importance from the masonic standpoint, although opinions might differ in regard to the legality of the decision:

"Under date April 26, 1915, a statement of facts was presented, as follows: A petition for the degrees was received by a lodge, together with check of applicant, for the portion of fee required. The check was attached to and remained with the petition, which took the usual course, and, on ballot taken, the applicant was rejected. Prior to ballot, the bank on which check was drawn suspended payment, and after rejection, the petitioner demanded that the lodge return to him in cash the amount named in check, and my ruling was requested as to whether the lodge should make good the face of the check, there being a wide difference of opinion among the members and officers as to the proper course for the lodge to pursue.

"I held that, notwithstanding the good intent of the lodge to protect the petitioner by attaching check to the petition until after ballot, it was, nevertheless, contrary to Section 238, Book of Constitutions, providing that 'the fee accompanying the petition shall be turned into the funds of the lodge,' and such being the case, that the lodge was chargeable with the business risk involved, and advised that the lodge return to him the amount of the check upon condition that he assign to the lodge the right to such dividend as might be paid upon his deposit by the bank, to the extent of the face of the check, or if petitioner refused to give such assignment of dividend, that the lodge await the determination of his actual loss, upon settlement of the affairs of the bank, and then make good the actual loss sustained by him."

He made forty-five official visitations and reports:

"The general condition in our Grand Jurisdiction is good. There has been a most satisfactory increase in the membership, testifying to the interest in Masonry by those without, to the labors of the Craft in advancing our welfare and to the force of an ever-widening influence.

"Historical records are being prepared by many of the lodges in conformity to the provisions of the Book of Forms. This labor is to be most heartily commended."

From his conclusion we quote a beautiful thought:

"My brethren, we cultivate the rose in our gardens, that it may bud and bloom, and its fragrance and beauty reward us for our labors. I would that we may, even more, cultivate Masonry that it may bud and bloom in our hearts and its fragrance and beauties, unfolding greater visions and pointing to the heights, return to us in happiness, inspiration and sweet content, all that we may offer in thought, word, act and deed."

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf submitted his thirty-first Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1914 has fraternal mention.

From his conclusion we quote:

"There is a marked tendency to relax the strict requirements concerning physical qualifications in a number of Grand Jurisdictions. Texas voted to let down the bars slightly, and the Grand Master was overwhelmed with applications on behalf of maimed and crippled humanity.

"In large jurisdictions, which have adopted documentary evidence, the question is raised, whether the entire membership, ranging from 50,000 and upward, should be supplied with such credentials, or, only those who have occasion to visit other jurisdictions."

We have received announcement of the death of Bro. Zachariah X. Snyder, Grand Chaplain of the M. W. Grand Lodge, who died November 11, 1915.

CONNECTICUT, 1915.

The One Hundred Twenty-seventh Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of one hundred ten lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Edgar H. Parkman, we quote:

"The Masonic Fraternity in our own State of Connecticut, in common with most of its sister Grand Jurisdictions, has enjoyed a year of quiet but steady growth, distinguished by peace and harmony at home, by the most cordial and friendly relations with other jurisdictions, by greater social and philanthropic effort, by increasing usefulness to its members and, I trust, to the community at large."

Under the title "Grand Representatives," we note:

"W. Charles M. Beach, New Milford, from the Grand Lodge of Maine."

Thirty dispensations for good cause shown were granted for various purposes and two were denied.

Abstracts of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, of whom he says:

"I need not say that the District Deputies have been very faithful in the discharge of their duties and no one can tell of the help and inspiration they have given in their visits to the lodges throughout the jurisdiction."

The account of his visitations is of interest, and the following anniversaries are reported:

"Three anniversaries have been celebrated during the year, the fifth or golden anniversary of Doric Lodge, No. 94, Thompsonville, on June 7th and 9th, the fiftieth anniversary or golden jubilee of Connecticut Rock Lodge, No. 92, of New Haven, June 24th, and the one hundred and seventeenth anniversary of Harmony Lodge, No. 42, of Waterbury, November 5th."

We see no reason for reporting so fully the numerous requests for waiver of jurisdiction.

The Masonic Home, The Order of the Eastern Star, The Masonic Veteran's Associations and other associations, more or less connected with Masonry, are mentioned.

Of his recommendations we quote:

"Inasmuch as the custodians of the work have not as yet found a way to be of practical benefit to the lodges, I recommend to the Worshipful Master and Wardens the possibility and desirability of inviting one or more of the Custodians of the Work to be present at rehearsals and at the conferring of the degrees if possible, to assist in correcting any errors made in rendering the ritual looking toward uniformity, at least in essentials, and I recommend further that the said Custodians of the Work be reimbursed for their actual expenses when making such visitations."

The Custodians of the Work laid out some work for the next annual communication to do, for the following resolution, upon their recommendation, was adopted:

"Resolved, That the District Deputies present the importance of this subject to every lodge in their districts during the coming year, that the delegates who attend our next Annual Communication come instructed and prepared to debate the following questions which shall be taken up, and make the order of business immediately following the election of officers:

"First, to take some definite action on *what* constitutes our so-called 'Standard Work,' if it is the 'Written Mnemonics,' let a record be made of the fact.

"Second, if any changes have been made in that Work other than noted on page 45, Grand Lodge Proceedings 1885, let a permanent record be made thereof.

"Third, shall we follow the example set by the higher bodies, and promulgate a ritual to be issued to the principal officers of each lodge, which will be the standard work of Connecticut?"

"Fourth, shall we imitate our Sister Jurisdiction, Massachusetts, and have compiled and retained in the office of the Grand Secretary for reference, the complete work in detail?"

"Fifth, shall we continue the policy which has been in vogue for over fifty years: 'When our brother asks for bread, give him a stone?'"

Bro. George A. Kies submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Arizona we read:

"Standard forms of petitions for initiation and affiliation were adopted. In the latter we note that the petitioner is required to state if his application for affiliation has ever been rejected. This is an unwarranted encroachment on the wise organic law of Masonry which gives an applicant for *affiliation* the privilege of renewing such application as often as he pleases and in whatsoever lodge he chooses and without prejudice. In view of the too frequent evil of non-affiliation, Grand Lodges are shortsighted if they legislate in this way."

Maine for 1914 has a page.

Under Oregon he hits up the folly of liquor legislation:

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"He ruled that a brewery credit man was not eligible. The Jurisprudence Committee disapproved, but Grand Lodge sustained the decision. This strikes us as another ludicrous situation brought about by foolish and unnecessary legislation. Cannot the lodges themselves be trusted to do *anything* on their own initiative and discretion? If not, the proper action is to revoke their charters."

From his conclusion we quote:

"Some jurisdictions require a newly made M. M. to pass an examination as to proficiency before he can vote or hold office. While the intent of such law is good, it seems an invasion of masonic natural rights. And one jurisdiction requires that all Masters shall possess a Grand Lodge certificate of ability *before* election. If the word *installation* were substituted for that of election, we believe the law would be correct. As it now stands, it would seem to indirectly encourage electioneering and wire-pulling for that high office."

The Grand Lodge laments the death of R. W. Bro. Edmund Tweedy, Grand Junior Warden in 1869, who died May 1, 1914; and of M. W. Bro. Wilbur S. Comstock, Grand Master in 1913, who died September 10, 1914.

DELAWARE, 1915.

One Hundred Tenth Annual Communication.

In the presence of the Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand Masters, and many members of the Craft the Grand Lodge was opened.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William E. Valliant, in the opening of his address discourses upon the condition of Europe, and the duty of masons at such critical times, and then says:

"This brings to mind the thought that for such co-operation and unity of action, it has been suggested that there should be organized in the United States a General Grand Lodge of Ancient Craft Masons, formed of representatives from the various Grand Lodges of the several Grand Jurisdictions, looking to a day when there shall be for the whole world one Supreme Grand Lodge."

After a little wider amplification of the subject he says:

"If the best results are to be accomplished, masons all over the world must sooner or later unite in one great organization, nor can it be doubted that they will welcome the day when ties of Brotherly Love shall prevail, all joining in proclaiming from their hearts the doctrine of 'Peace on Earth, and Good Will Among Men.'"

His decisions appear to be in accord with masonic usage.

He discusses the subject of "conferring degrees," and suggests changes in the prevailing law. These changes place that matter as it is in Maine.

"Demits" are likewise treated and a suggestion is made in regard to them. This suggestion is very nearly like the procedure in Maine.

To settle the question of jurisdiction between the lodges he would have a masonic map showing the boundaries of each lodge.

The Grand Lodge did not approve the recommendation of the Grand Master in the matter of "demits."

Hereafter Entered Apprentices will sign the by-laws of the lodge and pay dues to the lodge.

The following recommendation of the Grand Master was adopted:

"That the Committee on Work be directed to revise the Past Master's degree with the object of making the ceremony brief, simple and impressive, and that the Instructors be directed to instruct the Masters of the several lodges in the work of this degree, and require that in the installation of officers of all lodges, in future, that the work of the Past Master's degree as revised shall be given."

The office of State Instructor was created.

Bro. Harry J. Guthrie presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Utah we read:

"Notwithstanding the paragraph referring to 'internal and not the external qualifications, etc.,' and the claim that the internal qualities are the determining factor in the making of a mason, I am inclined to the belief that we often exploit the 'internal' at the expense of the 'external,' which I deem to be co-essential.

"Does not the internal qualifications have reference to the seeking of an entrance into a fraternity founded on the pure principles of virtue, truth, etc., etc., uninfluenced by the persuasion of friends and mercenaries, and a heart prepared to receive truth, as well as to the underlying motive that prompts the unsolicited application? These no committee on investigation can know about, the word of the profane must be taken in good faith; but does the committee stop there? No; it proceeds with an investigation as to his external qualifications—his intelligence, education, thriftiness, social standing, physical condition, and that he is free born, 'lest, when he is introduced into the lodge, any of the brethren should be offended.' The necessity of coming under the tongue of good report emphasizes the virtue of external qualifications."

Maine did not get in under the wire.

We have received announcement of the deaths of M. W. Bro. George W. Marshall, Grand Master in 1886-87, who died April 18, 1915; M. W. Bro. R. Henry Young, Grand Master in 1904, who died November 15, 1915; R. W. Bro. Alfred D. Warner, Past Grand Treasurer, who died December 6, 1915; M. W. Bro. Virginius V. Harrison, Grand Master in 1894 and R. W. Grand Secretary since 1907 up to the time of his death.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1915.

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication.

Nearly all the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of all the lodges but one were present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Alexander Grant, in the introduction to his address admits that he has failed to meet his own expectations, and devotes a paragraph to the troublous times in Europe.

No decisions were required; dispensations for the purpose or waiving the statutory time of residence and for conferring the degrees in advance of the constitutional time were granted.

He appointed a new Committee on Jurisprudence because the old committee resigned, and comments as follows:

"It must be remembered that it is the duty of the Committee on Jurisprudence to report to the Grand Lodge what is the law on any case referred to them. They are generally brethren of wide experience in masonic usage and practice and have exceptional opportunities to calmly and dispassionately discuss a question in the quiet of the committee room. They are more apt to be right as to the law than the brethren on the floor of the Grand Lodge who have not gone into the matter with the same thoroughness that the members of the committee have, and who are apt to vote for what they want the law to be rather than what the law is, which is all that the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is supposed to cover. It would be manifestly more just to the committee in a case of that kind to approve the report of the committee and then proceed in regular order to change the law as desired."

Are we to read between the lines?

He says:

"I have visited all of the lodges at various times during the year, some of them a number of times, and in many instances have taken some small part in the work. I have almost invariably found the brethren eager to excel, and the work done in a manner commendable to a very high degree."

The various and varied masonic associations receive a good word.

From his conclusion we quote:

"It has not been a year of great achievement in a public or spectacular sense, but I think it has been a year of much progress, of material development in a quiet way. There has been manifested a greater disposition among the lodges to intermingle, to know each other better."

We quote the following instruction in regard to funerals. It is like the procedure in Maine:

"It is desirable, where such procedure is possible, that the religious services, or services other than masonic, be concluded at the home, or church or chapel. In this case on the conclusion of said services the lodge will immediately receive the body. But where the religious or other services are to be continued at the grave there must not be an actual committal at such service, and not until the termination of the same

shall the remains be received by the lodge to be actually committed to the grave. This requirement should be made clear to the family of the deceased, and to the officiating clergyman, when arrangements are being made for the funeral."

An organization known as the "Masonic Employment Bureau of the District of Columbia" was established and is to be supported for the first year by the Grand Lodge up to one thousand dollars.

Bro. George W. Baird presented his sixteenth Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Iowa :

"On the subject of smoking in a lodge room the Grand Master is sound. He says: 'No member of the institution should demand the right to indulge in any habit that offends his brethren.' He might have added that a gentleman would not wish to commit an impropriety in a lodge that he would refrain from in his own or his friend's parlor."

Which causes us to ask if the gentleman should refrain from smoking in the lodge room when he smokes in any room in his home without complaint?

Maine for 1915 is reviewed.

Under Nevada :

"He reports efforts to prevent dismissions, but finds they continue to increase. It is a question well worthy of the wisest minds, but, after all, it is the voters in the lodges who really control it. The writer's belief is that dismissions may be diminished by making the sessions of the lodges more attractive ; this may be helped by putting the best *men* in the lodge in office instead of 'best fellows.'"

May it not be that increased dues caused by per capita tax for the support of Homes, Clubs, etc., may be responsible for some dismissions? Then, again, how about changes in residence, pride and poverty?

Under South Carolina this junk of wisdom :

"We have thought that if the Masters of lodges were continued in office for longer periods their experience would enable them to act on most of these interrogations and give the Grand Master a little rest. But it seems to be almost the general American custom to rapidly rotate in office and promote rigorously by seniority, *i. e.*, to promote the office bearers *in their turns*, losing sight of the lodge's best interest which would commend the most useful man *to* the lodge for its Master."

GEORGIA, 1915.

One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, six Past Grand Masters, a large number of the representatives of lodges, and since the Past Masters are paid a mileage and per diem some seven hundred of them were present to assist in the business of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. N. H. Ballard, discourses upon the progress of Masonry in Georgia from its early beginnings and lays especial stress upon the decline of intemperance.

Speaking of his visitations he said :

"No State in the Union has a better population residing within her borders than our own Georgia. The masons constitute the very cream of this population. No one except a Grand Master can know to appreciate the splendid hospitality of these masons. In every instance my reception was most cordial and gracious. It would be but a series of repetitions for me to attempt to describe in detail the splendid receptions accorded to your Grand Master in every locality in Georgia which it was his pleasure to visit. I am a complete bankrupt to their hospitality and can never hope to repay the many kindnesses showered upon me by the Georgia masons."

He laid nine corner-stones, and he well said that he broke the record, for in one day, "at ten o'clock in the morning, he laid the corner-stone of the Milton Avenue School; at twelve o'clock, the corner-stone of Lucile Avenue School; and at three o'clock, the corner-stone of East Atlanta School Building, all in Atlanta."

Five corner-stones were laid by others; nine lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for two new lodges; forty-five dispensations to confer degrees on more than five candidates at the same communication. The highest number at one time was thirteen for the E. A. degree.

It would seem from the reading of this address that the lodges in Georgia were governed by dispensations, rather than by ancient custom and usage. If there was anything that a lodge wanted to do and it could not be done without a dispensation then one was forthcoming. No doubt, however, that great satisfaction arises from that method of doing business, as the practice appears to be universal.

When we read that "more than two thousand requests for construction of Masonic Law" were received by him we turned to the report of the Finance Committee to see if the Grand Master had a salary, for with all his labor for the fraternity he could not have found much time for his own business affairs.

Of his decisions reported we find none in conflict with usual masonic practice.

Speaking of the Masonic Home he said :

"The masons of Georgia are attempting to do two things—build a beautiful Temple here in Macon and support adequately the Home. Our financial condition will not permit us to successfully do both at the present time. Hence, decide this day whether it is better to invest the funds collected from the masons of Georgia in brick and mortar, however beautiful the structure may be, or else to invest it in the lives of those children whom God has placed in your hands and will demand of you an accounting."

Under the title, "Miscellaneous Items and Recommendations," we read:

"There have been collected many beautiful and appropriate lectures and many more are obtainable. Would it not be wonderfully helpful to the Masters of Georgia if these lectures could be printed in a quarterly bulletin and distributed to all the lodges? A large number of our Masters are denied the privilege of reading and studying the numerous masonic books from which these lectures are derived. I believe that such a plan would materially improve the ritualistic work of a great many lodges."

A new Masonic Code was adopted.

Bro. Charles L. Bass submitted his fourth Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Illinois he thus speaks of "Clubs":

"He strongly opposes the organization within the lodges of clubs. He is right; they are unnecessary and harmful, and breed factions and divisions. A class for study is all right among the brethren interested, but a club for social or charitable objects all wrong; these worthy objects can be obtained through and in the lodge; why limit them to a select few?"

Maine did not get in "under the wire."

We have received the announcement of the death of R. W. Bro. John Elvert Redwine, Senior Past Deputy Grand Master, who died January 2, 1915; and of R. W. Bro. John Robert Wilkinson, Grand Junior Warden, who died April 7, 1915.

IDAHO, 1915.

The Forty-eighth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters, representatives of the subordinate lodges and others were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

After a brief introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Andrew Christenson, commemorates the dead; reports the constitution of three new lodges; the permissions for several different things granted.

Several decisions were reported but can be well treated by quoting his general remarks, viz:

"Nearly all of these questions and a number of others, which I have received during the year, show a lack of knowledge of our Constitution and Masonic Law, and I would suggest that the Masters and Secretaries at least take a little time each week to study the laws, so that they might become at least as proficient in this as they are in opening and closing the lodge and in conferring the degrees."

He further says:

"I will not attempt to report my visits in detail, as this would take up too much space. Have visited about forty lodges and in doing so have traveled more than five thousand miles and through five states, using all kinds of conveyances from a freight wagon, old-fashioned stage coach to auto and Pullman cars, and every place I was met with the greatest respect and really entertained with too much consideration for my own good."

Quite a large amount of business, local in character, was transacted.

Bro. George E. Knepper presented his fourteenth Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1915 has a page and more in his valued report.

We quote a part of the report under Mississippi:

"Nearly two pages of the Grand Master's address is devoted to cipher rituals. It seems that the brethren are using cipher rituals of the commercial variety. The Grand Master seems astonished at this innovation and secures an opinion of the Law Committee as to what constitutes 'the secret work.' This committee innocently declares it to be 'the work in the three symbolic degrees' except the Monitorial work printed in the blue lodge text book. Finally the Grand Master issues an 'edict.' This edict commands that all copies of such cipher in the hands of the brethren be sent to the Grand Master immediately and that the use or possession of such cipher shall be followed by suspension. The Grand Master then forgets to tell us how many ciphers were returned or how many suspensions were made, but immediately passes to an unrelated subject. The cipher is something that cannot be legislated out of existence and it is most remarkable how closely they follow the authorized work."

Discussing the subject of "Conferences of Grand Masters," under North Dakota, he says:

"According to the Grand Master's own statements he received inspirations at this meeting that will follow him through life. Then why not have more such meetings, at least biennially? The eight propositions he has given us are all orthodox and will tend greatly to lessen frictions liable to arise between Grand Lodges. Why not continue the good work? Suppose these meetings should result in a uniform Ritual and Monitor, would that in itself not be a God-send to Masonry? Suppose that a body of eminent men should get together—men who had at least a decent respect for the English language—and should give to the masonic lodges throughout the United States and Canada a Ritual with all contradictions and grammatical inaccuracies eliminated, would that 'lessen to an extent the sovereignty of the several Grand Lodges?' And suppose it did, would not Masonry be the gainer? In our brief career we have lived under the 'sovereignty' of nine jurisdictions and know something of the conglomerate ideas contained in the Rituals. To give the Idaho work verbatim within the jurisdiction of Missouri would be to commit hara-kari. No Worshipful Master of a sister jurisdiction is permitted to confer a degree in Idaho because the 'sovereignty' of the Grand Lodge would be weakened thereby. Yet we boast of the universality of Freemasonry."

Under Nova Scotia we further read:

"Of course we would not advocate the formation of a General Grand Lodge. We would lose our job at the round table if we did, but somehow we are led to believe that this great order is lacking in some essen-

tial thing to make it a more potent force in the solution of the great problems confronting the human race."

Under Prince Edward Island he thus discourses on "Documentary Evidence":

"These so-called travelling cards or diplomas are an innovation. We have long since put ourselves on record to that effect, but no change has been visible to the naked eye. We have lived quite a while, have traveled some, have resided in nine different states, but have never seen a genuine clandestine mason. Grand Lodges, generally, are ready 'to throw a fit' in the presence of clandestine-ism. Why it should be so we know not."

The Grand Lodge laments the death of R. W. Bro. Alonzo L. Richardson, Junior Grand Warden in 1876, who died September 5, 1915.

ILLINOIS, 1915.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Communication.

The Committee on Credentials reported as present, twenty Grand Officers, three Past Grand Officers, and the representatives from eight hundred and six lodges.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry T. Burnap, we quote:

"During the past year an earnest desire has been voiced by many prominent members of the fraternity for some united action by which Masonry might bring its widely extended influence to bear in the promotion of some scheme by which the institution might offer practical aid in bringing about a condition of universal peace. As yet, however, no practical plan has been suggested by which the Grand Jurisdictions of the world might unite in a concerted effort.

"The fact that during the past year the Grand Master has not found it necessary to exercise any of the disciplinary powers incident to his office in the settlement of troubles between lodges in this jurisdiction is the best evidence that unusual good feeling and harmony prevail."

The dead are remembered.

Thirteen lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for twelve new lodges; six masonic halls were dedicated; six corner-stones were laid; nine lodges were burned out.

The Grand Master had to contend with questions like the following:

"One gentleman, who makes no claim to being a member of the fraternity, requested the Grand Master to relieve him of the annoying and undesirable attentions of a lady whom he alleged is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

"The wife of a Master Mason demanded the summary expulsion of her husband, not only from the lodge to which he belonged, but also from the so-called co-ordinate bodies, on the ground of non-support."

He reports one decision :

"The question submitted was whether a lodge might lawfully provide and maintain, in apartments adjoining its place of meeting, so-called Club Rooms, or a place where the members of the lodge might spend leisure hours in reading or in the enjoyment of games or other amusements in themselves unobjectionable.

"I decided that if such places, conducted within reasonable limitations, were closed during all sessions of the lodge and only such rooms as were used as reading rooms were permitted to be opened on Sunday that a lodge might lawfully maintain such apartments."

Many matters pertaining to the welfare of the craft in his jurisdiction were ably discussed by him.

The Special Committee on Music reported "a book of specially prepared words and music to be used in the ceremonies of conferring the three degrees."

From the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we excerpt :

"With respect to the several instances of alleged misuse of the name or title 'Masonic' in connection with certain business enterprises or associations, not organized for pecuniary profit, which have been referred to this committee, we fraternally report that such instances might be multiplied indefinitely and necessitate an indeterminate undertaking and classification, which your committee deems unnecessary and undesirable.

"It is unlawful to use lodge stationery for any purpose which does not plainly and directly relate to the lawful business of the lodge and its undertakings. The giving of personal testimonials (other than the approved form of dimit) or endorsement of business enterprises or transactions, in any form, is a masonic offence within the meaning of Code 824, and subject to the disciplinary intervention of the Grand Master.

"Your committee fraternally recommends that the following ruling be substituted for the one adopted as aforesaid, namely:—'The use of masonic lodge rooms is forbidden for public dances or entertainments for which an admission fee is charged. Social entertainments embracing the usual features of such functions in good society are permissible to be held in masonic lodge halls if the attendance be restricted to brethren of the masonic fraternity and their families."

The total assets of Grand Lodge are \$286,720.02.

The following resolution was practically adopted :

"Resolved, That constituent lodges be, and they are hereby directed not to announce any meeting, or meetings as devoted to, or in charge of members of any particular business, profession or calling, nor to permit the ritualistic work at any meeting to be done exclusively by members of some particular business, profession or calling, especially if the brethren engaged in such calling wear a distinctive costume suggestive of their vocation."

Bro. Owen Scott presented the Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence.

From his "Preview" we quote :

"In many quarters an attempt has been made to fix definitely the landmarks of Masonry. Special efforts were made in Wisconsin and West

Virginia. Other Grand Lodges have gone into this but in every instance the result was most unsatisfactory. Uncertainty became more uncertain.

"Bro. Robbins, than whom there was no greater authority, gave this definition in 1872—

"Landmarks are those characteristic marks, or fixed principles, by which, time out of mind, Freemasonry has been known and preserved; which have distinguished it as Masonry and which must forever remain inviolate and undisturbed."

"Mackey gave 25 but no one else has agreed as to the number, some finding as many as 150. Aside from three or four general principles, very few so-called landmarks 'remain inviolate and undisturbed' by the various supreme legislative bodies—the Grand Lodges."

Under Montana we find this "junk of wisdom":

"There is too much leakage in lodges in other places as well as Montana regarding the result of the ballot. No mason who regards his obligation can properly communicate to others the doings of the lodge, but especially is this so in this one particular which is among the most sacred."

Under Oregon we read:

"A record of much significance is shown in this—

"The Grand Marshal announced that there was without the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Oregon, and the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Oregon, who desired admission.

"The Grand Marshal admitted the distinguished visitors in the persons of Bro. Clyde Evans and Bro. Dillon B. Grant, who were received and greeted by the Grand Lodge, and who in behalf of the branches of Masonry they represented brought the felicitations of those bodies and spoke a few words of the work of their orders.

"Permit a question. When did the Order of Knights Templar become a branch of Masonry? Templarism is an institution of renown and the writer himself, as a member, knows and appreciates most highly its impressive ritual and its deep obligations. Yet, it is not any part of Masonry. It is a more modern society of lofty aims and purposes. It is, in short, templarism and exemplifies in marked degree the fundamentals of the Christian religion. The brethren admitted were, no doubt, worthy masons and as such could be received. The grand sire of the Odd Fellows and the supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, if masons in good standing, might with equal propriety have been introduced to the craft. Templarism though accepting as members none but masons, is no more Masonry than Odd Fellowship or Pythianism. At one and the same time Illinois had the supreme presiding officer of the General Grand Chapter R. A. M. and the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, as active members of the Masonic Grand Lodge. Neither of these distinguished men and masons was ever presented to the Illinois Grand Lodge in consequence of holding high positions in these other excellent and useful organizations."

Maine for 1915 was fraternally reviewed.

Beautiful tributes were paid to the memory of M. W. Bro. Edward Cook, Grand Master in 1897-98, who died May 20, 1915.

INDIANA, 1915.

The Ninety-fourth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, eighteen Past Grand Masters, and representatives of five hundred and fifty lodges were present. Four lodges only were not represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In his address, after a brief introduction, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Martin A. Morrison, pays due tribute of respect to the dead; reports the constitution of two lodges; dispensations for two lodges; eleven corner-stones laid; and eight halls dedicated during the year.

One cause of disturbance, the liability of a lodge in Indiana for moneys expended by a Masonic Relief Committee in another jurisdiction, arose. This he considered a moral rather than a strictly legal obligation, and observes that the decision "may materially affect the standing of Indiana Masonry in the eyes of the masons of other states."

But if it is decided by masonic principles it surely must be decided aright. The moral and legal sides are but sidelights and masonic eyes should not be troubled by them.

He authorized the sum of three hundred dollars to be placed with the treasurer of the Red Cross Society of Indiana for the relief of the war sufferers in Belgium.

He did not take any action upon the proposition of a "Masonic War Relief Association."

From his conclusion we quote:

"Some one has said that the institutions of a people constitute the answer of that people to the problem of life. To that proposition I can give unreserved assent. Institutions change because men work out the problem of life anew. They find old elements that should be left out, new elements that should be brought in, or processes of calculation that were erroneous.

"Our institution constituted the answer of its founders to the problem of life. Centuries have come and gone and the answer still remains true. With a wisdom well-nigh superhuman, every element of duty to God and man was brought into the original calculation, every mental and moral process was free from error, and it has only remained for us, as for our fathers before us and our sons after us, fairly to apply well tested fundamental principles to the ever changing details of daily life."

From the Report of the Grand Inspector we quote:

"Quite a number of the lodges are distantly located from convenient lines of travel and many of them not easily reached, especially during severe and inclement weather. An endeavor, however, has been made to reach as many as possible of these lodges, and during the year special attention given to the smaller organizations. With rare exceptions a high standard of Masonry is maintained and practiced in these small lodges, and in very many of them, accuracy and impressiveness of ritualistic work without even the aid of expensive furnishings and parapher-

nalta, will compare favorably with that of some of our larger, more fortunately located and handsomely equipped bodies.

"The Grand Lodge of Indiana, like every other Grand Jurisdiction, has its standard of ritualistic work, requiring that it shall be followed in all masonic ceremonies, and has never sanctioned either change or innovation. We have all assumed the same obligation 'to stand to and abide by all the laws, rules and regulations,' and those of us who have been selected and honored with office in our respective lodges, have assented to the terms and obligations peculiar to the installation ceremonies. I submit, therefore, brethren, that the very few lodges that still permit the introduction of new, strange and novel features into the ritual are, to say the least, maintaining the only barrier to a more accurate and uniform system of masonic work in the Grand Jurisdiction of Indiana. While doubtless many of the borrowed specimens of literature and elaborate essays on Masonry frequently added to the 'work,' are beautiful and probably entertaining to the brethren sitting on the side, having never heard them before, the innovation usually results in over-loading and bewildering the candidate upon whom the degree is being conferred. The 'ritual' just as we have it, is amply sufficient when impressively rendered to start any intelligent and receptive candidate on his masonic journey through life, and prepares him, if so inclined, to pursue his masonic research in his own way. In other words the ceremony of 'initiating, passing and raising' a candidate was never intended to make him a graduate in Masonry. Fortunately, we have but few lodges that indulge in these departures from the ritual, and these can easily be brought into line if the Grand Lodge will so order, with a specific provision to enforce its edict on the subject."

From the Report of the Committee on Ways and Means we learn that—

"Ground for the Masons', Widows' and Orphans' Home has been purchased, plans for the buildings have been completed, and the contract is about to be let. There is no reason to believe but that before another year has expired the Masonic Home of Indiana will be a blessed realization.

"Your committee recommends for the maintenance of the Home an annual assessment of fifty cents per capita per annum, which your committee believes will be sufficient to support the Home."

Much business, relative to the management of its local affairs was transacted.

Bro. Elmer F. Gay submitted the "Indiana Masonic Annual Review."

From his introduction we quote:

"We find there is a growing sentiment in all of the jurisdictions in favor of more extended efforts upon the following subjects:

"To promote the study side of Masonry by lectures given by well informed brethren and by reading of books, masonic publications and proceedings including the correspondence report.

"To exchange of visitations between representatives of the different Grand Jurisdictions either by conferences or by neighborly visits of adjoining Grand Lodges.

"To develop the social side in the individual lodges for the benefit not only of the members but of their families as well.

"To enlarge upon our charities either by building of Masonic Homes or by increasing the benevolent funds which are used for that purpose.

"To admit applicants who are not physically perfect."

Maine for 1914 has over two pages in his able review.

Anent a decision of M. W. Bro. Spofford we quote:

"We do not quite understand how a mason who has been suspended from all of 'The rights and privileges of Masonry' and who could not even testify to the charges in person, could have the right to file charges any more than an expelled mason or a profane."

But we reply, he is not suspended by the Maine practice from all "The rights and privileges of Masonry." He loses privileges absolutely such as a visitation to his own or to another lodge, but remains subject to discipline and may have the privilege of a masonic burial and the privilege of re-instating himself within five years after suspension by paying his arrearages to the Secretary.

Again:

"Another decision which will seem peculiar to our Indiana Masons was that a lodge could not confer the degrees upon a candidate of another lodge. We wonder if this would apply to a request made from a different jurisdiction."

It does not apply to the conferring of degrees by courtesy for a lodge of another jurisdiction.

A Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge was held at Franklin, Indiana, on October 21, 1915, for the purpose of laying the Corner-stone of the Indiana Masonic Home. We quote from the report of that meeting:

"A great day in the history of Indiana Masonry was the celebration at Franklin of the corner-stone laying of the Indiana Masonic Home, October 21, 1915—an ideal day for the performance of a ceremony that would go down through the ages to come as one of the most important functions in the history of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana. The event that had been anticipated for a few years past was of such unusual interest that it was not surprising to see the great concourse of people."

We have received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Sidney W. Douglass, Grand Master in 1893, who died January 10, 1916.

IOWA, 1915.

The Seventy-second Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of four hundred fifty-eight lodges were present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles W. Walton, of whom there is a fine portrait (Bather) in the introduction to his address discourses upon Masonry in general.

The dead are remembered; dispensations were issued for two new lodges; four corner-stones were laid; three halls were dedicated; schools of instruction are highly commended.

Of Ciphers he says:

"Frequently my attention has been called to the use of unauthorized ciphers by the officers and members of the craft. In some cases officers make a practice of purchasing these key-books and of furnishing them to candidates. This is a deplorable offence, and under no circumstances should it at any time be permitted. The use of ciphers is so entirely foreign to our system, and indeed to our obligation, that all right-minded members, when the subject is brought to their attention, I think, will agree that this custom ought to be discontinued now and for all time. There may have been in the past some excuse for their use because of the poor facilities prevailing for ritualistic instruction, but with the growth of the District Lecturer system, the generosity of the Grand Lodge in providing schools, and the small expense involved in securing the efficient services of a District Lecturer, for a private school wherever wanted, there is, in my judgment, absolutely no excuse for the officers and especially the Masters being not only well informed, but equally proficient in the work without the use of a cipher."

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

Just to epitomize all that was done for Masonry by the Grand Lodge of Iowa at its annual communication would be a wrong done to that jurisdiction. To undertake to tell all that was done and the way that it was done would require the republication of the reports and the action thereon. So much is said on all subjects leading to the study of Masonry and its teachings. So many lines of thought for the learner in Masonry are exploited that one almost becomes dazed and lost in the wilderness of good things. With a magnificent library, a librarian who knows it and how to make it useful, with men of brains ready and willing to lift up the standard of Masonry to a height not yet reached, how can we hope to tell our readers of their work. The book of their annual proceedings is a book worthy of the study of every learner in Masonry.

Bro. Louis Block again gives us one of the best of the Reports on Fraternal Correspondence.

From his foreword we quote:

"The ordinary mason whose knowledge of the fraternity is gleaned largely from what goes on in his own lodge, and to a lesser degree from the information garnered from an occasional visitor, or a little desultory reading, as a rule believes that Masonry is universal, that it is much the same the world over, and that he can travel in foreign countries and be recognized and received by masons everywhere as a mason. He thinks that Masonry is a strongly united organization whose sphere of influence sweeps around the globe. He has an idea that it is a world wide institution so effectively organized that it commands the instant co-operation and obedience of its members everywhere, and is therefore a force and power to be reckoned with among the men and nations of the earth.

"The Fraternal Correspondent, however, knows that such a state of affairs does not exist. He knows that Masonry is different in every

state, and that it varies still more when you begin to compare one country with another. He has found that this is true not only with reference to the ritualistic work, but also with regard to customs, rules, regulations, written and unwritten laws, which define the relations, duties and responsibilities not alone of one mason to another, but also of the lodge to the Grand Lodge, and of the home mason to the foreign mason.¹⁴

He discourses at length upon the subject of a National Grand Lodge:

"Everywhere in all the Grand Jurisdictions there are symptoms of unrest. Symptoms of chafing at the restraint caused by petty rules and regulations, by trifling differences of tradition and customs, that alone hinder and hamper the brethren in getting closer together in relations of mutual trust and confidence. They will welcome the day when the tides of brotherly love shall burst asunder these barriers and the great waters shall mingle in a vast ocean of peace on earth among men of good-will!

"Is there nothing that we can do as masons to hasten the coming of this great day?

"Shall Ancient Craft Masonry in the United States remain forever a disunited and disorganized body, its several Grand Jurisdictions working not in unison, but at cross-purposes one with another?

"Is there no working basis upon which we can get together, if we really care enough to do it, and try *hard* enough to bring it about?

"This is the day of the formation of booster-clubs, get-together organizations, of all sorts of associations for the use of the united and harmonious effort of many in the advancement of the arts, sciences and industries, and in the promotion of the general welfare, health and happiness. And this is true despite the war in Europe, which may be after all but the mighty birth-throes out of which shall be born the greatest human democratic organization the world has ever known, i. e., nothing less than the United States of Europe.

"Naught but a great dream, you say? That may be true. Yet it is also true that there never yet was a great undertaking worked out in this world that was not the offspring of a great dream."

Discussing attendance by the lodge as a lodge upon divine service he says:

"Now we can't help but feel that when the lodge leaves the temple and goes to the church, there is great danger of their becoming involved in the position of supporting or fostering a religion or a creed *other* than 'that in which all men agree,' and of making Masonry a center of disunion instead of union, and of causing it to do something wholly different from 'conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance.' There are no fights quite so bitter and quite so disastrous in their disrupting effects, as church fights and creed fights, and the only safe plan to follow is to keep as far away as possible from anything that might tend to set them going. That is if we care anything at all about the strength, union and solidarity of our order."

Maine for 1914 is fraternally reviewed.

We quote:

"He ruled that the lodge could not use its funds for the purchase of a Past Master's jewel to be presented to a retiring Master. This is surely going the limit. In fact it is going entirely too far. For if the purchase of such a jewel as an award of merit for services well rendered is not the use of masonic funds for masonic purposes, we don't know what is."

Again:

"Something was the matter with the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, because they requested that they be permitted to make their report on the decisions of the Grand Master to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

"While this report was accepted by the Grand Lodge, we imagine it must have been done grudgingly, for such an attitude upon the part of so important a committee must surely have been most unsatisfactory both to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge."

This criticism of the action of the committee needs perhaps a short reply.

The action of the Grand Lodge was not done "grudgingly" but gladly, because the chairman of the committee was called away, the second member was taken ill, and the third member desired not to make a report. It was not thought advisable to appoint others to act upon the Committee of Jurisprudence under the circumstances.

Under Nebraska we find this brilliant paragraph:

"Masonry is no mere rush-light, but a flaming torch, blazing its way into the pitchy darkness of ignorance, superstition and slavery, and rending it asunder with a broad highway of light, running down the ages from the days of far off antiquity to the present time. It has already crossed the threshold and the great glow of its vast army of light bearers is setting the world round about us ablaze with its golden gleam, for Masonry is not a power that *waits to be*, but a vast force for good that *always has been*, and still *is*, in all the simple majesty and power of that word."

Here is another under Oklahoma:

"Masonry does not teach the resurrection of the soul or of the body either, for that matter, but it does teach the immortality of the soul, saying that it is the better part of us which can never, never, no never die, and before a thing can be 'resurrected' it must first die, a thing which according to masonic teaching is impossible with the soul."

His "Afterword" is a fine piece of work, having for its theme the trouble in Europe and the universal cry of Masonry for peace.

The Grand Lodge laments the death of M. W. Bro. George Washington Ball, Grand Master in 1895-6, who died July 18, 1915; and of M. W. Bro. Charles Trumbull Granger, Grand Master in 1884-5, who died October 26, 1915.

KANSAS, 1916.

The Sixtieth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand Masters, the representatives of three hundred forty-three lodges, and two hundred six Past Masters were present.

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The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William L. Burdick, says:

"Masonry was planted in Kansas in 1854, but this Grand Lodge was organized at Leavenworth on March 17, 1856, having at that time three lodges working under charters granted by the Grand Lodge of Missouri; Kansas Lodge (afterwards named Wyandotte Lodge), Smithton Lodge and Leavenworth Lodge. There were at the time two other lodges working under dispensation, namely, Kickapoo Lodge and Lawrence Lodge. On July 14, 1856, charters were issued to these two lodges, and also to Washington Lodge at Atchison.

"To-day it consists of the representatives of 411 lodges, having a membership of over 44,000 men, and is one of the great Grand Lodges of the country, there being only twelve other States in the Union that have a masonic membership of over 40,000, and of these thirteen States Kansas has, in proportion to its population, the largest percentage of membership. In fact, Kansas leads every State in the country in the percentage of its masonic population except the States of Maine and Vermont, although the number of Masons in these States is less than the number in Kansas."

He reports two instances of relief to brethren of Kansas by other jurisdictions and the refusal of the Kansas Lodge to reimburse the lodges which bestowed the relief. He stands upon the same platform as does Maine in this matter.

He desires:

"To make clear the established position of this Grand Lodge upon this important question, namely, that, in the absence of an explicit agreement, no lodge, either in this, or in any other Grand Jurisdiction, has any claim on any lodge in this jurisdiction for reimbursement for sums advanced as charity to, or in behalf of, a member of such lodge or his family. While it is true that some Grand Jurisdictions recognize the doctrine of reimbursement, yet this Grand Lodge has taken the view, in common with many other Grand Jurisdictions, that masonic charity should be bestowed for the love of the brethren, and without the expectation of reimbursement, and that the spirit of Masonry requires that help and assistance should be given to needy and worthy brothers, their widows and orphans, without reference to the location of the lodge of which the brother is, or was, a member."

We note among the nominations of Grand Representatives the following:

"Maine—W. Hugh P. Farrelly, of Chanute, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. W. Bro. David B. Fuller."

Five lodges were constituted; dispensation issued for a lodge; nine corner-stones were laid; two Masonic Temples have been dedicated; ninety-four special dispensations were issued, of which fifty-four were for conferring degrees in less than the regularly required time.

He devotes much space to the deeds and misdeeds of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and concludes with two recommendations:

"One is that they are expected to be present at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. As their presence at such communications is necessary for conference and instruction, they should be allowed their expenses in connection with such attendance, as in case of the Grand Officers."

This is the plan in Maine, but about one-third of the Deputies do not appear at the annual communications although they are allowed the same mileage and per diem as the representative of the lodges.

"The second recommendation is that a distinctive official apron be authorized for District Deputy Grand Masters, one which they may be permitted to obtain at their own expense, and to wear even after the expiration of their office. I believe such a mark of honor and distinction would materially add to the dignity and consequent efficiency of the office."

He gives great praise to the beneficial results from District meetings, which plan we practice in Maine to our pleasure and profit.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Masonry is a life of service, of duty, and of love. All of the ancient orders, mysteries, collegia, guilds and societies which have contributed to the evolution of Masonry were dedicated to human service. Masonry is an organization of strong and sturdy men who are striving with the aid of the Divine Light to keep the leaven of truth within the world. A mason acts upon the square, he keeps his word; he strives to walk uprightly before God and man; he hears the call of humanity regardless of faith, or sect, or creed; he loves his country, and loyalty is his watchword; above all he is a builder and a preserver of home, of state, of country, and of the ideals of brotherhood and truth."

Bro. Arthur Capper, the Governor of Kansas, delivered an address upon "Masonry and Democracy." We quote a paragraph:

"As Americans and as Freemasons, we believe in democracy. We believe in the brotherhood of man. We believe in equality of opportunity. We believe in help for the weak and in charity for the unfortunate, and we are pledged to the principles of justice to all men—not the cold justice of stern, forbidding law which decrees 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,' but the justice of our Savior, tempered by loving kindness that encompasses the whole world. In my deepest heart I believe America is the testing ground of democracy. I believe that here is the place and now is the time for the highest development of humanity. Mankind has ever come up through difficulties, been both blessed and cursed by adversity. I have the deepest confidence in the American spirit and the American people. And I believe that America is destined in God's providence to lead the people of the world to higher planes of life, to nobler aims and richer aspirations."

Bro. Matthew M. Miller submitted his fourteenth Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1915 has fraternal mention.

After producing a portion of the letter of M. W. Bro. Henry R. Taylor, with reference to his absence from Grand Lodge and its probable continuance, he says:

"Of all the splendid paintings of the world at the Chicago Exhibition twenty-three years ago, the one which appealed most strongly to the writer was that bearing the title 'Breaking Home Ties.' There is of course a vast difference between the youth who breaks 'home ties' in eager anticipation of a 'larger life' in the world he dreams of and the aged man who relinquishes reluctantly all that he has found most enjoyable and worth while in association with his fellow-men in this line of endeavor for the uplift of humanity. But the same sort of a feeling, it seems to us, must come to one in either case, when he comes to the 'parting of the ways.'

"M. W. Bro. Taylor's letter, so exquisitely expressed, gives no token of difficulty in composition, but we venture the opinion that it was not an easy task to accept mentally the thought of separation. Of course these are simply a young fellow's speculations—perhaps vagaries."

Under Montana we read:

"A report favoring payment of expenses of Grand Master and another representative at future 'conferences of Grand Masters' evoked discussion, and was finally 'laid on the table.' It has always been a masonic rule that any kind of a dilatory motion could not be entertained in a masonic body, and that a motion 'to lay the report on the table' was unmasonic. So far as advised the rule is still generally accepted."

Under Nevada, writing of the Conferences of Grand Masters, he says:

"The great trouble in arriving at 'a general uniformity' consists in the fact that 'a general exchange of ideas' is not possible among those whose experience as a Grand Master has hardly passed the period devoted to installation and entrance upon duty as Grand Masters. The questions which generally vex and harass a Grand Master are not usually theoretical, but those evolved by necessity from experience.

"As a rule a Grand Master enters upon his duties, as such, with little or no knowledge of the manner in which the problems that will arise to vex him have been considered, cared for, settled or bungled in other Grand Jurisdictions. As a rule his conception of a Grand Master's duties has been confined to, and not exceeded the limitations of the ritual. If he has served a long novitiate on some important committee and has mastered its duties and law so far, well for him; if he has been a Grand Representative of a jurisdiction that has had a 'Drummond' to mould its law, and methods of administration, well for him, particularly if he has carefully read, and studied, and familiarized himself with such Drummond's knowledge of law, usage and approved administration.

"But the ordinary novitiate to a Grand Master's duties and responsibilities, as a rule, is not endowed, Minerva-like, with such knowledge and wisdom. Even if endowed with a desire for it, he has a long, long way to the Tipperary of the fulfillment of his desire; and there are not a few who are smothered in the trenches at the outset, asphyxiated by the gaseous fumes of their own conceit.

"Under any method of selection so far evolved there has been no such general masonic uniformity obtained. Whether the method of selection can be arranged so as to have a general uniformity in the character of its representatives, should be the first question to be settled, in our judgment. What is your plan, brethren?"

Under Oklahoma we read:

"We are glad to note that the possibilities for a large class of eligibles to masonic candidacy have been increased by the decision of the follow-

ing weighty question: 'Is a color-blind person eligible for the degrees of Masonry? Yes!' If Adam were to apply for membership in that lodge the author of that grave conundrum would doubtless propound the following to the Grand Master: 'Would the absence of any appearance of an umbilical cord be such a variance from physical perfection as to make the candidate ineligible?'"

We have received notice of the death of R. W. Erasmus T. Carr, Past Junior Grand Warden and Past Grand Secretary, who died May 12, 1915, aged nearly ninety years.

The death of M. W. Bro. David Blinn Fuller, Grand Master in 1890, on May 17, 1915, is announced.

As of interest to the Craft in Maine we quote from the balustrade:

"He was born January 18, 1853, at Albion, Maine. His home was in the rural district, on a farm, and at the proper age he became a country school-boy, and later on in life taught school successfully, preparing himself intellectually and financially to enter college. He finished the course in Hanson's Classical Institute, a preparatory school of very high standing. Entered Bowdoin College, graduating therefrom with the degree of A. B., in 1877, and in 1880 his alma mater bestowed upon him the degree of A. M. One of his class associates afterwards became the famous Arctic explorer, R. E. Peary. Following his graduation he taught school and for three years was principal of, and professor of Latin and Greek, in Greeley Institute, a preparatory school near Portland, Maine. He made diligent use of his spare time by preparing himself for his life-work—a lawyer. He was admitted to the bar at Eureka, Kansas, December 14, 1881, having located at that place the preceding fall. He formed a partnership with Hon. J. B. Clogston, a prominent lawyer, and later a member of the Supreme Court Commission. This partnership covered a period of fifteen years. June 1, 1900, the firm of Fuller & Jackson was organized.

"Although he was intimately connected with and prominently associated with politicians, he never caught the 'office fever,' and on several occasions declined to become a candidate for State or National offices. Since, he served his own town and district as any faithful, progressive citizen should do, on school boards and in positions of helpfulness, ever manifesting the spirit of a true, loyal and progressive American citizen.

"As a Mason he made a brilliant record. He first received Masonic Light in Central Lodge, China, Maine, September 27, 1876; exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Dunlap Chapter, China, Maine, June 11, 1879; created and dubbed a Knight Templar in St. Omer Commandery, Waterville, Maine, June 4, 1881. He located in Kansas, November 1, 1881, and soon exemplified his ability as a masonic student, a ritualist and organizer in that true spirit of earnest devotion to the principles of Masonry which served to promote the welfare of lodge, chapter and commandery in his home town, and who were pleased to honor him with frequent elections as Master, High Priest and Eminent Commander. His proficiency brought him to the notice of a much wider circle in Masonry, and after serving the Grand Lodge on committees, and as an officer being advanced from year to year, he occupied the Grand East as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Kansas, in 1892-3; a position he ably filled with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity. Was a member of Zabud Council, R. & S. M., of Topeka, and A. & A. S.

Rite in the Valley of Wichita, and was honored with the Thirty-third degree March 4, 1902; as Eminent Commander of Eureka Commandery, No. 45, became a member of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, and annually passed through the lines until May, 1908, when he was chosen Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kansas. His report as Grand Commander attested his faithfulness as a true and courteous Knight entrusted with important duties. He was elected President of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Masonic Home when it was first organized and annually re-elected until the new law provided a change by adding the Council of Administration. His industry, zeal and legal ability were a large factor in the establishment and maintenance of the Kansas Masonic Home, which to-day is the leading ideal of all Masonic Homes and the pride and joy of Masons in Kansas."

KENTUCKY, 1915.

One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication.

Judging from the number of pages filled with names there appeared to be a large representation present.

The address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George B. Winslow, briefly touched upon many topics of interest to his Grand Lodge.

He also discusses the "George Washington Memorial Association," "The Masonic War Relief Association of the United States of America," his visitations, his dispensations, among which were nineteen to confer the E. A. degree upon more than five candidates at one and the same time and three for new lodges.

Many other subjects of interest to his Grand Lodge were commented upon by him, but none of general importance until we come to the topic "Power of Foreign Jurisdiction to Expel Kentucky Mason."

From one of his letters we quote the following:

"I am of the opinion that it is beyond the power of this lodge in Texas to expel this brother from a Kentucky Lodge, except it be by some authority claimed by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

"I trust you will not think that I am at all captious in making this suggestion, but I am treating the matter upon a strictly legal standpoint, and it seems to me that Poteet Lodge would not have jurisdiction in this case. This Grand Jurisdiction accords to all other Grand Jurisdictions the right to try our brethren, provided the foreign jurisdiction, by its laws, grants the same privilege in reference to trial of its brethren residing in this state."

So, unless the law of a foreign jurisdiction allows Kentucky to try a brother, member of a lodge in the foreign jurisdiction, who may be guilty of a masonic offence, a trial and conviction of a Kentucky mason in the foreign jurisdiction is null and void *because the law is not reciprocal.*

The Grand Master of Kentucky adds:

"I have no doubt that if the brother had committed any serious offence against the principles of Masonry, there will be no trouble in arranging to have a trial in the Kentucky Lodge of which he is a member, and this seems to me the only way the lodge having jurisdiction over him can comply with the conditions of the law in this state."

He also suggests that Texas make such legislation as will allow Kentucky the same privileges as is allowed Texas.

We quote:

"The regulation passed at our last annual communication, in reference to proficiency examinations in the Master's degree, seems to have created considerable discussion in this jurisdiction, and I have had a number of requests for a decision as to its validity.

"I am of the opinion that the regulation referred to is not in conflict with any of the regulations cited, nor with Section 97 of the Code, nor with any of the sections of the Constitution cited.

"I doubt if the regulation in question should have been passed, and perhaps it should be repealed, but that is a matter which must be determined by the Grand Lodge instead of by the Grand Master."

One opinion we quote:

"A demitted Master Mason from Canton Lodge moved into the jurisdiction of Cadiz Lodge, and there petitioned for affiliation in that lodge and was rejected. Since that time he has moved into the jurisdiction of Mark Tyler Lodge, and been rejected likewise. Now he petitions Canton Lodge for affiliation, and they ask us to waive our jurisdiction so that he can petition their lodge. Should we waive our jurisdiction and he be allowed affiliation, is what we want you to decide? Will you please inform us by return mail?

"P. S.—Reports of unmaasonic conduct have been circulated on him, and we fear they are true.

"*Opinion.*—Your lodge could not be required to waive jurisdiction over this brother, even if you regard him as a proper person to become affiliated with the institution, and certainly it cannot be required to do so if your lodge or certain members thereof did not regard him as a suitable person for affiliation."

Do we understand that, by Kentucky practice, a demitted Master Mason comes under the jurisdiction of a lodge when he makes application for affiliation to the lodge and his petition is denied?

His opinions with the reason for them are given fully and take up some twenty pages, but, with the exception of one or two, which are peculiar to Kentucky law, all appear to be in accord with masonic usage and were answered by reference to the Constitution and to the Code.

However, after giving thirty-one opinions in full he says:

"I have on file about *seventy-five other opinions* which were asked for and delivered, any or all of which will be furnished for publication *if desired.*"

The Catholic influence and the Masonry of Kentucky are disturbing factors in the work of the Grand Master.

Provision was made "to create a special Educational Fund for the

benefit of graduates of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, together with a Board of Trustees to administer the same."

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Master be and he is hereby requested hereafter not to appoint any member on the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple who shall be a member of the Board of Directors of either the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home or the Old Masons' Home; and further, that he do not appoint or elect a member of either of the latter Boards who shall be serving on any of the other two of the three Boards herein mentioned."

From the report of the Special Committee to consider the troubles before referred to we quote:

"In reaching the conclusions your committee has not been unmindful of the fact that many profanes deride, condemn and attempt to injure the Order; that some brothers with pure and lofty motives may, in their zeal for the institution, do things which might result against their intentions so to do, in injury to the Order, but in the providence of the Great Architect they have all failed to do it injury. Notwithstanding the attacks from profanes and the misguided conduct of some of its zealous supporters, it has extended and still extends with each passing day its influence to every sect and into every clime. Its votaries come from all the walks of life, from the highest rank of the professional man to the humblest laborer who earns his bread by the sweat of his brow.

"Why, then, should the world desire its destruction? We seek no contest with the throne or the altar; we ask no assent to political or religious dogmas; we solicit no converts to our cause. Based on the principles of immutable JUSTICE, supported by 'Wisdom, Strength and Beauty,' it will endure till the 'last syllable of recorded time.'"

Bro. William W. Clarke submitted the Report of Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges.

Under District of Columbia we read:

"It seems never to have appeared to the Grand Lodge of Oregon, or to any Committee of any other Grand Lodge to whom the Oregon proposition was submitted, that no Grand Lodge would have the power to enter into the organization of a central body, as is contemplated by the Oregon plan, until after such authority had been conferred thereon by its constituent subordinate lodges. The powers of the Grand Lodge are limited, and are enumerated in its Constitution, and are such only as the subordinate lodges grant to it; and the subordinate lodges in no Grand Jurisdiction have never conferred upon any Grand Lodge on the American continent the right to unite together with other Grand Lodges in the organization of a Central Grand Body; nor do we believe they ever will."

Under Illinois we excerpt that which takes considerable space because we believe that it is needful once in a while to present old truths to new readers:

"In two instances I have been called upon to fix the status of Entered Apprentices holding dimits from other jurisdictions. Two Entered Apprentices petitioned Chicago Lodges for advancement, presenting dimits from another jurisdiction, and the question was raised as to whether their dimits should be considered in the nature of waivers of jurisdiction or

should be treated as dimitts within the meaning of our law, and whether an Illinois Lodge could receive a petition for advancement accompanied by such a document. After careful consideration I submitted the following as my opinion:

"Our law recognizes only two ways in which an Entered Apprentice can be advanced in a lodge other than the one in which he was initiated, to-wit:

"(a) The lodge in which he was initiated must request some other lodge to confer the remaining degrees; or

"(b) The lodge to whom the Entered Apprentice presented his petition must ask for waiver of jurisdiction from the lodge which initiated him, or which may have later acquired jurisdiction.

"Whatever his status may be with respect to the lodges in the jurisdiction from which he came, the only privilege he possesses in Illinois as a dimitted Entered Apprentice is that he may visit a lodge while at labor on that degree."

"I advised the lodges in each case that they should return the petitions and the fees and inform the petitioners that they must attain the status contemplated by our law before their petitions could be received.

"The objection to considering a dimit issued to an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft as a waiver of jurisdiction is that our law, in effect, provides that the lodge which conferred the degree, or degrees, must waive jurisdiction *in favor of the lodge petitioned*. (Section 5, Article 13, Part Two, By-Laws.)

"If a dimit is recognized simply as such, then, under the provisions of our law with reference to dimitts, the petitioner is 'free of the guild' and may, if rejected, petition another lodge, and if again rejected, repeat the operation indefinitely, no lodge acquiring jurisdiction until the petitioner is elected."

"There was a time, and that not very far distant, when the Entered Apprentices constituted the body of the Craft, and all legislation by subordinate and Grand Lodges was done in lodges opened on the Entered Apprentice degree. In view of this fact, this decision, if it does not in effect mean that Entered Apprentices are not masons, restricts their ancient rights and privileges, one of which was the right to transfer their membership from one lodge to another. If we are not incorrecly advised, even to this day the Mother Grand Lodge of the world holds its Communication when opened on the Entered Apprentice degree. The reasoning of the Grand Master, we think, is specious. 'If a dimit,' he said, 'is recognized simply as such, then, under the provisions of our law with reference to dimitts, the petitioner is "free of the guild," and may, if rejected, petition another lodge, and if again rejected, repeat the operation indefinitely, no lodge acquiring jurisdiction until the petitioner is elected.'

"Even so; yet this does not make plain why his rights as such should not be the same as a Master Mason, who may do the very thing that the Grand Master alleges as illegal for an Entered Apprentice to do. Why the distinction, we are unable to say. Certainly this is a distinction that was not originally recognized. Well-informed masons will recall that there was a time when the Master's degree itself was conferred only in the Grand Lodge. These departures from the ancient ways are to be regretted, not only because it modernizes that which should retain its ancient characteristics, but it provincializes Masonry.

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, while not recognizing the fact that in every essential, an Entered Apprentice is a mason, somewhat modified the above decision of the Grand Master by saying, in effect, that an Illinois Lodge might consider a dimit of an Entered Apprentice, issued by

another jurisdiction, as a waiver in favor of any lodge in Illinois, that may be lawfully petitioned by the holder of such a dimit.

"What we have stated above is intended in no sense as a captious criticism of the legislations of the Grand Lodge of Illinois; but it is urged that Grand Lodges, as far as possible, observe the ancient landmarks of the Order, from which some of them, we think, have departed. Surely none can question the fact that the conditions of membership are, always have been, and of necessity must be, landmarks of the Order."

Maine is found in the proceedings.

Discussing Past Grand Master Spofford's decision, with regard to the filing of charges by a suspended Master Mason, he says:

"We strongly suspect that this decision would not be accepted as good law in a number of jurisdictions. Nevertheless, we are as strongly convinced that it conforms to the spirit of Masonry, and differentiates properly between a mason who is suspended and one who has been expelled. A suspended mason is nevertheless a mason, though his right as such may, for a time, be in abeyance. Too many of our jurisdictions, under latter-day legislation, have forgotten this distinction, and, in the legislation of some, suspension and expulsion are unfortunately quite synonymous."

From his conclusion we quote:

"The General Grand Lodge question is slowly moving into the zone of controversy. The cloud, no larger than a man's hand, to which reference was made in the conclusion to our report last year, is assuming a more portentous aspect, and electrical discharges, faint yet, may occasionally be seen playing about its periphery. A meteorological chart is not yet possible.

LOUISIANA, 1916.

The One Hundred Fifth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, except the Grand Master, the representatives of one hundred twenty-seven lodges and other brethren were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The R. W. Acting Grand Master, B. B. Purser, delivered the address. In it he says:

"For the first time in the history of our Grand Lodge a Grand Master has died in office, and in this first instance he was stricken in actual work at his desk. And the only Grand Secretary Emeritus holding such office in this Grand Jurisdiction has been called to his eternal rest. In the loss of Bro. Alfred W. Cheesman, our Grand Master, and Bro. Richard Lambert, our Grand Secretary Emeritus, the Craft in Louisiana suffered severe blows."

He discussed the condition of the several bodies constituted for the relief of the distressed, the condition of the Temple Property and the Masonic Cemetery, argues for the continuance of the practice of a separate ballot for each degree, and of the District Deputy Grand Masters he says:

"I find where special matters have been referred to the District Deputies they have acted promptly and carefully. It is in the general routine business I find them lacking."

A detailed statement of the time and place of the various matters coming to the notice of a Grand Master was made.

His rulings are in accord with general practice. Some of them are, however, entirely local.

A large amount of business, local in character, was transacted.

Bro. Herman C. Duncan presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arkansas we read:

"The Grand Master granted a dispensation to receive a petition for initiation from a man who 'had no fixed place of abode.' From time immemorial it has been a practice to receive and act upon petitions for initiation from seafaring men. We are unable to perceive that traveling on the sea adds any particular qualification to a man to be made a mason, and therefore should be inclined to believe that the extension to travelers on dry land would be proper. But we think that such extension and broadening of our terms of eligibility should be by enactments of a Grand Lodge and not by any Grand Master."

Maine for 1915 is reviewed.

We quote:

"The Grand Master decided that it is improper for the Master of a lodge to declare an applicant rejected upon a single ballot, not ordering a second ballot. If it be within the knowledge of the Master that the black ball was intentionally cast, if he himself have cast it, what then? Shall he hide his action by a pretense that the presence of a black ball may have been accidental? Has the Master of a lodge any special right to reveal his ballot by failure to order a second ballot? What is the object of the secrecy of the ballot? Is it not for the protection of the blackballer? But if the blackballer seeks no protection, as in the case of a Master of a lodge casting such a vote and proclaiming the act by refraining from an order for a second ballot, must a covering be thrown over his action, and shall he be compelled to pretense? Admitting readily that the letter of the law answers affirmatively, yet we doubt if the spirit of the law goes with the letter in such an instance. Where guile sits the spirit of Masonry prevails not."

Under Utah we quote:

"There can be no doubt that we go to the lodge to improve ourselves in Masonry. But what is Masonry? Is it the Ritual only? We trow not. Is it for mental development? Yes, largely, for mental development is essential to the acquirement of manual skill—the brain directs the arm. The Master must see to the improvement in art of the apprentice. But mental development alone but sharpens the wit of the vicious. To learn to subdue one's passions is a chief object in lodge attendance. How is this attainable? By the precept and example, the admonition and reproof of the Master, and of others who have learned the art. In our opinion one lamentable deficiency in our masonic work lies not so much in the absence of lectures and philosophy and metaphysics, but in the woeful neglect of too many Masters of our lodges to see to it that

their workmen engage actively in the great conflict for the subjugation of the law of their flesh, and the development of their skill, mental and manual. Even good seed will not bear much, if any, fruit upon untilled ground, and so the finest lecture will not be resultant in much if the Master of the lodge has not previously, thoroughly, and properly prepared the ground."

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Alfred W. Cheesman, Grand Master at the time of his death, September 30, 1915. Besides holding the position of Grand Master at his death, he was Secretary of every organization composed of masons in Shreveport.

R. W. Bro. Richard Lambert died December 6, 1915. The Committee on Obituaries say:

"R. W. Bro. Richard Lambert succumbed at last to the infirmities of old age after a gradual decline which covered a period of several months. Only at the annual communication of last year the brethren of this Grand Lodge found it expedient to transfer the duties and responsibilities of the office of Grand Secretary to younger and firmer hands and created the position of Grand Secretary Emeritus especially for him. It was hoped that after a life employed in arduous labors he would be permitted to enjoy a few years of rest among those whom he had served. But the call came, and he answered 'Here I am.'

"The demise of Bro. Lambert has created a void in the Masonic Fraternity of Louisiana that cannot be replaced in this generation. He was the Nestor of the Grand Lodge. Grand Masters came and Grand Masters went, but all of them looked to him for aid and counsel, as does a devout son to a revered father."

MANITOBA, 1915.

The Fortieth Annual Communication.

The Committee on Credentials reported that eight lodges were unrepresented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Lynds S. Vaughan, we quote:

"England, the possessor of one-fifth of the habitable globe, was effete and her sole desire was to be left in peace to digest, from the German point of view, her illgotten gains; Ireland in a state of civil war; Canada and the overseas dominions ready to cut the painter and set up for themselves on the first sign of trouble; South Africa to break away and India seething with sedition, but the sound of the first gun consolidated this British Empire in one bond with the suddenness of a chemical reaction. And the silken thread of sentiment became in a twinkling a rope of steel.

"While the fate of civilization is hanging in the balance, and the daily and nightly conflicts are raging with unparalleled fury, in the heavens above, in the earth beneath, and in the waters under the earth, our thoughts go back to the man, who for a short space of time stayed the

mighty torrent pouring across his country, who sacrificed all but his soul, and saved the world from a deliberate and determined attempt to dominate the nations and cause a return to feudalism and tyranny—Albert, King of the Belgians, has taken his place among the immortals.”

He reports his visitations, the laying of one corner-stone, the granting dispensations in six instances to shorten the time limit because “our men were under orders for the Front and liable to a sudden call.”

The District Deputy Grand Masters told of the condition of the lodges in their respective districts.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

No Report on Correspondence.

MARYLAND, 1915.

This jurisdiction still adheres to the plan of a semi-annual and an annual communication.

Business is transacted at each of these communications.

Several amendments to the constitution were adopted so we quote two, neither of which prevails in Maine:

“Lodges shall exact from all candidates for advancement from one degree to another, an examination in open lodge, and no lodge shall advance a brother until he has shown sufficient proficiency in the degree he has received, said proficiency to be determined by ballot, five negative ballots being necessary to postpone the brother's advancement until suitable proficiency is shown in the work.

“When a ballot is taken for the degrees or for membership, the result alone may be made known, and the balloting shall be definitely closed at the same meeting of the lodge, without calling off or closing the lodge after the ballot shall have commenced—and the ballot, for the purpose of correcting an error, may be repeated, not to exceed a third time.”

At the annual communication it was:

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Jurisdiction of Maryland shall have a Masonic Home, and be it further

“*Resolved*, That this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, at this communication, November 16, 1915, take the first steps necessary for the accomplishment of this very laudable and necessary purpose.”

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

Bro. Henry Branch submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Alabama he says:

“The abolishing of the office of Grand Lecturer is a sad case of relapse, unless some better way is provided to secure uniformity in the work and unanimity and co-operation among the sister lodges. Ours is a live wire and keeps things moving.”

Under Kentucky we read:

"The following regulation was adopted on the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"No Master Mason, who shall hereafter be raised, who shall fail to learn such a catechism (already ordered) and lecture, or who shall fail to pass an examination satisfactory to his lodge, shall be eligible to vote or hold office in his lodge."

"This looks like adding to the Body of Masonry and has a tendency to exalt a special faculty or gift, which assimilates us to the parrot, discounting the highest qualifications of a spiritual insight into the deepest mysteries of Freemasonry, which never could acquire and repeat with accuracy much of the lecture of the several degrees."

Under Wyoming we read:

"The Grand Master proposes 'that some legislation should receive attention providing that under certain conditions a Master may resign and his successor chosen! What duties could not be performed by the Wardens in the absence of the Master? It would be a slight and in the nature of a disgrace to elect some one other than one of the Wardens, and as either could act, by virtue of his office, what need to select anyone to take the place of an incompetent Master? An innovation in the Body of Masonry, it looks like."

The Grand Lodge of Maryland lament the death of M. W. Bro. John Merriken Carter, Grand Master in 1876-1879, who died July 3, 1915.

"As a worker in the masonic vineyard he had few peers—certainly no superiors."

MICHIGAN, 1915.

The Seventy-first Annual Communication.

The Grand Lodge Officers, fourteen in number, thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of four hundred twenty-four lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William M. Perrett, is quite lengthy.

The dead are remembered.

We quote:

"On May 20th I appointed Worshipful Brother William T. Shaw, P. M. Lansing No. 33, to be Grand Lodge Representative to the Grand Lodge of Maine, near the Grand Lodge of Michigan, vice R. W. Bro. William Wentz, deceased."

He reported no decisions; a few dispensations, among which were four for new lodges; his visitations are briefly mentioned; the burial ceremony is considered, and he recommended "that our burial ceremony be so revised that it may be appropriately used on the occasion of a cremation, or when the body is deposited in a crypt, or that a special ceremony be prepared for such occasions."

Fourteen temples were dedicated, seven corner-stones were laid, four new lodges were instituted.

He thus discourses under "State of the Order":

"The young Craftsman, who might, if properly trained, develop into a useful member of the Fraternity, is frequently crowded back by force of numbers, and finds little opportunity to perfect himself in our ceremonial work, or for the attainment of those laudable distinctions and honors which should be open to every deserving young mason! I am therefore constrained to believe that there should be a limit to membership of our larger lodges, and that when they have reached a certain numerical status, new lodges should be formed, that the work may be more equitably distributed, and greater opportunities offered to the intelligent young brother who desires to advance.

"In summarizing the wants of our subordinate lodges, I desire to recommend the appointment of a commission to be composed of the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, the Grand Secretary, and one other of our Past Grand Masters, with instructions to investigate conditions and results in other Grand Jurisdictions; to carefully review the situation and report to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge such recommendations as they may deem advisable, relative to the following subjects:

"(a) The best method of insuring a faithful and efficient rendition of the ritual.

"(b) The feasibility of the system of visitation by District Deputy Grand Masters, or otherwise.

"(c) The methods and advantages of well conducted schools of instruction.

"(d) The advisability of affixing a maximum membership in subordinate lodges, and the wisdom of encouraging the formation of new lodges, after such limit had been reached.

"(e) The best method of insuring the proficiency of newly elected Masters and Wardens, before their installation.

"(f) How to provide the best opportunities for service and the attainment of knowledge to the young and zealous brother.

"(g) The advisability of increasing the fees for dispensations and charters, and for degrees."

The Grand Lecturer in his report says:

"Much improvement is made every year, showing a great interest in the purpose and work of Masonry. The ambition to improve in the work seems to be the desire of all the members, but more especially the younger brethren, who to a certain extent, are taking the place, in actual work, of the older members."

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

Bro. Lou B. Winsor submitted the Report on Correspondence. Restrictions have not as yet been removed, so we have statement of facts without knowledge of the belief of Bro. Winsor of the wisdom of the facts.

Maine for 1914 has mention.

We have received announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. William T. Mitchell, Grand Master in 1865, who died February 6, 1916, in his ninety-ninth year. "He was the personification of honor, justice and broad Christianity."

MINNESOTA, 1916.

The Sixty-third Annual Communication.

All the Grand Officers, except the Grand Sword Bearer, sixteen Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of two-hundred thirty-three lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

With a brief introduction the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Harry M. Burnham, in his address refers to the dead; reports the constitution of three lodges; the issuance of dispensations for three lodges; the laying of one corner-stone; the dedication of one hall.

The account of his visitations made by him is very interesting in its reading.

We quote:

"There have been many requests for dispensations to confer the degrees upon more than the constitutional number and to receive those maimed and unable to conform to the requirements of the rites and ceremonies. In accordance with the new constitution and general regulations all of these have been refused.

He decided:

"A lodge which has illegally given a candidate all the degrees, must at once pay over to the lodge whose jurisdiction is invaded all the fees received on account thereof, and furnish the candidate, if he has been without fault, with a certificate stating the facts. Such candidate may upon such certificate file his petition for membership, as a non-affiliate, with any lodge, anywhere.

He recommended:

"That some action be taken by this Grand Lodge to ascertain and certify, before installing officers elect, that they are competent to discharge the duties of their office.

"I am also convinced that the welfare of the lodges requires some method of supervision. The Board of Custodians takes care of the ritualistic work but in my opinion we should have some system similar to the former 'District Deputy' system. It is not quite clear to me how this can best be brought about and I submit the matter for your careful consideration.

"That the ritual of the degree of Past Master, as prepared by the Board of Custodians be printed, either in cipher or in such form as they may decide upon, and that one copy be placed in charge of the Master of each lodge, he to turn the same over to his successor in office."

A Revised Masonic Code was adopted.

Bro. Irving Todd presented the Report on Correspondence. Maine has cordial notice.

We quote:

"In Minnesota charges are not preferred for neglect or refusal to pay lodge dues, but after two years a brother may be stricken from the rolls, with due notice, rendering him a non-affiliate. A non-affiliate is not in good standing."

Still another difference. In Maine an unaffiliated mason is not *entitled* to masonic burial, but it may be voluntarily accorded him by the lodge.

To state the whole matter clearly it appears like this: In Minnesota for non-payment of dues after two years a brother with due notice may be stricken from the rolls and become a non-affiliate, and it would appear that a non-affiliate has no rights and no privileges, whereas in Maine a non-affiliate does have some privileges and no rights.

In Maine the brother for non-payment of dues, after the time required by the by-laws, is summoned and trial had and the brother may be suspended from membership or deprived of membership.

Isn't there a difference in masonic standing between the brother who demits and becomes a non-affiliate and one who becomes a non-affiliate by action of the lodge, whether he is dropped from the rolls as in Minnesota or as in Maine?

Under Ohio we read:

"We object to this blending of the virtual and actual Past Master by their Committee on Ritual. One receives a Past Master's degree as a pre-requisite to the Royal Arch. The other receives a Past Master's degree as a pre-requisite to installation as Master of his lodge. They have nothing in common other than the name."

We have received announcement of the death of R. W. Edgar Nash, Past Senior Grand Warden, who died June 6, 1915.

MISSISSIPPI, 1916.

The Ninety-eighth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and 315 Past Masters, 342 Masters, Wardens and Representatives were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Jesse M. Brooks, we quote one paragraph:

"Measured by this standard of unselfishness, and disinterested helpfulness, there is no other organized body in the civilized world that is more

entitled to the respect and admiration of men than the great body of Freemasonry which you, my brethren, represent to-day. Having existed from time immemorial, this noble institution now stands and has always stood, for the noblest and the best in human nature—for the alleviation of human suffering, the surcease of human sorrow, the enhancement of human joys and the betterment of mankind."

In the address he remembers the dead; reports the constitution of six lodges, dispensations issued for five new lodges, four corner-stones laid, mentions the dispensations granted and under dispensations refused he says:

"Believing that this Grand Lodge has, within the last few years, forcibly enunciated the rule that special dispensations to ballot out of time should not be granted, I took the position that exceptions to this rule should be made only in cases of emergency, and have refused all requests for such dispensations except in the two cases mentioned under the head of 'Dispensations Granted.'"

He has a good word for Schools of Instruction, which have proved their worth in Maine:

"As a result of the efforts made in these schools and of the work done by the brethren who go out from them, there is a greater degree of uniformity in the masonic ritual, and a greater number of proficient ritualists in the state, to-day than ever before, and I believe that the excellent progress made by Freemasonry in Mississippi within the last few years is largely attributable to the influence of these schools. The Grand Lodge, in my opinion, has no more important work than that done by the Grand Lecturer and his deputies, and I bespeak for them your support and co-operation."

In his report the Grand Secretary says:

"The Grand Secretary is able for the first time in sixteen years to submit the statistical summary with his report, which shows there was a net gain of two hundred and sixty-one for the year, making a total of twenty thousand, three hundred and thirty-four masons in the state."

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the F. & A. Masons of the State of Mississippi, recognizing the universal character of Masonry, and conscious of the miseries endured, the hardships inflicted upon the Jews in the war zone, particularly in Galicia, Poland, the Balkans, Palestine, extend to these unfortunate descendants of Solomon, our first Grand Master, an invitation to turn their eyes to our hospitable American shores, and particularly to Mississippi, where we can vouchsafe them not only the constitutional liberties guaranteed by our statutes, but every right and privilege of liberty, as conceived in the masonic lodge, which we consider the cradle of human liberty."

Several matters of local importance demanded attention:—the financial condition, the printing the report of the law and jurisprudence committee, and other matters.

Bro. Harry Howard prepared the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1915 has a page.

From his conclusion we quote :

" Nearly all the jurisdictions of Canada and the United States have discussed this Oregon proposition of surrendering their Sovereign power to a central body, and have refused to have anything to do with it. And the Constituent Lodges of the jurisdictions, reduced to mere makers of masons in many instances, look at the meetings of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries with surprise, wondering if this is the first step towards 'Kultur.'"

We have received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. John Young Murry, Grand Master in 1876-77, who died July 12, 1915; and of R. W. Bro. Allen M. Hicks, Grand Lecturer, who died September 22, 1915.

MISSOURI, 1915.

The Ninety-fifth Annual Communication.

Sixteen Grand Lodge Officers, twenty-one Past Grand Masters, and representatives of four hundred sixty-one lodges were present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Tolman W. Cotton, in his address comments upon the state of affairs in parts of the world, reports a letter issued by him to the several subordinate lodges with reference to the best possibilities of the Fraternity in Missouri.

He made the following statement in regard to the dues paid by lodges :

" Group 1, paying annual dues \$3.50 or more, 155 lodges.

" Group 2, paying \$3.00, 250 lodges.

" Group 3, paying less than \$3.00, 230 lodges.

" Of the latter group 104 pay \$2.00, fifteen \$1.50, and eight \$1.25."

And says :

" In our opinion the annual dues in this Grand Jurisdiction should not be less than three dollars per year for all lodges.

" While we have no desire to attempt placing a cash value on masonic membership, yet we believe that every Master Mason should appreciate the privilege of relieving distress sufficiently to provide the necessary means.

Eighteen corner-stones were laid, eighteen halls were dedicated, many dispensations issued, among which were twenty-nine to re-ballot, of which he says :

" It would be a tedious and difficult matter to make an investigation of the merits of the applicant in requests for dispensation to re-ballot, therefore we have granted the dispensation in each instance."

Why grant them at all?

From his decisions we quote :

"Question. A member of the fraternity who is from another jurisdiction, one not requiring payment of dues in advance, presents in May, 1915, receipt for dues in said jurisdiction for the year 1914. Would the Grand Lodge regulations admit him to a Missouri Lodge?"

"Answer. A brother from a Grand Jurisdiction recognized by Missouri, bearing documentary evidence (receipt for dues) dated 'not more than twelve months last past, such Grand Jurisdiction not requiring payment of annual dues in advance, can legally be admitted to a Missouri Lodge.'"

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we quote:

"Visitation among the different lodges has been quite a factor in arousing interest in the work. The automobile and good roads have brought the distant lodge near. It is nothing unusual to see in my Lodges of Instruction brethren who had come as far as thirty miles to witness the exemplification of the work. This is a good indication of the interest of these brethren and accounts for their high standard of proficiency."

An amendment to the by-laws relative to "Visitors" was adopted, in which "documentary evidence" was defined. Inasmuch as it seemed best to have such evidence, the definition was to be accepted, but the last clause "and such 'Documentary Evidence' shall bear date not more than twelve months last past," spoils the entire definition in point of time, for it makes none of the proposed evidence of any avail after one year from its date. Now, we know many masons in Maine who are life members of their lodges, some of whom became so thirty years ago or more, and have no occasion to pay dues to their lodges and have nothing to show except that certificate of life membership. And they are debarred from visiting, one of the privileges guaranteed him as a mason.

The Grand Lodge, upon recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, decided that "the party holding the proxy should stand in the shoes of the Worshipful Master and, in the Worshipful Master's absence, he would be entitled to the mileage and per diem, instead of the Senior or Junior Warden."

Our way is more masonic as it appears to me. For the individual officer of the lodge does not have a right to proxy but the lodge elects a proxy to serve the lodge in case none of the three officers are present and mileage and per diem is paid according to the ranking officer.

Bro. C. C. Woods presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence. Under Canada he writes:

"If Missouri makes a mason, according to her law, of one who has been rejected in a Grand Lodge holding perpetual jurisdiction and that member is not permitted to visit in that jurisdiction, it seems to us that it would constitute a *casus belli*—and occasion of affront, which could not be lightly passed over by our Grand Lodge. Bro. Freed agrees with us, however, that 'the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction has no good reason behind it, and will doubtless soon be abandoned.'"

Maine for 1914 is fraternally mentioned.

Under Pennsylvania we read:

"We bow respectfully to the laws and usages of Pennsylvania so far as their own jurisdiction is concerned, but any one from that jurisdiction coming to Missouri, after a legal residence of one year, may lawfully apply for admission to the mysteries of Freemasonry, and if found worthy, receive the degrees. And so with reference to any other jurisdiction. Like many of the Grand Lodges, we repudiate the dogma of Perpetual Jurisdiction, and govern ourselves accordingly."

MONTANA, 1914.

The Fiftieth Annual Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. O. F. Wasmansdorff, in his address remembers the dead, reports the constitution of one lodge, the appointment of Grand Representatives, among which we note:

"Maine—Clifford J. Pattee, of Belfast, appointed on July 30, 1914, in place of Leander W. Fobes, deceased."

Dispensations for five new lodges were issued.

We quote:

"Although our Grand Lodge does not recognize the principle of perpetual jurisdiction, except as between our own lodges, yet as a matter of fraternal courtesy we desire to respect the wishes of other Grand Jurisdictions who hold to this principle.

"Mr. Walter Scott Merrill, who resides within the jurisdiction of Valier Lodge, No. 76, desired to receive the degrees there. He had been elected for the degrees by Somerset Lodge, No 34, of Skowhegan, Maine, and moved to Montana before the degrees were conferred. As he has resided at Valier since 1911, under our practice he was the material of Valier Lodge, but as the Grand Lodge of Maine holds that jurisdiction over material is perpetual, we deemed it proper to submit the matter to Somerset Lodge through the officers of the Grand Lodge of Maine. This was done, and the waiver was promptly granted, and the candidate elected, and is now a member of Valier Lodge."

We wish to state that Maine does not hold for "perpetual jurisdiction" but jurisdiction for five years. To be sure, waiver would be required if this candidate had not been out of the jurisdiction for the five years.

Discussing the labors of the Instructor of Work he says:

"A way should be found whereby my successor in office can direct the Instructor of the Work to visit delinquent lodges and call them together for instruction. If such a lodge is unable to pay the nominal charges heretofore assessed to lodges by our instructor for his expenses while in their city, then the same should be borne by the Grand Lodge, for it is my firm belief that this Grand Body will soon face the problem of either extending the right hand of fellowship in assisting these lodges to again get on their feet or be compelled to take the only other alternative of revoking their charters, because Masonry should not exist in a comatose state. It should either live and flourish in the bright rays of the noon day sun or it should die."

Bro. H. S. Hepner presented his sixth Report of Foreign Correspondence Committee.

Maine did not reach the committee.

MONTANA, 1915.

The Fifty-first Annual Communication.

The Committee on Credentials reported an attendance of two hundred seventy-eight, consisting of Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, Representatives of subordinate lodges and others.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Lewis A. Smith, briefly mentions as an introduction to his address the condition of the world's affairs, then commemorates the dead, reports a long list of degrees conferred by courtesy, mentions the constitution of five lodges, makes a record of issuance of dispensations for new lodges, eight in all, gives a detailed account of his visitations and of the laying of corner-stones.

We quote one decision.

A candidate received the E. A. degree in 1911; the time within which he could apply for advancement was not extended; in 1915, he applied verbally to the W. M. for advancement and received the F. C. degree:

"Held the proceedings were void and ordered his name stricken from the list of Fellow Crafts and further that it would be necessary for the brother to petition in writing for the remaining degrees, that this petition would have to be referred to an investigating committee and a report and ballot had thereon, as in the case of an original petition for the degrees; after which, if the ballot was favorable, the F. C. degree should again be conferred on the brother. His petition was afterwards received, and the brother was elected for advancement on the 14th of August."

Many subjects were mentioned in the address, some of importance to the Craft.

He recommended "that the Grand Lodge at this communication adopt a resolution or by-law prohibiting our lodges from meeting in any building that is being used in part for saloon purposes."

We also read the following statement:

"There should be a limit placed on the life of a dimit, as for instance, one year, and after this period the brother holding the dimit becomes a non-affiliate, and the dimit should so state."

And we are inclined to ask why a brother who obtains a dimit is not a non-affiliate as soon as he gets the dimit?

In no other jurisdiction have we noticed the custom prevailing in Montana, viz: the visitation of lodges, at the request of the M. W. Grand Master, by others of the Grand Officers as well as by Past Grand Mas-

ters. It would seem that a well regulated system of District Deputy Grand Masters would obtain much better results, although there is a Grand Instructor of Work who visited and instructed during the year thirty-four out of the eighty-six lodges. From whose report we quote:

"I would renew my recommendation of a year ago, that a committee of three be appointed, one at least of whom should be an authority on English Grammar, to correct the ungrammatical expressions, errors and omissions of the Montana Work, and to harmonize so far as possible the work of the different degrees, but not to make any radical changes."

It really is too bad that our ancestors in preparing a work to stand for all ages could not have made one without flaw or blemish. The promoters of a ritual used in America were some distance removed from those who spelled and wrote like the famous old English writers. But then Montana work may have become adulterated.

The evening of the first day was given to the dedicatory exercises of the Masonic Temple of Great Falls where the Annual Communication was being held.

Two fine addresses with music graced the occasion.

The Grand Lodge voted to forbid smoking in its lodges during the conferring of degrees.

The following standing regulation was adopted:

"The Grand Lodge of Montana hereby waives jurisdiction over any person whose application for the degrees of Masonry in a lodge of this jurisdiction has been rejected, and who has permanently removed from this jurisdiction and has resided in another Grand Jurisdiction, or jurisdictions, for a period of five consecutive years."

Bro. H. S. Hepner presented his seventh Annual Report of Foreign Correspondence Committee.

Maine for 1914 is reviewed.

Under New Hampshire we find the reason why distinguished brethren perform masonic functions:

"With the Grand Lodge officers scattered over every portion of our commonwealth, the Grand Master subserves the interests of the Grand Lodge in a financial way by deputizing distinguished and able brethren residing close to the place where a lodge is to be constituted or instituted, or a corner-stone to be laid in lieu of insisting on all or a great portion of the Grand Lodge officers attending."

NEBRASKA, 1915.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication.

Two hundred forty-two of the two hundred sixty chartered lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas M. Davis, calls our attention to the labor of the original fathers of Masonry in Nebraska in laying a strong foundation for the upbuilding of the Craft and urges those of the present day to continue to follow in paths that have led to so much usefulness. He, at some length, discourses upon war in Europe and intimates that many engaged therein are not aware that Masonry teaches humanity and concludes as follows:

“So, then, let us more earnestly labor to promulgate these great truths, and may the night of doubt, discord, and hate be rolled back by the bright sunlight of a new morn ushering in the millenium day when the armies of earth shall march under one banner, inscribed ‘Peace on earth and good will toward all men.’”

He laments the loss of four Past Grand Masters who were among the pioneers of Masonry.

The necessary correspondence arising from the conferring of degrees by courtesy required much time and he suggests that all such requests be turned over to the Grand Secretary, to which office it ought to belong if taken away from the subordinate lodge.

He touched upon the several topics which have been brought to the attention of nearly all of the Grand Lodges.

He reports the Masonic Home doing a good work and the purchase of land for the erection of Homes for children.

He tells of an unsuccessful attempt to tax that part of the building owned by a lodge and occupied by them for lodge purposes.

Of his decisions we quote:

“An Entered Apprentice, who received the degree eight years previous, must petition in writing for advancement.

“Can a mason sign a petition for a saloon? Answer: There is no direct law touching this question. In harmony with existing laws, in my judgment a mason should not sign a petition for a saloon license. I therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge amend the law, making it a masonic offence for a brother to sign a petition for the granting of a license for a saloon.”

Two temples were dedicated; five dispensations issued for new lodges; eleven corner-stones were laid; many by-laws approved.

The recommendations, made by the Grand Master, touched upon the time when lodges should make dues payable, suggesting that it be a uniform date for all lodges; upon the evil of exempting members of the lodge from the payment of dues except for poverty, and several others as to the methods a lodge should use in transacting its business.

Also he recommended a salary of \$1,000 to the Grand Master. In his summary he says:

“I convened eighteen occasional Grand Lodges, constituted five new lodges, laid eleven corner-stones, dedicated two Masonic Temples, granted dispensations for five lodges U. D., made fifteen official visitations, and

traveled about 14,000 miles, many of them by automobile. I have sent out from my office about 3,000 letters, these besides 1,600 letters and circulars sent for me through the Grand Secretary's office. Much in addition to that shown by my address was done, but I did not consider it of sufficient importance to report."

The Grand Custodian presented a most excellent report which ought to be of great value to all who can read and understand it. We quote a few paragraphs:

"A modern fad of rotation of officers, regardless of their merit, fitness, qualifications, and ability.

"There should not be such pronounced and open exceptions taken to the result of an adverse ballot. Silence and circumspection should be the invariable rule of every brother on all transactions that transpire within the tiled precincts of a lodge. (There are some things that your wife should not know.)

"That so-called masonic law that can be perverted to the injury of a good and true candidate, or the wronging of a worthy brother in his right to advancement, is a travesty on TRUTH, a burlesque on BROTHERHOOD, a farce on FRATERNALISM, an abomination in the sight of God and man.

"To me as I see it from my angle, Ancient Craft Masonry is purely constructive in its principle, founded on *LIFE—its origin, its purpose, and its future*. Higher you cannot go, deeper you cannot delve, farther you cannot reach.

"Can you get a more direct line as to the origin of life than the 'FATHERHOOD OF GOD?' The purpose of life than the BROTHERHOOD OF MAN?' The future of life than 'THE IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL?' and where do we get our proof of our position—in the GREAT LIGHT OF MASONRY, THE HOLY BIBLE."

A large amount of business, local in character, was done.

Bro. Charles J. Phelps submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1914 has generous mention.

We have received announcement of the deaths of M. W. Bro. Albert Wallace Crites, Grand Master in 1900, who died August 23, 1915; of M. W. Bro. Charles J. Phelps, Grand Master in 1896, who died August 24, 1915, and who for many years had been the writer of the Reports on Correspondence, not only of the Grand Lodge but also of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. His reports were clear, concise statements of the work done by each Grand Jurisdiction, interspersed with but few remarks. His opinions when expressed were sound.

Again on October 6, 1915, M. W. Bro. John Bell Dinsmore, Grand Master in 1897, passed away.

Last year we had occasion to remember the deaths of four Past Grand Masters and now three more are added to the list of those who are reaping the rewards of well spent lives.

NEVADA, 1915.

Fifty-first Annual Communication.

The Committee on Credentials reported the presence of seventeen Grand Officers, of thirteen Past Grand Masters and of the representatives of nineteen lodges and others.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

M. W. Bro. Theodore J. Steinmetz, Grand Master, to his address has a very brief introduction, then remembers in fitting words the dead.

He briefly mentions his visitations, and of "The Standard Work" he says:

"The standard work is giving more or less trouble. The officers of the lodges need coaching, and there is no one at hand to do the coaching. The men who first came to our state came through the discovery of gold and silver. They were from all parts of the world, and among them were many masons. It was but natural for these masons to organize a masonic club, to render assistance in case of sickness, as well as to meet socially, for masons love mutual converse and friendly intercourse. The requisites for membership in this club were that each petitioner must be a contributing member of some lodge and be able to prove himself a mason. Regular dues were paid to meet current expenses, and the wondrous deeds of mercy and love of these early-day brethren would fill a volume. From this association sprang our first lodges. Their officers were selected from those who had proven themselves most proficient in masonic work, perhaps each from a different jurisdiction, with wording of his own. While Freemasonry is the same throughout the world, there is some degree of variance in the lectures and in the rendering of the ritual, and unless kept uniform, years will widen this variance. With an aim to uniformity, the Grand Lodge of Nevada in 1908 called for an uniform work, which was accepted in 1909. The dissemination of the standard work is the difficulty to-day. No noteworthy progress can be marked until this means is supplied."

To bring about the required uniformity he recommends three District Deputy Grand Masters to disseminate the work and the exemplification of the degrees at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

He is of opinion and recommends that the burial service be revised.

Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Commissioner of Review, presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arizona, of cyphers he says:

"A cheap and easy way of disseminating a uniform work, but the trials and worries of lost cyphers and a drifting into slovenly work are but a few of the dangers ahead. The use of cyphers is clearly a breach of obligation and duty in letter and spirit and should be condemned."

Vigorously he presents our belief:

"We have invariably stood against curtailing the independent activities of the constituent lodges. From time immemorial every lodge has had the right to administer its own private affairs. A Grand Lodge has no authority to enforce upon its constituent lodges a code of by-laws, without their consent, and yet, if Grand Lodges continue the wholesale

enactment of regulations stripping the lodges of their ancient rights and prerogatives, in the end it will amount to the same thing. Grant them a wider discretion and impose upon them greater responsibilities. We should foster the development of the individual mason in his local surroundings, rather than to make him feel that he is a mere automaton expressing the will of a sovereign power on all questions affecting his well-being.

"All legislation on the question of temperance, the qualifications of candidates, the suspension and the burial of masons should be along broad lines, leaving a larger discretion in the local lodges with a greater responsibility."

Maine for 1914 is mentioned.

From his conclusion we quote:

"We Craftsmen, who stand for the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, should intercede for peace, though first honor and mercy alike cry out that this Nation of ours should stop the selling of munitions to the belligerents, and, if necessary, place an embargo on its ports. Strengthen the hands of those in authority, O Lord, that in all things they may seek thy honor and glory!

"We note an increased recognition that enlightenment and education play a most important part in Masonry, and that added ways are being provided for their obtainment."

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1915.

The Forty-eighth Annual Communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Hedley V. B. Bridges, we quote:

"Freemasonry has ever flourished in times of peace. Masonry has always deplored the miseries and suffering which are the inevitable consequence of war, but we must feel, to-day, that wishes for peace are inopportune and useless, and not until the principles of truth and justice and liberty have finally triumphed and prevailed, can we hope for peace that will be permanent and lasting."

The dead are remembered in affectionate terms. The account of his several visitations to subordinate lodges is full of interest. He says:

"In visiting lodges in the jurisdiction I have been much impressed with the many pleasant and attractive lodge rooms, homes of Freemasonry, of which the brethren may well be proud. It is a significant fact, too, that much improvement has been made of late years, and these improvements have not been made in any spirit of ostentation, but they are the results of a genuine desire that Masonry may be appropriately and adequately housed.

"Sometimes one hears of an indebtedness, but it is better to have a live and energetic body of masons meeting in a building with a debt not out of proportion to its financial ability, than a lodge asleep and resting too securely in its finished Temple."

On the subject of "ritual" he thus discourses:

"We sometimes hear the opinion expressed among masons that there should be uniformity of ritual at least throughout the Dominion. It has never seemed to me so very desirable and certainly appears impracticable. It is enough that the grand principles are the same throughout."

His conclusion bespeaks the true Briton.

He says:

"The voice of Freemasonry has ever been the voice of peace. Masonry, like the arts and sciences, has flourished and thriven during years of peace.

"But if the Supreme Architect of the Universe decrees that this awful war shall continue until the wrongs of suffering, down-trodden Belgium shall have been measurably righted, until the forces of the enemy shall have been driven from the fields of fair France and her dismembered Empire wholly restored, until the ancient rights and liberties and language have been given back to poor Poland, and until the clang of armor and sword of Prussian militarism be no more heard in Europe, naught shall we say, but as was said of old, 'Just and righteous art Thou altogether in Thy works, O Lord.'"

In his address the M. W. Grand Master says:

"In looking up the early history of Freemasonry in New Brunswick, I find that the first member of the Craft to preside over a lodge in New Brunswick was the Rev. J. Beardsley, and the date of that occasion was September 1, 1784. Bro. Beardsley before coming to New Brunswick had been Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New York. He was evidently enthusiastic in the interest of the Craft in those days, and was undoubtedly instrumental in establishing two other lodges, at Mau-gerville and at Kingston."

And later on the following motion was adopted:

"That as suggested by the Grand Master a tablet, commemorating the masonic work of Brother the late Reverend John Beardsley, be placed in Trinity Church, Kingston, with the consent of the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry."

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1915.

One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Communication.

Present:—The Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of fifty-seven lodges and others.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Stephen S. Jewett, is brief. The mention of the dead is made with few words, and then under the topic of "An Eventful Year" we read:

"I have been strongly impressed during the past year with the fidelity of the various lodges in this jurisdiction, along all lines tending to support the grand principles that are set forth in the ritual and work. I firmly believe that the masonic fraternity is the greatest bulwark for the general good of this country that is in existence to-day, and New Hamp-

shire masons are fully alive to their duties and obligations and will always be found standing shoulder to shoulder and show by their conduct and action that the fraternity to which they belong is not for mere empty show.

"Brethren, let us stretch forth our hands and assist, so far as is in our power, those who have been less fortunate than ourselves, so that the world may see how masons love one another."

He reports his dispensations issued and refused, the many requests for conferring the degrees by courtesy, the waivers of jurisdiction requested, and the holding of three Lodges of Instruction, and many other subjects brought to his attention.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters reported upon the condition of the lodges in their several districts as observed by them during their visitations.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

Bro. Harry M. Cheney presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"The vital thing which Freemasonry does to a worth-while man is to give him opportunities. It confers no powers, creates no caste, ennobles no life, save only as service and sacrifice does these things. This is the excuse for the existence of our fraternity. This is the mainspring of our institution. This is why men, good and true, cast their lot with us."

Maine for 1914 is carefully reviewed.

To our question "if the District Deputy Grand Masters in New Hampshire have any knowledge of special communications held by our lodges," Bro. Cheney replies "no."

Under South Australia we read:

"S. H. G.' gives Cheney much attention, and is puzzled over our ritual law, and asks us to explain it. With us a ritual written with pen and ink is permitted. We have no printed ritual, never had one, and will not have one. The edict, which confuses you, was against the use of a so-called printed ritual (not correct in nearly all particulars), issued by an out-of-the-state publishing concern. The permission to write one results in about one ritual to every lodge—and that's enough. We have no printed ritual to be copied in writing, as you seem to think. We never have had such."

NEW JERSEY, 1915.

The One Hundred Twenty-eighth Annual Communication.

A full list of Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of one hundred eighty-nine lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles P. Russ, in his address tells us:

"The present excellent condition of the lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction is worthy of more than passing note; financial improvement, a stricter adherence to the ritual and the preservation of harmony have each contributed a share in this attainment.

"The business interests of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, increasing with each year, demands at all times careful consideration, and conservative and up-to-date methods only are employed to protect the same.

"Each year carries with it new duties and problems, new sorrows and pleasures in which all must share; constantly we are taught to realize that the strongest link in the chain that binds us together is that of Brotherly love and good fellowship, unity and sincerity of purpose in the achievement of right living is essential to our advancement, without which we will rapidly drift upon the shoals of retrogression."

The dead are remembered.

Seven corner-stones were laid; many waivers of jurisdiction both to and from New Jersey were granted; visitations were made to many subordinate lodges.

A brother was indefinitely suspended. The Grand Lodge, on appeal, re-instated the brother who, applying for a dimit, was asked to pay dues for the time he was suspended. He appealed to the Grand Master, who decided:

"The law does not completely cover the point in question, leading to conclusion by inference that a suspended brother, for other causes than N. P. D., is liable to dues during his suspension. Some jurisdictions recognize this to be a fact through the adoption of laws; others are of a contrary opinion.

"I would therefore rule that a brother under suspension shall not be subject to dues during the period of his suspension."

We quote from his address the following paragraph:

"My attention has been called from time to time to the fact that the traveling certificates issued by this Grand Lodge are not limited as to time. The blue membership card distributed to the brethren throughout the jurisdiction expires with the close of each year.

"I would, therefore, recommend that all traveling certificates issued by the Grand Lodge have stamped thereon a date of expiration, not later than two years from date of issue."

The following resolution, which is self explanatory, is quoted:

"WHEREAS, The Masonic Historical Association has purchased the Old Masonic Temple, formerly located on East Front Street, Trenton, New Jersey, has had it removed to the new State and City Park, and located opposite the old Revolutionary Barracks at the entrance thereto, and has caused the same to be repaired and refitted; and

"WHEREAS, This Temple was the first Masonic Building in this section of the State, having been erected in 1793, was the building in which the first public school of the State of New Jersey was held under the public school system of the State, and was likewise used by this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for many years as the place of holding the meetings of the Grand Lodge; and

"WHEREAS, The Association desires to make a gift of this Temple to this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge to be used as a Masonic repository and museum;

"*Therefore resolved*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge accept from The Masonic Historical Association, the donor, a conveyance of this Old Masonic Temple and the property upon which it is located, and assume the maintenance of the same as a Masonic repository and museum for the use and benefit of the Masonic Fraternity."

The Committee on Ritual recommended:

"That officers' aprons be of plain white lambskin, lined with material of same color as border, fourteen by sixteen inches in size, corners square, flaps to be five inches in depth.

"Flap and apron to be trimmed with a border of blue silk one inch in depth, and aprons to have blue cords and tassels, the field and flap of the apron to be devoid of all symbols."

A large amount of local business was done.

Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1914 has a place in his able work.

We quote from his special report and add our sympathy:

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence give first place to an expression of its sense of personal loss in the bereavement of our esteemed and lamented associate R. W. Brother Adolph Klee, who had for several years reviewed the proceedings of the other than English-speaking Grand Lodges so acceptably; that our sorrow at his decease will be shared in degree by a number of the reviewers of sister jurisdictions."

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Joseph W. Congdon, Grand Master in 1885-1886, who died May 1, 1914.

NEW MEXICO, 1915.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Communication.

Thirty-four chartered lodges were represented with a full list of Grand Officers and thirteen of the Past Grand Masters.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Raleigh F. Hare, in the introduction to his address expresses his high appreciation of the honor conferred upon him and briefly comments upon the warfare in Europe, suggesting that Freemasonry should be "one of the foremost agencies in establishing universal peace."

The dead are remembered.

Three halls were dedicated; two lodges were instituted; dispensations for joint occupancy and lodge removals were issued; and many requests for conferring degrees from and for other jurisdictions.

Of his decisions we quote:

"2. Is a M. M. in possession of all his masonic rights after charges have been preferred, but before he has been tried? Can he prefer charges against a brother mason?"

"He is in possession of all his rights as a mason, and can prefer charges against any brother.

"3. I ruled that it was not necessary for the Grand Master to authorize one lodge to confer the degrees for another, when both lodges are in this jurisdiction.

"9. I ruled that non-masonic pall bearers could serve at a masonic funeral.

"12. Is a lodge obligated to instruct a brother in the lectures of the M. M. degree?

"It is the duty of a lodge to give its members instruction to enable them to pass the examinations required in all the degrees."

Decision No. 3 may be all right if the main question is granted, but in Maine it is not allowable for one lodge to confer the degrees for another, both being in the jurisdiction of Maine.

A Master Mason's diploma is issued to those Master Masons "who passed their examinations on the first section of the Master Mason's degree within the time prescribed by our Grand Lodge By-Laws."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters appear in the appendix. They give insight into the condition of the lodges reported upon.

No longer do we write that the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by Bro. James H. Wroth, who, for ten years, did able service and made his reports such as to be read and admired. We observe that failing health caused the retirement. We hope that his health may be fully recovered and that many years may still be allotted to him.

We welcome to a seat at the round table Bro. John Milne, who presented the Report for 1915.

Maine does not appear in the Report because he closed his work September first and Maine was behind hand.

From his conclusion we quote :

"Much has been said on the subject of Legislation. The common error of many jurisdictions seems to be the result of hasty action. Some brother finds difficulty in interpreting the law and without careful study offers an amendment to the Grand Lodge By-Laws. No doubt the Land Marks or Constitution provided the remedy which he sought by legislation. Few by-laws very clearly drawn are sorely needed. Evidence to prove this statement will be found in the report, on 'Decisions,' in a vast majority of the addresses delivered by Grand Masters.

"There are too many Grand Masters becoming unduly alarmed about the black ball. Surely if subordinate lodges were allowed to retain but a single right that one should be the right to select their own material, or perhaps better say the right to reject material not acceptable to them."

M. W. Bro. Henry L. Waldo, Grand Master in 1881-1882, died July 10, 1915.

NEW YORK, 1915.

Upon opening these proceedings we find our attention drawn to "A Plea for Peace to Free and Accepted Masons," written by the Grand Master. A powerful plea, worthy of presentations to all peoples and nations of the earth.

Fine (Bather) portraits of the Grand Master and of M. W. Bro. Robert D. Holmes, Grand Master in 1865-66, embellish the volume.

The One Hundred Thirty-fourth Annual Communication opened in Ample Form with a full attendance of Grand Officers and members.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George Freifeld, we quote:

"We have received into the body of our Fraternity, not only the occasional individual who from the fact of birth in another country may be termed 'a foreigner,' but there are represented in this Grand Lodge whole lodges composed of Italians, Frenchmen, Germans, Scandinavians, Spaniards, and others having a large number of Armenians and Turks, Russians and Poles. These brethren vie with the native American in their eager enthusiasm, steadfast loyalty and brotherly emulation in the work of the Fraternity under the leadership of successive Grand Masters."

Due respect is paid to the dead, of whom there were a goodly number of able mem.

Five lodges were constituted by the Grand Master and four corner stones were laid. Dispensations were issued to others to constitute other lodges and to lay other corner-stones.

He fully discusses "The Redemption Fund," meaning the way and means to relieve the Craft from its debt, and from that is led to mention "Local Temple obligations."

To avoid the mistakes made by lodges he suggests:

"As to those who contemplate building operations which may involve serious embarrassment for years, I would suggest the creation of a Committee on Temples by the Grand Master to be composed of Past Grand Masters and the District Deputy of the district affected to act jointly with the lodge or local committee. The plans, estimates and specifications could be referred to this body for their discussion and counsel by the Grand Master. This committee would consider the past, present and probable future of the locality, in connection with the plans proposed, and thus become qualified to advise wisely and at least avoid haste and extravagance and induce care and deliberation."

He freely talks about initiation fees and lodge dues, believing that there should be a minimum amount in each, and says:

"If men who seek entrance cannot pay three dollars (\$3.00) in a year and thirty dollars (\$30.00) as an entrance fee then membership is to them a luxury and prudence should forbid their indulgence in it."

The situation of affairs in Europe has fine treatment. Among other thoughts properly expressed are these :

"The Grand Master exercised his best judgment after taking counsel with others of the constitutional officers and decided to postpone a formal appeal to the lodges and brethren, it being fairly apparent that the need of relief had not at this time become acute.

"In the matter of collecting funds for those abroad two considerations, among many, presented themselves. First, our appeal when made must be a general one; that is, it must be made in behalf of *all* the nationalities engaged in the war with whom we have fraternal relations. As masons we know no race and recognize no national boundary lines. We are a brotherhood. Second, we should render help when the season of distress is greatest and then largely and adequately. It was evident from the letters received that such a point had not been reached in the warring countries up to a month ago."

It is understood that in so large a jurisdiction as New York much business must come before the Grand Lodge. So it was this year, but nearly all of the business had to do with the Masonry of New York.

From the introduction to the Report on Foreign Correspondence presented by the committee we quote :

"While the origin of our Craft, as given in our ritual, may be questioned by the Historian, the fact remains that the Temple of Solomon typified Jehovah and was dedicated to His holy name. So does Masonry typify the soul of the divine and glorifies Jehovah. The golden thread of fraternal spirit runs through all history, through all the ages, and appears and reappears under different names, in different forms and under different conditions. Spirit is eternal and changeless.

"We, as a young nation, have possibly felt this changeful, restless spirit more than the people of older lands, but to the credit of American masons be it said that we hold the ancient landmarks of the Craft as a precious inheritance from the fathers, and are loth to let go or discard the old customs and ways that have prevailed from the beginning of the Republic."

Maine for 1914 has a full page.

We have received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Charles W. Mead, Grand Master in 1900-1901, who died September 28, 1915.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1915.

One Hundredth Twenty-eighth Annual Communication.

A full representation of Grand Officers and Representatives were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John T. Alderman, in the opening of his address, devoting a paragraph or two to the warring nations, recalls

the "prayer for peace" sent out by him to the subordinate lodges, tells us of the pleasant hospitality extended to the Grand Masters in conference at St. Louis, and notes the meeting of the Washington Memorial Association, at Alexandria, Va.

Nine corner-stones were laid; dispensations issued for thirteen new lodges; of his decisions we quote:

"The petition of a soldier or an officer in the United States Army, temporarily stationed near a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, cannot be entertained unless the applicant is entitled to become a citizen where he is stationed and to register and vote in the state elections."

He makes some "Observations—not Recommendations," the majority of which have reference to the affairs of the subordinate lodge.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Everywhere there is new life in the lodges. New rooms have been occupied, old ones have been remodeled and better adapted to their purposes. Invitations have come to me from lodges in every part of the state to visit them. I have filled as many engagements as circumstances would allow."

The Grand Secretary makes a plea for economy. He says:

"Masons should always be generous and as charitable as our ability will justify, because charity and benevolence are cardinal virtues of Masonry. We should exert every reasonable effort to support and maintain as liberally as we can the noble Institution that justly claims our love and loyalty. We should aid every worthy cause that applies to us as far as our means extend, and should even stretch our ability if necessary at times, but there is a limit even to a mason's generosity, and this Grand Lodge should not make the mistake of allowing its generous heart to run away with its better judgment and thereby heap burdens upon the subordinate lodges that they are unable to bear. In other words, we must not make Masonry too expensive to be enjoyed even by the poorest man in our Grand Jurisdiction, provided he has the heart and mind of a mason and desires to enjoy its privileges and blessings."

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence in their report say:

"As to decision No. 3, your committee is of the opinion that the same is not an exact statement of the law. The soldier temporarily stationed near a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, is a sojourner, and his petition should not be received and cannot be balloted on unless the petitioner shall have been continually a *bona fide* resident of its jurisdiction for at least twelve months—Code, Section 113, Page 52. A man may be a *bona fide* resident of this state for twelve consecutive months, but under the State Constitution he cannot vote until he has been a *bona fide* resident for two years."

The District Deputy Grand Masters made reports of the conditions of the lodges which they severally visited.

Bro. John A. Collins presented his nineteenth Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence. From the introduction we quote:

"The mason of to-day is learning that his first duty is *to give*; to give whole-hearted and unquestioning obedience to the tenets of Freemasonry; to give good counsel to the erring, sympathy to the sorrowing, encouragement to the despondent, and substantial aid to the needy, without expectation or hope of reward, except the plaudit, 'well done' of his own conscience."

Maine for 1914 has fraternal notice.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1915.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank H. Sprague, comments upon the war.

The dead are remembered.

Three lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for four new lodges; the work of the Grand Lecturer, who is also Grand Auditor, was commended and the following paragraph is on the same subject:

"The expense to the Grand Lodge for this work the past year has been something like \$1,400. It has occurred to your Grand Master that owing to the excellent condition generally existing within the lodges, visitations, by a Grand Lecturer, might safely be dispensed with for a year; and that any needed attention or call for assistance could be supplied through the District Deputy Grand Masters at a very material saving in the expense."

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we quote:

"This year your Grand Lecturer took up the active work of lodge visitations early in November and continued until May 1st, six busy months, during which one hundred and four lodge were visited personally.

"In the years since the office of Grand Lecturer has been maintained as an active one, there has been marked improvement in business methods, and a noticeable increase in masonic enthusiasm throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. More than a hundred of our lodges are so situated that unless this Grand Lodge sends some one to visit them officially they practically never entertain a Grand Officer, and to these the official visit of the Grand Lecturer means much."

On the evening of the first day were held the dedicatory services of the new Masonic Temple at Grand Forks.

A new Constitution for the Grand Lodge was adopted.

A large amount of business appertaining to the welfare of the Grand Lodge was transacted. Very little legislation relative to subordinate lodges was introduced.

Bro. James W. Foley presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Maine for 1914 is fraternally reviewed.

Under Nebraska he says;

"We think the General Grand Lodge matter must by this time have received enough death blows to insure its peaceful slumber forever."

We have received announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Halfdan Bendeke, Grand Master in 1909, who died September 23, 1915; and of R. W. Bro. Charles A. Harris, Grand Treasurer in 1896-1897, who died October 22, 1915. He was born in East Machias, Maine, in 1841, and went to North Dakota in the early eighties, and later removed to California, where he died.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1915.

The Fiftieth Annual Communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Rev. D. H. MacKinnon, after the opening of the Grand Lodge delivered an able address. We quote:

"We should be as loyal to our brothers as the profane think we are. We should not be condemned if we cast the mantle of charity over the weakness of a brother. There are things for which we are condemned which would be considered natural if done for a brother according to blood relationship. No man would condemn me if I tried to screen my natural brother from some punishment which he may have deserved, and I hold what would not be wrong for me to do for my natural brother should not be wrong for me to do for my masonic brother. The ideal that should be the guide for natural brothers should also be the ideal for brothers of organization that emphasizes the place of brotherhood."

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William M. Christie, we quote:

"Fifty years ago on the 20th day of February last, the lodges which had been chartered by and were then working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, surrendered their charters to their parent Grand Lodge and formed this Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Nova Scotia.

"When we consider the small number of lodges which united to found this Grand Lodge in comparison with the large number of lodges then working in Nova Scotia, which declined to join with the Scotch Lodges in its formation, we cannot but admire the spirit and masonic fortitude of that body of masons who had the courage to break off from their Mother Grand Lodge in Scotland, and undertake the apparently impossible task of organizing and successfully working an independent Grand Lodge for this Province."

He devotes considerable space to the war in Europe and to the many duties that will devolve upon the Masonic Fraternity to help, aid, and support the poor and distressed brothers, widows and orphans made by the war. While he did not think the time had come to collect funds to be sent oversea, he did think that steps should be taken to create a fund for the care of their own members and their families when the cruel war was over.

We quote one decision because of its peculiarity:

"A question arose in Royal Oak Lodge (85) in reference to the installation of the Master-elect, who was in France with the 1st Canadian Contingent. The retiring Master of the lodge asked if it was possible to have the Past Master's degree conferred upon the Master-elect while at the Front. I answered that I thought it would be better to allow the matter to stand until the brother returned, when a dispensation could be granted for his installation; that, in that case, the retiring Master would be the acting Master of the lodge, until the Master-elect was installed, otherwise the Senior Warden would have to take charge. I further stated it would not be possible to have the degree conferred by a French Lodge, as this Grand Lodge is not in masonic communication with the masons in France, and if it were done at all, it would have to be done by what may be called 'an occasional lodge' established under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and I did not know whether this could be done. I afterwards telegraphed the Master of the lodge that after consideration, I would grant dispensation for the installation of the Master by proxy, the retiring Master representing him at installation; that I was doing this under the peculiar circumstances with grave doubt of my authority, not as a precedent; that during his absence, the Senior Warden would have to act as Master, and that if he was not installed in that way, the retiring Master would continue Master of the lodge. I believe that the Master-elect was not installed."

His visitations are reported quite fully.

Many troubles in lodges arose, to which he gave proper attention with good results.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported as follows on the decision quoted above:

"If this decision means that the Master of Royal Oak Lodge, No. 85, could be installed in his absence and by proxy your committee disagree. Again, before the Master-elect could be properly installed and assume charge of his lodge, it is necessary that he take one, anyway, and probably two obligations and your committee fail to comprehend how these obligations could be taken by proxy. Recently we have heard, but fortunately not in this country, of the marriage vows being taken by proxy but never the obligations of the Master of a Masonic Lodge, and, with all respect to the Grand Master, our opinion is this cannot be done. At the same time it is only fair to the Grand Master to note that he says 'I am doing this' under the peculiar circumstances with grave doubts of my authority, not as a precedent.' Evidently the 'peculiar circumstances' were that the Master-elect was serving his country at the front. But however commendable that was and is, and certainly it is commendable, in the opinion of your committee even that does not permit his being installed by proxy. While your committee has dealt with the decision as reported we understand the Master-elect was not installed."

The Jubilee Celebration was held on the evening of the first day, at which time an elaborate program was carried out.

From a letter from the Grand Representative for Nova Scotia near the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico we quote:

"As you probably know, Masons in Latin America are perhaps too much inclined to introduce politics into their discussions, and they are sometimes prone to consider that Masonry can lawfully be used to com-

bat the cause of the Roman Catholic Church. The older and cooler heads among them are always, however, using their influence to avoid any such discussions and, needless to say, the English-speaking masons are also continually exerting a good influence."

Bro. Thomas Mowbray submitted his fifteenth Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Maine for 1914 has four pages in his able and readable report.

To one of our criticisms of last year he makes this explanation:

"We are quite sure that on the principle at issue we agree with Bro. Chase, but he must remember that (unfortunately) Royal Standard Lodge is on the register of the Grand Lodge of England and therefore independent of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. This being so we must, as far as is consistent, respect her rules and regulations.

"We would, however, refer to the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which did not support the Grand Master in this decision, and this report was received and approved by Grand Lodge."

Under Massachusetts we read:

"As a frontispiece is an excellent portrait of Henry Price, who, in 1730, was appointed by M. W. Bro. Lord Viscount Montague, then Grand Master of the Mother Grand Lodge of England, the first Provisional Grand Master of New England, and subsequently of the whole of North America, which, as a matter of course, included our own Province, so it goes without saying that the Masonic Fraternity of Nova Scotia is interested in this rather distinguished man and mason. A man by the name of Erasmus James Philipps, who was probably a relative of Richard Philipps, Governor of Nova Scotia from 1719 to 1749, settled in this Province. Subsequently he visited Boston where he was made a mason by Provisional Grand Master Price November 14, 1737. Tradition, backed up by certain documentary evidence, informs us that shortly after receiving his degrees in Boston Bro. Philipps returned to Nova Scotia, and under a deputation issued by Grand Master Price instituted the first Masonic Lodge in this Province, that at Annapolis Royal, about 1737 or 1738. And thus it is that New England Freemasonry and Nova Scotia Freemasonry is and always has been so closely connected and such good feeling prevailing."

The First Grand Master of Nova Scotia, 1866, M. W. Bro. William H. Davies, died in California, where he had resided for forty-seven years, September 30, 1914.

We have also received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Theodore Augustus Cossman, Grand Master in 1900, who died April 28, 1916.

OHIO, 1915.

One Hundred Sixth Annual Communication.

The Committee on Credentials reported that all of the Grand Lodge officers were present; all of the Past Grand Masters and the representatives of five hundred twenty-five lodges.

The Grand Representatives are not reported as such. The Representative system, however, is recognized, and the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

With a brief introduction to his address, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George L. Marshall, calls up the Grand Lodge while he reads the roll of the dead of his own and other jurisdictions.

He carefully attended to the many duties devolving upon him to attend to as soon as he became Grand Master.

Dispensations was issued for two new lodges; six lodges were constituted; eighteen Masonic Temples were dedicated; seventeen cornerstones were laid during his year of office.

The McKinley chain letter scheme, as the McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association, was again looked upon with disfavor.

In regard to "Decisions," he says:

"In my judgment, we should not further complicate our jurisprudence with needless decisions, which are nothing more than constructions of the by-laws or code.

"Our splendid Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, which, through the wisdom of a long line of my predecessors, has remained practically unchanged for many years, is an effectual barrier to all attempts to confuse our present Code by the addition of new decisions that are unwise or not absolutely necessary."

From his conclusion we quote:

"Possessed with a language and history, Freemasonry has had for centuries but one mission, and that mission is to direct the minds of men to the one true living God, and to vitalize in the highest sense the principle of human brotherhood. Thus Masonry, the hand-maiden of religion, strengthens the mason in his service to God, to his country, and to humanity, and is found a living force for good in every avenue of worthy effort. Our growth is therefore not phenomenal, but rather natural, and there can be no danger to the institution in numbers so long as the Ancient Principles govern and inspire the Craft."

The Grand Secretary reports the membership 101,185, with a cash balance after the payment of debts and estimated expenses of \$36,547.80.

Diplomas were prepared by him for the use of visiting, which appear to be very similar to those used in Maine. He also prepared a Past Master's Ritual.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported favorably upon the following by-law of a subordinate lodge:

"Each member shall pay annually the sum of three dollars into the funds of the lodge *in advance* on or before the last day of January."

Bro. Nelson Williams presented his fifth Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Alabama we read:

"There is no question but that the ladies of the Eastern Star are entitled to the heartfelt thanks for the assistance they have given to our Masonic Homes in their Christmas donations and in erecting hospitals and other charitable acts, but there is a very serious question involved when the attempt is made to allow them to have a joint voice in the management of our homes and equal privileges with masons. It is at least a question which should be seriously considered before definite action is taken."

Maine for 1915 is fraternally reviewed.

From his conclusion we quote:

"We have reached the conclusion that Freemasonry, in the English-speaking Grand Jurisdictions at least, has never been in a more prosperous condition than to-day. In fact, we fear that its only danger is its prosperity—strange as this may seem. The increase in membership in many of the Grand Jurisdictions is so large as to raise a suspicion that the proper care may not be taken to see that only the worthy are permitted to enter. If only the good and pure and true are admitted, and the present rate of increase continues, no man can measure the amount of good that may be accomplished and the amount of influence that may be exerted by the great masonic army of the future. Let us hope that its energies may at all times be directed toward supplying the wants and relieving the distress of its votaries, and that its ultimate aim may be the permanent betterment of mankind."

OKLAHOMA, 1915.

The Seventh Annual Communication of the State of Oklahoma.

The Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of three hundred and twenty-six lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Perry Freeman, comments upon his labors of the year and the war in Europe.

Proper respect is paid to the memory of the dead.

Among the duties attended to were the re-districting of the state, the constituting of ten lodges, the dispensations issued for eight new lodges, the laying of eight corner-stones, and two dedications. His visitations are briefly enumerated.

He was much troubled by the invasion of jurisdiction of one lodge by another and had many difficulties to settle.

After reading these many difficulties we believe that much of the matter could have been well left out. Perhaps, for the sake of example to other lodges, it was necessary to give the details, but "it was a very large wash that was hung on the line."

It took eight printed pages for the title "Discipline."

Under "Masonic Home" he says:

"In the future I urgently advise that no more building be undertaken until the money is provided for, before the work is commenced. In the building of this dormitory we depended upon the voluntary contributions of members pledged by lodges, which in many instances were not kept. The lodges that kept their pledges and sent in their contributions to the dormitory fund, must now help to bear the burden imposed by the failure of those lodges that did not keep their pledges, for the balance to finish paying for it was taken from the General Fund which must be supplied by all the lodges according to membership. This is not just to them nor fair to the members. The pledges made by lodges should be faithfully kept yet, and the sum borrowed from the General Fund be replaced from their contributions yet to be made in compliance with their pledges."

He reported forty-five "decisions." The most of them treated of the action of the lodge upon the advancement of candidates. Most of them were decided by reference to the Constitution and Code, which showed that it was easier to ask the Grand Master than to find out yourself.

He made a few recommendations. We quote one:

"I am sure that much of the delinquency in the payment of Grand Lodge dues by lodges could be obviated by a provision in our law, that lodges which paid the dues payable on July first get a ten per cent. discount if paid any time during the month of July, and that dues payable January first be discounted ten per cent. if paid any time during January, and I recommend that such provision be made by this Grand Lodge."

The R. W. Grand Orator delivered an earnest and forceful address on the subject, "Logarithms of Life."

A large amount of business was done, but it had to do with the masonic work in Oklahoma. Among other things the lodges are hereafter to be known as "constituent" instead of "subordinate" lodges.

Bro. Thomas C. Humphry submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Indiana, he comments upon the many decisions given by the Grand Master as follows:

"The advice is good and should be followed, and the Grand Masters might well require the numerous seekers for masonic lore, to state that the constitution, by-laws and edicts have been examined and the search has proven unavailing on the question at issue. Laziness and the lack of effort to examine the law, is a fruitful cause of many useless questions being asked the Grand Master."

Maine for 1914 has full justice.

Commenting upon the quotation relative to the punishment of a brother who does not learn the the third degree lecture within two months he says:

"It sounds very harsh and lacking in brotherly sympathy, to charge a brother with a masonic offence and try him because his memory was poor and he failed to remember the lectures. The law may require the recipient of the degree to learn the same, as it now does in Oklahoma, but certainly the law is not so severe that it would bring such punishment for the failure to so memorize the lecture received.

"The recipient of the third degree is required to stand examination on the lecture same as in preceding degrees, in Oklahoma (new regulation.) So that when an Oklahoma mason gets away from home he will have our mark and brand upon him so he will be recognized, that's all."

Under Utah we read:

"The subordinate lodges should not meet on Sunday except upon the death of a brother, and the Grand Lodge should entirely cease laying corner-stones on Sunday. It is work and no ox in the ditch. This writer is not in favor of the lodge meeting on Sunday to go to church as a lodge with regalia and wearing aprons. It is commendable to go to church and all right to go in a body but leave off the regalia and aprons, except on funeral occasions. Wearing collars, aprons and jewels is too much 'Look at me.'"

We acknowledge the receipt of the announcements of the deaths of M. W. Bro. James Stephen Hunt, Emeritus Grand Secretary, who died March 9, 1915; of R. W. William Leander Byrd, Past Senior Grand Warden, who died April 21, 1915; and of M. W. Alfred Gallitin Gray, Grand Master in 1912, who died August 21, 1915.

OREGON, 1915.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Coleman Bristol, begins his address with a paragraph given up to the thought that masonic business is not well conducted, especially in Oregon, and adds that the Grand Lodge ought to meet elsewhere than in the City of Portland, where interest in many directions takes away from the business of the Grand Lodge.

Under "Legislation" he says:

"Amendments dealing with things in expectation will never reach the actual facts. There is wide room to reduce our law making; it is much better to confine our affairs within the least amount of rule and enactment. Better to know a few things well and certainly, than to have a body of unknown and misunderstood complex rules. Decisions are unnecessary."

Therefore "all interpretations of the laws and statutes of the Order should therefore be for the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee."

He also presented this recommendation:

"Do not leave your Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master out of touch with the important affairs of this body for a whole year previous to his tenure of office, but make him an active officer instead of a figure-head, or abandon the office."

Again he becomes a pessimist or his Grand Lodge is surely in a very bad way:

"The affairs of the constituent lodges deserve your most serious consideration. Contemporaneous experience shows that every Grand Master finds ignorance, indifference and neglect of the law and knowledge of our Grand Lodge affairs together with the misuse and abuse of the ballot to be the most striking obstacles to the promotion of masonic harmony and advancement."

He suggests:

"Change your law with reference to physical defects, so that injuries received after initiation may not preclude advancement.

"Obviate the duty resting in the Grand Secretary to publish names of members and officers of lodges.

"Make a positive enactment prohibiting the publication of names of Committees on Investigation."

We quote:

"Toleration for the opinions and acts of others is a masonic injunction and lodges that attempt to put on the spectacular or try to stage something out of the ordinary or spend or devote their funds to other than masonic purposes, or whose members constantly seek some evasion of the regulations of the Order, find themselves immediately against the order of the Grand Lodge, and brethren should remember that if they desire to maintain an existence under the authority of this Grand Lodge they must be observant of and act in conformity to the laws, rules and regulations of the institution or suffer the consequences.

"Masonry in Oregon is now the slave of form and ceremony, the creature of too much law and regulation, and the cringing instrument of self-interest. Ignorance begets imprudence, indifferences and neglect impair its vigor, and the misuse and abuse of the ballot destroy its fraternity."

It is to be hoped that the affairs of Oregon Masonry are not in such a condition as painted by the Grand Master. We do not remember ever to have read such an address as a whole, devoted as it was almost entirely to finding fault with one thing or another. It has been said that it was easier to tear down than to build up. Masonry has been built upon the strongest of foundations and has erected a superstructure beyond compare. Oregon Masonry ought to be part and parcel of the upbuild.

We do not quote from the Treasurer's report often, but after reading the address of the Grand Master we note that the Grand Lodge in the General Fund had a balance of \$12,750.35.

We note that the consent of the Grand Lodge had to be obtained before a subordinate lodge could levy a special assessment on its members for the relief of the sick.

From the Report of a Special Committee we take this sentence:

"That the Constituent Lodges are, and of right should be, controlled by the Grand Lodge, is a self-evident statement that should be freely recognized and cheerfully acquiesced in by every mason, for the perpetuity of Masonry necessarily depends upon the loyalty of every mason."

Not according to our instruction in mathematics is any such doctrine "self-evident."

A large amount of business was presented. Some of it goes over to next year, some was killed by committee's report, and some was adopted.

Bro. David P. Mason submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1914 has full notice.

We quote:

"We approve the plan of the Maine Grand Lodge in rendering assistance to a brother, his widow or orphans in the home town where the recipient can be surrounded by relatives and friends, rather than in an institution."

PENNSYLVANIA, 1915.

A fine portrait (Bather) of M. W. Bro. James Milnor, Grand Master 1806-1813, graces the proceedings.

At the Quarterly Communication in March, a gift from Bro. Paul L. Lewis was received and accepted.

At the Quarterly Communication in June, petitions were received for two new lodges; a bequest of four thousand dollars from Bro. William Willson.

At the Quarterly Communication in September, the Committee on Masonic Homes made a report asking for means to complete improvements and actual repairs. The Finance Committee endorsed the report and made arrangement for the money to be obtained.

At the Quarterly Communication in December, the Trustees of the various Grand Lodge Charity Funds presented their report. If we make no mistake the entire fund is about \$4,500,000.

At the Annual Communication in December, in his address, the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. Henry Williams, fittingly remembers the dead, reports the constitution of five new lodges; announces the dispensations issued; reports ten corner-stones laid; and the following decisions:

"Refused to permit the officers of a lodge to be represented as a scene in a historical pageant, commemorating the laying of the corner-stone of a college.

"Directed the Secretary of Warren Lodge, No. 240, not to furnish information requested as to the standing of a member in said lodge, to the Secretary of a Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, and admonished him to govern himself according to the decisions of my predecessors.

"Decided that our guests at the Homes must not become members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and further directed that certain activities in this connection cease immediately."

No Report on Correspondence.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1915.

The Third Annual Communication.

The Representative for Maine was present, and he responded to the address of welcome given by the Grand Master. We quote one paragraph:

"In Freemasonry we meet upon the common ground of the equality of rights and the fraternity of men, children of the one Father, and we recognize that the betterment of their material and spiritual conditions is the most noble cause to which our efforts may be directed; and we now declare our loyalty to the fundamental principles of masonic law and usage that should govern all transactions among masons."

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Newton C. Comfort, in his address regrets that many of their members have left the Islands, welcomes the members of the Grand Lodge, reminds the brethren of the dead, treats of the war in Europe and of his visitations he says:

"The Grand Master made it a rule to attend some lodge every week during the year. He attended four lodges a week on a number of occasions and on one day he was present at three different lodges, was at the opening ceremonies of two of them and at the closing ceremonies of all three. He participated in the schools of instruction which were regularly held."

He states that:

"During the past year the gradual removal of many of the past bitter-nesses has been a source of much masonic satisfaction. The beginnings of cordial relationships now exist, and it is hoped that the impetus given to the general unification of the various masonic interests in the Orient, and in the Philippines, may see a greater stride with each passing month."

The Grand Orator, Bro. George Rogers Harvey, delivered an oration "Freemasonry in Action."

Quite a large amount of business, local in character, was disposed of.

Bro. George R. Harvey submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1914 is reviewed.

We have received notice of the death of R. W. Bro. Burton Whitcomb, Deputy Grand Master, 1914-15, who died July 8, 1915. He was a native of Massachusetts.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1915.

The Fortieth Annual Communication.

All the lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

With a brief introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George S. Inman, pays due tribute of respect to the dead, then passes to the consideration of the war in Europe. We quote:

"Christendom is now in the throes of a great struggle, pagan ideals versus christian ideals—and barbaric methods against those of modern civilization.

"And here, perhaps, it might not be amiss to note, that this is not the first time the fate of civilization has been trembling in the balance.

"Five hundred years before the Christian era Greece was the abode of culture, the home of art, the seat of philosophy, the centre of civilization and the cradle of democracy. Against the little State of Attica, no larger than one-third of Prince Edward Island, came the Persian hordes under Cyrus. On the field of Marathon the Greeks were victorious and Civilization was saved.

"A thousand years later Civilization was again threatened by the invasion of the Huns, who swarmed from Asia over Central Europe.

"Again in the Eighth Century there was another turning point in the world's history, when at the great battle of Tours the question was decided whether Europe should be Mohammedan or Christian.

"The world reached another crisis one hundred years ago, when the Corsican gunner stood upon the shores of France, gazing with ambitious eye, across the English Channel to the land held by 'the nation of shopkeepers.' He had trampled Europe under his feet; he had waded through blood to gratify a boundless ambition; and he wished to have England at his feet. The question then was, as it is now, military despotism against democracy; but on the fields of Waterloo the principles of liberty were vindicated and the arms of Napoleon were shattered.

"In the present supreme moment of the world's existence let us hope and trust that history may repeat itself, and that Civilization, and Right, and Truth may come off triumphant in the terrific clash of arms that is deluging Europe with blood."

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized. The recognition of France was deferred, that of the Philippine Islands awaits upon the pleasure of Scotland, and of the situation in Mexico we quote from the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

"A few of the brethren in Mexico are again trying to get into the lime light with that utter disregard for established rule which characterizes the civil (or rather uncivil) life of that unhappy country. About a dozen men some of whom add 32 or 33 to their names are declaring themselves a Sovereign Masonic Body, denouncing intrigues of certain others who also wrote 32 or 33 after their names, whom they claim did certain political wire-pulling and attained ends which were not acceptable to the present intriguers. They do not seem to realize that Sovereign Masonic Bodies of the Anglo-Saxon Group know nothing of Masonry beyond the Third degree. The name they chose is 'Mexican Symbolical Rites Lodge Evolution No. 1.' We may dismiss the matter with the words of the one time celebrated Josh Billings. 'There is no one needs so much close watching as those who are always closely watching others.'"

QUEBEC, 1915.

The Forty-fifth Annual Communication.

The Committee on Credentials reported the representatives of sixty-four lodges, eight Past Grand Masters and the Grand Officers.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In his address, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John E. Wright, comments upon the loss of the "Empress of Ireland" in which were members of the Fraternity, and upon the terrible war in Europe, enumerating many of the distinguished masons therein engaged, then enumerates the dead.

He announces the raising of a substantial sum of money for the Canadian Patriotic Fund to the benefit of the families of the members of the Canadian Contingent.

Speaking of "Regalia, he says:

"I wish, therefore, to again state that gold lace or fringe can only be worn by members of lodges entitled thereto by reason of one hundred years' existence. Past Grand Lodge officers who wish to wear distinctive aprons can do so by observing the regulations laid down according to their past rank. *Silver fringe or lace* is not permissible for members of any of the lodges in this jurisdiction."

One new lodge was instituted; several dispensations issued; two masonic halls dedicated and a few visitations made.

One lodge had its charter taken from it because it used in its work a "rite or ceremony" other than that adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters reported the result of their respective visitations and the details of their labors.

R. W. Bro. the Rev. Malcolm A. Campbell delivered a discourse on "Masonic Symbolism." We quote:

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

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

In his introduction, he thus discusses "Liquor Legislation":

"We are not afraid, for our part, to trust our lodges in regard to those who are actually demoralizing fellow men by engaging in a traffic, the abuse of which is more or less of a curse to society; and when it comes to the question of the eligibility of a candidate for Masonry against whom it can only be claimed that he is a shareholder in some great reputable hotel company or in one or more of the vast railway or steamship companies which furnish refreshments to passengers, we cannot but believe that the best judges of such eligibility are the members of the lodge into which the candidate seeks admission."

Maine for 1914 has due mention.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. John B. Tresidder, Grand Master 1903-1904, who died April 1, 1914.

RHODE ISLAND, 1915.

At the Semi-annual Communication held November 16, 1914, the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers thus discoursed upon the question of delinquency in the payment of dues:

"The Grand Constitution authorizes action to be taken against a member of a subordinate lodge when such member shall be delinquent in payment of dues to the lodge. Delinquency in payment of dues results from a failure to pay the dues at the time prescribed by the by-laws and if the requirement of the by-laws is that the dues shall be paid upon a certain date in advance, failure to pay the dues on the prescribed date results in delinquency and the lodge is authorized to prescribe a penalty for such delinquency."

The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Communication.

Thirty-five lodges were represented; seven Past Grand Masters and a full line of Grand Officers were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. Fred Parker, made an able business address. In it he remembers the dead, lists his dispensations, reports the conferring of degrees by courtesy, tells of the invitations received, and announces one decision, to wit:

"I am of the opinion that if a brother had paid the fee for the Third degree and is denied advancement to that degree, no part of the amount paid for the First and Second degrees can be refunded to him, but the amount paid by the brother for the Third degree should be refunded. I am of the further opinion that the brother not having taken the Third degree and signed the by-laws has no standing in the lodge."

The District Deputy Grand Masters made reports of the condition of the lodges in their respective districts.

Identification cards, good for thirteen months from date of issue, for the use of every member of a subordinate lodge who is in good and regular standing, were adopted as a pre-requisite to admission in any lodge.
No Report on Correspondence.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Cyrus M. Van Slyck, Grand Master 1897-1898, who died April 27, 1915, and of two of their Past Grand Treasurers: R. W. Bro. Clinton D. Sellen, who served 1875-1876, 1879-1883, and R. W. Bro. Nelson W. Aldrich, who served 1877-1878. The former died January 22, 1915, the latter April 16, 1915.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1915.

The Ninth Annual Communication.
Ninety-nine lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

Owing to the large attendance the communication was held in the Knox Presbyterian Church.

In his address, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Laughlin T. McDonald, states that in 1906, at the institution of the Grand Lodge, "there were within the Province twenty-four lodges and approximately nine hundred members. The growth of Grand Lodge, in keeping with the development and growth of the Province itself, was steady, until to-day we have 116 lodges and 6,705 members," and financially "by careful management we have to-day invested in good security \$11,000 as a Benevolent Fund, with sufficient in the bank to carry on the current expense of Grand Lodge, and in addition to that we have a fund known as the 'War Fund,' of \$3,200."

In the matter of "quality and not quantity" he says:

"We do not want fewer members, but we do want more morals, or better morals, and if we can only have 'more morals' by lessening the members, let us lessen the members. Ten good men in a lodge, men who command the respect of the community in which they live, are better than ten times that number of bad or indifferent ones."

The dead are remembered; the official visits reported; six new lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for three new lodges; one corner-stone was laid.

He makes mentions at some length of the misfortunes that have happened during the year, the loss of "The Empress of Ireland," the Lusitania and the War in Europe.

The District Deputy Grand Masters submitted more or less detailed reports. These make plain the general condition of the Craft. They

take about eighty-eight pages of the proceedings. The Committee on Conditions of Masonry, after an examination of these reports, say:

"We desire to call the attention of the brethren to the following outstanding features. First, the large amount of arrears of dues, and second, the low average attendance of the members at lodge meetings."

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

Bro. A. S. Gorrell presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1914 has a page.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. John Leslie, Past Grand Master of Manitoba and Honorary Past Grand Master of Saskatchewan, who died February 14, 1915.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1915.

The One Hundred Thirty-ninth Annual Communication.

There were present beside the Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of two hundred sixty lodges and others.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George T. Bryan, in his address reports that harmony and peace prevail among the Craft and yet many of the brethren have finished their labors on Earth.

He discountenances the sending "through the mail, printed lists giving the names of candidates applying for election and advancement, to be voted upon, at certain stated communication," and feels that the Grand Lodge should interdict the publication and issuance of such printed notices."

He describes the method of dispensing Charity:

"We are caring for the masonic orphans better in the regularly organized charities, or homes of masons or their own homes, as has seemed best and most expedient by us; we are caring for the mason, his widow and his orphans, in some instances, at their own homes, where the children are growing up under the sweet and gentle influence of 'Mother'; we are contributing to the aid and relief of old and indigent masons and their wives or widows in their own humble homes, or in old home neighborhoods."

He attended seven district meetings and officially visited thirty-three lodges, at which time he conferred degrees.

Many dispensations were granted and some requests for dispensations were refused.

Six lodges were constituted; four dispensations issued for new lodges; seven corner-stones were laid; many circular letters of more or less importance were issued; and attended to many cases of "Masonic Courtesy," that is, the conferring of degrees in and out of the jurisdiction.

He reported forty-one "General Rulings." Nearly all of the questions could have been answered by a search of the Constitution.

The District Deputy Grand Masters made reports of their doings.

R. W. Bro. Seipp of Maryland gave a very interesting account of the labors of the George Washington Masonic National Association.

Bro. J. L. Michie submitted his Sixth Annual Correspondence Report.

From his conclusion we quote:

"The Documentary Evidence Fad is gaining ground among our Grand Jurisdictions, so it would be well for the brethren to provide themselves with the necessary Certificates before 'traveling into Foreign Countries.' Tax Receipts and receipted tailors' bills might come in handy too, no saying.

"There seems to be an increasing tendency among certain Grand Lodges to usurp the privileges and prerogatives of Subordinate Lodges, a tendency we very much deplore. Constituent, or Subordinate Lodges should be allowed to regulate their own domestic affairs in their own way, so long as they do not violate the Constitution, and act up to the Ancient Usages, Landmarks, and Established Customs of our Fraternity."

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1915.

A fine (Bather) portrait of the Grand Master graces the proceedings.

The Forty-first Annual Communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Geo. Philip, is a trifle different from all that we have so far read.

He says:

"In this day of the world's history when our brethren, for all men are our brothers, are spreading the gospel of love in highly civilized Europe under a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, and extending fraternal greetings at the point of the bayonet, when plowshares are being beaten into swords and pruning hooks into spears, it is gratifying to be able to report that peace, harmony and masonic kindness prevail throughout the entire jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge."

The dead are lovingly remembered; four new lodges were constituted; three corner-stones were laid; one Masonic Temple dedicated, and under "Dispensations" we read that which sounds good and marks a mason. He says:

"Almost all ordinary means of communication, long distance telephone, telegraph, mail and other methods were used in presenting requests to confer degrees out of time. Believing, as I do, that the masonic degrees

should not be given or received lightly, and that they are worth waiting the statutory time for, I refused all such requests.

"There were also several requests made for dispensation to ballot on candidates out of time. Four weeks is none too long a time to investigate one with whom you may be associated for life in an oath bound brotherhood. These requests were all refused."

His decisions are in accord with the general masonic law.

Quite a large amount of business, local in character, was transacted.

Bro. Samuel A. Brown presented the Report on Correspondence.

Under British Columbia we read:

"What a delight it would be if our ceremonies could be accompanied by the language of two hundred years ago. But our Grand Lecturers of to-day will not tolerate a single archaic form. We have been forbidden to say 'aught' or 'clad' or 'wrought,' or any of the few words of a past generation that linger with us. We can comfort ourselves that the officers' names remain as they are. Some day the Tyler, the Deacons, the Wardens and the Worshipful will fall under the censorious eye of the Iconoclast."

Maine for 1914 has fraternal mention.

The decision of the Grand Master on the matter of the purchase of jewels for a Past Master is thus treated:

"We find that this decision was not acted upon by Grand Lodge, decisions being deferred to next year, but in our opinion the rule is too exacting. It may very commonly happen that it is deemed to be the duty of a lodge to reward its W. M. It has a right to the spending of its own funds. Its funds are contributed by its members who know whether or not the funds are trust funds. Besides, if lodge funds are trust funds so are Grand Lodge funds. Yet we see the Grand Master carrying out the orders of the Grand Lodge in making a most suitable and well-deserved present to a faithful officer.

"With every respect for the Grand Master and the Grand Jurisdiction we believe it is better policy to let the lodge do a little thing like that at its own discretion."

TENNESSEE, 1916.

The One Hundred Second Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, seventeen Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of four hundred and thirty-seven lodges with others were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. T. A. Hisey, we quote:

"Peace and prosperity prevail in Tennessee. New lodge rooms and a magnificent Temple have been completed and dedicated the past year. The membership has increased in a substantial manner both in number and in the quality and character of the men admitted to the Order."

We again quote without comment for the benefit of all who may read:

"The first administrative act the Grand Master was called upon to perform was the raising of some money for the payment of taxes and insurance upon the property of the widow and daughter of a distinguished brother mason of Tennessee.

"Four lodges from East Tennessee, three lodges from Middle Tennessee, and three lodges from West Tennessee were selected at random and solicited to assist.

"The money received was, through the fraternal aid of Bro. Charles F. Landis, placed in the hands of those for whom it had been collected."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, said:

"The manner in which 'the first administrative act the Grand Master was called upon to perform' was disposed of as reported under the head of 'Relief,' and in connection with which the Grand Master communicated directly and officially with ten Subordinate Lodges, selected at random, and solicited assistance or funds for the payment of taxes and insurance upon the property of the widow and daughter of a distinguished Tennessee mason, does not have the approval of your committee, and we recommend that the Grand Lodge record its positive disapproval both of the method pursued and the practice or policy involved."

The Grand Master in his address also reports his action in regard to bonds of the officers. Inasmuch as he did not follow out the plan laid down by the Grand Lodge his action was not approved by the Grand Lodge.

The dead are eulogized. But once again we excerpt from the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"General Pillow, famous in war and held in great respect and esteem in private life, was a member of Euphemia Lodge, No. 195 (now defunct), and was suspended by said lodge June, 1876, for non-payment of dues. He died a great many years ago, leaving unpaid the dues for the non-payment of which he had been suspended.

"In order that his body might be re-interred with masonic ceremonies, the Grand Master undertook to clear up the record by remitting said dues and thereupon issued certificate of good standing.

"It is the unanimous and positive finding of your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence that the Grand Master has no right or authority either to remit dues, re-instate a deceased suspended brother, or to issue certificate of good standing under such circumstances.

"Disapproval of the action of the Grand Master in this connection is, therefore, recommended."

Twelve corner-stones were laid. Some difficulties arise in the law provided for the election of officers, so the Grand Master issued a circular in which he says:

"Having set forth the masonic law as to the election and succession of officers in the Subordinate Lodges, the Grand Master gives due and timely notice that he will grant no dispensations for the election and installation of the officers of the Subordinate Lodges at a time other than the time set forth by the by-laws of the Subordinate Lodge.

"Not even the failure of the 'Full Moon' to be on time in December will be accepted as an excuse."

Twenty-five requests were made of other jurisdictions for the confer-

ring of degrees by courtesy and eight requests were received from other jurisdictions.

Of his decisions we quote :

"Masonic lodges have little or no use for Trustees; the W. M. and Wardens, and their successors in office, are the proper officers in whom to vest the title."

To which the committee replied :

"Masonic lodges may, sometimes do, not only have extensive use for Trustees, but they are, in some cases, required and absolutely essential to the proper handling of property interests of lodges. It would be impossible in one answer to give in detail what are, or might be, the rights and duties of such Trustees. In one case they might be few and simple, in another many and complex. In every instance their rights and duties are dependent upon the circumstances, conditions and limitations of that particular case."

From the report of the committee we quote :

"We recommend concurrence with the Grand Master in Ruling No. 11, to the effect that where a lodge has preferred charges against a brother and the accused has employed as his counsel an attorney who was a member of a lodge which has had its charter arrested, that to be admitted to the trial lodge the attorney should be required to present a certificate from the Grand Secretary showing his good standing in the lodge at the time its charter was arrested.

"We take it that this is the only question the Grand Master intended to decide. Neither his action nor the report of this committee must be construed as intending to approve the idea that a brother mason about to be tried for an alleged masonic offence, may employ and pay an attorney-at-law, or employ and pay any one else to defend him, either in the Subordinate Lodge or in this Grand Lodge. A masonic lodge is not the place to practice law for pay."

Other decisions were made; some of them got by the Committee on Jurisprudence, some did not. As finally decided the opinions concur, in general, with masonic law.

Tennessee still publishes in full the reports of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, but to what good purpose we know not.

Money was voted to pay for publishing a new Code and a pocket Manual.

A new plan for visitations and supervision of lodges was adopted.

A General Masonic Relief Commission was created which—

"Shall be charged with the administration and management of special relief funds from whatever source derived and shall make its own rules and regulations not inconsistent with this authority or with general masonic law and usage. To it shall be referred all appeals for aid received from members of Subordinate Lodges, and by it they shall be carefully investigated. If such appeal shall be found meritorious and beyond the means of the lodge submitting the appeal, the Commission may send to all Subordinate Lodges, in the name of the lodge making the appeal, a request for donations; all such donations to be forwarded to said Commission, and so much thereof as it may deem necessary, sent to the lodge

making the appeal, the residue, if any, to be held by the Commission to meet future requests of similar nature."

There was found time in this very busy communication to have the F. C. and M. M. degrees exemplified.

Bro. Henry A. Chambers presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"The proposed great American Continental League, Association or Grand Lodge that was to have been inaugurated at San Francisco during the great fair in 1915 did not materialize. The officers of the Grand Lodge of California, while polite personally, did not give any official countenance to the project. Its promoters did not get sufficient encouragement from any source to justify them in holding a meeting at San Francisco or elsewhere. However, the apparent enthusiasm of the promoters of the Grand Masters' Conferences within the United States may lead not only to a national organization, but also to a continental association. If the one, why not the other?"

Maine for 1915 is reviewed.

He quotes the following decision and adds the query:

"An objection before initiation is equivalent to rejection by ballot, but if objections to the advancement of a candidate are made after initiation, such objections must be made known to the lodge and their sufficiency determined by vote of the lodge.

"Why not simply require a unanimous ballot for each degree as the candidate advances?"

Maine has but one ballot for the three degrees. So, if it is thought that any one after initiation is unworthy to receive the other degrees, charges should be made and a trial had, for we believe that when he received the E. A. degree he became a mason and is entitled to some rights as such.

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. John T. Williamson, Grand Master in 1889, who died December 10, 1915.

TEXAS, 1915.

The Eightieth Annual Communication.

All the Grand Officers except two, eighteen Past Grand Masters, the representatives of three hundred eighty-one lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Twenty-eight of those present had been masons in good standing for forty years or more.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Jewel P. Lightfoot, fervently sets forth the beauties and teachings of Masonry.

Proper tribute of respect is paid to the memory of the dead.

Some correspondence with Louisiana was necessary because the latter had conferred the E. A. degree upon a rejected candidate of the former; with Kentucky because of the trial and conviction and expulsion of a member of a lodge in Kentucky by a lodge in Texas, and with Illinois because a lodge in Illinois had made a mason of rejected material of Texas.

Considerable space is given to the protest of the "Regional Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands" against the recognition of "Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands."

He reports that Texas contributed \$2,920.30 to the Masonic War Relief Association.

He reports twenty-one decisions; that lapse of time between the receiving of one degree and another is no bar; that a lodge cannot allow the use of its halls or ante-rooms for use as a school room, even when the school building has been burned; and that "there is no law making it a masonic offence for a Master Mason to align himself with the Roman Catholic Church, so long as he is faithful to his masonic obligations."

Twelve lodges were constituted; forty-eight cases of physical qualification were decided favorably and thirty-two were refused.

After giving a list of the degrees conferred by courtesy, he offers the following suggestions:

First. When the Grand Master has requested a lodge in this jurisdiction to confer degrees by courtesy, the Secretary of the lodge should be directed to conduct all correspondence with the Secretary of the lodge for which the work is being done, including the remission of the fee directly to the Secretary.

Second. It will simplify matters very much if our law is amended so as to provide that when a request is made of a sister Grand Jurisdiction to confer the degrees by courtesy, the work may be done in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction doing the work, where it is preferred by the Grand Master of the sister Grand Jurisdiction."

He reports in detail the very many matters brought to his attention as M. W. Grand Master.

He recommends on account of the large correspondence, and "infinite detail work" that the Grand Master have a private secretary; that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge ought to be revised; and that the detailed report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be not printed.

The Grand Orator delivered an address upon "Character and the Influence of Masonry."

An account of "The Masonic Orphans' Home" at Fort Worth is instructive.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Master, upon granting any request for conferring degrees by courtesy, as heretofore provided, may, in his discretion, direct that all future correspondence in relation to the degree, or degrees, to be thus conferred shall be conducted by and between the proper officers of the respective lodges concerned, and in which case he need pay no further attention to the matter, unless appealed to on some question of regularity of the proceedings arising under the operation of our laws."

This is the beginning for the pendulum to swing back to the time when lodges conducted their own correspondence.

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence said in their report:

"There has been referred to this committee a resolution condemning the vice of profane swearing, and providing that no brother shall be eligible to office in a lodge who is habitually guilty of that inexcusable and degrading habit.

"Discipline and enforcement of the constitution are needed, not any further legislation, and we do not report favorably on the resolution; but we remind the District Deputies, lodges and members of their duty in the premises, and enjoin upon them the strict enforcement of the laws herein mentioned."

Bro. George W. Tyler submitted his fourth Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

He devotes his introduction to a very entertaining retrospect. We quote:

"Incidental to this brief study it appears from the old proceedings that our first recognitions as a Grand Lodge were given by New York, Maryland, Mississippi and Hamburg (Germany) in 1840, by England in 1842 and by Maine in 1844.

"New York named Bro. Anson Jones, our first Grand Master, as her Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Texas and his formal reception as such, on the evening of January 21, 1845, being the first event of the kind ever occurring in Texas, was an occasion of thrilling interest.

"Bro. Richard Lee Wilson, a merchant of London, was our first Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of England and Bro. Jno. T. Paine, then Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine, was our first Grand Representative near that body, while Bro. Ebenezer Allen, of 'old Washington on the Brazos,' was Maine's first Grand Representative near our Grand Lodge.

"All of these events occurred in the early forties and from this time on the exchange of Representatives has continued right along and to the present time."

Under the District of Columbia he makes the following suggestion:

"Now, suppose the Grand Lodges of all the states should make an exception of the District of Columbia and waive, in its favor, the rigid enforcements of this iron-clad jurisdictional regulation, so that our citizens, when sojourning for a reasonably long period in Washington—say for two years—in the discharge of their official duties, may apply to a lodge there for the degrees, regardless of their political or former domicile. This would be an act of beautiful courtesy and broad-minded comity, extended by the larger states to this little restricted territory set apart, for

our mutual benefit, as our National Capital, by the influence of the great Washington himself, revered everywhere for his masonic virtues."

Maine for 1915 is fully reviewed.

We have received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Benjamin Franklin Frymier, Senior Grand Master, in 1893, who died December 4, 1915.

UTAH, 1916.

The Forty-fifth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of all the lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William J. Shealy, in his address speaks of the dead, mentions the war relief, reports the dispensations granted, the institution of one lodge, the constitution of one lodge, the dedication of one hall, his visitations to all the lodges except one.

Commenting upon the labor of the officers of a lodge and the business done at the lodge meeting he recommended:

"First: That the lecture in the Master Mason degree be given at some future meeting if the lodge so desires.

"Second: That it is not obligatory to examine candidates as to their proficiency in the degree in open lodge, but, if the lodge so elects, they may have this examination made before a committee appointed for the purpose; and

"Third: That the lodges be given the privilege of conferring more than one Master Mason degree at a meeting, leaving it to their judgment as to the number."

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

A bronze tablet to the memory of the late Bro. Christopher Diehl was unveiled.

Quite a large amount of business, local in character, was done.

Bro. S. H. Goodwin presented the Report on Correspondence.

Under Connecticut, in the matter of dispensations, we read:

"And one 'to receive a petition and confer the degrees upon a candidate, if elected, who has resided in the state less than one year, the same being pastor of a Methodist Church.' Why so much haste was necessary in these various cases, we do not know. Perhaps, in the case of the preacher, if the brethren had waited the legal period, they would not then have wanted to receive him; we have known, now and then, of a minister who did not last a year in a community. Why not let them wait? This seems so much like recognizing classes in Masonry. Let all come in the same way and on the same conditions and terms. We are as much in favor of shortening time for preachers, as we are in giving them 'bargain-counter rates' on fees and dues."

Maine for 1915 is well reviewed.

He quotes from the address of Grand Master Bodge, and adds:

"We have yielded to the temptation to quote Grand Master Bodge at greater length than is our custom, but for sanity, and balance and a true appreciation of things fundamental, we place his address in the van, with the best that have come to our table this year."

Under Maryland we read:

"We stand with Bro. Jack on the printing of prayers (we have discussed the subject with him in conversation), and are frank to say that we share his feeling, whenever we meet with a Chaplain's prayer in print. We are also frank to say that we do not see the point of the Scriptural quotation. We submit that it is a far cry from the lonely bush aflame with the presence of the Almighty (according to record), and the voice of the G. A. O. T. U. speaking in audible tones to his servant, and the thought-out, carefully-worded prayer delivered by a Grand Chaplain, in the presence of a few hundred more or less indifferent men, 'copy' of which is immediately turned over to the printer!"

We climb up on to that platform to make our stand with them.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. John Shaw Scott, Grand Master in 1877, who died November 28, 1915.

VERMONT, 1915.

One Hundred Twenty-second Annual Communication.

There were present seventeen Grand Lodge Officers, nine Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of seventy-nine subordinate lodges.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Chas. H. Darling, comments upon the European war. He reports the dedication of two halls, remarks upon the anniversaries held by many lodges, tells of his visitations to district meetings and incidentally discusses the method of the appointment of District Deputies, from which it would appear that the *law* is not followed. He thinks that the plan, some time in use in Maine, would serve well.

We quote one decision:

"The Master of a lodge being in California, the Junior Warden being dead and the Senior Warden being unable to be present at a certain regular meeting, the lodge was opened and presided over by a Past Master. During the meeting a member of the lodge preferred charges to the Past Master against the Senior Warden and the same were read in open lodge and by vote ordered to lie over. On these facts being presented for decision, it is held:

"1st: A Past Master is not an officer of the lodge and can preside

only by courtesy of the Master or a Warden, one of which must be present to open the lodge and be responsible for what occurs.

"2d: The Senior Warden was the only officer within the jurisdiction that could act as Master of the lodge, and, consequently, the only one to whom charges could be preferred. He could not prefer charges against himself nor act as a judge in his own case, and, consequently, he was not competent to determine whether the charges were frivolous or whether the accused should be summoned for trial.

"3d: Nor could charges be preferred against the Senior Warden under the circumstances except to the Grand Lodge, because he could not act as an officer while under charges, and there would be no one empowered to open and govern the lodge or convene the same for the trial of a member; and because it would place the lodge in the power of a single member to prevent a communication or the transaction of its regular business."

He opposed the printing of the proceedings of the Vermont Masonic Veteran Association with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

To meet the cases of soldiers the following resolution was adopted.

"Resolved that the petition of one who has resided for at least one year next preceding the date of his petition on a government reservation within the confines of this state, may be received and acted upon by any lodge in this jurisdiction, without a waiver or disclaimer of jurisdiction, or the recommendation, of any other lodge, or Grand Lodge."

It was decided to continue the publication of the Masonic Veteran Association, not "as a part of" but as an appendix to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters appear in the appendix.

Bro. Marsh O. Perkins submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1914 is well remembered.

From his conclusion we quote:

"The end of the 'journey' has been reached, and our observations by the way have been recorded. We present them with the earnest hope they may be of interest and value to some of our good brothers, who are blessed with the right and distinction of calling Vermont their home. That among our 'valuable discoveries,' they may find something to entertain them in moments of leisure; to inspire them to renewed zeal and activity in masonic effort, and to impress upon their minds the imperative demands of continuous, unremitting SERVICE."

And now we bid farewell to this able and brilliant writer. His work here is finished, good work and such as will accord with the Master's square. We knew him not intimately, but from the reading of his Reports on Correspondence and association once a year we had learned to appreciate his ability and his generous, genial, lovable self. Bro. Perkins died February 19, 1916.

VIRGINIA, 1915.

The One Hundred Thirty-seventh Annual Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Philip K. Bauman, was unable to be present and his address was read by Past Grand Master Joseph W. Eggleston.

The introduction is brief. The dead are fittingly remembered. His decisions are few. We quote one:

“Question. A is a member of our lodge; B and C are members of _____ lodge. At a regular communication of our lodge A stated that he had a conversation with B, in which B stated that C was a member of _____ lodge. A had sat in the lodge with B, and stated that he would vouch for C, as B had informed him (A) that C was a member of _____ lodge. The Worshipful Master ruled an examination was necessary.

“Answer. No brother is qualified to avouch for another unless he has sat in lodge with him. If B sat in lodge with A, and also sat in lodge with C, he (B) was clearly qualified to avouch for C to A, and A could then avouch for either, or both. B's informing A that C was a member of _____ lodge would not be sufficient. He must have sat in lodge with him, and, unless he had, the Master's ruling was right. But if B stated to A that he (B) had sat in lodge with C, either in _____ lodge or elsewhere (that being legal masonic information), then the Master's ruling was wrong. Mistakes of identity are so common among the most careful men that the application of this rule cannot be too rigidly enforced.”

Under “Dispensations Refused” we read:

“I have had very many requests for dispensations to ballot out of time on candidates for the degrees, which I have almost uniformly declined— one exception, I think. I do not think it wise to grant dispensations to ballot out of time. I must say I am somewhat doubtful of the sincerity of those who so suddenly become imbued with the desire ‘to be of service to their fellow creatures.’ We teach that Masonry knows neither rank nor power, class nor distinction. Therefore, every man gaining admittance into its sacred precincts should pass through the same experiences. As a rule, men little value that which costs them little. Were there no other argument against it, this should suffice.”

Dispensations were issued for four new lodges; three corner-stones were laid and permission given to thirteen lodges to lay corner-stones. His visitations are reported.

The aid given to the sufferers in Belgium from war was in the shape of one hundred barrels of flour sent as a part of the cargo of Virginia's relief ship.

From the Report of the Committee on the Old Masons' Home we quote:

“We were pleased to note that excellent sites could be had without cost, and, in addition, some were willing to offer inducements, such as money, modern conveniences, etc., but, in view of the fact that not a single district reported any one who would likely have need for such a home, the committee thought it prudent not to incur any expense in con-

nection with the project, but to communicate this information to the Grand Lodge for its consideration and pleasure.”

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and of the (new) Grand Lodge of France were recognized, yet the reason for the latter recognition is not very satisfactory.

Of the decision already quoted the committee say:

“The language of the Most Worshipful Master in referring to the question raised in Decision No. 6 is somewhat ambiguous, and, therefore, the decision of Most Worshipful Grand Master Bauman might mislead if not explained. There is nothing to indicate that B actually, in the presence of A and C, identified C as a man with whom he sat in lodge. If he did, this was sufficient, or if he knew, from legal masonic examination or other legal information, that C was a mason, and pointed C out to A as the very man he knew as a mason, this is sufficient, and this is all the Grand Master’s decision was intended to mean. We may also say that it is entirely within the Master’s unquestioned prerogative to require an examination of any person desiring to visit his lodge.”

The several District Deputy Grand Masters reported the condition of the lodges in their districts.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Idaho Bro. Knepper—

“Feebly defended their having ‘a cipher in every lodge’ by saying they have no use for a lecturer of the ancient type, and have expert ritualists in abundance. Of course; why not? But they deserve no credit, and are destroying our ancient glory as a secret ‘mouth to ear’ society, and the last one left on earth. Besides, from our standpoint, they violate our first degree solemn obligation. The only defence is in subterfuge, for no body of men can keep secret what is committed to a cipher, and, if they could, they have no right to take the risk.”

Under Iowa, commenting upon the work of the lodges at the Conference of the Grand Masters at St. Louis, he says:

“And yet Missouri work was almost that of Virginia, and the Tennessee work farthest from it. One charm the occasion had for this writer was that, however differently expressed or arranged, no single point of the lessons conveyed and no peculiar masonic expression was wanting. If it was missing, where looked for it cropped out elsewhere. In short, the differences, while sometimes apparently great, were nowhere of essential importance. A candidate raised anywhere gets just what he would get of masonic instruction elsewhere. Differing greatly in how he got it, he would get it just the same, and, having been a ritualist for nearly forty years, we would not have conditions different from what they are.”

Maine for 1914 is reviewed.

He says:

“He held that a mason suspended for non-payment of dues could prefer charges. If their suspension is only from membership, leaving the suspended a non-affiliate, we think he is possibly right; but if that suspension means in Maine what it does in Virginia, we cannot agree with him.”

In Maine suspension for non-payment of dues renders a mason a non-affiliate.

WASHINGTON, 1915.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication.

All the lodges except eight were represented. Of the Grand Officers the Deputy Grand Master was detained by illness.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William J. Sutton, expresses his pride and humbleness arising from the honorable position which he has held.

Four lodges were constituted; two temples dedicated; six cornerstones laid; dispensations issued for three new lodges. We quote his decisions:

"1. Held that a lodge U. D. may grant a dimit, no seal being required.
"2. Held that installation of officers cannot be held on Sunday, even though St. John's day fall on Sunday.

"3. Held that a person who has a slight defect in his left arm, but who can raise arm at right angles with body with perfect action of elbow is physically qualified to receive the degree of Masonry.

"4. The petition of a person for the degrees of Masonry was rejected by a lodge in another state, this lodge claiming jurisdiction over petitioner for a period of five years. Held that a person who has resided one year within this jurisdiction is eligible to petition for the degrees."

We do not agree with decision one. The lodge U. D. cannot issue a dimit, as we believe.

With No. 4 we believe him to be within his rights, but think that courtesy to the other jurisdiction would require five years to expire before the petition should be received.

The revision of the Monitor was fairly discussed and then left in the hands of the committee for another year.

From the report of the Committee of Finance we quote:

"Referring to the recommendation made by the Grand Secretary that the per capita tax for the general fund be reduced, we would recommend that the reduction be not made, but that one-third of the per capita tax for the general fund be placed in a special fund to be held subject to requisition by lodges in proportion to their per capita tax paid into the general fund; the money so requisitioned and dispensed to the lodges to be expended by such lodges exclusively for relief purposes."

Bro. Ralph C. McAllister presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence. He says:

"We have thought it best to congregate the comments on various subjects of masonic interest under appropriate headings."

He gives us a clear statement of the purposes of the "Acacia Fraternity," as obtained from a member thereof.

About dispensations to confer degrees in less than required time he says:

"The Grand Master of Florida, for instance, says:

"I granted dispensation to _____ Lodge to ballot for and confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees short of time on _____, on account of his leaving the state for a long period of time."

"What if he was leaving the state for a long period of time? He undoubtedly had been in the state for a long period of time and had not availed himself of his privilege of applying. Why break and set aside long established custom for his accommodation? Why not let the brethren where he was going 'for a long period of time' have a chance to look him over and investigate if he wanted to be a mason? Of course the lodge would lose the fees, but on the other hand they would not send an improperly prepared mason as a representative by whom their Masonry would be judged. We'll wager he bragged about it at the first masonic banquet where he got a chance to make a speech. If he was going where there were no masons it would do him no good. If he was to be among foreign masons it simply threw upon them the responsibility of giving him a knowledge of his craft. We cannot understand why so many Masters and Grand Masters can see only the individual and overlook the Craft. The Grand Master himself says if there is any doubt of the authority to do this it should be made legal, as 'I do not believe that either the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master in recess would arbitrarily abuse such power.' With all due deference we think he had made a misuse of the power in this very case."

WEST VIRGINIA, 1915.

The Fifty-first Annual Communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William T. Ice, Jr., in his address, called the roll of the dead of foreign jurisdictions; names the dispensations issued for two new lodges, and for other purposes; reports the laying of nineteen corner-stones and declined to lay the corner-stone of the Christian Church, on Sunday, deciding "that the laying of a corner-stone on Sunday is work in Masonry, and that the Grand Lodge should not be convened for that purpose on that day."

Of his decisions we quote:

"A member of Wheeling Lodge, No. 5, which lodge has concurrent jurisdiction with Nelson Lodge, No. 30, files an objection with the Master of Nelson Lodge, No. 30 to the initiation of a candidate therein. Decided that a member of Wheeling Lodge, No. 5, can object to the initiation of a candidate in Nelson Lodge No. 30, and the objection must be sustained by the Master of Nelson Lodge, and the reasons for the objection cannot be demanded."

He says:

"I wish to direct attention to the FUNERAL SERVICE as laid down in our TEXT BOOK. The order of the funeral procession is prescribed, and it will be observed that in this procession the 'Holy Bible on a cushion, covered with black crepe' is carried by the oldest member of the lodge.

"I have observed that at almost every funeral ceremony which I have attended, the oldest member of the lodge is some respected brother who has reached the age when his physical strength is such that he can hardly perform this task without showing signs of effort and inconvenience in doing so. It is true that the oldest members cheerfully undertake to perform this duty, but in some cases they are so frail and weak that it is an imposition to require them to march in a procession and carry the Bible. I am of opinion that some change should be made in the Text Book in this particular, and that the Master of the lodge should be authorized to designate some member of the lodge to carry the Bible in the procession."

The District Deputy system as practiced in Maine is in use in West Virginia and each made a report of the condition of the lodges in his district.

Past Grand Master George Wesley Atkinson delivered the historical sketch of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia for a half century.

The Committee on Jurisprudence report:

"Your committee has also considered the resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the three year limit of jurisdiction of lodges over rejected candidates, does not apply to Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts."

"We hold that the Laws, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge fully and completely cover this subject and that as provided therein no lodge in this jurisdiction shall confer the degree of Fellow Craft or Master Mason upon any brother who has been initiated or passed in any other lodge, without the written consent of such lodge. In other words, the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction obtains in such cases without any regard to the residence of the brother, and the lodge which initiated or passed any such brother keeps and retains jurisdiction over him, until it voluntarily waives it.

"We therefore deem further consideration of the resolution unnecessary."

Bro. George W. Atkinson submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Florida we read:

"Some dozen or more years ago, our West Virginia Grand Lodge directed me to submit the next year a report on 'Landmarks of the Order.' I went at it, hammer and tongs. I read every masonic writer, who had expressed an opinion on the subject, and found that no two of them agreed. So, I simply copied the lists given by Mackey, Simons, Gould and a few others, and stated that the brethren could take their choice 'and govern themselves accordingly.' Grand Lodge accepted the report, printed it in our West Virginia Text Book, and there it remains to-day. When a brother asks me to name the Landmarks, I modestly inform him that I cannot do it, and refer him to our Text Book, where he can find when Dr. Mackey, *et al*, say about it and then decide for himself. How-

ever, all writers agree as to the most important of them, and that ought to be sufficient for all inquiring minds."

Maine for 1915 was reviewed.

We quote :

"With a single exception, the Grand Master speaks in high praise of the work performed by the District Deputies. Such officers can be a great help to Grand Masters, and to the Craft as well, when they are constantly 'on the job.' Otherwise they are severally a dead letter. In some jurisdictions, their services are practically *nil*. Grand Masters necessarily must depend upon the Deputies to post them as to the operations of the different lodges, as it is impossible for the heads of the Craft to personally supervise all of the subordinate lodges."

Under Pennsylvania we get reasons for the publication of the names of brethren of the subordinate lodges in the Grand Lodge Proceedings :

"We have followed this custom from the organization of the Grand Lodge to the present, mainly for two reasons: First, it is gratifying to the individual brethren to have their names printed every year; and, second, it is helpful to other Grand Lodges in preventing frauds and imposters from our state imposing upon lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions, because it is an easy matter to turn to our lodge rosters and ascertain whether the name of the party asking relief is found in the list of members in the lodge in which he claims membership. Another reason may be given for the annual publication of the names of the members in good standing, namely, it does away with the necessity for the Grand Secretary to keep up a card system of all of our West Virginia members. To inaugurate and keep up such a system, would necessitate the employment of an assistant to the Grand Secretary at an expense, perhaps, as great, or even greater than the cost of printing the names in the annual proceedings. So, there are, after all, two sides to the question to be considered."

From his conclusion we quote :

"I can say in all kindness and good will, that the more I read about what the members of the Eastern Star are doing as an adjunct of real Freemasonry, the more I feel like praising and encouraging them. They are lending a woman's hand in bearing alms to the needy, and doing what they can to make the world sweeter and happier and better. They are the handmaidens of their husbands, fathers and brothers, who are masons, in carrying on a work which only women, with true women's hearts, can do. After all, what kind of a world would we have, if it were not for the work that women only can do? My, my, excuse me! And please remember, I am not a member of it. I am only an unprejudiced onlooker."

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Robert White, Grand Master in 1874-5, who died in December 12, 1915.

WISCONSIN, 1915.

The Seventy-first Annual Communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Bernard F. Keeler, we quote :

"I come, not as one who has ruled, but as one who has sought to serve, who has tried to look upon the position of Grand Master as the greatest opportunity for service ever given to a man in Masonry. It is a place rich in possibilities for sacrifice, devotion, zeal, loyalty, enthusiasm and accomplishment. For the sacrifice there is full recompense; for the devotion, an inspiration; for the zeal, ripe fruitage; for the loyalty, honor; for the enthusiasm, a flooding of the soul with precious memories; and for the accomplishment, the commendation of God. No greater reward could come to me than that which has arisen from the consciousness that, day by day and step by step, through my honest, earnest endeavors to fulfill the mission placed in my hands, I have grown in moral and masonic stature. The responsibilities are great, tenacious and uncompromising, and at times it seemed as though they were beyond my strength and ability. But consciousness of weakness, coupled with a conscientious desire to measure up to the magnitude of the position, prove powerful incentives to him whose heart is strong in his cause."

He mentions the war, his treatment of the calls for relief from foreign countries because of the war, has a paragraph on "Religious Controversies," mentions feelingly the dead, and made thirteen decisions.

We quote:

"It would be unmasonic to organize a masonic ball team and call it the 'Masonic Baseball Club.'

"A brother objecting to the advancement of a candidate is not required to state his reason.

"If money changes hands, either by betting or otherwise, as the result of games played in rooms owned or controlled by masonic lodges, the players are guilty of unmasonic conduct."

Of his labors he says:

"During the year there have been held seventeen emergent communications of the Grand Lodge: eight for the laying of corner-stones, five for the dedication of lodge homes and four for the consecration and constituting of new lodges."

The Grand Lecturer in his report says:

"There is but one discordant note in the scale of harmony in this state. There is no doubt in the mind of your Grand Lecturer that key-posted officers and members confuse and mislead those who have received the work from the Grand Lecturer. It is hoped that when these misguided brethren better understand their relation to Freemasonry and its laws, they will see the error of their ways, and cheerfully conform to obligations and law, as is their duty."

The Grand Master said in his address:

"Some confusion seems to have arisen as to the proper time to confer degrees at a regular communication in order to have the same made of

record as a part of the labor of the communication. Some lodges have been in the habit of closing lodge in the Master's degree and then proceeding with the opening of a lodge of Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts and working therein and closing in the lower degree. The question arises whether, after the regular meeting has been opened and closed in the Master's degree, the succeeding session is a part of the regular communication or a special. I have been inclined to the opinion that when the regular communication has been closed in the degree in which it was opened the communication is at end, and all work done subsequent thereto must be held to be performed at a special called by the Worshipful Master. I have felt that the proper procedure is to call down to the degree in which work is to be done, resume labor in the Master's degree after its completion and close in the Master's degree in order to make it all one communication. I ask for a determination of this that the secretaries may be advised on the kind of record to make, and respectfully refer the matter to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence."

The committee say:

"Your committee are of opinion that when a lodge is open on the Master Mason's degree and closed, and is immediately opened on the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft degrees, these all constitute a part of one communication."

The Grand Lodge, however, decided:

"When the regular communication of a lodge has been closed in the degree in which it was opened the communication is at an end, and all work done subsequent thereto must be held to be performed at a special called by the Worshiptul Master."

To which decision we agree.

Bro. Aldro Jenks presented his eighteenth Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On the subject of relief to foreign countries he says:

"Should the masons of this country contribute generally as an organized body, it might be productive of very serious consequences and involve us in a charge of a lack of neutrality. It would be impossible to afford any adequate relief even in one of the nations engaged in the combat. To contribute to one nation and not to all would seem to be taking sides in the controversy. We have yet to find any one who can give any reasonable or adequate cause for this conflict. It seems to be the most causeless war in the whole annals of history. It may seem cruel to withhold relief, yet if the nations of Europe without any apparent cause see fit to quit tilling their land and go to killing one another, we hardly see how they have any right to expect the people of the United States to feed their wives and children while they continue without cause to fly at one another's throats."

Under Indiana we read:

"Another new regulation adopted is one that is now to be found in many of the regulations of Grand Lodges in the United States. It provides that any Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft free from charges may, upon written application and a unanimous vote, dimit therefrom. The adoption of such a regulation simply restores to an Entered Apprentice Mason a part of the rights and privileges enjoyed by him in former times, and is made necessary by the assumption of kingly prerogatives

indulged in by the Grand Masters in forbidding subordinate lodges to deal directly one with another when located in different Grand Jurisdictions in looking to the advancement of a candidate."

Maine for 1914 receives his attention.

We quote :

"The first ruling reported by the Grand Master was that charges may be preferred by one who stands suspended from membership for non-payment of dues. This decision seems to us to be unsound. A person suspended from membership in a lodge is not a member thereof for the time being and none but members of a lodge can prefer charges therein. True, they may bring matters to the attention of the Committee on Discipline, but have no right to stand as sponsor for the charges filed.

"Another decision made takes too narrow a view of the powers and prerogatives of a subordinate lodge. It holds that an appropriation cannot be made from the funds of a lodge for the purchase of a Past Master's jewel to be presented to a retiring Master. Has it come to pass that a lodge of masons is powerless to make an expenditure of a few dollars to purchase a jewel with which to express its appreciation of the services of one who has devoted much of unwearied effort to the advancement of Masonry in the lodge?"

Under North Carolina he thus speaks :

"The Grand Master says it was 'his good fortune' to be present at the annual meeting of the Washington Memorial Association at Alexandria, West Virginia. He fails to see the danger in these gatherings and says that 'they are fraught with great possibilities and will increase in the scope of their usefulness as the years go by.' That they are fraught with important consequences, no one can dispute. We fear it will be the old story over again of the camel who desired simply to be permitted to stick its head beneath the flap of its master's tent and ended up by crawling in bodily and kicking the lawful tenant out. Of course, the avowed object of such gatherings at present is merely to look after the business affairs connected with this peculiar venture, to which we have alluded elsewhere in our report, but that there are other objections that are not being brought to the fore at the present time may readily be gathered from the statement which our brother makes when he says:

"Apart from the prime object presented in the By-Laws and Constitution of the Association, that is, the erection of a great temple to the memory of Washington, the Mason, I am fully persuaded that ultimate results far more important will come to our Fraternity throughout the length and breadth of our land."

"These annual gatherings must tend more strongly than anything else could to the establishment of a General Grand Lodge for the United States, and with its establishment impair the sovereignty of the different Grand Lodges now in existence. Power is always ambitious, and ever grasps at greater power. Gradually the prerogatives and sovereignty of the different Grand Lodges of the United States will be surrendered to it or acquired by usurpation.

"Our brother thinks that eventually great good will come from these conferences. To our mind, they are very much like the road constructed by a great military expert, that led to nowhere but to the depths of a quagmire, so that a hostile army once started down the highway soon found itself floundering helplessly in a bog. We would counsel every Grand Lodge that wishes to retain its own independence and sovereignty to beware of conferences of Grand Masters and annual gatherings of this nature."

WYOMING, 1915.

The Forty-first Annual Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. J. Jewett, in his address calls the roll of the dead, made known his decisions, of which we quote:

Question.—J. L. Rector, a former member of Ashlar Lodge, No. 10, was granted a dimit on March 1, 1910, expecting to affiliate with a lodge about to be organized at Calhan, Colo., but which was never organized. He now returns his dimit and asks that he be re-instated in his old lodge. Can this brother be re-instated and what is the proper procedure?

Answer.—From a further statement of facts it is learned that Bro. Rector is now a resident of Colorado. He is, therefore, subject to that jurisdiction and Ashlar Lodge cannot receive his petition for affiliation."

From which we dissent.

He reported the dispensations granted.

He recommended the approval by the Grand Lodge of a proposed erection of a masonic building by any lodge; the establishment by the Grand Lodge of a card index; the establishment of a contingent fund, and "that legislation be enacted making the time a brother is in good standing uniform throughout the entire jurisdiction."

Bro. Charles E. Winter delivered an address on Masonry.

Bro. W. A. Riner, Grand Orator, delivered an address on "Masonry's Essentials."

The business was entirely local.

Bro. J. M. Lowndes submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence. We welcome him to a seat at the Round Table.

Maine for 1914 was reported.

ADDITIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

ARKANSAS, 1915.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication.

Four hundred forty-seven lodges were represented. The Grand Officers and thirteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles E. Rosenbaum, devotes the introduction to his address to the state of affairs in Europe.

He devotes one section to the memory of the departed brethren; one section to the relief of war sufferers; one section to the flood sufferers.

He reports a dispensation for one new lodge, "more than fifty" dispensations to elect and install officers, eighteen permissions to solicit aid for the relief of brethren, the laying of three corner-stones, his attendance at the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Eight lodges required some particular attention.

Under recommendations he says:

"I am firmly convinced that the time has come when the Grand Lecturer of this Grand Lodge should be placed on a salary, and that he should devote his whole time and energy to the duties of his office, which in my judgment should not only include instruction in the work of properly conferring degrees, but also assist the officers to a better understanding of the laws, edicts and rules, which should govern the lodges under this Grand Jurisdiction."

The Grand Orator delivered the address before the Grand Lodge while at refreshment, that the Order of the Eastern Star might be present.

No Report on Correspondence.

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Almon J. Witt, Grand Master in 1909-10, who died March 17, 1915; of M. W. Bro. Christopher C. Ayers, Grand Master in 1897, who died August 2, 1915; and of M. W. Antonio B. Grace, Grand Master in 1905, who died December 15, 1915.

FLORIDA, 1916.

The Eighty-seventh Annual Communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Cephas L. Wilson, devotes the introduction to his address to thoughts of the life of man, and the injury that results from a too free use of the tongue. The Grand Chaplain was then invited to offer prayer, after which the Grand Master resumed his address and gave quite an extended account of the distinguished dead.

He reports three lodges constituted; eight dispensations for new lodges; six corner-stones laid; dispensations for almost any kind of a case requiring one; and reports, *in detail*, his decisions, none of which appear to be contrary to general masonic practice.

The following regulations were adopted:

"The seats in the Grand Lodge shall be arranged by Masonic Districts, and each District shall be marked by a suitable banner, which arranging and marking shall be under the direction of the Grand Secretary. The District Deputy Grand Master or some competent brother appointed to

act as such in his absence, shall occupy the seat or chair at the front west end of the division or section allotted to that District. The several District Deputy Grand Masters shall be charged with the duty of satisfying themselves, at all sessions of the Grand Lodge, that all persons occupying the seats in their respective divisions or sections are entitled to sit in the Grand Lodge and shall vouch for all who are occupying seats, to the Deacons of the Grand Lodge as they pass around the room. No brother, either member or visitor, shall occupy a seat in the Grand Lodge until he has made himself known to the District Deputy Grand Master in charge of the division or section in which he has taken a seat.

"The organization of any club or society by the members of the particular lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, using the name 'Masonic' or other term indicating connection with Masonry, which club or society becomes affiliated with or under the control of any central power or authority or body, exercising control over such club or society, is prohibited, and all clubs or organizations of members of any of the particular lodges in Florida are hereby directed to at once withdraw their affiliation with any and all central powers or bodies exercising control over them in any manner."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, in their report state:

"Sea-faring men, including members of the United States Navy, are not exempted from the qualification of residence, required of petitioners for initiation, and if they have resided in the state less than one year they must be recommended by the lodge under whose jurisdiction they last resided."

Considerable business occupied the attention of the Grand Lodge. All three degrees were exemplified.

Bro. Silas B. Wright presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1915 has a page.

To our query of last year he replies:

"In reply we will advise Bro. Chase that petitions for affiliations are not on the same forms or subject to all of the rules as petitions for degrees, and the presentation of the dimit together with verbal request for affiliation is all that is necessary with us."

Under Rhode Island we read:

"This is the first instance coming to the attention of the writer wherein it is made obligatory for members to present a card of good standing to be used for the purpose of visiting lodges in his own state. It would appear that this Grand Lodge has by so doing, ingrafted upon its jurisdiction, matters of custom and practice in organizations other than masonic, and thereby go outside of masonic rule and custom, and so far as we know, make a requirement which has not been adopted in any other Grand Lodge in the world."

Under Utah we have some good doctrine:

"We are of the opinion that lodges having existed prior to Grand Lodges, and that the rights of subordinate lodges having been agreed to in the organization of the Grand Lodge, that is manifestly improper for a majority to dictate to the remaining lodges in matters which border so close upon fundamental rights and upon what are ordinarily called landmarks,

and limit the independent action of the lodge. We are of the opinion that one of the pernicious customs in many jurisdictions is the adoption of a so-called 'uniform code' for by-laws for subordinate lodges."

The Grand Lodge bemoans the loss of M. W. Bro. Enos Wasgate, Grand Master in 1876-1877, a native of Maine, who died March 5, 1915.

"He was for many years one of the strongest and most influential members of the Grand Lodge. Too much praise cannot be given of the good work which he accomplished as a member of the Grand Lodge of Florida. He was the father of the Esoteric work of this Grand Jurisdiction, and there is at least one member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Work who received the secret work from Past Grand Master Wasgate, and who rendered valiant services in assisting Past Grand Master Wasgate to have the work adopted by the Grand Lodge. This work which he promulgated throughout this Grand Jurisdiction has been preserved in practically the same form as when it was adopted at his suggestion. It is clear, simple and beautiful. The Grand Lodge of Florida and the Masons of Florida owe him more than could ever be repaid, and of all the worthy Past Grand Masters who have passed away during the last few years, there have been none, however great their work, who deserve greater respect and love than Past Grand Master Enos Wasgate."

MASSACHUSETTS, 1915.

A fine (Bather) portrait of the new Grand Secretary, Frederick W. Hamilton, graces the proceedings.

At the quarterly communication in March, in his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, recommends the abolition of the office of "Corresponding Grand Secretary"; discusses the question, the availability of a Committee on Correspondence.

At the quarterly communication in June "Regulations Concerning District Grand Masters and District Grand Lodges" were promulgated.

The office of Corresponding Grand Secretary was abolished. It was decided not to have a Committee on Correspondence.

R. W. Roscoe Pound delivered an address upon the topic "The Causes of Divergence in Ritual."

We present the memorial, in part, of R. W. Elias P. Morton:

"R. W. Elias Partridge Morton of Augusta, Me., was born in that city September 7, 1842, and died there May 26, 1915. At a very early age he went to Webster, Mass., where he lived many years, becoming identified with the public affairs of the town and especially with the masonic interests. He served in Webster for thirty years as agent for the Stevens Linen Works, finally retiring from that service with an enviable record for faithfulness and efficiency. He enlisted during the Rebellion, was Sergeant-Major of the Eleventh Regiment of Maine Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks.

"In 1906 he returned to his native city to live, where he renewed old

friendships and established new ones, for he was the type of a Christian gentlemen whom to know was to respect and admire.

"His friendships were lasting, founded upon loyalty and service. His devotion to the masonic institution was a natural expression of these traits of character."

At the quarterly meeting in September a dispensation for a lodge at Peking, China, was reported.

The stated communication was held December 28, 1915, "for the purpose of installing the Grand Officers and celebrating the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist."

This occasion, with its speeches, was fully equal to all that have preceded.

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

ENGLAND, 1915.

A very strong debate was had over the visitations by and recognition of the belligerent nations.

The following resolution was adopted:

"That in order to prevent the peace and harmony of the Craft being disturbed, it is necessary that all brethren of German, Austrian, Hungarian or Turkish birth, should not, during the continuance of the War, and until Grand Lodge, after the treaty of peace has been signed, shall otherwise determine, attend any meeting of the Grand Lodge, or of a Private Lodge, or any other Masonic Meeting, and that such brethren be, and they are hereby required by Grand Lodge to abstain from such attendance."

And the proceedings during the year are to a lesser or greater degree, filled with discussion upon same subject.

IRELAND, 1915.

The war is one of the subjects discussed in the report before us.

The Grand Secretary says:

"Up to the present all Masonic Claims arising out of the War were met by the Grand Lodge Committee of Charity, and that a Special Committee was engaged in drafting a Scheme for the administration of the War Relief Fund."

Of new lodges he says:

"Six new lodges were founded during the year, two attached to Military Corps, No. 415, to the 7th Battalion of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, and No. 420 to the 16th Battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles. The former suffered a serious setback in consequence of its principal promoter, Captain Longworth, being sent abroad to the Eastern front, but both lodges were duly dedicated, and are carrying out their appointed work. The latter (No. 420) is with the Regiment in France, and a letter has just been received from the Secretary, mentioning that a meeting was held and degrees conferred on 1st December, within easy shell range of the enemy."

The following resolution was adopted:

"That during the present War all subordinate lodges be empowered and recommended to suspend or remit the fees and dues of all members on Active Service, and to exempt all those engaged on War Service from the necessity of attending lodge meetings. Such action not to affect in any the rights, privileges, or masonic standing of the brethren concerned, all usages and by-laws of the lodge to the contrary notwithstanding."

MEXICO, 1915.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Wayne A. White, in his address says:

"Hardly had the sound of the gavel dismissing you a year ago died away when about all of our countrymen were hurdled together and escorted to the borders of this Republic for safety, and hundreds who left at that time, leaving all of their earthly interests behind, have been unable as yet to return, yet we have been able to hold our organization together and have only suffered the loss of two lodges who have been compelled to surrender their Charters, as all their members were forced to leave their jurisdictions."

There are sixteen working lodges.

Bro. Wayne A. White submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Washington we read:

"The Grand Secretary in his report complains that an unusual number have been dropped for the non-payment of dues and lays the blame to the Secretaries. Here is where the R. W. Grand Secretary and the writer does not agree. If members have the good of the order at heart they need no jabbing from the Secretary and if they have not the good of the order at heart then all of the prompting that the Secretaries can do has no effect on such members and they will go delinquent just the same. My experience has taught me that if the lodge dues were payable in advance and that no member could be allowed in the lodge unless he presented the Tyler with the current year's card there would be far less delinquents. The fact that one has one year or one year and a half to pay his dues creates a disposition with some members to put off such matters as long as it is possible and then when they receive the dreaded summons they simply drop out and that perhaps is the last that you ever hear of them."

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1915.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Thompson, thus spoke :

"I have been very strongly impressed with the necessity of securing more uniformity of working, as many details, some utterly opposed to our Constitution, are creeping into our lodges. At present the Grand Inspector of Workings is the officer who settles these points, but as this office is changed annually, and as the different holders of the office have diverse opinions, we can never approach finality, and our country brethren especially are often completely mystified and at a loss to know whether certain practices are right or wrong. I intend, therefore, to ask the Board of General Purposes to consider the advisability of making provision for the election by the Grand Lodge of a Standing Committee of five for a term of years, the longer the better, to whom all references may be made by the various Inspectors of Workings, and whose decisions will be binding and final."

The jurisdiction is divided into Metropolitan and twenty-six Country Districts under Inspectors who make quarterly reports.

It was decided "that lodge rehearsals should not be held except in masonic lodge rooms, or other places approved of by the Board," and "that Grand Lodge be recommended to exempt lodges from paying quarterage in respect of members who are on active service on behalf of the Empire, and that the names of such brethren be recorded in the Quarterly Proceedings of Grand Lodge."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the work of five members of the committee.

Maine for 1914 is ably reviewed.

From the conclusion we quote:

"In presenting our Reports on the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges, we would like to refute an observation once made by a brother that 'The committee foisted their opinions on masonic matters on the brethren of New South Wales.'"

"This course of action has been carefully avoided by your committee; in a few cases the writer of a review may have expressed approval or otherwise on a subject reported, but our united object has been to carefully record incidents, customs, decisions, addresses and practices which, differing from those common amongst us, may prove educational and interesting to our New South Wales brethren, and reveal to them that though the Craft in other places may not use exactly the same words, may slightly vary positions, although the lodges may have different by-laws and practices, and their Grand Lodges may issue different edicts and lay down different decisions on subsidiary matters, Freemasonry is the same all the world over; it has the same foundation—belief in God and the immortality of the soul; it raises the same superstructure of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; it is supported by the same great pillars—Wisdom, Strength and Beauty; it leads to the same practice of Virtue, Benevolence, Morality, and the formation of a noble character, lofty ideals, and clean life, and a study of the different methods recorded may expand our minds and enlarge our ideas, may impress upon us the great masonic motto: 'Audi,' 'Vide,' 'Tace'—Listen, See, Be Silent—

and establish among masons the world over that sublime tolerance which is summed up in the words of a great teacher:

“In things essential—Unity.
In things doubtful—Liberty.
In all things—Charity.”

NEW ZEALAND, 1915.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John J. Dougall, in his address says:

“At no time during the history of New Zealand, or indeed in the history of the British Empire, have the British people been in such distress of mind as at the present time. We in New Zealand are just beginning to realize the dreadful nature of this war, and the sacrifices we shall be called to make in our endeavor to uphold the right and maintain our liberties as a nation.”

A very long discussion arose over the right of a Senior Warden who was, personally, absent from the lodge some ten months, to be elected to the office of Worshipful Master, which required service as a Warden for eligibility.

It was proposed to add the following clause to the constitution:

“At least twice in each year the Grand Secretary shall send to all lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge a list of all brethren whose names have been struck off the roll, as hereinbefore provided, together with an intimation that these brethren should no longer be permitted to participate in any masonic privilege until re-instated.”

In support of the proposition the following statement appears:

“There were brethren who had been struck off the rolls of their lodges for non-payment of dues who nevertheless persisted in taking advantage of the hospitality of lodges. His lodge's motion was not made with the purpose of creating any hardship, but in order to put an end to the practice followed by numerous brethren throughout the Dominion in attending lodge meetings, and especially installation meetings, and accepting the hospitality of lodges after having absolutely declined to pay any dues towards the upkeep of the Craft and the assistance of cases of benevolence.”

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Grand Lodge was celebrated.

We quote:

“The introduction of Freemasonry into New Zealand was coincident with the grant of a free constitution to the infant colony. In 1842 the first Masonic Lodge was opened. In a few years not only were Craft Lodges to be found in nearly every part of the Colony, but a considerable number of District Grand Lodges came into existence.

“For long it was hoped that the remaining lodges would accept the position, and recognize the fact that a nation must be administered by a National Organization if it desired material progress.

“A great many lodges have come over, but a considerable number still remain outside the National fold, and New Zealand presents to the world the spectacle of a masonic house divided against itself. Eminently satis-

factory as has been the progress of the Grand Lodge during the past 25 years, remarkable as has been the wise administration, the distribution of charity, the accumulation of wealth, and the increase of membership—still more remarkable would have been the result had Freemasonry in this country been a united body. One can only hope that the results already achieved may in the near future convince our brethren who do not yet quite see eye to eye with us that the future of Freemasonry in New Zealand is indissolubly wrapped up with the progress of Grand Lodge. The worth of Freemasonry in this country is judged by the outside world wholly and solely by the actions of Grand Lodge. If it does well, New Zealand receives the credit; if it does badly, the discredit will be New Zealand's. The only desire of Grand Lodge is to foster Freemasonry in strict accordance with masonic tradition. Grand Lodge wants every Freemason in the Dominion to assist in this laudable object."

Bro. Sidney C. Bingham presented the Review of Correspondence.

Maine for 1914 has two pages.

We quote:

"Another decision was that no appropriation can be made from lodge funds for the purchase of a jewel to be presented to the retiring Master. We agree with the ruling, although our laws would not interfere with such expenditure if so resolved by a lodge. Whilst it is the exception not to present the outgoing Master with a jewel in our Dominion, the cost is almost invariably raised by subscription from the individual members.

"From the Deputy District Grand Masters' various reports we note that public installations of officers are much in favor in the state. There may be something of advantage to the Craft in this custom, but to your Reviewer it smacks very much of advertising, and is repugnant to the general idea of Freemasonry in Australasia."

QUEENSLAND, DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, 1915.

We quote:

"Doubt having been expressed as to the right of a Master of a lodge to temporarily fill the chair of an absent Warden by calling up from the floor of the lodge a brother who has never served the office of Warden, and to confer degrees while such brother is filling the Warden's chair, the Board desire to say for the information of all brethren that no exception can be taken to such a course. A Master would naturally call on any Past Warden if one were present, but his right to fill the vacant chair as he thinks best cannot be questioned."

QUEENSLAND, 1915.

In his address, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. A. M. Hertzberg, says:

"Our progress as a Grand Lodge has been well maintained, and our roots as the Sovereign Masonic Body in this our own country have been

still more deeply implanted, and as such received further recognition from our brethren in distant lands. The landmarks of Freemasonry and the high standard our Grand Lodge set itself at its inception have been well and truly maintained, and nothing unworthy of ourselves or of the Craft has been allowed to find a place among us.

"It is high time that the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland realized the scandal to Masonry perpetrated under their authority, by the granting of fresh warrants in our territory, *and in spite of the fact that a Sovereign Grand Lodge exists here*, recognized by eighty-five per cent. of the brethren in the world, and having the sympathy of a large majority of the adherents here of England and Scotland.

"Brethren, let us ever strive to reach that practical frame of mind which will guide us to the realization of those aims in life upon which Freemasonry lays such special stress. Above all, let charity pervade our every thought, and let us remember that masonic charity demands much more than giving a dole to the needy—it bids us to metaphorically put the arm around an erring brother and whisper to him counsel and hope—to be gentle and kind to the transgressor. Whilst we cannot condone a wrong, I doubt if there are any Freemasons who would want the standards of the Craft lowered or trailed in the dust. Charity towards a forlorn brother is not encouraged, by lowering our faith to an ignoble practice. Masons must be men, and to be men let us be men of God. To have God is to have all our hearts can desire, and this we can have 'without money and without price.'"

SCOTLAND, 1915.

◀In regard to outside assistance the Grand Committee say:

"Grand Secretary was further directed that though to the present the distress caused by the war had not resulted in claims beyond the ability of Grand Lodge of Scotland to meet out of its regular Benevolent Funds, yet the fact had to be faced that more severe destitution and suffering were sure to follow in the train of the greater sacrifices in men and material which the countries at war may yet have to make.

"Grand Committee therefore resolved that if and when the claims upon the funds of Grand Lodge grow to such an extent as to cause anxiety, the circumstances will be laid before the Executive Committee of the Masonic War Relief Association of the United States, and their kind offer utilized for the purposes for which they design it."

The following rulings were made:

"The ruling recommended is: An undischarged bankrupt ought not to be proposed for, or elected to, office. If already an office-bearer, he ought not to retain office. An undischarged bankrupt ought not to be proposed or admitted as a member of a lodge,—and his proposer and seconder (unless they were ignorant of the fact) are liable to be dealt with for breach of their masonic duty."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1915.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, we quote:

"We have a record number of lodges (77) in active work, and our funds exceed £33,000; but I am more proud that we have dispensed about £1,200 in charity than of our growth of funds and lodges and temples."

From the report of the Grand Inspector of Lodges we quote:

"Once more I would urge the necessity of officers perfecting themselves in the correct giving of the Signs. It cannot be expected that candidates should give the Signs properly unless they be rightly instructed, and subsequently have a good example set them by the officers. The Deacons' office is a responsible one, as upon them devolves the responsibility of seeing that the candidate takes the step and gives the Signs correctly. Should the candidate, when being presented, fail to take the step and salute in proper form, the Deacon should require the candidate to advance again, and, if necessary, give a practical illustration."

A committee of ten prepared the Report of the Committee on the Proceedings of sister Grand Lodges.

Maine for 1914 is fraternally reviewed.

These proceedings also contain the continuation of "A History of Freemasonry in South Australia."

TASMANIA, 1915.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we quote:

"In the past I have frequently discussed with other Grand Secretaries the cause of the leakage so frequently deplored in all Australian Grand Lodges, and the possibilities of providing a remedy. Our experience is precisely similar to that of other Grand Lodges. During the last twenty years we have made twice as many new members as we started with; we stand to-day with only a few hundred members more than we had in 1890. And our experience is precisely the experience of other Grand Lodges. No practical remedy has yet been suggested in any state, but I consider that the real reason is want of employment. Too many P. M.'s cease to be workers after they have passed the Chair, because they feel shunted, put on the shelf as a back number, and they lose interest in the lodge. So it is with Grand Lodge, but the right to wear the 'Garter Blue and Gold' is prized, and the success achieved by the appointment, not election, some years ago, of Grand Inspectors of Lodges for the Western and North-Western Divisions, leads me to believe that much good might be effected by the appointment to P. G. rank of worthy workers in country districts, for whom there is no room on the list of G. L. Officers. In Victoria and other Constitutions this is done, and 'appointments' and 'promotions' to P. G. rank are separate affairs, but in Tasmania attention has been too much confined to the latter. A glance at the list of G. L. Officers will show that one-third are 'permanent' Officers, and that there is but little room for infusion of new blood annually."

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There is a Report on Foreign Correspondence, in which Maine for 1914 has a page.

VICTORIA, 1915.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master we quote:

"We are on the eve, I believe, of times which call for the exhibition of the greatest courage and supreme fortitude, and I trust we will meet the occasion with strength and prudence. I want you to be temperate in word and action, and, above all, in expenditure. Never was there a time when the British Empire had been called upon to exercise true domestic economy like the present. I ask you to reduce your expenditures on pleasures. Even if the box at the theatre be replaced by a seat at the picture show, there must still be moderation. Let the glare of the stage lights be discarded, and more social intercourse exist between man and man, and family and family. We must go back to simpler conditions, and, above all, we must put a stop to this waste and wicked expenditure, and the attendant increase in the cost of living. If the 16,000 of us in this territory, extending from the Murray to the sea, exercise our power and influence in this direction, surely we can have a great effect on the rest of the community."

From a report of the Grand Inspector of Workings we quote:

"It is now six years since this Grand Lodge issued a Ritual for the whole of our ceremonies, and I regret to say that there are still a few Past Masters who have evidently not yet procured a copy of the Ritual. I have heard addresses and charges delivered which are certainly not contained therein."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1915.

Commenting upon "Exclusion for Non-payment of Dues" we read:

" . . . In suggesting some remedial measure, the Board think it is clearly the duty of every brother proposing a candidate to explain to him that in addition to the initiation fee of so many guineas he is required to pay an annual subscription for the support of the lodge and the craft generally. It has often been said that Freemasonry is one of the luxuries of life and not one of its necessities, and therefore its membership should comprise those who are in a position to assist others without material detriment to themselves or their connections. No brother should be called upon to give what he cannot afford, for the duty he owes to those who are nearest and dearest to him must always take precedence over the duty he owes to the craft. It is not to be inferred for one moment that the craft should be restricted to the wealthier classes, far from it, for Freemasonry teaches that a person is not esteemed on account of his worldly possessions, it being the internal and not the external qualities of a man we are taught to regard. . . . Every candidate is introduced into the craft by his personal friends, and it is their duty to explain to him the nature of the institution, as well as the fact that he can expect no financial benefit from his membership of the society. On the contrary, he should be told that the society will have certain claims upon him,

and that he will incur certain financial obligations which he will be expected to fulfill. A candidate, at the time of his initiation should be able as far as it is humanely possible to foresee, to continue his payments with out neglecting a duty which is the highest of all, the duty he owes to his home and family."

Under the title "Freemasonry in Germany" we read:

"At the present moment when our thoughts are turned towards the battle ground in Europe it may not be out of place to make some reference to the craft in Germany and its divided system of Government which is often so much of a puzzle to the average Australian Freemason. In the German Empire there are no less than eight governing bodies with 533 constituent lodges, together with five independent lodges owing allegiance to no one but themselves. The three old Prussian Grand Lodges are essentially Christian in their teaching and working, and no one, except he professes the Christian faith, is eligible for admission. On the other hand, the five non-Prussian Grand Lodges require a belief in T. G. A. O. T. U.—a belief similar to that required by the Grand Lodges of the English speaking countries. The craft is said to be a very close corporation in the Fatherland, and to what extent that is so may be judged from the fact that Australia with a five million population has more Freemasons than Germany whose people number 65 millions, and this feature becomes still more striking when you consider that the country is a Protestant one."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is the work of its respective members, the work done by each indicated by the use of his initials at the close of each jurisdiction reviewed.

Maine for 1914 was ably reviewed by C. G. M.

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② Appendix ②

Report on Correspondence.

1917

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of the State of Maine:*

The Committee on Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report:

ALABAMA, 1916.

The Ninety-sixth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters, the representatives of four hundred and twenty-two lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Walter Smith, born in New Sharon, Maine, in the introduction to his address finds cause for rejoicing in the blessings that have been received and in the sorrows that have been escaped. He reports a fair progress in the Fraternity.

His decisions agree with the usual masonic practice. We quote two:

"Charges filed against a mason, signed by a committee or by a Master Mason in good standing, are not invalidated by the additional signature of a suspended mason, or of other unauthorized person, provided that such charges would be in sufficient form had not such illegal signatures been appended.

"An Entered Apprentice who has been elected for advancement, but who has been stopped by the objections of a brother, is entitled to a dismissal certificate as an Entered Apprentice should the lodge vote affirmatively on his application therefor by a majority vote of the members present, providing that no charges have been filed against him."

Dispensations were granted for five new lodges; to change place of meeting; to change name of lodge; to continue work because of the loss of charter; to elect officers out of statutory time; and of the granting of dispensations to ballot out of time and confer degrees he says:

"Numerous applications have been made me during the year for dispensations to ballot out of time and confer degrees. Where it appeared to me that the Craft would be benefited by the dispensation, it has been granted, but always with the requirement that the candidate make suitable proficiency before advancement. I have, I presume, granted a few dispensations that were not warranted by the circumstances surrounding the application, and perhaps in a few cases I have caused unnecessary hardship by my refusals to grant the dispensations. I have, however, tried to handle these applications in a way that would be of the most benefit to the Craft, and I believe that the brethren will appreciate that I have tried not to be arbitrary or dictatorial in my refusals."

Seven corner-stones were laid.

Considerable space is required to tell of the Masonic Home, but the salient point is in the following paragraph:

"As to the financial condition of the Home, I must impress upon you that the Home is in need of funds which must be supplied by you during the present session."

He discourses at length upon the duties and powers of the Committee on Work, which subject matter is entirely of local importance, but in many jurisdictions is badly managed.

He is fully alive to the benefits to Masonry in the future, because of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Upon recommendation of the Chairman on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was refused the Supreme Council 33^o A. and A. S. Rite of the Argentine Republic and to "La Grande Loge Nationale Independente et Reguliere Pour la France et les Colonies Francaises."

The Alabama Masonic Home is doing a good work and needs money with which to accomplish all it has before it. We quote:

"Our condition, however, at present is such that for a prompt and efficient execution of the work awaiting us at the Home, we need a bond issue of twenty-two thousand dollars. These bonds are for the equipment of the school now being built and to which we have alluded, and for converting our present auditorium into sleeping rooms, that we may be enabled to receive and care for children who are now awaiting admission to the Home, and for modernizing our heating apparatus, and for covering the present deficit. The issuance of the bonds alluded to is a necessity."

Bro. Oliver Day Street submitted his first Report on Foreign Correspondence. We extend to him the glad hand and welcome him to the "Round Table."

Under Illinois, in commenting upon a paragraph therein written by Bro. Scott, he says:

"This is well said, Bro. Scott, and yet the meaning and purpose of the Bible on our altars should not be misunderstood. It should never be forgotten that Masonry does not exact of its members a belief in the teachings of this book. It is there exactly as the square and compasses are there, as a symbol. No lodge should be opened without its presence. Still it is but a symbol; it represents divine truth."

Maine for 1916 has mention.

ALBERTA, 1916.

The Grand Officers, four Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of seventy-six lodges were present at the Eleventh Annual Communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

A cable message assuring to the King the readiness of the Freemasons of Alberta to perform their duty to the Empire was adopted.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. S. Y. Taylor, says:

"During the year peace and harmony have prevailed within our subordinate lodges. Not a single appeal has been made to me in this regard. Our annual records show a net increase in membership of 494, which is highly satisfactory, when we consider the fact that so many of our brethren have enlisted for service at the front, that in some instances it has been difficult to properly officer the lodge; 10 per cent. of the total membership in this province have joined the ranks of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces."

He visited some forty-five lodges; instituted three lodges; he held some joint installations; that is, he installed, as it reads, at one time, the officers of six lodges, at a second time those of five lodges, and at the third time those of three lodges.

It may not be contrary to masonic usage to install, at one time, the officers of those lodges which meet in the same place. There may be no by-law of the lodge to be set aside, and perhaps no dispensation from the the Grand Master may be needed. But when it comes to installation of officers of lodges in one town in the masonic home of another town we wonder what adjustment of machinery was made to permit such a thing to be done.

We quote one paragraph from the topic of "Intellectual Masonry":

"Perfection in ritualistic work is highly desirable, and yet I fear there may be some who recite the work word perfect and remain unconscious of the fact that behind this beautiful work there lies concealed thoughts and meanings which invite investigation and research."

The several District Deputy Grand Masters submitted their reports of their visitations and the conditions of the lodges as they found them.

The arrears of dues, the selection of candidates, the attendance upon the communications of the lodge are among the topics in these reports.

From the Report of the Committee on the Condition of the Fraternity we quote:

"We cannot help but note that the lodges which show least progress along some lines are the lodges which in our opinion are either too small in numbers or have too large a membership. We do not wish Grand Lodge to take any drastic action to limit the rights of the lodges, but simply point out the facts and draw the obvious conclusions from the figures given to us. It may be other and unknown (to us) difficulties have caused an apparent lack of interest in some cases. We, however, feel that Grand Lodge has a duty in seeing that no lodge should be granted a charter until it is shown such lodge has a sufficient membership to warrant its continuance."

Considerable routine business was transacted.

ARIZONA, 1916.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, the representatives of eighteen lodges, and a number of Past Masters made the audience.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George A. Bridge, in the usual manner introduces his address; mentions the dead; reports his refusal to allow a lodge of Wyoming to solicit funds from lodges of Arizona to liquidate its debts; complains that lodges do not respond readily and fraternally to the Masonic War Relief Association of the United States; announces the dispensations issued.

It required four printed pages—for the whole correspondence was printed—to settle the case of a man who was a clandestine made mason, and who wished to become a mason. This case was particularly aggravating because the man had been received as a visitor.

The Committee on Jurisprudence wisely, in accord with usual masonic usage, decided:

"A Past Master is one who has been elected or named in a charter, and duly installed and has served a term (any period of time) as Master of a lodge.

"A Master has the right to install his successor in office.

"The Master or acting Master may invite any Past Master (by office) either of his own or any other lodge, of this or any other jurisdiction, who is in good standing, to install the newly elected Master."

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and that of Queensland were recognized.

No Report on Correspondence.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Francis A. Shaw, Grand Master in 1887, who died April 10, 1915; of M. W. Bro. Martin W. Kales, Grand Master in 1886, who died July 14, 1915; and of M. W. Bro. Benjamin Titus, Grand Master in 1885, who died March 18, 1916.

ARKANSAS, 1916.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of four hundred fifty-two lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. L. P. Kemper, speaks of the position the Masonic Fraternity ought to take in all the great questions of the day, with especial reference to the desirability of peace in Europe and, locally, to the part taken by the Fraternity against the liquor business.

If it is to be understood from what he says that "Arkansas Masonry" entered into the contest in the usual manner of political parties, held meetings, as masons, at which were discussed the rights and wrongs of the use of liquor, then we strenuously object to any such use of Masonry. But if it is to be understood from what he says that the "Arkansas Masonry" in its capacity as individuals, voted to restrain the use of liquor, because of its belief in the harmful influence of liquor, then it becomes a question of individual opinion.

He thus speaks to one phase of Masonry of which we know but little in Maine, viz:—the appeal for aid from sister lodges in the state:

"It is really very surprising, the many and trivial excuses that the different lodges give for asking permission to make an appeal for aid, and it is a deplorable fact that many of them, as soon as they get in a place where they need money badly, seem to think that they must make an appeal for help, when, as a matter of fact, if they would try a little harder among themselves, they could get along without issuing an appeal."

We quote one of his decisions:

"Will it be a violation of the law of our Grand Lodge for a mason in this state to sign a petition asking for the repeal of the state-wide Prohibition law and for local option so that saloons may be brought in again?"

"Answer:—The Edict passed by the Grand Lodge of Arkansas at its session of 1914 says it is a masonic offence to sign a petition for a liquor license, and it is at least the spirit of the said edict, that it is a masonic offence to sign a petition to repeal the state-wide Prohibition law, so that saloons may be brought into the state again, therefore signing such a petition, will subject any mason living in this jurisdiction to expulsion or indefinite suspension, and lodges are hereby directed to proceed accordingly on every case of such violation."

Dispensations were issued for four new lodges; four corner-stones were laid: owing to the call of the Arkansas National Guard to the Mexican border many dispensations were issued to confer degrees out of time.

He recommends the building of a Home for the indigent mason and for the poor widow; an entire change in the Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand Master system.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a brief report.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Grand Master be approved; and that a committee of five be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to consider the feasibility of establishing a Home for Widows and Aged Masons of Arkansas, and to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge, as to ways and means, maintenance, operation, and all other matters pertaining to the subject; with such recommendations as in their wisdom may seem appropriate."

The following action was had:

Resolved, That the American Flag be displayed in the Grand Lodge Hall at each session, and that all subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction be directed to procure and display an American Flag in the lodge hall at all meetings."

A large amount of business, local in character, was transacted.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1916.

The Forty-fifth Annual Communication.

Nearly all the Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand Masters, and representatives from lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William C. Ditmars, feelingly speaks of the results to the lodges in British Columbia from the struggle in Europe.

Many "Official Visits" are reported.

His rulings would hold in Maine except the following:

"Columbia Lodge, No. 38, invested officers in absence of Worshipful Master-Elect.

"Ruled that Worshipful Master must first be installed and then officers re-invested."

The several District Deputy Grand Masters, twelve in number, made interesting reports.

The Grand Historian presents sketches of the life history of twenty lodges.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

The V. W. Grand Orator delivered an appropriate address on "Obligations." We quote:

"In order to show you how, from time immemorial, penalties have been attached to non-fulfillment of obligations, and how word and action may be made to symbolize a most fearful thing, I shall call your attention to a certain portion of the S. L. It is found in the twelfth and thirteenth verses of the fifth chapter of Nehemiah:

"Then I took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise. Also I shook my lap and said, 'So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise. Even thus be he shaken out and emptied.'

"Nehemiah was rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. All good Jews were interested in this work and desirous of helping it forward. But the people were poor, and had mortgaged their lands and other goods to certain rich nobles and leaders. In order to relieve distress Nehemiah exacted a promise from these rich men that they would restore a certain part of the property that they held in pledge. As we read in the text, the promise was made, and a penalty attached for its non-fulfillment. By shaking out his lap Nehemiah symbolized, and by word of mouth he recited, that penalty, viz: that the men who did not fulfill their obligation in this matter should not be considered worthy to take part in the great work of re-establishing the Holy City. For the devout Jew such a penalty was very severe. The extreme nature of the penalty shows us very clearly how detested, even in those days, was the man who did not fulfill his obligations."

Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith presents another of his estimable Reports on Foreign Correspondence.

Under California we read:

"A committee appointed 'to formulate a report relative to our duty in the matter of relief to the sufferers in Europe on account of the devastating war,' judges that the time has not yet come for them to take any action in the matter. Another committee appointed to frame a rule for the guidance of lodges in respect to the admission of visitors, stated that in view of 'the chaotic condition of Masonry in European countries at the present time,' and the regrettable 'lack of information relative to Masonry' in Mexico, it declined to make any report.

"We are not aware that Masonry in Europe is in any more chaotic condition at present than it has been at any time these past forty years. Neither is there any 'lack of information relative to Masonry' in Mexico. There is all the information any one needs, if he takes the trouble to look for it."

Maine for 1915 has its full share of space.

Under Nova Scotia we read:

"We think this is the first time we have read of a lodge being allowed to install its Master by proxy. We do not know how far the Grand Master was justified by the Nova Scotia law, but whether authorized by law or not we think the practice objectionable."

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. R. B. McMicking, Grand Master in 1894, who died November 27, 1915; and of M. W. Bro. William Dalby, Grand Master in 1886, who died January 22, 1916.

CALIFORNIA, 1916.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, the representatives of three hundred fifty-six lodges and many Past Masters were present.

There is no interchange of Representatives with California.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Albert G. Burnett, is quite lengthy, and concludes:

"The great mission of Masonry is indeed to make us servants of others, for their welfare as well as our own."

He reports his various visitations; the gift of \$21,000 to be used in the construction of a dormitory in connection with the Home for Children; the gift of \$500 from another brother and his wife for the Masonic Homes; the conversation over the telephone with the brethren of New Jersey, over 3,400 miles away; and confusion among the workmen at Honolulu, because of instruction given them by the Inspector of the Work.

Quite a few decisions are reported. We quote:

"In reply to an inquiry whether examination of visiting brethren may be held at any place other than a room or place adjacent to the body of said lodge, I answered that the Constitution contemplates that such examination shall be made within the jurisdiction at least of the lodge which the visitors desire to attend.

"I decided that it was not proper to hold masonic services over the ashes of a brother whose body had been cremated."

From the Report of the Grand Lecturer we quote:

"I have received reports from all the Inspectors, and they report the lodges under their supervision to be generally prosperous, and conforming to the ritual and floor work as taught by the Grand Lodge; many of these reports showing in detail the average attendance at stated and special meetings as well as giving a complete financial statement of the lodges in their districts. It is a pleasure to note in these reports the great increase of candidates who are learning and in open lodge are passing examinations in the candidate's lecture of the Third degree, and receiving therefor a Grand Lodge diploma certifying to their proficiency."

From the Report of the Committee on Masonic Education we extract these thoughts:

"If ever there was a time in the history of our Fraternity when men need enlightenment and understanding that time is now. They need the understanding which shall help them to understand themselves. They need the understanding which shall deepen their sympathies for their fellows. They need the understanding which shall broaden their outlook in life. They need the understanding which shall make them more kind and tolerant of all men, particularly of those they call their brethren. The trend of events the past year or so will verify all this.

"In our work, we should depend less on formalism and more on enlightenment. We owe more to the candidates who knock at our doors than we

sometimes give them after they have crossed the portals. Mere ritualism alone will not suffice—it is appealing so far as it goes—but it does not go far enough; not every man is prepared to grasp its hidden meaning.”

The Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, in regard to cremation, was adopted:

“The Grand Master decided that it was not proper to hold masonic services over the ashes of a brother whose body had been cremated. We cannot agree with the broad general statement contained in the decision; but on the contrary, we are of the opinion that when a masonic funeral is requested, it is eminently fit and proper to pay respect to the memory of a departed brother, in whatever form his mortal remains may be presented for the performance of the ceremony.

“We therefore recommend that this decision be not approved.”

The Grand Orator delivered an address which was received with prolonged applause:

“Mutual assistance is a fundamental principle of Masonry. The man of wealth does not become a member in order to increase his holdings, the politician does not expect to influence the vote of a brother mason, nor does the college professor enter our lodge room in order to add to his knowledge of Greek or Latin. The help that masons give to each other is not sordid and not the result of bargaining. The mason seeks and obtains counsel of his brother in health, care in sickness, assistance in difficulty, and defence when needed. Masonry seeks to improve the characters rather than the wordly condition of its membership. Unless calamities of Nature, such as fire or disease overtake our brothers, they do not apply to their Fraternity for aid. Want is not often a visitor in a lodge room, for masons are intelligent, industrious and frugal. Artificial social distinctions which wealth and station create, have no place in our Fraternity. Masonry does not deny ministrations to the physical wants of its members, but it seeks to promote an expansion of their sympathies. It promotes the fellowship of manliness, not that of political or ecclesiastical or social distinctions. Its basis is the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. In the lodge room, rich and poor, learned and unlearned, public official and private citizen, meet upon a basis of absolute equality, and all contribute equally to a common treasury.”

The communication had a large amount of business before it.

Bro. Edward H. Hart for the eighth time submits the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Delaware we read:

“A General Grand Lodge of Masons is unquestionably contrary to the structural foundation of our Institution, and there will never be a General Grand Lodge of Masons without a change in masonic landmarks and in the structural form of our Institution. We can readily understand how one believing in the principles of Universal Brotherhood may be carried away with the idea of a General Grand Lodge, but the enthusiasm for the idea of Federated Fraternities cannot change the structure of Ancient Craft Masonry; and a Federation of all Fraternal Societies, such as Masonry, Odd Fellowship, Pythianism, Elksdom, etc., that are all non-sectarian, and yet all are founded upon belief in the Supreme Being, assembled in one great Federation might be a good thing, but a General Grand Lodge of Masons is impossible until Masonry changes its nature.”

Maine for 1915 has fraternal mention.

Under Massachusetts we read:

"The Grand Master in the opening portion of his address at this communication, refers at length to the controversy that had existed between Massachusetts and California concerning the McGrew case, and to the happy solution, so far as the two jurisdictions are concerned, of this perplexing case.

"In our opinion, Massachusetts was extremely generous in her attitude towards California, and California, we are sure, is very appreciative of the courtesy and consideration of Massachusetts and of her action in finally restoring to full membership in Massachusetts our unfortunate Bro. McGrew.

"The sad part of the transaction lies in the fact that while Bro. McGrew was restored to full standing in Massachusetts before he passed away, which occurred on the very day following his restoration, he himself was not acquainted with the fact that the masonic cloud, which had rested upon him for so many years, had finally been lifted."

Under Nebraska:

"The Grand Master rendered a number of decisions interpreting the law of the jurisdiction, one of them to the effect that a 'Grand Lodge cannot lay a corner-stone for a church on a Sunday.' In our opinion, there is nothing inherently inconsistent in a Grand Lodge performing a ceremony of this kind on Sunday. It is true that one day of rest out of the seven days of the week is inculcated in our masonic teachings, but whether that one day is Saturday or Sunday or perhaps some other day of the week has not, so far as we know, been definitely disposed of; and inasmuch as Masonry is not sectarian, why should it be inconsistent with our teachings to perform a service of the kind mentioned on Sunday, any more, for instance, than on Saturday?"

If this paragraph did not end with a question we might pass it by, but in true Yankee fashion we reply with another question: To be consistent with our teachings can we have more Sundays than one in a week? Can we lay one corner-stone on Saturday of one week and call it Sunday and during another week lay another corner-stone on Sunday and call it Sunday?

Under Utah, commenting upon the Report on Correspondence, he says:

"His 'Conclusion' several pages in length is devoted entirely to a criticism of the Grand Lodge of England in excluding from attendance upon the masonic lodges of England the members of German or Austrian birth.

"It is our theory of the duty of a correspondent, or more properly speaking masonic reporter, to report what takes place, rather than to criticise, and, in our judgment, it is of doubtful propriety to criticise any Grand Lodge concerning what it does, or fails to do, touching its own domestic affairs, and, if the Grand Lodge of England believes that the safety of the Empire or the fraternal welfare of the lodges require the exclusion from attendance upon the lodges temporarily of certain masons of foreign birth, the Grand Lodge of England has a perfect right to adopt such a course, and it is the concern of no one, be he a mason or otherwise, residing in some other country, to object or criticise.

"England is fighting for her very existence, and English masons un-

doubtedly regard as their paramount obligation unmixed devotion to their own country's cause and welfare, and it is the belief of the Grand Lodge of Masons of England that that welfare will be promoted by the action taken in reference to foreign born members, and, as stated, it is the concern of no one else. German Grand Lodges have taken the same action, so far as England is concerned, and we have thus far heard no criticism of the action of German Grand Lodges, which illustrates a fundamental difference between the English and the German method. The English method permits free discussion and free criticism of any official action, whether it pertains to the Government or any other phase of English life or activity; whereas the German method, brooks no criticism or discussion; the demand whatever it may be, is simply announced, and that is the end of it."

CANADA, 1916.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of three hundred thirty-four lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The Grand Lodge was welcomed by the Mayor of London, Ontario, the place of meeting, in an address from which we quote the following:

"The city has enjoyed a splendid growth and is financially in as sound a condition as any city in Ontario. Our Waterworks, a municipally owned department, supplies absolutely pure water. Our Hydro-Electric Department supplies us with electric light and power at, probably, the lowest rate in the Dominion, and as low as any on the continent. Our London and Port Stanley Railway, municipally owned, the first of municipal radial railways in Ontario, is proving a financial success, and possesses an unequalled roadbed and cars unexcelled. Ryerson School, one of our new schools, is the first of its kind in Ontario—a one-story building."

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Sydney A. Luke, in the introduction to his address, discourses, as would be expected, upon the war in Europe.

Five dispensations were granted for the formation of new lodges:

"Dispensations to the number of 480 have been issued for various purposes. Chiefly they were for the purpose of attending 'Divine Service,' to install officers at other than by-law dates, and following the practice of last year, one hundred and sixty were issued giving permission to confer degrees within time limit, upon applicants who had enlisted for overseas service."

Twelve lodge rooms were consecrated and dedicated.

His decisions accord with usual masonic custom except the following:

"12. It is customary, not compulsory, for the W. M. to invite the brethren to examine the ballot."

From his conclusion we quote:

"Aside from this competitive feature, which is happily limited to few cases, lodge methods are all that reason can expect. One has only to read masonic history to gain an idea of the great change in lodge govern-

ment that has taken place. Fancy one of our ancient brethren, the boon companions of the 18th or beginning of the 19th century, who met in their taverns and made the meeting of the lodge an occasion of revelry, entering one of the lodge rooms in 1916. He would scarcely recognize his Masonry in the well ordered Masonry of to-day, nor feel at home in lodge or at banquet, especially, as throughout the length and breadth of the land, the temperance spirit has so developed that the necessity or desire for that tonic, which our old brethren deemed essential to a good time, rarely appears on our tables or is longer considered as indispensable."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, twenty-three in all, take up some two hundred pages of the proceedings and are full of good advice, besides the account of the visit to each subordinate lodge.

A proposed musical ritual consisting of two parts, one hymnal and the other chant work, was adopted.

The total amount of grants by the Board of Benevolence was \$39,715, the amounts made by the lodges were \$16,500.

From the Report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry we excerpt a few thoughts:

"Music should be introduced into the lodge ceremonies wherever possible—to impress, to rest, to harmonize. There is a sacrament of song.

"Two bad habits are still occasionally apparent:

(a) The misuse of passages from the ritual, on gastronomic menus.

(b) The diffusive and aggressive display of large sized masonic jewelry in everyday life—there can be no objection to the unobtrusive charm or symbol.

"The dealing with the question of arrears expressly and heroically by Grand Lodge. The appalling total of unpaid dues in these times of need, prejudicially affects the whole craft. The reproach must become a challenge. There is no wrong without a practical remedy, even when dealing with the delicate and sensitive ties and relations of our fraternity."

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized, but the Grand Orient of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Argentine Republic was refused recognition.

Bro. A. T. Freed submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1915 has fraternal recognition.

Under Massachusetts we read:

"Bro. Gallagher's reasons against recognition of the new Grand Lodge of France are two: (1) the body is an emigration from the Grand Lodge of France, which failed to secure recognition from Massachusetts on the ground of illegitimacy, and legitimacy cannot come out of illegitimacy; (2) it has only three lodges with about 120 members. If the first reason is good it should be good against the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. If the second reason is good it should be good against the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, which had but three lodges at the start."

From his conclusion we quote:

"In First Kings, fifth chapter and eighteenth verse, the Hebrew word Giblym is translated 'stone-squarers.' There is little if any doubt that the Phenician workmen called Giblym who wrought at the building of

King Solomon's Temple were stone cutters; but it is quite certain that the word Gblim does not mean stone-squarers. In Hebrew (also in Phœnician) the word gebal meant mountain, and it is possible that the gblim were mountaineers. But near the foot of Mount Libanus, a little north of the present Beirut, was the ancient Phœnician city of Gebal. It was a seat of the worship of Adonis, and temples and other stately buildings were erected there; so that the builders and stone-workers of the city were proficient workmen.

"King Solomon asked King Hiram of Tyre to permit the servants of Solomon to cut timber in Mount Libanus, and to assist them by sending his own Phœnician servants, because there were none who could skill to hew timber like the Sidonians. King Hiram acceded to the request, and Solomon paid the Phœnician workmen in corn and wine and oil. It is probable that the King of Tyre not only sent his hewers of wood into the mountains to cut the timber, but that he sent stone cutters to Jerusalem to dress the material for the house of the Lord. The King James version of the bible tells that 'the King commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stone-squarers; so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.' Sharpe's translation gives the passage thus: 'And the King commanded and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. And Solomon's builders, and Hiram's builders, and the men of Gebal (or Byblus) did hew them. So they prepared timber and stones to build the house.' There is not a reasonable doubt that the Gblim were inhabitants of Gebal, who were stone-cutters by trade."

COLORADO, 1916.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication.

Nearly all the Grand Officers, twenty-four permanent members, and representatives of 123 of the 129 chartered lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert M. Simons, has about the usual kind of an introduction to his address. He remembers the dead, reports his official visits, the constitution of a lodge, the dedication of a temple, the laying of five corner-stones, the issuance of dispensations for three new lodges, and other purposes.

In the conclusion he makes the following recommendation:

"I most heartily recommend that every lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction continue in the same well-defined path that Masonry and their own beautiful conception of its splendid teachings have prompted them to take during the past year, a path paved with love for their fellows, bordered on either side with the sweet flowers of Hope and Charity, and guided by an assured Faith in the promises of the Master: 'Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think of these things.'"

Among the letters of regret for absence was one from R. W. Bro. Henry T. West, who stated "that his ninety-one years of life and sixty-five years of masonic service find him enjoying good health and splendid eye-sight, and that nothing would please him more than to meet and greet his masonic friends in Colorado."

We quote from the Report of the Grand Lecturer:

"In a number of lodges there is an unwritten law that if an officer shows lack of application he will not be advanced, and particularly if a Warden fails to make himself proficient in the work, he will not be elected Master. On the other hand, in some lodges the brethren seem to think that the mere fact of holding an office for a year entitled the occupant to advancement, regardless of his lack of attention to his duties. The whole problem of improving the condition of lodges is largely one of education. There is no way of forcing a lazy officer to become industrious, except through masonic public sentiment, expressed particularly at the annual election."

The business of the Grand Lodge was not large.

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf submitted his thirty-second report. He introduces himself:

"While I was sitting here with Bro. Chase Withrow, it occurred to me that fifty years ago he was sitting in the East and I sat in the South as Junior Grand Warden. I believe I have served in the masonic bodies for fifty-three or four years, having been made a Master Mason in 1863. I have served in nearly all the capacities in Blue Lodge Masonry, and have been your Correspondent since 1870—thirty-two years, I believe, consecutively—which makes me, I believe, the oldest Foreign Correspondent in the United States."

Under Kentucky we read:

"In our opinion public installations are very tame affairs for the edification of the public. Dull monotony certainly has an inning on such occasions. Colorado has prohibited them as detrimental rather than beneficial."

Maine for 1915 has full recognition.

From his conclusion we quote a few of his observations:

"There is a movement in the direction of Masonic Research Societies and Study Clubs which should result in a more intelligent membership.

"Do masons realize that they possess the grandest symbolism in the world, which finds expression not only in the ritual, but in the highest forms of oratory and poetry?"

"The rupture of fraternal relations between England and Germany is generally regarded as a weakening or breaking down of Masonic Brotherhood in the face of the greatest crisis in the world's history."

CONNECTICUT, 1916.

The One Hundred Twenty-eighth Annual Communication.

There were present the Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Masters, the representatives of one hundred nine lodges and others.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Clarence R. Austin, comments upon the war in Europe, speaks of the peace and harmony in his own jurisdiction, and says:

"Your Grand Master has been unusually favored during his year of office in respect to demands upon his time and energy for official duties in the jurisdiction. Except at the Masonic Home on Grand Masters' Day, there have been no corner-stone layings. There have been no dedications of lodges, no special communications, nor has he been called upon to take part in matters of importance to the Craft in connection with other jurisdictions, and especially has he been spared the duty of interfering in the affairs of any of our subordinate lodges, to settle disputes, or to render decisions on questions of Jurisprudence. His real duties have been those of routine, and in keeping in touch with the active masonic endeavor throughout the jurisdiction, and in trying, as opportunity permitted, to advance the peace, harmony and uplift of the Craft to that high ideal to which we aspire."

He made eight official visitations; reports his dispensations for several purposes; makes a synopsis of the reports of each of the nine District Deputy Grand Masters.

Under the title "Publicity" he thus discourses:

"Newspaper accounts of masonic social events, of election of officers, of lodge gossip and various items of activities, usually considered as of interest only to members of the Craft, are becoming quite common. Beyond this, it has become a prevalent custom in many jurisdictions for subordinate lodges to print notices of their proposed work, with the names of the candidates and more or less minute information given in detail, which information is sent to every member of the particular lodge, and thus becomes to a great extent common property.

"No landmark of Masonry has a more fundamental bearing on the practice of our Art than the esoteric principle always maintained as essential to protect the Order and to uphold the equality of the individual brother. Of all the publicity methods in vogue that of the social character alone has any semblance of excuse or justification, and in view of the tendency for more liberal use of 'printers ink' the advantage to the Craft, even in this one direction, may well be questioned. Printers ink always savors of the axiom that 'it pays to advertise' and when this Fraternity enters the field of advertising, a serious demand will be made for a revision of many of those ancient and time-honored customs which thus far in our history have been fundamental to our growth and prosperity."

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

A standard form of petition for affiliation was adopted.

Upon recommendation of the Grand Master and approval by the Committee on Jurisprudence legislation was had by means of which a lodge may, by vote, attend divine service at any time.

Bro. George A. Kies submitted the Report of the Doings of Grand Lodges.

Under Iowa we read:

"A resolution advocating peace was adopted, also commending the course of the President and beseeching him to do all possible to keep us out of the maelstrom of war, but pledging him support whatever may befall. Later a reply from the President's secretary was received, expressing appreciation and closing: 'He (the President) is greatly heartened by these generous words.' However praiseworthy this resolution may be as an abstract proposition, how long will it be before our Grand Lodges become hot-beds of political and religious discussion and intrigue, provided this tendency continues. Again, if we are to academically endorse *every* uplift movement, how much time will Grand Lodges have for their legitimate business? Further, what actual good has ever been accomplished in a single instance of this kind? We await enlightenment."

Maine for 1915 has two pages in his valued report.

Throughout his report are many favorable allusions to the Order of the Eastern Star like the following:

"The fact remains that, at least in Connecticut, we *are* highly indebted to the ladies of the O. E. S. for their continued, zealous and willing efforts in connection with our Masonic Home. And their work has been largely in directions where mere man would have been helpless. But, if we are correctly informed, they have no desire for nor expectation of masonic recognition or alliance. Hence, there is no danger of complications, etc. And we are not an O. E. S. either. But, as near and dear relatives of some of our brethren, these ladies are manifestly within the scope of our masonic obligations and duties. Hence, it is hardly correct to say that they are 'in no way connected with Masonry.'"

From his conclusion we quote:

"A few fearsome Correspondents see, in Conferences of Grand Masters, a large entering wedge towards formation of a General Grand Lodge. One or two also see the same bogey in the Washington Memorial Association. Where they find warrant for such assumption is a mystery. We have no fear that a corporal's guard of Grand Lodges will seriously consider such a proposition. Even supposing a General Grand Lodge be formed, how can any State Grand Lodge be compelled to join, even though it be the only dissenter? In R. A. matters, we have a General Grand Chapter, which, by the way, is a harmless proposition, having naught but advisory functions. Three of our United States Grand Chapters prefer to remain outside of it. But Grand Chapters (like Connecticut for instance) which are constituents of the General Grand have never dreamed of severing, or even abridging fraternal relations with them. Brethren, get out into the sunlight and drop your pessimism.

"This Romish question seems to be giving our brethren undue anxiety. But the aim of the Romish hierarchy and its attitude towards Masonry are precisely the same as they have been for years, during which time our Fraternity has grown in numbers and influence as never before. Hence, their power to injure us can be set down as almost nil. Further, not only considerations of dignity but even more the fundamental principles of this Institution enjoin us to refrain from such controversy, as masons. But what we do as citizens may be another matter."

We have received notice of the death of R. W. Stanley B. Bosworth, Grand Treasurer, who died April 29, 1916. He had been Grand Treasurer for ten years.

Notice has also been received of the death of R. W. Charles B. Chapman, Grand Trustee since 1903, who died December 28, 1916.

FLORIDA, 1917.

The Eighty-eighth Annual Communication.

Nearly all the Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Masters, representatives of particular lodges and others were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the absence of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James E. Crane, his address was read by Past Grand Master Haskell.

The introduction mentions the war, but peace and harmony prevail in Florida.

He reports the constitution of eight lodges; the issuance of dispensations for eight lodges; the laying of twelve corner-stones; many dispensations to elect and install officers, and more to ballot for and confer degrees short of time.

Of his decisions we quote:

"I ruled that a Lodge of Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts can not be held for advancement or examination, in a room adjoining the regular lodge room, while the lodge is in session in its regular lodge room.

"I ruled that Corinthian Lodge, No. 191, could appoint another committee to act upon the petition of J. M. Langford, and the ballot could be spread again, as the proceedings the first time were irregular, one member of the investigating committee having signed without expressing to the chairman what kind of a report to make, and another member was not even called upon to sign."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are embodied in his report.

Bro. Charles A. Wilson of Kentucky was introduced and delivered an address on Masonic Homes.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Be it Resolved*, That the Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a special committee of seven members to receive offers of proposed sites and donations for the location of Masonic Home and investigate same; to prepare, with the assistance of the Trustees of said Home, tentative plans and specifications for said Home; to prepare and compile a detailed estimate of the cost of operating said Home; to take census of the Masons, Widows and Orphans in Florida

needing assistance; said committee to make a full report to the next Grand Communication with their recommendations.

"Such committee shall give notice of the time and place, when it shall receive and hear the offers and arguments in favor of same, of cities desiring the location of said proposed Masonic Home and Orphanage.

"That the committee of seven be authorized to determine the site for the Masonic Home and Orphanage and thereafter proceed to erect such a Home as in their judgment will meet the needs of this Grand Jurisdiction."

The available fund for Masonic Home and Orphanage is about \$41,000.

The Grand Orator delivered an able oration: "The Masonic Ideal—A Character of Stainless Honor."

Legislation was had by means of which Life Members, Ministers and Emeritus Members who "have not been heard from for more than seven years and members of the lodge have reason to believe that they are no longer living, the lodge, by resolution, may direct the secretary to enter upon the roll, 'Absent and not heard from for seven years,' and the 'names of such members shall be dropped from the list of active members,' and the Grand Lodge notified of this action in annual returns."

Bro. Silas B. Wright submitted his sixteenth annual Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 has a place in his Report.

From his conclusion, which is fully as entertaining as usual, we quote in part:

"The wide discussion which has taken place anent the introduction of the flag in Lodge and Grand Lodge meetings, shows a great diversity of opinion and some considerable opposition. The Grand Lodge of Indiana has adopted a law requiring every lodge in that state to display the flag in the East at all times when the lodge is open, and they have formulated and adopted a certain form or ceremony for the introduction of the flag after the opening of the Lodge or Grand Lodge.

"A ceremony has also been adopted in the Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois and has been used at all of the schools of instruction in the state during the year. It was exemplified in Kenwood Lodge, Milwaukee, not long ago and was very much appreciated and complimented by the Wisconsin Masons.

"In Missouri the Grand Master advised that every lodge should be instructed to display the flag at all meetings, but the Grand Lodge refused to adopt the recommendation.

"It has been claimed by many that 'Masonry knows no flag' and that masons owe no allegiance to any special banner. With this statement, in a broad way, we agree, and the claim that the flag should always be displayed in a masonic lodge and should float from every masonic edifice, does not appeal to the writer. We claim that we firmly believe that patriotism and love of country should be a prevailing element in the breast of every mason, and the flag of the American Masons is the Stars and Stripes and it should always be shown proper respect on every occasion. The flag of our English Brethren is the Union Jack, that of the Germans and the French, is the flag of their respective countries and so on, and masons owe allegiance to the Civil representation of the country in which they live. In our opinion, masons who are so ethereally constituted that

they get restless when sitting in a lodge under the flag of their country, are not practising one of the fundamental precepts of the Order, nor do we feel that the omission to display the flag in every lodge meeting is any lapse of lack of patriotism or love of country. Every mason must be proud of the part the Order has borne through every struggle in the nation, from the Boston Tea Party to the Initiation of Major General Leonard E. Wood, Chief of Staff of the United States Army of recent date.

"The Grand Master of Texas decided that there was no law or rule of Masonry prohibiting a member of the Fraternity from becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, so long as he is faithful to his masonic obligations, but he doubts if it is possible to be faithful to masonic vows and be a good Catholic.

"It was held that Masonry does not attempt to dictate to any member with reference to faith or creed. Masonry opposes ignorance, tyranny, fanaticism and intolerance, regardless of what faith or creed may foster it. We require of our initiates a belief in the existence of God, but do not deal with questions of sectarian nature. While it is generally understood that the Roman Catholic Church forbids members uniting with any secret society not under Roman Catholic control, it is a matter which should address itself to the conscience of every member, whether he can consistently maintain a membership in both institutions."

IDAHO, 1916.

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers with two exceptions, twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of one hundred fifty-three lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Francis Jenkins, in the introduction to his address gives a vivid description of the landscape and advantages of Twin Falls, the place of the meeting.

He remembers the dead; reports his dispensations; of his decisions we quote:

"1. A member of Wardner, No. 34, has been under suspension for past few years, about four years, for non-payment of dues. During the past few months it is known that he has been conducting, in Shoshone County, what is known as an 'Original Package' saloon, selling intoxicating liquors by the bottle. It is the desire of the Worshipful Master to prefer charges, try, and, if found guilty, expel the above mentioned party.

"By his neglect or failure to pay his lodge dues, together by action of Wardner Lodge, No. 34, in suspending him from the rights and privileges, has placed him without the pale of Masonry:

"2. If a brother under suspension for non-payment of dues is guilty of unmasonic conduct, can the lodge re-instate him without application from him for re-instatement and then prefer charges and try him on the same?

"A brother suspended for any cause is barred from all the rights and privileges of Masonry until re-instated.' This I interpret to mean that he is entirely without the pale of Masonry and that he has no claim or right, not even to the right of trial, until he is re-instated. It has been held, however: 'That constituent lodges may remit the dues of the members suspended or otherwise.'"

But the Committee of Jurisprudence in their report stated our understanding of such cases. They say:

"In Nos. 1 and 2 the Grand Master has the wrong conception of the position of a suspended mason, and the rights and powers of the lodge in whose jurisdiction he may reside. It is a well established law of this Grand Jurisdiction that a mason under suspension for any reason is as completely within the power and duty, for the purpose of discipline, of the lodge as the members thereof. The suspended member of Wardner Lodge should be brought to trial and, if found guilty, he should be dealt with accordingly, and we recommend that Wardner Lodge proceed against the accused."

The Worshipful Masters, who had not received certificates of proficiency before entering upon their duties, are named.

Considerable correspondence was required with Grand Masters because of the non-payment of assistance to indigent or sick brethren, and because of that great and mistaken trouble "perpetual jurisdiction."

He would like to have "Grand Constituent Jurisdictions whereby all Constituent Grand Lodges could send properly accredited delegates with power to form some sort of a Supreme Grand Lodge or a Court of Appeal."

Many other subjects, mostly local, are mentioned by him.

From the Report of the Grand Lecturer we quote:

"Too much stress cannot be laid upon the necessity for a candidate to be really prepared. This does not so much refer to physical preparedness as to preparedness of the mind, so that he shall be in a receptive mood, able to obtain a conception of the highest principles of life, gain the consciousness of integrity, along with the lesson of truth, and understand his real duty to God, his country and his home."

From the Memorial to the late Grand Secretary Emeritus we quote:

"In the death of our Grand Secretary Emeritus, this Grand Jurisdiction and the Craft everywhere loses one of its most conscientious members. His high conceptions of Masonry and masonic teachings became a part of his every day life and impressed all who came in contact with him. His sturdy manhood was a constant reminder of his masonic worth.

"No man has ever served a Grand Lodge more efficiently, more faithfully and with more singleness of purpose. It is the place where his record stands out and surpasses every other act of his life. He was dogmatic in dealing with his brethren in his official capacity but no one ever doubted his sincerity of purpose or called into question his honesty or his integrity.

"Two years prior to his death his close friends noticed that he was gradually losing his grasp of things but his determined perseverance kept him up when others would have laid down the burden."

Bro. George E. Knepper presented his fifteenth Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under West Virginia we read:

"It seems that the funeral services are conducted in this jurisdiction strictly in accordance with the letter of the law. The Grand Master

thinks that the service should be so modified as to authorize the Worshipful Master to designate some able bodied brother to carry the Holy Writings instead of placing the burden upon 'the oldest member of the lodge.' There appears to be no end to the making of Grand Lodge rules for the purpose of directing subordinate lodges in the way they should go."

Maine was too late in the publication of its proceedings to receive notice in his able report.

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Jonas Warren Brown, Grand Master in 1869, who died September 15, 1916. "He was one of the charter members of the Grand Lodge, organized in 1867, and was in attendance at all its communications save one.

ILLINOIS, 1916.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, nine Past Grand Masters and the representatives of 797 lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, to his address has a brief, personal introduction, then tells us:

"Upon my induction into the office of Grand Master I requested permission to name a special committee to act in an advisory capacity to the Grand Master.

"I have submitted every question of any importance to this council for their opinion, and in every instance have been guided by their advice, and I am frank to confess that the craft have been much better served than I could have served them without the assistance of these wise and experienced craftsmen. I heartily recommend that provision be made by the Finance Committee for the expense of continuing it."

So instead of having a Grand Master in Illinois it would look like a hydra with many heads. Then he tells us:

"Immediately after the close of the last meeting of the Grand Lodge I divided the state into three regions. I asked the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden to act as the regional Grand Lodge Officer of the first division, the Deputy Grand Master as that of the second division, and the Senior Grand Warden as that of the third division. I then notified the District Deputy Grand Masters to consult the Grand Lodge Officer in their territory on all questions before presenting them to me. I also notified the lodges throughout the state to refer all questions to their District Deputy Grand Master before submitting them to me. My instructions to the regional officers and to the District Deputies were that all interpretations of the law involving any question that the Grand Lodge had not passed upon should be submitted to me for my approval before being sent forth. I find that this system has been productive of much good. In the first place it has had the effect of keeping many unneces-

sary questions out of the Grand Master's office; it has dignified the office of District Deputy Grand Master to a considerable extent, and above all, it has brought work and experience to the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens."

Twelve lodges were constituted; eleven lodges were instituted; six temples were dedicated; nine corner-stones were laid; and about one hundred lodges were visited.

Under the topic State Schools of Instruction he says:

"Very little attention has been paid to the study side of Masonry and to the development of the meaning of its lessons and symbolism. The exemplification of the several degrees in Masonry, to a candidate, is of no value whatever unless it conveys to his mind a lesson, and surely this lesson will not be clear to him unless he devotes some study to it."

We quote:

"The question was raised as to whether lodges should carry life members on their roll and pay Grand Lodge dues upon them, when they had not been heard of for more than seven years. There is nothing in our Code that touches upon this question hence with the concurrence of the Jurisprudence Committee I decided that the Worshipful Master should direct the Secretary of the lodge to report the names of such missing brethren, in the Grand Lodge returns, as being "legally dead" and drop their names from the roll of active membership."

The ownership of the Copyright of the Monitor received his careful attention. The publication of bulletins by the lodges caused this expression of belief:

"I believe that this Grand Lodge should pass upon the question of whether lodges shall be allowed to publish these Bulletins or Notes, and if so, to lay down a rule requiring that the Master shall be held responsible for everything appearing therein and that they shall publish nothing but what is in keeping with the spirit of Masonry."

Legislation was had so that "all applicants for commissions as Deputy Grand Lecturers must be examined on questions and answers in addition to the examination now required."

The Committee on Correspondence in reply to a communication from the Grand Lodge of Cuba relative to a Masonic Congress say, "the said Grand Lodge of Illinois respectfully and fraternally declines to join in, or to be in any manner responsible for, a call for a Masonic Convention of the nature suggested."

From the Oration by the Grand Orator we excerpt:

"Wealth cannot preserve a nation. Power cannot perpetuate a nation. Need I cite to you the empires of old to point the moral! But men of the youngest, proudest, most hopeful, and hope inspiring nation on earth, men in whose veins mingles the best and proudest blood of the world's races, men of this great order, which believes in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, if we would have the Stars and Stripes forever wave over a land of freedom, a land of which we may be justly proud, then back of our armaments, and back of our battlements, yes, back of our

armies and navies must stand the manhood of America, not merely as a physical but primarily as a moral force."

To provide that the local talent at the places in which District Schools were held might have an opportunity to render ritualistic work to the seclusion of Grand Lecturers, it was voted "that the Grand Lecturers, in order to have their commissions renewed, be required to attend one state school of instruction and that no credit be given them for attendance at a district school."

Bro. Charles H. Martin presented his first Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

We cordially welcome him to the "Round Table" and congratulate him upon the work which he has placed before us.

Under Connecticut we read:

"It is significant that the Grand Master's preachment on publicity follows immediately that upon attending Divine service in lodge trappings, and that he sees in one a dangerous tendency, and a means of cheap advertising, but nothing unbecoming in the other. The use of printer's ink is not the only way to make an institution appear cheap and common; however, there is no fault to be found with the Grand Master's views as to newspaper publicity."

Under Iowa we excerpt:

"It may be that the physical perfection required in order to qualify the Levites for active service as priests, under the Jewish system, was merely symbolic of a more important kind of perfection, but it was insisted on, although the rule kept out of office many 'true and faithful' sons of Levi. So, it may be the physical perfection required by Mr. Mackey's 18th landmark, of candidates for Masonry may be merely symbolic of those higher, and more important kinds of perfection, i. e. moral and intellectual, and if we mean to *keep these always in mind*, we must needs retain that by which they are symbolized intact, even if a decent cripple is once in a while kept out. Pennsylvania is thought to be somewhat singular in the manner in which she adheres to this landmark, but when it is remembered that Masonry is a system of symbolism, the more this landmark is studied the more logical will her attitude appear."

Maine for 1916 is given three pages.

Under Michigan, discussing the statement of the Grand Master of that jurisdiction relative to new organizations, he writes:

"This preachment was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, where it was, wisely, put to sleep for the session. If, instead of suggesting the devising of ways and means to 'put a ban on this or similar creations,' the Grand Master had recommended that this, and all 'side issues' be severely let alone, his suggestions would have merited a different response. The affairs of Ancient Craft Masonry, the Masonry of the ancient charges, which knows no distinctions save those of apprentice, fellow and master, and which constitutes not merely the foundation, but the entire fabric of Masonry, are the business of lodges and Grand Lodges when assembled, and if properly attended to leave no time for regulating the affairs of side issues, or for attempting to segregate the good from the bad. As masons it does not belong to us to recognize anything as ma-

sonic except Masonry, nor to put the ban on any organization, side issue or otherwise. If we would always keep this in mind we should never hear in an assemblage of masons such expressions as '*foundation*,' '*stepping stone*,' or '*blue lodge*,' because they all belong to the vocabulary of what the Grand Master, not inaptly terms '*side issues*.'"

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. William Hayes Scott, Grand Master in 1881-1882, who died December 30, 1915. "As a citizen, as a minister of the gospel, as a soldier, and as a mason, he was ever loyal, efficient and honorable. During a singularly long and useful career he won and retained the confidence, the admiration, and the love of all who had the privilege of knowing him."

We have also received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Albert Bartlett Ashley, Grand Master in 1909-1910, who died November 1, 1916.

INDIANA, 1916.

The Ninety-fifth Annual Communication.

"Indiana can congratulate herself on the method adopted and the custom practiced prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge. The brethren assemble and enjoy exceedingly music and a short address, so that when the gavel sounds at ten o'clock for the opening the representatives are practically all present and in fine spirits for the work at hand."

The Oration this year had for its subject "The Spirit of Masonry."

The Grand Officers, seventeen Past Grand Masters, and representatives of 554 of the 556 chartered lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the opening paragraphs of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles P. Benedict, we quote:

"I am pleased to report a most gratifying condition of the Craft in general throughout the state. Peace and harmony prevail in every lodge almost without exception. The ritualistic work has been greatly improved, and lodge officers are more alert to the possibilities of lodge usefulness and growth. The masonic spirit, which moves us all to greater deeds and grander achievements, has generally obtained. We have progressed in numbers and power. We have gained in our scope of possibilities. Onward and upward has been the steady tread of the Craft."

The distinguished dead are mentioned; three lodges constituted; dispensations issued for four lodges; ten corner-stones laid; six halls dedicated; and commenting upon the misconduct of officers he says:

"A mason should be big enough and broad enough to lay aside his personal feelings when an estimable candidate asks to receive the rights, lights and benefits of our beloved institution. To be sure we should never hesitate to exclude undesirable material based on a thorough investigation. But at all events we should obey the fundamental laws of

our time honored institution, for then, and then alone, will we enjoy continued peace and prosperity."

From his conclusion we quote:

"I am not fearful of the future of Masonry. Its characteristics may change to some degree, but the fundamental truths will abide. There is a slight tendency in some lodges to add the club feature, thereby emphasizing the social benefits. I would warn the Grand Lodge against such a departure. Masonry is pure gold and needs no alloy. In my opinion such additions, though based on apparent demand, will only weaken our beloved and ancient institution."

From the Report of the Building Committee of the Indiana Home we quote:

"The buildings have been designed to care for the number we estimate will apply for admission during the next two or three years. Our estimate is based upon the history of other institutions of a like character, in each instance taking the percentage of members of the particular Home to the total membership of the Order in that state. If our estimate holds good, we have built sufficient for our present needs. These same histories, however, tell us that we will be imposed upon in the first years of our existence. Your committee believes that a thorough investigation of each case by the lodge through which the applicant comes will in a large measure prevent this imposition and help delay the time when we will need more buildings."

We quote:

"It was ordered that all lodges in the State of Indiana provide themselves with an American Flag of suitable size for their lodge rooms, and that the leading thought in our lodges the coming year should be patriotism."

The Annual Dinner was a great success and the addresses, three in number, are printed in the proceedings. We quote:

"We know that there are many men whose principal evidence of their Masonry is the emblem of the craft, which they proudly display. We know that there are many masons who rarely ever visit their lodge. They are not wholly to blame. They came into the lodge under the impression they were to see a performance. They saw it, and that was all there was to it. They were not impressed with the serious work of Masonry. They did not realize that they had been admitted to a high and holy fellowship that had existed in many lands through many centuries for the lofty purpose of making manhood.

"I think that no man in the community can receive a higher honor than to be selected as Master of his lodge. He not only stands as an example of what his lodge stands for in his community, but he becomes the sponsor and spokesman for his lodge at the Grand Lodge, and becomes responsible for the doings of the Craft generally. Each of you have been given this high honor. The best way to appreciate it is to do the work and do it well. It was the greatest of all Masters who said, 'He who would be greatest of all, let him be the servant of all.' Oh! the nobility of service, the sweetness of sacrifice, the gentleness of giving!"

The Committee on Ways and Means recommended "the adoption of the Grand Master's recommendation, and that St. John's Day, June 24th,

be designated as the day set apart for the contribution to the Masonic Home."

The fee for each initiation paid by the subordinate lodge was increased from *one* dollar to *three* dollars and the amount so raised was set aside as a building and endowment fund for the Masonic Home.

Masonic clubs with social features "in and about masonic quarters" were opposed unless they were open and free to all members of the Fraternity.

Arrangements for a suitable celebration of the Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge was made.

The Grand Lodge refused to grant lodges permission to parade in public for other than "purely masonic purposes."

■ The Grand Secretary made a report on "The Landmarks" of the Fraternity.

Bro. Elmer F. Gay presented his third "Indiana Masonic Annual Review."

Maine for 1915 has a page in his excellent review.

We have received notices of the death of Wor. Bro. Edward H. Wolfe, Grand Inspector of Work since 1905, who was ill and unable to attend the Annual Communication. He died August 17, 1916, at the age of almost eighty-two years; and of the death of M. W. Bro. George E. Grimes, Grand Master in 1904, who died January 30, 1917.

IOWA, 1916.

The Seventy-third Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, ten Past Grand Masters, the representatives of 468 lodges and others sufficient to make up an attendance of a total of 752 were present.

Iowa does not have the Representative System.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank Seward Moses, is quite lengthy, from which we quote:

"November 30, 1840, eleven dauntless and faithful brethren received a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Missouri to form a lodge of masons at Burlington, then the capital of the whole territory now forming several states, but merely an outpost of civilization within touch of recently hostile and savage Indians. From that first gathering around the altar of Masonry on the frontier of the great northwest to this splendid concourse of the representatives of 55,000 masons now resident in a portion of the territory then named, meeting here amidst these evidences of civilization, peace, and culture, is a wonderful contrast."

Two lodges were constituted; one charter surrendered; dispensations were issued for six new lodges; four halls were dedicated; eleven cornerstones were laid; a bequest to the Grand Charity Fund is mentioned with the result of the *unsuccessful* endeavor of the state to levy a collateral inheritance tax on the bequest.

Of his "Rulings or Decisions" we quote:

"Ruled, that a brother who has not been examined in open lodge and declared proficient as required in Section 146 of the Code, can not legally serve on a committee of investigation upon a petition for the degrees. This raises the further question whether he may legally serve upon any committee of the lodge, even in connection with the business or social affairs of the lodge.

"A transcript of the proceedings of a lodge in a trial case submitted to me showed lawful information, notice, and appearance of defendant as summoned, who then and there pleaded guilty. The lodge voted as to punishment and the defendant was suspended by a majority vote of all present. A motion was then made and carried that the brother be suspended for one year. The lodge reported the brother as *suspended* in its annual returns. No appeal to Grand Lodge in the matter. Upon inquiry as to status at expiration of the year, I held 'that the record showed that said brother was lawfully suspended for a masonic offence. Motion superfluous, irregular, and void. Our Code nowhere provides for suspension for a stated time. A brother duly suspended for a masonic offence is an *unaffiliate*, without other rights in Masonry than that of petitioning for re-instatement, which he may do at any stated meeting as provided for in Chapter XIV of the Code.'

"A lodge reports that charges are duly preferred against a member, who appears personally at the appointed time, pleads guilty, and promises reformation. Instead of voting on the question of punishment at that time the lodge, on motion, votes to postpone the matter of punishment for six months.

"Held, that the lodge having voted to defer said action for a definite period, it might proceed to impose punishment promptly at the expiration of the stated period, but if action was not then taken in the matter the lodge could not later resume authority to impose punishment on the particular charge and plea. I do not feel sure of the correctness of this opinion, and it further raises the question of the status of the brother resting under postponed punishment on a plea of guilty to charges for un-masonic conduct."

These are quoted because they seem to be contrary to the general practice of the Fraternity while they may be within the power of the Grand Lodge of Iowa to control.

He discusses many subjects and under "Suggestions" he says:

"I hold that every lodge, as a matter of business sense, should fix its annual dues at a sum that will meet its fixed charges and leave a decent balance for charity, improvement, and social meetings, without having to depend upon its receipts for fees. Whenever a lodge needs petitions for the degrees to refill its treasury or meet its expenses, the door is opened for the reception of unfit material, and the subsequent trouble that inevitably follows. I believe that every lodge in this jurisdiction contains a few brothers who have enough business ability and influence with their brethren to appreciate this proposition and make sure that their lodge is on a sound basis. Add together your rent or interest, heat, light, janitor,

and other paid service, Grand Lodge dues, a certain sum per member for charity account, another certain sum per member for refreshment or entertainment, ascertain what amount of annual dues will fully cover these items, and fix and collect the same. I will venture to assume that if some of the lodges of this jurisdiction will follow this suggestion they will be vastly more proud of their membership in that lodge than they are at present, and the lodges will eventually become much greater powers for good in their respective communities. The average mason in Iowa is not a poor man, and a surplus in the lodge treasury makes a live lodge. We have too many poverty stricken lodges made up for the most part of well-to-do members. Get busy."

It goes without saying that the Reports of the Grand Secretary and Librarian are unique.

The Report of the Committee on Grand Master's Address was full of details.

From the "Report on Masonic Research" we quote:

"Consider the exacting work-a-day life of the average mason. While it is true that he must take time to eat, yet he seldom takes time to properly digest the nourishment for either body or mind. In the same hurried way he attends lodge a few times a year—admires the work—approves, and, so to speak, reaffirms the excellent tenets of our Order—all of which might be summed up in that new commandment given of old 'Love one another.'

"But speedily he forgets that the masonic interpretation of this commandment is 'Help one another.' Such also is the fate of the 'Five Points of Fellowship,' which all too often become five points of forgetfulness. He may remember a brother's welfare equally with his own in all his supplications to Deity, but in all the nearer relations of life, the welfare of his brother is as nebulous as the background of the milky way. As to 'vindicating a brother's character'—standing up for him when things are said behind his back, why that is a line of action having his entire approval as the proper form of thought—a mere formula of initiation."

From the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we quote:

"The Grand Master decided the nomination and appointment of the Master of a lodge under dispensation, to be eligible as Master, must have previously served as a Master or Warden of some lawfully chartered lodge in this or some other Grand Jurisdiction. Your committee is of the opinion that the Grand Master erred in so holding, and your committee is of the opinion, under the law, it is not necessary that a mason appointed Master of a lodge under dispensation must have served as Master or Warden of some regularly constituted lodge, and the decision of the Grand Master in so holding is not approved by this committee.

"Your committee is of the opinion that the action of the lodge in continuing the fixing of the punishment for a period of six months does not find warrant in law, and the action of the lodge in continuing the question of punishment had in law the same force and effect of a dismissal of the charges against the brother, and your committee cannot give approval to the decision thus made by the Grand Master.

"Your committee is of the opinion that the Grand Master is right in this decision. Our Code nowhere provides for a suspension for a stated time, and the vote of the lodge to suspend for one year was improper, unlawful, and could have no effect under the law. The brother was duly suspended and his only remedy is his right to petition for re-instatement. The decision is affirmed and approved.

"The Grand Master decided that a brother who has not been examined and declared proficient, under Section 146 of the Code, cannot legally serve on a committee of investigation upon a petition for the degrees. Your committee is of the opinion that the Grand Master in so holding has given a correct construction to Section 146 of the Code and we approve the same."

It was provided that the elective Grand Officers and the past elective Grand Officers, who have not received one, be provided with an "Iowa Grand Lodge Apron" at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

The Proceedings are full of Head Pieces, Initials, Portraits and Sketches of the lives of those honored by the Fraternity. Among the latter we learn that the Grand Master appointed as Deputy Grand Master R. W. Bro. Forrest S. Treat, and he is thus introduced:

"A small island in Passamaquoddy Bay near Eastport, Maine, was the birthplace of Bro. Treat, January 8, 1863. His father conducted a fishery there until their removal to Grinnell, Iowa, in 1875."

Bro. Louis Block presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence. Under Arkansas he writes:

"We hope to see that day dawn when masons will realize that signs, grips, steps, salutations, and secret words are after all only the smaller part of Masonry and constitute merely the instruments by which its greater and far more important work is to be done in the world."

Under British Columbia we read:

"Inter-jurisdictional complications are continually arising and will continue to breed discord until such time as we have some sort of international masonic bureau which will adopt rules satisfactory to all jurisdictions, regulating their relations one with another."

Maine for 1915 is fraternally mentioned.

Commenting upon one decision he says:

"We don't think a lodge has jurisdiction to try anyone but its own members. It can, however, deny to members of other Grand Jurisdictions the right to visit, but further than this it cannot go.

"A lodge, of course, would have a right to try its own dimitted members who have as yet not joined a lodge in some other Grand Jurisdiction, but it cannot try the dimitted members of a lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction who happen to reside within the jurisdiction of the lodge so attempting to try the accused."

The "Afterword" is an essay upon "A Plea for Better Masonic Unity."

KANSAS, 1917.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Masters, the representatives of 333 lodges and others made up the presence of 826.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

With a brief introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Giles H. Lamb, passes to a memorial of the dead; reports one lodge constituted; the issuance of dispensations for five new lodges; has a good word for the system of District Deputy Grand Masters and District Meetings of which there were held sixty.

He found that lodges conferred the degrees in less than statutory time; that jurisdictional rights were not observed; that the use of "a sort of so-called ritual" had reached such a state as to require rather drastic treatment; and that one lodge had called a special meeting on Sunday and conferred the first degree.

He made several decisions. We quote the first one, with which we do not agree, because the Grand Master by a simple decision cannot set aside so many questions as might arise from the situation. Here is the decision:

"Where a petitioner for the mysteries has been elected or received one or more degrees, and then moves out of the jurisdiction of his lodge and remains out of such jurisdiction for two or more years, it is the duty of said lodge, on proper application, to waive jurisdiction, and this, notwithstanding an objection may at the time of such application for waiver be on file against his advancement."

He suggested changes in the Constitution and Law of Kansas relative to limits and transfer of membership, which changes, if adopted, would be in accord with the practice in Maine.

The Grand Lodge, through a proper committee, have built at a cost of about \$105,000 a Masonic Temple of which he says:

"The building is of Carthage limestone and reinforced concrete, fire-proof, up to date, modern in every particular. It is a model of architectural beauty, and when completed will be the best building of its kind in the United States."

The burning of the Masonic Home required tact on the part of the Grand Master and by his wisdom temporary arrangements were made and an appeal to the Craft for funds to rebuild the Home was sent out.

A Special Committee of Ways and Means reported the following as the procedure to procure funds to rebuild the Masonic Home:

"Assured of the attitude of every individual mason within the jurisdiction, and realizing that the subject is only one of detail and procedure, we recommend that the incoming Grand Master be requested to apportion the financial needs to the several lodges of this jurisdiction, based on the membership thereof; thus saying to each lodge what amount will be its privileged share in this great and glorious work; that the Grand Master be authorized to incur the expense of providing the necessary clerical assistance to enable him to communicate with each lodge the will of this M. W. Grand Lodge, as expressed by this legislation, and through coadjutors, if necessary, to secure from each lodge its voluntary contributions without delay; for vigorous and prompt action must be taken and the desired result accomplished before the Masonic Home Board can proceed with prudence in the rehabilitation of the Home."

Bro. Matthew M. Miller submitted his fifteenth Report on Correspondence.

Under Iowa we read:

"There is a large number of elderly gentlemen in this country who for a period of three or more years acquired the habit of a daily salutation to the United States Flag, after music, parade and ceremony. In some United States Grand Lodges to-day, as a part of the ceremony of opening Grand Lodge, the National Flag is brought in, saluted and escorted to its proper place in the Body. It is a beautiful ceremony, and it is especially appropriate in a Masonic Body in this country, Grand or Subordinate, because patriotism is an essential attribute of the soul of American Masonry. And, thank God, we are all Americans to-day. Those of us who trace to foreign ancestors—near or remote—have a distaste for the hyphen, or those who use it, and are doing our best to make it true that our proudest distinction is 'I am a citizen of the United States of America.'"

Maine for 1916 has two pages in his able Report.

Under North Carolina we quote:

"Having a regulation which reads: 'Inability to write no bar. There is no law making a petitioner ineligible because of his inability to write,' the Acting Grand Master recommended that the regulation be stricken out and the following substituted: 'Inability to write name. The petition must be signed by the hand of the petitioner, who must be able to read and write.'"

"We do not find affirmative action was taken, but it might well have been. Ignorance and illiteracy should not be tolerated in a masonic lodge, nor acquiesced in or authorized by any Grand Lodge of Masons. If it is, the Grand Lodge permitting it, immediately should proceed to cut out of its law, ritual, ceremonies and usages any reference to science, geometry, architecture, or any learned or liberal science; we had thought of naming music also, but that might deprive some devotee from the right to pat juba or beat the tom tom."

The Grand Lodge laments the death of M. W. Bro. William Mitchell Shaver, Grand Master in 1897, who died July 6, 1916, aged only about fifty-eight.

KENTUCKY, 1916.

The One Hundred Sixteenth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, twenty-six Past Grand Masters, and representatives of the lodges were present.

With Kentucky there is no interchange of Grand Representatives.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas J. Adams, to his address has a brief introduction and then thus speaks about Universal Peace:

"Freemasonry makes for the dissemination of the spirit of brotherhood throughout the world, and teaches us that peace and harmony are the strength and beauty of all institutions. Freemasons need not dwell on the

fact that seven-tenths of the income of our nation is expended for war and its equipment, and that in other lands the tax is even greater. As Freemasons we cannot fail to deplore the barbarity of war, the awful sacrifice of human life and human hope, not merely on the field of carnage or in the hospitals of the world filled with groaning victims, but in the widows and orphans left helpless, starving, dying, because their protectors are taken away. Surely it were well for us to consider this, and to support every thought and movement calculated to secure the peace of the world.

"All the Masonic Grand Bodies and individual Freemasons could not engage in a wiser, more righteous, more human or more useful endeavor than to try in every proper way, with all their power, to influence their particular governments to make treaties with all other nations looking to the perpetuation of the peace of the world."

Some twenty-three lodges had to have a dispensation so that more than five candidates could receive the E. A. degree at one and the same time.

Four corner-stones were laid; six halls were dedicated; dispensations were issued for three new lodges and for lodges to change their location.

Of his decisions we quote:

"*Question*—A brother moved into the jurisdiction of Lodge A about two months ago. He has a demit from Lodge B. Can Lodge A receive his petition?"

"*Answer*—Under Section 116 of the Constitution, Lodge A can receive the petition of the brother at any stated meeting, but cannot ballot upon the same until the petitioner shall have been continuously a *bona fide* resident of its jurisdiction for at least six months or obtained a waiver from the lodge having jurisdiction over him."

We do not understand the clause "or obtained a waiver from the lodge having jurisdiction over him," the more especially because of the following decision, in which it is stated that "the lodge that granted the demit has no further jurisdiction over him":

"Can a brother actually change his permanent residence, bring his demit, and join the lodge at his new home before the six months have elapsed?"

"*Answer*—He cannot. When a brother gets a demit from his lodge and moves out of its jurisdiction, the lodge that granted the demit has no further jurisdiction over him. He can petition the lodge into whose jurisdiction he has moved, but the lodge cannot ballot on his petition until he has been a resident of that jurisdiction for six months."

We quote the following "Answer" as it sufficiently states the case:

"*Answer*—The Constitution provides that each lodge shall fix and collect annual dues (Section 146), but makes no provision for a lodge to levy an assessment in addition to the annual dues, and I do not think it can be legally done. The better plan would be to amend the by-laws and raise the dues to an amount sufficient to provide for emergency cases. (Proceedings, 1913, page 43)."

We quote because it shows the trouble that arises when a Grand Lodge undertakes to control, too closely or otherwise, the affairs of a subordinate lodge, especially those relating to the financial question.

There were reported *seventy-seven* decisions, of which many were required because they were similar to the following:

Question—The Master of our lodge has requested me to write and ask you at what time the working tools should be presented and explained to a candidate taking the Entered Apprentice degree.

Answer—This being a question of ritual, there is no law of the Grand Lodge covering the matter, and I would suggest that you read good works on the monitorial parts of the degrees, and discuss the matter with well-informed brethren, and then confer the work in the manner which seems to you will best impart the teachings."

Troubles of all kinds arose because lodges had not had amendments to their by-laws, which had been legally adopted by the lodge, approved by the Committee on By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. One case was dug up which showed that it had been *fifteen years* since the by-law which changed the time of meeting had been enacted, and it was argued that all that had been done at every meeting of the lodge since that change of time was done was illegal and must be healed, and the Committee on Jurisprudence approved of the decision of the Grand Master in every such case.

We quote a paragraph from another case to show a peculiarity of Kentucky masonic law, in that it would seemingly infer that a lodge could not accept a part of the amount due for dues and allow the rest to stand as a charge against the brother:

"When a brother owes two years' dues, and is properly notified of the indebtedness and of the consideration to be had of whether or not he shall be suspended, he cannot defeat such action by the lodge by paying one year's dues or less than the amount stated in the notice, as he would thereby fail to pay dues in conformity with the notice,' as permitted by Section 165."

His visitations are reported. He thinks that in many lodges the dues are insufficient to meet expenses, and then:

"My brethren, no one enjoys a banquet more than I, but often the expenditures of a lodge exhibit a waste that is almost inexcusable. Some can scarcely gather a respectable attendance without the inducement of 'lunch and cigars,' and very often the banquets are far too costly, if indeed they are justified at all. If items of needless extravagance were eliminated, many lodges would soon amass a fund sufficient to erect a Temple, in which future generations might rejoice."

Kentucky is peculiar in many ways. Occasionally one of them is removed, for example, the method of purging the Grand Lodge in the opening of its several sessions. Wherein it took between two and three hours to purge by their old way, now by having stationed at the entrance the proper officers, no one who is not a Master Mason is admitted.

Nor do we understand the following:

APP. 11 G. L.

"Moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourns to-morrow that it adjourn *sine die*."

From the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we quote:

"It is evident to your committee, from the number of opinions rendered by the Grand Master, that the officers of the subordinate lodges do not consult the Book of Constitutions and Digest of Decisions and Regulations, as most all queries resulting in the numerous opinions were answered by citing the lodge or brother to certain sections of the Constitution, Decisions and Regulations. Should this practice continue, and all opinions that are approved become regulations to be published in the Book of Constitutions, it would soon be so large and cumbersome as to be a nuisance."

Bro. William W. Clarke submitted the Report of Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges.

Under Arkansas we read:

"It has always appeared to us that this particular rule, eminently proper in an operative guild, and essential to its efficiency, should have, with such tenacity, been insisted on and held to in a speculative brotherhood, and that, too, in the face of so many modifications of those same rules. It seems to us that its symbolism is, at best, far-fetched. Physical material, however perfect, is not used in the building of a spiritual temple."

Maine for 1916 is reviewed.

We quote:

"Bro. Chase asks: 'Do we understand that, by Kentucky practice, a dimitted Master Mason comes under the jurisdiction of a lodge when he makes application for affiliation to the lodge and his petition is denied?'

"We hope not. Such is not the law in Kentucky. A mason or profane must petition the lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides, unless the lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides waives jurisdiction. If Bro. Chase will read again the Grand Master's decision, he will see that the petitioner had removed from the jurisdiction of Canton Lodge, but was seeking re-affiliation with that lodge. The fact of his having been rejected by Cadiz and Mark Tyler Lodges had nothing to do with the matter of jurisdiction."

From his conclusion we quote:

"We thought at one time that in our 'Conclusion' we would say something about the recently exploited General Grand Lodge, but as that absurdity is doing the one meritorious thing within its power, performing the 'fade-away' act, we shall let it quietly and peacefully pass into the oblivion it merits, 'unwept, unhonored and unsung.'

"On the whole, the great Order of Freemasonry is right well performing its allotted mission. It is helping where help is needed, and comforting where it finds suffering. It is bringing men into closer, fraternal sympathetic union. It is educating man toward higher, truer, holier ideals. *Esto perpetua*."

LOUISIANA, 1917.

One Hundredth Sixth Annual Grand Communication.

The Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of one hundred and ninety lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. R. B. Purser, we quote:

"There is a myth concerning an old painter, that by a happy chance he compounded one day a certain mordant, which, colorless itself, possessed the power of heightening every color with which it was mixed. By the help of his discovery, from being a commonplace artist, he rose to the position of a noted master. His works were renowned for the marvelous brilliancy of their tints. On his canvas was produced in exactest hue the waving emerald of the forest, the silver gleam of the river, the swimming light of the sunset, and the infinite azure of the sky. Everywhere and always the charm of the picture was due to that colorless nurse of color, which, by its strange alchemy, transfigured the crudeness and coarseness of the common tint. Brethren, it is not mere ecclesiastical prejudice which asserts that Freemasonry has silently and similarly wrought vigor and attractiveness and power into our American life. All fairminded judges pronounce it our social mordant. The student of legislation, the observer of our domestic and social prosperity, the inquirer into the excellences of our educational systems, one and all find everywhere the influence of national reverence for Freemasonry. Unrecognized in its workings, Freemasonry is the element that has wrought out the choice beauty of the best things of which we boast. To it, and largely to it, we are indebted for juster laws, better schools, happier homes, greater security of social order, than can be found in any other land. Freemasonry is before us as a visible and beneficent force, and a veritable benediction; and it predisposes us in favor of Him who sent it to us and to bless our civilization."

Discussing the "State of the Order" he says:

"There was a time when the deep significance of its ceremonies, coming down, as they have, from the dim past, were wonderfully attractive because they taught us not alone the customs of man when he was struggling out of animalism, but they showed us how these customs and ceremonies had been preserved through the ages. But it has begun to appear that the show of tinsel and brass, and the blare of trumpet and newspaper notoriety, public parades, garbed in fantastic and gaudy costumes, have become the center of attraction, and the Sublime degree of a Master Mason is about to become, in the minds of the thoughtless and the profane, nothing more nor less than a 'door mat' spread before the portals of appendant degrees and organizations.

"And the question is asked not, how useful may I become to humanity when I become a Master Mason, but how long will it take me to become a 'Shriner'?"

"The old system of re-electing and re-appointing the officers of the preceding year, in so far as they have been active, efficient, regular and right in their work, is far better than that which we have adopted in the past several years, of one year's service only. If it should appear that an officer appointed or elected has failed to a measureable degree in doing his duty, it is easy enough to eliminate him, but where the work has been properly done, according to human measurements, the term of

probation and service in the lesser positions should not be shortened from the old system."

He reports the "Temple Property" to be in decaying condition, but the "Masonic Cemetery" to be in good condition under an efficient caretaker.

Of the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters he says:

"I have several excellent District Deputies. The majority, however, have not even so much as sent in the formal printed reports. It seems necessary to have them, but the work would be done just as well by making individual selections when occasion demanded."

And of the work of the Grand Lecturer he says:

"I feel that we should at least give one of the other systems a fair and impartial trial, and I strongly recommend the adoption of the resolution introduced last year, which will change the system of disseminating the work from that which now obtains to the Schools of Instruction and certificated Masons."

He recommends a recognition of the Grand Orient of France, but does not believe in the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

His official acts are reported in the order in which they occurred.

He made eighty-two rulings.

From the Report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence we learn what became of the recommendations of the Grand Master. We quote:

"Recommendation First, purporting to change certain rules of jurisdiction adopted at the session of 1914. Your committee is of the opinion that this matter was exhaustively discussed at the session stated, and recommend that the law remain as it was then fixed.

"Second.—On the matter of minimum dues, your committee is of the opinion that while it is recognized that many lodges work on amounts apparently inadequate, it is a matter that may largely depend on special conditions. It is the sense of the committee that the dues should not be less than four dollars in any case, but as these are usually fixed in the by-laws of the lodges, which must be approved by the Grand Master, your committee is of the opinion that no special legislation is necessary.

"Third.—Your committee is of the opinion that Section 19 of the General Regulations as it is now in force, should remain unchanged, and beg to report action as the proposed amendment.

"Fourth.—Your committee approves the recommendation eliminating the proviso to Section 23 of the General Regulation adopted in 1914.

"Fifth.—Your committee appreciates the motive and reserve which prompted the Grand Master to recommend that the Grand Lodge instruct the Grand Master not to grant certain dispensations, but are distinctly of the opinion that it would be unwise to open a course of action trespassing upon the time honored prerogatives of the Grand Master. It is inherent in the nature of our organization to entrust all such matters primarily to the wise discretion of the Grand Master.

"Sixth.—Your committee in part for the same reasons, but also for others which readily suggest themselves, think it would be unwise to attempt to define what shall not constitute 'joint occupancy.' This subject under well defined limitations always has been left to the Grand Master,

and until now, not a single instance has developed where the discretion was not considered wisely exercised."

A large amount of business was considered.

Bro. Herman C. Duncan presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Colorado:

"The imparting of the secrets of the Chair to a newly elected Master of a lodge was once, we believe, of universal practice, and we should be glad to see it preserved. It has fallen in these latter days into disuse to a very large extent, we think, because of the manner provided in the Monitors for conferring them, that is, that during its conference all members of the Fraternity except those engaged in the communication, are to turn their backs to the East, or leave the room.

"In our opinion the 'secrets of the Chair' should be communicated after the close of the lodge, and then in no hurried or profunctorious manner."

Maine for 1916 is reviewed.

Quoting a paragraph from the address of M. Wor. Bro. Bodge, he comments:

"Anent the matter of physical qualifications of applicants the Grand Master says that in his opinion the rules laid down by our early brethren are satisfactory. But who are to be counted the 'early brethren?' The men of fifty years since, or those of a remoter date? Our English brethren have been very careful to preserve the traditions of the earliest of the brethren, and we find their regulations concerning physical qualifications differ materially from those of many of the American Grand Lodges. Then, too, none of our 'early brethren' were infallible. We take it that the dictum of a Grand Master of even a hundred years ago is not of necessity correct. And the same thing may be said of the action of a Grand Lodge of equal date. Precedent is a good thing only when it is good."

Now, if we can judge anything from the writings of Bro. Duncan, he is a firm believer in doctrine of Physical Qualifications that prevails in Maine. "The general rule is, that Physical Disability, which does not prevent a man's being instructed in the mysteries of Freemasonry and does not amount to an inability honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, is no bar to his admission." Furthermore:—"The Master of the lodge ordinarily must decide whether the disability of a particular candidate excludes him under this rule."

Now, as to "early brethren." Bro. Duncan, how could you suppose that any Maine Mason speaking of "early brethren" could look back and behind the time of Bro. Josiah H. Drummond? But in this particular case it has been almost one hundred years since the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine was adopted and the rule above written was adopted at that time, and we admit that Bro. Drummond was not then of masonic age.

Under West Virginia we read:

"So far as the right of the Master of a lodge to vote in his own lodge we believe that it is unquestioned by the best authorities. But the decision as recorded seems to imply that under certain circumstances he has the right to vote twice. That we believe is not sustained by the best authorities. The commonly accepted Rules of Order say that a presiding officer has the right to make, or break a tie, but has not the right to first make a tie vote and then break it; after he has cast his vote his voting power in that contest is exhausted."

MANITOBA, 1916.

The Forty-first Annual Communication.

Nine lodges were unrepresented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Fenwick, in his address remembers the dead; then at some length speaks of "The Great War"; reports a dispensation for a new lodge and one to confer the degrees upon one who had lost his right leg, and of "official visits" he says:

"It has been said that incumbency is a graveyard for good resolutions. It was one of my ambitious hopes to have the pleasure of attending many meetings during last winter. However, the vicissitudes of travel were too great to be overcome, and thus were my efforts minimized and my hopes realized in part only."

Commenting upon "District Meetings" he says:

"It is said that Freemasonry is a progressive science. In order to be so it must be officered by leaders in thought and experience, for devotee without these qualifications is a house without an entrance. A Master should be a well-trying brother, whose masonic sun had in no sense been meteoric in its rising, but which (on the contrary) had shown brilliantly on many masonic steps and encouraged the brethren to believe that no unmanly act or sentiment of his would ever precipitate its fall."

The reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters, ten in all, give in detail the condition of the lodges in their several districts. One discussing the subject of the payment of lodge dues says:

"We insist upon visiting brethren producing a current certificate when they present themselves at our door, why not be consistent and make it essential that our own members secure current receipts in order to entitle them to active participation in the work of the lodge. It would be a good law to work both with our own members and visitors alike."

The Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence made a report in which several topics are handled with good judgment. We quote:

"The Grand Lodge of Maine has a Committee on the History of Masonry in Maine. This committee is doing admirable work in securing from each lodge a printed or typewritten history of the individual lodge. The brethren of Maine realize that time is passing, that the scene is

changing and the actors are passing off the stage, that unless the pencil delineates the forms now they will fade, and generations to come will be denied their proper interest in the achievements of their fathers. Few of the lodges of Manitoba have compiled their history, yet Masonry in this Province now has a history of half a century. Has not the time come to take a forward step in this respect?"

MARYLAND, 1916.

The Semi-annual Communication held in May, presided over by the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Shryock, was a purely business meeting, during which "The Most Worshipful Grand Master stated that the finances of the Grand Lodge justified a reduction in the per capita tax," and suggested changes in the Constitution:

"The purpose of these changes is to reduce the semi-annual per capita tax on County members from seventy-five cents to sixty cents, and on City members from one dollar and ten cents to ninety cents, making the annual County tax one dollar and twenty cents, instead of one dollar and fifty cents, and the annual City tax one dollar and eighty cents, instead of two dollars and twenty cents."

The Annual Communication, held in November, was replete with reports from the various committees. We quote the Report of the Grand Inspectors:

"One hundred and eighty visits have been made to the several lodges in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, and we note with pleasure a marked improvement in the work, as done by the officers, due to their attendance upon the lodges of instruction.

"We find the lodges are in good financial condition and the general work superior to that of previous years."

The amendment proposed at the May Communication, relative to the change in per capita tax, was adopted.

M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock was elected M. W. Grand Master for the thirty-second time.

Bro. Henry Branch submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1915 has mention. We quote:

"Maryland was represented by Bro. George W. Holmes.

"Refusal to allow a lodge to attend a Memorial Service of a deceased brother grates harshly on the feelings and raises the question not of courtesy but of Charity or Brotherly Love.

"'Because of a tangle with the moon' no quorum appeared at the stated meeting for the election of officers. A new word that, 'a tangle with the moon.'"

Under Wyoming we read:

"We are constantly up against the problem of a dimitted Mason and it would seem that lodge membership makes a man a Mason, and that in its saddest form of presentation. The Church gives a Christian burial

to the veriest heathen, not so much out of respect to the man as to comfort the survivors. Why cannot the lodge show its interest in and affection for a brother, although dimitted, and sympathy with his family, who was once and for aye bound to us by the most solemn, and even sacred, ties? And when lodge membership depends not on character or conduct but on fees, then fees determine rights and privileges and what makes a man a Mason is as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal."

MICHIGAN, 1916.

The Seventy-second Annual Communication.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and then there were addresses of welcome in behalf of the lodges in Battle Creek where the Grand Lodge convened, and by the Mayor of the City, to which the M. W. Grand Master made reply.

M. W. Bro. Nat M. Washer, Past Grand Master, who was a sojourner in Battle Creek, was also introduced and made a brief address.

The Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of four hundred twenty-two lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

With a brief general introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George L. Lusk, memorializes the dead; announces his appointments; mentions his visitations; reports dispensations for four new lodges; the institution and consecration of four lodges; seven cornerstones laid; five temples dedicated and dispensations for many purposes.

He discusses the matter of relief for those who, on account of their physical condition, are not allowed at the Masonic Home and also the duty of lodges to reimburse lodges for the amount expended by them for assistance, and recommends legislation.

Uniform receipts to be issued by the Grand Secretary for the use of subordinate lodges were authorized.

A large amount of business of a local character was transacted.

Bro. Lou B. Winsor submitted his thirteenth Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 has two pages.

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Lucian Ely Wood, Grand Master in 1900, who died June 5, 1916; and of M. W. Bro. Abraham Tolles Metcalf, Grand Master in 1869-1870, who died October 28, 1916.

MINNESOTA, 1917.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Communication.

All the Grand Officers except one, eighteen Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of two hundred twenty-two lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Alfred G. Pinkham, pays due tribute of respect to the dead; commends the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association; reports the constitution of four lodges; the issuance of dispensations for four lodges; gave the Craft three letters to induce them to give one dollar each to the Minnesota Masonic Home, and says:

"The confidence I have ever entertained in the generosity of our lodges and members of the Craft in general in a worthy enterprise has been sadly shaken. If there had been a contribution equivalent to One Dollar per member the building now would have been well under construction. A little less money selfishly expended in banquets, smokers and vaudeville notions by brothers, lodges, and bodies claiming connection with Ancient Craft Masonry, and given instead to the Masonic Home would long since have resulted in what we so ardently hope and pray for."

Six corner-stones were laid; one Masonic Temple dedicated; and of dispensations we quote:

"I have refused dispensations to confer degrees upon persons physically disqualified, to confer degrees out of doors, to waive the requirement of one year's residence in the jurisdiction of a lodge, and to hold a special communication to transact regular business."

His decisions accord with the practice in Maine and his visitations fell in pleasant places.

Among others he recommended that the use of Masonic Halls and Temples be granted to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Discussing the adoption of a section limiting the presence of more than one candidate at one and the same time he says:

"Our attention has been called to physical disability, but what about mental and moral disability? When a candidate for our degrees states that it is his intention and ambition to get into the Shrine as quickly as possible every black ball in the ballot box should be cast against him. While I am a member of the A. A. O. N. M. S., it is my opinion that the Shrine is becoming (yes has already become) a curse to Ancient Craft Masonry. The Shrine is not Masonry, and has nothing whatever to do with Masonry, except in so far as it requires its novitiates to be members of the Craft. It misrepresents Masonry. Its methods of securing candidates are in direct conflict with our Ancient Landmarks and established usages, and subversive of our underlying principles, and suggest the question whether we have not just cause for divorce."

The Committee on Masonic Home made an earnest report and appeal and the fund was raised to one hundred thousand dollars.

Bro. Irving Todd presented the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 has a page.

In answer to our question of difference in the masonic standing between a dimitted mason and a non-affiliate for other cause he says:

"Certainly. One has a dimit, and may apply to any lodge for affiliation. The other has none, and can only apply for affiliation to his original lodge.

"A non-affiliate in Minnesota may receive masonic burial, at the discretion of the Master."

To which we agree.

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MISSISSIPPI, 1917.

The Ninety-ninth Annual Grand Communication.

A public reception was had before the opening of the Grand Lodge. The program consisted of music, welcome addresses and responses thereto.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

After an introduction, personal for the most part, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George Boyd Power, pays tribute of respect to the dead and then discusses the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, from which it would be judged that the Grand Lodge was worse than dead, for death cuts off all debts, while the Grand Lodge must hustle to raise money to meet its current expenses. He suggests the consideration of several plans.

One item of expense was the so-called "Thomas Digest," which stands the Grand Lodge to the amount of more than \$11,000 and which sells as rapidly as digests generally do, and it would take about twenty years to dispose of the supply on hand at the same number that is now selling.

Under "Charity Lodges" he says:

"I am firmly convinced that we have more lodges in the state than we ought to have; either that, or our lodges are not well placed; some of them are doing absolutely nothing in the way of work and my observation is that the lodge that is not working is dead; not that I put the conferring of degrees above every other consideration, but I believe that it is certainly indicative.

"It would be well for some of the lodges in the state either to move their location or else to consolidate with neighboring lodges and thus give us more active, even if fewer lodges."

He commends the Grand Lecturer and District Deputies for their labors; has a good word for the "Masonic Home"; reports some of his visits during the year.

Two corner-stones were laid and two invitations to lay corner-stones were declined "for the reason that work on the buildings had progressed

so far that the corner-stone could only have been shoved into place and not laid at all."

Dispensations to ballot out of time, except in the cases of soldiers and sailors, were refused; two dispensations were issued for new lodges.

He recommends a change in the law that gives "perpetual jurisdiction" so far as the Mississippi is concerned, and also such amendments as "to dispense with the necessity of balloting separately for each of the three degrees."

Here is a new one:

"Quite a controversy arose during the year over the election by one of the lodges of a brother to serve as Tyler who was not a member of the lodge electing him but who was serving as Tyler of another lodge in the same town. A member of the lodge of which the brother elected Tyler was not a member objected to sitting in the lodge with him and asserted his right to make such objection on the ground that the brother was not a member of the lodge and merely occupied the status of a visitor. The objection was finally withdrawn, but the raising of it suggested a very interesting question and one about which there was considerable difference of opinion. That no further question or controversy should be raised, I suggest that Section 7 of the By-Laws be amended so as to read as follows:

"The Tyler may be selected from among the members of any lodge subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi; provided that there be no objection to his selection by any member of the lodge."

Of his decisions we quote:

"How many windows should there be in the north side of the lodge building?"

"If there is any regulation regarding the number of windows that should be placed in the north side of the lodge building I do not know of it. In the construction of the building I think the number of windows to be placed in the north side of the lodge should depend altogether on your need of light and ventilation. Of course, in the placing of your lights in the lodge, you should properly observe the points of the compass.

"Q. In February, 1910, A petitioned B Lodge, and in March was rejected; the party afterwards removed to C and was initiated, passed and raised by D Lodge, located in the town of C; later he was elected Junior Warden, advanced to the West, and is now serving as Master of D Lodge. What is his status?"

"On further inquiry it develops that A signed the petition to D Lodge in good faith, in ignorance of the 'perpetual jurisdiction rule,' and without noting the statement therein that he had not been rejected by another lodge. However, in answer to questions propounded in the preparation room he informed the Secretary (acting then as Senior Deacon) that he had been rejected by B Lodge. The Secretary, in good faith, but in ignorance of the law, informed petitioner that after the expiration of six months' time a former rejection was of no effect. The Secretary did not inform the lodge of the fact of the former rejection, believing it ineffective. So here we have a case in which the petition is without any blame, the lodge initiating, passing and raising him is without any blame, unless ignorance of the law on the part of the Secretary can be attributed to the lodge, and the Secretary is not guilty of any intentional wrong doing. In my judgment, this is a case where the 'perpetual jurisdiction rule' should

yield to the circumstances. It would be absurd to say that A, who has been initiated, passed and raised in a regular lodge, served as its Wardens and as its Master, is not a Mason, and yet if we adhere to the perpetual jurisdiction rule that is what we must say, because under it D Lodge had no jurisdiction, and having none could not make a Mason out of A. My opinion is that the best interests of all concerned would be best served by recognizing the action of D Lodge."

He concludes with remarks about "Practical Masonry," from which we quote:

"I ran across this petition not long ago. Its language is a bit homely, but its truth is very evident; it gives us a glimpse of Practical Masonry:

"Teach me that sixty minutes make one hour, sixteen ounces one pound and one hundred cents one dollar.

"Help me so to live that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow and unhaunted by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain.

"Grant, I beseech Thee, that I may earn my meal ticket on the square, and in doing so that I may not stick the gaff where it does not belong.

"Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money; blind me to the faults of the other fellow, but reveal to me my own.

"Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal.

"Keep me young enough to laugh with my children and lose myself in their play.

"And then when comes the smell of flowers and the tread of soft steps and the crush of the hearse's wheels on the gravel out in front of my place, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple, 'Here lies a man.'"

The Finance Committee in their report, which was adopted, made several suggestions whereby it was hoped that expenses might be reduced.

The sessions were fully occupied by many local questions propounded and answered.

Bro. Henry C. Yawn submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine was not reviewed, presumably because it was not received in season.

We quote from his conclusion *his* "little poem:"

"HOPE.

"Hope is heaven's greatest boon given to mortal man;
It is the arch that bears us up across life's narrow span.
No matter what our plight may be, nor how dark the pall,
The soul will still triumphant rise in answer to her call.

"The young are drawn to higher plains by her untiring aid,
The old are steadied by her hand across the evening shade;
The rich are softened by her charms amid their wealth and glory,
The poor forget their poverty while listening to her story.

"The king upon his ivory throne, burdened with anxious care,
Might well his royal robes forsake were not this helper there;
The peasant in his lowly hut of want, and grief, and gloom,
Bereft of this unfailling light, might well invoke the tomb.

- "She ministers just the same to all, no matter what their state,
The good, the bad, the high, the low, the poor, the rich, the great;
All are objects of her care, all are urged to rise,
And view with tense and earnest gaze the stars that stud the skies.
- "I've seen the mother bending low, to watch the feeble breath
And pallid cheek of suffering babe, hovering on the brink of death;
And I've seen her anxious care give place to joyous tears,
When Hope rushed in, with blessed balm, to soothe her trembling fears.
- "I've seen the culprit, steeped in sin, who shrank from honest gaze,
In dungeons dark, in gloomy cell, denied the sun's bright rays;
And I thought I saw a light, resplendent in his eyes,
It must have been the beam of Hope flashed across the skies.
- "Hope's an artist, full in store, of pictures rich and rare,
Which constant rise, like beacon lights, to lure us from despair;
As fast as inspiration dims, and visions bright expire,
Hope brings afresh a new supply of fuel for the fire.
- "Hope's the siren's voice that calls us through life's misty way;
That shuts out visions dark and brings the light of perfect day;
And when at last the thought of earth no longer satisfies,
A higher glimpse will show the soul this anchor in the skies."
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We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. John Silas Brooks, Grand Master in 1911, who died March 17, 1917.

MISSOURI, 1916.

The Ninety-sixth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, eighteen Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of four hundred and sixty lodges and others were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank R. Jesse, in the introduction to his address in view of the war overseas, discourses at some length the attitude of Freemasonry at times of great trouble, of which discussion we quote the concluding paragraph:

"It has withstood the acid test of time, the horrors of war and the wreck of empires, and it stands to-day unchanged and changeless, faithful among the faithless, firm among the faltering, steadfast in its purpose, sublime in its integrity, grand, glorious and eternal in its devotion to mankind."

The Condition of the Craft, he tells us, was never in so good condition, numerically and financially.

He does not believe in perpetual jurisdiction, which is "at variance with our civil, religious and social customs."

Besides the answering of over 1,000 letters, he found time to install the

officers of seven lodges, to dedicate two temples, to lay the corner-stones of three buildings, and as to dispensations, said :

"I have issued dispensations for laying of seventeen corner-stones; have issued eleven dispensations to remove lodges and dedicate halls; issued ten dispensations to elect officers; issued forty-five dispensations to reballot—several requests were refused; issued seven dispensations for miscellaneous purposes, and nine dispensations for lodges *U. D.*, details of which appear in full in the Report of the Grand Secretary."

We quote two decisions :

"Question. Is one who is engaged in the manufacture of Weiss beer containing 2 per cent. alcohol eligible to petition for the degrees? Weiss beer is not considered an intoxicating liquor.

"Answer. No. Ten drinks of beer containing 2 per cent. of alcohol is just as intoxicating as one drink of whisky containing 20 per cent. of alcohol, and makes you feel a great deal worse.

"Question. We have the petition of a young man who is a Catholic. He is a nice young man and belongs to a good family, and is an Odd Fellow. Shall we receive his petition?

"Answer. Yes. The religion of Freemasonry, 'If religion it may be called, is an unfeigned belief in the one living and true God.' The Holy Bible, as the source and standard of Truth, is exalted on her altar as her first Great Light and all her moral teachings are but beams of its brightness. Anchored in her principles fast by the throne of God, inculcating in her first step a loving trust in Him and accepting His law as the embodiment of Truth, she excludes no one on account of diversity of religious views. The shackles fall from the feet of bigotry and prejudice at the entrance of her shrine. The Jew, the Christian, the Arab of the desert and the aborigines of the forest may assemble around a common altar and fraternize in recognition of the one living and true God. In her sacred retreat every discordant voice should be hushed and the bitterness of sectarian strife should be abashed into silence in the awful presence of pure and absolute Truth."

M. W. Bro. Arthur M. Hough and M. W. Bro. Jacob Lampert contributed five thousand dollars each to the permanent Endowment Fund of the Masonic Home.

Two Grand Orators thrilled the Grand Lodge with their eloquence.

Here appears to have been a queer kettle of fish that needed cooking :

"M. W. Bro. Wm. F. Kuhn presented the following resolution regarding conferring of more than one degree or section of degree at one and the same time, which was adopted :

"Whereas, It is a practice in some parts of this Grand Jurisdiction for a lodge to divide itself into several lodges with as many Masters and sets of officers as necessary and thus confer the same degree, or parts of a degree, or one of the three degrees at one and the same time, in the main hall, in the ante-room, in the property-room or the tyler's room, as the occasion may demand, in order to expedite the accumulated work.

"The Grand Lodge grants a charter to certain brethren with one Master and one set of officers; there is no provision in the charter for a divisible Master or for multiple Masters with a divisible or multiple set of officers. The authority to conduct the business of a lodge is vested in one Master; he is empowered to request any qualified member to act for him and to stand in his place, but he has no authority to request sev-

eral qualified members to act for him or to stand in his shoes at one and the same time. How the Master of a lodge can divide himself into several component parts and request a qualified member to act for each part is a new problem in anatomy, metaphysics and masonic jurisprudence.

"It has been clearly held and defined that a lodge must act in all things as a unit, and for a lodge to divide itself into several lodges with separate and individual Masters is clearly a violation of masonic tradition and law. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge does hereby forbid any lodge to confer more than one of the degrees or sections of a degree at one and the same time, in the same lodge. The Grand Master is hereby empowered to enforce this edict."

We presume that the very full reports of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances are enjoyed by the Craft of Missouri. At any rate they display the learning of those who wrote them.

Bro. C. C. Woods presented the Report on Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote :

"In at least one Grand Lodge there is a law that no decision can be rendered by the Grand Master except in case of an appeal from the decision of the Master of the lodge. To our mind this is a good law and if enacted and enforced in every Grand Jurisdiction would tend to diminish the wearisome correspondence which falls to the lot of our Grand Masters and also to render our laws and edicts less confused and sometimes conflicting."

Maine does not appear.

The Grand Lodge laments the deaths of M. W. Bro. William M. Williams, Grand Master in 1887, who died September 18, 1916; and of M. W. Bro. Campbell Wells, Grand Master in 1900, who died December 14, 1916.

MONTANA, 1916.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives from the lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. H. Allen, is, in the main, devoted to the consideration of the effect of Masonry as a peace measure.

Nine lodges were constituted; six dispensations issued for new lodges; four corner-stones were laid and his visitations reported. In reporting one visitation he says:

"Only one thing occurred to mar a most pleasant and profitable evening; the retiring from the lodge room of so large a number of the members before the completion of the work, and, as this was the official visit

of the Grand Master, showed a disrespect or a disregard for the representative of the Grand Lodge. In all my visitations, as proxy for my predecessors, and as Grand Master, this is the first time I have met with such an occurrence."

Does such a thing ever happen in Maine?

His decisions accord with the practice in Maine.

He recommended that a law be passed prohibiting lodges from meeting in a building that is being used in part for saloon purposes, and also recommended that a flag service for the Grand Lodge or the Subordinate Lodge be adopted.

The Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, the Junior Grand Warden and others appointed for that purpose made report of their visitations. The Senior Grand Warden discusses quite fully the dramatic performance of the Third degree and, wisely, says:

"If in the wisdom of the Grand Lodge these now unauthorized acts are to continue it would appear wise to legalize them; not suffer them to be done."

The following questions were decided in the affirmative by the Grand Lodge:

"Is it the correct rule of law that a special communication must open and close in the same degree for which called, and may not do any work in a higher degree than that for which the communication was called and opened?"

"Is it the rule that a special communication must be called and opened in the highest degree in which it is intended to perform work?"

The Grand Instructor of Work ably discusses the method of instruction and makes several pertinent suggestions. Of the conferring of the degree he says:

"In recent years there have been introduced by some lodges various accessories in conferring the Third degree. Some of them are appropriate, others are entirely foreign to the symbolism of that degree as set forth by the learned writers of the Craft.

"There have been speeches and poetry interpolated into the ritual which, in the opinion of those whom I have consulted, have no other merit for their ritualistic use than that they are beautiful in thought, in arrangement and expression.

"None of the acts referred to have been authorized by the Grand Lodge and it is manifest that Masters cannot be permitted to at will continue the practice of these innovations.

"If any changes in the ritual or in the ceremonial action there laid down are to be made they should be authorized in such way as the Grand Lodge may in its wisdom direct."

If our Montana brethren continue in the ways which are stated, it will not be a long time before they must be outside of legitimate Masonry and will have ceased to be acknowledged as such. It is much better that there should be a few good reliable lodges which can practice the principles of Freemasonry without fuss and feathers than to have many

lodges which can only hold their membership by the introduction of ceremonies and language which please the senses and take away from the candidate and the observer the true and latent meaning of Freemasonry.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Work, it was voted:

"That the use of robes and costumes in the conferring of the second section of the Third degree in dramatic form be authorized by the Grand Lodge.

"That only such robes and costumes shall be used as have had the approval of the committee.

"That only such accessories as have the approval of the committee shall be used in the recitative and dramatic presentations of the said degree."

The Grand Lodge also voted, in regard to the proposition of holding lodge meetings in places where liquor was sold, "that any subordinate lodges not now sustaining such relations or contracts be prohibited from entering into any future contracts of that nature."

Semi-centennial exercises were held at Butte.

Bro. H. S. Hepner presented his eighth Report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee.

Under Florida, he thus talks to Bro. Wright:

"Your interesting 'joshes' on the literature of Grand Masters is rich, and while you quote your own Grand Master's last year's effort you have overlooked his opening lines of this year which are as follows:

"'Again have our feet trodden the beaten paths that lead to the roof tree of our Mother home.'

"We have been endeavoring to analyze the meaning of these words. We have in our day, drank whisky that makes one feel like a squirrel and climb a tree. We have walked, unconsciously not in the straight and narrow path, but in a waiving trail, but we have never yet trodden the beaten path that leads to some roof tree! We have seen flies apparently walk upside down and spiders suspended by tiny threads, but we would like to get the glimpse of this beaten path the Grand Master speaks of; whether he means a well-trodden path in the use of the term, 'beaten,' or as a contrast of a more successful path than another, we do not know; but somehow, he seems to get to the roof tree; our mind is hazy as to the means of the latter. Is a tree a roof? Or is a roof a tree? Be as it may, it seems to lead according to his views to our 'Mother Home'; Gee! we wonder what that is! We fear to proceed as our mind is already clouded in the endeavor to pen a more logical or any conclusion, so we bespeak you Bro. Wright, that you will set us 'Wright' on the subject matter in your next review."

Under Indiana we read:

"Patriotism seems to run rampant in this Grand Lodge, for in the volume of proceedings before us immediately on turning over the cover we find the picture of a flag with the notation that it is the flag of our country and should be displayed in every lodge room. We doubt very much the wisdom of any such display. We find that the Knights of Columbus, the Eagles and other societies parade their patriotism and seize upon the flag as the emblem to put forward to have us believe that they are pa-

triotic. Methinks they protest too much. We are all patriotic ; at least, are expected to be, and there is no need of waving the flag in front of us to instill in us patriotic ideas, nor is it necessary to wave it in front of all, as an assurance that we are patriotic, because this might suggest that we fear that they might think differently, and doing so smatters too much in our judgment of imitation of these other societies who want us to know that they say that they are patriotic ; Masonry has no flag ; it is universal and inculcates in its votaries love of the country within whose jurisdiction they may abide."

Maine for 1915 has mention.

From his conclusion we quote :

"This year is Montana's Grand Lodge year of jubilee. For half a century has she sent her effulgent rays of light over her vast domain. It seems as though in the first night of her history, when darkness was clouding her horizon and the coming of the dawn was retarded in the East, the Lord of Hosts issued the mandate, 'Let there be Light,' and there was light. Our heart swells with pride at the accomplishments of the past and thrills with hope at the wonders of the future."

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. John G. Blair, Grand Master in 1912-13, who died December 1, 1915.

NEBRASKA, 1916.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, eighteen Past Grand Masters, and Representatives from two hundred and fifty-four lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel S. Whiting, in the introduction to his address says :

"I have given a great deal of time to Masonry during the past year ; in fact where my business has interfered with masonic affairs, I have neglected the business. I have tried to sow the seed for a better life for all, paying no attention to what the harvest may be.

"Peace and harmony have prevailed between this Grand Lodge and all others."

Five new lodge halls were dedicated ; dispensations were issued for three new lodges ; six lodges were constituted ; special dispensations, among which were three to confer degrees without regard to time, were granted ; by-laws and seals were approved ; six corner-stones were laid ; degrees were conferred in eleven lodges ; many visitations were made and many other functions received his care and attention.

Under the title "Assistants to the Grand Custodian," he says :

"The selecting, appointing, and commissioning of Assistants is a grave responsibility, and great care should be exercised by those who are sup-

posed to perform this formal duty. Commissions are not intended for wall decorations, or for any particular advantage, or supposed honor that they may confer on any particular brother over another. For the greatest good must follow the greatest sacrifice, and he who would be the greatest among us, must be he who serves the most, 'without the hope of fee or reward.'

"Assistants to the Grand Custodian must be loyal Craftsmen of high moral standing, demonstrating in their daily lives the living and eternal principles of Masonry. Its golden tenets and its cardinal virtues never permit the selfish thought of the loaves and fishes to enter their mental realm. Assistants should be persistent in their efforts to become absolutely letter perfect in the work. They should be ardent students of the study side of Masonry. Knowledge of its origin, its history, its symbols, its traditions, both written and unwritten, becoming simply a phonograph in the rendition of the letter of the work, will not suffice in the work of 'building a spiritual temple, an house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.'"

Of his decisions we quote :

"A lodge room cannot be legally dedicated, if it is occupied by other bodies, unless they are auxiliary bodies.

"A candidate wearing an immovable ring is not thereby debarred from receiving the degrees of Masonry."

From his conclusion we quote :

"I can not close this report of my activities as Grand Master, without uttering my protest against a practice of great consequences, and deserving the greatest condemnation. I refer to the unmasonic habit of electioneering for office or for other masonic honors. The brother who indulges in this practice is a Mason in name only. He certainly has not caught the spirit of the institution. Masonic honors mean much if bestowed without money and without price, but when secured by scheming men, they cease to be honors at all, and become mere trappings of cunning wire-pullers, robbing the institution of its greatest glory."

Recognition of "The Independent and Regular National Grand Lodge of France and the French Colonies" was refused.

From the Report of the Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace we quote :

"As the rights of individual citizens rest ultimately upon the potential physical force that secures them, as the judgments of our domestic courts rest ultimately upon the potential physical force of the nation that is behind them, so must the validity and effect of international judgments rest finally upon the armed force of the nations pledged to their enforcement. Neither international rights, nor individual rights, can ever be preserved without the ultimate use of physical force, if nothing else will procure obedience to the decrees dictated by reason, by justice and equity. Well ordered society, international, national, state, or municipal, must always rest upon ultimate potential physical force. Virtue can cope with vice only by the intelligent use of physical force, actual or potential."

The decision of the Grand Master relative to the dedication of a lodge room was amended by the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence to read as follows :

"A lodge room can be lawfully dedicated if occupied by the following bodies only: A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a Council of Royal & Select Masters, a Commandery of Knights Templar, a Body of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine."

And to the list of the bodies mentioned was added "the Acacia Fraternity" and "the Achoth Sorority."

Bro. John A. Ehrhardt presented his first Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"Another question that seems of interest to the brethren of this jurisdiction, at this time, is the election of the Grand Deacons of the Grand Lodge, and for the information of the brethren I have examined all the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges of the United States and find that the Grand Deacons are appointed in thirty-nine and elected in five, these five being Arkansas, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Louisiana and Michigan. In Arkansas all the Grand Officers except the Grand Chaplain and Grand Tyler are elected. In Connecticut the Grand Deacons are elected; and in the District of Columbia, Louisiana and Michigan all the Grand Officers from the Grand Master to the Grand Tyler are elected. In the Grand Lodges of other countries there is no uniform rule. In some the Grand Master is the only elective officer, he appointing all the others, while in other Grand Lodges the entire membership of the jurisdiction votes, such vote being certified to the Grand Lodge, and the vote canvassed, and the result declared at the meeting of the Grand Lodge."

Maine for 1915 has fraternal mention.

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. William Amos DeBond, Grand Master in 1908-9, who died May 17, 1916; and of M. W. Bro. Zwingle M. Baird, Grand Master in 1906-7, who died December 17, 1916.

NEVADA, 1916.

The Fiftty-second Annual Grand Communication.

The Grand Officers, except five, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-one lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Benjamin W. Coleman, in his address, makes the wonderful statement "that nothing of great consequence has demanded my consideration and solution." Yet he made visitations to all but five lodges and tried to "spread the cement of brotherly love and affection."

He discusses the subject of "Standard work" at some length. He

truly says that until the Grand Lodge is willing to pay the freight for and to oblige attendance upon Schools of Instruction it is useless to expect much improvement in the method and manner of conferring degrees.

Discussing the labors of a "lecturer," one of the evils which we in Maine have escaped, who "took the position that any subject which affects the welfare of mankind is proper for discussion in, and consideration by, a masonic lodge," he says:

"Masonry has been the great universal sanctuary for ages for all honorable men who believe in a Supreme Being, regardless of other considerations, but if the idea of this lecturer is to find favor at our hands the day will have dawned for the passing of our beloved Order from the high station which it has attained. Men are so constituted that they cannot see things alike, and to permit a discussion of burning issues in a masonic lodge will disrupt the Fraternity.

"I appeal to you, my brethren, to put your stamp of disapproval upon this twentieth century heresy, and to rally to the defence of our Institution, whose altar is the shrine around which all mankind may gather, to forget for a time the bustle and hurly-burly of life, and to maintain Masonry as its founders intended that it should be, and what its teachings proclaim it to be—the great haven of refuge, where, by the spirit of brotherly love, uninfluenced by passion and prejudice, we may be enabled to see more clearly the worth and merits of our fellow man."

He gives us a new reason why there should be "an organization to be known as the Supreme Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of America." He thinks that then by means of such an organization there could be published a "Masonic Magazine," which "with its resources, financial, spiritual and mental, could produce a magazine that would be interesting and inspiring, and of incalculable value to the Fraternity." So he recommends that his successor communicate with the several Grand Lodges with a view to send delegates to a meeting at St. Louis in September, 1917, to try to form an organization on lines presented by him.

The Committee on Address disposed of the recommendation as follows:

"In the matter of taking steps looking toward the formation of a General Grand Lodge, we can only express the recommendation of the committee that the action of this Grand Lodge in 1914, which was adopted unanimously and unqualifiedly, be sustained. This resolution was as follows: 'We recommend that the Grand Master attend the gathering *

* * * and oppose the formation of any General Grand Masonic Body.' With a strong belief that the above resolution reflects the desire of the present Grand Lodge, we make such a recommendation."

An exhaustive report on Masonic Home was made by the committee. They recommended that Grand Lodge Charity Fund be established to be managed by Trustees. This is the plan in Maine.

The following resolution had a passage:

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase an American flag for the use of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, and that every

Constituent Lodge within the jurisdiction forthwith acquire a flag of these United States for display in the East at every communication."

The Grand Orator delivered a scholarly address, "The Trowel, The Implement of International Peace."

Bro. E. D. Vanderlieth, Grand Commissioner of Review, presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Illinois we read:

"In many jurisdictions the granting of dispensations is being run to excess, and is fraught with evil. Dispensations to ballot for and confer the degrees upon a candidate without reference to a committee, those to receive and act upon a rejected applicant in less than constitutional time, and those to receive and ballot upon a candidate in less than the usual time, are almost universally condemned. Rightly so, say we, for not only is their granting an exception to the rule, equal rights to all and to all alike, but one of the essentials of the ballot, independence, is being stealthily undermined. It is time to call a halt."

Under Kansas we read:

"Every lodge is the judge of the fitness of its own candidates. Its abstract right to initiate a candidate of Mongolian blood cannot be denied. The question is one of expediency merely, and is wisely left to the conservative judgment of each member of the lodge. To gain admission into the portals of the Temple of Masonry no religious creed or dogma should be pre-requisite. Masonry requires that a candidate be free-born; where born matters not. She exacts a belief in the existence of God, the creator of all things, and demands that the candidate be of lawful age and come under the tongue of report as a good man and true, capable of conforming to the requirements of the Craft and of becoming a useful member."

Maine has a page.

We quote:

"A lodge performed the usual masonic burial service at the funeral of a brother. Later a public memorial service was arranged for and the family desired the lodge to be present. Under a decision that a lodge cannot appear at funeral services save when the body is present compelled the Grand Master to refuse permission. The decision should be repealed. Lodges of sorrow are held now in a great many jurisdictions and certainly the body is not present at these ceremonials."

Under Montana, anent "liquor legislation," he says:

"While we are not in favor of all the confusing liquor legislation now engaging the majority of the Grand Lodges, believing that the black ball and a strict adherence to temperance as taught by Masonry are sufficient safeguards, yet drunkenness is a flattering devil, an alluring sin, a sweet poison, and inviting the devil to be the guest of Masonry, within its sacred temples, is certainly at variance with all its teachings. The Dutch have a proverb that says, when the devil gets into the church, he seats himself on the altar. It points a good lesson. 'Resist the devil and he will flee from thee,' is from our guide on the altar. Brethren, we heed it not when we bid the demon drink to be our guest and set up his shrine neath the shadow of our walls."

Under Utah:

"Our Bro. Goodwin thinks our Regulation requiring non-affiliates to be warned to appear and show cause sounds drastic. Landmark XIV makes it the duty of every Master Mason to be a member of a lodge, (Gothic Constitutions of 926), and so a Master invites the brother non-affiliate to show that he is contributing in the way of dues to a lodge, the Grand Lodge, or a Board of Relief. Masons should be workers, not shirkers. Every Mason should belong to a lodge, and contribute, as far as his means will allow, to the support of the Craft. If the brother fails to make good at the showing he is deemed unworthy of and denied all masonic privileges. Not too vigorous say we, particularly when masonic jurists agree that not belonging to a lodge is a neglect of masonic duty, and therefore punishable."

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1916.

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, five Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-one lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Hedley V. B. Bridges, speaks of the war, and of the peace and harmony within the jurisdiction, and memorializes the dead; reports his visitations in detail; issued twenty-eight dispensations, "the most of which were for the purpose of conferring degrees at short intervals on candidates who had enlisted for foreign service in this war. In no case should a dispensation for the purpose of conferring degrees at short intervals be looked upon as an unimportant matter. Certainly the mere temporary convenience of a candidate, as has been suggested on one or two occasions, should not be considered a sufficient ground for an application for a dispensation."

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

A very little business was transacted.

No Report on Correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1916.

The One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, ten Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives from fifty-two lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

After a few generalities in the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Stephen S. Jewett, eulogizes the dead; discusses the European war; reports his decisions, which appear to be in accord with usual masonic usage, except the following:

"I gave a decision that where objection has been made to the advancement of a candidate, after he had received the Entered Apprentice degree, the full amount of the fees should be returned to him."

By-laws providing for life membership were not approved. Many dispensations were granted, of which four were for conferring the degrees in less than the required time; three halls were dedicated; two lodges of instruction were held. The Masonic Home and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association were commended.

He calls attention to the resolution in regard to diplomas, which is a very unjust resolution if lived up to in all its wording.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters gave detailed reports of their visitations to their respective lodges.

A very little business was presented before the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Harry M. Cheney presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1915 is most fraternally mentioned.

We quote:

"Returning to the topic of objection to advancement, we find this inquiry: 'But suppose the objection is withdrawn before an announcement to the lodge is made?' It cannot be withdrawn in New Hampshire after it has been made to the Master. The New Hampshire theory is that the expression of a verbal objection is precisely the same as casting a cube, having the same effect. With us there is no final difference whatever in either process. We say that the cube and the verbal objection are the same thing, with no chance to change either when put into the ear of the Master or the ballot box of the lodge. Either means a wait of twelve months, after which the petition may be renewed and take the usual course."

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. William Russell Burleigh, Grand Master in 1886-87, who died January 29, 1916.

NEW JERSEY, 1916.

The One Hundred Twenty-ninth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of one hundred ninety-four lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edward M. Searing, says:

"There has been a substantial gain in membership, numbering 1,688, making a grand total of 42,257 members. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows that our finances are in a very satisfactory condition, and peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction."

The dead are remembered ; the dispensations duly recorded on the files ; two lodges constituted ; three corner-stones laid ; his visitations reported ; his decisions required the following paragraph :

" Many questions have been propounded to me during the past year, all of which were amply provided for in the Digest. Many of these were of such a nature as to show an utter ignorance of our laws, brought about, not from want of intelligence, but simply from the lack of application and investigation of lodge officials."

It appears that candidates sometimes change their residence long enough to become eligible to a lodge, and after receiving the degrees move back to their old residence, and so he recommends the law in Maine, " a *bona fide* residence of six months in the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he applies."

Distinguished visitors from Pennsylvania, New York and Delaware were received and welcomed.

Last year we had something to say about the " old Masonic Temple." The keys to the building were presented to the Grand Lodge this year, and we quote the following additional particulars :

" On behalf of the Association, I promised that a stone wall would be built on the eastern, southern and western sides of the property, and that the building would be thoroughly renovated and restored as nearly as possible to its original condition, all of which has been done.

" When that promise was made we were ignorant of the fact that the old Master's niche was concealed beneath the plaster, and we did not know that when the five layers of wall paper were removed from the ceiling, the sunburst, stars and moon, which had been put there in the long ago, would be discovered. The original Wardens' chairs, the settee and seven of the side chairs are in their old positions in the lodge-room. The altar, pedestal and lights are copies of those used in the Alexandria-Washington lodge-room at Alexandria, Va. Although unable to obtain a pair of Middle Chamber columns used prior to the year 1800, we still hope to find them.

" The gift is made without condition of any kind, other than the one just mentioned, but it is our hope that no relics of a later date than the year 1800 be placed therein. We believe that no portraits should be in the building, except those of the Father of his Country and the Most Worshipful Brother who was the first Master of Trenton Lodge, No. 5, F. & A. M., and who for twelve years, served as the Grand Master of the State, and that no tablets should be placed in it except those already there and the two or three provided for."

Quite a large amount of local business was done.

Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Iowa anent " Grand Master's Conferences," he says :

" Now, while these assemblies carefully, and even vehemently, disclaimed any intention of organizing a national body, Bro. Block shares the opinion of many that the protestations were rather overdone, and proceeds to indicate, by questions, the utility of those conferences in getting some uniformity of procedure as to jurisdiction over rejected material,

and in the rule that interstate Masonic correspondence should be done exclusively by Grand Masters. Our answer to both those questions is that they were settled in many jurisdictions before these conferences we held, and only in a respectable minority are still unsettled. Upon strenuous consideration he is unable to imagine a real reason why a National Grand Lodge should not be formed, but goes on to enumerate some of the reasons commonly advanced, without including the one which occurs to us is of the greater validity, which is that Freemasonry is already overburdened with petty restrictive legislation, which simply indicates to the individual mason (not a Grand Master) the distance it has traveled from the original point or plan, when its sole reason for being was to 'conciliate true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance,' although but next-door neighbors, and which still constitutes to many individuals the only valid reason for connection with the Fraternity."

Maine has nearly two pages in the report.

We quote in part:

"His comment on our reference to the loving cup presented to Grand Secretary Berry is that its appropriateness is evidenced. 'The apple crop in Maine is fairly good each year, but last year it was exceptionally large, so that much good fruit had the juice squeezed out of it.'

"In Jersey, that same juice becomes 'Jack' after proper process, and is said to be as soft as downy pillows are, but we have heard that in Maine it becomes 'hard' and of a potency which makes three handles on a cup more convenient than fewer to the user."

Under Washington we read:

"Under the head 'Investigating Committees' he remarks upon the improved methods to be adopted in New Jersey, but does not know whether we practice the 'secret' or the 'public committee'; we answer certainly not the latter, but as all the transactions of the lodge are secret, the Investigating Committee is announced in open lodge by names, and so far they are known to the 'lodge public,' and all the information they get as to the candidate is read aloud to the lodge; and we are wondering yet why any Mason should be afraid to let any other Mason know that he is rendering such an important service to the lodge, as seems to be the case in some jurisdictions, where the identity of the committee inferentially would appear to vitiate their life insurance."

The Grand Lodge mourns the death of M. W. Bro. Hamilton Wallis, Grand Master in 1879-80, the Dean of their Grand Masters, who died April 1, 1915.

NEW MEXICO, 1916.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, nine Past Grand Masters, and Representatives from twenty-eight lodges were present.

The Grand Representative system is not recognized.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Amos W. Pollard, we quote:

"Masonry is vastly more important to us as it is our inspiration, our philosophy and our religious guidance; to some of us it is our religion, if it may be so termed.

"Masonry has always been a potent influence for good in every community, a builder of character and of good citizenship, ever subservient and obedient to the laws of the state and never waivering in its allegiance. It is a leveler of persons in every rank and state of life, recognizing every Mason as a brother and an equal. Our lives are but passing events in the world, pawns in the game of life, living entities to-day and gone to-morrow, but Masonry will continue in its present high plane so long as this world shall survive. The whole world may be at war and nations and empires crumble and fall, but the ravages of warfare will not affect the principles upon which Masonry is founded and it will rise up from the ashes of such devastation and ruin unsullied and unchanged."

But we do not agree to the thought expressed as follows: "To some of us it is our religion, if it may be so termed."

The dead at home and abroad are mentioned by name; dispensations for election and installation of officers and for joint occupancy were reported; a dispensation was issued as follows:

"I granted a special dispensation to initiate eleven candidates on Thursday, April 30, 1916. I was informed that this session would commence at half past one in the afternoon, that every part of the ceremonies of initiation would be carried out and that a different team would confer each degree. Three of the candidates were sons of the members of the lodge and each father acted as Worshipful Master in conferring this degree on his son."

His decisions, sixteen in number, are in accord with general masonic practice. A new method of visitation of the Subordinate Lodges was taken up by the Grand Master and he thinks that it is an improvement on the former procedure.

The full correspondence, some fifteen pages, relative to trouble with Texas and Louisiana, are given: With Texas because of the refusal of a lodge therein to pay to the lodge in New Mexico, the moneys expended for relief to a widow of an alleged member of the Texas lodge; with Louisiana because of the conferring of the F. C. and M. M. degrees by a lodge of Louisiana upon the material of the lodge in New Mexico.

We suppose that such contentions will arise from time to time. So far as assistance to the sick, distressed and indigent are concerned, the trouble originates from an idea that lodges are to meet all such cases, and, as lodges, could demand the repayment of all such moneys, whether authorized or unauthorized. Masonry was not founded upon such a principle. The man, who becomes a Mason, does not pay into the lodge any part of his fees for the degrees nor any part of his dues and assessments for charity. The man learns that he is to dispense his charity, as a personal offering, guided only by his own conscience as a Mason and a knowledge of his own financial condition. The Master of a lodge may be called upon and informed of helplessness of the sojourning brother

and manage the same as in his wisdom seems best, but there are no rules, no regulations, no landmarks in the Masonic Fraternity which suggest that a demand can be made from the home lodge to repay any assistance given.

Upon recommendation of the Grand Master, approved by the Committee, the Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer are to present at the next annual communication a system of records and accounts for the use of the lodges.

The following legislation, in regard to the liquor business, was had:

"Hereafter any person who is engaged in the saloon business shall be ineligible to receive the degrees of Masonry within this Grand Jurisdiction, and any Mason in this jurisdiction who shall hereafter become engaged in the saloon business, either directly or indirectly, shall be deemed guilty of unmasonic conduct and subject to masonic discipline by expulsion or indefinite suspension until this ground of unmasonic conduct is corrected."

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence closed the Texas trouble by the following wise report:

"That this subject of controversy existing between this Grand Lodge and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Texas be dropped in the interest of true masonic harmony. However, your committee would respectfully suggest that inasmuch as Eddy Lodge of this jurisdiction has done all it could in the matter of extending charity in the case referred to, the Grand Master may well request, and it is recommended that he should request of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Texas that some provision be made by that jurisdiction for the future care of this widow; and that the jurisdiction of the State of Texas through its Grand Lodge or Grand Officers be requested to make some provision for the care of this widow in the Masonic Home of that jurisdiction. In this respect your committee thinks that the request could well be complied with by the jurisdiction of the State of Texas, who is equally, if not more strongly, bound to provide for this widow of a Master Mason who has so long been cared for by Eddy Lodge, No. 21, although said lodge was not under masonic obligation so to do."

Bro. John Milne submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Florida we read:

"Personally we feel that there are few reasons strong enough to justify a dispensation to ballot short of time and to question the cause of black balls is to 'rock the boat' of Masonry with dire results in too many cases. Haste has no place in our conception of the proper procedure in handling the application of one who desires initiation."

Maine for 1915 is reviewed.

Commenting upon that part of the address of M. W. Bro. Bodge with reference to objection made to the advancement of a candidate, he says:

"This ruling may be in accordance with the law in Maine, but we would like to know by what sort of reasoning he arrived at the decision that the brother was not entitled to be heard in the matter. He surely did not expect to take only the first degree. Our teaching in Masonry has been that a brother is entitled to know everything with which he is charged whether he be an Entered Apprentice or a Master Mason."

In Maine there is but one ballot for the three degrees. There is no ballot had on proficiency for advancement. "Advancement denotes the reception of a degree after the first has been conferred." "Objections to advancement must be made known to the lodge and their sufficiency determined by a two-thirds vote." Would it not seem that the rights of the E. A. or F. C. were fully protected? Surely there ought to be present, at least, one who could or would know the truth or falsity of the objections when stated in open lodge and be prepared to sustain or to deny.

NEW YORK, 1916.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Grand Communication.

The portraits (Bather) of M. W. Reuben H. Walworth, Grand Master in 1853, and of M. W. Finlay M. King, Grand Master in 1861, appear.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George Freifeld, in his address pays loving tribute to the dead; returns his dispensations; reports among "ceremonies" the constitution of thirteen lodges, the dedication of several Masonic Temples, the laying of corner-stones, and the attendance upon the celebration of many anniversaries.

He pays great tribute to the District Deputy Grand Masters as follows:

"In season and out, in city and country, at the great gatherings and in the quiet groups, whenever or wherever a word or a speech could be expressed for the advancement of the cause of Masonry, these men were ever alert. Diplomatic, cheerful, painstaking and responsive, they espoused Masonic interest, whether of the Home, the Redemption Fund, the Ritual, or the great principles of our Fraternity, at the cost of time and of money. The splendid results of the campaign for the reduction of our debt—the rolling up of half a million dollars in two years—is a monument to their skill, patience and energy."

Commenting upon "The War Abroad" he says:

"Our mission is not political. It is moral and spiritual, and therefore is concerned with the welfare of men. We look forward to the day when our Country, permeated by the men and principles of our Fraternity, shall lead the nations of the Earth out of the house of bondage, whether it be military or naval, and into the warm sunlight of a free, unshackled brotherhood.

"At every opportunity and in all parts of this state we have held aloft the resplendent banner of Brotherhood. The mission of Masonry is to bring men to a clearer understanding of their relation to one another. That, indeed, has been taught with more or less intensity for two thousand years. The lesson is not always and everywhere welcome, and its priests, prophets and leaders are often misunderstood, and held up to public ridicule and private scorn. Love and hate are the two tremendous and antagonistic forces in the world. It is slowly learning, and just now

at fearful cost, that mad ambition and hate extort a great price. We, brethren, are apostles of a higher creed, and to us is committed the duty of teaching the lesson of a true brotherhood, in spite of hue and cry, and in the face of all opposition."

From the Report of the Committee on Masonic Employment Bureau we quote:

"The measure of our success is demonstrated by the statistical fact that with an expenditure of but little more than four thousand dollars we have procured employment for brethren and their families and found an earning opportunity for them amounting to more than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars per annum. The support of the Grand Lodge has been deserved and its financial investment justified."

From the Report of the Judge Advocate we quote:

"A lodge has jurisdiction over a candidate who is in the military service of the United States and stationed within the territorial jurisdiction of the lodge. He does not, however, by his presence in the jurisdiction in such capacity only, acquire a legal residence therein, and if he is discharged from the service before initiation in the lodge, the latter loses jurisdiction over him.

"A by-law of a lodge, which provides for life membership therein, and that members in such classes shall be exempt from the payment of further dues, does not exempt such members from payment of assessments duly levied by the lodge.

"That the effect of a failure of a member to pay a lodge assessment is not the same as failure to pay lodge dues. For the latter the member is subject to unaffiliation; for failure to pay an assessment, he is liable to charges, trial and punishment."

The Grand Historian in his report says:

"When speaking of Freemasonry, we must take into account a trinity of elements: Form, Substance and Spirit. Or to mark the dividing lines more distinctly: Constitutions, Ritual, and Teachings.

"In attempting to trace the history of our Fraternity, it would be necessary, therefore, to account for the origins of these elements.

"If we could demonstrate that the premier Grand Lodge represented merely the revival of something that had had a continuous existence before, the task would be comparatively simple. Such, however, is not the case. At any rate, there is no proof for it. The 'Constitutions' were derived from one source and then remodeled to meet new requirements; degrees and other ritualistic forms and usages were elaborated on the basis of borrowings from several sources; the teachings were organized more or less independently of any pre-existing body of instruction; the spirit is a growth from beginnings which may be traced with some degree of clearness to societies quite different from those which contributed constitutions, suggestions for initiatory ceremonies and fundamental teachings."

His "Findings" are as follows:

"(1) That Freemasonry, as we know it, is in nowise derived from operative Masonry.

"(2) That a 'symbolic' fraternity existed, whose members, under Anglo-Saxon conditions, frequently chose to obtain the freedom of the Masonic craft guild by 'acceptance.'

"(3) That the explanation for the preference accorded to the Masonic

gild may be inferred from the aspect of cathedral building in the medieval age, more especially the function of Masons, to give form to symbols of predetermined significance, the brotherhood striving to unite men of diverse interests and to preserve the 'geometry' of sacred things.

"(4) That on the European continent the brotherhood had not even an elbow-touch connection with craft guilds, the latter being exclusively trade organizations.

"(5) That the history of the 'Laws, Forms and Usages' of the Fraternity, while of less significance than that of the 'the Arts and Sciences thereof,' nevertheless is of considerable interest, and serves to interpret much that could not otherwise be accounted for.

"(6) That 'Laws, Forms and Usages' are largely derived from association with Masonic craft guilds and form merely the outer shell or mold into which the substance was poured which developed into the kind of Freemasonry we know."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is signed by the whole committee.

Maine for 1915 finds mention.

Under "Union of the German Grand Lodges" we read:

"Abroad Mars still rules both in international and in Masonic affairs, and we are not surprised that in the course of an upheaval of such magnitude in the lives of the belligerent nations Masonic conditions have become upset in many respects. Nor can anyone wonder that the bitterness of combat should have been transferred to the sanctum sanctorum of the Fraternity. It is needless to say that we would have liked, in the interest of true Masonry, for it to have been possible to keep the antagonistic feelings of the opposing forces out of our temples. But human nature does not seem to have reached as yet that high plane of philanthropy which would have permitted our Craft to keep entirely aloof from the clamor and the roar of the struggle of the warring nations.

"It is true that some sections of our Masonic brotherhood have faced that problem in a more fraternal way than others, endeavoring with might and main to preserve love for their country on the one side and allegiance to the principles and tenets of the mystic tie on the other. Thus we note that the union of the German Grand Lodges decided that all existing relations between the English lodges and their own should be held in abeyance until peace was restored, while the intercourse with the French bodies and the Italian Grand Orient was officially broken off.

"Similar action was taken regarding the semi-official connection between the German Lodges and the Swiss International Bureau for Masonic Intercourse, owing to the severe attacks made on 'everything German' by its late manager, the former Grand Master Ed. Quartier-la Tente, after the outbreak and during the earlier period of the war. So serious did the situation become that even a rupture with the Swiss Grand Lodge 'Alpina' itself seemed at one time to have been considered; but, finally, no such action was taken, probably due to the fact that the government of the 'Alpina' was transferred last year from Lausanne, in the French-speaking section of the republic, to its capital in Berne, where the Teutonic influence, perhaps, will be able to smooth over the offended sentiments of the German Brethren.

"Particularly refreshing in this respect is the decision of the Grand Lodge of the Sun, which ruled, upon inquiry as to the status of members of its constituent lodges, holding citizenship in enemy countries, that if such brethren did not appear to be undesirable foreigners and are not actual combatants, there was no reason to suspend them from lodge membership, not to mention exclusion from the fraternity."

NORTH CAROLINA, 1916.

The One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Communication.

Nearly all the Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand Masters, and Representatives of lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. F. P. Hobgood, Jr., in his address tells us that he was away from the state for about six months, during which time the Deputy Grand Master had charge. From the address we quote:

"I glory in the achievements of the year—in the growing appreciation of the principles championed by the greatest of fraternities—in the extended reach of that masonic light whose office it is to dispel darkness—in the increased and increasing number of those entitled to her secrets and eager to teach and exemplify her truths!!! But it is not our role to be so blind as not to realize that the race is not run, her mission among men not fulfilled. We may reckon, if we will, vast reaches into which her light has not shone, shores, distant and near, untouched by her waves of temperance, morality and truth. Most casual observation will reveal a multitude of points yet to be approached, uncharted seas yet to be mapped and made safe to the movements of men.

"I uniformly denied all requests for dispensations when authority was sought to do things prohibited by the Constitution or Regulations of the Grand Lodge, or to pursue courses other than those prescribed by the written law."

The Deputy Grand Master in his address covering the happenings of the past six months, mentions the dead; reports dispensations for six lodges.

Of his decisions, forty-eight, we quote:

"1. A Mason suspended for non-payment of dues has to petition for restoration in the same manner as a dimitted Mason.

"27. There is no provision of law providing that the petition for a lodge U. D. shall be first submitted to a District Deputy. However, as he is in charge of Masonry in that district, the Grand Master has the right to refuse to consider such a petition until it is first submitted to the District Deputy."

Neither of which is good law in Maine. All his other decisions are seemingly in accord with the general practice and were answered by their Digest.

A large amount of business, local in character, was transacted.

Bro. John A. Collins presented his twentieth Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1915 had a page in his report.

M. W. Bro. Lewis S. Williams, Grand Master in 1859-60, died June 24, 1915.

Bro. John A. Collins, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Corre-

spondence, died December 24, 1915. He was a clear writer, a good thinker and a fair, impartial writer.

R. W. Bro. John C. Drewey, who was just recovering from a severe illness at the time of the Annual Communication in January, 1916, died October 2, 1916. He was Grand Secretary since 1895.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1916.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, ten Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of lodges and others were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

With an introduction to his address, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Harry Lord, more or less personal, then remembers the dead; reports the issuance of ten dispensations for the purposes for which dispensations are usually given; announces the constitution of three lodges; and the issuance of dispensations for two new lodges; laid one corner-stone; dedicated two temples; made a few decisions which appear to be correct.

He recommended the establishment of a Grand Charity Fund and the incorporation of the Grand Lodge.

From the Report of the Grand Secretary we quote:

"During the past year four Grand Secretaries have finished the course: Virginius V. Harrison, of Delaware, Grand Secretary 1907-1915, William A. Wolihin, Georgia, 1897-1916, Theophilus W. Randall, Idaho, 1898-1915, and Richard Lambert, Louisiana, 1891-1915. The last two of the brethren had long passed their allotted three score years and ten, and during the year in which they died had been retired as Grand Secretary Emeritus on salary."

In regard to "Physical Qualification" the following by-law was adopted:

"If the physical deformity of any applicant for the degrees does not amount, aided by ordinary artificial means, to an inability to meet the requirements and honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, it shall constitute no hindrance to his initiation."

The incorporation of the Grand Lodge caused considerable discussion, but it was finally determined to have the subordinate lodges vote upon the question of incorporation.

Bro. William E. Hoover presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 has its place among the jurisdictions reviewed.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1916.

The Fifty-first Annual Communication.

Not all the Grand Officers were present, but a constitutional number of lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

After a few formal matters a procession was formed and marched to church and listened to "an eloquent and instructive sermon."

The Grand Lodge then returned to the place of meeting and called off until the afternoon, when the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Donald F. Fraser, delivered his address, in which, as would be expected, he comments upon "The War," the "Honor Roll," "War Funds," and states that he had caused a contribution of two hundred and fifty dollars to be made to "the Red Cross Fund."

He tells of the "Nova Scotia Lodge of Research" which "is patterned after lodges devoted to Masonic education and research, such as Quatuor Cornati 2076 and other literary and historical lodges of England. Its supporters hope to gather up and compile the Masonic history of Nova Scotia; to have prepared and distributed for the better information of the Craft in general, papers on matters of interest pertaining to the Order; to interest study in the practice of a more uniform ritual and publish a Masonic Journal."

Of his "official visits" he says:

"During the past year, I paid twenty-six official visits to different lodges throughout the jurisdiction, and was present at the organization meetings of two lodges working under dispensation. An effort was made, in several instances, to meet with two lodges situated closely together, and in this way I was privileged to meet with the officers and many of the members of fourteen other lodges. I was able to visit twenty-one of the lodges on their regular nights of meeting, and am under obligations to five that were good enough to call emergent communications at my request."

We quote a "question" and its answer:

"After the candidate has taken the obligation and is requested to kiss the Holy Bible, etc., by the W. M., refusing to do so, how should the W. M. proceed in the matter, continue on to finish the degree or not? Candidate willing to raise right hand.

"In reply, I ruled against the advancement of a candidate unless he conforms to all the established customs in the carrying out of the degree work, and sealing the obligation with his lips on the Holy Bible is assuredly a part of the degree."

He recommends the adoption of uniform ritual.

The District Deputy Grand Masters' system prevails in this jurisdiction and reports were received by them.

Quite a large amount of business, local in character, was transacted.

Bro. James C. Jones for the first time submits the Report on Correspondence. We welcome him to a seat at the "round table" and trust that he soon gets "comfortably placed in his seat" so that we can read either his "comment or criticism," whichever it is.

Maine for 1915 has nearly three pages devoted to its proceedings.

OHIO, 1916.

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Grand Communication.

The Grand Officers, twenty-three Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of five hundred twenty-eight lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

After the opening, a program of exercises was had. There were addresses of welcome, response thereto, music and prayer. The Shrine chorus, the Grand Chaplain, the Mayor of the City, the Representative of the Masonic Fraternity of Columbus on the one side, and the Grand Master on the other side. All of it, except the song and prayer, were so good that they were inserted as a part of the proceedings, of which they were, since they were had in the Grand Lodge in session.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank H. Marquis, in the introduction to his address, makes brief mention of the war.

The dead are remembered; one hundred dispensations reported as granted; six dispensations for new lodges; two lodges constituted; seventeen Masonic Lodge rooms dedicated; ten corner-stones laid; and by-laws approved.

Of the "Membership" he says:

"The Report of the Grand Secretary will show a net gain of five thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and a total membership of one hundred and seven thousand and thirty-nine Master Masons. The largest gain and enrollment in our history.

"While we are gratified at this evidence of material prosperity, let me admonish you not to seek numbers, but quality."

Of his visitations he says:

"I have made thirty-six visits, and was in every instance received with splendid hospitality. In making these fraternal visitations I endeavored to cover as much of our Grand Jurisdiction as possible by meeting at some central point and inviting all the surrounding lodges. In this manner I was enabled to meet with the members of over two hundred and fifty lodges. A visit from the Grand Master means much to a lodge, and my only regret is that I could not devote more time to the performance of this pleasant duty."

The Ohio rule for the affiliation of dimitted members is as follows:

"No Ohio Lodge can receive by affiliation any Mason residing in another Grand Jurisdiction and holding a dimit from a lodge in another

Grand Jurisdiction without the written consent of the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides."

There was a large amount of business but it was local in character.

Bro. Nelson Williams submitted his sixth Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"Perhaps the one thing that stands out most prominent, and the one thing which casts a dark shadow over an otherwise picture of peace, harmony, good will, and contentment, is the action of the Mother Grand Lodge of England in barring from the lodge-rooms of its subordinates those of their own members who were born in those countries which are at war with England. The action of the Grand Lodge is so foreign to every conception of Masonic duty and Masonic teaching, and is so antagonistic to the idea of real Masonic Brotherhood, that it shocks us as we contemplate it, and the one ray of light is the fact that there were strong, sturdy men, with true Masonic blood coursing through their hearts, that stood bravely forth and sought to prevent the passage of the legislation, but to no avail."

Under Connecticut we read:

"The Grand Master recommended that the Grand Lodge Regulations be amended so as to permit lodges to attend divine worship at any time. The amendment does not state whether with or without regalia, but if it attends as a lodge, it must not only go in regalia, but must have the Great Lights with it. In other words, it would not be a complete circus performance without all the side-show accompaniments. We cannot for the life of us see why a Mason who desires to worship the Almighty cannot do so without his Masonic Apron, Jewels, and insignia of office. It looks too much like an advertisement. We are not opposed to the divine worship by members of lodges, nor to their going to church in a body, if they so desire, but it is the thought that they cannot worship without an Apron on, and the further thought that they want to show the public who they are, that we dislike."

Under District of Columbia, commenting upon physical perfection, he says:

"We prefer a wooden leg to a wooden head, but the trouble is to adopt legislation which will draw the line where it should be drawn, for we are absolutely opposed to turning our lodge-rooms into hospitals or advertisements for artificial limb factories."

Under Iowa, anent the "flag business":

"Yes, not being satisfied with doing the flag business to death, our patriotism has now developed to such an extent that one cannot sit down to a good banquet without having a band play 'America' two or three times, and each time we must arise and proclaim our patriotic sentiment by waving our napkins while the soup is getting cold and the ice-cream is melting. We are as patriotic as anybody, but we do think they are working the 'hurrah' business a little over time."

Maine for 1916 receives honorable mention.

We quote:

"A dispensation was granted for a lodge to be organized at Old Orchard, and this was done without recommendation of the nearest lodge."

We reply: That the statement does not tell the whole truth. The jurisdiction of three lodges was to be affected by the organization of a lodge at Old Orchard. At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1915, two of the three consented with recommendation, but the third *refused consent* and the proposition was laid over until the Annual Communication in 1916, at which time the third consented but "without recommendation."

Under New Mexico we quote:

"Legislation was passed which provided that within six months after being raised, every Master Mason shall stand examination in Open Lodge upon the First Section of the Third Degree, and that he should procure a certificate of his proficiency from the Grand Secretary, and that from and after January 1, 1916, no member of a constituent lodge should be eligible to election to the office of Master or Warden unless he be the holder of such a certificate. This is the business of this Grand Lodge alone, but we cannot for the life of us understand the necessity for such a provision. The candidate becomes a Master Mason when he receives the obligation and the lecture, after which, in some jurisdictions, he must sign the by-laws, and committing the lecture does not make him any more a Mason than if he had not committed it to memory. A thorough knowledge of this lecture might enable a brother to pass a better examination for admission into some other lodge, but so far as we are advised, there is nothing in it which would specially qualify a brother for the position of Master or Warden save only the fact that he would be able to recite it to others. If the law required a thorough knowledge of Masonic law and usage, then we could understand the purpose of it."

Under Virginia he says:

"We believe that much good may come to the Fraternity by public installation of the officers of a lodge. There is no secrecy about it, and the ceremony of installation is a solemn and impressive one, and the admonition given to officers is such as would naturally impress the profane who might be present with the dignity and importance of the Institution, and men would become favorably impressed with the Fraternity who otherwise might give it no thought. It is not soliciting members, but it is advising those who would be considered good material and their families of what Freemasonry is. In Ohio public installations are common, and we have known women to be wonderfully impressed with the fact that the Holy Bible is always displayed upon our altars."

We have received notice of the death of R. W. Bro. William Joseph Akers, Deputy Grand Master in 1886, who died March 23, 1917.

OKLAHOMA, 1916.

The Eighth Annual Communication of the *State* of Oklahoma.

The Grand Officers, twenty-nine Past Grand Masters, and "approximately 307 lodges," were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Almer E. Monroney, in the introduction to his address, congratulates those who had labored so long in the fields of Masonry, to which "a great deal of the credit for the progress made in the development of the State" should be attributed.

He says:

"From my very first day in office as Grand Master, the correspondence has just simply poured in upon me in a continuous stream, asking numberless questions, as to construction of the Masonic law, advice and information—all of which I have endeavored to answer promptly, courteously and to the best of my ability."

He takes up in detail the many matters referred for settlement to him at the last Annual Communication and reports his action.

Among the public functions was the laying of the corner-stone of the State Capitol Building, which is fully set forth, as are other occasions of a similar nature.

By commission many Masonic duties were performed by others so authorized. Many dispensations were issued and for as many different purposes as could well obtain in Masonry.

He thus comments:

"Masonry is not a cheap institution and surely few members but can afford the Four Dollars (\$4.00) a year dues. In extreme cases, if a brother's financial condition was such that this amount would be a burden, he should bring this fact to the attention of the officers of his lodge and have them remitted. Any lodge has the right to do this when satisfied such a condition exists with any of their members. Reducing dues is an unwise proposition for a poor lodge, or one in good circumstances, either. It takes life blood to run an organization, and, aside from fees for degrees, your dues are your real life blood, so you are in error when reducing your income. A Masonic lodge with the proper spirit of charity imbued in the hearts and minds of its members, will never accumulate more funds than can be wisely expended."

The address required about one hundred printed pages—was it read or submitted in printed form? If the Fraternity in Oklahoma did not know all the details connected with the office of a Grand Master after reading the address and did not learn how nearly every supposable case might be met, those living outside the jurisdiction and reading this address found out after a tedious reading of details.

We did find out that M. W. William P. Freeman, Grand Master in 1915, appointed as Grand Representative for Maine, W. Bro. Posey L. Yerby of Hugo, but the Proceedings of Oklahoma for 1916, and of Maine for 1916, carry in the list the name of Samuel C. Fullerton of Miami. Who is which?

The Grand Lodge of Philippine Islands was recognized, while recognition of the Grand Lodge National of France was refused.

The Grand Orator took for his subject "Master Builders."

We excerpt:

"It may well be asserted as a demonstrated fact that the labor exerted in the chiseling of marbles, the finishing of granites and the rearing of the most enduring walls, is unimportant as compared with the great work in which we may all engage: The building of human character.

"All over the world, 'neath the lofty spires of the great cathedral and the humble belfry of the village church assemble the most intelligent portion of the race, whose lives have been made sweeter and better by His sublime example; and this vast concourse find solace in singing praises to His name. Nearly five hundred million people representing every language and every race acknowledged Him as a master builder and delight to call Him blessed.

"But even in our own country, in business, in society, in politics and in religion, we hear too much of Morgan and too little of Moses; too much of Rockefeller and too little of Ruth; too much of Carnegie and too little of Christ."

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we quote:

"There is a marked improvement in the work over that of last year, yet there are a few lodges that are using the old work, notwithstanding the fact that the law provides that they shall procure and practice the present adopted work.

"Some few lodges are in very bad condition, rarely ever holding a meeting; something should be done to create an interest or it will only be a short time before they will surrender their charters, or have them taken up by the Grand Master."

We note that the cost of disseminating the work increases, for the Auditing Committee say:

"In comparing the cost of disseminating the work for last year and this, we find this condition: During the year 1914 we paid about \$2,300.00. This year just closing we find that the cost has amounted to \$5,062.00. At this ratio of increase, next year will cost us in the neighborhood of \$8,000.00. We simply mention this at this time, because we consider it exorbitant."

There was a large amount of business, local in character, disposed of at this communication.

Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under California we read:

"If a brother should take sick and die in some other jurisdiction, the home lodge should be notified and authorize the funeral expense, placing a limit before the brethren, at the time of decease, should incur expense expecting to be reimbursed. This would prevent the brethren where the deceased died from arranging for two or three hundred dollars expense, when the home lodge probably could not pay the half of the bill."

Maine for 1915 is reviewed.

From his conclusion we quote:

"We rejoice to say that we discovered no Zeppelins flying through the Masonic sky to mar the friendly intercourse of the several jurisdictions in the United States.

"Universal sympathy is felt and prayers offered on behalf of the brethren engaged in the bloody fields of strife and death, in the countries at war.

"In reading the addresses of Grand Masters, and reading the printed copy of the prayers offered up by the Chaplains in the countries affected, it is evident that each supplicant assumes that the Lord is on his side.

"It reminds the writer, who was a 'Johnnie' in the Civil War, that we were all assured that the Lord was on our side. He may have been, but He 'moved in a mysterious way his wonders to perform.'

"However, it is a serious matter, and the Masons throughout the country should pray for peace."

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Selwyn Douglas, Grand Master in 1894, who died January 28, 1916.

OREGON, 1916.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of lodges (number not given) were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

From the quite lengthy introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank J. Miller, we quote:

"Looking back over the past and comparing our record with other organizations of like kind, we can congratulate ourselves upon our achievements. We have done a great work. We have left our stamp indelibly fixed upon the citizenship of our state. Masonry in Oregon has been a vital, living force, more potent to-day than ever before, and we need not blush for the record it has left on the page of our state's development. It made its first appearance west of the Rocky Mountains in Oregon City in the year 1848, and its progress has been steady, its record one to be admired, its escutcheon kept clean and bright. Faith, Hope and Charity have guided our footsteps in the past and they must be the lamps that light our pathway to the future."

He visited about one-half of the constituent lodges and says:

"While conditions are not ideal, and never will be, yet I find the Craft generally dwelling together in friendship and peace. Some minor faults were found—local circumstances causing slight friction, financial difficulties bringing annoyance, and other problems having to be solved—still I encountered little to criticise or find fault with. The lodges are rapidly adopting the standardized work, and are conforming to the new Constitution and By-Laws. It is hardly to be expected that all have perfected themselves in these, but I feel gratified with the progress made and the spirit of tolerance, cordiality and brotherly love which prevails in such a marked degree."

He discourses wisely and beautifully upon death when he mentions the dead of other jurisdictions and of his own jurisdiction.

He decided that—

"A candidate having received his Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees, but who, prior to taking the Master Mason's degree, met with an accident resulting in the loss of his left arm above the elbow, is entitled to the third degree.

"Under Section 218, a Mason from a foreign jurisdiction who holds a dimit issued more than one year prior to the date when presented, is not entitled to visit lodges in this jurisdiction. A Mason becomes a non-affiliate immediately upon the issuance of his dimit, and time runs from that date.

"An applicant who has his right leg amputated six inches below the knee, who has an artificial foot which he uses with ease, who is in all other respects well fitted, and is capable of easily and readily giving and receiving the instructions contemplated by our statutes, should not be disqualified by Section 180."

He constituted one lodge, issued many special dispensations. We quote:

"On December 14, 1915, I visited Rainier, Oregon, and held a special meeting of Rainier Lodge, No. 24, in the home of Worshipful Master George Moeck. Bro. Moeck is aged and infirm, and feeling that he might never be privileged to again sit in his lodge with his brethren, desired if it were possible that they might come to his home and permit him again to assist in the opening and closing ceremonies of his chosen order. On this occasion the brethren took advantage of possibly the last opportunity they would have, and a Past Master's jewel was presented to this worthy brother."

We note:

"February 3, 1916—Nominated Hon. Charles E. Wolverton, P. G. M., as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near this Grand Lodge."

Under the topic "Grand Master's Conferences" he thus reports:

"Being anxious to comply with your instructions, I directed our Grand Secretary to write to the Grand Masters of the several Grand Jurisdictions and ascertain how many would attend in person, or send representative, to such a conference. Letters were addressed to 57, and replies received from 43 jurisdictions. Seven jurisdictions, including our own, were favorable to such a conference and promised to be represented; thirty were opposed, seven uncertain, and fourteen did not answer."

He comments:

"I have no fear of the sovereignty of any jurisdiction being invaded or menaced by a continuance of these General Conferences, and I can foresee much good resulting from them. They will bring the several Grand Jurisdictions into closer touch with each other. They will have a tendency to standardize the work, make more uniform the laws, harmonize rules and regulations, and they can do no possible harm."

He also says:

"Masonry is a progressive science, and while not forsaking any of the Ancient Charges or Landmarks, we should advance with the times."

Now are not the words "a progressive science," as above quoted, misused? Does the application of the language refer to the fact that Ma-

sonry ought to progress with the changes in life and civilization caused by the invention, introduction and use of those things which cause people almost to gasp at their use?

Or does the application lie in the simple fact that as one advances in Masonry he finds a *system* which from his entrance within the door of the lodge unfolds to him, although veiled in symbolic language, new ideas and thoughts which extend from the cradle to the life after death and which constitute "a progressive science?"

Of "Lodge Buildings" he says:

"There is too much ostentation in the construction of fine buildings, and not enough attention paid to charity. Several of our lodges are so burdened by a building debt that they cannot see their way out. It is not my desire to leave the impression that I am not in favor of lodges owning their own homes, for such is not the case. On the contrary, I am very heartily in favor of their doing so, but I would advise caution in not going beyond your reasonable ability to meet your obligations and building only in reasonable conformity with your needs."

The Committee on Jurisprudence say:

"The committee believes an objection is good and effectual if made by a Master Mason in good standing, a member of a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, even if the objector is not a member of the lodge where the candidate petitioned."

The following recommendation was adopted:

"That each of the subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction have the Flag of our Country on display in the East, and on the left of the W. M. during all sessions of the lodge."

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve the decision of the Grand Master relative to the privileges of a dimitted Mason:

"Our law does not allow a longer time than one year for a non-affiliate to visit in our jurisdiction, but does permit him thirty days thereafter within which to petition. There is no privilege, however, given him to visit during this period of thirty days as the law reads. Your committee therefore concludes that when the year has expired the privilege granted by our law ends. The date of the dimit does not control, it is the time of residence within this Grand Jurisdiction. The committee believe a brother has a right to visit for one year after coming within the state without regard to the date of his dimit."

Oregon puts itself on record in favor of a "National Grand Lodge."

Bro. David P. Mason presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Kansas, commenting upon our duty to our brother, he says:

"Some writer classifies all men into the helpers and the hinderers. If we don't push or pull we are apt to be in the way of those who do. It is certain that somebody must do the lifting and the tugging. Some day common, everyday service will come to its coronation. The truth will be realized that it is not so important that we should do great things as that we should do little things in a great way. The value of the product,

whether of a mill or a life, depends on the fidelity of the workmen charged with the little details."

Maine for 1915 has two pages in his interesting report.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1916.

A fine (Bather) portrait of the R. W. Grand Master graces the Proceedings.

At the several Quarterly Communications but little business was done.

The December Quarterly contains the account of the various funds, charitable and otherwise, under control of the Grand Lodge, amounting to over \$4,500,000, and yet we read:

"The receipts of the Grand Lodge are not adequate to meet its expenditures, and it is imperative that some financial plan be provided which will produce sufficient funds to meet the increased demands of Grand Lodge, brought about through the increase in cost of administration, taxes assessed against the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia and the upkeep and maintenance of Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown."

It was therefore voted:

"*Resolved*, That on and after December 27, A. D. 1916, A. L. 5916, each petitioner for initiation and membership at the time of initiation, and each petitioner for membership from a lodge in another jurisdiction, either at the time of election or at the Constitution of a new lodge, shall pay to the lodge, in addition to the fee required by the by-laws of the lodge, the sum of Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars for the maintenance and preservation and perpetuity of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge at Elizabethtown."

There is also full statements in regard to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

In the December Annual Proceedings may be found interesting items about Lafayette.

The R. W. Grand Master, Bro. Louis A. Watres, submitted "detailed report of the conduct of his office for the Masonic year," from which we learn that five new lodges were constituted; eight corner-stones laid; one building dedicated; and many edicts affecting the status of many individuals to the Fraternity.

Of his decisions we quote:

"A request was made for permission to deliver before a lodge an address on the subject of 'Preparedness.' Although Masons in every community should be active in all questions of the day which affect the welfare of the State and Nation, yet in view of the difficulty of drawing the line between this subject and many subjects of a similar character, and in view of the further fact that no question of a political or semi-political nature should be discussed in a lodge, the request was refused."

From his conclusion we quote:

"If Freemasonry has been a force in the world, if it has moulded governments, wrought righteousness, builded character, and made men more diligent, prudent, temperate and discreet, if it has brought harmony and beauty and equilibrium into men's lives; if it has done all these things—and it has, and more—it is not because of any power in and of itself, separate and apart from its fountainhead, and its fountainhead is the Book of the Law. It is because of the recognition of that truth that Freemasonry has withstood the shock of Empires and the assault of centuries.

"Our ancient charges long ago proclaimed that the Holy Bible will guide us in the path of truth, direct us to the temple of happiness, and point out to us the whole duty of man.

"But the Book of the Law is not a fetish. Whether it lies upon the altar at Isaiah, Jeremiah, Genesis, or Exodus twenty, it is futile and of none effect, unless we absorb its lessons and live its life. To refuse or neglect its study would make us the losers, and would put in jeopardy both our beloved Fraternity and our country. Upon it are based our ancient charges, so full of helpfulness and significance. Therefore it is that Freemasons study both the Bible and our ancient charges, for after all, Freemasonry is an intellectual outlook, a standard of truth, a gospel of light—a light that uplifts."

Bro. Thomas F. Penman presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Let him introduce himself:

"When one undertakes the performance of a duty for the first time he is naturally concerned to know what is required or expected of him by those to whom he must render an account.

"Therefore, claiming no credit for 'becoming modest,' but simply endeavoring to realize our own limitations, we do not attempt to rival those who have heretofore presided over this department: and if satisfaction with our effort depends upon their standards of literary style, scientific knowledge and methods of treatment, we must fail and give way to another."

We welcome him to the seat at the "Round Table" belonging to the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Under California, commenting upon the action of the Grand Master, in declining to send funds of the Grand Lodge to the Masonic War Relief Association for the relief of the Belgians, he says:

"We wish we might have found other reasons for withholding charity. Is charity to be hyphenated too? Is there a distinction between German Masons and any other kind as to charity? The War Relief Association made it clear that its funds were not to be devoted exclusively to Belgians; but even if they were, are non-combatants—women and children—to be left to starve because 'our good German brethren' feel that their 'mother country is rightly at war with Belgium'—the truth of which is limited to the 'feelings' of our 'good German brethren'? Is that Masonic charity? We don't like the brand."

Under District of Columbia, discussing the liquor question, he says:

"We have yet to learn why the use of drugs may not be ultimately controlled as well as the use of liquor. Bro. Baird appears to view the movement of legislative prohibition as an infringement of personal liberty.

Like many another old-time notion of sociology, economics, politics, etc. the 'personal liberty' sanctuary is getting badly profaned. We are not very much addicted to what Bro. Baird calls 'the hysterical prohibition fad'; but he is blind who will not see the world movement towards a stricter regulation of the liquor traffic by law. It required the shock of an unprecedented war to put it in the mind of Europe, and it looks as if the end will justify the means. In Masonry, too, the unmistakable evidence shows that the saloon and its habits are going on the black list very fast."

Maine for 1915 and for 1916 has fraternal mention.

In his conclusion, he discusses quite fully "Masonry and the Liquor Business," from which we quote:

"Investigation of the subject shows that the following Grand Lodges have, by laws, regulations or edicts, barred the doors of Masonry against persons engaged in the manufacture or sale of liquors:

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| Arkansas | Nebraska |
| Alabama | Nevada |
| California | New Mexico |
| Colorado | North Dakota |
| Florida | Oklahoma |
| Georgia | Oregon |
| Idaho | South Dakota |
| Iowa | Tennessee |
| Kansas | Utah |
| Kentucky | Washington |
| Minnesota | West Virginia |
| Mississippi | Wisconsin |
| Missouri | Wyoming |
| Montana | |

"Maine and North Carolina are Prohibition States, and the Grand Lodges presume there are no persons in their jurisdictions engaged in the liquor business; therefore they consider it unnecessary to legislate on the subject. Michigan is reported to have an unwritten law so universal that liquor men cannot get into lodges."

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1916.

The Fourth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, two Past Grand Masters, and Representatives of the five chartered lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George R. Harvey, we quote:

"It has been a year of active labor, and unprecedented prosperity has attended the efforts of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. Our lodges all show a good growth and a healthy financial condition, and we have made a net gain of 119 in our membership."

He reported the constitution of two lodges.

The facts regarding Minerva Lodge, under the obedience of the United

Orient for Portugal, were reported and the Grand Master by communication revoked the former decision declaring Minerva Lodge "irregular and clandestine."

The protest of the "Regional Grand Lodge of the Philippines" constituted under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of Spain against the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and all documents in connection therewith are given in full.

We quote his decisions:

"Whether or not a Past Master's jewel to be presented to a retiring Master, or photographs of Past Masters or officers of a lodge, the photographs to become the property of the lodge, may be purchased with funds set aside in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution for purposes of entertainment and the promotion of fraternal intercourse.

"My answer to this question was as follows:

"There is no provision in our Constitution or Laws either permitting or prohibiting the expenditure of funds in the manner suggested in your inquiry. When a lodge has the funds in hand, it would appear to be more just and equitable to pay such expenses out of the funds provided for entertainment, and thus more evenly distribute the burden among the members of the lodge, and at the same time enable each member to contribute his share in the payment of his dues, rather than have a few brethren raise the money through voluntary contributions. As long as the action of a lodge in such cases is not extravagant, and the lodge is not prevented from doing its full duty in entertainment and in the promotion of fraternal intercourse, there would appear to be no valid objection to such a course. With these observations, I am constrained to decide your question in the affirmative."

A lodge was instituted under the name of "Southern Cross Lodge," of which "all but two of the petitioners for the Dispensation were Master Masons from other jurisdictions who reside in Manila, and are locally known as 'Sojourners.' Several years ago the 'Masonic Sojourners' Association' was organized in Manila, composed largely of American Masons who, for sentimental or other reasons, did not then care to sever relations with their home lodges. Many of them have been residents of Manila for a long time and have distinguished themselves in the public service or in business or professional life in these Islands, and the petitioners for a Dispensation for the institution of Southern Cross Lodge have decided to become active in the work of the Fraternity in the Orient."

The ceremonies connected with the laying the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple are given in full.

From the Report of the Grand Lecturer we quote:

"I regret to say that in one or more of the lodges there has been a tendency to electioneer for officers. This, as we all know is unmasonic, very detrimental to the Fraternity and should not only be discouraged but stopped absolutely.

"There are very few Grand Lodges that authorize the use of cyphers, and I sincerely hope that this Grand Body will see fit to pass a resolu-

tion prohibiting the use or possession of these books except in the case of the Grand Lecturer who may keep one as a guide or for reference and to be kept by him in a safe place."

The Grand Orator delivered a logical and an instructive oration on "The Three Lesser Lights."

The following resolutions were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge prohibit the use or possession by any Mason of this jurisdiction of any key or cypher, appertaining to the work or ritual of the Fraternity, and that any Mason having such key or cypher in his possession be required to surrender the same to the Grand Secretary.

"*Be it further Resolved*, That it is a Masonic offence for any Mason except the Grand Lecturer to possess any key or cypher to the ritual; but that this shall not apply to any authorized publication of the Grand Lodge."

Bro. Newton C. Comfort wrote the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Idaho we read:

"Idaho does not send subordinate lodge correspondence through Grand Lodge officers unless the foreign jurisdiction desires it. Good, let each jurisdiction have its own laws, and when asking something of a foreign jurisdiction having laws different from our own, the laws of the foreign jurisdiction would best be used. This is especially true in conferring degrees, the laws of the conferring jurisdiction should hold, and not the peculiarities of the requesting."

Maine for 1915 was reviewed.

We quote:

"The proceedings are very attractively printed. They bear this label:

"Ordered to be read in lodges. Every lodge must preserve one copy in the Hall, and when a volume is completed, should bind it for the use of the lodge."

"We don't quite understand why those Grand Lodges which require their lodges to have the Proceedings bound, don't bind them before sending to the lodges; and the lodge pay the Grand Lodge for the bound copy, because by having the 205 copies bound, in this case, a better volume, uniformly lettered, could be secured at less than half the expense which the one volume binding must cost the several lodges."

The reply: The answer is in the words "when a volume is completed." It generally takes three volumes of proceedings to make up one bound volume, and, of course, the printed proceedings ought not to be held until a volume is completed.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1916.

The Forty-first Annual Communication.

All the lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James D. Stewart, has much to say about the position that the Island has taken towards the war in Europe, and of what assistance Masonry has been to assist in recruiting units for the army. The "Honor Roll" as given by him contains over sixty names.

The dead at home and abroad are remembered.

All the lodges were visited by him and Masonry was found to be in a very satisfactory condition. The dues are better paid; the attendance is not as large as it should be; and of the work he says:

"Degrees were conferred on the occasion of my visitation at several of the lodges, at others a degree was at my request exemplified. The work throughout was of a high average and shows the lodges to be in the hands of skilled craftsmen. There is, however, some lack of uniformity, some slight deviations and these should be corrected. We have the smallest jurisdiction in the world. That is not a particularly enviable distinction but it is unavoidable. Would it not be gratifying to be able to claim as an offset with justice that our work is done with more uniformity and correctness than in any other jurisdiction?"

Bro. W. P. Doull made a very short "Report of Correspondence Committee." We quote:

"Masonry holds a distinct position and character by virtue of its very customs and regulations, yet Modernism would lay its impious hands on our Rites, Ceremonies and Regulations and set them quietly aside, or destroy them altogether, whenever expediency suggests the folly of 'perpetuating antiquated rules and customs;' or when unduly developed personal importance or presumptuous pride arrogates the right to meet modern requirements with modern practice. 'What are the landmarks? There is no ancient written list of them.' They would cease to be landmarks if there were. They would then be Ancient Regulations. Is the mandate 'Thou shalt not kill' a matter of right or wrong simply because it was set down on a 'table of stone'? Is the still small voice of Conscience to be wholly drowned in Expediency's whisper 'They are not written'? Are the moral duties of a Mason limited by the written text of obligations? Are we allowed to disremember any portion of our responsibilities because their elimination would better suit our fancies or personal freedom? Is a landmark any the less binding because not written? Is an obligation to observe the landmarks any the less binding because the full scope of their meaning is not at the time defined?"

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Simon W. Crabbe, Grand Master in 1892; of M. W. Bro. Ronald MacMillan, Grand Master in 1900.

QUEBEC, 1916.

The Forty-sixth Annual Communication.

Nearly all the Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of sixty-three lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edward A. Evans, we learn of his serious illness at the beginning of his term of office, from which he recovered. His comment upon the war is thus:

"We were committed in August, 1914, to the most terrible war in modern history, and compelled by the highest of duties to take up arms as a National obligation in behalf of others, for the purpose of not only carrying out our treaty obligations but with the object of maintaining the true principles of all that is Just, Perfect and Right. This unfortunate war, naturally interfered very seriously with the economic system of the country, causing a widespread commercial depression amongst manufacturers, merchants and financiers, thus creating a considerable upheaval in the civil and domestic life of the population. It was not, therefore, to be expected that a large increase in applicants for the Light of Masonry would arise, and you will notice from the Report of the Grand Secretary that the results in this respect have been less than those of the previous year, by about one-third."

One lodge was constituted; a Masonic hall dedicated; one lodge instituted; some dispensations were granted; but he "also declined to permit an open installation of officers at which ladies or outsiders were to be present."

Among the list of Grand Representatives who were commissioned to represent their several Grand Lodges we note:

"R. Wor. Bro. P. W. A. Burket, of Montreal, to the Grand Lodge of Maine."

The Grand Secretary in his report says:

"I have received returns from 59 lodges, and find that 375 of their members are on the Honor Roll. Of these seven have died on the field of Honor, eighteen are reported wounded, of whom a number are entered as back again in the trenches or on the firing line. One is reported missing, and one a Prisoner in Germany."

From the Report of the Committee on the State of Masonry we quote:

"It is with pleasure your committee notes the increasing number of lodges meeting for Divine Worship in every part of the Province, which should add great moral strength to our institution, and is the outward expression of the precepts taught in our lodges.

"The lodges are as a rule well equipped with capable officers, not only efficient in the ritualistic work, but who have likewise shown their ability in successfully conducting the other important duties of their offices. High praise is bestowed on them by the inspecting officers and many of the Secretaries are especially singled out for commendation, which is very creditable to their lodges, to themselves, and most gratifying to the Grand Lodge."

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented the Report on Correspondence.

We quote from the introduction:

"There has been more or less criticism of the action of the Grand Lodge of England in requiring brethren of German or Austrian birth to

refrain, during the continuance of the war, from visiting English lodges of which they may be members. Considering that there was at first some dissent from the proposal in the Grand Lodge of England itself, this criticism is perhaps not altogether surprising. But distrust, rather than resentment, was at the bottom of the resolution of the Grand Lodge of England, as was over and over again repeated at the time. Our brethren in the United States do not need to be reminded of the widespread ramifications of the system of espionage and conspiracy against their own country which has been shown by recent developments to permeate so extensive an element of the German population of the Republic, from the highest diplomatic circles down. When such things are possible to these plotters while in the enjoyment of the shelter and the protection of a friendly neutral power, what may they not be capable of in a country with which they are at war? Not hatred, but ordinary prudence, justifies the action of the English Grand Lodge, which moreover, goes no further than to make mandatory the old-time teaching of the Craft that the right of visitation should always be conditional upon assurance that it will not disturb the harmony of the lodge. It is well known that for years before the war, England was fairly honeycombed with German spies."

Under Maine for 1915 we read:

"Bro. Chase apparently holds that repetitions are vain and useless, and that upon most of the subjects now before the Craft nothing better can be said than what has already been so well said. It would certainly be difficult for anybody, whether in Maine or out of Maine, to speak more clearly and more convincingly upon most Masonic topics than Maine's grand old man in Masonry, the late Josiah H. Drummond, who wrote the Correspondence Reports for his jurisdiction for some years after we had commenced doing the same work for the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

RHODE ISLAND, 1916.

One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of thirty-three lodges and others were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

At the Semi-Annual Communication held November 15, 1915, the following was adopted:

"That nothing shall appear in any lodge notice or other printed matter, which shall in the least particular refer to the esoteric work of Freemasonry; any notice or other paper containing the names of the candidates to be balloted upon, or for the work of any degree, shall be sent in a sealed envelope."

Favorable action was had as regards "the matter of the proposed restoration of the old city building on Market Square and of the desirability of the placing of a memorial tablet in some suitable place thereon, calling attention to the former occupancy of a part of the building by the Masonic Bodies."

At the Annual Communication the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Reuben

S. Bemis, in his address, paid due tribute of respect to the dead, reported his dispensations, and minor matters which required his attention; told of his visitations; made no decisions, as all questions were answered by reference to the Constitution and Laws; states that the system of identification cards is working smoothly; recommends changes in the regalia of the Grand Master, which "include an apron more elaborate in design than the one we now use, and the addition of gauntlets."

He also to some extent discusses "Physical Qualifications of Candidates," and quite fully discourses upon the advisability of increasing the Masonic Home Fund, which must be \$50,000 before any attempt to build a Home is made.

The District Deputy Grand Masters submitted reports of the condition of the lodges in their several districts.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was extended, while recognition of "The National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France and the French Colonies" was indefinitely postponed.

One case for trial before the Commissioners of Trials was postponed, because, "it developed, however, that a case was pending against the defendant in the civil courts, being due for trial within a month or two from the date of this Annual Communication."

What a trial in civil or criminal courts has to do with a trial in Masonic lodge we know not. Perhaps the evidence to be used in the Masonic trial might be obtained more easily by using testimony brought out in the courts of the land, but why should the result of any such trial have any bearing at all on a masonic trial? Are the Commissioners to decide the case on testimony masonically before them, or upon the issue reached by courts?

No Report on Correspondence.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1916.

The Tenth Annual Communication.

Nearly all the Grand Officers, seven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of ninety-one lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

After disposing of "preliminary business," the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Murray Thompson, delivered his address in which he describes the changed condition in the Province in the last ten years in its material progress and the development of Masonry for the same time.

Speaking of his visitations, he commends the work that he witnessed, but:

"I feel it, however, my duty to point out that the rank and file of the members of the various lodges do not give their officers that moral support which it is our duty to give. The average regular attendance at all of the lodges I visited, while greater than the mystic number necessary to do business, was very far short of what it ought to have been. There does not appear to be sufficient interest taken by the majority of the members in the routine work of the lodge; there appears to be much less interest taken in the deeper subjects which go far to improve the moral and mental aspects of the man and the Mason.

"Did we join the Masonic Fraternity simply that we might have the privilege of wearing Masonic jewelry on our neckties, our fingers, our watch chains or the lapel of our coats?"

"I think it would be a good thing for Masonry if the Grand Lodges throughout the world would prohibit the wearing of Masonic jewelry except officially.

"I attribute this lack of interest in lodge work shown by too many of our members to nothing more nor less than a lack of knowledge of what is meant by Masonry."

Five lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for nine new lodges; one Masonic Hall was dedicated; dispensations were granted for fourteen different causes, of which he says, "that in granting many of these dispensations this year I have exercised my prerogative to an unusual degree on behalf of brethren who had joined the Canadian Expeditionary Forces and were leaving for Overseas on active service."

Of his rulings we quote:

"I held that I had no authority to sanction the issuing of a Certificate printed in English, French and German to be provided to Masons from this jurisdiction with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

"I held that a charge having been laid against a brother and accepted at a regular meeting of the lodge and a date subsequent to the next regular meeting having been set for the trial, the fact that at the regular meeting subsequent to that at which the charge was received there was not a quorum and consequently no meeting held, did not prevent the trial proceeding on the date set for same."

The District Deputy Grand Masters submitted detailed reports of the condition of the lodges over which they had supervision, from which reports we learn "that Masonry in Saskatchewan is in a highly satisfactory condition."

Bro. A. S. Gorrell submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine does not appear.

Under Tennessee we read:

"The Grand Master also said that lodges who did not elect on the date set by Constitution, even though the date of election would be affected by the meeting regulated by the full moon, could not elect, but must hold over for another year, and gave warning that he would issue no dispensations to remedy same. This action, in our opinion, is most unwarranted and unlawful. Lodges are not the slaves of Grand Masters or Grand Lodges, but have rights inherent in themselves, and if their approved by-laws call for a communication regulated by the full of the moon no Grand Master has the power or right to interfere with the same."

Under Vermont we read:

"Vermont has decided that a Past Master has no power to open a lodge in the absence of the sitting Master and both the Wardens. This seems to be the universal custom, but in some Grand Jurisdictions in Canada we do not look upon our Master after having filled the Chair as if putting him into the discard and go into the theory once an Installed Master always an Installed Master, so that if a lodge meets after having been regularly summoned a Past Master has the right and power to open a lodge in the absence of the above named officers."

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1916.

The One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of two hundred fifty-eight lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Without any long introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. R. A. Cooper, reminds us of the deaths in his and other jurisdictions; names the lodges visited; reports the dispensations granted; four lodges constituted; dispensations for three new lodges; three corner-stones laid; one Masonic Temple dedicated.

He says:

"I think it a good plan, however, to report all rulings even though no difficult question is involved, for the reason that the officers of Subordinate Lodges are more likely to get instruction from rulings of the Grand Master reported to the Grand Lodge than from the Constitution and Code."

There are thirty-two, of which the following are the ones of importance:

"Question: There is a difference of opinion as to the position of the lesser lights in the lodge room of our new Temple. As you recall, they are placed as shown on the annexed diagram. (This diagram shows one light at the northeast corner of the Altar, one at the southeast corner and one at the southwest, forming a right angle triangle.)

"Answer: I have always understood that the proper arrangement of the lesser lights is an equilateral triangle around the Altar and arranged in such a way as to place the Holy Bible in the center of the triangle—one light in the East, one in the South and one in the West. I am, therefore, of the opinion that the lesser lights of your lodge room are not properly placed, but they should be placed as I have indicated."

The Committee on Address in their report say:

"The Conferences of Grand Masters which have been held in the past having proved to be profitable, your committee are of the opinion that if this plan is very generally approved by a sufficient number of the other Grand Lodges that we should be represented by our M. W. Grand Master or the R. W. Deputy Grand Master."

The following ruling obtained:

"The Grand Master ruled that in the matter of persons authorized to be present at a trial, that by resolution it is competent for the Grand Lodge to authorize any member of the Grand Lodge to be present. A District Deputy Grand Master cannot be present at a trial in a Subordinate Lodge except where the officers who preside are disqualified or cannot be present, and then only by special order from the Grand Master."

The Committee on the Age of the Grand Lodge made a full report in regard to its existence and added to its age forty years.

Bro. J. L. Michie submitted the Correspondence Report.

Maine for 1915 and 1916 has full mention.

Under Missouri we read:

"He dedicated Ararat Shrine Mosque on 29th May, and afterwards assisted in raising the one-thousandth member of Ivanhoe Lodge. Is a Shriners' Temple, or Mosque, a Public Building, or is it a Masonic Edifice?"

Under Scotland we quote:

"To American readers it will seem strange, and difficult of belief, that hitherto no Committee of Enquiry exists in Scotch Lodges. Such is the fact, however, and Virginia alone—so far as we are aware—of all the American Lodges, follows Scotland in this respect. As one 'Foreign Correspondent' puts it, 'bawbees' are an irresistible temptation to Scottish Lodges, and their small initiation fees induce many a casual visitor to be made a Mason in Scotland. We had hoped that our Auld Mither would adopt the doctrine of territorial jurisdiction of lodges, but as she seems to claim and exercise the right to charter lodges where she pleases, she could not well confine her Subordinate Lodges to restricted territory within her own borders."

Under Utah, commenting upon the conferring of degrees, he says:

"We prefer to have the candidate examined in open lodge, and, except in the second section of the Master's degree, we can see no good reason why the degrees could not be conferred on more than one candidate at the same time.

"The easiest way to shorten the ceremonies would be to adopt the Pennsylvania work, which is almost identical with that of England and Scotland. We have often wondered why and when the lodges in the United States, except Pennsylvania, dramatized the second section of the Master's degree instead of illustrating it by a lecture as in the rituals of the three old mother Grand Lodges.

"There, the second section is entirely eliminated, the Master recites the Legend of the Third degree, during which, at appropriate periods, without any break in the recitation, the candidate becomes personally acquainted with the manner in which our G. M. was met by his three brothers. There is no lecture on Symbolism and no explanation of the Monitorial Emblems. Thus, the ceremony is shortened by at least an hour and a half."

Under West Virginia, anent Romanism, he says:

"Yes, Bro. Atkinson, we quite agree with every word you say concerning the attitude of the Church of Rome towards Masonry, but we have never dignified the utterances of its ignorant votaries by taking any no-

tice of them. Speaking and writing as they do of a great Fraternity which numbers among its most earnest and ardent supporters the best men that each age has successively produced, the best plan is to treat them with the silent contempt they deserve. The bigoted Romanists live in an atmosphere that stifles thought, they dream of their lost power, and, dreaming, think they can still command men to obey their will to the minutest detail,

“Till their own dreams at length deceive 'em,
And oft repeating, they believe 'em.”

From his conclusion we quote:

“The one great, outstanding event of the year has been the Resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of England, excluding from her Subordinate Lodges, during the continuance of the War, all Masons of enemy alien birth. Even the case of a brother born in Germany so long ago as to have forgotten all about his native Country, and whose son was fighting for King George, was made no exception.

“Of course Grand Lodges of the British Dependencies support the action of their Old Mother. They take the ground that a Master has the right to exclude any member or visiting brother whose presence might disturb the peace and harmony of a lodge. Granting that this is so, would it not have been better to leave the matter to the wise discretion of the Master, or to the lodge?

“Scotland followed England's footsteps, a Special Committee recommending that Grand Lodge pass a Resolution in identical terms with that of the Grand Lodge of England. See my Review of Scotland. Ireland has not gone quite so far; see Ireland.

“Such wholesale legislation against Brother Masons who are members of their Subordinate Lodges, is bound to have a very baleful effect upon our Fraternity at large, and gives the enemies of Freemasonry a powerful weapon to be wielded against her.

“Under the English and Scottish Constitutions, the Mason, as an Entered Apprentice, is told in very emphatic language, that he is never to sit in a lodge where there is a brother with whom he is at variance, or against whom he entertains any animosity. Surely our British Brethren, whether of native or foreign birth, remembering this admonition, could so act that there would be no danger of disturbing 'the peace and harmony' of Lodge Meetings.”

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of Bro. Rev. William Pinckney Smith, Grand Chaplain, who died April 23, 1916.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1916.

The Forty-second Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, seventeen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of one hundred eleven lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The Grand Chapter, O. E. S., had greetings conveyed to it by a distinguished committee of Past Grand Masters.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Marshall R. Brown, of whom there is a fine steel portrait, gives us one of the shortest addresses for the year.

The introduction is formal; the dead are mentioned; dispensations granted for one new lodge and a few for other purposes; a corner-stone laid; a lodge room dedicated; visitations to lodges reported, and the following decision made:

"Owing to the fact that our laws do not provide, in any way, for the levying or the collecting of an assessment I have decided:

"That a lodge cannot levy an assessment for any purpose."

Which we believe to have been wrong. For in the absence of any provision in the laws, the lodge should decide what it wishes to do.

The business of the meeting was interrupted by the introduction of several pleasing features: the presentation of jewels to Past Grand Masters, the reception of the Committee of Grand Chapter, O. E. S., the presentation of gavels for use at the stations in the Grand Lodge, and the roll call of the Grand Representatives.

The Committee on Jurisprudence thus reported on the decision of the Grand Master:

"In the matter of the decision of the M. W. Grand Master, 'that a lodge cannot levy an assessment for any purpose,' your committee disagree with him for the reason that, while we find no by-law authorizing the levying of assessments, we find well established precedents for doing so by at least two approved decisions of Grand Masters, namely, Bro. Blatt, 1887, and Bro. Ayres, 1890. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the decision of the M. W. Grand Master be not approved.

"However, your committee do not favor the levying of assessments by our lodges for any purpose. Therefore, in order to establish a definite law on the question, we recommend that the matter be referred to the Special Committee on By-Laws, with instructions to present a specific by-law regarding the levying of assessments by the subordinate lodges."

And if the action as proposed is had, the lodge is deprived of one of its powers. Unless the dues are made large enough to meet the expenses then the dues must be raised or a special assessment laid. To obtain the first horn of the dilemma, time is required; and, generally, more than a majority vote, together with the approval of a change in the by-law by the Grand Master is required. But the other may obtain at a stated meeting of the lodge by a majority vote.

Bro. Samuel A. Brown presented the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1915 has mention.

Under Pennsylvania we read:

"With us there is no power to initiate a man until he has resided one year last passed within the territory of the lodge to which he applies. No lodge can initiate a man who has been rejected in another jurisdiction unless that jurisdiction disclaims the law of perpetual jurisdiction. We claim no jurisdiction over a profane, even when he has been voted on, after he leaves the State. If a lodge in another State asks us if there is

a Masonic objection to the initiation of a rejected candidate we put it to the vote of the lodge by secret ballot and report to the enquiring lodge the result of the ballot. In that way we steer clear of the rocks and shoals."

TENNESSEE, 1917.

The One Hundred and Third Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, eighteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of four hundred and forty-nine lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles Barham, to his address has a brief introduction and then remembers the dead; discusses the bonding of the fiduciary officers of the Grand Lodge; commenting upon visitations by the Grand Master, states that he visited three hundred and fourteen lodges; devotes considerable space to the consideration of the following questions:

"Has the Order in this State grown in proportion to the general increase in population?

"Is it relatively as strong as in other states?"

And in the discussion says:

"Our law places a minimum of fifteen for the formation of a new lodge. Why should not this also obtain for the continued life of a lodge, and where is there in Tennessee at this time a chartered lodge with a membership of less than fifteen which, on its record of present usefulness, should remain on your roster? It should be remembered that an inactive lodge continues, nevertheless, to hold an exclusive jurisdiction, which, if absorbed in the limits of surrounding and stronger lodges, might easily be developed. It is earnestly recommended that the consolidation of our weak lodges with stronger ones be promptly and courageously considered."

He sets forth in vivid language the condition that the lodges are in because of the want of knowledge of the work, and in this connection says:

"On one occasion during the year, in the conferring of a degree, I heard the recitation of *Thanatopsis* and of Hamlet's *Soliloquy*, with speeches on the glories of the American flag, the life and character of George Washington, and a long and tragic lamentation of unknown origin—all beautiful in themselves and beautifully done, but all wholly out of place. Our laxness breeds innovators and encourages innovations, until we endanger the very lessons we teach."

He also at some length discusses the matter of "Inspection of lodges," and the more we read of this subject as set forth in various jurisdictions the more we believe in the system as practiced in Maine.

The suspension of members for non-payment of dues was another trouble which he thought ought to be considered.

Of his decisions we quote:

"An Entered Apprentice, permanently removed to another State, may be given a certificate of good standing by his lodge in Tennessee if such be the case and no charges are preferred. Such certificate having been given, the lodge may, by unanimous vote, grant waiver of jurisdiction in favor of the foreign lodge.

"A former communicant, and a present defender, of the Roman Catholic Church, is not, as such, barred from the privilege of petitioning for the degrees of Freemasonry."

Many another subject was presented to the Grand Lodge. His address was one of the longest of the year, requiring some fifty pages of the printed Proceedings for its publication.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported in favor of many of the recommendations of the Grand Master and against the remainder, but as nearly all of these were applicable to the Craft in Tennessee only, we do not quote or digest them.

The following resolution was adopted:

"That the annual per capita tax be increased to \$1.50, of which seventy-five cents shall be for the Widows' and Orphans' Home, twenty-five cents for the Old Masons' Home, and fifty cents for the use of the Grand Lodge."

Bro. Henry A. Chambers presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"In this connection it may be proper to say that in all the Grand Jurisdictions where Masonic Homes are maintained for the widows and orphans of Masons and for aged and dependent Masons, the Grand Masters and appropriate committees continue strong in praise of their institutions. But in connection with these praises the needs of the institutions, and for money to run them, are urgent and insistent. The demands for help are far in excess of the financial supply. This constant and strained situation has caused Grand Lodges that do not maintain homes to seriously consider whether, instead of putting so much money in costly grounds, buildings and salaried employes, it would not be better to establish, as in the case in some jurisdictions, a benevolent fund, the interest on which and such tax as may be deemed convenient, would be distributed to help those deemed worthy."

Under Indiana, anent "The American Flag in Grand Lodge," he writes:

"Patriotism is all right and a duty. It is not, and is not to be, discouraged by Masonry. But Masonry is unusual. It is not limited by the boundaries of any country. In it—in pure Masonry and the application of its principles—one country—even one's own country—unless, possibly when engaged in a just war—should not be specially and pre-eminently exalted. Patriotism is one, but is not the only one, or even the greatest, Masonic virtue. In this country it does not need the special or unusual help of Masonry, as such. American Masons, like other Americans, are always patriotic and do not need unusual sensational and spectacular practices for stimulation.

"We fear Bro. Mikels and his associates have let their patriotic enthusiasm run away with them. This incident smacks too much of a political convention to suit conservative Masons. It tends to exalt patriotism above the other Masonic virtues."

Maine for 1916 is mentioned.

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Caswell A. Goodloe, Grand Master in 1887, who died July 12, 1916.

TEXAS, 1916.

The Eighty-first Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of four hundred eighty-two lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Dan S. McMillin, we quote :

"The history of Masonry in Texas is the history of Texas, because those who were foremost in making Texas a free country, making it what it was, what it is, and what it is destined to be, also planted Masonry in Texas. Many of her most noted soldiers, statesmen and jurists have occupied the prominent positions in the Subordinate Lodges and the Grand Lodge of Texas and directed its destinies with the same intelligence and patriotism displayed in the formation and guidance of the new Republic and State, and leading to the great success it has now attained and the even greater success which no Mason doubts it will attain in the future.

"I am glad to report to you that Masonry in Texas was never in a more flourishing condition than now. Peace and harmony, with very few exceptions, have prevailed throughout the year. A very gratifying increase in membership is noted, but greatest of all, the principles of Brotherly Love and Relief have been shown in so many ways, that we may truly call this a great year for Masonry in Texas."

The dead are remembered; the District Deputy Grand Masters are commended; twelve lodges were constituted; eighty-eight cases of physical disqualifications passed upon, of which *fifty* received permission for the degrees and thirty-eight were denied; many cases of the conferring of degrees by courtesy; permission to confer degrees out of time was refused except in two cases; dispensations granted for two new lodges; twenty-five corner-stones laid; four lodge rooms dedicated.

We quote from his decisions:

"A claim has been made on our lodge for its moral support by a very deserving lady. She has been married twice, both times to Masons. Her first husband died and she is suing her second for a divorce. She is asking our moral support on her first husband's account.

"Question—What is our duty from a standpoint of Masonic Law?

"Presuming that the moral support is asked in her suit for divorce from her second husband, I answered as follows:

"Answer—Masonry does not circumscribe the personal support of a matter of right, and the individual Mason has the right, within due bounds, of course, to exercise that privilege; but not the right to give a moral support to any question by action of a Masonic Lodge, and as

Worshipful Master of a lodge you should not permit such questions to be submitted to or discussed by your lodge. The question of divorce is one for the courts and not for the lodge, and one of our professions is, that we are not to interfere with regular constituted authority.

"I received a communication from the Worshipful Master of C Lodge stating that at their last regular meeting a candidate was elected to receive the Entered Apprentice degree, and a called meeting was held on the following Tuesday night to confer the degree. They proceeded to initiate the candidate and got to the point where he was told to return to the ante-room, and just then a written protest signed by five members of the lodge was received, and we dispensed with the remainder of the degree. What we desire to know is:

"Question—Shall we finish the degree, or stop where we are?

"The question that would naturally arise is, What makes a man an Entered Apprentice Mason? The conferring of the first section of the degree certainly accomplishes that; and having paid his fee for the degree, he should not be deprived of any instruction pertaining to it, and that the protest comes too late to be effective as to the Entered Apprentice degree, and that you should proceed to confer the remainder of the degree on the candidate; but that the protest filed will prevent the further advancement of the candidate for period of three years from the date of its filing."

The address was full of detail and took some sixty printed pages of the proceedings.

From the Address of the Grand Orator, upon the subject "Masonic Study and Research," we quote:

"My brethren, the riches of Masonry lie dormant beneath the careless feet of the untutored and uninspired Mason content to exist upon the crusts of Masonry; always concealing, never revealing, their fabulous wealth. The golden nuggets of its principles, the shining silver of its philosophy, the glistening diamonds of its everlasting truths enrich him not; he builds no house of refuge from its Cedars of Lebanon; he may not transport its life-sustaining treasures to alleviate the wants of his struggling brother man. I want this Grand Lodge in its wisdom to find some way to enable us to gather the riches of Masonic History, Symbolism and Philosophy—to become learned in those eternal principles and wise precepts that have for centuries promoted, and will for centuries to come promote, the reign of Happiness, Righteousness and Freedom. For thus only may we be trained for an inspired, consecrated service to Masonry; and Masonry, through us, continue to lead mankind up the shining pathway which reaches to the gates of the Eternal City, into the Sanctum Sanctorum of the Everlasting Temple."

From the Report of Committee on Jurisprudence we quote:

"We do not disapprove of the action of the Grand Master on physical defects in candidates, but we would respectfully enjoin upon Grand Masters the utmost care and circumspection in passing upon bodily defects of those seeking to enter the portals of Freemasonry. If there be a mistake in regard to such defects, let it be made in the direction of bodily perfection rather than in the interest of the individual who may desire the degree."

The Constitution was so amended as to read:

"Each lodge shall pay annually as a contribution to the Grand Lodge the sum of 50 cents for each member, \$1.00 for each degree conferred,

\$2.00 for each dispensation for degrees, and the further sum of \$1.00 additional for each member, to be used for the support and maintenance of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, which amounts shall be forwarded and paid with its returns to the Grand Lodge."

Bro. George W. Tyler submitted the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Florida we excerpt:

"*No Dues During Suspension.*—An amendment to the regulations provides that hereafter 'Dues are not chargeable during suspension for any cause.' We understand that this exemption prevails even during suspension for non-payment of dues. If so, it is a new departure, but is, we believe, well supported by argument. It seems to us, however, that there should be a distinction made between those brethren suspended for non-payment of dues, who are financially able to pay, and those who are not—the lodge to be the judge of this fact when the brother applies for reinstatement. Our reasons are obvious and we can not discuss the question now."

Maine for 1916 appears in the Report.

Under Oregon, anent General Grand Lodge, he says:

"Brethren of the Jurisprudence Committee, allow us to give you a bit of advice. Don't THINK about it for a moment. Go on with your other affairs. It is rank nonsense to talk about our Sovereign Grand Lodges becoming 'constituent lodges' of any over-lord organization, to be run by a little clique of the 'high-ups.' If you would like an object lesson, close at hand, look at the Grand Encampment of the United States. Have you ever attended one of its Triennial Conclaves? And, if so, did anybody except the hotel clerk find out that 'you were in town?'"

We regret to learn from his conclusion that no longer are we to have the pleasure of reading reports written by him. He does not give a specific reason for his retirement, but in italics appear the following words, "to correct the printer's proofs." May we hope that we are not reading between the lines aright.

UTAH, 1917.

The Forty-sixth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

After the Grand Lodge was opened, the Grand Orator delivered an able address upon the general subject of "Apprentice."

We quote:

"It must not be supposed that apprenticeship applied only to artisans and those who worked at the manual trades.

"It is indeed the fact that at the dawn of returning civilization the trades and crafts received the first aid from the state. The teachers were the Masters and the students were the apprentices, hence apprentice was applied indifferently to those who were learning a trade as a mason, and those who were studying professions such as law. When the barristers first appeared before Edward I, they were called 'apprenticii ad legem.' During all the middle ages the term of an apprentice was seven years, no matter whether he was a mason's or lawyer's helper. It took seven years to graduate in college and become a master of arts, and seven years to become a Master Mason. It was a law of the land that no person be allowed to exercise any trade or profession without a seven years apprenticeship.

"When an apprentice was through his seven years apprenticeship he was required to furnish an 'essay,' or trial, or example of his work. Our word essay, means to-day a literary production, but originally it meant any piece of work done as a test of what one could do. Thus the mason cut a stone, or carved it, or fitted a part of a building for inspection, a smith wrought in iron and a tailor made a coat."

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles C. Griggs, in the introduction to his address tells us:

"Utah is a wonderful State. Our mountains are higher and grander than anywhere else on earth. Our canyons are narrower and deeper, our valleys are richer and wider, the coloring of nature is more gorgeous and beautiful, our days are warmer and more sunshiny, and the nights cooler and pleasanter. The moon shedding its benign rays over highest hill and lowest dale, seems to bear a message from the Infinite. 'This is the land of peace and harmony, wake all ye people and spread the Light.'"

The dead are remembered; two lodges were constituted; six waivers of time were granted; all the lodges save one were visited.

He recommend that:

"All inter-jurisdictional requests for conferring of degrees shall pass through the offices of the respective Grand Masters; and that it is the desire of this Grand Lodge that all Master Masons within our Grand Jurisdiction shall wear a sprig of evergreen on Memorial Day of each year, in memory of the Masonic Sailor and Soldier dead of the Nation."

Of his decisions we quote:

"Any brother who has regularly served as Worshipful Master of a lodge under dispensation, is a Past Master."

From the Report of Committee on Correspondence we quote:

"Your committee further begs to report to the Grand Lodge that in regard to the portion of the Grand Master's address which refers to clandestine lodges and a probable action at law to correct and do away with these counterfeit associations, we think that the wiser course would be to pursue our own high purpose and leave them without any recognition of any kind from us."

But the Grand Lodge did not accept the report. A committee was appointed to investigate and report at the next Annual Communication.

Investigate what?

The committee also wisely disagreed with the Grand Master saying:

"We are of the opinion that a brother who has not served as Master or Warden of a regular chartered lodge is not eligible to the office of Master. We are also of the opinion that a brother who has served as Worshipful Master of a lodge under dispensation, but who has not served as a Master of a chartered lodge is not a Past Master as contemplated by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge."

Bro. S. H. Goodwin submitted his third Report on Correspondence.

Under California, discussing the action of the Grand Lodge of England in its action of exclusion, he says:

"'This action * * * in the exclusion of those brethren of alien birth for the time being seems to be justified.' Justified? On what grounds? By what process of reasoning? If that action is justifiable, then racial, political, social, religious pettiness and prejudices furnish the only standard by which we may measure things Masonic! There is no scintilla of justice in action which deprives brethren of all their Masonic rights and privileges, for no crime or wrongdoing, or even mistake and without charge, or summons, or trial, and with no opportunity given the excluded ones to speak in their own, and Masonry's behalf. Read those debates, and note the bitterness, and passion, and hatred exhibited—against whom? Citizens of their own country, brethren, some of whom have sons at the front fighting the battles of the Allies. 'How are the mighty fallen,' if Masonry has dwindled to this. If that is Masonry, the sooner it finds its place on the junk-heap of the things 'tried, and found wanting,' the better!!"

Maine for 1916 is fraternally mentioned.

We quote:

"Bro. Chase makes a wry face at attempts to limit the powers of Constituent Lodges; to improve on the grammatical inaccuracies of the ritual, and, unless we are mistaken, to deny the right of lodges in one Grand Jurisdiction to try and expel members of other jurisdictions, who have been guilty of grave Masonic offences. We had hoped that California and Kentucky stood alone in holding such action to be illegal."

We reply that Bro. Goodwin by some reason has "put us in wrong." We do believe that a Grand Jurisdiction has jurisdiction over brethren of another jurisdiction not only in the matter of trial for offences but also in the matter of assistance when in trouble.

We quote again:

"Under California we find a query, which is very clearly answered by Utah law and practice. The reviewer says, in connection with the election of officers in Constituent Lodges, and the determining of who are qualified to vote: 'We wish in the learned reports we had been told how a knowledge of the number of the "members present" entitled to vote was ascertained before the balloting began.' Utah's law reads: '* * * no member is entitled to vote, nor can he be elected or appointed to any office, who is not clear on the books of the lodge.' It is made the duty of the Secretary to 'call the roll alphabetically, of the members entitled to vote, and as each name is called he shall deposit his ballot.'"

VERMONT, 1916.

One Hundred Twenty-third Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, seven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of eighty-one lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles H. Darling, without any introduction to his address, reminds us of the dead; says that harmony prevails, and that "we are one of the institutions that has demonstrated that frequent changes in its organization and principles are not necessary to its progress and that its influence in the community may be increasingly felt without noise or advertising and with no departure from the even tenor of our ways."

He believes that it is not necessary to build a Masonic Home for the purpose of aiding the unfortunate, but that it is better to create a fund for charitable use. We quote:

"And while I do not advocate the dodging of issues nor technical excuses to satisfy the conscience, and while I uphold the universality of Masonic charity, it is good for brethren to remember that charity is a voluntary offering on the one hand, and that the brother must maintain his worthiness on the other. The thought that we may some day have a well filled treasury that is easily within the reach of the unworthy is not to be tolerated."

Discussing "Foreign Correspondence" at length he concludes:

"You may rest assured that the old system will be changed or the Report on Foreign Correspondence will be abandoned altogether. The increasing number of jurisdictions compel it, and Vermont should be among the first to meet the new conditions."

A per capita tax of thirty cents was laid on the membership in 1895, for the construction of the Masonic Temple, which is now paid for, and, therefore, the tax was taken off, but the per capita tax of twenty cents for running expenses was increased five cents.

The following was adopted as the method of distribution of the Charity Fund:

"No lodge shall receive any part of that fund any year unless such lodge has expended and distributed for charity a sum equal to 50 cents per capita of the membership of such lodge and no lodge shall receive more than what it has expended over and above 50 cents per capita of such lodge. If any part of the amount appropriated by this Grand Lodge for charity shall remain after the above distribution is made such remainder shall be turned into the general charity fund."

Bro. Kittredge Haskins presented the Report on Correspondence. We welcome him to the "reportorial corps" and trust that his association with the "Knights of the round table" may not lessen his self respect.

Under Georgia we quote:

"For fifty years prior to 1903, Vermont had as strong a prohibitory law as anywhere could be enacted, and the unlawful sale continued to a greater or less extent. We found that prohibition did not prohibit, nor has it ever done so anywhere. We made up our mind that it was useless to play the part of the demagogue and hypocrite longer, so we enacted in 1903 a local option law with the result that our State has become, practically, dry with less liquor drinking and unlawful selling than is the case in prohibition states. We are a strong temperance man, but what is the use of a State to pretend to be 'lily white' when it is not and legislation cannot make it so in fact?"

Maine for 1915 is reported.

From his conclusion we quote:

"In our opinion there has been, within the last few years, too much legislation by some of our Grand Lodges—too great a tendency towards paternalism, and too little trust and confidence reposed in the subordinate lodges to do the thing that is right in the matter of determining the merits and demerits of applications for the degrees of Masonry. We most emphatically record our opposition to all laws enacted by a Grand Lodge that conflict with pledge No. 11, which every Master of a lodge during the ceremonies of his installation promised to submit to and support, viz: 'You admit that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovations in the body of Masonry.' And yet some jurisdictions have enacted laws which set at naught a few, at least, of the laws, charges and landmarks of Ancient Craft Masonry."

His views on charity as expressed in the conclusion are the same as those held in Maine.

While we think that the report of Bro. Haskins is not quite such a report as described by Grand Master Darling in his address, yet it must satisfy the average Masonic reader, and please the old-time correspondent.

VIRGINIA, 1916.

The One Hundred Thirty-eighth Grand Annual Communication.

Owing to illness the M. W. Grand Master was absent.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James B. Wood, was read.

Of the decisions we quote:

"A brother, after taking the obligation of a Master Mason, and the lights explained, collapsed. He was examined by a physician, and declared physically unable to proceed at that time. What is his status?' and I answered, 'The brother becomes a Master Mason as soon as the obligation is conferred, and, under the circumstances, I would proceed to exemplify the balance of the degree, either by lecture or explanation, or allowing the brother to witness the rest of the degree when you next confer it upon a candidate. Of course, when it comes to the section imparting the S. W. O. M., it should be done in the usual manner, which I cannot communicate by writing, but you will understand.'"

Of which the Committee on Grand Master's Address reported :

"We approve, eliminating all after 'the brother becomes a Master Mason as soon as the obligation has been conferred.'"

Again:

"Norfolk Lodge, No. 1, wanted to know whether German Masons had a right to visit their lodge, and I decided they had."

The committee reported :

"We cannot approve, for the reason that Virginia does not recognize Grand Lodges on the Continent of Europe, except that of the York Grand Lodge of France."

We quote :

"Question—¹ Please give information about the Eastern Star organization.²

"Answer—³ As to the Eastern Star, I know nothing whatever about it. It is not a Masonic organization, and we, as Masons, have nothing in the world to do with it, except, of course, that we are glad to have the ladies have an organization of this kind, which interests them in Freemasonry."⁴

From his conclusion we quote :

"I assure you that it is with deep regret that I am not able to be with you at this communication, but whilst my health is improving, and the doctor under whose care I am assures me that if I will follow directions, and bend all my efforts towards restoration, it be but a short time until my health is entirely restored, I thought it best not to run any risk at this time."

Charters were granted to three lodges, one dispensation to a lodge was discontinued and continued for a year.

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve the following recommendation of the Grand Master :

"A dimit should not be granted to a member of a lodge unless it is so ordered to be issued in open lodge at a stated communication, and at the request, either personally or in writing, by the brother wishing the dimit, and record is to be made on the minutes of the meeting, stating how the request was made."

We do not know how the "Methodical Digest" treats the matter of dimits, but from our experience the recommendation of the Grand Master was right.

From the Report of the Committee on Grand Officers we quote :

"It is very gratifying to find therefrom that peace and harmony prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and that, with only two or three exceptions, the lodges are in a prosperous and flourishing condition.

"It is shown that twenty-two of the District Deputy Grand Masters visited each and every lodge in their respective districts at least once, and, in several cases, more than once, which zeal and industry on their part are most heartily commended and earnestly recommended to the others as worthy of emulation by them.

"In nine other instances each visited every lodge in his district, with but a single exception."

Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

We quote his "Foreword":

"The bearing of the ritual on Masonry is an important matter, seldom alluded to, and one that has not received proper attention. The ritual is the life-blood of Masonry, its symbolism is an universal language. It has come down the ages, tampered with many times, but still transmitting the essentials by characteristic phrases, recognized wherever heard. In earlier days, before the art of printing was invented, when only clerks, or *clarks*, as it was pronounced, could read, because there was so little to be read, the ritual, like much history and poetry, was handed down by oral alone. The bards of Scotland were a band of professional historians, who thus taught succeeding generations the history of their ancestors, with harp and song, to hold attention. Up to perhaps the last forty years Masonry everywhere held the honored position of being the last 'mouth to ear' system of instruction in the world, and had not the other societies, imitations of ancient Masonry, made the foolish mistake of printing their rituals, and thus destroying all their value, none of our Craft would ever have thought of comforting their consciences by sophistry, and violating their solemn vows by descending to printed rituals and ciphers. None who are unwilling to give the time and labor necessary to memorizing from oral instruction alone are worthy to be entrusted with our ritual. It can be thus learned—in most jurisdictions still is—and where so learned it lends a charm to Masonry, as does, and can, nothing else.

"The Irish ritual is conceded to be the oldest of all—how old no man knows or can know. This Irish ritual, with certain bold interpolations, introduced in the eighteenth century as a sop to the all but insane religionism of that day, is practically the one taught in Virginia to-day. Webb and Cross perhaps modified it somewhat in America, as did Preston abroad, but not radically.

"In 1843 it was adopted by all the then jurisdictions in the United States save Pennsylvania, which jurisdiction adhered to the English ritual. This was the compromise ritual of the present United Grand Lodge of England, adopted when the Ancients and Moderns came together in 1813. It is therefore the youngest of all. As to ours, and also that of most American jurisdictions, which differ but slightly, the little variations which have crept in, most of which are in arrangement, are of little moment, and even including the ritual of Pennsylvania, there is enough in common to all to render it and our symbolism an universal Masonic language. Strange to say that, vary as different jurisdictions will, no changes of little things have, so far, impaired its character in this respect. We find that a word here and there, or even a phrase, is different, but always expressed by a synonym. Sometimes an entire paragraph seems to have been dropped out, but it always bobs up somewhere else. The writer has seen degrees conferred in many jurisdictions, but in no instance was any one of our peculiar expressions or any lesson taught entirely missing. The differences are at first amusing, and finally they lend a charm like that of beautiful scenery viewed from different angles."

Maine for 1915 has its full measure.

We quote:

"Bro. Chase quoted from our review of Colorado as to jewels. As to the last, he cutely added, 'but you received the one made for you, didn't you?' Yes we did, and having nine children still living, among whom we would not discriminate, and none of whom could have used it, and

recognizing that in any private hands after our death it could only be put away, and sooner or latter would be stolen by some negro servant and pawned, we made this disposition of it: At a stated communication we deputized a beloved brother to formally present it to Dove Lodge, No. 51, to be delivered at our death, and thereafter worn by the W. M. in memory of one who loved his lodge for many years. The very necessity for this shows that a modest set of spoons or a watch would have been better, even if anything were necessary or wise. We are far in our second century of age as a Grand Lodge, and the innovation was in no sense needed."

Under New Mexico, discussing the necessity of a visiting brother to show a receipt for dues, he says:

"Of course the visiting brother *may* have had that receipt, which we doubt; but has a lodge the right to pry into the financial relations of a strange brother with his lodge? As long as he is in good standing, and not suspended, N. P. D., he is in all respects in perfectly good standing, and should be treated as such. There is far too much of commercialism in Masonry already, and if this test becomes common the commercial feature will increase greatly, to our injury. Test visitors thoroughly, but leave out the financial feature, as in any case an impertinence. This writer never possessed a receipt for dues in all his nearly forty years of activity in Masonry, but, under this rule, could not visit in New Mexico. Many of our lodges give no receipts."

From his Conclusion we quote:

"We have just learned from our *grand* Grand Lecturer, M. W. George W. Wright, that there are now more than one thousand Masons in Virginia letter perfect in our whole ritual, and not a cipher in existence."

WASHINGTON, 1916.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, eighteen Past Grand Masters, Representatives from all but four lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert L. Sebastian, in the introduction to his address tells us that he has been somewhat handicapped in the performance of his duties as Grand Master because of his occupation of a government office, and because of his advancement to the office one year earlier than might be expected. However, he seems to have had time, knowledge and ability to care for the interests of the Grand Lodge.

The protest of the Regional Grand Lodge of the Philippines was not noticed; decisions were not made because no new points were presented to him; six lodges were constituted, two by proxy; ten corner-stones laid; dispensations issued for eight new lodges, and for other purposes.

He discusses the method of instruction of the work, saying:

"In my opinion, the better plan would be to appoint a Grand Lecturer at a yearly salary in keeping with the dignity of the work and worthy of this body, and in addition make the compensation for special instructors \$5 a day and expenses. Then, have the work of instruction under the supervision of the Grand Lecturer, but have special requests go to the Grand Master. The plan of waiting for requests is, in my opinion, not a good one. The lodges in many cases are either ignorant or indifferent and do not make such requests in sufficient numbers. The Grand Lecturer should arrange an itinerary from time to time, submit it to the Grand Master for his approval, and when approved, notify the lodges that he purposes visiting. This will permit him to be occupied all the time, and prevent duplication of travel over the same routes to a great extent, and also allow an increased number of lodges to be instructed. The Grand Lecturer should, after each visit, make his report to the Grand Master, so that that officer may be in touch with the work as it progresses."

He commends the "Acacia Fraternity," and the Masonic Libraries in Tacoma; and gives an account of his visitations.

Of the Past Master's degree he says:

"I recommend that the method that has hitherto obtained in this jurisdiction of conferring this 'degree' be abandoned, and that the degree be either omitted altogether or so changed in its workings that no Master Mason need feel like apologizing for it."

The system by which lodges receive instruction seems to be rather expensive and inadequate.

The Grand Orator delivered an oration upon "Mastership through Symbols."

It was decided "that the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to notify the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., that the M. W. Grand Lodge does not at this time see its way clear to make the change requested in their memorial as to the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home. That the Past Master's degree be conferred strictly in accordance with the ritual."

The revision of the Monitor, first proposed in 1914, was a troublesome proposition, which was continued for future consideration.

Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of which he says:

"Following the precedent of last year, we have made the report topical, and have appended a short statement of how our own proceedings have been received. While this method has some drawbacks, yet the majority of our brethren who have made comment have approved the change. As it is for their benefit the review is ordered, we have endeavored to give them what they want."

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Robert Crosby Hill, Senior Past Grand Master, Grand Master in 1877, who died May 10, 1916; and of M. W. Bro. Edward Ross Hare, Grand Master in 1893, who died July 16, 1916.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1916.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, eighteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of one hundred forty-three lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. T. Wilbur Hennen, in his address says:

"The past year has been a prosperous one for the institution of Free Masonry throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, and when the reports have been tabulated, a substantial increase in membership will be recorded."

The dead are mentioned; dispensations granted and refused reported: eleven corner-stones were laid; thirty-two decisions were made, of which we quote:

"When a petition for initiation has laid over for one month, ballot must be taken thereon, it cannot be postponed until a future communication to secure further information or for any other reason whatsoever.

"A petitioner who is elected and receives the Entered Apprentice degree and is afterward declared irregularly made, because objections had been filed with the Worshipful Master previous to his initiation, may again present his petition for the degrees of Masonry after one year from the time his previous petition was balloted upon.

"Lebanon Lodge No. 68 received the petition of a profane at the stated communication held in June, and said petition should have been balloted upon in July, but upon motion the ballot was postponed until the August communication, at which time the District Deputy Grand Master happened to be present and interfered with the proceedings until the matter could be brought to the attention of the Grand Master. Another complicating feature of the case was the fact that the petitioner had canvassed the members of the lodge to ascertain if they intended to vote for his election, and when one Past Master refused to discuss the matter or give him a satisfactory answer, he proceeded to circulate the report that the Past Master referred to would blackball him. This was indeed an unusual circumstance, and after giving it due consideration, I am of the opinion that when an instance of this kind occurs the Grand Master in disposing of the case should give the fraternity the fullest protection it could possibly have received if the ballot had been lawfully taken. I therefore decided and so ordered:

"1st. That the fee accompanying this petition be returned and the petitioner informed that he stood rejected.

"2d. That Lebanon Lodge No. 68 record the said petition as rejected as of the date of the July communication, when it should have been balloted upon.

"Note.—I believe it to be as much a prerogative of the Grand Master to declare a petitioner rejected as it is to heal irregular made Masons, or to purge the order of any who may be unlawfully made.

"The conferring of degrees in this jurisdiction, as a matter of courtesy, for a lodge of some other Grand Jurisdiction, must be done in conformity with our laws and ritual; the courtesy in such cases being that no charge is made for the performance of the work, and any money collected therefor must be tendered to the lodge making the request."

Discussing the question of conferring degrees by courtesy he says:

"The practice of conferring degrees as a matter of courtesy appears to be increasing, and I will confess to certain misgivings as to the benefits derived therefrom. Probably there are cases where it is a real benefit as well as convenience for a lodge to request another to complete the work upon a brother who has been compelled by unexpected circumstances arising to change his place of residence while receiving degrees; but I feel certain that many such requests could be obviated by the exercise of reasonable energy on the part of the candidates, as well as foresight by the lodge.

"In analyzing many of these cases there is strong evidence to support the conclusion that there are persons who live for years within the shadow of a Masonic Lodge without giving Masonry a serious thought until through a change of business or other relations they are suddenly confronted with the necessity for moving into a strange community. It is then that their minds begin to search for the most active means of securing prompt and favorable introduction among their new surroundings. It at once dawns upon them that a Masonic membership is the 'Open Sesame' they are in need of, and forthwith they seek admission to the lodge that should have had years of their support. They have the good fortune to be accepted, but before their work can be completed the time for their departure arrives and they are thrust upon another lodge to complete the work, with the result that they generally have little interest in the institution."

Under the topic Fees and Dues he recommends:

"First. That the minimum amount that a lodge in this jurisdiction can charge for the three degrees be increased to forty dollars.

"Second. That the minimum amount any lodge can collect annually from each member as dues shall be four dollars.

"Third. That the annual dues shall be collectable in advance.

"Fourth. That a lodge cannot summon a brother 'to show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues.'"

He says "that it was incompatible with the laws and customs of Masonry for a Masonic lodge to ally itself with the movements of any description that require serving in an official way with other organizations, particularly where differences of opinion or policy might create misunderstandings."

The Grand Lecturer recommended:

"1. That each lodge have an official visit from a lecturer each year; 2. That all Master Masons learn the M. M. Catechism immediately after the conferring of the degree, being examined in same in open lodge; 3. That all lodge officers learn perfectly the printed sections, as well as the unwritten parts, of our beautiful Masonic lectures, to the end that the full meaning and beauty of the work may be properly emphasized."

Bro. George W. Atkinson submitted his twenty-fifth report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under California we read:

"There has been, for many years past, too much infidelity mixed up with French Freemasonry to warrant Freemasons on this side of the Atlantic to rush to its support. While it is true these French brethren claim they have restored the Holy Bible to its altars—which is a step in

the right direction—still they have not yet given 'fruits meet for repentance' sufficient to satisfy my mind that they are ready to practice the tenets of Masonry after the manner required on this continent. When this is done it will be time enough to extend the hand of fraternal greeting on this side of the Atlantic."

Under Indiana we quote:

"I fully agree with him in condemning club organizations in the lodges. They are sure to result in injury to the lodges, and in the end prove disastrous. Why not introduce social features in the lodges, instead of organizing independent clubs under the name of Masonry? The movement is spreading, and it is time to hang out the danger signal, according to my way of thinking."

Maine for 1916 has review.

We quote his "concluding word":

"I have not observed anything out of the ordinary this year in the Masonic world, except the continuation of the foreign war, which develops conditions, in many respects, that are outside of the Teachings of the Fraternity. The M. W. Grand Lodge of England has, during the course of the war, issued several edicts that are diametrically opposed to the teachings of the institution as practiced in this country. I have desisted from entering into a discussion of any of these questions, and shall continue so to do until the clouds of war pass by, and proper time is given for the matters in controversy to adjust themselves. Wars cause many things to be done that afterwards are atoned for. May it be so in the case before us."

We have received notices of the death of M. W. Bro. William C. Bennett, Grand Master in 1883, who died November 8, 1916; and of M. W. Bro. Neil Robinson, Grand Master in 1899, who died November 11, 1916.

WISCONSIN, 1916.

The Seventy-second Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and Representatives from lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The war in Europe is the theme of the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George O. Kellogg. We quote one paragraph:

"Our mission should be to help produce in this age the highest type of manhood. Never has there been such a demand for a strong, virile manhood as to-day. Let us not forget the responsibility that rests upon us as Masons of counseling the rising generation of young men and women who are soon to take our places that it is honesty and integrity of purpose that are the sure foundation of a republic that shall deserve to stand forever. Let us hope by our example, by generous act and deed, and by living moral and upright lives, to be accounted worthy of

aiding in the development of strong men in civil and religious life. Moreover, men of strong character in all their relations to home and state. Thus may we hope to realize in a measurable degree the noblest aspirations of our beloved fraternity."

He mentions the death of three Past Grand Masters during the year, and that of Bro. Jacob Dreher, Grand Lecturer for many years.

Dispensations were granted from which the Grand Lodge received \$295.00, and, besides these, three were issued to form new lodges.

Three lodges were constituted; three corner-stones were laid; three Masonic Halls were dedicated.

Of his decisions we quote:

"The fact that a petitioner for the degrees is a Roman Catholic should not influence the Investigating Committee in their action.

"A lodge may receive a petition for affiliation accompanied by dimit from any lodge in Wisconsin, though the petitioner resides in the State of Michigan.

"A Fellow Craft cannot be an active pallbearer at a Masonic funeral nor, according to our law, can he join in a Masonic funeral procession."

Beautiful tributes were paid to the Past Grand Masters who had died, by those who were appointed to express the feelings of the Grand Lodge.

We quote from the Report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

"Concerning Rulings 1 and 2 of Question No. 8—These questions, as stated, are too indefinite to admit of a ruling concerning them.

"Question 1 reads as follows:

"Can a resolution be acted upon by a lodge, which pertains to a matter which was disposed of by the lodge at a previous communication and no formal notice having been given to the members of the lodge?"
Answer: No.

"The answer of the Grand Master, when considered in connection with the subject matter under consideration by him, may or may not have been correct. Without some provision of the Constitution, some edict of the Grand Lodge, by-law of the particular lodge or general usage of parliamentary law prevents, a lodge can, at any stated communication, act upon a proposition that was considered and disposed of at a previous communication of the lodge. There are subjects which were disposed of at a previous communication of the lodge which may have culminated in contract obligations; it is evident that such matters cannot be reconsidered at a subsequent communication of the lodge. Nothing ought to be done at a communication of the lodge which savors of sharp practice, and with the power possessed by the Master of a lodge to prohibit discussions of business matters and to order that they stand over for consideration at a subsequent stated communication, the Master ought to be able to so rule and govern his lodge as to give all a chance to be heard and preserve harmony.

"Question 2 of Decision No. 8 reads:

"Should not the resolution referred to in Question 1 have been laid over until the next subsequent communication?" Answer: Yes, all resolutions should be laid over to the next regular communication.

"Not knowing the subject matter of the question referred to, it is impossible for your committee to determine whether the answer given by the Grand Master is correct or not. The part which reads, 'all resolu-

tions should be laid over to the next regular communication,' is too broad. Most of the resolutions submitted to a lodge are of such a nature that they may be properly acted upon at a communication when introduced."

Reporting upon a proposition to change the system of inspection the committee say:

"We are far from being convinced that the number of lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction is increasing to such an extent that it is no longer possible for one Grand Lecturer to properly look after their instruction. It is, of course, impossible for one Grand Lecturer to visit and instruct all the lodges in any one year. Experience has shown that a visit from the Grand Lecturer every year is not essential to the proper workings of a lodge. Absolute uniformity of work is a 'dream' which can never be fully realized. Many of our best workers are not letter perfect in the work. The kind of work which touches the candidate and makes a lasting impression upon his life and conduct is more desirable, in the opinion of your committee, than the ability to give a parrot-like repetition of the work, no matter how perfectly it may be done."

Bro. Aldro Jenks presented his nineteenth Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"Masonry in its teachings and aims is wonderfully practical. It gives to the true Mason a higher conception of the Infinite One and a more definite mission in life. While this is the spirit of Masonry too few of us realize it. No man can understand and appreciate it until he has pondered long and faithfully upon its teachings. Many a man has taken the obligations from the Entered Apprentice degree to the Thirty-second, and failed absolutely to understand or get that broader vision of Masonry which they are intended to give. That man's Masonry is a failure notwithstanding he may wear a Knight Templar charm or a Double Headed Eagle; he is neither an active nor a practical Mason, but merely a hanger-on to the institution. Such is not the fault of the Masonic Institution, but is due to the fact that such an one was seeking ornamental titles and display rather than an opportunity of being serviceable to his fellow man and improving himself in Masonry.

"The brother, however, who has progressed in thought and conception to the knowledge that Masonry is intended to make of him a better man and give him opportunity for service to his fellow man, is a far higher Mason though he has not progressed beyond the Symbolic degrees, than the one of the opposite character who is proud of the number of steps he has taken."

Under Iowa we read:

"Our Bro. Block is in error in supposing that the conference of Grand Masters put a crimp in the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material, by agreeing and recommending that it should be limited to five years. Maine formerly held to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, but through the efforts of Josiah H. Drummond, abandoned the dogma, and it was our Bro. Drummond who years ago recommended an agreement as to the five-year limit. The conference of Grand Masters simply echoed the cry of our Bro. Drummond, but the rule had become well nigh universal through his efforts, before it was taken up and acceded to any conference of Grand Masters."

Maine for 1915 has full review.

We quote :

"Apparently Bro. Chase objects to the incorporation of Masonic lodges, for fear that by so doing the records of the lodge might be required to be brought into court in a suit at law. The fact that the lodge is incorporated would make no difference in this regard. If it became necessary in any proceeding in court, the records of a voluntary society would be required to be produced as readily as would be the records of an incorporated body."

We rejoin, Yankee fashion, by asking, If the lodge was not incorporated how could "a voluntary society" be haled into court?

Under Missouri we read :

"The rule requiring from a visiting brother documentary evidence not over a year old was adopted by an amendment to the by-laws. We consider it none of the business of another Grand Lodge to know whether a brother's dues are paid or not so long as he remains in good standing in his own lodge. It is a question merely between the brother's lodge and himself how long his lodge will permit him to go without paying his dues."

Under Washington we read :

"We are not a member of the Shrine ourselves, but are a member of several of the so-called 'concordant orders.' We cannot but feel that Masonry would have been much better off were these 'concordant orders' entirely unknown. No one will deny the beauty of the ritual in these 'higher' degrees, nor the importance of the lessons their ceremonies inculcate, but symbolic Masonry is the foundation that sustains it all and this fact is frequently forgotten by those who have climbed the dizzy heights of the higher degrees. Symbolic Masonry is so complete in itself that it needs no other ceremonies to adorn, expand, or amplify it."

WYOMING, 1916.

The Forty-second Annual Communication.

The Senior Grand Deacon by reason of illness was absent. Ten Past Grand Masters were present. Wyoming does not have the Representative system.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William H. Dickinson, had one of the shortest addresses of the year. But he gives the essentials without details.

We quote :

"The past year has been one of material growth for Masonry in Wyoming—not only in the unusual high character of initiates, or our largely increasing membership, but in the greater influence and respect we command in every community where lodges are located. Most every lodge reports progress and prosperity; no dissensions of any kind have been reported, and with peace and harmony prevailing we are to draw new designs upon the Trestle Board for the guidance of the workmen during the forty-fourth year of our existence."

Still again :

"Numerous invitations have been received to attend other Grand Bodies, and to consult with Grand Masters of other jurisdictions, none of which could be accepted.

"Wyoming lodges, upon request of lodges in other jurisdictions, through the Grand Master, have conferred many degrees, and we have likewise requested work of other jurisdictions."

Official visitations were made to twenty-eight lodges.

Of his decisions we quote:

"*Question*—Can resolution of 1914, regarding the passing of an examination in the third degree, be enforced?"

"*Held*, that the resolution having been enacted without a penalty clause, it cannot be enforced."

By the suggestions, made by him, we judge that he understood the needs of the craft.

Many changes were made in the by-laws of the Grand Lodge. It is expected that these changes might assist the transaction of business in the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

It is so good that we are sorry to be deprived of a single bit of it, but the copy of the proceedings sent to us lacks the first signature, 16 pages—paged 127-142 inclusive.

Maine for 1915 is reviewed.

From his conclusion we quote:

"In reading over these proceedings, one is impressed by the fact that Masonry is putting forth its efforts to assist mankind, and to make this a better world. Every brother who is true to the principles of Masonry sends forth that message which teaches us to be charitable to our fellow-men.

"There are three lessons I would write,
Three words as with burning pen,
In tracings of eternal light,
Upon the hearts of men.

"Have Hope, Though clouds environ now,
And gladness hides her face in scorn,
Put thou the shadow from the brow—
No night but hath its morn.

"Have Faith, Where'er thy barque is driven,
The calm's disport, the tempest's mirth—
Know this: God rules the host of heaven,
The inhabitants of earth.

"Have Love. Not love alone for one,
But man as man thy brother call,
And scatter like the circling sun
Thy charities on all."

—Unknown.

At the annual communication the absence of the Grand Senior Deacon, Bro. Harry C. Snyder, because of illness, was noted. We are now informed that this brother beloved in his jurisdiction died November 23, 1916.

ADDITIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

DELAWARE, 1916.

The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Communication.

Nearly all the Grand officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of twenty-one lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

After the customary introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Walter W. Bacon, remembers the dead, discusses "Uniformity of Work," saying:

"We must look to it that the principal evidence of membership in a Masonic Lodge is not the emblem of the Craft worn on the lapel of the coat. A man must be impressed with the serious work of Masonry, imbued with its ideals. Then he will recognize that he has been admitted to a high and holy fellowship that has existed in many lands, throughout many centuries, for the lofty purpose of developing noble manhood.

"Uniformity is a great factor in helping Lodge Officers to realize the possibilities of the growth of the lodges. Masonry is built around certain ideals woven into a beautiful fabric—a ritual. Square and compasses, plumb and level, are meaningless unless the truth back of these symbols are thoroughly understood and appreciated."

He commends "The Masonic Home"; reports his visitations, nineteen of the twenty-two lodges; made the following decisions:

"After a brother has been suspended for non-payment of dues, for a period of two months or more, can the lodge make a motion to then remit his dues and reinstate him? Answer, No.

"If a brother has made a request for Masonic burial, and intends to have his body cremated, can his lodge perform the ceremonies over his remains or ashes? Answer, Yes."

Two corner-stones were laid.

From the Report of the Committee on Work we quote:

"Under the instruction of the Grand Instructor, the officers of the different lodges are acquiring a degree of proficiency and uniformity never before attained in our history. The results of the present method of instruction have been carefully followed by your committee, and we feel that the Craft will be permanently benefited and the work vastly im-

proved. Your committee has prepared a Past Master's degree which we consider to be brief, instructive and impressive. This degree has been conferred in a number of cases in District Number One, and seems to have been entirely satisfactory to the Past Masters present at the time of conferring the degree."

Considerable local business was transacted.

Bro. Harry J. Guthrie reported that a review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges had been prepared, and it was accepted and *ordered recorded*.

The Grand Lodge mourns the death of R. W. Bro. Lewis B. Morrow, Past Grand Treasurer, who died August 9, 1916.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1916.

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty lodges were present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William W. Jermane, in his address mentions the gain in membership, which was due to an "awakening" among the brethren, saying:

"The result has been what we believed it would be. The lodges, which are a perfect reflection of the mental attitude of their members, began to show signs of greater activity early in the year, and this activity, which was directed along all lines of lodge endeavor, gathered force as the months passed by, and has brought the year to a close with a climax of achievement that is most gratifying. Never before in the history of the jurisdiction have so many Masons been made; never before have the lodges had fewer problems pressing for solution; never before have the brethren been working more unselfishly and impersonally for the good of all. We have indeed been able to demonstrate that, with improved conditions in the lodges, other things, upon which at times we have placed too much emphasis, will certainly take care of themselves. The increase in membership this year has been merely the outward and visible sign of this change of thought. We have been making Masons as a means to an end, and not as an end in itself."

He praises the Masters' Association of 1916, whose "most important work was the management of the annual baseball game for the benefit of the endowment fund of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. The net receipts of the game were slightly in excess of five thousand one hundred dollars, and the details were all arranged and carried out in a way that entitles the Association to the thanks of the entire jurisdiction."

He mentions many subjects of interest to the Craft in Washington, and among them "The Masonic Clubs and the Masonic Bowling League," of which he says:

"The Masonic clubs and the Masonic bowling league continue to be important and commendable features of our social activities. The clubs, in addition to other important work, to which reference will shortly be made, hold monthly meetings for which interesting programs of music, addresses and special features are prepared, while the bowling league offers to Master Masons clean sport with desirable surroundings."

Under Dispensations he says:

"Six dispensations were granted to confer the degrees upon six candidates at one and the same time. The new legislation does not mean, if I interpret Grand Lodge sentiment correctly, that a Master, moved by a desire to push his work along a little more rapidly, and for no other reason, may arrange a class of six candidates for the degree of Entered Apprentice, and expect to carry the same class through the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason on the authority of dispensations issued under the law as it now stands."

Bro. George W. Baird presented his seventeenth Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 has favorable mention.

We quote:

"Bro. Chase asks a hypothetical question about gentlemen smoking at home and in lodge-rooms which we are obliged to give up. He queries if it is not the 'increased dues caused by *per capita* tax for the support of homes, clubs, etc., may be responsible for dismissions. Then again, how about changes in residence, pride and poverty?' which we also 'give up.' We are not afflicted so much, nor complain so much, about either of the above conditions as about *apathy*. We seek a way to make the lodge attractive and reflex interrogations do not help."

Under Pennsylvania he says:

"It is not generally known that the Washington Monument in Washington was originally started by Masons, but opened to public subscriptions and placed under the care of a mixed committee of civilians. It was intended that the interior should be adorned by memorial stones, and at once Grand Lodges, blue, fire companies, temperance societies, soldier companies, etc., sent beautiful stones. The Civil War came on, subscriptions ceased and the monument was stopped when it reached a height of 154 feet and remained at that height until the Government made an appropriation to finish it, since which time Masonic lodges have been denied the privilege of adding memorial stones. 'Only States' are allowed that honor. So if Masons want a distinctively Masonic Memorial to the 'Father of his Country' we must pay for it.

"The corner-stone of the Washington Monument was laid by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia on the 4th of July, 1848, and it was dedicated by the same Grand Lodge (but not without opposition) in 1885."

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of the following Past Grand Masters: M. W. Bro. Jesse Washington Lee, Jr., Grand Master in 1888, who died April 24, 1916; M. W. Bro. James Anthony Sample, Grand Master in 1890, who died June 9, 1916; M. W. Bro. Francis Joseph

Woodman, Grand Master in 1907, who died July 28, 1916; M. W. Bro. Joseph Sylvester McCoy, Grand Master in 1880, who died November 19, 1916, and at his death was the Senior Past Grand Master.

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

CUBA, 1915-1916.

These Proceedings are in Spanish. Apparently the Condition of the Fraternity is fully presented for the information of the readers. There is a Report on Correspondence in which Maine is mentioned. We must revive our forgotten knowledge of Spanish that we may be able to give our Maine brethren an idea of Masonry as practiced in Cuba, with which at one time Maine had large commercial enterprises.

ENGLAND, 1916.

We have received only two pamphlets from England, one giving an account of the Annual Grand Festival in April and the other being the Quarterly Communication in June.

At the latter communication:

"The R. W. Deputy Grand Master: I am desired by the M. W. Grand Master to state that, having regard to the unprecedented character of the present War and the intense feelings it has aroused, which show no sign of abatement, the Grand Master has decided that, during its progress and until such time after the treaty of peace has been signed as in the future he may determine, there shall be no intercourse or exchange of representatives between the United Grand Lodge of England and Grand Lodges in enemy Countries, and that such Grand Lodges shall be omitted during that period from the list of bodies in the 'Masonic Year Book' recognized as in association with this Grand Lodge."

IRELAND, 1916.

The Deputy Grand Master, addressing the Grand Lodge, said:

"It appears to me an amazing circumstance that while the population of Ireland is yearly undergoing a decrease, and sometimes a very marked decrease indeed, the numbers in the Freemasons' Society on the other hand are steadily increasing.

"In the early days of the establishment of the Masonic institution for orphan girls a very large proportion of the orphans at the school were Roman Catholics. At that time Roman Catholic members of the Order, especially in the north of Ireland, were sometimes in excess of the Prot-

estants. Therefore, a society that at one time was largely composed of Roman Catholics is now composed of Protestants of all denominations, of Jews, of Hindoos and Mahommedans, and whose professed principles are non-sectarian and non-political, cannot be classed with political bodies."

MEXICO, 1916.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Wayne A. White, in his address says:

"We have been able to hold our organization together so far without any loss of lodges during the past year, and all are holding meetings, but many have made no effort to do work. With the data at hand we have made a net gain of 65 members during the year after deducting the loss of two lodges that demised who had a membership of 63 between them."

The question of the method of balloting for honorary members was decided by him as follows:

"That the ballot must be secret and unanimous both in voting for admission and for cancelling such membership."

From his conclusion we quote:

"Masonry is useful to all men; to the learned because it affords them the opportunity of exercising their talents upon subjects eminently worthy of their attention; to the illiterate, because it presents them with salutary precepts and good examples, and accustoms them to reflect on the proper mode of living; to the man of the world it furnishes with noble and useful recreation; to the traveler, whom it enables to find friends and brothers in countries where else he would be isolated and solitary. To the worthy man in misfortune, to whom it gives assistance; to the afflicted on whom it lavishes consolation; to the charitable man, whom it enables to do more good, by uniting with those who are charitable like himself; and to all who have souls capable of appreciating its importance, and of enjoying the charms of a friendship founded on the same principles of religion, morality and philanthropy."

Bro. Wayne A. White presented the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Louisiana we read:

"We have only one apology to make, and that is that we are a sovereign, independent Grand Lodge, and that we do not owe allegiance to a superior governing body, that we are the sole representatives in Mexico of Symbolic Masonry as known in the United States."

Under Alabama we quote:

"We note many excerpts from other Grand Jurisdictions regarding Mexico, all of which are very interesting to us, for we know of no legitimate Masonry being practiced in this Republic outside of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, as it is the sole representative in Mexico of Symbolic Masonry as known in the United States, and is a sovereign, independent Grand Lodge, that it does not give allegiance to a superior

governing body. We know of several political organizations here that claim for themselves the name of Masons, and which many of the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States have become confused over and look upon them as Masons, but sorry to say they have been poorly advised in the past; but we feel that if they are looking for real facts in the case that they will soon drop their mouldy ideas and take up the real truth, and cease endeavoring to make others think as they do, when they well know that they are in the wrong. Strange that the Masons of the United States when in search of truth will look up some one who knows nothing about a situation, when they can get from their own countrymen the very information that they desire."

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1916.

Several new lodges were constituted. One Master was fined because he allowed balloting for candidates *in globo*.

The Reports of the District Deputy Grand Inspectors of Workings are full of information about their particular lodges.

The Grand Master in the conclusion of one address says:

"I regret that it has been reported to me that there is a growing practice amongst the lodges to close down directly from the Third to the First Degree. I would warn the brethren that such a course is grossly irregular, and that there must be no omission in the closing of the Second Degree."

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is full of good things. Maine is reviewed.

From the conclusion we quote:

"We are apt to wrap ourselves in a cloak of insular conceit, and condemn any practice to which we are not accustomed; this, because our mind becomes contracted and moves in but a small orbit. If, however, we study the manners and customs of our fraternity in other lands, with a desire for knowledge, we shall soon find that each point of difference is founded on some sound reason or some ancient tradition, has its origin in some fact or legend which, like the familiar symbols common to us all, conveys a high moral lesson.

"Such a study will enlarge our orbit, and as we move in the more extended sphere and survey the Masonic world from pole to pole, we shall realize the vast dimensions of the great society of which we are units, how wide its embrace, how beneficent its influence, and, it may be that, becoming obsessed with a sense of the deep responsibility such as our membership should entail, we shall walk worthily of our privilege, and endeavor to demonstrate to those around us both in our home life and business connections, that it is not in vain that we have seen the light, but that the effect of the revelation has been to purify our lives, to ennoble our characters, and to make us better husbands, fathers, citizens, masters and servants.

"So, as Masonry educates and exalts us, we shall in turn place it on a high pedestal in the estimation of the world, and glorify the Divine Creator, whose name is sacred within our portals under all skies and in all climates."

NEW ZEALAND, 1916.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Communication.

From the address of the Grand Master, with reference to the establishment of a War Benevolent Fund, we read :

"They had set themselves the task of raising £10,000, and although there was not quite that sum in hand the effort was a credit to the whole fraternity in New Zealand. Speaking generally of patriotic contributions he doubted whether Great Britain had herself subscribed as much money as the Dominion of New Zealand in proportion to population, and we Freemasons had fully shown that we appreciated what was required of us in regard to the care of those who would come back to us afflicted and distressed as a result of the war."

We also quote :

"We are in the midst of an epoch-making period, and the Masonic world must keep pace with the march of events. Our opportunity is here, and the time is ripe for action! As our fair Dominion has set an example to the world in many matters of social reform, so I enjoin you as brethren owing allegiance to its governing Masonic body to give to the Masonic world an example of a higher conception of the mission and message of Masonry than has hitherto been exhibited. It has been said that one apparent result from this great war has been the revival of the spirit of religion amongst the people. May we not than hope that another result will be the awakening of the brethren to a truer sense of their duty and their responsibilities not only to the Craft, but to their fellow creatures? I trust that you will ponder over these few remarks, and go forth from this hall determined to commence a new era of Masonic activity and to live the life required by our institution. Then, and then only, will you be fulfilling your duties as Masons, and through your conduct the world will see a more intelligent citizenship, more godly homes, and more righteous lives, and be convinced that the design of Masonry is no idle dream."

QUEENSLAND, 1916.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. A. M. Hertzberg, we quote :

"True, our scope for good is not as great whilst we are divided into three sections, each working out its own salvation regardless of the fate of the others; yet results indicate what Masonic achievement here might be, were we once united into one Grand Lodge for Queensland, as are the brethren in all the other States of the Commonwealth. But, brethren, in all our endeavors we have traveled along those altruistic lines we laid down for ourselves at the very inception of this Sovereign Grand Lodge. We have proceeded unostentatiously, and whilst guarding the dignity due to our Grand Lodge, we have fully maintained that good will towards those brethren who are not yet in full fraternal intercourse with us; this we feel is the surest means to removing existing schisms, and bring about true Unity. We realize that the differences are infinitesimal, and would be easily removed with a little mutual tact. We know that a vast majority of both the English and Scottish Brethren are in full sympathy with us, and would hail the day that proclaims the unity of the brethren, as a United Grand Lodge of Queensland with as much joy and satisfaction as we would ourselves.

"Whilst maintaining to the full the 'service' the Craft enjoins on us, and our loyalty to its teachings, I would again suggest to the brethren that the faithful observance of the teachings of Freemasonry does not warrant our forsaking the religious community into which we were born, and from which we received our infant nurture. We should not claim Freemasonry as our only religion, although its teachings would suffice for a noble life. Yet adherence to the teachings imbibed at our mothers' knees, surmounts all other traits of character. Religion is a necessity for a human being—man does not live by bread alone. The impulse to lead human endeavor from infancy onward is religion. In after years those who become Freemasons find therein an additional inspiration to be faithful to their religion; it gives us a wider outlook as regards other men's religious affiliation, and one becomes the handmaid of the other, and leads us on to higher efforts and more noble achievements."

QUEENSLAND, DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, 1916.

We have received the proceedings of each of the Quarterly Communications, June, 1916–March, 1917, inclusive. We find nothing therein of particular interest to our readers.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1916.

A Lodge of Sorrow was held in the Town Hall on February 3, 1916, in memory of the late Grand Master, M. W. Brother, the Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel James Way, who died January 8, 1916, Grand Master in 1884–1889, 1896–1916.

We quote:

"The Pro Grand Master: The Grand Secretary has received a very interesting letter from Bro. Colonel Price Wier, in which he states that on board a White Star liner carrying troops the Freemasons held a sort of informal lodge, presided over by himself. The name of the transport is censored, but the lodge was called the 'Olympic.' (Laughter.) There is something splendid and glorious in the idea that soldiers going into battle for their country, all men of Australia, believe so deeply in our institution that they must needs meet together on board ship and form a lodge. It is a very beautiful thing. (Applause.)"

The Sixth Annual Report of the Committee on the Proceedings and Reports of Sister Grand Lodges was presented.

Of interest to the Brethren of Maine we quote the review of California by C. J. S.:

"Wpl. Bro. Matt. S. Hughes delivered the Annual Oration on 'A Tread of Masonic Ideals.' It was admirable. The reviewer felt like the agricultural laborer who went to hear Gladstone, and returned saying: 'That there Gladstone be a great man—he's a lot of my ideas!' Briefly the thought was that Masonry represented a picked body to illustrate and promote universal brotherhood; that it is philanthropic, inciting members to effective citizenship and social reform; and that it con-

tains a religious ideal, but is not, and does not profess to be, the ideal religion."

Why of interest to the Brethren of Maine? Because he received "Light in Masonry" in a Maine lodge.

Under District of Columbia we read:

"The Grand Master has also issued an order against smoking in the lodge. I am afraid our Columbia Brethren would take to chewing or something if they were under our Constitution, where it is against Masonic etiquette to smoke while wearing regalia, either in or out of the lodge room. The committee who considered the address of the Grand Master advised, and it was carried, that smoking should be allowed in lodge rooms at the discretion of the Worshipful Master, but not while a degree was being conferred."

Maine for 1915 was received by the Committee.

Under Missouri:

"Missouri is one of several States where Grand Lodge has decided that no maker or seller of alcoholic beverages shall be admitted to the Order under its jurisdiction. To Australian Brethren this attitude appears to be an invasion of the political field of action, and therefore an encroachment upon the ancient landmarks. Be that as it may, the Masonic Courts of the States in question are kept busy trying offences against the decree."

Under Nevada, of the use of ciphers he says:

"The Grand Lodges of English, Scotland and Ireland, as well as Australasia, all use ciphers, and never were so vigorous as to-day. The 'prophecy' anent destruction may apply to America, but certainly does not to the Mother Grand Lodge of the world and her children of the Sunny South."

TASMANIA, 1916.

The Proceedings of the half-yearly Communication in August and of the Special Communication in October are the only ones received.

The M. W. Grand Master discusses at length the proposition, "Can a Grand Lodge Adjourn?" We quote the conclusion as reached by him:

"As the laws of our Constitution do not either expressly or by implication prohibit the adjournment of its half-yearly Communications, the action taken at the last half-yearly Communication is neither irregular nor unmasonic."

Also "that the course which the Grand Lodge took at the last Annual Communication can in no sense be a violation of the Antient Landmarks of our Order."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1916.

We quote the favorable action upon the following proposition:

"That for the duration of the war, and upon application being made, lodges shall be entitled to a refund of all Grand Lodge dues payable on account of Brethren on Active Service as from the 1st January, 1915."

We quote from the address by the M. W. Grand Master:

"We often wonder what Masons in other countries are thinking about the war, and how those who dwell in enemy countries can reconcile their warlike spirit with their Masonic duty. Of course, we do not hear very much—we wish we could hear more, because I look to Masonry to play a great part in the development of the peace movement in the future."

We quote again:

"As an example of the truly beneficent influence of Freemasonry, and the ties that bind the Craft together in all lands, I may mention that among the 1,500 members of the ill-fated naval brigade that went to the relief of Antwerp, and who became interned in Holland after the fall of that city, there are a considerable number of British Masons, who, in the words of Bro. Commodore Henderson, R. N., received the greatest kindness from their Dutch brethren, 'who welcomed them to their lodges, invited them to their homes, and did everything in their power to ease the restraint which their obligations as neutrals forced them to impose.' In due course the interned brethren made an application to the Grand Lodge of England for a Warrant, but as the Grand Lodge of England cannot legally establish a lodge in a territory already occupied by another Grand Lodge, they approached the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands with the request that they should grant a charter, and permit them to use the English ritual and the English language in the working of their ceremonies. The Grand Master of the Netherlands immediately acceded to the request, and instructed the Grand Orator to consecrate the lodge which bears an unpronounceable Dutch name signifying 'Hospitality.' That name was chosen by the brethren in appreciation of the welcome they had been accorded by their Dutch comrades. The Consecrating Officer paid the foundation members the compliment of using the English language in the consecration and installation ceremonies, which were attended by brethren from all parts of Holland."

A Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was submitted in which Maine for 1915 was reported upon by C. G. M.

We quote:

"Among the *decisions* given, attention is drawn to the fact that a Mason cannot legally belong to more than one lodge. We note it is the Masonic law, but why? We would have thought that so long as a Mason was good on the books of any lodge he should be entitled to the *privilege* of membership anywhere if successful in the ballot.

"We notice also the practice of balloting for every candidate before advancement, a practice which seems to obtain generally throughout the United States—and even in one case of a member being permitted to record objections to a proposed initiate *after* he had voted in favor of him. This seems to do away with the secrecy of the ballot, and surely does not make for the harmony of the lodge. By the same reasoning, an absent member might be permitted to come along and object to a successful ballot, even though he was duly notified of the proposal."

Maine does not ballot upon candidates for advancement. One ballot is had for the three degrees. Objection is not made in lodge but privately to the Master and the Master declares that objections have been made and that the candidate is rejected. Even one, who had voted in favor of a candidate, might, before the initiation, learn facts which in his judgment ought to prevent the candidate from receiving the degrees.

Under Rhode Island, discussing publicity of Masonic Proceedings, J. W. E. A. comments:

"Whilst one may applaud the desire to restrict the knowledge of Masonic doings to members of the Craft, one cannot avoid venturing the observation: 'Different men, different minds'; indeed 'different countries, different ways.' Installation banquets in England—where the Mother of Grand Lodges first saw the light—are noted for the presence of profanes, male and female, as entertainers, while such profane newspapers as the 'Daily Telegraph' provide a special column for Masonic reports. In Australia, and especially in New South Wales, the daily papers also devote attention to Masonic lodge matters, and especially to Grand Lodge Annual Communications. Here in Western Australia we are moulded somewhat after the same fashion as our Rhode Island brethren so far as the regulation is concerned, and it is to the credit of the daily and weekly press of this State that Masonic matters are but seldom noticed in their columns, while the presence of profanes at any lodge festive board is regarded with general disfavor."

Under Wyoming, J. S. B., commenting upon the address of the M. W. Grand Master, says:

"If the Americans believe that their actions are such as to constitute them 'the hope of the race, the light of the world,' then they are either woefully deceiving themselves or are pretty effectually hiding their 'light' under a bushel. The great bulwark of liberty created by Washington, and strengthened by Lincoln, Grant and Garfield, seems in great danger of destruction when it fails to stand up against the unwarranted murder of its citizens. Platitudes such as one finds in this address may be excellent in their place, but these are not the times nor the place for such things. The world is groaning and travailing for the salvation of the spirit of liberty, and the greatest democratic nation on the face of the earth stands carefully aloof—'too proud to fight.'"

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Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *for the Committee.*

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Special Communication.

MASONIC HALL, OLD ORCHARD, }
Monday, September 24, 1917. }

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine met in Special Communication in Masonic Hall, Old Orchard, at two thirty o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of constituting Orchard Lodge, No. 215.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

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| WALDO PETTENGILL, | M. W. Grand Master, | Rumford |
| SILAS B. ADAMS, | R. W. Deputy Grand Master, | Portland |
| JAMES H. WITHERELL, | " Senior Grand Warden, | Oakland |
| EDWIN K. SMITH, | " Junior Grand Warden, | Lewiston |
| ALBRO E. CHASE, | " Grand Treasurer, | Portland |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, | " " Secretary, | " |
| STEPHEN BERRY, | " " " Emeritus | " |
| CONVERS E. LEACH, | " Cor. Grand Secretary, | " |
| FANNING J. BURUANK, | " D. D. G. M. 17th District, | " |
| FRED B. RAND, | " " 23d " | Sanford |
| FREDERIC O. EATON, | W. Grand Marshal, | Rumford |
| CONVERS E. LEACH, <i>as</i> | " " Chaplain, | Portland |
| ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, <i>as</i> | " " Senior Deacon, | " |
| GEORGE N. STEVENS, <i>as</i> | " " Junior Deacon, | Kennebunk |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, | " " Senior Steward, | Biddeford |
| GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, <i>as</i> | " " Junior Steward, | Kennebunk |
| FRANK E. DILL, <i>as</i> | " " Sword Bearer, | Gardiner |
| OLIVER A. COBB, <i>as</i> | " " Standard Bearer, | Westbrook |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | " " Tyler, | Portland |

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge were present:

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| ALBRO E. CHASE, | P. G. M. |
| WILLIAM N. HOWE, | P. S. G. W. |
| ISAAC A. CLOUGH, | " |
| ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, | P. J. G. W. |
| CONVERS E. LEACH, | " |
| GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, | " |
| STEPHEN BERRY, | Grand Secretary Emeritus. |

There were also present about one hundred Master Masons who were admitted as visitors.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine having on May 2, 1917, in annual communication, voted to grant to H. ALONZO G. MILLIKEN and thirty others a charter for a lodge in Old Orchard, to be known as Orchard Lodge, No. 215, the ceremony of constitution of that lodge was performed by the Grand Master assisted by the other Grand Officers, and at the completion the officers elect of Orchard Lodge were installed by R. W. FRED B. RAND, District Deputy Grand Master of the 23d District, in a dignified and impressive manner.

This ceremony having been concluded, remarks intended for the guidance of the members of the new lodge were made by the M. W. Grand Master, and a fine address given by Past Grand Master ALBRO E. CHASE.

At 5:10 P. M. the Grand Lodge was duly closed.

Attest:



Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

Grand * Lodge * of * Maine.

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Special Communication.

MASONIC HALL, LIMESTONE, }
Tuesday, March 26, 1918. }

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine met in Special Communication in Masonic Hall, Limestone, at eight o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Limestone Lodge, No. 214.

PRESENT.

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| WALDO PETTENGILL, | M. W. Grand Master |
| BERNARD ARCHIBALD, | as R. W. Deputy Grand Master |
| WILLIAM G. CAMPBELL, | " " Senior Grand Warden |
| WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, | " " Junior Grand Warden |
| PHILIP D. PHAIR, | " " Grand Treasurer |
| WILLIAM N. GOULD, | " " " Secretary |
| BEDFORD C. BOYDE, | " W. " Chaplain |
| A. A. GARDEN, | " " " Marshal |
| FRED L. OAK, | " " " Senior Deacon |
| F. B. DORR, | " " " Junior Deacon |
| C. W. HENDRIX, | " " " Senior Steward |
| W. T. HOLT, | " " " Junior Steward |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | " " Tyler |

There were also present more than one hundred and twenty-five Master Masons of Limestone and other neighboring lodges, who were admitted as visitors.

The splendid new building containing the hall was built by Limestone Lodge, the spacious lodge rooms occupying the upper stories and the ground floor taken by a bank and other commercial uses.

The ceremony of dedication of the hall to Masonry was conducted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, assisted by the Acting Grand Officers.

At the conclusion of these ceremonies the minutes were approved and the Grand Lodge was closed.

Attest :

WILLIAM N. GOULD,
Acting Grand Secretary.

A true copy of the minutes.



Attest :

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Maine.

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Ninety-Ninth Annual Communication.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND,
Tuesday, May 7, 1918. }

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

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

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| WALDO PETTENGILL, | M. W. Grand Master, | Rumford |
| SILAS B. ADAMS, | R. W. Deputy Grand Master, | Portland |
| JAMES H. WITHERELL, | " Senior Grand Warden, | Oakland |
| EDWIN K. SMITH, | " Junior Grand Warden, | Lewiston |
| ALBRO E. CHASE, | " Grand Treasurer, | Portland |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, | " " Secretary, | " |
| STEPHEN BERRY, | " " " Emeritus, | " |
| CONVERS E. LEACH, | " Cor. Grand Secretary, | " |
| REV. ASHLEY A. SMITH, | W. Grand Chaplain, | Bangor |
| " DAVID L. WILSON, | " " " | Bath |
| FREDERIC O. EATON, | " " Marshal, | Rumford |
| ERNEST J. RECORD, <i>as</i> | " " Senior Deacon, | Canton |
| DAVID E. MOULTON, | " " Junior Deacon, | Portland |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, | " " Steward, | " |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, | " " " | Biddeford |
| FRANK P. DENACO, | " " " | Bangor |
| NATHAN C. REDLON, | " " " | Portland |
| EBEN F. RICHARDSON, | " " Sword Bearer, | S. West Harbor |
| JOHN N. FOYE, | " " Standard Bearer, | Canton |
| WARREN C. KING, | " " Pursuivant, | Portland |
| JAMES B. STEVENSON, | " " " | Rumford |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " " Lecturer, | Sabattus |
| WALTER S. SMITH, | " " Organist, | Portland |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | " " Tyler, | " |

Also 239 delegates, representing 182 of the 206 chartered lodges, 5 of the 8 living Past Grand Masters, with 30 out of the other 46 permanent members, including 41 of the 60 representatives of other Grand Lodges, together with visiting brethren.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, prayer being offered by the Rev. Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS,

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. SILAS B. ADAMS,

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

On motion of Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Voted, That the Grand Tyler be authorized to employ assistants, not exceeding four, 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 employes 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.

EXCUSE.

The following was received and ordered on record:

MACHIAS, May 1, 1918.

R. W. Bro. DAVIS, Grand Secretary.

Circumstances will prevent my attendance upon the session of the Grand Lodge; my regards to the brethren, and trusting that harmony and Divine guidance may especially direct the officers of the 99th communication.

I am fraternally yours,

HENRY R. TAYLOR, *P. G. Master.*

TRANSPORTATION.

Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS submitted the following report, which was accepted:

PORTLAND, May 7, 1918.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Transportation made the usual arrangements and the lodges and members were notified of the terms given. War conditions were responsible for an increase in the rates over former years.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS,
WM. FREEMAN LORD, } *Committee.*
JAMES E. PARSONS, }

The Grand Master appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Doings of Grand Officers.

HOWARD D. SMITH, THOMAS H. BODGE, ASHLEY A. SMITH.

On Pay Roll.

FRANK H. BODGE, JOHN C. ARNOLD, CHARLES M. FARRAR.

On Unfinished Business.

ALBERT M. PENLEY, ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

CREDENTIALS.

Bro. RALPH H. BURBANK reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 7, 1918.

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

- 1 PORTLAND, by Harold B. Chase, M.; William M. Howarth, S.W.;
Fred V. Berry, J.W.; Perley C. Dresser, Proxy.
- 2 WARREN, by George F. Ray, Proxy.
- 3 LINCOLN, by Frederick J. McTeer, M.
- 4 HANCOCK, by Willis A. Ricker, Proxy.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by Guy M. Towle, Proxy.
- 6 AMITY, by Herbert E. Sylvester, M.; Howard D. Small, Proxy.
- 7 EASTERN, by John P. Hutchison, M.
- 8 UNITED, by William S. Rogers, M.; Edward W. Wheeler, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Thomas H. Hooper, J.W.; Clyfton Hewes, Proxy.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by Benjamin C. Kent, J.W.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by Wallace R. Tarbox, Proxy.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Ashley F. Chipman, S.W.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by William H. Foster, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by Raymond B. Welch, M.; Arthur E. Baum, S.W.; Wil-
liam A. Staples, J.W.
- 15 ORIENT, by William C. Lenfest, M.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by George J. Newcomb, M.; G. Dudley Gould, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LANDMARK, by E. Murray Graham, M.; Porter A. Rob-
erts, S.W.; Clark D. Chapman, J.W.; Fred C. Tolman,
Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by Lee M. Smith, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by Walter B. Smith, S.W.
- 20 MAINE, by Earl W. Hall, S.W.; H. Burton Voter, Proxy.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Samuel S. Ward, Proxy.
- 22 YORK, by Joseph T. Cole, Proxy.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Linwood I. Varney, J.W.
- 24 PHENIX, by Roy E. Young, M.; Ralph D. Southworth, J.W.; War-
ren A. Nichols, Proxy.
- 25 TEMPLE, by G. Chase Adams, M.; Linwood B. Jones, S.W.; L. El-
wood Jones, Proxy.
- 26 VILLAGE, by William W. Brown, Proxy.
- 27 ADONIRAM, by Hardy H. McKenney, M.
- 28 ———NORTHERN STAR, not represented.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by Daniel L. Stetson, M.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by Leo H. Frisbie, M.
- 31 UNION, by Ralph B. Lewis, M.
- 32 HERMON, by Ernest L. Goodspeed, M.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by John B. Levy, M.; J. Frederic Hill, J.W.; Harry
S. Grindall, Proxy.
- 34 SOMERSET, by George L. H. Smith, M.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by Harold A. Allan, M.; George H. Bangs, S.W.;
John C. Arnold, Proxy.

- 36 CASCO, by Henry G. Rogers, M.; Charles B. Corliss, Proxy.
37 ——— WASHINGTON, not represented.
38 HARMONY, by Waldo G. Fenlason, M.; Frederick R. Summersides,
Proxy.
39 PENOBSCOT, by Roy M. Strout, Proxy.
40 LYGONIA, by Edward F. Robinson, Proxy.
41 MORNING STAR, by Francis E. Lane, Proxy.
42 FREEDOM, by James F. Chadbourn, Proxy.
43 ALNA, by William B. Austin, M.; James G. Stetson, S.W.
44 PISCATAQUIS, by Ralph A. Leonard, M.; Charles M. Farrar, Proxy.
45 CENTRAL, by Charles W. Jones, Proxy.
46 ST. CROIX, by W. Leroy Thomas, M.; John R. Trimble, Proxy.
47 ——— DUNLAP, not represented.
48 LAFAYETTE, by Augustus H. Wilson, Proxy.
49 MERIDIAN SPLendor, by John E. Kingsbury, Proxy.
50 AURORA, by Robert V. Stevenson, M.; Benjamin J. Philbrook,
S.W.; Benjamin S. Whitehouse, Proxy.
51 ST. JOHN'S, by Jasper W. Everett, Proxy.
52 MOSAIC, by W. Merton Berry, M.
53 ——— RURAL, not represented.
54 ——— VASSALBORO, not represented.
55 FRATERNAL, by James H. Littlefield, Proxy.
56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Perley F. Smith, M.
57 KING HIRAM, by James M. Sturtevant, M.; John M. Holland,
Proxy.
58 UNITY, by Albert W. Ward, Proxy.
59 MOUNT HOPE,—*Charter surrendered in 1879*
60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Howard A. Lancaster, S.W.
61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Fred S. Simmons, M.
62 KING DAVID'S, by Edward Goodwin, Proxy.
63 RICHMOND, by Harry S. Jordan, M.; George W. Greene, S.W.;
Wallace N. Price, Proxy.
64 PACIFIC, by Arthur J. Trefethen, M.
65 MYSTIC, by Warren C. Loud, M.
66 MECHANICS', by Roydon L. Hammond, S.W.
67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by Alfred G. Cronkhite, M.
68 MARINERS', by James E. Wentworth, Proxy.
69 HOWARD, by Walter A. Cowan, M.
70 STANDISH, by Horace G. Buzzell, Proxy.
71 RISING SUN, by Eugene L. Dorr, M.
72 PIONEER, by Carl L. Hewes, Proxy.
73 TYRIAN, by John W. Fessenden, M.
74 BRISTOL, by Almon P. Hatch, Proxy.

- 75 PLYMOUTH, by Frank S. Andrews, M.; Dana L. Small, Proxy.
 76 ARUNDEL, by Thomas P. Baker, J.W.
 77 TREMONT, by Samuel A. Lurvey, M.
 78 CRESCENT, by Fred L. Gardner, Proxy.
 79 ROCKLAND, by Frank F. Trafton, M.
 80 KEYSTONE, by Ira R. Adams, M.; Omer C. Ward, Proxy.
 81 ATLANTIC, by Wm. K. Herrmann, Proxy.
 82 ST. PAUL'S, by J. Carleton Davis, Proxy.
 83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Clarence W. Reynolds, J.W.
 84 EUREKA, by Elmer E. Allen, Proxy.
 85 STAR IN THE WEST, by Austin T. Myrick, Proxy.
 86 TEMPLE, by Oliver A. Cobb, Proxy.
 87 BENEVOLENT, by Charles B. Friend, M.
 88 NARRAGUAGUS, by Frank C. Nash, J.W.
 89 ISLAND, by Howard C. Pendleton, M.
 90 HIRAM ABIFF,—*Charter revoked in 1868.*
 91 HARWOOD, by Carl H. Bryant, M.
 92 ————SILOAM, not represented.
 93 HOREB, by Charles H. Mitton, S.W.
 94 PARIS, by Stanley M. Wheeler, M.
 95 CORINTHIAN, by Bert H. Moulton, M.; Edwin D. Young, S.W.
 96 MONUMENT, by George S. Gentle, Proxy.
 97 BETHEL, by Fred B. Hall, Proxy.
 98 KATAHDIN, by Frank L. Huston, M.
 99 VERNON VALLEY, by Carleton E. Turner, S.W.
 100 JEFFERSON, by Fred M. Cole, M.; James M. Day, Proxy.
 101 NEZINSCOT, by Royal W. Bradford, M.; Albert T. Bradford, Proxy.
 102 MARSH RIVER, by Albert R. Pilley, S.W.
 103 ————DRESDEN, not represented.
 104 DIRIGO, by Kendall C. Maxwell, M.
 105 ASHLAR, by Blaine Abbott, J.W.
 106 TUSCAN, by Lester S. Caller, S.W.
 107 DAY SPRING, by William A. Davis, Proxy.
 108 RELIEF,—*Charter recalled in 1894.*
 109 MOUNT KINEO, by Carroll S. Douglass, Proxy.
 110 MONMOUTH, by Williard E. Day, Proxy.
 111 LIBERTY, by Arthur A. Norton, M.; Oren W. Ripley, J.W.
 112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by William S. Davidson, Proxy.
 113 MESSALONSKEE, by Spurgeon S. Hoar, M.
 114 POLAR STAR, by Irving C. Trufant, Proxy.
 115 BUXTON, by Millard F. Dearborn, M.
 116 LEBANON, by George J. Chandler, M.

- 117 GREENLEAF, by Merle F. Smith, M.; Daniel G. Chaplin, Proxy.
118 ————DRUMMOND, not represented.
119 POWNAL, by Isaac Littlefield, M.
120 MEDUNCOOK,—*Charter surrendered in 1884.*
121 ACACIA, by Lyndon E. Sylvester, M.
122 MARINE, by Moses D. Joyce, Proxy.
123 FRANKLIN, by John R. Cram, Proxy.
124 ————OLIVE BRANCH, not represented.
125 MERIDIAN, by Walter M. Prilay, J.W.
126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Allen L. Curtis, Proxy.
127 PRESUMPCOT, by Joseph B. Manchester, M.
128 ————EGGEMOGGIN, not represented.
129 QUANTABACOOK, by Frank W. Bryant, M.
130 TRINITY, by Philip D. Phair, M.
131 LOOKOUT, by Charles E. Maker, J.W.
132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Clarence H. Pride, Proxy.
133 ASYLUM, by Frederick L. Chenery, Jr., M.
134 TROJAN,—*Consolidated with Star in the West, No. 85, in 1888.*
135 RIVERSIDE, by Harold E. Dow, Proxy.
136 IONIC,—*Charter surrendered in 1882.*
137 ————KENDUSKEAG, not represented.
138 LEWY'S ISLAND, by Albert P. Belmore, Proxy.
139 ARCHON, by Rufus L. Tasker, M.
140 ————MOUNT DESERT, not represented.
141 AUGUSTA, by Harold D. Jennings, M.; William F. Leavitt, Proxy.
142 OCEAN, by Eben A. Mitchell, Proxy.
143 PREBLE, by John V. Tucker, M.; John Wright, Proxy.
144 SEASIDE, by Howard B. Thompson, M.
145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Claes E. Bowman, Proxy.
146 ————SEBASTICOOK, not represented.
147 ————EVENING STAR, not represented.
148 FOREST, by Eugene Dicker, Proxy.
149 DORIC, by Henning T. Johnson, M.; Lyman E. Davidson, S.W.;
William R. Hughes, Sr., Proxy.
150 RABBONI, by Lilwood S. Barbour, M.
151 EXCELSIOR, by Charles O. Dickey, Proxy.
152 CROOKED RIVER, by Harold G. Caswell, Proxy.
153 DELTA, by Waldo N. Seavey, M.
154 MYSTIC TIE, by Lester D. Lee, M.; Harry B. Trask, Proxy.
155 ANCIENT YORK, by George E. Barford, M.; William H. Douglas,
Proxy.
156 WILTON, by Fred E. Trefethen, Proxy.
157 CAMBRIDGE, by Carroll F. Bailey, M.

- 158 ANCHOR, by George M. Woodwell, M.
 159 ESOTERIC,—*Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, Jan. 11, 1908.*
 160 PARIAN, by Leroy H. Whitney, J.W.
 161 CARRABASSETT, by Harry B. Harris, M.
 162 ARION, by Hugh Steele, Proxy.
 163 PLEASANT RIVER, by Erwin G. Ryder, M.
 164 WEBSTER, by Archie L. Bangs, M.; Frank E. Sleeper, Proxy.
 165 MOLUNKUS, by Daniel B. Curtis, M.
 166 ————NEGUEMKEAG, not represented.
 167 WHITNEY, by John N. Foye, Proxy.
 168 ————COMPOSITE, not represented.
 169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by Almon F. Johnson, Proxy.
 170 ————CARIBOU, not represented.
 171 ————NASKEAG, not represented.
 172 PINE TREE, by Virgil W. Hobbs, Proxy.
 173 PLEIADES, by Fred C. Gay, M.
 174 LYNDE, by Charles B. Cox, M.
 175 BASKAHEGAN, by Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
 176 PALESTINE,—*Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, Sept. 23, 1895.*
 177 RISING STAR, by Ralph J. Wooster, M.
 178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by John M. Littlefield, M.
 179 YORKSHIRE, by Arthur A. Brackett, M.
 180 HIRAM, by William H. Tanner, M.; John L. Goodwin, J.W.
 181 REUEL WASHBURN,—*Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1882.*
 182 GRANITE, by Carroll A. Bacon, Proxy.
 183 DEERING, by Wilson C. Blake, M.; Leonard E. Fickett, S.W.;
 Guy E. Hill, J.W.; George F. Grant, Proxy.
 184 NAVAL, by Warren N. Phinney, S.W.
 185 BAR HARBOR, by Samuel Hillson, S.W.; Clarence E. Dow, Proxy.
 186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by George W. Craigie, M.
 187 IRA BERRY, by Charles E. Greene, J.W.; William B. Snow, Proxy.
 188 JONESPORT, by Herbert E. Farnsworth, M.
 189 KNOX, by Charles W. Heard, M.
 190 SPRINGVALE, by Ernest L. Ogden, Proxy.
 191 DAVIS, by Charles B. Richardson, Proxy.
 192 ————WINTER HARBOR, not represented.
 193 WASHBURN, by Andrew J. Beck, M.
 194 EUCLID, by Granville D. Perkins, M.
 195 RELIANCE, by Elmer W. Calley, Proxy.
 196 BAY VIEW, by Harvey R. Barlow, M; Converse O. Hodgdon,
 Proxy.

- 197 AROOSTOOK, by Almon O. Nutter, Proxy.
 198 ST. ASPINQUID, by Everett F. Davis, M.
 199 BINGHAM, by Arlie A. Dinsmore, M.
 200 ———COLUMBIA, not represented.
 201 DAVID A. HOOPER, by Arno W. Wooster, M.
 202 MOUNT BIGELOW, by Mahlon L. Sampson, M.
 203 MOUNT OLIVET, by Leroy Cunningham, M.; Leland M. Johnston,
 JW.
 204 MOUNT ABRAM, by Earl L. Wing, Proxy.
 205 ———NOLLESEMIC, not represented.
 206 ISLAND FALLS, by Mahlon D. Estes, J.W.; John J. Marr, Proxy.
 207 ABNER WADE, by Louis A. Perkins, M.; A. Wade Campbell, Proxy.
 208 NORTH EAST HARBOR, by John C. Clement, M.
 209 FORT KENT, by Fred A. Shean, J.W.
 210 BAGADUCE, by Charles H. Babbage, Proxy.
 211 ———MEDUNCOOK, not represented.
 212 MCKINLEY, by Herbert P. Richardson, M.
 213 ———KEMANKEAG, not represented.
 214 LIMESTONE, by Albert H. Damon, M.
 215 ORCHARD, by H. Alonzo G. Milliken, M.

[Chartered lodges, 206; represented, 183; delegates, 236.]

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present:

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| M. W. | FRANK E. SLEEPER, | - - - - - | P. G. M. |
| " | ALBRO E. CHASE, | - - - - - | " |
| " | EDMUND B. MALLET, | - - - - - | " |
| " | ASHLEY A. SMITH, | - - - - - | " |
| " | THOMAS H. BODGE, | - - - - - | " |
| R. W. | ALBERT M. PENLEY, | - - - - - | P. S. G. W. |
| " | JAMES E. PARSONS, | - - - - - | " |
| " | EDWIN A. PORTER, | - - - - - | " |
| " | CHARLES W. CROSBY, | - - - - - | " |
| " | W. SCOTT SHOREY, | - - - - - | " |
| " | WILLIAM N. HOWE, | - - - - - | " |
| " | FRANK J. COLE, | - - - - - | " |
| " | ISAAC N. JONES, | - - - - - | " |
| " | FRANK E. MONROE, | - - - - - | " |
| " | FRED C. CHALMERS, | - - - - - | " |
| " | ISAAC A. CLOUGH, | - - - - - | " |
| " | FRED RAYMOND, | - - - - - | " |
| " | RALPH W. MOORE, | - - - - - | " |

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| R. W. ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, - - - - - | P. J. G. W. |
| " HOWARD D. SMITH, - - - - - | " |
| " WM. FREEMAN LORD, - - - - - | " |
| " GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, - - - - - | " |
| " ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, - - - - - | " |
| " MILLARD M. CASWELL, - - - - - | " |
| " FRANKLIN R. REDLON, - - - - - | " |
| " JOHN H. MCGORRILL, - - - - - | " |
| " JAMES C. AYER, - - - - - | " |
| " EDWARD G. WESTON, - - - - - | " |
| " GEORGE W. HOLMES, - - - - - | " |
| " WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, - - - - - | " |
| " CONVERS E. LEACH, - - - - - | " |
| " ERNEST P. PARLIN, - - - - - | " |
| " CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, - - - - - | " |
| " FRANK B. ARNOLD, - - - - - | " |
| " ALBERT H. NEWBERT, - - - - - | " |

And Grand Officers as follows:

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| WALDO PETTENGILL, - - - - - | M. W. Grand Master. |
| SILAS B. ADAMS, - - - - - | R. W. Deputy Grand Master. |
| JAMES H. WITHERELL, - - - - - | " Senior Grand Warden. |
| EDWIN K. SMITH, - - - - - | " Junior Grand Warden. |
| ALBRO E. CHASE, - - - - - | " Grand Treasurer. |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, - - - - - | " " Secretary. |
| STEPHEN BERRY, - - - - - | " " " Emeritus. |
| CONVERS E. LEACH, - - - - - | " Cor. Grand Secretary. |
| BERNARD ARCHIBALD, - - - - - | " D. D. G. M. 1st Dist. |
| ROBERT G. MCBRIDE, - - - - - | " " 2d " |
| FORREST B. SNOW, - - - - - | " " 4th " |
| EUGENE A. WHITTREDGE, - - - - - | " " 5th " |
| ELISHA P. WEBSTER, - - - - - | " " 7th " |
| RALPH E. PENDLETON, - - - - - | " " 8th " |
| CHESTER B. HALL, - - - - - | " " 9th " |
| EDWARD C. LEIGHTON, - - - - - | " " 10th " |
| JOHN H. MCILROY, - - - - - | " " 11th " |
| JAMES M. SPENCE, - - - - - | " " 13th " |
| ASBURY M. BLAKE, - - - - - | " " 14th " |
| J. BLAINE MORRISON, - - - - - | " " 15th " |
| ERNEST J. RECORD, - - - - - | " " 16th " |
| FANNING J. BURBANK, - - - - - | " " 17th " |

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| DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE, | - - - | R. W. D. D. G. M. | 20th Dist. |
| GEORGE HARMON, | - - - | " " | 21st " |
| LEWMAN B. SOPER, | - - - | " " | 22d " |
| FRED B. RAND, | - - - | " " | 23d " |
| GEORGE R. HALL, | - - - | " " | 24th " |
| ALPHONSO F. RUSSELL, | - - - | " " | 26th " |
| REV. DAVID L. WILSON, | - - - | W. | Grand Chaplain. |
| " ASHLEY A. SMITH, | - - - | " | " |
| FREDERIC O. EATON, | - - - | " | " Marshal. |
| DAVID E. MOULTON, | - - - | " | " Junior Deacon. |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, | - - - | " | " Steward. |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, | - - - | " | " |
| FRANK P. DENACO, | - - - | " | " |
| NATHAN C. REDLON, | - - - | " | " |
| EBEN F. RICHARDSON, | - - - | " | " Sword Bearer. |
| JOHN N. FOYE, | - - - | " | " Standard Bearer. |
| WARREN C. KING, | - - - | " | " Pursuivant. |
| JAMES B. STEVENSON, | - - - | " | " |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | - - - | " | " Lecturer. |
| WALTER S. SMITH, | - - - | " | " Organist. |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | - - - | " | " Tyler. |

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance :

Alabama—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, Pittsfield.
Arkansas—SILAS B. ADAMS, Portland.
British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE, Portland.
Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabattus.
Connecticut—ISAAC N. JONES, Calais.
District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY, Portland.
Florida—FRED C. CHALMERS, Bangor.
Georgia—BIAL F. BRADBURY, Norway.
Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland.
Illinois—FREDERIC O. EATON, Rumford.
Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.
Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.
Maryland—GEORGE W. HOLMES, Norway.
Michigan—FRED RAYMOND, Livermore Falls.
Mississippi—ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Portland.
Missouri—CHARLES B. DAVIS, Portland.
Montana—CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, Belfast.
Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER, Pittsfield.
Nevada—RALPH W. MOORE, Hampden.

New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.
 New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS, Lubec.
 New Zealand—ERNEST P. PARLIN, Wilton.
 North Dakota—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH, Auburn.
 Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Portland.
 Ohio—CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.
 Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.
 Oregon—FRANK E. MONROE, Milo.
 Peru—FRANK B. ARNOLD, Dexter.
 Philippine Islands—WALDO PETTENGILL, Rumford.
 Puerto Rico—THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.
 Quebec—JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
 Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
 Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.
 South Australia—JAMES H. WITHERELL, Oakland.
 South Carolina—WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, Lisbon.
 South Dakota—EDWARD G. WESTON, Thomaston.
 Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY, Bath.
 Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY, Kent's Hill.
 Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, Portland.
 Western Australia—FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Portland.
 West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENLEY, Auburn.
 Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALLETT, Freeport.

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH H. BURBANK, }
 FRANK P. DENACO, } *Committee.*
 WARREN C. KING, }

The report was accepted, and was left in the hands of the committee until 2 P. M., in order that additions might be made.

Grand Master WALDO PETTENGILL then delivered his Annual Address, which was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

We have assembled for the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Maine to renew our Masonic friendships, listen to the

reports of our officers, act upon them, and make plans for the future events which are to occur.

The year past has been a year of conflict and suffering for the whole world; war is raging in the fairest parts of Europe and our own beloved country is now engaged in the struggle, taking its place beside the nations that are striving to secure liberty and justice for all peoples.

Our cause is just in this war and as Masons we pledge all we have to the support of our government in its time of need and to these brave men who have gone forth to fight their Country's battles, and to the dear ones they have left behind we will extend our sympathy and care.

I think it would be fitting for this Grand Lodge now assembled in its annual communication to send a message to our honored President assuring him of our loyalty and promising him our hearty support.

I have felt it my duty in this crisis to offer every facility for young men who were offering themselves for service as defenders of the just rights of humanity and to fight the Country's battles to become members of our fraternity, and I have granted an unusual number of dispensations for receiving and acting upon applications for membership in less than the regular time to accommodate such cases, feeling that the Lodges where the candidates resided were fully competent to act upon short notice and to determine whether the soldier or sailor applying was worthy of the honors of Masonry.

In the matter of Military Lodges which has been under discussion this year I took ground in opposition to granting charters for such Lodges, believing that it would be a dangerous departure from Masonic usage. The great majority of the Grand Masters in this country held the same opinion.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

The committee that were appointed to consider the matter of the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the con-

stitution of this Grand Lodge have considered the matter and will present their report later in the session.

NECROLOGY.

PAST GRAND MASTER AUGUSTUS BOWMAN FARNHAM was called to the higher life January 14, 1918, and I caused the following to be sent to the several lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction and the correspondents in all Grand Jurisdictions in friendly relation with us.

GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, F. & A. MASONS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
RUMFORD, MAINE, February 12, 1918.

To the Members of the Grand Lodge, the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Lodges, and to Whom It May Concern :

BROTHERS :

With sorrow I announce the death of

Augustus Bowman Farnham,

which occurred at the Eastern Maine General Hospital in Bangor, Me., January 14, 1918, following a long illness.

Most Worshipful Brother FARNHAM was born in Bangor, March 10, 1839. He was educated in the public schools of that city and then began the study of civil engineering, and continued his chosen profession to the point where he had performed a considerable amount of field work, having completed a map of Hancock County, when, at the outbreak of the civil war, he enlisted in the service of his country in the Second Maine Regiment.

He left Bangor as First Lieutenant of Company H, and on September 14, 1861, was made Captain. On August 9, 1862, he was commissioned Major of the newly organized Sixteenth Maine Regiment. He arose in rank and on May 8, 1863, was made Inspector General and Chief of Staff of the Third Division. In the battle of Five Forks, Va., on April 1, 1865, he received a bullet in his left lung, fell and lay all night on the field, and carried the bullet to his death.

Returning to Bangor after the war he entered the wholesale grocery business, and was connected with the firm until 1909. He was Post-

master of Bangor for twenty years and was Adjutant General of Maine from 1902 to 1909.

Brother FARNHAM was raised in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, Bangor, April 11, 1862; and was Worshipful Master in 1879 and 1880. He was elected Senior Grand Warden in 1892, Deputy Grand Master in 1893 and 1894, and Grand Master in 1895 and 1896.

He received the Capitular degrees in Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 6, Bangor, January 24, 1867, and was High Priest in 1876.

He was greeted in Bangor Council, No. 5, February 19, 1869, and was Thrice Illustrious Master of the Council in 1884.

He was knighted in St. John's Commandery, Bangor, May 29, 1867, and was Eminent Commander in 1871, 1872 and 1873. He was elected Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine in 1875 and 1876, and Grand Commander in 1877.

In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite he received his degrees in the several bodies in Portland in the early 80s and was a charter member of Eastern Star Lodge of Perfection, Palestine Council, Princes of Jerusalem and Bangor Chapter of Rose Croix at Bangor in 1883.

He was crowned an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33d Degree, on September 18, 1888.

He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Adelia Clark. They had one daughter, Mrs. William Lincoln Smith of Concord, Mass., who survives him. He later married Miss Laura Wood, also of this city, who also survives him, together with their son, Henry A. Farnham.

Fraternally,

WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master.

ATTEST:

[L. S.] CHAS. B. DAVIS, *Grand Secretary.*

I have requested Past Grand Master Hugh R. Chaplin to prepare a suitable memorial of the life and services of our deceased brother to present to this Grand Lodge and to be incorporated in our records.

CONSTITUTION.*

September 24th, 1917, I constituted Orchard Lodge, No. 215, at Old Orchard. I was assisted in the work by the following Brethren:

- R. W. SILAS B. ADAMS, Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. JAMES H. WITHERELL, Senior Grand Warden.
 R. W. EDWIN K. SMITH, Junior Grand Warden.
 M. W. ALBRO E. CHASE, Grand Treasurer.
 R. W. CHARLES B. DAVIS, Grand Secretary.
 R. W. STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary Emeritus.
 R. W. CONVERS E. LEACH, Corresponding Grand Secretary,
 as Grand Chaplain.
 R. W. FANNING J. BURBANK, Dist. Deputy Grand Master,
 17th District.
 R. W. FRED B. RAND, Dist. Deputy Grand Master, 23rd
 District.
 W. FREDERIC O. EATON, Grand Marshal.
 R. W. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF as Grand Senior Deacon.
 R. W. GEORGE N. STEVENS, P. D. D. G. M., as Grand Junior
 Deacon.
 R. W. RALPH H. BURBANK as Grand Senior Steward.
 R. W. CHARLES F. GILPATRIC as Grand Junior Steward.
 W. FRANK E. DILL as Grand Sword Bearer.
 W. OLIVER A. COBB as Grand Standard Bearer.
 W. WINSLOW E. HOWELL, Grand Tyler.

The following members of the Grand Lodge were present:

- M. W. ALBRO E. CHASE, P. G. M.
 R. W. WILLIAM N. HOWE, P. G. S. W.
 R. W. ISAAC A. CLOUGH, P. S. G. W.
 R. W. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, P. J. G. W.
 R. W. CONVERS E. LEACH, P. J. G. W.
 R. W. GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, P. J. G. W.
 R. W. STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary Emeritus.

Every elective officer of the Grand Lodge was in his place which shows that every officer appreciates the obligations of his position when the Grand Lodge has labor to perform.

The ceremony of constitution was performed by the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, after which the officers elect were duly installed by R. W. Fred B. Rand, D. D. G. M.,

in the 23d District, in a dignified and impressive manner. This ceremony having been performed, remarks were made by the Grand Master and a fine address given by Past Grand Master Albro E. Chase, and the Lodge duly closed.

Following the constitution the Brethren repaired to a hotel, where a fine banquet was enjoyed and social hour spent with the Brethren, closing a memorable occasion.

DEDICATION,

March 26th, 1918, I dedicated the hall of Limestone Lodge, No. 214, at Limestone. I was assisted by the following brethren:

R. W. BERNARD ARCHIBALD, D. D. G. M. in the 1st District, as R. W. D. G. M.

W. WILLIAM C. CHAMBERLAIN, P. M., as R. W. G. S. W.

R. W. WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, P. D. D. G. M., as R. W. G. J. W.

W. PHILIP D. PHAIR as G. Treasurer.

W. W. N. GOULD as G. Secretary.

W. BEDFORD C. BOYD as G. Chaplain.

W. A. A. GARDEN as G. Marshal.

W. FRED L. OAK as G. S. D.

W. F. B. DORR as G. J. D.

W. C. W. HENDRIX as G. S. S.

W. T. HOLT as G. J. S.

W. WINSLOW E. HOWELL, G. Tyler.

There were nearly 100 of the brethren present to assist in the work of dedicating the beautiful hall which has been built by the brethren of Limestone Lodge for their Masonic home. Few Lodges in the State are as well housed as is this one, which is the youngest in the State with one exception.

The hall is of good size, well furnished and lighted well with electric lights, and is a remarkably easy hall to speak in, and the rooms adjoining are ample and sufficient for the wants of

the Lodge as well as furnishing good accommodation for the Masonic club, making this the social center of the town.

May Limestone Lodge be prospered as it deserves for the effort it has made in building so fine a home.

APPOINTMENTS.

June 11, 1917, W. Eben F. Richardson, Grand Sword Bearer, to install R. W. George Harmon, Dist. Deputy Grand Master in 21st District. M. W. Past Grand Master Henry R. Taylor to install Rev. Bro. John Martin Bieler as Grand Chaplain.

October 16, 1917, Bro. David Rose as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

NOMINATIONS.

I have nominated the following brethren as Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Maine of the following Grand Lodges:

Arkansas—R. W. SILAS B. ADAMS.

Illinois—W. FREDERIC O. EATON.

Michigan—R. W. FRED RAYMOND.

Missouri—R. W. CHARLES B. DAVIS.

Nevada—R. W. RALPH W. MOORE.

Peru—R. W. FRANK B. ARNOLD.

South Australia—R. W. JAMES H. WITHERELL.

Delaware—R. W. JAMES B. STEVENSON.

Indiana—WARREN C. KING.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

June 26, 1917, Lebanon Lodge, No. 116, Norridgewock.

August 14, 1917, Parian Lodge, No. 160, Corinna.

September 7, 1917, Orchard Lodge, No. 215, Old Orchard.

October 1, 1917, Island Falls Lodge, No. 206, Island Falls.

- October 9, 1917, Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, Readfield.
March 2, 1918, Somerset Lodge, No. 34, Skowhegan.
April 19, 1918, Solar Lodge, No. 14, Bath.
April 19, 1918, Reliance Lodge, No. 195, Stonington.
April 25, 1918, Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, Bath.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted dispensations as follows:

May 23, 1917, to Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, to elect officers.
May 28, 1917, to United Lodge, No. 8, to confer the Masonic Degrees in less than the required time, the candidate being a seafaring man.

August 23, 1917, to Davis Lodge, No. 191, to elect officers.

September 5, 1917, to Hancock Lodge, No. 4, to hold its meetings in its old hall for the months of September and October, 1917.

September 8, 1917, to Bingham Lodge, No. 199, to elect a Senior Warden.

To Eastern Frontier Lodge, No. 112, to confer a degree upon a candidate for Monument Lodge, No. 96, at a lodge of instruction.

September 22, 1917, to Limestone Lodge, No. 214, to move into its new hall after it had been examined and approved by the District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District.

October 1, 1917, to Mount Abram Lodge, No. 204, to elect officers.

October 23, 1917, to Unity Lodge, No. 58, to elect a Master.

November 30, 1917, to Ancient York Lodge, No. 155, to elect officers at a special meeting called for that purpose.

December 17, 1917, to Molunkus Lodge, No. 165, to elect officers and transact business at a special meeting called for that purpose.

December 20, 1917, to Reliance Lodge, No. 195, to elect a Junior Warden.

December 28, 1917, to Penobscot Lodge, No. 39, to elect officers and transact business at a special meeting called for that purpose.

January 10, 1918, to Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, to hold its meetings in the Grange Hall after it has been examined and approved by the District Deputy Grand Master for the 13th Masonic District, the Lodge Hall having been burned.

January 19, 1918, to Moses Webster Lodge, No. 145, to hold its meetings in Red Men's Hall after the Hall had been inspected and approved by Past District Deputy Grand Master C. E. Barrows. Granted on account of shortage of fuel.

To Eastern Lodge, No. 7, to elect officers and transact business at a special meeting, election having been delayed on account of quarantine.

January 25, 1918, to Ashler Lodge, No. 105, to hold its stated meetings on the third Thursdays of the month during the continuance of the coal famine.

February 14, 1918, to Doric Lodge, No. 149, to elect a Junior Warden.

February 18, 1918, to Hancock Lodge, No. 4, to elect Senior and Junior Wardens.

As already stated, I have granted many dispensations for conferring the Masonic Degrees upon Soldiers and Sailors who were called into service; I have made it my rule to grant a dispensation in all cases where the proper officers of a Lodge have asked for one.

DECISIONS.

Can a Lodge ballot upon more than one candidate at a time?

No, each candidate must be voted for separately.

Can a Lodge Hall be situated in a dwelling house or a building used as a tenement?

Yes, if the Hall is properly secured to the satisfaction of the Grand Master; but it is not desirable.

A man makes application to the Lodge in the town where he

lives in this State, before action is taken he removes to another town in this State in the jurisdiction of another Lodge. Can he receive his degrees in the Lodge where he first made application?

No, he must live in his new home six months, when he may petition for a release of jurisdiction from the Lodge which then holds jurisdiction over him to allow him to present a new petition to the Lodge he left.

As I close my two years of service as your Grand Master, I wish to express my appreciation of the great honor you conferred upon me by electing me to this important office; I have endeavored to serve you to the best of my ability and with the generous assistance given me by all, I trust that we have not labored in vain.

I have received many invitations that I have been unable to accept, and I wish to thank you all for the many courtesies extended to me during my years of service.

WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were presented by the Grand Master and referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary reported as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

PORTLAND, May 7, 1918.

The detail affairs of my office have been attended to in all instances as promptly as possible.

Fifteen hundred and seventy-five copies of the Proceedings of the last annual session were printed and mailed on August 13th, to the usual addresses. A new feature was introduced in sending to the Permanent Members in Maine and to the Grand Officers, in that a copy to each was sent in a separate wrapper instead of in the package to the local Secretary to be delivered by him. This method added some over four dollars

to the postage bill, but I am sure that the result attained more than offset this added cost.

The returns came in from the most of the lodges promptly and in correct form. I suppose what was about the usual number, and these from the usual lodges, were behind time, and some required a considerable amount of checking to discover slight errors in the tabulations. A few had to be written for the second time and in all forty-five letters were required to straighten matters out.

The war situation has increased the work in the office to a very large extent. No less than eighty-five requests for arrangement to have the degrees conferred by courtesy on soldiers, have passed through my office, about equally divided between those from lodges in other states for the work to be done in Maine lodges, and from our own lodges to have the degrees conferred by courtesy near Southern and Western camps. As each request necessitates from four to seven or eight letters, it can easily be seen how much additional time has been required to attend to the correspondence.

Early in the year, at the request of the M. W. Grand Master, I sent to the Secretaries, a circular letter asking for a complete list of the members of the several lodges who were in the war service in any branch, together with a detailed record of the branch of service, rank and company attachments of each individual member so far as possible. One hundred and thirty-eight Secretaries, only, have thus far complied with the request and supplied the information asked for. A few of these have also supplemented their first reports with the names and company detailed information, of all who have later volunteered or been called to the colors. All this information has been card indexed and if completed would be a most invaluable record to have, but incomplete, its value is lost. While the list, as I have it, is in no way complete, I am confident from the reports received and from the proportion of the total membership which these lodges represent, that a complete list would show that between eighteen hundred and two thousand of our 32,353 members in this state are now with the colors, in some branch of the service. To this number may be added at least five hundred more in Y. M. C. A., Red Cross, and similar work, and least one hundred and fifty who are serving in either Canadian, English or French regiments.

The banner lodge to report is Naval, No. 184, of Kittery, with fifty-two of its 240 members, nearly twenty-five per cent., in the service. The second lodge is Ancient Landmark, No. 17, of Portland, with fifty-seven of its 571 members now with the colors. The percentage in many of the smaller lodges is almost as large, and possibly in some, an up-to-date report might show even larger figures.

Forty-five lodges have reported having invested in Liberty Bonds of the

first and second issues, no figures having been received of the third issue, just closed. Three of these lodges bought one \$50.00 bond each; one \$4,000.00 and one \$5,000.00. The total amount subscribed by the forty-five lodges is \$34,450.00, and to this may be added \$400.00 invested by one lodge in War Saving Stamps.

Another circular letter will soon be sent out urging those Secretaries who have not reported at all to do so, and those who reported an early list to forward the names of those of their members who have later joined the colors, and other war information, which it is desirable to have on file in the office of the Grand Secretary; and I urge here now, most strongly of you Representatives, that when you return to your home lodges you will each make it a personal matter to see that your Secretary sends me complete returns of the Honor Roll of your lodges, the amount of Liberty Bond investments, the amount of special lodge emergency war funds, and any other matters of similar interest.

I would recommend that a special committee be appointed to consider the matter of changes in some of the blank forms now in use in the office of the Grand Secretary and in the subordinate lodges, this committee to report at this session if possible, if not to do so at the next annual communication. Many of the forms now in use are obsolete, particularly the one for the annual returns from the subordinate lodges.

The Finance Committee will report on the financial affairs of my office for the past year, which will show that I have received for:

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|---|----------|
| Fees of office, | \$ 9.00 |
| Fees of Orchard Lodge, No. 215, | 30.00 |
| Sale of Proceedings, etc., | 6.56 |
| Grand Lodge Certificates Nos. 15,801 to 16,551, | 748.50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$794.06 |

and that I have paid out

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|---|----------|
| Express charges, | \$ 2.43 |
| Postage, | 92.42 |
| Office incidentals, (as itemized), | 30.25 |
| Blank Certificates and binding, | 102.01 |
| Paid Albro E. Chase, Grand Treasurer, | 566.95 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$794.06 |

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS, *Grand Secretary*.

The report was laid on the table, except the part relating to new blank forms, which was referred to a special committee, which was appointed by the Grand

Master, and was composed of Bros. SILAS B. ADAMS, CHARLES B. DAVIS and ALBRO E. CHASE.

RETURNS.

BRO. CHARLES B. DAVIS submitted the Report of the Committee on Returns, which was accepted as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 7, 1918.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Returns would report that returns have been received from all of the 206 chartered lodges.

The largest lodge gain was made by Ancient Landmark, No. 17, with 36 raisings, 9 deaths, and a net gain of 23. The largest loss was sustained by Lygonia, No. 40, which had 18 deaths and but 2 raisings.

Five lodges, Nos. 54, 58, 80, 149 and 187, report having had no work for the year.

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

| | 1914. | 1915. | 1916. | 1917. | 1918. |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
| Initiated, | 1,271 | 1,392 | 1,354 | 1,382 | 1,467 |
| Raised, | 1,234 | 1,408 | 1,349 | 1,406 | 1,430 |
| Affiliated, | 77 | 106 | 108 | 103 | 130 |
| Re-instated, | 64 | 77 | 79 | 74 | 79 |
| Dimitted, | 167 | 210 | 177 | 159 | 157 |
| Died, | 574 | 592 | 654 | 629 | 608 |
| Suspended, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Expelled, | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Susp. from membership, | 262 | 214 | 256 | 266 | 270 |
| Deprived of membership, | 2 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| Number of members, | 30,294 | 30,884 | 31,328 | 31,855 | 32,453 |
| Rejected, | 314 | 338 | 329 | 311 | 372 |

The gain is 598, or 1.84 per cent., an increase over last year, when the net gain in membership was 527.

The death rate is 18.96 to a thousand, an increase over last year's returns.

The average lodge membership is 157.53.

The accompanying abstract of the returns will show the work in detail.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS, } *Committee.*
J. C. AYER, }

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1918.

| Nos. | LODGES. | Initiated. | Raised. | Affiliated. | Re-instated. | Dimitted. | Died. | Suspended. | Expelled. | N. P. D. | | No. Members. | Rejected. |
|------|-------------------------|------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Suspended. | D. of Mem. | | |
| 1 | Portland, | 18 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 400 | 4 |
| 2 | Warren, | 11 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 154 | 3 |
| 3 | Lincoln, | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 146 | 1 |
| 4 | Hancock, | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 91 | 1 |
| 5 | Kennebec, | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 132 | 0 |
| 6 | Amity, | 7 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 244 | 4 |
| 7 | Eastern, | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 166 | 0 |
| 8 | United, | 7 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 226 | 3 |
| 9 | Saco, | 22 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 213 | 7 |
| 10 | Rising Virtue, | 8 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 244 | 1 |
| 11 | Pythagorean, | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 136 | 1 |
| 12 | Cumberland, | 10 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 205 | 3 |
| 13 | Oriental, | 6 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 200 | 2 |
| 14 | Solar, | 28 | 23 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 263 | 2 |
| 15 | Orient, | 6 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 143 | 0 |
| 16 | St. George, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 114 | 0 |
| 17 | Ancient Landmark, | 32 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 571 | 8 |
| 18 | Oxford, | 6 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 209 | 1 |
| 19 | Felicity, | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 125 | 0 |
| 20 | Maine, | 7 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 185 | 3 |
| 21 | Oriental Star, | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 266 | 2 |
| 22 | York, | 5 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 150 | 0 |
| 23 | Freeport, | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 176 | 2 |
| 24 | Phoenix, | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 0 |
| 25 | Temple, | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 0 |
| 26 | Village, | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 115 | 0 |
| 27 | Adoniram, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 0 |
| 28 | Northern Star, | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 122 | 0 |
| 29 | Tranquil, | 22 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 402 | 2 |
| 30 | Blazing Star, | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 338 | 2 |
| 31 | Union, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 166 | 0 |
| 32 | Hermon, | 10 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 418 | 1 |
| 33 | Waterville, | 26 | 22 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 478 | 12 |
| 34 | Somerset, | 10 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 218 | 3 |
| 35 | Bethlehem, | 7 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 384 | 1 |
| 36 | Casco, | 12 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 196 | 0 |
| 37 | Washington, | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 155 | 1 |
| 38 | Harmony, | 9 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 196 | 2 |
| 39 | Penobscot, | 20 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 188 | 7 |
| 40 | Lygonia, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 366 | 2 |
| 41 | Morning Star, | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 105 | 0 |
| 42 | Freedom, | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 103 | 0 |
| 43 | Alna, | 10 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 171 | 2 |
| 44 | Piscataquis, | 23 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 267 | 8 |
| 45 | Central, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 109 | 0 |
| 46 | St. Croix, | 8 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 194 | 0 |
| 47 | Dunlap, | 14 | 21 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 312 | 9 |

| Nos. | Lodges. | In. | R. | A. | R. | D. | D. | S. | E. | N.P. S. | Dues. D. | Mem. | R. |
|------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| 102 | Marsh River, | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 0 |
| 103 | Dresden, | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 60 | 0 |
| 104 | Dirigo, | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 89 | 1 |
| 105 | Ashlar, | 16 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 369 | 7 |
| 106 | Tuscan, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 191 | 1 |
| 107 | Day Spring, | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 83 | 0 |
| 108 | Relief (<i>ch. recalled</i>) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 109 | Mount Kineo, | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 136 | 0 |
| 110 | Monmouth, | 7 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 122 | 2 |
| 111 | Liberty, | 4 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 1 |
| 112 | Eastern Frontier, .. | 6 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 171 | 3 |
| 113 | Messalonskee, | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 116 | 0 |
| 114 | Polar Star, | 36 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 284 | 2 |
| 115 | Buxton, | 8 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 118 | 1 |
| 116 | Lebanon, | 3 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 126 | 3 |
| 117 | Greenleaf, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 178 | 0 |
| 118 | Drummond, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 106 | 0 |
| 119 | Pownal, | 7 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 118 | 1 |
| 120 | Meduncook (<i>ch.s.</i>) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 121 | Acacia, | 8 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 0 |
| 122 | Marine, | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 249 | 0 |
| 123 | Franklin, | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 2 |
| 124 | Olive Branch, | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 113 | 0 |
| 125 | Meridian, | 6 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 206 | 1 |
| 126 | Timothy Chase, ... | 12 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 157 | 0 |
| 127 | Presumpscot, | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 122 | 0 |
| 128 | Eggemoggin, | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 131 | 0 |
| 129 | Quantabacook, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 0 |
| 130 | Trinity, | 13 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 225 | 3 |
| 131 | Lookout, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 0 |
| 132 | Mount Tir'em, | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 70 | 0 |
| 133 | Asylum, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 66 | 0 |
| 134 | Trojan, (<i>consol'd</i>) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 135 | Riverside, | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 106 | 0 |
| 136 | Ionic, (<i>ch. sur. '82</i>) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 137 | Kenduskeag, | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 103 | 0 |
| 138 | Lewy's Island, | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 197 | 5 |
| 139 | Archon, | 7 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 0 |
| 140 | Mount Desert, | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 82 | 0 |
| 141 | Augusta, | 13 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 410 | 6 |
| 142 | Ocean, | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 83 | 0 |
| 143 | Preble, | 15 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 223 | 14 |
| 144 | Seaside, | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 273 | 6 |
| 145 | Moses Webster, .. | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 211 | 0 |
| 146 | Sebasticook, | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 130 | 0 |
| 147 | Evening Star, | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 1 |
| 148 | Forest, | 5 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 131 | 1 |
| 149 | Doric, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 0 |
| 150 | Rabboni, | 15 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 283 | 5 |
| 151 | Excelsior, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 0 |
| 152 | Crooked River, | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 1 |
| 153 | Delta, | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 4 |
| 154 | Mystic Tie, | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 82 | 2 |
| 155 | Ancient York, | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 160 | 7 |

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| 156 | Wilton, | 7 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 175 | 0 |
| 157 | Cambridge, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 113 | 1 |
| 158 | Anchor, | 5 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 0 |
| 159 | Esoteric, <i>consol.</i> '08 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 160 | Parian, | 8 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 103 | 0 |
| 161 | Carrabassett, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 0 |
| 162 | Arion, | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 83 | 1 |
| 163 | Pleasant River, ... | 8 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 221 | 6 |
| 164 | Webster, | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 0 |
| 165 | Molunkus, | 12 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120 | 7 |
| 166 | Neguemkeag, | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 0 |
| 167 | Whitney, | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 1 |
| 168 | Composite, | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 129 | 1 |
| 169 | Shepherd's River, .. | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 0 |
| 170 | Caribou, | 19 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 199 | 7 |
| 171 | Naskeag, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 91 | 0 |
| 172 | Pine Tree, | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 130 | 6 |
| 173 | Pleiades, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 152 | 0 |
| 174 | Lynde, | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 89 | 1 |
| 175 | Baskahegan, | 10 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 160 | 3 |
| 176 | Palestine, | <i>Consolidated '95</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 177 | Rising Star, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 98 | 0 |
| 178 | Ancient Brothers', .. | 14 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 322 | 7 |
| 179 | Yorkshire, | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 118 | 2 |
| 180 | Hiram, | 10 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 346 | 10 |
| 181 | Reuel Washburn, .. | <i>Consolidated '82</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 182 | Granite, | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 3 |
| 183 | Deering, | 14 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 473 | 7 |
| 184 | Naval, | 23 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 236 | 8 |
| 185 | Bar Harbor, | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 267 | 3 |
| 186 | Warren Phillips, .. | 15 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 293 | 3 |
| 187 | Ira Berry, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 60 | 2 |
| 188 | Jonesport, | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 120 | 1 |
| 189 | Knox, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 82 | 0 |
| 190 | Springvale, | 12 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 182 | 11 |
| 191 | Davis, | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 126 | 0 |
| 192 | Winter Harbor, .. | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 125 | 0 |
| 193 | Washburn, | 14 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 111 | 6 |
| 194 | Euclid, | 13 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 177 | 0 |
| 195 | Reliance, | 11 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 188 | 1 |
| 196 | Bay View, | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 116 | 0 |
| 197 | Aroostook, | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 139 | 1 |
| 198 | St. Aspinquid, | 12 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 145 | 5 |
| 199 | Bingham, | 17 | 17 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 197 | 7 |
| 200 | Columbia, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 119 | 0 |
| 201 | David A. Hooper, .. | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 140 | 2 |
| 202 | Mount Bigelow, .. | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 0 |
| 203 | Mount Olivet, | 8 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 95 | 1 |
| 204 | Mount Abram, | 9 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 104 | 1 |
| 205 | Nollesemic, | 6 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 172 | 2 |
| 206 | Island Falls, | 9 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 169 | 3 |
| 207 | Abner Wade, | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 87 | 0 |
| 208 | N. East Harbor, .. | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 0 |
| 209 | Fort Kent, | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 87 | 0 |

| Nos. | Lodges. | In. | R. | A. | R. | D. | D. | S. | E. | N. P. D. | | Mem. | R. |
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| | | | | | | | | | | S. | D. | | |
| 210 | Bagaduce, | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 0 |
| 211 | Meduncook, | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 0 |
| 212 | McKinley, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 2 |
| 213 | Kemankeag, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 0 |
| 214 | Limestone, | 11 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 0 |
| 215 | Orchard, | 8 | 8 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 0 |
| 206 | | 1467 | 1430 | 130 | 79 | 157 | 608 | 0 | 3 | 270 | 3 | 32,453 | 372 |

GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 7, 1918.

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

in account with ALBRO E. CHASE, Grand Treasurer.

1917.

RECEIPTS.

| | | | |
|-----|----|--|--------------------|
| May | i. | Cash on hand to balance, | \$14,007.65 |
| | | Dispensation and Charter fees Orchard Lodge, | \$ 85.00 |
| | | Dispensations sundry lodges (51), | 153.00 |
| | | Fees, Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary, | 531.95 |
| | | Grand Chapter 3/10 office expenses, | 453.60 |
| | | Grand Commandery 2/10 office expenses, | 302.40 |
| | | Interest on deposit Portland Nat'l Bank, | 198.03 |
| | | | <u>\$ 1,723.98</u> |

FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

| | | | | |
|-------|-----|---------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| | 4. | George E. Parsons, | 4th District, ... | \$ 264.40 |
| 1918. | | George H. Baker, | 19th " | 567.60 |
| March | 18. | Arthur H. Bartlett, | 3d " | 260.20 |
| | 19. | George Harmon, | 21st " | 373.60 |
| | 23. | James M. Spence, | 13th " | 372.40 |
| | | Frank D. Weymouth, | 6th " | 471.40 |
| | 25. | Elisha P. Webster, | 7th " | 157.60 |
| | 27. | George R. Hall, | 24th " | 582.20 |
| | 28. | J. Blaine Morrison, | 15th " | 361.00 |
| April | 2. | Howard W. Chase, | 25th " | 273.00 |

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| April 3. | A. F. Russell, Jr., | 26th District, | 156.00 |
| | Fred R. Bradbury, | 18th " | 189.40 |
| 5. | Edward C. Leighton, | 10th " | 351.80 |
| | Chester B. Hall, | 9th " | 564.40 |
| | John H. McIlroy, | 11th " | 470.80 |
| 10. | Lewman B. Soper, | 22d " | 276.80 |
| | Ralph E. Pendleton, | 8th " | 229.60 |
| 11. | Fanning J. Burbank, | 17th " | 939.80 |
| | Forrest B. Snow, | 4th " | 263.40 |
| 13. | Ernest J. Record, | 16th " | 220.20 |
| | Eugene A. Whittredge, | 5th " | 444.80 |
| 16. | Fred B. Rand, | 23d " | 295.20 |
| 17. | Daniel W. Ballantyne, | 20th " | 178.40 |
| 18. | Asbury M. Blake, | 14th " | 490.40 |
| 25. | Robert G. McBride, | 2d " | 244.20 |
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DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Amount of Pay Roll, | \$ 2,729.10 |
| " " Rent, | 1,500.00 |
| W. E. Howell, Grand Tyler, | 73.44 |
| Expenses lodge exemplification, | 15.50 |
| Albro E. Chase, Correspondent, | 300.00 |
| Convers E. Leach, Assistant Secretary, | 50.00 |
| Frances E. Howarth, Clerk, | 130.00 |
| Repairs on furniture, | 20.03 |
| Type writing machine, | 98.00 |
| American Bank Note Co., diplomas, | 300.00 |
| Printing proceedings, | 764.00 |
| Mailing " | 51.91 |
| Stephen Berry Co., printing, | 56.25 |
| Wm. T. Bather, Berry plate and printing, | 109.35 |
| American Telegraph & Telephone Co., | 40.12 |
| Caribou Lodge, dues refunded, | 52.00 |
| Cards, stencils; towels, | 14.57 |
| Schools of Instruction, | 82.09 |
| Flowers, (A. B. F.,) | 10.00 |
| Engrossing Charter, | 5.00 |
| Stephen Berry, salary, | 700.00 |
| Charles B. Davis, " | 1,100.00 |
| Albro E. Chase, " | 300.00 |
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| | \$ 8,503.36 |

EXPENSES DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

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| Arthur H. Baker, | 19th District, \$ | 10.75 |
| Ernest J. Record, | 16th " | 11.40 |
| Forrest B. Snow, | 4th " | 20.00 |
| Eugene B. Kittredge, | 5th " | 16.35 |
| Arthur H. Bartlett, | 3d " | 29.46 |
| Frank D. Weymouth, | 6th " | 34.65 |
| Elisha P. Webster, | 7th " | 21.75 |
| Ralph E. Pendleton, | 8th " | 30.00 |
| Chester B. Hall, | 9th " | 18.78 |
| J. Blaine Morrison, | 15th " | 50.88 |
| Fanning J. Burbuank, | 17th " | 7.25 |
| Fred R. Bradbury, | 18th " | 13.02 |
| Lewman B. Soper, | 22d " | 27.55 |
| George R. Hall, | 24th " | 4.43 |
| Howard W. Chase, | 25th " | 33.75 |
| A. F. Russell, Jr., | 26th " | 11.48 |
| Asbury M. Blake, | 14th " | 19.82 |
| John H. McIlroy, | 11th " | 9.15 |
| Daniel W. Ballantyne, | 20th " | 28.05 |
| Edward C. Leighton, | 10th " | 35.78 |
| Fred B. Rand, | 23d " | 30.82 |
| James M. Spence, | 13th " | 30.32 |
| George Harmon, | 21st " | 50.31 |
| Robert G. McBride, | 2d " | 20.11 |
| | \$ | 565.86 |
| George Washington Memorial Ass'n, | | 500.00 |
| Liberty Bonds, | | 2,000.00 |
| 1918. | | |
| May 1. Cash on hand to balance, | | 13,163.01 |
| | | \$24,730.23 |

The returns from the *First* and *Twelfth* Masonic Districts have not been received.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRQ E. CHASE, *Grand Treasurer.*

The report was laid on the table.

GRAND LECTURER.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, was presented as follows:

SABBATH, April 1, 1918.

M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of Masons in Maine.

Three Schools of Instruction have been held during the past year, at Fort Fairfield, at Norway and at Bangor.

Fort Fairfield, October 3, 1917. Through some misunderstanding by the brethren there the School at Fort Fairfield could not be opened until 2 o'clock P. M., as the local notices gave that hour. There were present about 125 brethren, representing 18 Maine and 1 New Brunswick lodges, and including the District Deputy Grand Masters of the 1st and 20th Districts, 4 Past District Deputy Grand Masters, the Masters of 4 lodges, and 14 Past Masters. The interest and zeal of the brethren present made up for the lost time, and we were able to complete our work before evening.

Norway, October 19, 1917. A large number of brethren were present at this School, including the Grand Master, Junior Grand Warden SMITH, Past Senior Grand Warden CLOUGH, the District Deputy Grand Masters of the 12th, 16th, 17th, 23d, 24th and 26th Districts, and representatives from 20 lodges.

Bangor, October 26, 1917. In compliance with a request from St. Andrew's Lodge, I held a School of Instruction in Bangor, and, as always, it proved to be a good place for the school-master. A very large number of brethren were in attendance, including District Deputy Grand Masters of the 2d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 22d and 25th Districts; 2 Past Senior Grand Wardens, 2 Past Junior Grand Wardens, and representatives from 35 Maine lodges.

In each of these schools, I gave thorough and exact instruction in all three degrees, as I have done in all the schools I have ever conducted. I also gave instruction to the Deputies in a lodge of Actual Past Masters opened for that purpose.

In each school great interest and enthusiasm were manifested, many questions were asked and answered, and I believe the schools will result in much good to the Craft. At the conclusion of the work of the schools the local brethren provided for the physical needs of visitors, and masonic hospitality, evidenced by social calls, auto rides, and banquets, was unbounded. The schools were followed by meetings of the local lodge, exhibiting work in the Third degree for inspection by the local Deputy, assisted by the other Deputies present, and I presume the result will be reported to you by them.

District Deputies from the 3d, 7th, 9th, 11th, 15th, 18th, and 19th Districts failed to attend either school.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. SLEEPER, *Grand Lecturer.*

The report was referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

LIBRARY.

The Committee on Library reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 7, 1918.

Your Committee on Library submit the following report:

We find that the work of the Library has been carried forward in the usual satisfactory manner.

We recommend that the committee be authorized to purchase such volumes as they may deem wise, for the Library; and that they authorize the binding of such Proceedings as may be necessary to keep the files of the Grand Lodge.

We attach herewith the report of the Librarian.

Fraternally submitted,

W. S. HINCKLEY, } *Committee.*
W. J. DORMAN, }

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 6, 1918.

To the Committee on Library, Grand Lodge of Maine.

The routine matters connected with the Library have had the usual attention. Thirty-eight volumes are now in the hands of the binders for binding.

Fraternally submitted,

CONVERS E. LEACH, *Librarian.*

The report was accepted and recommendations adopted.

FINANCE.

Bro. EDMUND B. MALLET reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 7, 1918.

Your Committee on Finance have examined and approved the bills against the Grand Lodge, and have certified therefor payment to the Grand Treasurer.

The records of the Grand Lodge are faithfully and completely written up to date and the accounts of the Grand Secretary are correct.

The books of the Grand Treasurer has been examined and have been found correct.

For his account of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge, we refer you to the report of the Grand Treasurer.

A summary of the business is as follows:

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| May 1, 1917. | Cash on hand from old account, | \$14,007.65 |
| | Cash receipts for years 1917-1918, | 10,722.58 |
| | Total, | \$24,720.23 |
| | The expenditures have been, | \$9,067.22 |
| | George Washington Memorial, | 500.00 |
| | Liberty Bonds, | 2,000.00 |
| | | \$11,567.22 |
| May 7, 1918. | Cash on hand, | 13,163.01 |
| | | \$24,730.23 |

The amount of the invested fund to the credit of the Charity Fund is \$76,738.08.

We recommend that

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| To Grand Lecturer be paid, | \$ 25.00 |
| To Grand Treasurer, including cost of Bond, | 300.00 |
| To Grand Secretary, | |
| as compensation for services for the year ending | |
| May 1, 1919, | 1,200.00 |
| To the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Corre- | |
| spondence for the year ending May 8, 1918, | 300.00 |
| For work on card index for past year, | 300.00 |
| For Assistant Grand Secretary | 5.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLETT, }
ELMER A. DOTEN, } *Committee.*

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

APPROVALS.

Voted, That the report of the Grand Secretary be taken from the table and accepted.

Voted, That the report of the Grand Treasurer be taken from the table and accepted.

AUGUSTUS BOWMAN FARNHAM.

The following Memorial, prepared by Past Grand

Master HUGH R. CHAPLIN, was read by the Grand Secretary, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the proceedings, and a page inscribed to M. W. Brother FARNHAM'S memory:

Augustus Bowman Farnham,

a son of HENRY B. and HARRIET MAY FARNHAM, was born in Bangor, Maine, May 10, 1839, and died there January 14, 1918.

Having passed through the schools of his native city, he had taken up the study of Civil Engineering when the Civil War broke out. He immediately enlisted and May 28, 1861, was commissioned as First Lieutenant, and Sept. 13, 1861, as Captain of Co. G, Second Maine Infantry, the first Regiment to leave our State.

He resigned from that Regiment and was immediately commissioned as Major of the Sixteenth Maine Infantry June 10, 1862, and January 8, 1863, he became Lieutenant Colonel of the same Regiment.

At Five Forks he was severely wounded. The bullet which inflicted the wound never was removed from his lung, because to remove it was considered more dangerous than to allow it to remain. It always caused him great inconvenience and frequently much suffering. Not a few times he was brought near to death's door because of it, yet he seldom complained.

In 1871 he became Postmaster at Bangor and held the position twenty consecutive years thereafter. His administration of that office was efficient and popular. For two terms he was Sheriff of Penobscot County. Later he engaged in the wholesale grocery business, then he was a Bank President, and from 1902 to 1909 he was Adjutant General of the State.

Colonel FARNHAM was twice married. His first wife was Adelia Clark. Of that marriage a daughter was born. After the death of his first wife he married Laura Wood, of Bangor, and a son was born of that marriage. His widow and his two children, Mrs. William L. Smith and Henry A. Farnham, survive him.

Colonel FARNHAM was an intense American. He believed that under a form of government such as ours parties are a necessity; that you can not have parties without organization; that you cannot have organization without leaders. Therefore he was a strong party man, and in his section of the State he was one of the leaders. He never hesitated to criticize when he believed criticism was called for, but he never shot a poisoned arrow, and he never lost the respect of those of the opposite party.

Brother FARNHAM was a member of all the York Rite Bodies and had

presided over all the subordinate bodies of that Rite in Bangor. He was R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine in 1877, and M. W. Grand Master of this Grand Lodge in 1895 and 1896.

He belonged to all the bodies of the Scottish Rite and at one time presided over Palestine Council Princes of Jerusalem. He was crowned as an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council in 1888.

He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of Maine Commandery Military Order of the Loyal Legion. He had a host of friends in every walk of life who sincerely mourn his passing away.

Faith, the comforter in times of such trouble, says to us in calm but convincing tones, that our great loss is his gain. But we are human, we miss the striking presence, the cordial greeting, the delightful companion, the sincere friend, the sterling citizen. We miss the man, and because we are human, we mourn.

STANDING REGULATION.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE moved that Section 35 of the Standing Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Maine, relating to the appointment of an Assistant Grand Secretary, be repealed, and the motion was referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

BRO. ARCHIE LEE TALBOT offered the following resolutions:

Whereas, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine, at the beginning of the third century of organized Freemasonry, under the present system of Grand Lodges, finds our free country allied with many people of Europe as brothers in arms, fighting in a common cause, for the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, against Germany, and autocratic power; and

Whereas, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine, in 1870, severed fraternal intercourse with the Grand Orient of France in adopting a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Grand Orient of France, by persisting in the recognition of irregular and clandestine

lodges in Louisiana, has placed herself without the pale of Masonry; and that this Grand Lodge is compelled to suspend Masonic intercourse with her, and to require the same of all lodges and Masons of this jurisdiction." (See Proceedings of 1870, p. 120), and

Whereas, The Grand Orient of France was organized in 1736, with a constitution in compliance with the original Constitution and Ancient Charges of 1723, and was recognized as legitimate and regular, by the Grand Lodge of England, and all other regular Grand Lodges of Ancient Craft Masonry, throughout the world; and

Whereas, The Grand Orient of France long ago ceased to recognize irregular and clandestine lodges in Louisiana, or in the jurisdiction of any other Grand Lodge in the United States of America; and

Whereas, The Grand Orient of France insists that a Mason is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law; to require them to be of that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is to be good men and true, or men of honor and honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished, as required by the original Ancient Charges; and

Whereas, Freemasonry is a world wide Brotherhood, whose grand purpose is to unite men of every country, race, sect and opinion, thereby becoming the center of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance; and

Whereas, The Soldiers and Sailors, in the Military and Naval Service of the United States, under the jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, who are offering their lives upon the altar of their country, the most precious sacrifice man can make, should not be deprived of the fellowship of their Masonic brethren wherever dispersed throughout the world; therefore,

Resolved, That the resolution of 1870, suspending Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient of France be, and the same is, rescinded, also that the vote of non-intercourse with any other Grand Orient or Grand Lodge, not invading the jurisdiction of this or any other Grand Lodge in the United States of America, and which requires its members to obey the moral law, is hereby revoked; and

Resolved, That the Freemasons under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge have permission to visit the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France, or any other regular Grand Orient or Grand Lodge maintaining said requirements, and to fraternize with the Masonic brethren in said lodges, in camps, trenches, and on the field of battle.

On motion of Bro. TALBOT the resolutions were referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence with request to report at this session of the Grand Lodge.

EXCUSE.

Bro. ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, having just received a telegram announcing the death of his brother, was excused from further attendance at this session.

DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE reported as follows :

IN GRAND LODGE, May 7, 1918.

Your Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers, to whom were referred the address of the Grand Master and reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, have attended to their duty and report as follows :

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 decisions of the Grand Master be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

While we recognize the extraordinary conditions existing at this time on account of the war, and appreciate the sentiment of the Grand Master in granting the requests for dispensations to receive and ballot out of time on petitions of those called, or about to be called, to service in the army or navy, we wish to go on record as advising the greatest care in granting such ; and the need for dispensations should be passed upon in each case by the Grand Master after all the circumstances are fully stated, and not left to the lodges, as each case to them seems peculiarly deserving.

We approve the other dispensations granted with the exception of the one to Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, which we recommend be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The decisions we refer to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We recommend that a committee be appointed to send a message to our honored President, assuring him of our loyalty and promising him our hearty support. Fraternaly submitted,

HOWARD D. SMITH, }
 THOMAS H. BODGE, } *Committee.*
 ASHLEY A. SMITH, }

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

BRO. THOMAS H. BODGE moved, and it was unanimously

Voted, That a committee of three, of which the M. W. Grand Master shall be the chairman, be appointed to prepare a suitable telegram to be sent to the President of the United States.

To complete the committee the Grand Master appointed BROS. ASHLEY A. SMITH and THOMAS H. BODGE.

The following telegram was sent:

PORTLAND, ME., May 7, 1918.

HON. WOODROW WILSON, President of the United States of America,
Washington, D. C.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine, F. and A. M., in annual session, representing nearly thirty-three thousand Master Masons of the state, pledge you their loyalty, and promise you their hearty support.

WALDO PETTENGILL, *Grand Master.*

And the following reply was received:

THE WHITE HOUSE,

WASHINGTON, May 7, 1918.

MR. WALDO PETTENGILL, Grand Master,

Portland, Me.

My Dear Sir:

The President very deeply appreciates the generous message which you conveyed to him in the name of the Grand Lodge of Maine, Free and Accepted Masons, and he asked me to thank you and everyone concerned for your patriotic pledge.

Sincerely yours,

J. P. TUMULTY,

Secretary to the President.

At 11:30 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Tuesday, May 7, 1918. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock.

LETTERS OF REGRET.

Letters of regret from Bro. ARTHUR H. BARTLETT, District Deputy Grand Master of the Third District, and Rev. Bro. WILLIAM H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain, were read and ordered placed on file.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS reported:

PORTLAND, May 7, 1918.

The Committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge to consider the expediency of celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of this body and make recommendations regarding it, have held two meetings, at one of which all the members were present. After due consideration, your Committee submits the following recommendations:

First, that the Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Maine be held in the City of Portland, on the first Wednesday following the first Tuesday of May, 1920;

Second, that the program of this Centennial Celebration contain the three essentials—good music, an oration, and an historical address, with such other details to be added as will be in keeping with Masonic dignity.

Respectfully submitted,

WALDO PETTENGILL,
 FRANK E. SLEEPER,
 SILAS B. ADAMS,
 H. D. SMITH,
 F. E. MONROE, } *Committee.*

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted, and it was voted that the same committee

be continued to carry on the arrangements for the celebration.

JURISPRUDENCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE, for the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 7, 1918.

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the dispensation of the M. W. Grand Master to Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, on the 25th of January, 1918:

“To hold stated meetings on Third Thursdays of the month during the continuance of the coal famine,” have considered the same.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, in its by-laws provide that stated meetings shall be held on the Third Monday. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge (Sec. 136), provides that “no lodge can suspend the operation of a by-law.”

We find no power granted to the M. W. Grand Master to establish a stated meeting for a lodge contrary to its by-laws.

The way to change the days of meeting is to change the by-laws.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE,
THOMAS H. BODGE, } *Committee.*
FRANK E. SLEEPER, }

The report was accepted.

BRO. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the same committee, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 7, 1918.

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master, report them as being in harmony with the Masonic law of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS H. BODGE, } *Committee.*
ALBRO E. CHASE, }
FRANK E. SLEEPER, }

The report was accepted.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY,

BRO. EDWIN A. PORTER reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 7, 1918.

Your Committee on the Condition of the Fraternity have attended to the duties assigned them and submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the reports of the several District Deputies and are pleased to report that the Fraternity is in a highly prosperous condition.

The District Deputy Grand Masters of the several districts have attended to their duties and report that the lodge meetings are well attended, and an unusual degree of interest is being manifested. Also that the work of the degrees is being done in an uniform and impressive manner.

We find that the practice of lodges holding "Past Masters' Nights" is steadily growing, and your Committee feel that it would be beneficial to the Fraternity if every lodge in the state would adopt this custom.

The schools of instruction have been well attended, and all reports indicate that they are a benefit to the efficient working of the craft, and should be continued.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM N. HOWE, }
EDWIN A. PORTER, } *Committee.*
FRANK E. MONROE, }

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following newly commissioned Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Maine were received and welcomed as follows:

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| SILAS B. ADAMS, | Arkansas. |
| WARREN C. KING, | Indiana. |
| FRED RAYMOND, | Michigan. |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, | Missouri. |
| ELBRIDGE G. HEATH, | North Dakota. |
| FRANK B. ARNOLD, | Peru. |
| JAMES H. WITHERELL, | South Australia. |

ELECTION.

The hour of election (3 o'clock) having arrived, the Grand Master invited M. W. Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE to preside. Bro. BODGE assumed the East and appointed the following committees to receive, sort and count votes:

I. W. SCOTT SHOREY, CHARLES W. CROSBY, FRANK J. COLE.

II. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, CONVERS E. LEACH, EDW. G. WESTON.

The Grand Secretary reported the number of votes to be:

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| Permanent Members present, 1 each, | 31 |
| Grand Officers present, 1 each, | 40 |
| 182 lodges represented (3 votes each), | 546 |
| Total number votes, | 617 |

The Committees, having attended to their duties, reported the choice of

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| SILAS B. ADAMS, | <i>M. W. Grand Master,</i> | Portland |
| EDWARD W. WHEELER, | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master,</i> | Brunswick |
| WILLIS A. RICKER, | " <i>Senior Grand Warden,</i> | Castine |
| CARROLL S. DOUGLASS, | " <i>Junior Grand Warden,</i> | Guilford |
| ALBRO E. CHASE, | " <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> | Portland |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, | " <i>Grand Secretary,</i> | Portland |

Committee of Finance—HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor; EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport; ELMER A. DOTEN, Portland.

Trustees of the Charity Fund for three years—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston; EDWARD G. WESTON, Thomaston.

And they were severally declared elected and the committees thanked and discharged.

The Grand Master resumed the East and thanked M. W. Bro. BODGE for his assistance.

EXCUSE.

The Grand Lodge voted, that because of sickness in his family, MOSES D. JOYCE, the representative of Marine Lodge, No. 122, be excused from attendance after Wednesday's session.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in print, which was accepted, and permission given to complete it. (*See Appendix.*)

At 4:15 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock Wednesday.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Wednesday, May 8, 1918. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock.

PAY ROLL.

BRO. FRANK H. BODGE reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
 PORTLAND, May 8, 1918.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Pay Roll would report that they have received the Report of the Committee on Credentials, that a schedule has been prepared and is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

FRANK H. BODGE, }
 JOHN C. ARNOLD, } *Committee.*
 CHARLES M. FARRAR, }

Report accepted and schedule ordered to be paid.

GRAND LODGE OF PANAMA.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following resolution :

IN GRAND LODGE, May 8, 1918.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of documents relating to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama, together with a copy of the Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Panama.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had lodges in the Canal Zone and a treaty was entered into between that Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Panama by which the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts recognized the Grand Lodge of Panama as a Sovereign Grand Lodge having exclusive, full and final jurisdiction in and over Symbolic Freemasonry and the three essential and fundamental degrees thereof (that is to say, the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason) throughout the Republic of Panama, except the Canal Zone, to the full extent that the said Grand Lodge of Massachusetts or any other regular and legitimate Grand Lodge possesses and of right should possess throughout its territorial jurisdiction.

The lodges forming the Grand Lodge of Panama appear to have been regular lodges and the constitution adopted for the government of the subordinate lodges appears to be in harmony with the generally recognized required essentials for the government and control of the three Symbolic degrees.

We recommend that recognition be given by the Grand Lodge of Maine to the Grand Lodge of Panama and that an interchange of representatives be made.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *for the Committee.*

The resolution was adopted, and on motion of Bro. CHASE, it was

Voted, That this Grand Lodge recognize the Grand Lodge of Panama, and that the Grand Master arrange for an interchange of Grand Representatives.

SECTION 35, STANDING REGULATIONS, REPEALED.

BRO. FRANK E. SLEEPER, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 8, 1918.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to which was referred the motion to repeal Section 35 of the Standing Regulations of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, A. F. & A. M., relative to the appointment of an Assistant Grand Secretary, recommend that the same be adopted.

FRANK E. SLEEPER, } *Committee.*
W. FREEMAN LORD, }

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

On motion of Bro. ALBRO E. CHASE, it was

Voted, That Section 35, of the Standing Regulations of this Grand Lodge, be and hereby is repealed.

PUBLICATION.

BRO. MILLARD M. CASWELL, for the Committee on Publication, reported that no business had been presented to them. The report was accepted.

EXCUSES.

Good reasons in each case having been shown, the Grand Lodge voted to excuse the following representatives at the close of this afternoon session :

CHARLES H. JONES, Central Lodge, No. 45.

ROBERT B. STEVENSON, Aurora Lodge, No. 50.

FRANK F. TRAFTON, Rockland Lodge, No. 79.

FRED A. SHEAN, Fort Kent Lodge, No. 209.

The Grand Master called to the East M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, who, after some remarks, invited WOR. JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD, Master of Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, of Auburn, with his officers, to assume the stations and to confer the Master Mason's degree, which was done.

The Grand Lecturer resumed the East, and after brief comments surrendered the 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 the officers of Ancient Brothers' Lodge for the beautiful and correct rendering of the ritual in the work of the afternoon.

The Grand Master expressed his obligations to the officers of Ancient Brothers' Lodge for their attendance and work.

BRO. ALMOND P. HATCH presented his credentials as the representative of Bristol Lodge, No. 74, explaining that by reason of illness it was impossible for him to be present on the opening day, and it was

Voted, That ALMOND P. HATCH be entered on the pay roll as the accredited representative of Bristol Lodge, No. 74.

At 4:45 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Thursday, May 9, 1918. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE, for the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 9, 1918.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the preamble and resolutions of R. W. Bro. ARCHIE L. TALBOT, have given all the time that could be had for their consideration and present the following report:

Any proposition involving human sympathy, clothed in fervent language, and presented under strong excitement, generally affects the sensibilities of the hearer, so that contrary to his will the main question is answered by the response from his heart rather than from his brain.

Perilous times surround us, conditions call for sacrifice from the peoples living in nearly the whole world. Never has Masonry failed to be faithful to its principles in any crises that have arisen in the world's advancement and progress, and at the present time it will not fail to be responsive to every legitimate call made upon it.

The main question presented for our consideration is the withdrawal of our edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Orient of France which happened in 1870.

Forty-eight years ago the act was done. During this time some of us know whether or not Masonry in Maine has or has not remained steadfast, but what about Masonry in France? Is the body in France with which Maine severed its relations in 1870 in existence to-day? If it is not, is there any ban upon any Mason from Maine from holding communication with a Mason in France?

If the Orient of France existing in 1870 is now in existence which one of the three French Grand Bodies is it? Or are all three of them the heirs of that body of 1870? Or is any one of them such a Masonic Body as could not be recognized? Why are there three Grand Bodies and

under what rules of comity between themselves do they exist? The answers to these questions and many more of such nature is not in our possession. Hearsay evidence can be had, but there is not any direct evidence before us of facts upon which to base any conclusion as to recognition of one or two or all Grand Bodies.

By the recognition of any or all French Grand Bodies of to-day do we change the status of a Maine Mason in France? Is it necessary to have a Grand Body of Maine enter into fraternal relations with a foreign Grand Body so that Maine Masons may fraternize with the Masons of that foreign Grand Body? If, then, we are not in fellowship with any Masonic Grand Body in France, are Maine Masons individually thereby prevented from holding Masonic intercourse with Masons on French soil?

Your committee recommend the appointment of a special committee of three to consider the conditions under which Masonry in France exists and report thereon at the next annual communication.

Fraternally submitted,

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| ALBRO E. CHASE, | } Committee. |
| THOMAS H. BODGE, | |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | |

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The Grand Master appointed as that special committee Bros. ALBRO E. CHASE, ARCHIE LEE TALBOT and CHARLES B. DAVIS.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Bro. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 9, 1918.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have carefully considered such matters as have been presented to them, and respectfully submit the following report:

In the case of Bingham Lodge, No. 199, at Bingham, against PHILIP A. WOOD, wherein Bro. WOOD was on the eleventh day of August, A. D. 1917, by a unanimous vote of the Lodge, expelled from the Lodge, we recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the action of Bingham Lodge be approved and confirmed; and that Bro. PHILIP A. WOOD be and hereby is expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In the case of Monmouth Lodge, No. 110, at Monmouth, against CALVERT A. THOMPSON, wherein Bro. THOMPSON was expelled from the Lodge, we feel that the punishment may be a little too drastic and severe, and we recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the action of Monmouth Lodge be modified, and that Bro. THOMPSON be and hereby is indefinitely suspended from the Lodge, and from all the rights and benefits of Masonry during such suspension.

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, }
 GEORGE W. HOLMES, } *Committee.*
 ALBERT M. PENLEY, }

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

HISTORY.

BRO. WILLIAM N. HOWE, for the Committee on History, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
 PORTLAND, May 9, 1918.

Your Committee on History have attended to their duties and ask leave to report. During the year histories have been received from five lodges:

Arundel, No. 76, Kennebunkport. History from 1854 to 1917, printed, paper bound, 85 pages.

Presumpscot, No. 127, North Windham. History from 1864 to 1916, printed, cloth bound, 85 pages.

St. George, No. 16, Warren. History from 1906 to 1916, typewritten manuscript, 8 pages, letter sheet.

Penobscot, No. 39, Dexter. History from 1821 to 1917, typewritten manuscript, letter sheet.

Asylum, No. 133, Wayne. History from 1895 to 1917, typewritten manuscript, 81 pages.

These have been added to the file in the vault in the Grand Secretary's office.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM N. HOWE, }
 FRED C. CHALMERS, } *Committee.*

The report was accepted.

INSTALLATION AND APPOINTMENTS.

The Grand Master invited the Senior Past Grand Master, FRANK E. SLEEPER, to the East to install the Grand Officers.

Bro. WALDO PETTENGILL, as Grand Marshal, presented his successor, Grand Master elect Bro. Silas B. ADAMS, who was duly installed as Grand Master for the ensuing year, prayer being offered by Rev. DAVID L. WILSON, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments:

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| CONVERS E. LEACH, | <i>R. W. Cor. Grand Secretary,</i> | Portland |
| BERNARD ARCHIBALD | " <i>D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i> | Houlton |
| HENRY R. GILLIS, | " " <i>2d</i> " | Calais |
| CALEB G. ALDRIDGE, | " " <i>3d</i> " | Cutler |
| FOREST B. SNOW, | " " <i>4th</i> " | Blue Hill |
| EUGENE A. WHITTREDGE, | " " <i>5th</i> " | Foxcroft |
| LEON C. WOODMAN, | " " <i>6th</i> " | Orono |
| ALBERT R. PILLEY, | " " <i>7th</i> " | Brooks |
| ALLEN L. CURTIS, | " " <i>8th</i> " | Belfast |
| CHESTER B. HALL, | " " <i>9th</i> " | Warren |
| EDWARD C. LEIGHTON, | " " <i>10th</i> " | Wiscasset |
| WILLIAM F. LEAVITT, | " " <i>11th</i> " | Augusta |
| HARRY S. GRINDALL, | " " <i>12th</i> " | Waterville |
| ERNEST W. GILMAN, | " " <i>13th</i> " | Norridgewock |
| ASBURY M. BLAKE, | " " <i>14th</i> " | Lisbon |
| FRED HUTCHINS, | " " <i>15th</i> " | Kingfield |
| FRED E. SMITH, | " " <i>16th</i> " | Norway |
| FANNING J. BURBANK, | " " <i>17th</i> " | Portland |
| WALDO N. SEAVEY, | " " <i>18th</i> " | Fryeburg |
| GUY P. ROWE, | " " <i>20th</i> " | Danforth |
| WILLIAM R. BEAZLEY, | " " <i>21st</i> " | Buckport |
| LEWMAN B. SOPER, | " " <i>22d</i> " | Newport |
| FRED B. RAND, | " " <i>23d</i> " | Sanford |
| ALBERT T. BRADFORD, | " " <i>24th</i> " | Turner |
| HOWARD W. CHASE, | " " <i>25th</i> " | Millinocket |
| A. F. RUSSELL, JR., | " " <i>26th</i> " | Canton |

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| REV. WILLIAM H. FULTZ, | <i>W. Grand Chaplain,</i> | Portland |
| " DAVID L. WILSON, | " " | Bath |
| " I. JAMES MERRY, | " " | Kittery |
| " HENRY E. DUNNACK, | " " | Augusta |
| " ASHLEY A. SMITH, | " " | Bangor |
| " JOHN M. BIELER, | " " | Machias |
| " ARTHUR F. STRAY, | " " | Auburn |
| " ROBERT J. BRUCE, | " " | Portland |
| HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, | " " <i>Marshal,</i> | " |
| WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, | " " <i>Senior Deacon,</i> | Fort Fairfield |
| DAVID E. MOULTON, | " " <i>Junior Deacon,</i> | Portland |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, | " " <i>Steward,</i> | " |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, | " " | Biddeford |
| FRANK P. DENACO, | " " | Bangor |
| NATHAN C. REDLON, | " " | Portland |
| EBEN F. RICHARDSON, | " " <i>Sword Bearer,</i> | S. West Harbor |
| HIRAM A. WEBBER, | " " <i>Standard Bearer,</i> | Brunswick |
| WARREN C. KING, | " " <i>Pursuivant,</i> | Portland |
| WILLIAM R. HUGHES, | " " | Monson |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " " <i>Lecturer,</i> | Sabattus |
| WALTER S. SMITH, | " " <i>Organist,</i> | Portland |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | " " <i>Tyler,</i> | " |

The remaining Grand Officers who were present were installed by Bro. SLEEPER and proclamation was made.

The Grand Master assumed the East and thanked Bros. SLEEPER and PETTENGILL.

He then announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.

RALPH H. BURBANK, FRANK P. DENACO, WARREN C. KING.

On Grievances and Appeals.

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, GEORGE W. HOLMES, ALBERT M. PENLEY.

On Publication.

MILLARD M. CASWELL, EDWARD G. WESTON, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

On History.

FRED C. CHALMERS, WALDO PETTENGILL, CONVERS E. LEACH.

On Dispensations and Charters.

ARCHIE L. TALBOT, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, EDMUND B. MALLET.

On Amendments to the Constitution.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON, FRANK E. SLEEPER, WM. FREEMAN LORD.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

HUGH R. CHAPLIN, ALBRO E. CHASE, THOMAS H. BODGE.

On Foreign Correspondence.

ALBRO E. CHASE, FRANK J. COLE, ASHLEY A. SMITH.

On Condition of the Fraternity.

EDWIN A. PORTER, FRANK E. MONROE, ISAAC A. CLOUGH.

On Library.

GRAND MASTER, WILMER J. DORMAN, WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY.

On Transportation.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, WM. FREEMAN LORD, JAMES E. PARSONS.

On Returns.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, JAMES C. AYER, ERNEST P. PARLIN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

BRO. ALBERT M. PENLEY, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that the business of the communication was completed, and the report was accepted.

CLOSING.

The minutes were read by the Grand Secretary and approved, and at 11:15 the Grand Lodge was closed.

Attest:



Charles B. Davis

Grand Secretary.

The One Hundredth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine will be held at Masonic Temple, Portland, on Tuesday, May 6, 1919, at 9 o'clock A. M.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TRUSTEES . OF . THE . CHARITY . FUND.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND,

Tuesday, May 7, 1918.

The Trustees met in the Grand Lodge Office at 5 P. M.

Present—WALDO PETTENGILL, *President*,
SILAS B. ADAMS,
JAMES H. WITHERELL,
CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*,
FRANK E. SLEEPER,
EDMUND B. MALLET,
ASHLEY A. SMITH,
HOWARD D. SMITH.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was presented, as follows:

PORTLAND, May 7, 1918.

*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. |
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| 25 Shares Canal Bank Stock (National), | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| 18 " Casco-Mercantile Trust Co., | 1,800.00 | 180.00 |
| 14 " First National Bank Stock, | 1,400.00 | 98.00 |
| 20 " Westbrook Trust Co., | 2,000.00 | 120.00 |
| 4 Bonds Sagadahoc Light & Power Co., | 2,000.00 | 90.00 |
| 2 " Northern Pacific Railway Co., | 2,000.00 | 80.00 |
| 2 " Rockland Water Co., | 1,500.00 | 75.00 |
| 2 " Wladikawkas Railway Co., | 2,000.00 | 80.00 |
| 2 " Kennebec Light & Heat Co., | | 25.00 |

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| 1 | Bond | York County Water Co., | 500.00 | 25.00 |
| 1 | " | Denver City Tramway Co., | 500.00 | 25.00 |
| 5 | " | Portland Water Co., | 5,000.00 | 200.00 |
| 2 | " | Rumford Falls Water Power Co., | 2,000.00 | 80.00 |
| 1 | " | Delaware, Ohio, Water Co., | 500.00 | 25.00 |
| 3 | " | Toledo Terminal Co., | 2,200.00 | 99.00 |
| 6 | " | Boston & Maine Railway Co., | 6,000.00 | |
| 3 | " | Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co., | 3,000.00 | 120.00 |
| 3 | " | Portsmouth, Berkeley & Suffolk Water Co., | 2,000.00 | 100.00 |
| 1 | " | Town of Everett, Mass., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 | " | " " Hyde Park, Mass., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 | " | " " Methuen, Mass., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 2 | " | Standish Water & Construction Co., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 | " | City of Portland, Oregon, | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 | " | City Water Co., of East St. Louis, | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 | " | City of Springfield, Mass., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 5 | " | City of Minneapolis, Minn., | 5,000.00 | 200.00 |
| 1 | " | Town of Dexter, | 1,000.00 | 35.00 |
| 1 | " | The St. Joseph Water Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 | " | Muncie Water Works Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 | " | Wheeling Traction Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 | " | Huntington Water Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 | " | Utica, Mohawk Valley Railway Co., | 1,000.00 | 45.00 |
| 1 | " | Portland & Rumford Falls Deb., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 | " | Portland (Oregon) Railway Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 | " | Central Maine Power Co., | 1,000.00 | |
| 1 | " | Third Liberty Loan, | 1,000.00 | |
| 1 | Note, | Moody, secured by mortgage on Real Estate, | 5,000.00 | 250.00 |
| | | Augusta Savings Bank, | 1,000.00 | 82.42 |
| | | Skowhegan Savings Bank, | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | | Waterville Savings Bank, | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | | Wiscasset Savings Bank, | | 79.74 |
| | | Bath Savings Institution, | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | | Gardiner Savings Institution, | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | | Brunswick Savings Institution, | 1,000.00 | 82.42 |
| | | Maine Savings Bank, | 1,300.00 | 49.19 |
| | | Portland Savings Bank, | 1,500.00 | 52.96 |
| | | Belfast Savings Bank, | 672.82 | |
| | | Chapman National Bank, Savings Dept., Portland " " " " | 681.73 | |
| | | | 683.53 | |

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| Fidelity Trust Co.,..... | 2,000.00 | 80.80 |
| Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co.,..... | | 180.74 |
| | <u>\$76,738.08</u> | <u>\$3,451.87</u> |

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

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| 1917. | | |
| May 1. | To balance cash on hand,..... | \$3,260.43 |
| | “ income on investments, | 3,451.87 |
| | “ Kennebec Light & Heat Co., Bond called, | 1,000.00 |
| | “ interest on same, | 26.11 |
| | “ Wiscasset Savings Bank paid,..... | 1,000.00 |
| | | <u>\$8,738.41</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| | By amount paid beneficiaries,..... | \$2,304.00 |
| | “ “ Bond Central Maine Power Co.,... | 880.00 |
| | “ “ interest on same, | 11.11 |
| | “ “ Third Liberty Bond,..... | 1,000.00 |
| | “ “ deposited Portland Bank, (Savings Dept.,) | 135.00 |
| | “ “ rent of Safe,..... | 10.00 |
| | | <u>\$4,340.11</u> |

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| 1918. | | |
| May 1. | “ “ cash on hand to balance, | \$4,398.30 |
| | Fraternally submitted, | |

ALBRO E. CHASE, *Treasurer.*

The Grand Master reported that he had examined the securities and had found them all correct as stated, whereupon the report was accepted.

The Secretary presented 81 applications for relief, which were referred to a committee of two.

Adjourned to Wednesday P. M.

WEDNESDAY, May 8, 1918.

Met in Grand Lodge Office at 5 P. M.

Present—WALDO PETTENGILL, *President*,
SILAS B. ADAMS,
JAMES H. WITHERELL,
CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*.
FRANK E. SLEEPER,
HOWARD D. SMITH,
EDMUND B. MALLET,
EDWARD P. WESTON.

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

Voted, That one represent twelve dollars.

Voted, That \$3,104 be appropriated to pay the schedule.

Voted, That \$800 be placed in hands of President.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary instruct each applicant to name the age of the beneficiary in the application.

The renewal of the Grand Treasurer's bond was ordered to be left in the hands of the Grand Secretary, which was done.

Adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

Chas B. Davis

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, 1889.

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.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1918.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary instruct each applicant to name the age of the beneficiary in the application.

A true copy from the Record of Regulations and Votes.

Attest: CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Sec'y of Board of Trustees.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE.

1918.

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| SILAS B. ADAMS, Grand Master, | Ex-Officio. |
| EDWARD W. WHEELER, Deputy Grand Master, | " |
| WILLIS A. RICKER, Senior Grand Warden, | " |
| CARROLL S. DOUGLASS, Junior Grand Warden, | " |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, Rec. Grand Secretary, | " |
| HOWARD D. SMITH, elected May 2, 1916, for three years. | |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " " " " " " " |
| EDMUND B. MALLET, | " " 3, 1917, " " " |
| ASHLEY A. SMITH, | " " " " " " " |
| ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, | " " 7, 1918, " " " |
| EDWARD G. WESTON, | " " " " " " " |

STANDING REGULATIONS.

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.]

I. 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 four and one-half cents for each mile one way 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. [Amended 1914, p. 55.]

Standing Regulation, No. 33, relating to the jurisdiction of Deering Lodge, No. 183, was repealed May 3, 1917.

Standing Regulation, No. 35, relating to appointment of an Assistant Grand Secretary was repealed May 9, 1918.



AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Adopted since Edition of Constitution, 1900.

[Part Fourth, Article I, Page 42 of the Constitution.]

SEC. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions and processions 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 occasion of a public reception of him, or of a public mourning for his death. [1912, p. 53.]

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters.

FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

The following is my official report as District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District of Maine.

It has been my pleasure during the Masonic year just closing, to visit every lodge in my district at least once, and in three of these lodges at least twice. By reading the reports of the various District Deputies, it might appear to a casual observer that the duties of a District Deputy Grand Master in these days are rather more or less perfunctory, but a more careful observation will lead to the more nearly correct view, that by a careful study of Masonry and an earnest desire to be of service to the order, District Deputies can render themselves truly serviceable to the institution and make themselves a means of extending the real fraternal spirit among lodges as well as among Masons individually.

It has been my good fortune to be personally acquainted, and in the majority of cases intimately acquainted, with the Masters and Secretaries of the seven lodges in my district. And from this acquaintance I can truly say that the brethren now entrusted with the duties of these important offices are of a calibre which bespeaks high standards and a watchful supervision in their respective lodges.

These are features that you will observe in the different lodges, which leave their impression. For instance: In Aroostook Lodge, No. 197, at Blaine, I think I witnessed the most nearly perfect opening of a lodge that I have seen in my inspections. Trinity Lodge, No. 130, is fortunate in that the older and younger members appear equally interested, not only in its general prosperity, but in the maintenance of a high standard in the exemplification of the working of the degrees.

It was my pleasure to install, by special invitation, the officers of Limestone Lodge, No. 214; Trinity Lodge, No. 130; Eastern Frontier Lodge, No. 112, and Monument Lodge, No. 96. On January 26, 1918, I installed the officers of Trinity Lodge at Presque Isle, assisted by BRO. W. R. PIPES as Grand Marshal. On January 29, 1918, I installed the officers of Limestone Lodge, assisted by BRO. A. C. LEIGHTON as Grand Marshal. On February 13, 1918, I installed the officers of Eastern Frontier Lodge, at Fort Fairfield, assisted by BRO. WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, Past D. D. G. M., as Grand Marshal, and on March 14, 1918, I installed the officers of Monument Lodge at Houlton, assisted by BRO. C. A. McCANNA as Grand Marshal.

My first official inspection was at Fort Fairfield, October 3, 1917. On this occasion the work of the evening was preceded by a School of Instruction, conducted by our esteemed Past Grand Master, BRO. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. There was a good attendance. This is the third school I have attended in Aroostook County, and it is always a source of intense gratification to have these schools conducted by BRO. SLEEPER personally. That they are instructive when so conducted is a foregone conclusion. The ritual of all the degrees was gone over, and a more extended report will doubtless be given by BRO. SLEEPER himself. In the evening, Eastern Frontier Lodge worked the Master Mason degree on a candidate of Monument Lodge by virtue of a dispensation granted by you, the occasion being the lack of a candidate of Eastern Frontier Lodge. The Master of that lodge, BRO. W. G. CHAMBERLAIN, expecting that he might go into the Medical Corps in the United States Army, had previously given all the degrees to the candidates of his lodge. A large number were present, representing all the lodges in the district, as well as seven outside the district, including two District Deputies besides myself.

I also had occasion to inspect the working of the Entered Apprentice degree in this lodge on the date of my installing the officers. I wish to commend the practice in Eastern Frontier Lodge of giving the entire lecture in this degree, and to recommend its universal adoption. If a candidate is eager to acquire Masonic knowledge, the officers of our lodges ought to give him the instruction embodied in this lecture, which is Masonically so fundamental.

Inspection of the work of Trinity Lodge was made on the date of my installing its officers, January 28th, the Master Mason degree being the work of the evening.

On February 6th, I inspected work in the Master Mason degree in Limestone Lodge. Through unfortunate conditions of travel, the Grand Master was not able to get to Limestone, this being the date set for

the dedication of the new Masonic hall. When it was decided to postpone the dedication, arrangements were made to work the Master Mason degree, and a large number attended. The ladies of the Eastern Star had provided a magnificent banquet, and it was decided, in spite of the absence of the Grand Master, that so much good food should not be wasted, and consequently we were fed. The presence of several visitors added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Although I have frequently witnessed work in Monument Lodge during the year, I made my official inspection of this, my own Lodge, on February 20th, when work was done in the Master Mason degree.

I inspected Caribou Lodge, No. 170, March 7, 1918; the work being the Master Mason degree. On April 10, 1918, I inspected work in the Entered Apprentice and Master Mason degrees in Washburn Lodge, No. 193, and on April 12th, 1918, I inspected the work in the Master Mason degree in Aroostook Lodge, No. 197. I have not mentioned specific courtesies in each instance in giving the dates of my official visits, but I wish to say here that in each instance, without exception, I was most courteously and warmly received. Refreshments were served and I was made to feel at home.

In commenting upon the character of the work in the various lodges I am bound to say that while mistakes occur, there exists throughout the district a uniformity which in my opinion is due to the effort on the part of the Grand Lodge to accomplish this uniformity, and to the genuine interest taken by the officers of the subordinate lodges and their desire to acquire the knowledge essential to a proper rendering of the ritual. The result is apparent.

The records of the lodges are well kept, and I find that the lodges are in good financial condition, and that there are no appreciable arrearages in dues. My observation satisfies me that Masonry in this district is in splendid condition.

On March 26th occurred the dedication of the new Masonic hall at Limestone, at which the Grand Master and Grand Tyler, assisted by brethren in the neighboring lodges, conducted the dedicatory services. We cannot too enthusiastically review the work of this young and comparatively small lodge. With a membership of but 49, it has by determined and concerted action, erected a building of which any lodge might be proud. It has set a standard which older lodges can imitate to their profit.

Monument Lodge has just begun the erection of a splendid building at Houlton. It has purchased a lot on the north side of Main Street in Market Square, as good a location as there is in the business section of the town. The building, fifty feet by one hundred thirty-two

feet, with a southern exposure, is to be three stories high and furnish room for stores, theatre, ten suites of offices, with the third floor entirely for lodge purposes. The arrangement of the building is modern in every respect, and the lodge, which for some time has been suffering for more room, is to have a beautifully arranged new home.

I have also some intimation that other lodges in the district are contemplating taking similar steps. Caribou Lodge is now in new and splendid quarters.

The excellent condition of all the lodges, together with these signs of material improvement, justifies me in reporting that the First District gives promise of a bright and happy future.

I do not wish to close this report without calling your attention to the men who have left their homes and offered themselves to their country. Our service flags are now in our halls. These brethren of ours have learned, if indeed learning were necessary, that it was not an idle, unmeaning tenet to be "true to their government and just to their country." They are now teaching us that Truth is a Divine attribute, and that by their sacrifice they will help to bring the day when conditions the world over shall make it possible to render to every man his just due without distinction. Let us remember them as men and as Masons, and through our lodges, as well as through our individual effort, see that they are rendered their just due.

I thank all the officers and brethren of the various lodges for the many courtesies extended to me, and also you for my appointment as District Deputy Grand Master of this District.

Fraternally submitted,

BERNARD ARCHIBALD, *D. D. G. M., 1st M. D.*

Houlton, May 2, 1918.

SECOND DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

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 Second Masonic District.

On October 26th, I attended a School of Instruction held with St. Andrew's Lodge, Bangor, under the direction of M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer. It was a very instructive meeting, well attended and much interest manifested by all present. In the evening we attended St. Andrew's Lodge and witnessed work in the E. A. degree.

Each year for twenty-nine years, this district has held a convention of all the lodges in the district. This year we were to meet with Lewy's Island Lodge at Princeton, but on December 10th I received a communication from Secretary EUGENE S. WILBUR of Crescent Lodge, stating "That it was the opinion of Crescent Lodge that owing to the circumstances under which we are now living, and the state of the times in the Country at present, that during the remainder of the present war in Europe, the convention of the Second Masonic District be discontinued." I submitted a copy of his letter to the several lodges in the district and they agreed with the sentiments expressed by Crescent Lodge; therefore there was no Masonic convention held in the Second District this year.

On March 4th, I officially visited St. Croix Lodge and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. It being the first work for the present officers, I commended them on the manner in which it was done, very few corrections being necessary. There was a good attendance and much interest shown. I am pleased to report that St. Croix Lodge has recently purchased a building in a good location, which they intend to remodel for a Masonic Home. This Lodge is doing excellent work for charity.

At my request, BRO. FRED L. GARDNER, Past D. D. G. M., very kindly consented to visit Crescent Lodge on April 3rd. He reports witnessing work on one candidate in the E. A. degree, and on four candidates in the F. C. degree. Owing to the heavy traveling and the distance which many of the members live, the attendance was not what we would have had under normal conditions. The lodge does good work, and there is a great deal of interest among the members. In good condition financially, books well kept by BRO. WILBUR as Secretary and BRO. LEIGHTON as Treasurer. As this is BRO. GARDNER's home lodge, it has been his pleasure to attend nearly all of the meetings, and is familiar with its work.

April 15th, accompanied by several members of Washington Lodge, I officially visited Eastern Lodge at a special meeting and witnessed work on one candidate in the F. C. degree, and on three candidates in the M. M. degree. There was a good attendance and strict attention throughout. The officers deserve credit for the able and impressive manner in which the work was done, especially when we consider that owing to an epidemic of smallpox in their city, Eastern Lodge was closed during December and January, and did not have their election until February. Records are very neatly and correctly kept by BRO. HAWKES. A banquet at close.

Having planned to make my visit to Lewy's Island Lodge at the

time of the convention, I was unable to go later. This lodge has had the most work of any lodge in the district and from their report I find them in a very prosperous condition. W. M. Bro. SWAN reports that both of his Wardens have gone to the war. The records are neatly kept by Bro. THEODORE MORRISON.

Washington Lodge being my home lodge and as I have been present at every meeting, I did not deem it necessary to make an official visit. The officers of this lodge are interested in the work and are trying to bring it up to the standard.

There has been a fair amount of work in all the lodges in the district and peace and harmony prevail.

I wish to express to you, Most Worshipful, my deep appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by this appointment, and my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for all courtesies shown me.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT G. McBRIDE, *D. D. G. M. 2nd M. D.*

Lubec, April 23, 1918.

THIRD DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

On May 3rd, I received a reappointment as D. D. G. M. for the Third District, and was duly installed in Grand Lodge session of that date.

Owing to the severity of the winter and the bad traveling in consequence, I was unable to make any visits of inspection until late in the season.

January, 28th, I visited Pleiades Lodge, No. 173, at Milbridge, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree and installed the officers. These were the same as for the preceding year, and they are doing good work. The dues are well collected and the records finely kept. Lodge in good condition financially.

February 11th, visited Harwood Lodge at Machias, and inspected work in the E. A. degree, which was well performed. I found the records well and correctly kept, the dues well collected and a fine spirit pervading the brethren. This lodge has built a fine, large hall the past season, which they plan to dedicate in June next.

February 23rd, I made a visit of inspection of Tuscan Lodge, No. 106, at Addison. There was no work, but their opening and closing were of a high character, and the business of the meeting properly executed. This lodge is in a prosperous and healthy condition. Dues well collected and records correctly kept.

March 4th, I inspected work in Lookout Lodge, No. 131, at Cutler, in the M. M. degree, on two candidates. The work was well performed, and I found but few corrections necessary. This lodge, though small, is in a good financial condition, with dues well collected, and their records are well kept.

March 5th, I made an official visit to Warren Lodge, No. 2, at East Machias, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. This lodge, as usual, performed their work in a very creditable manner. The dues are well collected and the records properly kept.

March 12th, I inspected work in the E. A. degree, in Jonesport Lodge, No. 188, at Jonesport. Found the lodge doing excellent work, prosperous, and in good condition, dues well collected and records finely kept.

March 25th, I installed the officers of Narraguagus Lodge, No. 88. This being my home lodge, I have made no other official visit, but have attended most of their meetings when in town, and made corrections as occasion required. Have witnessed work in all the degrees, which has been well done on the whole. The records are properly kept and dues well collected.

I have regretted very much my inability to attend either of the Schools of Instruction, holden during the year by BRO. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, but business interests made it impossible.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges in the district for their courtesies, and you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor of my appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR H. BARTLET, *D. D. G. M. 3rd M. D.*

FOURTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

On October 26, 1917, I was privileged to attend a School of Instruction held at Bangor, by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. This school was held under the auspices of St. Andrew's Lodge, and nothing was left undone to make it a most enjoyable occasion. The meetings, which were conducted in BRO. SLEEPER'S inimitable manner, were very interesting and instructive and well attended. The master and wardens of every lodge should attend at least one of these meetings.

On January 21, 1918, by invitation, I installed the officers of Ira

Berry Lodge. I was assisted by P. M. FRANK L. STOVER as Grand Marshal. Interesting and helpful remarks were made by several of the brethren, and after lodge closed a social hour was enjoyed by all.

On March 12, 1918, I inspected Eggemoggin Lodge. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate in a very correct and impressive manner. This lodge has two past District Deputy Grand Masters, and they have imparted instruction to such good purpose that the ritualistic work of this lodge is of a very high order. A large number of visiting brethren were present from Marine, Reliance, Naskeag and other lodges. Interesting and instructive remarks were made by several of the brethren, and at the close of the meeting a sumptuous banquet was enjoyed by all.

On March 21, 1918, I visited Hancock Lodge and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on two candidates. The degree was conferred in a very correct and dignified manner, the wardens assisting the master in the lectures. Prior to the conferring of the degree, the candidates were examined in open lodge, and showed to all that they had made suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees. I earnestly recommend this practice, of examination in open lodge before advancement, to the lodges of my district.

On April 15, 1918, I inspected Ira Berry Lodge. As this is my home lodge, I did not require an exemplification of the work. The officers are efficient, the quarters spacious and modern, the records in first class shape, dues well collected, and they have abundant paraphernalia, but are receiving no initiations. I trust better times are ahead.

Owing to the severity of the weather and extreme difficulty in traveling, and to public duties connected with the Selective Service Law, much to my regret and to my keen disappointment, I have not been able to visit the other lodges in my district, and I was obliged to decline courteous invitations to install the officers of several of the lodges, but from what inspections I have been able to make and from other sources of information, I am able and gratified to report that all the lodges in my district are comfortably housed, have adequate paraphernalia, records well kept, dues well collected, an efficient corps of officers, and are doing work of a high order of excellence, and that Masonry is having a healthy and satisfactory growth, and that the tenets of our profession are being transmitted pure and unimpaired.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank the several lodges in this district for the uniform courtesy they have shown me, and to thank you for the honor conferred upon me.

Fraternally yours,

FORREST B. SNOW, *D. D. G. M., 4th M. D.*

Blue Hill, April 16, 1918.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District.

I had the pleasure of installing BRO. FRANK D. WEYMOUTH as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District, he having received his appointment from Grand Secretary CHARLES B. DAVIS.

June 1, 1917, I visited Piscataquis Lodge and witnessed work in the E. A., F. C. and M. M. degrees. The home lodge working the M. M. degree and two visiting lodges the E. A. and F. C. A large number were in attendance and the work was very well done. At the proper time a splendid banquet was served.

June 25, 1917, by invitation, I visited Penobscot Lodge. Two candidates were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The officers of Penobscot Lodge are energetic workers, and follow the ritual very closely. A banquet was served and a social hour enjoyed.

October 1, 1917, I was invited to install the officers of Abner Wade Lodge, which I did on that date, assisted by BRO. OMAR CARR as Grand Marshal. A very cordial welcome was given me, and I spent a most enjoyable evening.

November 1, 1917, I attended a School of Instruction held at Bangor by M. W. BRO. FRANK E. SLEEPER. A large number of Deputies were present, and the ritual was very carefully studied. It was very interesting and beneficial to me. In the evening, I witnessed St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, work the M. M. degree in a very pleasing and correct manner.

December 24, 1917, by invitation, I installed the officers of Pleasant River Lodge, No. 163, assisted by BRO. LEVI JOHNSON as Grand Marshal. I spent a very pleasant evening. A banquet was served at close.

December 28, 1917, I journeyed to Sangerville by team, accompanied by five brethren of Mosaic Lodge, No. 52, through a blinding snow storm, and inspected Abner Wade Lodge, No. 207. In spite of the weather, there was a large number present. Work in the M. M. degree was performed in a very satisfactory manner, very few corrections being necessary. The records are in the hands of BRO. ORVILLE D. CARR, and the financial condition of the lodge is good.

January 22, 1918, I installed the officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 200, assisted by P. M. RALPH BROWN as Grand Marshal. This lodge is in good financial condition and records are well kept. I intended at a later date to witness work by this lodge, but was unable to do so; the officers, however, are all good workers and are without doubt doing excellent work.

January 24, 1918, by invitation, I installed the officers of Mosaic

Lodge, No. 52, assisted by P. M. H. W. THAYER as Grand Chaplain, and P. D. D. G. M. ALLAN P. CLARK as Grand Marshal.

January 26, 1918, I made my official visit to Mr. Kineo Lodge, No. 109, and by invitation, installed its officers, assisted by P. M. C. S. DOUGLASS as Grand Chaplain, and P. M. LOUIS HOUSTON as Grand Marshal. I expected to witness work in the M. M. degree, but on account of illness the candidate was unable to be present. The records are neatly kept by BRO. JOSEPH T. DAVIDSON, and dues well collected. The lodge is in a prosperous condition.

February 21, 1918, I inspected Mosaic Lodge, No. 52, and witnessed work in E. A. degree, which was exceptionally well done. I made no corrections. The lodge has an excellent corps of officers, and the meetings are well attended by the brethren. The records are well kept by P. M. E. W. CROCKER, the dues well collected and financial condition good.

March 22, 1918, I inspected Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44. Work was rendered in a very correct and impressive manner on two candidates in the M. M. degree. The officers are all good workers and the brethren all take a great interest in the welfare of the lodge. BRO. F. E. MONROE keeps the records in a methodical manner, and dues are well collected to date. The lodge is in a prosperous condition.

March 25, 1918, I made my official visit to Pleasant River Lodge, No. 163, and witnessed work in M. M. degree, which was performed in a very pleasing and correct manner and very little criticism was necessary. The financial condition of the lodge is good, and dues well collected. I took pleasure in complimenting BRO. JOSEPH G. HENDERSON on the neat and efficient manner in which he kept the records. At close a banquet was served.

March 25, 1918. As I have not been able to visit Doric Lodge, No. 149, I requested P. D. D. G. M. W. R. HUGHES to inspect the lodge for me, which he has kindly done, and reports that he has attended all the meetings during the year, and that there has been no work, but the lodge has an efficient corps of officers. The records are neatly and correctly kept by BRO. P. M. W. C. JACKSON, and the dues are fairly well collected.

March 25, 1918, I requested P. D. D. G. M. FRANK B. ARNOLD to inspect Penobscot Lodge, No. 39, and I thank him very much for the following report: "I visited Penobscot Lodge on Monday Eve, March 25. There was work in M. M. degree: Three candidates were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The work was exemplified in a very pleasing manner, very few corrections being necessary. The officers are giving their full attention to the ritual, and I look to see a great degree of prosperity the coming year, a large class of candidates being on their way East. The books are very well kept in the

capable hands of BRO. CHAS. S. HUTCHINS as Secretary. The dues are somewhat behind, yet in better condition than last year."

April 11, 1918. I regret that I have not been able to visit Composite Lodge, No. 168, this year, but from reports the lodge is in good condition. I requested P. D. D. G. M. HARRY A. FOWLES to inspect the lodge for me, but have heard nothing from him to date.

It has afforded me great pleasure to visit the lodges the past year, and I wish to thank them for the cordial and courteous manner in which I have been received and entertained.

In closing, Most Worshipful, allow me to thank you for the honor of the appointment as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District,

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE A. WHITTREDGE, *D. D. G. M., 5th M. D.*

Foxcroft, April 11, 1918.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor of submitting my second report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District.

I was installed by D. D. G. M. E. A. WHITTREDGE, of the Fifth District, at Foxcroft, August 14, 1917.

Wednesday evening, October 17, 1917, I inspected Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, at Carmel. The meeting was a special one, called for the purpose of working the F. C. degree and installing the officers for the ensuing year. The degree work was very well done. The lodge has installed electric lights, and the members seem interested and proud of their lodge home. I was assisted during the installation by BRO. R. L. MITCHELL as Grand Chaplain, and BRO. DEXTER ROBERTS as Grand Marshal.

Friday, October 26, 1917, I attended a Lodge of Instruction, under Grand Lecturer SLEEPER, held with St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, at Bangor. The school was a great success in every way. Nearly half of the District Deputies in the state were present, and a large number of the officers and members of the nearby lodges. Special credit should be given to the officers of St. Andrew's Lodge, who not only sent personal invitations to the District Deputies and Masters of lodges, but also conveyed them by auto to Hampden, where at the Condeskeag Canoe and Country Club house, a splendid banquet was served. In the evening, the work of the lodge in conferring the E. A. degree was

inspected by the Grand Lecturer and myself. The degree work was unusually well rendered, impressive, and nearly letter perfect. The records, in the hands of BRO. ARTHUR JOHNSON, are models of neatness, system, and accuracy.

Saturday evening, November 26, 1917, I inspected Mystic Lodge, No. 65, at Hampden. The Master Mason's degree was conferred. The work was fairly well done, but not up to the kind exhibited here on my last visit. The lodge is prospering, the records being well kept by BRO. TRIBOU.

Tuesday evening, December 12, 1917, I inspected the work of Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, at Bangor, in the M. M. degree. There was a great improvement shown over the work on my last visit. The degree was splendidly conferred, the work not only being impressive, but nearly letter perfect. The records, in the care of BRO. COLE, are models of neatness and accuracy.

Wednesday evening, December 12, 1917, I inspected Mechanic's Lodge, No. 66, at Orono. Members of Mystic Lodge, of Hampden, were special guests. An oyster stew was served early in the evening, after which the F. C. degree was conferred. The work was up to the standard that I saw on my previous visit, impressive, with few ritual errors. This lodge is certainly to be congratulated for its efficient corps of officers. BRO. HANSON not only acts efficiently as Secretary, but delights to take part in the degree work itself. With a new lighting system, and its hall remodelled, it has most cheerful and comfortable quarters.

Friday evening, March 22, 1918, I inspected Howard Lodge, No. 69, at Winterport. The work of conferring the E. A. degree was well done. This lodge has been having more than its usual amount of work for the past year. The records are well and systematically kept by BRO. MORGAN.

Saturday evening, March 23, 1918, I inspected Lynde Lodge, No. 174, at Hermon. The officers were practically new, and quite a few errors were noted. Corrections were well received.

Monday evening, March 25, 1918, I inspected Star in the East Lodge, at Old Town. A splendid banquet was served, after which the M. M. degree was conferred. The work was nicely done, the officers were alert and confident, and part of the work being set to music, was very beautiful. The records are efficiently looked after by BRO. MERRILL.

Thursday evening, March 21, 1918, I inspected my home lodge, Olive Branch, No. 124. There was no degree work. The lodge has been hampered by a poor lighting system, but electric lights have been installed, and we are looking ahead with pleasure to their use. The lodge is prospering, and the best of feeling prevails among the members.

Being unable to attend Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137, it was inspected by one of its members, Past D. D. G. M. F. E. HARVEY, who kindly consented to do the work for me. He reports that "The lodge has held its own in membership, and is in good financial condition. The year started with an entirely new set of officers, who are interested in the work, and are making every endeavor to become well posted. Work on this evening (March 28th) was well done, in the E. A. and F. C. degrees."

In closing my services as a District Deputy, allow me, Most Worshipful, to again extend my thanks to you for the honor conferred. During the past two years I have not only been received with the respect due to one of your representatives, and a representative of the Grand Lodge, but also with a cordiality and fraternal feeling that has been very gratifying. Not one unpleasant incident has marred my relations with the brethren of the different lodges. The new acquaintances formed will always be a pleasant recollection to me, and I look forward with pleasure to the many times that those new friends may be met in the coming years.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

FRANK D. WEYMOUTH, *D. D. G. M. 6th M. D.*

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

I have personally visited, for the purpose of inspection, every lodge in the district, and it is with pleasure I can report that the condition of all the lodges is most satisfactory.

December 22, I made my official visit to Liberty Lodge, No. 111. Not being any work, and owing to the exceedingly cold weather, there were but few in attendance, and the evening was passed in studying the ritual. I found the records in the hands of BRO. GREELEY neatly and correctly kept, and the dues well collected.

January 22d, I visited Central Lodge, No. 45, at China, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on two candidates, which was done in a very creditable manner, especially as it was the first time that the work had been done by the present officers. After work, the brethren assembled in the banquet hall, where refreshments were served.

January 23d, I visited Sebesticook Lodge, No. 146. There was not any work at this time, and but a small attendance for that reason.

This lodge has had a good amount of work and has more in view. I found a good interest manifested by those present.

February 2d, I inspected Quantibacook Lodge, No. 129, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree, which was done in an impressive manner. The lectures, particularly, were rendered in a praiseworthy manner. A banquet followed the work of the evening.

March 5th, I witnessed the M. M. degree worked by the officers of Star in the West Lodge, No. 85, which was done in a most excellent manner, the ritual being followed so closely there was no room for comment. After work, the brethren assembled in the dining hall, where a banquet was served.

March 27th, I made my official visit to Marsh River Lodge, No. 102. The E. A. degree was conferred on one candidate, in a very creditable manner by the new officers, and much interest was manifested in the work of the lodge.

Unity Lodge, No. 58, being my Masonic home, I did not make any official visit, but have attended nearly every meeting. There has not been any work the past year. The records in the hands of P. D. D. G. M. A. W. WARD, are well cared for, and the financial condition of the lodge is good.

In closing, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers and members of all the lodges in the district for their kindness and the courtesy in which I was received on every occasion, and to you, Most Worshipful, I also extend my sincere thanks for the honor you conferred upon me by this appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

ELISHA P. WEBSTER, *D. D. G. M. 7th M. D.*

Thorndike, April 10, 1918.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

May 2, 1917, I attended the Grand Lodge of Maine, at Portland, and received my appointment.

I attended the Lodge of Instruction at Bangor, October 6th, held under the direction of St. Andrew's Lodge and conducted by M. W. BRO. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. This lodge was well attended, there being twelve deputies there from the several districts, all receiving much valuable information in the three principal degrees of Masonry. In the evening, we were invited to be present at the official inspection of

St. Andrew's Lodge, and enjoyed the work of the Entered Apprentices' degree.

On the 30th of October, I visited Mariner's Lodge, at Searsport, and although it was a very bad night, I had the pleasure of witnessing the work of the Fellow Craft degree. This work was done under great difficulties, as the storm had caused trouble with the electric circuit, thus making it necessary to resort to the light of former times—the candle. Several of the regular officers were absent, but from the way that all obstacles were overcome, I feel that this lodge is working with the spirit of "Just and Upright Masons." The few corrections that I made on the floor and ritual work were well received and appreciated.

On November 10th, I publicly installed the officers of Excelsior Lodge, at Northport. This lodge has had very little work for the past two years. P. D. D. G. M. PACKARD has served the lodge as Secretary for some time, and has the records of the lodge in perfect condition. Their financial report is also good. I was assisted at the Installation by P. M. BRO. E. L. SPRAGUE, of Island Lodge, as Grand Marshal. I was pleased to meet at the banquet after ceremonies, Past R. W. BROS. HILL and PACKARD.

November 14th, I visited Pownal Lodge, at Stockton Springs, and enjoyed the work of the Fellow Craft degree. Although the Master and Senior Warden of this lodge have been away the greater part of the year, the lodge is very prosperous and the meetings well attended. The records are well kept and the books written up in a business-like manner. As Past D. D. G. M.'s KNEELAND and AMES are still active in the work of Pownal Lodge, my inspection was made easy and pleasant.

On the 20th of March I was invited to be present at a meeting of King David's Lodge, at Lincolnville, but being away from home, was unable to accept. The report that I received, however, from W. M. BRO. HOWARD C. PENDLETON, of Island Lodge, shows that King David's is making several new members and bringing itself back to the place that it deserves.

I was also invited to inspect Timothy Chase and Phoenix Lodges, in Belfast, but was unable to do so after the new officers were elected. The report, however, that I received from R. W. BRO. CLIFFORD PATTEE, that both lodges are in excellent condition, and from their usual good returns, convinces me that they will continue to lead the lodges of the Eighth District in building up its membership.

My home lodge, Island, No. 89, has had a very prosperous year, and I am pleased to report that although handicapped by its location, has increased its membership with nine new members, and bids fair to make larger gains the coming year.

I wish to thank the lodges of the Eighth District for their courteous

entertainment, and only regret that I was unable to serve them more faithfully.

RALPH E. PENDLETON, *D. D. G. M., 8th M. D.*

Islesboro, April 24, 1918.

NINTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Ninth Masonic District, from January 4, 1918, on which date you honored me with the appointment as your representative, in place of R. W. BRO. EMIL F. WHITTEN, resigned.

I find the lodges in the district all pleasantly situated, rooms well furnished and paraphernalia in good condition. The work is uniform and of good quality, owing, in a great measure, to the benefit derived from the District Conventions that have been held for a number of years past. Altho this Convention was omitted last year, plans are being made to hold one in November.

January 31st, I made my official visit to Union Lodge, No. 31, of Union. The lodge was opened in the M. M. degree and two candidates were raised. The work was very well done, the ritual work of this lodge being equal to any in the district. A good number of members were present, also visitors from Warren, Washington, and Liberty. The records in the hands of BRO. LUCAS are correctly kept, and the dues are well collected. Refreshments were served at the close of the lodge.

February 15th, by invitation of the W. M., I officially visited Amity Lodge, No. 6, of Camden. Fifty or more members and visitors were present, and it was a great pleasure to see among these P. D. D. G. Masters and to note the interest which they took in the work. Work was in the M. M. degree and well done. This lodge has the name of doing good work, and is well up to the standard, so that we found very little to criticise. The books are in the hands of BRO. M. T. CRAWFORD, and no further comment upon them is needed. A lunch and social hour was enjoyed at the close of the lodge.

On February 22nd, I was invited to inspect the work of Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 203, of Washington. It being a bad night and the

traveling hard, only a small number were present. This being the stated meeting of the lodge, it was opened in due form. Two applications were received and the work in the M. M. degree was exemplified. If the officers who were absent were as proficient as those who were present, Mount Olivet Lodge is to be congratulated. This is BRO. LEROY CUNNINGHAM's first year as Master, but I have no doubt that the candidates who will receive the degree during the coming months will be well instructed. Five members of the lodge have been called to the colors, and one has died in the service. The financial condition of this lodge is good. I was hospitably entertained at the home of W. BRO. B. K. WARE.

March 2nd, I visited Knox Lodge, at South Thomaston, and was very cordially received. The lodge was opened in due form and one candidate was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. All but one of the officers are new in their present positions, but with R. W. BRO. CLARKE and R. W. BRO. CROWLEY as regular attendants at the meetings, this lodge does not lack for proper instructions. The books are in good order and the dues fairly well collected. This lodge has four of its members in the service. At the close, we partook of a nice clam crowder.

On March 4th, I officially visited St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, at Rockport, and after being received with all the honors due the office, the work of the third degree was performed for my inspection. This is a fine working lodge, the officers being all young men, thorough and correct in their work. Especially would I commend the Senior Deacon. This lodge voted to fly a service flag, and will start with twelve stars. The books are well kept, and I should say that from the manner in which the large number who were present were entertained, that the financial condition of the lodge was good.

March 7th, Eureka Lodge, at St. George, was visited. The lodge was opened in form and the regular business was transacted. It was then closed in the M. M. degree and opened on the work of the E. A. degree, the work of the degree being exemplified for my inspection. The work was very well done and the ritual closely followed. I have been told that the work in the succeeding degrees is equally as good. Such suggestions as we made in regard to the work were received in the proper spirit. The books are neatly kept and the dues well collected. The lodge has seven members in the service. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

March 20th, was the date of my official visit to Aurora Lodge, No. 50, at Rockland. At this time five candidates were raised to the

sublime degree of a Master Mason. The work was done in a dignified and impressive manner, every officer showing a disposition to render the work according to the instructions given us by the Grand Lecturer. That the work of Aurora Lodge is closely watched, was proven by the number of visitors from the various lodges in the district. The Secretary's books in the hands of BRO. A. H. NEWBERT, are models of neatness, and the cash book shows that in addition to the regular dues, he has collected over five hundred dollars that were in arrears. The brethren were hospitably entertained at the close of the meeting. Aurora Lodge has twelve members in the service.

March 26th, I was invited to visit Orient Lodge, No. 15, at Thomaston, and witness the work in the M. M. degree on two candidates. The work was done in a manner to call forth words of praise from all present, and but few errors were noted. The books of this lodge are well kept and the dues well collected. Some fine remarks were made by REV. BRO. HERBERT B. HUTCHINS, and at the close of the meeting a nice supper was furnished by the ladies of the O. E. S. Seven members are in the service.

April 3d, I was present, by invitation, to a stated meeting of Rockland Lodge, No. 79, of Rockland. The lodge was opened in full form. Three applications were received and four balloted upon. Work was then suspended in the M. M. degree and opened lodge of E. A. The work of initiation was well done, and such corrections as we thought necessary to make, were pleasantly received. I wish every Secretary in the district could look over the records of the lodge. BRO. MATHER is surely an artist in this line of work. The dues are well collected. At the close, we repaired to the banquet hall, and after refreshments, cigars were lighted, and a very social time enjoyed. Sixteen members are in the service.

St. George Lodge, No. 16, of Warren, is my home lodge, and as I try to attend every meeting, I did not consider an official visit necessary. The work of the lodge is well up to the standard, the books well kept, dues well collected, and the financial condition is good. Two members are in the service.

On the date set for my visit to Moses Webster Lodge, at Vinalhaven, the harbor was ice-bound, and as I did not wish to give up the privilege of a personal visit, I did not appoint anyone to make the inspection, hoping to go there later. For some reason unknown to me, I have heard nothing more from the lodge, therefore have no report to make.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the officers and members of the Ninth District for their kindness and courtesies, and most sincerely do

I thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of the appointment as your representative.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER B. HALL, *D. D. G. M. 9th M. D.*

Warren, April 5, 1918.

TENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District for the last year. I have visited all the lodges except one in this district for the purpose of inspection, and it is with pleasure that I can report that conditions of all the lodges are most satisfactory.

On October 26th, 1917, attended a school of instruction held at Bangor by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. It was interesting and instructive and all present must have received much valuable information.

On February 15th, I made my first official visit to Alna Lodge at Damariscotta, the M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate in a very impressive manner; the work nearly perfect. The officers of this lodge take great interest in the work.

On February 25th, 1918, I officially visited Bristol Lodge at Bristol, the Master Mason degree being conferred on one candidate; very good work being done. A large number were present, including visitors from Alna Lodge.

On February 28th, I inspected Meduncook Lodge, at Friendship. Work in F. C. degree, which was done in a very creditable manner. This lodge is doing good work with a good attendance at all its meetings.

On March 1st, I officially visited King Solomon's Lodge, at Waldoboro. Two candidates were raised to the Master Mason degree. This lodge does good work. An orchestra composed of members of the lodge adds greatly to the work. A large number were present, and at the close of the lodge a banquet was served.

On March 6th, I made an official visit to Dresden Lodge, at Dresden Mills. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate, in a very impressive manner. The lodge has a new hall which they expect to dedicate in the near future.

On March 7th, I officially visited Bay View Lodge, of East Boothbay, when the E. A. degree was conferred on one candidate. This lodge is doing good work, their officers being nearly all Past Masters.

On March 13th, I officially visited Riverside Lodge, of East Jefferson, work being done in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The officers of this lodge follow the ritual very closely. The dues are well collected and records well kept.

On March 21st, I officially visited Lincoln Lodge, at Wiscasset, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree; three candidates being raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. This lodge is doing fairly good work. The records are well kept.

On March 22nd, I officially visited Seaside Lodge, at Boothbay Harbor, at which time there was work in the M. M. degree, one candidate being raised. This lodge is doing good work, the Master's work being nearly perfect. The lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Anchor Lodge, of South Bristol, I have been unable to visit on account of traveling. I have heard from the same, however, and they are doing well.

This ends my report for this, my first year. It has been hard getting to the lodges this winter, because of storms and bad roads. In conclusion, I thank you, M. W. Master, for the honor conferred on me as District D. D. G. M. of the Tenth Masonic District.

Fraternally yours,

EDWARD C. LEIGHTON, *D. D. G. M., 10th M. D.*
Sheepscot, April 8, 1918.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith present my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District.

The Masonic year which has just closed has been marked by our Country's entrance into the great crisis which confronts the world. It is gratifying to know that several members of the lodges in this district have responded to the call of our Country, some of whom are "over there".

It has been a great privilege and inspiration to visit the lodges in this district. Peace and harmony prevail and the tenets of our profession are being exemplified among the brethren.

On May 29th, I officially inspected Augusta Lodge, at Augusta, where I witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very impressive manner. The ritual was very closely followed, the officers taking great interest in the work. There were but few errors. The records are neatly and correctly kept. I also installed the officers of this lodge, which was followed by a banquet.

I visited Hermon Lodge in an official capacity October 9th, where I witnessed work in the M. M. degree. There was a large attendance and good interest shown. This lodge sustains its reputation for excellent work and has a fine corps of officers. A banquet followed.

November 26th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Bethlehem Lodge, which was followed by a banquet.

April 1st, I inspected Bethlehem Lodge, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree. The officers are thoroughly interested in the work and their parts were rendered in a very impressive manner and very close to the ritual. Refreshments were served.

December 12th, I made my official visit to Kennebec Lodge, Hallowell, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. There was a very large attendance and the work was well done. The records continue in the hands of BRO. CURRIER, and are neatly and correctly kept. A fine banquet was served. It is also worthy of note that at the time WOR. BRO. ALTON W. BLAISDELL was elected he was serving in the U. S. Army, but was fortunate enough to get leave of absence, and was installed into office January 9th.

Temple Lodge being my Masonic home for 39 years, I deemed an official visit unnecessary, having attended the meetings on many occasions, and find the officers confining themselves very closely to the ritual, resulting in good work.

Owing to the distance to be covered by team, and bad traveling, I was unable to visit Dirigo Lodge at Weeks Mills.

March 26th, at my request, WOR. BRO. H. M. STARBIRD, P. D. D. G. M., inspected Morning Star Lodge, and reports that he was present on above date. The third degree was conferred on three candidates in a fine manner, little criticism required. The books are neat and well kept. A fine oyster supper was enjoyed at the close of the meeting in the banquet hall.

March 23rd, owing to a severe cold, I was unable to visit Monmouth Lodge. At my request, R. W. BRO. JOHN PRESCOTT, P. D. D. G. M., kindly consented to inspect this lodge, and reports good work in the M. M. degree. Records are neatly and correctly kept. Inspection followed by banquet.

As I close this, my second annual report as D. D. G. M. for this district, I wish to thank the officers and brethren for the kindness and courtesy with which I have been treated officially and personally.

And to you, M. W., for the honor of my appointment.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

JOHN H. McILROY, *D. D. G. M., 11th M. D.*

Winthrop, Maine.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

With pleasure do I submit my report for the Twelfth Masonic District.

October 13, 1917, by invitation, I installed the officers of Rural Lodge, No. 53, at Sidney. I was very ably assisted by WOR. BRO. EDMUND WILLIAMS as Grand Marshal, and WOR. BRO. ADELBERT BAILEY as Grand Chaplain. This was a public installation, and there was a goodly number of members and visitors present. After the installation, a short programme was given, consisting of readings and music, then we retired to the banquet hall, where refreshments were served.

October 19, 1917, I attended the School of Instruction held at Norway, and while this school was not as well attended as it should have been, those who were there displayed a great deal of interest and we received valuable instruction from Grand Lecturer SLEEPER.

On October 25, 1917, I installed the officers of my own lodge, Neguemkeag, No. 166. I was assisted by WOR. P. M. JOHN M. CATES as Grand Marshal, and BRO. MYRON TURNER as Grand Chaplain. This was a public installation and was well attended. Some musical selections were rendered during the ceremonies, and after the installation a banquet was served in the dining hall below.

November 28th, I installed the officers of Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54. I was very ably assisted by REV. BRO. RUTTER as Grand Chaplain, and WOR. P. M. JOE SCOTT as Grand Marshal. This was a private installation. There was a goodly number of brothers present. After the ceremonies, we retired to the banquet hall, where refreshments were served and a pleasant social hour spent.

On the evening of March 2nd, I made my official visit to Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, where I witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The

work was very ably done and shows that the officers of this lodge are close students of Masonry. The dues are fairly well paid, and the records well kept by BRO. COSTELLO WESTON. After the work, a banquet was served in the dining hall below, after which interesting remarks were made by visiting brothers and members.

March 6th, I made my official visit to Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54, where I witnessed work in the E. A. degree. The work was very well done and what few corrections were made were received in a brotherly spirit. I am pleased to report that this lodge seems to be in a prosperous condition, several candidates having been started in the work and more to follow. The officers of this lodge are mostly young men and seem to be taking great interest in the work. The records are well kept by BRO. NESBIT, but dues not very well collected.

On March 9th, I visited Rural Lodge, No. 53. There being no candidate, the work was exemplified in the F. C. degree, and, considering that they have had no work thus far this year, the manner in which they exemplified, shows that they are giving the work a great deal of study, as they kept very close to the ritual and but very few corrections were necessary. After the meeting, a bountiful supper was served. The records are well kept by BRO. HAMMOND and the dues fairly well collected.

On the evening of March 25th, I made my inspection of Waterville Lodge, No. 33. The work in the M. M. degree was up to the usual high standard which this lodge has a reputation for doing. But very few corrections were necessary and what were made were received by the lodge in a kind, fraternal spirit. I wish to make special mention of the excellent manner in which the records are kept by WOR. P. M. JONES. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brothers from neighboring lodges. At the close of the meeting a bountiful supper was served.

I wished, Most Worshipful, to be able to visit every lodge in my district during the year, but on account of the extreme conditions of the past winter and business engagements which prevented on one occasion, I have been unable to visit the remaining lodges. I have, however, an invitation from Messalonskee Lodge, No. 113, to visit them on May 4th, which I shall plan to do. On account of the scarcity of fuel the past winter this lodge has been unable to hold any meeting.

From the reports which I have received by inquiry, I think the condition of the other lodges in this district is up to the usual standard.

In closing, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment, and also the officers and mem-

bers in this district for the kind and fraternal spirit shown me during the past year.

Fraternally yours,

EVERETT S. COOMBS, *D. D. G. M. 12th M. D.*

East Vassalboro, May 1, 1918.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

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 Thirteenth District.

My first official visit was to Lebanon Lodge, No. 116, at Norridgewock, July 6th, accompanied by BROS. GEO. F. CHARLES and ERNEST H. WARD, of Euclid Lodge, No. 194. The M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates, which was performed in a most pleasing and satisfactory manner. The ritual closely followed and was very impressively rendered by W. BRO. ALBERT A. KIDDER. The records are in the hands of BRO. E. W. GILMAN. The dues are well collected.

August 11, 1918, inspected Bingham Lodge, No. 199, at Bingham. Work in the M. M. degree. BRO. ARLIE A. DINSMORE occupies the east. The work was impressively done, all the officers taking a special interest in the work. After the work a banquet was served in the banquet room of the lodge. The records in the hands of HAROLD A. COLEMAN are neat and correct.

September 16, 1918, I publicly installed the officers of Euclid Lodge, No. 194, assisted by P. M. FORREST J. WARD, as Marshal, and BRO. WILLIAM FOSTER, as Chaplain. At the conclusion of the installation, a choice banquet followed, and a musical program completed a most enjoyable evening.

September 24, 1918, I inspected Carrabassett Lodge, No. 161, at Canaan. The brethren exemplified the work in the E. A. degree. They did very well and showed that they could confer other degrees when they have work. The records are well kept and dues are well collected by BRO. ALPHEUS NASON.

October 5, 1918, I installed the officers of Lebanon Lodge, No. 116, at Norridgewock, after which refreshments were served. The brothers who accompanied me enjoyed the hospitality of which Lebanon Lodge is noted for. I was assisted by BRO. G. O. CARR, as Marshal, and BRO. CHAS. A. WHITING, as Chaplain.

October 10, 1918, I publicly installed the officers of Keystone Lodge, No. 80. This lodge at its annual meeting elects officers in the morning session and at noon retires to the banquet hall and has dinner. In the afternoon, I publicly installed the officers, P. M. MYRON C. JEWETT acting as Marshal, and BRO. CHARLES H. SEVERY as Chaplain. There was a large attendance of visiting brothers and members.

October 26, 1918, I attended the School of Instruction held at Bangor by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. All present were interested and benefited by the school. There was a large attendance of Deputies and brethren.

January 4, 1918, I installed the officers of Siloam Lodge, No. 92, at Fairfield, BRO. ERNEST HOLMAN acting as Chaplain and BRO. CHARLES H. GIBSON as Marshal. It was a cold night, but the refreshments warmed us up after the installation.

January 22, 1918, I installed the officers of Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, assisted by P. D. D. G. M. JOHN GETCHELL as Marshal, and BRO. PERLEY GREEN as Chaplain. A good number of brethren were in attendance.

February 11, 1918, I made my official visit to Somerset Lodge, No. 34, at Skowhegan, and witnessed the work in the E. A. degree. This lodge is enjoying a gratifying period of prosperity. The work was accurate, as it always has been. The records are well kept by BRO. WILLIAM T. SEEKINS.

March 27, 1918, I inspected work in Keystone Lodge, No. 80, in the M. M. degree, on three candidates. W. M. IRA ADAMS, assisted by the officers, did excellent work, very close to the ritual. There was a good attendance of the brethren. A choice banquet followed, completing a most enjoyable evening.

April 4, 1918, I made my official visit to Siloam Lodge, No. 92, at Fairfield. There was work in the Master Mason degree. BRO. HERBERT R. VARNEY, who is J. W. of this lodge, occupied the east, the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden having been called to the colors. The degree was conferred in a correct and impressive manner by BRO. VARNEY, on his son, who was the candidate, and who also has joined the colors. This lodge has fifteen of its members in active military service, and have a roll of honor posted in their lodge room. Refreshments were served at the work.

April 23, 1918, I made my official visit to Northern Star Lodge, No. 28. The E. A. degree was exemplified and very well done. The W. M. informed me that there has been no work for the year. After the work I asked the brethren to pass lecture, which they were only too willing to do, and it proved they were well informed. The records

are well kept and dues well collected by the Secretary, WILLIS L. HODGDON. Northern Star Lodge lost its home by fire January 1, 1918.

I have made no official visit to my own lodge, but have been present at all the meetings, and can report good work and the lodge prosperous. P. D. D. G. M. G. D. PERKINS occupies the east. Records are properly kept and dues well collected by Secretary ERNEST E. WARD.

In closing, I wish to thank the brethren of the Thirteenth District for the courtesies shown me during the year. I have also delivered ten Past Master diplomas, and conferred the degree on six Masters.

And now I desire to express to you, Most Worshipful, my sincere thanks for the honor conferred in appointing me your representative.

Fraternally submitted,
JAMES M. SPENCE, *D. D. G. M. 13th M. D.*

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth Masonic District.

On October 26th, I attended the School of Instruction held with St. Andrew's Lodge, Bangor, by Grand Lecturer FRANK E. SLEEPER. A large number of District Deputies were present, and a very interesting and instructive session was enjoyed. The Grand Lecturer and the visiting Deputies, as the guests of St. Andrew's Lodge, were after the close of the school, conveyed by automobile to the Condukeag Canoe and Country Club House, where a fine banquet was served, and a very pleasant hour spent. In the evening, I attended a stated communication of St. Andrew's Lodge, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree.

On January 8th, I visited United Lodge, No. 8, Brunswick. As I did not notify them of my intended visit, there was no work other than the installation of officers for the year, which was done by Wor. Bro. SAMUEL B. FURBUSH, in a very efficient and impressive manner.

On the evening of January 21st, I installed the officers of Ancient York Lodge—my home lodge—and was assisted by Past D. D. G. M. HARRY E. PLUMMER as Grand Marshal.

I received a cordial invitation to visit Freeport Lodge on the evening of February 4th. I was officially received into the lodge by Wor.

MASTER BREWER. The work of the evening was in the F. C. degree and was done in a pleasing manner; only a few corrections were needed. I had the pleasure of meeting MOST WOR. BRO. EDMUND B. MALLETT, and PAST RT. WOR. BRO. FRED E. WARD, who fills the important office of Secretary. The finances of this lodge are in good shape, dues very nearly collected. This was the first work the present officers had done, and I feel sure that the interest they manifested will insure continued good work. This was one of the coldest nights of the winter, and the hot oyster stew which was served at the close was appreciated. Owing to the extreme cold, the trains were very late, making it necessary for me to wait from 11 P. M. until 2 A. M. for a train, and with a long wait in Brunswick, it was half past four in the morning before I was able to reach my home.

I made my official visit to Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, on Wednesday evening, February 6th. This lodge has had a most prosperous year, having initiated thirty-six candidates. The M. M. degree was worked upon two at this time, and the manner in which it was done proved that the large amount of work, which they have had, keeps them in trim. Only a few corrections and instructions were necessary. The dues are fairly well collected, and some of their funds are invested in Liberty Bonds.

On March 12th, I visited United Lodge, upon invitation of WOR. MASTER ROGERS. Upon arriving at the hall, it was with regret that I learned of the illness of WOR. MASTER ROGERS, so he was not able to preside. PAST MASTER ERNEST L. MAYBERRY occupied the chair as Master, and the business of the evening was done in an efficient manner. The E. A. degree was conferred upon one candidate in a dignified manner, and the work of all the officers was of a high quality. The section of the E. A. lecture given by BRO. S. W. NICHOL was particularly fine. Refreshments were served at the close.

March 25th was the date of my visit to Richmond Lodge, No. 63. I was met at the station by W. M. HARRY S. JORDAN, and conducted to the hall, where I met many of the brethren. The E. A. degree was conferred upon two candidates, and I was very much pleased by the fine manner in which it was done. Most of the slight errors made in working the first candidate were corrected in the work on the second, so that it was only necessary for a few corrections. I think it is worthy of notice that eleven of the Past Masters of this lodge were present, and also that the lectures of the E. A. degree were given by their oldest living Past Master, WOR. BRO. WILLIAM H. WHITNEY, who is eighty years of age, and has been a Mason for fifty-six years. The

dignified and vigorous manner in which it was given was very impressive.

On March 26th, I visited Acacia Lodge, No. 121, Durham. This lodge has had an exceptionally good year, eight having been raised. The work of the evening was the E. A. degree upon one candidate, which was done in a very good manner. Most of the officers of this lodge live some distance from their hall, but are much interested in their work, and as many Masons in this vicinity can testify, Acacia Lodge is a fine lodge to visit.

I visited Village Lodge, at Bowdoinham, on Wednesday evening, March 27th. The Wor. Master, HENRY E. CORNISH, having secured a position in another town, was not able to be present, but the office was ably filled by the Senior Warden, A. P. M. GIVEN, who is also a Past Master. The Master being absent, and they having no candidate for the degrees, I did not think it necessary for them to exemplify the work of any of the degrees, although they were ready to do so. Village Lodge has one of the best lodge rooms in this vicinity, and the brethren take great pride in it. Past D. D. G. M. EDWARD L. WHITE serves the lodge as its efficient secretary, and is well posted in the work, so that the lodge is always sure of a wise counselor. Refreshments were served, and I enjoyed a very pleasant evening. This lodge celebrated its one hundredth anniversary this past year.

Monday evening, April 1st, was the date of my visit to Solar Lodge, No. 14. I was met at the station by Wor. Master RAYMOND B. WELCH, who was accompanied by the S. W., J. W. and a few of the Past Masters of Solar Lodge, and conducted to the Colonial Café, where a fine banquet was spread for the party, which was much enjoyed, after which we repaired to the lodge room. The work of the evening was the conferring the M. M. degree upon two candidates. The fine examination, which was conducted by Bro. Senior Deacon, of all the work in the previous degree, was answered in a prompt and thorough manner by the candidates, which brought forth applause from the brethren. The work of this degree was performed in a most creditable manner, their floor work being done with preciseness and dignity, which reflects much credit upon the officers of this lodge, and it required a sharp eye and an attentive ear to detect any errors in the rendering of the ritual. Bro. ALBERT L. STROUT, who has been the efficient secretary of this lodge for twenty-four years, is still at his post of duty, and has a set of records which for neatness and manner of recording them, would be hard to beat. At this meeting I had the pleasure of meeting P. S. G. W. W. SCOTT SHOREY, and Past D. D. G.

M. N. GRATZ JACKSON. The attendance at this meeting was large, and the music rendered by a quartette added much to the impressiveness of the work.

I have made no formal inspection of my own lodge, Ancient York, No. 155, but have attended all but one of its meetings, and have given to the officers what instructions seemed needed. The present officers are much interested in their work, and I have no doubt but what the present year will be a profitable one to them and that their work will compare favorably with the other lodges in the district.

In concluding this report, I wish to say that I consider the eight lodges, which comprise this district, doing good work; that the spirit of Masonry is manifested, and that peace and harmony prevail.

I am glad to report a net gain of sixty-one members for the year, and the total for the district is 1482.

I wish to extend to the officers and members of the several lodges my sincere thanks for the courteous manner in which I have been received and entertained, and assure them I appreciate their kindness. The work has been most pleasant and also instructive to me, and I trust it has been of some benefit to the brethren.

I sincerely thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me by the appointment as Deputy for this district.

Fraternally yours,

ASBURY M. BLAKE, *D. D. G. M. 14th M. D.*

Lisbon, April 13, 1918.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth Masonic District for the past year.

On November 10, 1917, I made my first official inspection for the year at Mount Bigelow Lodge, No. 202, at Flagstaff, where I witnessed work in the E. A. and F. C. degrees. The work of the officers was very nicely done and close to the ritual. Mount Bigelow Lodge, while one of the smallest in number of members, owns the building in which the lodge room is situated, which speaks well for the interest of its members in the order. Banquet at the close of the meeting.

November 26, 1917, was the date of my visit to Maine Lodge, No.

20, at Farmington. Maine Lodge is the oldest in the district and next to the largest in number of members. At this meeting, the M. M. degree was worked on two candidates in a very creditable manner. The work of W. M. JOHN ALLEN SWEET, JR., was very impressive. It is hardly necessary to state that I found the records neatly and correctly kept and the dues practically all collected, for BRO. GEORGE B. CRAGIN is still the secretary. A banquet followed the work.

On the evening of November 28, 1917, I made my official visit at my home lodge, Blue Mountain, No. 67, at Phillips. There was a very good attendance at this meeting and the M. M. degree was worked on three candidates. For a long time it has been the practice of this lodge to keep its Master in the chair only one year. This custom was changed at the last annual meeting, and Worshipful Master CRONKHITE and his officers are now serving their second year in their respective offices. I think this change will do much towards bringing about better ritual work. The dues are kept well collected by Secretary HARNDEN. Banquet.

November 30th, I drove to Strong and visited Davis Lodge, No. 191. There happened to be no candidate work, but the E. A. degree was exemplified. W. M. J. HAMMOND RICHARDSON is very correct in his ritual work and he has excellent support from the other officers. I was pleased to again meet Past District Deputy C. B. RICHARDSON, the efficient secretary of Davis Lodge. All enjoyed a banquet at the close of the meeting.

December 26th, was the date of my visit at Wilton. Wilton Lodge, No. 156, is a hustling wide awake lodge, and its officers and members always make a visitor feel at home. Although the night was severely cold, there was a large attendance, several visitors driving up from North Jay. The work in Wilton Lodge is up to a high standard, and I witnessed with pleasure the E. A. degree worked on one candidate.

The Worshipful Master is CHARLES J. COMINS, and I should judge from his good work that he has been a very zealous student of Masonry. Past District Deputy Grand Masters FRANK WOODCOCK and FRED E. TREFETHEN, both members of Wilton Lodge, were present, and the duties of the secretary's office are well looked after by BRO. TREFETHEN. Refreshments and a social hour followed the meeting.

December 27th, I made an official inspection of Mount Abram Lodge at Kingfield. The F. C. degree was worked on one candidate. The work was thoroughly and impressively done. The records are still in the efficient hands of BRO. A. L. WOODWARD. Mount Abram Lodge had more initiations during the past year than any other lodge in the

district. After the meeting a banquet was served.

January 2, 1918, I visited Kemankeag Lodge at Rangeley. Until this lodge was organized a few years ago, Rangeley was in the jurisdiction of my home lodge, and a visit to Kemankeag seemed almost like attending a meeting of Blue Mountain Lodge, as so many of the present members formerly belonged in Phillips. The work in the E. A. degree was very nicely done, Wor. Master SYLVADER HINKLEY, Senior Warden CHARLES W. BARRETT, and, in fact, all the officers being very correct in their rendering of the ritual.

January 23d, I went to Livermore Falls to visit Oriental Star Lodge. Again I had the pleasure of attending one of its semi-annual meetings, when afternoon and evening sessions are held. The E. A. and F. C. degrees were worked in the afternoon. Banquet at six o'clock, and in the evening the M. M. degree was worked on one candidate. I am pleased to say that the work was up to the same high standard that I found it a year ago. Oriental Star has the largest membership of any lodge in the district, and in the evening there was a very good attendance of the brethren. The very impressive and eloquent manner in which the charge was given to the candidate in the M. M. degree by REV. BRO. BLAIR is especially worthy of mention. The records are well kept by P. D. D. G. M. FRED RAYMOND, who has been the secretary of Oriental Star for several years.

January 25th, I went to Farmington by train and from there drove to New Sharon by team to visit Franklin Lodge, No. 123. From Farmington, I had the pleasure of the company of BRO. KENNETH A. ROLLINS, of Maine Lodge. The M. M. degree was worked on one candidate. BRO. ROSCOE G. PAINE is serving his second year as Worshipful Master, and the other officers are practically the same as last year. There was a good attendance and the work was well done. The records in the hands of BRO. SANDERS are correctly kept. Banquet followed the work.

March 5th, I made my last inspection for the year at Mystic Tie Lodge, of Weld. Here I witnessed very fine work indeed in the E. A. degree, on one candidate. The work of Worshipful Master LEE is above criticism, and that of Past Master PAINE, as Chaplain, and who delivered the charge, was very impressive, while the other officers were equally as well versed in the duties of their respective offices. The interest shown by the members of this lodge in Masonic work is especially pleasing. Past District Deputy CLEFF MAXWELL is the secretary and takes an active part in the work.

In closing this, my second year as District Deputy, I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have twice conferred upon

me, and I also desire to take this opportunity to thank the officers and brothers of all the lodges in the district for the pleasing and cordial manner in which I have been received on my visitations. The spirit of brotherly and friendly courtesy shown by the Masons of the Fifteenth District has made my duties as Deputy most pleasant to perform, and as time unveils the future that I trust may be in store for us all, I shall look back with many pleasant remembrances to my visits with the ten lodges of the Fifteenth Masonic District of Maine.

Fraternally submitted,

J. BLAINE MORRISON, *D. D. G. M. 15th M. D.*

Phillips, March 25, 1918.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy for the Sixteenth Masonic District.

I have personally visited every lodge in the district at least once during the year, and have found them all in a prosperous condition, and working in harmony. The officers and members appear to be interested for the welfare and good of their respective lodges.

October 19th, a Masonic School of Instruction was held at Norway, by Wor. Grand Lecturer FRANK E. SLEEPER. The school opened in the forenoon, and I regret that I was not able to be present until near the close of the forenoon session, but it was my pleasure to be present for the remainder of the day, and to witness the work of Oxford Lodge in the evening. That this School of Instruction was a help and benefit to the lodges in this district, I have found evidence in my visits to the several lodges, and I doubt not that the instruction received there has helped to improve the work in the other twenty-one lodges represented during the day and evening. In the evening, Oxford Lodge conferred the M. M. degree on one candidate in a manner that would do credit to any lodge, as was evident from the close attention and interest shown by the large number in attendance, and I wish that Grand Lecturer SLEEPER could have remained to witness this work, as I feel sure it would have met with his approval.

On invitation, I installed the officers of four lodges the past year;

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Oxford, Norway, October 26th; Jefferson, Bryant's Pond, October 30th; Granite, West Paris, November 26th; and Paris, South Paris, February 26th.

On February 22d, I made my official visit to Oxford Lodge, at Norway, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. This lodge has a fine corps of officers, all being interested and endeavoring to keep up the good reputation of this lodge, and the work was particularly pleasing. This lodge had a good amount of work for the year. The records are well kept, and the finances are in excellent condition.

February 25th, I visited Granite Lodge, at West Paris. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate, and the work was done in a most creditable manner. The officers appeared interested in their work, and showed a desire and ability to perform their parts in true Masonic manner. The records are well kept, and show that the dues are being brought up to date.

March 21st, I visited Crooked River Lodge, at Bolster's Mills. There being no candidate present, the E. A. degree was exemplified for my inspection. I made such corrections and suggestions at the close of the work as I considered would be helpful to the officers, which seemed to be appreciated by them. The membership of this lodge is somewhat scattered, and the officers have not had the benefit of rehearsals, as some of our other lodges have, but I feel that the good amount of work done by this lodge for the past year has been well done.

March 26th, I was present at the regular meeting of Mount Tir'em Lodge, at Waterford, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was conferred in a pleasing and interesting manner, on one candidate. Most of the officers showed a good knowledge of the ritual, and a desire to perfect their work, and the suggestions I made were well received. Though this is the smallest lodge in this district, the attendance was good, and their Masonic home one of the best.

On April 9th, it was my pleasure to visit Jefferson Lodge, at Bryant's Pond, a special meeting being held on that date for work in the E. A. degree. The reputation of this lodge was fully sustained by the impressive manner each officer rendered his part, manifesting a spirit to maintain the standard so well established by their predecessors. With pleasure I report that Wor. Bro. BOWKER continues as secretary, which is a guarantee that the records are neatly and correctly kept.

April 11th, I inspected the work of Bethel Lodge, at Bethel. The E. A. degree was worked on one candidate in a dignified and impressive manner. This lodge has not had a large amount of work the past year, but with the prospect of more candidates, I am sure, from the

zeal shown by the officers, that the work will be done in a manner which will be a credit to the lodge.

Paris Lodge, at South Paris, I have made no official inspection of, it being my home lodge, but I have been present at nearly every meeting held by the lodge, and at most of the rehearsals held by the officers, and have endeavored at all times to render such assistance as I could for the improvement of the work. The active officers of this lodge are all young in Masonry, but are alive to its interests, and are all working for its advancement. We have had work, I think, at every meeting for the year, and the lodge is in a prosperous condition.

In closing, I wish to say that the remembrance of my two years as Deputy for this district will be one of pleasure, and that I fully appreciate the cordiality, hospitality and courtesy shown me in the performance of my official duties, by the officers and brethren of the several lodges.

I also wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred in my reappointment.

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST J. RECORD, *D. D. G. M. 16th M. D.*

South Paris, April 26, 1918.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the 17th Masonic District.

I have officially visited all of the eleven lodges in this district, and at your request, three of the lodges in the 19th District, and am pleased to report all maintaining the high standard of work which has prevailed in this district, and in a prosperous condition.

All of the lodges have had about the usual amount of work, and some of them much more than the average amount.

The ritual and general instructions of the Grand Lodge have, in all instances, been closely adhered to.

The lodges in this district are very fortunate in their secretaries. I have examined the records of all of the lodges and find them exceptionally well kept, both as regards accuracy and Masonic procedure.

The war has made itself felt in most of the lodges. There is hardly

a lodge but what has sent one or more of its officers to fight for the cause of democracy and the true principles for which Masonry stands. I think every lodge in this district has purchased Liberty Bonds and has an honor roll of members in the service.

Owing to the conscientious work of the former deputies, and also to the co-operation of the officers of the different lodges, the present work has been made very easy for me, as but very few suggestions are needed. On every occasion I have been received most cordially, and, in most cases, with proper Masonic honors, and when suggestions have been made they have been received in the spirit in which they were given, showing that the officers are all anxious to perform their part of the work as nearly correct as possible.

The official duties performed by me have been as follows:

May 5, 1917, I installed Wor. Bro. NATHAN C. REDLON as W. Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

October 19, 1917, I attended the School of Instruction held at Norway. As usual, the school was under the direction of M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, and was a most instructive and enjoyable occasion. Of the eleven lodges in this district, I regret to state that there were but two represented. I sincerely hope that in the future more officers of the different lodges in this district will avail themselves of the opportunity of obtaining correct Masonic instruction. At 6:30 the members of Oxford Lodge served a fine banquet, and their hospitality was greatly enjoyed. In the evening, the officers of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, exemplified the M. M. degree in a very able manner.

October 25, 1917, I made my first official visit to Standish Lodge, No. 70, and witnessed the Master Mason degree. The work was performed in a very creditable manner, there being a large attendance. Refreshments and social time at close of the work.

November 24, 1917, accompanied by Wor. Bro. WILLIAM S. DRESSER as acting Grand Marshal, I officially visited Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, at North Windham. The weather was bad and not as many present as would have been had the traveling been better. Work in the Entered Apprentice degree was conferred in an impressive manner. Although I have heard the two sections of the lecture given more closely to ritual, I do not think I have ever heard them given in a more impressive or intelligent manner. The lodge owns its own hall and has just installed new furniture paid for by subscription from the craft. Refreshments served at the close of the work.

November 28, 1917, I officially visited Harmony Lodge, No. 38, at Gorham. Although a snowy evening, a large number of brethren were present and we witnessed the Master Mason degree exemplified

in a creditable manner. Harmony Lodge knows how to make a visiting brother feel welcome and never misses an opportunity to exercise this virtue. Refreshments at close of work.

December 31, 1917, I visited Deering Lodge, No. 183, and was received with full honors with Rt. Wor. Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS acting as Grand Marshal. This lodge has a reputation of doing excellent work, and the manner in which the officers exemplified the Master Mason degree was up to their usual high standard. The ritual was very closely adhered to, and both this and the floor work reflect the hard work and study each officer has given to his own part. This lodge is in a most prosperous condition, and the officers enjoy and benefit by the hearty co-operation and assistance of its Past Masters as well as by the large attendance of the craft.

January 15, 1918, was the date of my official visit to Casco Lodge, No. 36, at Yarmouth. It was also the night of the worst snow storm of the winter, and consequently but few of the brethren were present, and those who did brave the storm were amply repaid, as the Fellow Craft degree was conferred in a most satisfactory manner, Wor. Bro. LOUIS W. RIGGS acting as Grand Marshal. A fine supper was served before the work. This lodge is doing excellent Masonic work in caring for its sick and unfortunate members, and a fine Masonic, brotherly spirit prevails.

January 23, 1918, it was a pleasure for me to install the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 38, of Gorham. A goodly number of brethren were present, which showed the interest the brethren as well as the officers take in the welfare of the lodge. Wor. Bro. E. P. HANSON assisted as Marshal.

January 30, 1918, I made an official visit to Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186, of Cumberland Mills, and assisted by Wor. Bro. ARTHUR MANCHESTER acting as Grand Marshal, witnessed the Entered Apprentice degree. A large number of the brethren were present, and I cannot express myself too forcibly of the most excellent and impressive manner in which the officers conferred the degree. Wor. Bro. GEO. W. CRAIGIE, the Master, is a very conscientious worker, and this foundation degree, as I like to call it, made a deep impression on all of us. All of the officers performed their parts well, the floor work being worthy of special mention. Refreshments at close of work.

January 31, 1918, assisted by Wor. Bro. WILLIAM K. HERRMANN as acting Grand Marshal, I made an official visitation to Hiram Lodge, No. 180, of South Portland. Owing to the reputation this lodge has of working the Master Mason degree, the hall was crowded. The M. M. degree was conferred in a very efficient manner, the ritual being

followed very closely. There were three candidates, all being officers in the U. S. Service, and one with the rank of General. The lodge quartette rendered several selections in a pleasing manner, adding to the impressiveness of the work. Refreshments at the close of the work.

February 19, 1918, I made my official visit to Portland Lodge, No. 1, at Portland, Wor. Bro. WILL H. ADAMS acting as Grand Marshal. This is the oldest lodge in the state, and has enjoyed the reputation of doing excellent work. The Master Mason degree was conferred in a very efficient manner, all of the officers reflecting a close study of the ritual. The floor work was excellent. The last section of the work was done in an exceptionally impressive and correct manner. The Portland Lodge quartette added to the impressiveness. Refreshments at close of work.

February 27, 1918, I officially visited my own lodge, Atlantic, No. 81, of Portland, Wor. Bro. ELMER A. DOTEN acting as Grand Marshal. Work was in the Entered Apprentice degree. It is a delicate thing to pass judgment on the officers of one's own lodge, but in justice to them, am pleased to report that the work was well done and the ritual closely followed. Refreshments at close of work.

March 11th, 1918, I made my first official visit in the Nineteenth District to Dunlap Lodge, No. 47, at Biddeford, and was received with the same cordial welcome I have received in my own district. At 6:30 a fine supper was served. This social part greatly helps to more firmly cement the fine, brotherly spirit that was manifest. Work was in the Master Mason degree, Wor. Bro. C. F. KENDALL acting as Grand Marshal. This splendid degree was conferred in a very praiseworthy manner, the close attention the brethren gave being proof of their commendation.

March 14, 1918, I officially visited Temple Lodge, No. 86, at Westbrook, and was received in form, Wor. Bro. ARTHUR MANCHESTER acting as Grand Marshal. The work was the Master Mason degree, and was performed in a very correct and intelligent manner. Wor. Bro. OLIVER A. COBB is now serving in his thirty-fifth year as secretary, and it is needless for me to say that the records are correctly and Masonically kept. Refreshments at the close of the work.

March 27, 1918, I had the pleasure of making an official visitation to Saco Lodge, No. 9, at Saco, and witnessing work in the Master Mason degree, which was rendered in a commendable manner, the officers showing a keen interest in their work. Refreshments at the close of the work.

March 29, 1918, I officially visited Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, of Portland, Wor. Bro. ELMER A. DOTEN as Grand Marshal. My suite

was unusually large, and I had the honor of having in the same, Most Wor. Bro. CHAS. F. JOHNSON, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine; Rt. Wor. Bro. CHAS. B. DAVIS, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, four Past District Deputies, and a large number of Past and Present Masters, representing every lodge in this district. I was received with public grand honors. Work was in the M. M. degree and was exemplified in an exceptionally correct and dignified manner, reflecting credit on all of the officers. This is the largest lodge in the State, and they have had an exceptionally large amount of work this year, having raised thirty-six candidates, and also, at the request of other lodges, worked the degrees on four other candidates. This lodge has an honor roll of fifty-six members in actual service of the United States, of which they are justly proud. At the close of the work an elaborate banquet was served, Ancient Landmark quartette furnishing several selections, both during the work and at the banquet. Wor. Bro. CLAYTON J. FARRINGTON acted as toastmaster. Remarks were made by Most Worshipful Bro. JOHNSON, Lieut. Col. FRANK B. CUMMINGS, Dr. BIRNEY S. HUDSON and Major BALFOUR of the Canadian Army. The remarks were of a patriotic and Masonic nature and extremely interesting and instructive. Over four hundred brethren were present, and left the temple with a better conception of true Masonic character and loyalty to their country.

April 8, 1918, I had the honor of being the first Grand Lodge representative to make an official visitation to Orchard Lodge, No. 215, of Old Orchard. This is the youngest lodge in the State, having been constituted six months previous. All of the officers are new in Masonic work and taking much interest in bringing the work up to a high standard. A delicious clam chowder was served at 6:30, after which the officers exemplified the Master Mason degree in a way that would do credit to an experienced line of officers. I predict that in a short time Orchard Lodge will be doing work which will be second to none in their district. They are making a fine start and I wish them prosperity.

I wish to express to the officers of the different lodges my thanks for the cordial reception they have given me, and also to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred on me in appointing me your representative in this district.

Fraternally submitted,

FANNING J. BURBANK, *D. D. G. M., 17th M. D.*

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

It is with pleasure that I send you this, my second report. While it is not any great credit of mine, it so happens that every lodge in the district have their chairs filled with good working officers, and doing good work. I feel quite sorry that during my administration that I should lose a lodge out of the district, Mount Tir'em, of Waterford, having been transferred to the Sixteenth District. However, I sincerely hope that the change will be to their advantage and good. I visited Mount Tir'em Lodge on June 5, as planned, with Bro. PRIDE at the Grand Lodge, and my reception and visit was as pleasant as any that I have had during the year. I dare say that the D. D. from the Sixteenth District will be able to make a good report on its condition and work.

On June 1st, I visited Greenleaf Lodge, of Cornish. The work was exemplified in the E. A. degree, with all officers in their positions. The work was excellent, the finances are good, and the records well kept.

June 14th, I visited Delta Lodge, of Lovell, and as this was my first visit with them, I was delighted with the reception I received. The work was exemplified in the E. A. degree, with all officers present, and was a credit to any lodge.

On October 29th, I visited Pythagorean Lodge, of Fryeburg. This is the only lodge that has been inactive during the year, and there is a very good and sufficient reason, for the war has made big inroads into this lodge, taking its Master, Captain HUGH W. HASTINGS; its Marshal, my predecessor, Lieutenant JAMES W. EASTMAN, its Junior Warden; Private WILFRED H. BOSWORTH, and eight other members, all being volunteers. This has cast gloom over Pythagorean, which is hard to overcome, but by invitation of the Master-elect, ASA O. PIKE, I installed the officers on January 21st, and I have every reason to believe that during the coming year they will do some good work, as they have prospects in view.

On September 1st, I, with a few brothers from my own lodge, went across country to visit Oriental Lodge, of Bridgton. As there was two "fulls" in this month and some little misunderstanding between their secretary and myself, we had the pleasure of visiting a "picture show" instead of work in Oriental. Business of my own that could not be put off, hindered me making another visit at their September meeting. Election of officers at the October meeting. Condition of roads and weather have made it impossible to personally visit that lodge, but

it is with pleasure that I hand you the report that I received from Bro. SAUNDERS.

FRED R. BRADBURY, D. D. G. M. 18th M. D.

Dear Sir and Brother:—At your request, I inspected Oriental Lodge Saturday evening, February 23d. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree, which was done in a most excellent manner, the ritual was very closely followed, and the floor work was good. The dues are well paid, and the records correctly and neatly kept. The financial condition of the lodge is in good shape.

Yours Fraternaly,

D. C. SAUNDERS.

December 26th, I visited Mt. Moriah Lodge, of Denmark. All officers were in the chairs, and the work was in the M. M. degree. The ritual was followed closely. This lodge has very promising prospects in the near future.

In my own lodge, Shepherd's River, we have been very busy all the year. We have had work on every regular meeting night except one. The officers are interested, and we have had good attendance. The financial condition of the lodge is good, and the dues well collected.

In closing, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank the several lodges in this district for the courtesies which they have shown me during the past two years, and to thank you for the honor conferred upon me.

Fraternaly yours,

FRED R. BRADBURY, D. D. G. M. 18th M. D.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

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 Nineteenth Masonic District.

Not being able to be present at the session of the Grand Lodge when appointed, I was installed as D. D. G. M. in St. Aspinquid Lodge, York Village, on September 11, 1917, by R. W. GEO. N. STEVENS, of Kennebunkport.

On September 27th, with four brethren of Naval Lodge, I visited Arion Lodge, at Goodwin's Mills, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. Lodge was opened at 9 o'clock, about forty brethren present. The ritual was closely followed and the work well done. The spirit of unity and co-operation among the members is very noticeable in this lodge, and every brother is anxious to serve the fraternity.

After the work a fine oyster stew was served in the banquet hall, and enjoyed by all present.

October 26th, with a number of brethren from Naval Lodge, I visited Yorkshire Lodge, North Berwick. Work was exemplified in the M. M. degree on one candidate. A large attendance of Masons present. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, he having been called to the colors, P. M. BRACKETT occupied the chair, and is one of the best Masters in the district. The work was performed in a very fine manner and the ritual followed closely by all the officers. After the work a fine banquet was served, after which we repaired to the lodge room, where several speeches were made for the good of Masonry. R. W. LITTLEFIELD, Past District Deputy for this district, is an enthusiastic worker and a great help to the lodge. A very fine time was enjoyed by all.

On Tuesday evening, October 30th, I installed the officers of my own lodge, St. Aspinquid, of York Village. Owing to a bad storm, only about forty members were present. An orchestra furnished music at different periods during the installation, and was greatly enjoyed by all. After the ceremony a fine oyster stew was served in the banquet hall.

On October 31st, with four brethren of Naval Lodge, I visited Ocean Lodge of Wells, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. Owing to the distance of this lodge from the central district of Wells, and that a majority of the members live three and four miles from the hall, a large attendance could not be expected; also a number of the regular officers were absent. The work was done fairly well. The records are finely kept by Bro. WATERHOUSE. Good fellowship exists in this lodge, and a very interesting evening enjoyed. After the work an oyster stew was served.

On November 7th, I visited Naval Lodge, when work was performed on one candidate. About two hundred and fifty members and visitors were present. This was one of the best and most enthusiastic meetings I have attended for years. The officers of Naval Lodge rendered the ritual in a very fine manner, the floor work also was excellent, thus proving that Naval Lodge is living up to its high standard of

good Masonry. The records are very neatly kept by R. W. DAVID G. WALKER. At the conclusion of the work the officers presented the District Deputy with a fine gold fountain pen, which was greatly appreciated. A very fine turkey-supper was then served in the banquet hall by the ladies of Piscataqua Chapter, O. E. Star. Hon. HORACE MITCHELL acted as toastmaster, and some very fine toasts were given by several Past Masters from New Hampshire; also, Commander R. P. SCHLABACH, U. S. N., attached to the local Navy Yard, gave an address on "Masonry in the Present Crisis." A very pleasant evening was concluded by singing "The Star Spangled Banner" by all present.

On November 26th, I visited York Lodge, of Kennebunk, when the M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates. The lodge is sound financially, and the records are neatly kept by R. W. GEO. A. GILPATRICK. After the work a clam chowder was served.

On Tuesday evening, November 27th, I visited my home lodge, St. Aspinquid, at York Village, and witnessed the M. M. degree conferred on three candidates. While I have usually been present at the meetings, and know the character of the work, yet the officers performed the work on the evening of my official visit in a manner I have never seen excelled in this lodge. Piano and violin music added in an impressive manner to the degree work. Special mention should be made of the work of Worshipful Master DAVIS and Senior Deacon S. W. MOULTON. The records are correctly and neatly kept by Bro. JUNKINS. After the work, in behalf of the members of the lodge, the Worshipful Master presented the District Deputy with a set of gold cuff links. A clam chowder was served in the banquet hall after the meeting.

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment, and I wish, also, to thank the officers and members of the various lodges for the very courteous treatment extended to me on these visitations.

With all good wishes to my successor,

ARTHUR H. BAKER, *D. D. G. M. 19th M. D.*

February 8, 1918.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twentieth Masonic District. Shortly after my appointment I was installed by Past D. D. G. M. PHILIP J. MILLS.

September 25th, by invitation of the brethren of Baskahegan Lodge, of Danforth, I installed the officers and inspected the records and their work in the M. M. degree, and it gives me great pleasure to commend to you the splendid work of the lodge. Bro. ARTHUR J. HALEY is certainly a master in Masonic ritual, and the splendid bunch of men who support him are to be proud of. It has been my privilege several times to commend the work of Bro. PORTER, the secretary.

October 27th, by a special invitation, I attended Forest Lodge, at Springfield, accompanied by W. M. HENRY S. PINKHAM, of Horeb Lodge, and publicly installed officers. It is my privilege to be personally acquainted with the brethren of the lodge, and I cannot speak too highly of their "zeal and attachment" for Masonry. Wor. Bro. RAYMOND HAM makes the ritual very impressive and has marked ability as a leader. The records are finely kept by Bro. TRASK.

I have not visited Pine Tree Lodge, at Mattawamkeag, officially, but have met the brethren many times during the year. It is with great regret that I bring to your attention the death of the venerable Secretary, Bro. GEORGE W. SMITH, which occurred early last year.

At the December meeting, by request of the brethren, I installed the officers of my home lodge. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and has held many special meetings to keep up with the work. They are to be congratulated on some fine material.

It was my privilege to attend the School of Instruction, at Caribou, and again at Bangor.

While the Twentieth District is composed of only four lodges, widely scattered, we cannot but feel that we are doing our part in keeping the "tenets of our profession pure and unimpaired". While the call of our country has brought to me many new duties and responsibilities, and hindered me from doing many things I might otherwise have done, I feel thankful to you, Most Worshipful, for the appointment to this most honorable office, and the Masters and brethren of the district for the kindness and courtesy shown me.

Fraternally yours,

DANIEL W. BALLANTYNE, *D. D. G. M. 20th M. D.*

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

On October 26, 1917, I attended a School of Instruction, held at Bangor, by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER. There was a large attendance, and the school was very interesting and instructive. We were entertained at lunch at the Kenduskeag Country and Canoe Club, and in the evening, we were the guests of Rising Virtue Lodge, and had the pleasure of witnessing some very fine work.

By invitation, I visited Bar Harbor Lodge, on Thursday, November 8, 1917. The work was the Master Mason degree, and was conferred in a very impressive and accurate manner by W. M. EVERETT W. JOHNSON and the regular officers, a male quartette assisting in adding effect to the work. Bar Harbor Lodge is well versed in Masonry, and it has given me great pleasure to inspect the work in this lodge. The books are still in the hands of the veteran brother, BENJ. L. HADLEY, who has held this office for twenty-seven consecutive years, and, as through past years, they are correctly and carefully kept, and the dues well collected.

Agreeable to an invitation, I made my official visit to Tremont Lodge, on Thursday, December 13, 1917. The work of the evening was on two candidates, in the Fellow Craft degree, and on one candidate, in the Master Mason degree. The work was very creditably done by W. M. EARL W. GOTT and officers. It was a great pleasure to me to meet with the brethren of my home lodge, as my residence since my appointment as D. D. G. M. has been changed to Bar Harbor. The records are still in the hands of Bro. W. R. KEENE, and, as usual, correctly kept and the dues well collected.

Being notified of work in the Master Mason degree, I made an appointment to visit Rising Sun Lodge, on Tuesday, January 15, 1918, also made an appointment to visit Felicity Lodge, of Bucksport, on Wednesday, January 16th, but owing to the snow blockade, I was compelled to wait over at Bangor from Tuesday afternoon to Thursday afternoon before any train was sent through to Bucksport, which made it necessary for me to readjust my appointments, and accordingly I made my visit to Rising Sun Lodge on Thursday, January 17, 1918. The work was the Master Mason degree, which was rendered in an impressive and dignified manner by W. M. EUGENE L. DORR and officers; the floor work being exceptionally well done. I appreciate the effort

of the Master and brethren of Rising Sun Lodge in postponing the regular work from Tuesday to Thursday evening, and must congratulate them on the attendance with so short notice and snow nearly four feet on the level. Owing to sickness, the secretary, Bro. SETH R. HUTCHINGS, was unable to attend this meeting, but I found his books correctly kept and the dues well collected as usual.

I made an appointment to visit Felicity Lodge on Wednesday, January 16, 1918, but owing to the snow blockade and trains not running, I was unable to reach Bucksport on time for this appointment, and accordingly made an appointment by telephone to make the visit on Friday, January 18, 1918. I appreciate the very cordial manner in which I was received, also the efforts of the Master and brethren to conform with my request, and meet on Friday evening in place of Wednesday evening. This meeting was called especially for me to make my official visit, and there being no regular work on hand, W. M. HARRY R. PAGE opened the lodge in due form in the Master Mason degree. Sections of the three degrees were taken up for questions and answers, with some profit, I believe, to the brethren. On my last visit, I witnessed the work of W. M. PAGE and the same officers, and know that they are doing exceptionally fine work. The records are kept by Bro. FRANK L. WARREN correctly, and the dues are well collected.

I made my official visit to Mt. Desert Lodge on Saturday, Feb. 23, 1918. The work was the Master Mason degree, the candidate being examined in open lodge and passed a very fine examination. The work was done in a correct and impressive manner by W. M. ELTON L. BUNKER and the regular officers. The floor work was exceptionally good. This being their stated meeting I was pleased to note the smooth and businesslike way in which they conducted their regular business. The books were correctly kept by Bro. MARK W. SOMES, and I was pleased to note that the dues are now the best collected of any lodge in the district.

I made my appointment to visit Lygonia Lodge on Thursday evening, March 14, 1918, and requested that a degree be exemplified, but on my arrival and after consulting with the officers, I excused them from working, as there has been no work done by the new set of officers, and they did not feel that they were in condition to work. The lodge was opened on the M. M. degree and after a short talk the lodge was closed and we took up the work of the ritual for an hour or more. I have no question as to this set of officers becoming thoroughly conversant with the work, and feel sure that they will make a working team which will uphold the high standard of which Lygonia Lodge has always set. The

books are still in the hands of Bro. CHARLES W. JOY, and are correctly kept, with the dues well collected.

By appointment I visited David A. Hooper Lodge on Friday evening, March 15, 1918. The work was the Fellow Craft degree, which was correctly and impressively rendered by W. M. ARNO W. WOOSTER and his officers. I was received in the same cordial manner which is characteristic of David A. Hooper Lodge, and was entertained at the home of Past D. D. G. M. EDWIN F. CLAPHAM. The floor work of the degree was well executed and the ritual closely followed by all of the officers. The attendance was good, especially when it was considered that the mercury was several degrees below zero, the roads blocked with snow, and blustering. The books are correctly kept by Bro. EDWIN F. CLAPHAM and the dues are well collected.

I made my appointment to visit McKinley Lodge on Tuesday evening, March 19, 1918. The W. M., HERBERT P. RICHARDSON, being confined to his home with a broken arm, the lodge was opened by P. M. ALBERT D. MOORE. There was no regular work and the attendance being small owing to the weather, and knowing the efficiency of the work of McKinley Lodge, I excused them from working a degree. We took up sections of the ritual work and I answered questions of the brethren, and a profitable evening was passed. The books are correctly kept by Bro. CHARLES W. MARTIN and the dues are exceptionally well collected. McKinley Lodge should be congratulated that it is entirely out of debt, and a substantial amount in their treasury.

By appointment I visited Northeast Harbor Lodge, No. 208, on Tuesday evening, April 2, 1918. This being the stated meeting the business was conducted in a very smooth and businesslike way. There being no regular work, W. M. JOHN C. CLEMENT and his officers proceeded to exemplify the work of the Fellow Craft degree, which was rendered in a very pleasing and correct manner. The books are still in the hands of Bro. GEO. E. TURNER, which is a guarantee that they are well kept and the dues well collected.

Being notified of work in the Fellow Craft degree, I made my appointment to visit Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, on Wednesday evening, April 25th, 1918. Owing to the boat not running to Winter Harbor it was necessary for me to go around by way of West Sullivan, and drive sixteen miles. The candidate did not appear, and work was not exemplified as there were not many present. The lodge was opened on the M. M. degree and the work discussed. I should be pleased to see more interest in the work of this lodge. The finances are in good condition and the records are correctly kept by Bro. FRANK E. WESTON.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation to the Masters and

brethren of the lodges composing the Twenty-first District for the very cordial manner in which I have been received, for their assistance in making this a profitable year, and for the good fellowship which has pervaded their lodge-rooms on my visits.

To you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I am not unmindful of the honor you have conferred on me in appointing me as your Deputy for the past two years, and for which I wish to express my appreciation.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE HARMON, *D. D. G. M. 21st M. D.*

Bar Harbor, Me., April 26, 1918.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

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 Twenty-second Masonic District for the past year.

I have personally visited for the purpose of inspection, every lodge in the district, and it is with pleasure I can report that the condition of all the lodges is most satisfactory. The officers and members appear to be active and interested for the welfare of their respective lodges, and in the performance of the work, the ritual as a rule, is closely followed.

Accompanied by three of the officers of Meridian Splendor Lodge, October 26th, I attended the School of Instruction held in the Masonic Temple, Bangor, by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. There was a large attendance of District Deputies and brethren. This was the fourth School of Instruction which I have had the pleasure of attending and the instructions which I have received therefrom, have been helpful to me in my visits to the several lodges in my district. The ritual was recited and many questions asked and answered, the brethren evincing great interest in the school, and it must have been productive of much good.

The brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge entertained with a lavish hand, inviting about forty brethren to a banquet at the Conduckeag Canoe Club House, Hampden. The trip was made with autos kindly furnished by the brethren of this lodge. In the evening work was presented in the Entered Apprentice degree in a fine manner.

My first official visitation was with Pacific Lodge, on September 19th.

This was a special meeting called for the purpose of entertaining the annual convention of the lodges in the Twenty-second District. It being a beautiful moonlight evening, there was a very large attendance of 175, and twelve lodges outside of the district were represented with an attendance of 50, which made the total attendance 225. We also had with us two brothers from Somerville Lodge, of West Somerville, Mass., and one brother from Joppa Lodge, No. 40, Richmond, Va. Pacific Lodge presented work in the M. M. degree, on one candidate, in a very pleasing and impressive manner. The ritual was closely followed and very few corrections were necessary. After the work, we repaired to the banquet room below, where a tempting banquet was served by the ladies of the O. E. S. The records in charge of Bro. JOSEPH P. EATON are correctly and neatly kept. The brethren of Pacific Lodge take much pride in their fine new Masonic home.

On October 27th, accompanied by Past D. D. G. M. GUSTAVUS F. DINSMORE, P. M. JOHN E. KINGSBURY, W. M. FORREST L. SWETT, members of Meridian Splendor Lodge, and Bro. SUMNER TASKER, of Archon Lodge, I officially visited Anchor Lodge, No. 13, East Dixmont. Working under a dispensation, the three degrees of Masonry were conferred upon one candidate who was soon to enter the service of his Country. The work was very well done and the few corrections made were received in the proper spirit. The brothers seemed very interested and anxious to obtain information. The records are well kept and dues well collected. I was invited to install the officers two weeks later, but, having previously planned a vacation trip, Past D. D. G. M. GUSTAVUS F. DINSMORE kindly consented to install in my stead.

January 3d, I had the pleasure to install the officers of Meridian Splendor Lodge, No. 49, Newport, assisted by P. M. JOHN E. KINGSBURY as Grand Marshal, and Past D. D. G. M. GUSTAVUS F. DINSMORE as Grand Chaplain. During the installation, a fine program consisting of selections by the orchestra, solos and reading, was rendered, followed by an interesting talk on the Halifax disaster, by Bro. J. B. WOODS, M. D., Bangor, a member of St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, Calais. After the installation, a fine banquet was served in the dining hall under the efficient direction of Bros. B. G. CROXFORD and A. E. PERHAM, assisted by four "black-faced" waiters. This was a regular get-together meeting and an hour smoke talk was enjoyed by the brethren. I have made no formal inspection of this, my home lodge, but have been a regular attendant, have witnessed work in the three degrees, have made corrections from time to time, and have held "Schools of Instructions"

for the benefit of the craft. As I have been absent only three of its meetings during the past ten years, I can truthfully say that the officers are fully sustaining the reputation of this lodge for doing good work. This lodge is entering upon a season of prosperity, having eleven candidates at the present time.

I had made plans to visit Cambridge Lodge, No. 157, Cambridge, on October 30th, but the severe wind and rain storm which we had on this date prevented me from so doing. However, I made my official visit on January 22, 1918. Work was expected in the F. C. degree, but the candidate failed to appear owing to the bad roads and a rather stormy night, and I asked the officers to exemplify work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very creditable manner. By invitation, I afterwards installed the officers, assisted by P. D. D. G. M. GUSTAVUS F. DINSMORE as Marshal. Cambridge Lodge is fortunate in having Bro. FRANK J. HERSEY for its secretary; he has balanced his ledger twice, and at present only three members are in arrears for dues. A fine oyster supper was served at the close of the lodge.

January 25th, I officially visited Meridian Lodge, No. 125, Pittsfield, when the M. M. degree was conferred upon one candidate in a very impressive manner. By invitation, Past Master ERNEST L. MAXFIELD (W. M. in 1887) occupied the Master's chair, and had the supreme pleasure to raise his son, ERNEST Q. MAXFIELD, to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. This was the annual meeting and a large amount of business was transacted in a brisk and dignified manner. The records of this lodge are unusually well kept by Bro. SCRIBNER and the dues well collected. Refreshments followed an interesting meeting.

February 1st, I installed the officers of Meridian Lodge, No. 125, assisted by P. M. JOHN E. KINGSBURY as Marshal. This was a joint installation of this lodge and Ira Berry R. C. Chapter, with a good attendance of members from each body. A fine oyster stew was served at the close. The Past Master degree was conferred upon the newly installed Master.

February 20th, was the date of my official visitation to Corinthian Lodge, No. 95, Hartland. This lodge has had but little work during the past year, but received and accepted petitions at this meeting. The work and business of the evening were conducted in a faultless manner. Bro. MOULTON is a faithful and conscientious worker and has the support of a capable set of officers who are looking for advancement. Records in hands of Bro. E. A. WEBBER are well kept, and the financial condition of lodge good. Refreshments were served in the banquet room, after which two hours quickly passed in giving instructions to the principal officers of the lodge.

February 19th, I officially paid a visit to Plymouth Lodge, No. 75, Plymouth, and witnessed work in the F. C. and M. M. degrees upon two candidates. Considering that this was the first work conferred by the present Master, it was well done. I made some corrections at the close, which I trust were well received. This lodge, although the smallest in this district, has done the most work this year. Bro. C. T. HARRIS, who has long served the lodge as its secretary, has passed the winter in the South, and Bro. H. E. CLARK has well performed the duties of this office during his absence. I also visited this lodge in company with forty brethren from my home lodge on June 6th. Work was presented in a very impressive manner in the M. M. degree, with W. M. SMALL in the chair. Refreshments were served at the refreshment hour of each meeting.

On April 6th, in company with Bro. L. J. LEWIS, I inspected Parian Lodge, No. 160, Corinna. This was a special meeting called for the purpose of conferring the M. M. degree. An unusual feature of this meeting was that the candidates were father and son. The officers are all young men and their work was performed in an interesting manner. There was a good attendance of the members, and R. W. FRANK B. ARNOLD, Past Junior Grand Warden, was a guest of the evening. The records are well kept and dues well collected by Bro. KNOWLES, who is new to the office. A fine oyster supper was served at the right time.

Nearly all the lodges in the district have their service flags displayed, and several have bought Liberty Bonds, and also have presented their members who are in the service of their country with traveling certificates. I have delivered six Past Master's diplomas.

In closing, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers and members of the lodges in this district for their kindness and the courtesy with which I was received on every occasion.

My duties as District Deputy have been pleasant to perform. To you, Most Worshipful, I extend my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me by this appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

LEWMAN B. SOPER, *D. D. G. M. 22d M. D.*

Newport, April 13, 1918.

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I am privileged to submit herewith my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-third District.

September 24th, I attended a special communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Old Orchard, at which time Orchard Lodge, No. 215, was constituted, and when I had the honor to install its first officers. There was a good attendance of Grand Lodge officers, and at the close of the ceremonies, ample refreshments were served at a nearby hotel.

Saturday evening, October 6th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. WILLIAM O. NICHOLS, Bros. GEORGE HARDING and LOUIS G. HARDING, all of Preble Lodge, of Sanford, I attended a special communication of Day Spring Lodge, of West Newfield, and publicly installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. NICHOLS as Marshal. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Eastern Star, after which we listened to a most stirring patriotic address by Rev. Bro. IRA S. JONES, pastor of the Congregational Church. This address was especially intended to honor one of our young brothers of Day Spring Lodge, who was about to depart to engage in our country's service, and was one of the best addresses I have been privileged to hear. Rev. Bro. JONES is a veteran of the Civil War, and was well qualified to address the young soldier for whose safe return we devoutly hope. At the close of the address Rev. Bro. JONES presented the young man with a copy of the New Testament in behalf of the lodge. On this occasion I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Rt. Wor. A. Q. MITCHELL, P. D. D. G. M.

Friday, Oct. 19th, I was present at a Lodge of Instruction held under the direction of Most Wor. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, in the hall of Oxford Lodge, Nov. 18, at Norway. There was a fair attendance of the brethren. Serious attention was paid by those present and I assure you the instruction given was of great value to me. I had the pleasure of meeting several prominent members of the Grand Lodge whom I had not met before, also five District Deputy Grand Masters. In the evening Oxford Lodge worked the M. M. degree in a very able manner, and was highly commended by R. W. Bro. RECORD. Preceding the work a banquet was served, attended by two hundred or more of the brethren. Oxford Country lodges were well represented, and on the whole, I have never attended a Masonic gathering which I enjoyed more thoroughly, for a more fraternal and hospitable spirit could hardly have been shown.

January 2, I installed the officers of Preble Lodge, No. 143, of Sanford. I was assisted on this occasion by Rt. Wor. Bro. JOSEPH LECKENBY as Chaplain and Rt. Wor. Bro. FRANK WILSON as Marshal. The meeting was well attended and good interest was shown by the brethren. On this occasion, I had the pleasure—and honor—of installing Bro. GEORGE H. NOWELL for his thirty-second term as treasurer, a brother whose fidelity and efficiency are appreciated by the brethren of Preble Lodge.

January 21st, I inspected Buxton Lodge, No. 115, of West Buxton. The E. A. degree was worked on two candidates. Unfortunately, several offices have been filled almost continuously by substitutes, and as the lodge has not had the usual amount of practice, the work was not as smoothly performed as I have seen it in former times. However, I could plainly see that the working officers themselves noticed most of their errors as quickly as I did, so I was convinced that they were due more to lack of practice than to ignorance of the ritual. This is my home lodge, but since my removal to Sanford, I have not had the opportunity of sitting in it often. Since my last visit to it, Rt. Wor. Bro. OSCAR D. RAND and Bro. GEORGE E. SMITH have passed on, and, as I assured the brethren at the time, it did not really seem like Buxton Lodge to me, missing, as I did, those two faithful workers, to whom weather conditions or distance made little difference. Bro. JOHN BERRYMAN, who faithfully executed his trust as treasurer for more than thirty years, is succeeded by Wor. Bro. JOSEPH F. SANDS. The records are neatly and correctly kept by Bro. FRED T. EATON, who is a comparatively young Mason, and for a secretary of only one year's standing shows great aptitude.

January 22d, I installed the officers of Springvale Lodge, No. 190, of Springvale, assisted by Wor. Bro. WILLIS H. FOLSOM as Chaplain and Wor. Bro. CHARLES E. JEWETT as Marshal. Preceding the opening, supper was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. Lodge was opened at eight o'clock and the F. C. degree was worked before the installation. The meeting was well attended and several brethren from Preble Lodge were present. The usual cordiality of Springvale Lodge was in evidence.

January 23d, I publicly installed the officers of Freedom Lodge, No. 42, of Limerick. Considering the low temperature and the condition of the country roads, which were badly drifted, the attendance was very good. I was assisted by Bro. JOHN WOODSOME as Chaplain, and Bro. EDWIN COBB as Marshal. After the lodge was closed an oyster supper was served, followed by some very excellent music and a social hour. I was sorry to learn at this time that Rt. Wor. Bro. JAMES F.

CHADBOURNE had suffered a partial shock and was not able to be present.

My trip to the lodges in Limington, West Newfield and Parsonsfield, was attended by very unusual weather conditions, even for New England. Consequently, the attendance was rather small at all of these meetings.

February 19th, I inspected Adoniram Lodge, No. 27, at Limington, where I found Rt. Wor. Bro. HARDY H. MCKENNEY again in the East. Work was exemplified in the E. A. degree, and as might be expected in a lodge where officers are, with one or two exceptions, Past Masters, few errors occurred. The records, in the hands of Wor. Bro. GEORGE M. BRACKETT, are neatly kept, the dues well collected and a small balance in the treasury is shown. The lodge owns its hall and has built an addition which gives them a much better lodge room, as well as larger and more convenient ante rooms, which they intend to improve as their funds accumulate. The year 1918 sees the centennial anniversary of Adoniram Lodge, and Rt. Wor. Bro. MCKENNEY tells me they intend to observe it.

February 20th, I visited Day Spring Lodge, No. 107, of West Newfield. There was a small attendance of the brethren—not enough, in fact, to exemplify any work. We went over the ritual, however, to some extent, and several points which were not clear to the brethren were explained. The records, in the hands of Bro. JOHN L. CARLTON, are well kept, but more attention should be paid to the collection of dues. The brethren of Day Spring Lodge, and, indeed, I may say the same of all the lodges in this district, are very sociable, and it is always a pleasure to meet them. While I was in West Newfield, there was a drop of sixty-two degrees in the temperature, which made my trip to Parsonsfield anything but pleasant, so far as traveling conditions were concerned.

February 21st, I inspected Drummond Lodge, No. 118, of Parsonsfield, where I was the personal guest of Wor. Bro. GEORGE A. DOE. It was the intention of the brethren to begin work at two o'clock, but the severity of the weather, and the almost impassable condition of the roads, made them somewhat tardy in gathering. However, about four o'clock the lodge was opened with a small attendance and but three regular officers, so that to accommodate the brethren, I was obliged to assist in filling the chairs. In the E. A. degree I acted as Senior Warden; in the F. C. degree I was Senior Deacon during the "middle chamber" work, and in the M. M. degree I delivered the lecture. The jurisdiction of Drummond Lodge covers a large, but thinly populated area, and, considering the condition of the roads and the fact that the

thermometer registered twenty-six below zero, I could not help admiring the courage and zeal of the brethren, some of whom, including the Worshipful Master, live seven miles or more from their hall. There were several visiting brothers from a nearby New Hampshire lodge. Wor. Bro. SAMUEL M. BOOTHBY proves an admirable secretary, and his books are models of neatness and accuracy. Dues well collected and the financial standing fair. At this time I conferred the Past Master's degree on Wor. Bro. GEORGE A. DOE.

March 6th, I made my official visit to Preble Lodge, No. 143, of Sanford. Preble Lodge has been for some years the banner lodge of the district, both in members and in the correctness of their work. Sanford being the largest village in Maine, furnishes a good field from which to draw, consequently the lodge has work at practically every meeting, and it is inevitable that a lodge having constant work is in much better form for doing that work than a lodge having work at but few meetings could possibly expect to be. The proficiency of the officers of Preble Lodge is due to two factors: first, the earnest desire manifested at all times of the officers to do the work correctly, and secondly, the regular attendance of their two Past District Deputy Grand Masters—Rt. Wor. Bros. WILSON and LECKENBY, both of whom are very active in the affairs of the lodge. This communication was well attended, there being about 120 present. The work in the E. A. degree was well done and gave few opportunities to criticise. The records are still in the hands of Wor. Bro. JOHN WRIGHT, who, as a secretary, is "the peer of the best." Preble Lodge is sound financially and has few delinquents in the matter of dues. There were visitors from several lodges, among whom I was pleased to meet Rt. Wor. Bro. FRANK D. FENDERSON, my predecessor.

March 9th, inspected Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, of Alfred, being accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. LECKENBY and Bro. HUGH PINKERTON, of Preble Lodge. This was a special communication called for my accommodation. The lodge had no work, but the E. A. degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. TEBBETTS and his officers, in a manner, and with a proficiency worthy a much larger lodge. I had the pleasure of meeting again Rt. Wor. Bro. JAMES H. LITTLEFIELD, who was District Deputy Grand Master when I was Master of Buxton lodge. The records are well kept, but I would suggest that more attention be paid to the collection of dues. The privilege of being enrolled as a member of an institution such as ours is certainly worth the small annual fee usually asked by our country lodges.

March 26th, I made my official visit to Springvale Lodge, No. 190, of Springvale, where I witnessed work in the F. C. degree, the work

being up to the well known standard of Springvale Lodge, few errors being noted. Wor. Bro. RIDLEY is well supported by an able and interested corps of officers, all of whom seem to take the work very seriously, and acquit themselves creditably. The books are still in the hands of Wor. Bro. ARTHUR E. HORNE, whose abilities as a secretary are too well known to need any extended comment by me.

March 27th, I inspected Freedom Lodge, No. 42, of Limerick. Much to my regret, Wor. Bro. WHALEN was suddenly taken ill, so that I was unable to witness his work. The Senior Warden called Wor. Bro. JOHN H. SMITH to the East, and the lodge proceeded with the work of the evening, which was in the E. A. degree, and was very well done indeed, some few errors of a minor character being noted. Wor. Bro. GEORGE A. CARPENTER is still secretary, and the books are correctly kept and show a balance in the treasury. I hope later to visit this lodge and see the work of the Worshipful Master.

In consequence of the resignation of Rt. Wor. Bro. ARTHUR H. BAKER, D. D. G. M. of the Nineteenth District, you requested me to visit St. John's Lodge, No. 51, of South Berwick, and Arundel Lodge, No. 76, of Kennebunkport, which I accordingly did.

March 18th, I inspected St. John's Lodge, where I received a most cordial reception. There was a good attendance of the brethren, including visitors from Kittery, Salmon Falls, and Dover, N. H. Wor. Bro. PRESCOTT and his officers worked the M. M. degree in a most efficient and creditable manner. The lecture was illustrated by stereopticon views, which certainly must have made it much plainer and more impressive to the candidate, and I will add, that if the usual work of St. John's Lodge is up to the standard of this occasion, there is every reason for the lodge to congratulate itself. After the work, refreshments were served and a most enjoyable hour was spent in social and fraternal intercourse, the visiting brethren from Dover missing the last car, and, having, in consequence, to walk the distance of four miles, which, they assured me, they had often done before. I shall long remember my visit to St. John's Lodge with great pleasure. The records, in the hands of Bro. J. W. WHITEHOUSE, are among the best I have examined.

April 2, 1918, I visited Arundel Lodge, and was greeted in a most cordial manner. Although I had never before met any of the officers of the lodge, I was made to feel quite at home among them. There was a good attendance, including about forty visiting brethren from Saco and Biddeford, and a few from other lodges. Wor. Bro. PRESCOTT—it is a singular coincidence that the Masters of both the lodges which I inspected in the Nineteenth District are named PRESCOTT—who is

supported by a very able corps of assistants, worked the Master Mason degree in a particularly pleasing manner, and with a minimum of errors. As in St. John's Lodge, the lecture was beautifully illustrated and was orally delivered in a most dignified and impressive manner. I was again pleased to meet Rt. Wor. Bro. GEORGE M. STEVENS, P. D. G. G. M. After the work, refreshments were served, and I shall always count this among the pleasant incidents of my Masonic experience.

I have been fortunate enough to be able to visit every lodge in the Twenty-third District, and to have installed the officers in four of them, as well as to have visited the two in the Nineteenth District, which you assigned me, and in all these fourteen visits, I have been received most cordially and have made many acquaintances, which I hope to continue.

The lodges in the Twenty-third District are all prosperous, and, with one exception, have made net gains in membership. The district is well represented in the service of our country, and several of the lodges have their service flags. I believe all the lodges have remitted the dues of the brethren in the service, and some of them are furnishing each member so engaged with a Grand Lodge certificate, an example which may well be emulated by all the lodges under our Grand Jurisdiction.

In closing, Most Worshipful, permit me to express my sincere thanks to you for the honor of my appointment, and it would also be ungrateful to me not to acknowledge the many kindnesses shown me by the officers and brethren of the several lodges which I have visited.

Most fraternally yours,

FRED B. RAND, *D. D. G. M. 23d M. D.*

Sanford, April 4, 1918.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

October 19th, I attended the School of Instruction held at Norway, and presided over by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. This school was well attended, and, as usual, very instructive.

November 22d, I officially inspected Webster Lodge, No. 164. The

work of the evening was the F. C. degree and was very finely done. This lodge has had a prosperous year and the officers are manifesting much interest in their work.

December 17th, I inspected the work of Ashlar Lodge, No. 105. The work was the M. M. degree, and I am pleased to be able to say the high standard of work which we have been accustomed to witness in this lodge is being maintained.

December 26th, I officially inspected Tranquil Lodge, No. 29. The work was the M. M. degree, and was very nicely done and up to the same high quality this lodge exhibited before the Grand Lodge last May. This lodge has enjoyed a very busy and prosperous year, having raised more candidates than in any previous year in its history.

January 16th, I officially visited Rabboni Lodge, No. 150. This being their annual meeting, as well as their official visitation, I was therefore, a very busy one. The work was in the M. M. degree, and was fairly well done. At the close, I made a large number of corrections and suggestions, which I sincerely hope will be beneficial to the officers.

On January 24th, I inspected Tyrian Lodge, No. 73. On this visitation I was accompanied by a large delegation from the several lodges of Lewiston and Auburn. The work of the evening was the M. M. degree, and was impressively done. I made such corrections at the close as I thought best, and I have no doubt these corrections and suggestions will be a source of help to the newly installed officers.

On February 4th, I paid an official visit to Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, this being a special meeting called for the purpose of conferring the M. M. degree. The officers of this lodge take great pride in their work, and follow the ritual closely. Very few mistakes occurred.

On February 23d, being unable to attend the inspection of Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, I delegated R. W. CHESTER CHIPMAN to inspect the work and report to me, which he very kindly consented to do. He reported the lodge to be doing good work and the dues well collected, with prospects of a busy season ahead.

On March 23d, I paid an official visit to Nezinscot Lodge, No. 101. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree, which was very well exemplified. There was a good attendance, the Lewiston and Auburn lodges being well represented. At the close of the meeting we enjoyed refreshments and a social hour.

I have issued Past Master's diplomas to those who are entitled to them in this district.

I have examined the records of the different lodges and find that

the secretaries have attended to their duties faithfully, and that the dues are well collected.

I wish to thank the officers and members of the several lodges in this district for the fraternal spirit they have extended to me on all occasions when I have met with them. And to you, Most Worshipful, I extend my most sincere thanks for the honor conferred and the confidence reposed in me by this, my second appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE P. HALL, *D. D. G. M., 24th M. D.*

Lewiston, April 15, 1918.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the pleasant honor of submitting to you, Most Worshipful, my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fifth Masonic District for the year 1917-1918.

On account of not being in attendance at Grand Lodge at the time you were pleased to appoint me, I subsequently presented myself to R. W. S. G. W. J. H. WITHERELL, of Oakland, by whom I was regularly and duly installed into my office.

On October 26th, I had the pleasant experience of attending one of M. W. Bro. SLEEPER'S excellent schools of instruction, which was held under the auspices of St. Andrew's Lodge, at Bangor. This school was well attended and a most interesting and instructive session was held throughout the day, from which I, and I doubt not, the other "scholars," derived much Masonic knowledge for the better discharge of our respective duties. At the close of the session, District Deputies and other friends were entertained by the officers of St. Andrew's Lodge with a repast and social hour, which placed this lodge in an enviable position as regards hospitality and brotherly courtesy. In the evening, we witnessed work in the E. A. degree presented by St. Andrew's Lodge in a manner to make a fitting and instructive end to such an interesting school.

On January 22d, I made my first official visit, which was at Molunkus Lodge, No. 165, of Sherman Mills, where I witnessed the presentation of the E. A. degree, with Past Master AMBROSE in the chair, followed by work in the M. M. degree by the regular officers; the work of both degrees being presented in a very creditable and satisfying manner. After

a few suggestions and corrections of ritual were presented by myself, which were pleasantly received, refreshments were served and a social period enjoyed by all. At the time of my visitation, this lodge was experiencing a "boom" in membership, there being nine applications presented, being principally from young men desirous of gaining admission to our honorable fraternity before entering the service of their country. This lodge is in excellent financial condition, and its records are kept in a most creditable manner.

On February 20th, I visited Island Falls Lodge, No. 206, at Island Falls, where I witnessed work in the Fellow Craft degree. The Master of the lodge being in France in the service of his country, which service is the noblest and greatest duty of a Mason, the work was presented with the aid of one of the Past Masters. As this lodge is the home lodge of my predecessor, Past D. D. G. M. SAMUEL R. CRABTREE, it is needless to say that the lodge shows his special work, and that the work was presented in a pleasing manner, with few criticisms or corrections necessary. This lodge is rapidly paying for its commodious hall, and enjoys an excellent membership, being only surpassed by Pioneer, 72, and Nollesemic, 205, in number of members.

The following evening, February 21st, I had the pleasure of visiting Katahdin Lodge, No. 98, at Patten. Shortly after my arrival at the hall, by request, I conferred the honorary degree of Past Master upon Bro. FRANK L. HUSTON, with three Past Masters assisting, after which I witnessed the presentation of work in the M. M. degree. In view of the fact that this was the initial attempt at the M. M. degree by the officers of the Lodge, I was agreeably surprised, and also greatly pleased, at the impressive and excellent manner in which these new officers performed the work, it not being distinguishable from that of officers of long experience, and presented chance for very little criticism. Following the work a repast was enjoyed which spoke much for the hospitality and good fellowship of the brethren. This lodge is in excellent condition, both as to membership and finances, having made a net gain in membership of seventeen the past year, the largest gain of any lodge in this district during the last five years, which is as far back as I have records available to my use, and will doubtless extinguish all debt on its hall during the ensuing year. I came away with a very warm feeling for Katahdin Lodge and sincere wishes for its continued prosperity.

It was my good fortune to have the privilege of visiting the oldest and largest lodge in the district, Pioneer, 72, of Ashland, on March 27th, on which date a special meeting was arranged for my benefit.

Previous to the opening of the lodge, I conferred the honorary degree of Past Master on Bro. C. FRED COFFIN, with assistance of three Past Masters. Work in the E. A. degree was to have been presented, but owing to an unforeseen and unavoidable circumstance, the candidate was unable to be present. The lodge was opened in a dignified and impressive manner and perfect rendition of ritual, after which, by suggestion of the W. M., the meeting was converted into a semi school of instruction, the E. A. degree being read by the officers in a very able manner, after which I answered questions in the other two degrees to the best of my ability. Although I regretted much that I could not witness the actual degree work of this lodge, I feel that the present officers are maintaining the excellent standard which Pioneer has always enjoyed in the past. Following the work, excellent refreshments were enjoyed by all and a pleasant hour of good fellowship spent together. This lodge has made a net gain in membership of nine during the past year, placing it in first position in this district in size of membership, and is also in good financial position.

The following evening, March 28th, I had a pleasant visit with Fort Kent Lodge, No. 209, at Fort Kent, where work was presented in the M. M. degree. By request, I conferred the honorary degree of Past Master upon Bro. GUILFORD PERKINS, and a brother Past Master, whose name has slipped from my memory, with assistance of two other Past Masters present. Although the Master of this lodge was handicapped by the absence of some of the officers and a small attendance, the degree was conferred in a very excellent manner, the work of W. M. PERKINS deserving special mention, it being the smoothest and most impressive of any witnessed by myself in this district. At the conclusion of the work, the reputation of this lodge as one of the most hospitable in this district was well sustained by a most excellent banquet served by the ladies' aid, followed by an excellent program under the able leadership of Bro. GRINNEL as toastmaster. The business of this lodge is well conducted and its officers take an active interest in their work and considering the difficulty of the locality of the lodge, deserve much commendation for its present good condition and the Masonic spirit evinced.

I have been in attendance at nearly all the meetings of Nollesemic Lodge, No. 205, of Millinocket, this being my home lodge, and did not consider it necessary to make an official visitation. I have witnessed their work in all the degrees, making suggestions and criticisms to the officers after lodge from time to time as I deemed it advisable. This lodge is in a good financial position, and I feel that the standard of its work compares favorably with that of its sister lodges in this district.

In recapitulation, I desire to state that I consider this district in good condition, both as to finances and membership, it having made collectively a gain of thirty-seven members during the year past.

All of its lodges are officered by men who seem to have the interest and welfare of the Craft at heart, and to a great extent, show evidence of a desire to perform the work in an impressive and dignified manner; which in my estimation counts far more than letter perfectness of ritual toward giving the initiate a true perception of the pure principles of our Order and create in him a desire to attain a greater knowledge of this great symbolism of Masonry as applied to one's daily life in the community.

It has been a pleasure to me to meet with the officers and brethren of this district, and I desire to express to you my appreciation of the honor conferred, and to extend the thanks I owe to the officers and members of the lodges in this district, for the many courtesies and fraternal kindnesses extended to me.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD W. CHASE, *D. D. G. M. 25th M. D.*

Millinocket, April 8, 1918.

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. WALDO PETTENGILL,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-sixth Masonic District.

October 16th, by invitation, I installed the officers of King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, at Dixfield. There were about fifty present. Excellent banquet after the services.

October 19th, I attended the School of Instruction, at Norway, under the direction of M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. A very good attendance; if I am correct, there were six deputies present, and twenty-six lodges represented. This was the second School of Instruction I have had the opportunity to attend, but should say it was a grand success. I sincerely hope circumstances will be so I can attend more of BRO. SLEEPER'S schools. We were very graciously entertained at Oxford Lodge, No. 18. In the evening, that lodge worked the Master Mason degree on one candidate.

February 20th, I officially visited Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, at Rumford. Owing to the bitter cold weather, the attendance was too

small to exemplify any degree. The records are still in the hands of Bro. RAYNES, which leaves nothing for a Deputy to say.

By invitation of the Worshipful Master, I officially visited Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, Buckfield, on February 25th, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on one candidate. The work was very well done and the ritual closely followed. All but one of the officers are Past Masters of the lodge. Records are well kept by Bro. NEWTON and the dues nearly all collected.

February 26th, I officially visited King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, Dixfield. Work in the Master Mason degree on two candidates. I was very much impressed with the manner in which the work was performed. The ritual was very closely followed. The records remain in the hands of Bro. DILLINGHAM, which is sufficient guaranty. It gave me great pleasure to meet R. W. JOHN M. HOLLAND, Past D. D. G. M., at this meeting.

I have not made an official visit in my home lodge, Whitney, No. 167. As its secretary, I have attended every meeting, and while we have had no work since last June, I have witnessed several rehearsals, and will say the lodge is qualified to work the degrees should occasion require.

In concluding my report, I will say that the lodges in the Twenty-sixth District are in good financial standing. Most of them have given their support to our country, in members, and have purchased Liberty Bonds, or Savings Certificates. I would also take this opportunity to thank the officers and brethren of the different lodges for the courteous treatment afforded.

To you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I wish to express my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me, and I hope I have discharged my duties to your entire satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

ALPHONSO F. RUSSELL, JR., *D. D. G. M., 26th M. D.*
Canton, March 25, 1918.

Officers of the Grand Lodge.

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TOWNS IN MAINE WHERE MASONIC LODGES
ARE LOCATED.

| Location. | Lodge. | District. |
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| ADDISON, | Tuscan, 106, | 3 |
| ALFRED, | Fraternal, 55, | 23 |
| ASHLAND, | Pioneer, 72, | 25 |
| AUBURN, | Ancient Brothers', 178, | 24 |
| AUBURN, | Tranquil, 29, | 24 |
| AUGUSTA, | Augusta, 141, | 11 |
| AUGUSTA, | Bethlehem, 35, | 11 |
| BANGOR, | Rising Virtue, 10, | 6 |
| BANGOR, | St. Andrew's, 83, | 6 |
| BAR HARBOR, | Bar Harbor, 185, | 21 |
| BATH, | Polar Star, 114, | 14 |
| BATH, | Solar, 14, | 14 |
| BELFAST, | Phoenix, 24, | 8 |
| BELFAST, | Timothy Chase, 126, | 8 |
| BETHEL, | Bethel, 97, | 16 |
| BIDDEFORD, | Dunlap, 47, | 19 |
| BINGHAM, | Bingham, 199, | 13 |
| BLAINE, | Aroostook, 197, | 1 |
| BLUE HILL, | Ira Berry, 187, | 4 |
| BOLSTER'S MILLS, | Crooked River, 152, | 16 |
| BOOTHBAY HARBOR, | Seaside, 144, | 10 |
| BOWDOINHAM, | Village, 26, | 14 |
| BRIDGTON, | Oriental, 13, | 18 |
| BRISTOL, | Bristol, 74, | 23 |
| BROOKLIN, | Naskeag, 171, | 4 |
| BROOKS, | Marsh River, 102, | 7 |
| BROWNFIELD, | Shepherds River, 169, | 18 |
| BROWNVILLE, | Pleasant River, 163, | 5 |
| BRUNSWICK, | United, 8, | 14 |
| BRYANT'S POND, | Jefferson, 100, | 16 |
| BUCKFIELD, | Evening Star, 147, | 26 |

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| BUCKSPORT, | Felicity, 19, | 21 |
| CALAIS, | St. Croix, 46, | 3 |
| CAMBRIDGE, | Cambridge, 157, | 22 |
| CAMDEN, | Amity, 6, | 9 |
| CANAAN, | Carrabasset, 161, | 13 |
| CANTON, | Whitney, 167, | 26 |
| CARIBOU, | Caribou, 170, | 1 |
| CARMEL, | Benevolent, 87, | 6 |
| CASTINE, | Hancock, 4, | 4 |
| CHARLESTON, | Olive Branch, 124, | 6 |
| CHERRYFIELD, | Narraguagus, 88, | 3 |
| CHINA, | Central, 45, | 7 |
| CLINTON, | Sebasticook, 146, | 7 |
| CORINNA, | Parian, 160, | 22 |
| CORNISH, | Greenleaf, 117, | 18 |
| CUMBERLAND MILLS, | Warren Phillips, 186, | 17 |
| CUTLER, | Lookout, 131, | 3 |
| DAMARISCOTTA, | Alna, 43, | 10 |
| DANFORTH, | Baskahegan, 175, | 20 |
| DENMARK, | Mount Moriah, 56, | 18 |
| DEER ISLE, | Marine, 122, | 4 |
| DEXTER, | Penobscot, 39, | 5 |
| DIXFIELD, | King Hiram, 57, | 26 |
| DRESDEN MILLS, | Dresden, 103, | 10 |
| DURHAM, | Acacia, 121, | 14 |
| EAST BOOTHBAY, | Bay View, 196, | 10 |
| EAST DIXMONT, | Archon, 139, | 22 |
| EAST MACHIAS, | Warren, 2, | 3 |
| EASTPORT, | Eastern, 7, | 2 |
| ELLSWORTH, | Lygonia, 40, | 21 |
| EXETER, | Pacific, 64, | 22 |
| FAIRFIELD, | Siloam, 92, | 13 |
| FARMINGTON, | Maine, 20, | 15 |
| FLAGSTAFF, | Mount Bigelow, 202, | 15 |
| FORT FAIRFIELD, | Eastern Frontier, 112, | 1 |
| FORT KENT, | Fort Kent, 209, | 25 |
| FOXCROFT, | Mosaic, 52, | 5 |
| FREEPORT, | Freeport, 23, | 14 |
| FRIENDSHIP, | Meduncook, 211, | 16 |
| FRYEBURG, | Pathagorean, 11, | 18 |
| GARDINER, | Hermon, 32, | 11 |
| GOODWIN'S MILLS, | Arion, 162, | 19 |
| GORHAM, | Harmony, 38, | 17 |
| GREENVILLE, | Columbia, 200, | 5 |
| GUILFORD, | Mount Kineo, 109, | 5 |

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| HALLOWELL, | Kennebec, 5, | 11 |
| HAMPDEN, | Mystic, 65, | 6 |
| HARTLAND, | Corinthian, 95, | 22 |
| HERMON, | Lynde, 174, | 6 |
| HOULTON, | Monument, 96, | 1 |
| ISLAND FALLS, | Island Falls, 206, | 25 |
| ISLESBORO, | Island, 89, | 8 |
| JEFFERSON, | Riverside, 135, | 10 |
| JONESPORT, | Jonesport, 188, | 3 |
| KENDUSKEAG, | Kenduskeag, 137, | 6 |
| KENNEBUNK, | York, 22, | 19 |
| KENNEBUNKPORT, | Arundel, 76, | 19 |
| KINGFIELD, | Mount Abram, 204, | 15 |
| KITTERY, | Naval, 184, | 19 |
| LAGRANGE, | Composite, 168, | 5 |
| LEWISTON, | Ashler, 105, | 24 |
| LEWISTON, | Rabboni, 150, | 24 |
| LIBERTY, | Liberty, 111, | 7 |
| LIMERICK, | Freedom, 42, | 23 |
| LIMINGTON, | Adoniram, 27, | 23 |
| LIMESTONE, | Limestone, 214, | 1 |
| LINCOLN, | Horeb, 93, | 20 |
| LINCOLNVILLE, | King David's, 62, | 8 |
| LISBON FALLS | Ancient York, 155, | 14 |
| LITCHFIELD, | Morning Star, 41, | 11 |
| LIVERMORE FALLS | Oriental Star, 21, | 15 |
| LOVELL, | Delta, 153, | 18 |
| LUBEC, | Washington, 37, | 2 |
| MACHIAS, | Harwood, 91, | 3 |
| MADISON, | Euclid, 194, | 13 |
| MATTAWAMKEAG, | Pine Tree, 172, | 20 |
| McKINLEY, | McKinley, 212, | 21 |
| MECHANIC FALLS, | Tyrian, 73, | 24 |
| MILBRIDGE, | Pleiades, 173, | 3 |
| MILLINOCKET, | Nollesemic, 205, | 25 |
| MILO, | Piscataquis, 40, | 5 |
| MONMOUTH, | Monmouth, 110, | 11 |
| MONSON, | Doric, 149, | 5 |
| MOUNT DESERT, | Mount Desert, 140, | 21 |
| MOUNT VERNON, | Vernon Valley, 99, | 12 |
| NEW GLOUCESTER, | Cumberland, 12, | 24 |
| NEWPORT, | Meridian Splendor, 49, | 22 |
| NEW SHARON, | Franklin, 123, | 15 |
| NORRIDGEWOCK, | Lebanon, 116, | 13 |
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| Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. Louis A. Perkins, M.; Vernon O. Hussey, S.W.; George E. Merrow, J.W.; Orville D. Carr, S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, September. | 5 |
| Acacia, 121, Durham. Lyndon E. Sylvester, M.; Carl W. Brown, S.W.; Arthur W. Taylor, J.W.; Marcus W. Eveleth, R. F. D. 2, Lisbon Falls, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. | 14 |
| Adoniram, 27, Limington. Hardy H. McKenney, M.; Harry F. Maxim, S.W.; James F. Pillsbury, J. W.; George M. Brackett, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. | 23 |
| Alna, 43, Damariscotta. William B. Austin, M.; James G. Stetson, S.W.; Alfred W. Huston, J.W.; Wallace W. Chadwick, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. | 10 |
| Amity, 6, Camden. Herbert E. Sylvester, M.; Linn C. Sawyer, S.W.; Charles A. Wilson, J.W.; Melzer T. Crawford, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October. | 9 |
| Anchor, 158, South Bristol. George A. Woodwell, M.; Frank W. Jordan, S.W.; Henry G. McFarland, J.W.; John A. Turner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. | 10 |
| Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. John M. Littlefield, M.; William M. Richardson, S.W.; Claude W. Cox, J.W.; Frank L. Lowell (18 Center St.), S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. | 24 |
| Ancient Landmark, 17, Portland. E. Murray Graham, M.; Porter A. Roberts, S.W.; Clark D. Chapman, J.W.; Arthur J. Floyd, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. | 17 |
| Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. George E. Basford, M.; Harry J. Goodbout, S.W.; Fred P. Hall, J.W.; Ashbury M. Blake, Lisbon, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. | 14 |

- Archon, 139, East Dixmont. Rufus L. Tasker, Dixmont, M.; Willard B. Cates, Monroe, S.W.; John W. Goodwin, Monroe, J.W.; Fred M. Johnston, Hampden Highlands, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Byron L. Hill, M.; Frank Littlefield, S.W.; Walter F. Huff, J.W.; Hugh Steele, Dayton, R. F. D. 4, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 19
- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Harley B. Dority, M.; Malcolm T. Barry, S.W.; Harry A. York, J.W.; Fay B. Ramsay, Mars Hill, S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, November. 1
- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. Harry L. Prescott, M.; Byron C. Hall, S.W.; Thomas B. Baker, J.W.; Silas H. Perkins, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. George E. Bearce, M.; Herbert C. Edwards, S.W.; Blaine Abbott, J.W.; Fred I. Morrell, S. Meeting third Monday; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Frederick L. Chenery, Jr., M.; John H. Bamford, S.W.; Fred N. Parcher, J.W.; Frederick L. Chenery, S. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. Arthur Manchester, M.; Herbert I. Low, S.W.; Merrill C. Manning, J.W.; Almon L. Johnson, Box 424, S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. Harold D. Jennings, M.; Leonard V. Clark, S.W.; James Wright, J.W.; Albert M. Pingree, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Robert V. Stevenson, M.; Benjamin J. Philbrook, S.W.; Edward O'B. Gonia, J.W.; Albert H. Newbert, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. William Cane, M.; John P. Howard, S.W.; Ray C. Gray, J.W.; Alvan A. Goodell, S. Meeting third Saturday; election, January. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Harold P. Whitmore, M.; Samuel Hillson, S.W.; Charles W. Cutting, J.W.; Benjamin L. Hadley, S. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. J. Arthur Haley, M.; Arthur W. Gilpatrick, S.W.; Howard D. Lee, J.W.; Martin L. Porter, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. Harry R. Barlow, M.; Victor K. Montgomery, S.W.; Norman K. Vanhorn, J.W.; H. Elmer Fernald, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Charles B. Friend, M.; Frank A. Loring, S.W.;

- J. Calvin Hasey, J.W.; Walter A. Smith, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, December 27th. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. Dellison C. Conroy, M.; E. Linwood Brown, S.W.; Edward P. Lyon, J.W.; Herbert C. Rowe, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. Harold A. Allan, M.; George H. Bangs, S.W.; Charles W. Creasy, J.W.; Pearle E. Fuller, S. Meeting first Monday; election, October. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. Arlie A. Dinsmore, M.; Pearl A. Woodard, S.W.; Lee S. Smith, J.W.; Harold A. Coleman, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. Leo H. Frisbie, M.; Leopold Schonauer, S.W.; Charles W. Burdett, J.W.; Walter O. Raynes, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 26
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Alfred G. Cronkhite, M.; Walter S. Hodges, S.W.; Norman E. Butler, J.W.; Nathaniel H. Harnden, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, Septemeb. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol. Almon P. Hatch, M.; Edwin A. Leighton, S.W.; Ralph E. Gorham, J.W.; Edwin J. Ervine, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Millard F. Dearborn, M.; Oliver E. Earle, S.W.; Alfonso F. Flint, J.W.; Fred T. Eaton, S. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, January. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Carroll F. Bailey, M.; Fred C. Eldridge, S.W.; Ralph W. Bailey, J.W.; Frank J. Hersey (R. F. D. 4, Dexter), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Willard P. Hamilton, M.; Edgar W. Russ, S.W.; J. Beecher Swain, J.W.; Harry M. Vinal, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. George A. Maxfield, M.; Charles L. Williams, S.W.; Alpheus Nason, J.W. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. Henry G. Rogers, M.; Aubrey W. Maxim, S.W.; Wilmer E. Sawyer, J.W.; Herbert M. Moore, Yarmouthville, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. Wallace W. Jones, M.; George M. Hammond, S.W.; Charles L. Taylor, J.W.; John A. Woodsum, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Adelbert G. Rogers, M.; B. F. Brown, S.W.; Phil C. Young, J.W.; John H. Brown, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 5

- Composite, 168, La Grange. Allen A. Kirkland, M.; Herbert H. Hatt, S.W.; Roland J. Heal, J.W.; Benjamin F. Crehore, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Bert H. Moulton, M.; Edwin D. Young, S.W.; Thomas S. Dearborn, J.W.; Edward A. Webber, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Frank G. Conant, Meddybumps, M.; James Abernethy, S.W.; Walter W. Leighton, J.W.; Eugene S. Wilbur, West Pembroke, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Melville R. Wilbur, M.; Albert W. Weston, S.W.; Fred C. Weston, J.W.; Edward A. Wight, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Horace C. Marsden, M.; Ashley F. Chipman, S. W.; Harry T. Merrill, J.W.; Lewis E. Jordan, (R. F. D.), S. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. Arno W. Wooster, M.; William B. Blaisdell, S.W.; William Milne, J. W.; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. J. Hammond Richardson, M.; Lionel F. Allen, S.W.; Raymond A. Starbird, J.W.; Charles B. Richardson, S. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. Everett E. Ham, M.; William A. Davis, S.W.; George F. Wentworth, J.W.; John L. Carleton, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. Wilson C. Blake, M.; L. Everett Fickett, S.W.; Guy E. Hill, J.W.; Francis E. Chase, 188 State St., S. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. Waldo W. Seavey, M.; Weeman G. McAllister, S.W.; Eugene H. Woodbury, J.W.; Preston B. Walker, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. Randall C. Maxwell, M.; Welcome S. Reed, S.W.; C. H. Leach, J.W.; Orren F. Sproul, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. Henning T. Johnson, M.; Lyman E. Davidson, S.W.; Giles M. Fogg, J.W.; Walter C. Jackson, S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. John H. Mayers, M.; John C. Cheney,

- S.W.; William H. Houdlett, J.W.; Ernest C. Palmer, Gardiner, R. F. D. 11, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10
- Drummond, 118, Parsonsfield. George A. Doe, M.; Frank W. Towne, S.W.; Samuel G. Pease, J.W.; Samuel M. Boothby, Kezar Falls, R. F. D. 2, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. Edward C. Thompson, M.; William H. Stone, S.W.; Paul H. Watson, J.W.; Everett M. Staples, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 19
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. John P. Hutchinson, M.; Herbert Kilby, S.W.; Ira E. Dyas, J.W.; Wheeler C. Hawkes, Box 312, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. William G. Chamberlain, M.; Thurber E. Holt, S.W.; George Herbert Foss, J.W.; William N. Gould, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggemoggin, 128, Sedgwick. Raymond C. Bridges, M.; Wilbur S. Daniels, S.W.; Chandler Bowden, J.W.; Frank C. Allen, S. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. Granville D. Perkins, M.; Geo. B. Walker, S.W.; Herman Perkins, J.W.; Ernest H. Ward, S. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Manfred Humphrey, M.; Everett W. Cook, S.W.; Paul G. Rivers, J.W.; Elmer E. Allen, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Chester C. Tuttle, M.; Horace A. Murch, S.W.; Washington Heald, J.W.; Arthur L. Newton, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 26
- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Charles E. Drinkwater, M.; Oscar Drinkwater, S.W.; Rollo Watkins, J.W.; Everett L. Bird, S. Meeting first Wednesday in each month; election, November. 8
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. Harry C. Page, M.; Walter B. Smith, S.W.; Henry R. Emery, J.W.; Edward L. Warren, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Raymond Ham, M.; Cabot M. Lombard, S.W.; George I. Hebb, J.W.; Lysander W. Trask, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. Guilford L. Perkins, M.; Isaac W. Dow, S.W.; Fred A. Shean, J.W.; Augustus D. Dow, S. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. Roscoe L. Paine, M.; Walter L. Linscott,

- S.W.; Charles F. Oliver, J.W.; Fred W. Sanders, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15
- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. John Tebbetts, M.; George H. Williams, S.W.; Forest W. Burbank, J.W.; E. S. Littlefield, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23
- Freedom, 42, Limerick. Augustus P. Whalen, M.; Arthur F. Lougee, S.W.; J.W. is vacant—a man was elected, but not installed, as he is in the army; George A. Carpenter, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Sumner G. Brewer, M.; Herman G. Fisher, S.W.; Linwood I. Varney, J.W.; Fred E. Ward, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. A. Elroy Dean, M.; Oscar L. Peabody, S.W.; Howard L. McKeen, J.W.; Ralph A. Bacon, Box 27, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Merle F. Smith, M.; Elmer W. Parker, S.W.; Harland S. Irish, J.W.; Francis A. Norton, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. Ralph S. Wardwell, M.; Isaac D. Dunbar, S.W.; Watler C. Brown, J.W.; George E. Parsons, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. Waldo G. Fenlason, M.; William T. Libby, S.W.; Ira C. Alden, J.W.; Charles E. Cobb, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Carl H. Bryant, M.; Ralph W. Chandler, S.W.; Frank L. Allen, J.W.; Albert S. Allan, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Ernest L. Goodspeed, M.; Arthur E. Smith, S.W.; Charles M. Dick, J.W.; Harry E. Larrabee, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. William H. Tanner, M.; Benjamin F. Wentworth, S.W.; John L. Goudin, J.W.; William A. Seyford, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, June. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. Phillip J. Mills, M.; Charles H. Milton, S.W.; Kingsley A. Ballantine, J.W.; Henry S. Pinkham, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Monday in December. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. Walter A. Cowan, M.; Frank O. McCambridge, S.W.; Thomas H. Morgan, J.W.; Seth H. Morgan, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Arthur M. Herrick, M.; Albion K. Saunders, S.W.; Charles E. Greene, J.W.; Arthur C. Hinckley, S. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4

- Island, 89, Isleboro. Howard C. Pendleton, M.; Eben M. Randlett, S.W.; Charles R. Trim, J.W.; Arthur C. Hatch, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. Howard R. Sisson, M.; E. Leroy Martin, S.W.; Mahlon D. Estes, J.W.; John J. Marr, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Fred M. Cole, M.; Leslie D. Bryant, S.W.; Albert W. Arkett, J.W.; James L. Bowker, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Herbert Farnsworth, M.; Paris A. Calor, S.W.; John Moulton, J.W.; Edgar A. Worcester, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Frank L. Huston, M.; Stanley L. Wescott, S.W.; Howard Cunningham, J.W.; J. Hal Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 25
- Kemankeag, 213, Rangeley. Sylvader Hinkley, M.; Charles W. Barrett, S.W.; John A. Russell, J.W.; Charles L. Harnden, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 15
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. George L. Wiggin, M.; Edgar D. Salley, S.W.; George I. Emery, J.W.; F. Ernest Harvey, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Alton W. Blaisdell, M.; Arthur R. Fish, S.W.; Eugene Hooper, J.W.; Ernest S. Currier, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Ira R. Adams, M.; Hazen S. Jewett, S.W.; Walter H. Hunnewell, J.W.; Turner Buswell, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Clarence P. Griffin, M.; Charles E. Dearborn, S.W.; Fred Osborn, J.W.; Robie F. Ames, S. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, December. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. James M. Sturtevant, M.; Vivian C. Horne, S.W.; John L. Delano, J.W.; Charles L. Dillingham, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 26
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. Fred S. Simmons, M.; Ralph W. Miller, S.W.; Hadley H. Kuhn, J.W.; Clinton E. Matthews, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Charles W. Hurd, M.; Harvey D. Crowley, S.W.; Fred W. Pierce, J.W.; Oscar L. Bassick, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Edward G. Palmer, M.; Leon C. Roberts, S.W.; Fremont A. Hunton, J.W.; Costello Weston, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12

- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. George J. Chandler, M.; Almon H. Blaisdell, S.W.; George F. Lyons, J.W.; Ernest W. Gilman, S. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. Guy W. Swan, M.; Fred C. Johnson, S.W.; Nehemiah W. Kneeland, J.W.; Theodore Morrison, Box 121, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Arthur H. Norton, M.; Charles B. Hoit, S.W.; Oren W. Ripley, J.W.; Willis J. Greely, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Limestone, 214, Limestone. Albert H. Damon, M.; Dennis F. Getchell, S.W.; John M. Ward, J.W.; Harold S. Chase, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 1
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. Frederick J. McTeer, M.; Leon A. Gray, S.W.; Angus E. Grover, J.W.; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. Caleb G. Aldrich, M.; Forrest S. Stevens, S.W.; Charles E. Maker, J.W.; Lucius E. Gardner, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Orin M. Clement, M.; Carroll F. Shea, S.W.; Asbury S. Clement, J.W.; Charles W. Joy, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Charles B. Cox, M.; Laforest J. Wright, S.W.; Carl C. Nickerson, J.W.; Emery L. Leathers, Bangor, (R. F. D. 3), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Herbert P. Richardson, M.; Loren W. Runnill, S.W.; Leslie E. Hamblin, J.W.; Charles W. Martin, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. John A. Sweet, Jr., M.; Earle W. Hall, S.W.; W. Raymond Davis, J.W.; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting Monday in week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Crockett E. Dow, M.; Dean W. Rollins, S.W.; Fred P. Eaton, J.W.; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. George R. Wilson, M.; Thomas H. Martin, S.W.; Joseph M. Kallock, J.W.; James P. Nichols, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. Wilbur E. Baker, M.; Albert A. Piley, S.W.; James F. Jewell, J.W.; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7

- Mechanics', 66, Orono. C. Harry White, M.; Roydon L. Hammond, S.W.; James A. Gennett, J.W.; Archer L. Grover, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, 211, Friendship. Wilbur A. Morse, M.; Waterville L. Thompson, S.W.; Austin B. Cook, J.W.; Eugene H. Brown, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 10
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. Rodney M. Shaw, M.; Raymond W. Hurd, S.W.; Walter M. Prilay, J.W.; Jay H. Scribner, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22
- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. Forrest L. Swett, M.; Frank W. Greenway, S.W.; Alfred H. McCarrison, J.W.; Lewman B. Soper, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22
- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Spurgeon S. Hoar, M.; Forrest E. Fowles, S.W.; Albion W. Blake, J.W.; Orestes E. Crowell, S. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Daniel B. Curtis, M.; Fremont B. Webber, S.W.; Dwight M. Caldwell, J.W.; Frank A. Ambrose, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Eugene Andrews, M.; Edgar D. Baird, S.W.; Carrol F. Bragdon, J.W.; Otis G. Randall, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Arthur O. Putnam, M.; Alfred E. Astle, S.W.; Murdock B. McKay, J.W.; Howard D. McIlroy, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Freeman C. Jordan, M.; Cyrus M. Kindrick, S.W.; Anthony S. Ashford, J.W.; Roscoe S. Bosworth, (R. D. route 18), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Foxcroft. W. Merton Berry, M.; Percival D. Perry, S.W.; Ernest J. Smith, J.W.; Eugene W. Crocker, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinal Haven. Leigh E. Williams, M.; George Strachan, S.W.; Charles C. Webster, J.W.; Freeman L. Roberts, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. F. Raymond Phillips, M.; Herschel P. Boynton, S.W.; Elmer E. Davis, J.W.; Arthur C. Woodard, S. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. Mahlon L. Sampson, Dead River, M.; Clyde L. Burbank, S.W.; Carl R. Goodrich, J.W.; Walter E. Hinds, S. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. Elton L. Bunker, M.; Pearl S. Bordeaux, S.W.; James B. Allen, J.W.; Mark W. Somes, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21

- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. Raymond W. Davis, M.; Nelson N. Scales, S.W.; Walter S. Washburn, J.W.; Joseph T. Davidson, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Perley F. Smith, M.; Irving Trumbull, S.W.; George F. Kenniston, J.W.; Alfred P. Cobb, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. Leroy G. Cunningham, M.; Richard H. Austin, S.W.; L. M. Johnston, J.W.; George L. Sprague, Union, R. F. D. 3, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. George W. Sias, M.; Edgar L. Stone, S.W.; Walter W. Fillebrown, J.W.; Clarence H. Pride, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 16
- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Warren C. Loud, M.; Fred M. Cole, S.W.; Ronald E. Dexter, J.W.; William H. Tribou, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Lester D. Lee, M.; Bernie E. Plummer, S.W.; Harold E. Hutchinson, J.W.; Cleff Maxwell, S. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. John M. Sherwood, M.; Bela T. Wass, S.W.; Frank C. Nash, J.W.; William F. Campbell, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. R. Lewis Smith, M.; Adelbert L. Anderson, S.W.; Elmer F. Leach, J.W.; Roland A. Flye, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Wm. O. Kennard, M.; Warren N. Phinney, S.W.; Arthur W. Steward, J.W.; David G. Walker, Kittery Depot, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. Willis B. Crosby, M.; John W. Kennedy, S.W.; Edward O. Brown, J.W.; Leonard A. Gilbert, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Royal W. Bradford, M.; Charles F. Bradford, S.W.; F. Walter Marden, J.W.; Donald C. Prince, R. D. 1, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. Adison P. Mathews, M.; Robert M. Hume, S.W.; Frank A. Emery, J.W.; Carl V. Stockwell, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. John C. Clement, M.; Frank G. Spaulding, S.W.; Ray L. Foster, J.W.; George E. Turner, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21

- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. H. G. Collins, M.; Wilbur L. Eaton, S.W.; Elmer W. Sawyer, J.W.; Willis L. Hodgdon, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. Roger S. Bragdon, M.; Austin R. Goodwin, S.W.; George A. Tilton, J.W.; Joseph Waterhouse, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Herbert R. Southgate, M.; Frank L. Palmer, S.W.; Leon A. Brown, J.W.; Frank D. Weymouth, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Orchard, 215, Old Orchard. H. Alonzo Milliken, M.; Clement P. Wight, S.W.; Frank H. Libby, J.W.; Wm. J. C. Milliken, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- Orient, 15, Thomaston. William C. Lenfest, M.; Harrison W. Whitehill, S.W.; Winfield S. Brackett, J.W.; Arthur J. Elliott, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. Roland L. Woodbury, M.; Howard W. Jones, S.W.; Maurace W. Hamblen, J.W.; D. Eugene Chaplin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18
- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. Carroll M. Hall, M.; Francis S. Dow, S.W.; George E. Pomeroy, J.W.; Fred Raymond, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. Eugene Andrews, M.; John W. Laselle, S.W.; Frank J. Cook, J.W.; Fred E. Smith, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. Arthur J. Trefethen, M.; Frank W. Hodsdon, S.W.; Sylvester E. Prescott, J.W.; Joseph P. Eaton, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. Guy C. Nutter, M.; Sheridan F. Ireland, S.W.; Leroy H. Whitney, J.W.; Oliver L. Sprague, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. Stanley M. Wheeler, M.; Merlin C. Joy, S.W.; H. Walter Starbird, J.W.; Walter L. Gray, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. George H. Hall, M.; John W. Springall, S.W.; William Boyde, J.W.; Charles S. Hutchinson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. Roy E. Young, M.; Morris L. Slugg, S.W.; Ralph D. Southworth, J.W.; Clifford J. Pattee, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Fred D. Sherrard, M.; John C. Handy,

- S.W.; Lester J. Kyle, J. W.; Fred A. Martin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. C. Fred Coffin, M.; Hugh Hayward, S.W.; William G. Hoyle, J.W.; Arthur G. Andrews, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Ralph A. Leonard, M.; Ralph E. Pineo, S.W.; George P. Aiken, J.W.; Frank E. Monroe, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, February. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Edwin G. Ryder, M.; Rufus R. McClain, S.W.; George O. Hills, J.W.; Joseph G. Henderson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Milbridge. Fred C. Gay, M.; Albert F. Allen, S.W.; Frank C. Bixby, J.W.; A. Lincoln Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Frank S. Andrews, M.; Algie Small, S.W.; Winfred H. Downs, J.W.; Charles T. Harris, Detroit, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Alden P. Denham, M.; Delmar E. Bates, S.W.; Merton O. Webber, J.W.; Lucius M. Lemont, 923 Middle St., S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. Harold B. Chase, M.; William M. Howath, S.W.; Fred B. Berry, J.W.; Albro E. Chase, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, June. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Isaac Littlefield, M.; Charles Snow, S.W.; Clyde Merrithew, J. W.; Lincoln A. Gardner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. John V. Tucker, M.; George S. Pickles, S.W.; Clyde L. Reed, J.W.; John Wright, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. Joseph B. Manchester, M.; Charles E. Thayer, S.W.; Fred R. Crockett, J.W.; William H. Cram, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. Asa Osgood Pike, M.; Noah McDonald, S.W.; Norman C. Thurlow, J.W.; Tobias L. Eastman, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Frank W. Bryant, M.; John W. Levenseller, S.W.; George W. Butler, J.W.; Allen L. Maddocks, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. Linwood S. Barbour, M.; Walter L. Emerson, S.W.; Arthur W. Sharp, J.W.; Edwin L. Goss (41 Main St.), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, January. 24

- Reliance, 195, Stonington. John Wallace, M.; Gleason E. Flye, S.W.; Harvey Canduge, J.W.; Elmer W. Calley, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Harry S. Jordan, M.; George W. Greene, S.W.; F. F. Wood, J.W.; J. Franklin Harris, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Ralph J. Wooster, M.; Earl F. Sellers, S.W.; Charles M. Perkins, J.W.; Melvin A. Wardwell, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Eugene L. Dow, M.; Rufus P. Facteaux, S.W.; Louis G. Hubbard, J.W.; Seth R. Hutchins, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. Charles H. Hubbard, M.; Alvoid E. Cushman, S.W.; Benjamin C. Kent, J.W.; Frank J. Cole, S. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Henry P. Bond, M.; Albert A. Hall, S.W.; Alva M. Achorn, J.W.; Charles W. Besse, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, second Wednesday in December. 10
- Rockland, 79, Rockland. Frank F. Trafton, M.; Reginald S. Clement, S.W.; Emerson Sadler, J.W.; Albert I. Mather, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Rural, 53, Sidney. Charles S. Taylor, M.; Dimon A. Sawtelle, S.W.; Ernest C. Wyman, J.W.; Arthur W. Hammond, R. F. D. 7, Augusta, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Saco, 9, Saco. Howard A. Whitten, M.; Myron A. Savage, S.W.; Thomas H. Hooper, J.W.; Abram T. Lord, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19
- St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Richard H. Palmer, M.; Charles H. Johnson, S.W.; Clarence N. Reynolds, J.W.; Arthur L. Johnson, Box 814, S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6
- St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. Everett F. Davis, M.; John D. Keene, S.W.; Howard C. Goodwin, J.W.; Samuel H. Junkins, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- St. Croix, 46, Calais. Walter LeRoy Thomas, M.; Herbert A. Gardner, S.W.; Weldon E. Tibbetts, J.W.; Isaac N. Jones, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- St. George, 16, Warren. George J. Newcomb, M.; Frank D. Rowe, S.W.; William H. Robinson, J.W.; William L. Lawry, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- St. John's, 51, South Berwick. Frank A. Prescott, M.; C. Fred Rams-

- dell, S.W.; Ernest R. Muzzey, J.W.; J. Willey Whitehouse, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19
- St. Paul's, 82, Rockport. Fred E. Whitney, M.; George T. Huntley, S.W.; Harry C. McDonald, J.W.; Carleton W. Steward, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Howard B. Thompson, M.; H. Chandler Reed, S.W.; Raymond D. Williams, J.W.; Edward J. Hutchinson, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Seabasticook, 146, Clinton. Lloyd A. Harmon, M.; Jewell G. Mudgett, S.W.; Luther W. Estey, J.W.; Irvin M. Holt, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. Jesse L. Rowe, M.; Walter C. Bickford, S.W.; Fred B. Sands, J.W.; Almon F. Johnson, S. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Warren S. Swett, M.; Ray S. Mitchell, S.W.; Herbert R. Varney, J.W.; George M. Chapman, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Raymond B. Welch, M.; Arthur E. Baum, S.W.; William A. Staples, J.W.; Albert L. Strout, 11 Oak St., S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. George L. H. Smith, M.; Harvey A. McGuire, S.W.; Walter P. Ordway, J.W.; William T. Seekins, Box 159, S. Meeting second Monday; election, June. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Joseph Everett Ridley, M.; Omar W. Chase, Jr., S.W.; Asa R. Low, J.W.; Arthur E. Horne, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. Joseph T. Swasey, M.; George E. Brazier, S.W.; Elmer R. Higgins, J.W.; Dana D. Higgins, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. George E. Harding, M.; Howard A. Lancaster, S.W.; Leslie R. Lord, J.W.; Edward A. Merrill, S. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Herbert M. Clark, M.; Warren N. Spring, S.W.; Henry Foster, J.W.; Reuel M. Berry, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. G. Chase Adams, M.; Linwood B. Jones, S.W.; G. E. Kimball, J.W.; L. Elwood Jones, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. Charles H. McBride, M.; Hale M. Dow, S.W.; Ferdinand W. Hawkes, J.W.; Oliver A. Cobb, Box 64, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17

- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Luther A. Hammons, M.; J. Earl Braley, S.W.; Frank H. Keene, J.W.; Charles E. Johnson, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. Daniel L. Stetson, M.; Julian F. Ellis, S.W.; John W. Hackett, J.W.; Arthur J. S. Keene, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Sam A. Lurvey, M.; Lin H. Mayo, S.W.; Austin M. Mitchell, J.W.; William R. Keene, Manset, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Philip D. Phair, M.; Horace B. Harmon, S.W.; Thomas F. Phair, J.W.; Vivian E. Howe, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. Elisha D. Wass, M.; Lester S. Cales, S.W.; William A. Cleaves, J.W.; Veranus C. Plummer, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. John W. Fessenden, M.; Calvin H. Mills, S.W.; Myron B. Strout, J.W.; Lewin Jefferies, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Ralph B. Lewis, M.; Walter E. Burgess, S.W.; Raymond E. Thurston, J.W.; Charles M. Lucas, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. William S. Rogers, M.; Myron R. Hinckley, S.W.; Harry H. Nicoll, J.W.; Joseph S. Stetson, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. William Farwell, M.; Howard N. Harmon, S.W.; Fred L. Thurston, J.W.; Albert W. Ward, S. Meeting, Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. Merle R. Wyman, M.; Elton B. Ayer, S.W.; Irvin J. Covell, J.W.; Ray O. Nisbet, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Fred W. Foss, M.; Carlton E. Turner, S.W.; Alvaro Gordon, J.W.; Eugene L. Millett, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Henry E. Cornish, M.; Anson P. M. Given, S.W.; Albion H. Hillman, J.W.; Edward L. White, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. Ralph S. Smith, M.; James R. Talbot, S.W.; Harry M. Gardner, J.W.; C. Hollis White, Box 1, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. George W. Craigie, M.; Lendall M. Goff, S.W.; Joseph H. Graham, J.W.; Almon N. Waterhouse, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election October. 17

- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Andrew J. Beck, M.; Harold L. Humphry, S.W.; Fay C. Shaw, J.W.; Edward M. Hines, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. James W. Mitchell, M.; Robert L. Chittenden, S.W.; Jesse C. Wormell, J.W.; Irving W. Case, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. John B. Levy, M.; Carleton P. Cook, S.W.; J. Frederick Hill, J.W.; Chas. Laroy Jones, S. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. Archie R. Bangs, M.; William Ramsay, S.W.; Lloyd B. Scott, J.W.; Herbert L. Jordan, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. George M. Rose, M.; Almon L. Poland, S.W.; Herman W. Childs, J.W.; Alphonso F. Russell, Jr., S. *pro tem*. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 26
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Charles A. Comins, M.; William L. Hopp, S.W.; James W. Monroe, J.W.; Fred E. Trefethen, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. Elmer E. Torrey, M.; Leuri E. Coombs, S.W.; Hollis E. Joy, J.W.; Frank E. Weston, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 21
- York, 22, Kennebunk. Fred M. Severance, M.; Edgar S. Hawkes, S.W.; Harold H. Bourne, J.W.; George A. Gilpatric, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. Arthur A. Brackett, M.; Chester A. Batchelder, S.W.; Mark E. Duren, J.W.; Brainerd S. Drake, S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 19

....List of Lodges by Districts....



DISTRICT NO. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master—BERNARD ARCHIBALD, Houlton.

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| 96 Monument, Houlton. | 193 Washburn, Washburn. |
| 112 Eastern Frontier, Ft. Fairfield. | 197 Aroostook, Blaine. |
| 130 Trinity, Presque Isle. | 214 Limestone, Limestone. |
| 170 Caribou, Caribou. | |

DISTRICT NO. 2.

District Deputy Grand Master—HENRY R. GILLIS, Calais.

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| 7 Eastern, Eastport. | 78 Crescent, Pembroke. |
| 37 Washington, Lubec. | 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. |
| 46 St. Croix, Calais. | |

DISTRICT NO. 3.

District Deputy Grand Master—CALEB G. ALDRICH, Cutler.

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| 2 Warren, East Machias. | 131 Lookout, Cutler. |
| 88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. | 173 Pleiades, Millbridge. |
| 91 Harwood, Machias. | 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. |
| 106 Tuscan, Addison Point. | |

DISTRICT NO. 4.

District Deputy Grand Master—FORREST B. SNOW, Blue Hill.

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| 4 Hancock, Castine. | 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. |
| 122 Marine, Deer Isle. | 187 Ira Berry, Bluehill. |
| 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. | 195 Reliance, Stonington. |
| 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. | 210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. |

DISTRICT NO. 5.

District Deputy Grand Master—EUGENE A. WHITTREDGE, Foxcroft.

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| 39 Penobscot, Dexter. | 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. |
| 44 Piscataquis, Milo. | 168 Composite, La Grange. |
| 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. | 200 Columbia, Greenville. |
| 109 Mount Kineo, Guilford. | 207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. |
| 149 Doric, Monson. | |

DISTRICT NO. 6.

District Deputy Grand Master—LEON C. WOODMAN, Orono.

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| 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. | 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. |
| 60 Star in the East, Old Town. | 87 Benevolent, Carmel. |
| 65 Mystic, Hampden. | 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. |
| 66 Mechanics', Orono. | 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. |
| 69 Howard, Winterport. | 174 Lynde, Hermon. |

DISTRICT NO. 7.

District Deputy Grand Master—ALBERT R. PILLEY, Brooks.

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| 45 Central, China. | 111 Liberty, Liberty. |
| 58 Unity, Thorndike. | 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. |
| 85 Star in the West, Unity. | 146 Seabasticook, Clinton. |
| 102 Marsh River, Brooks. | |

DISTRICT NO. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master—ALLEN L CURTIS, Belfast.

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| 24 Phoenix, Belfast. | 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. |
| 62 King David's, Lincolnville. | 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. |
| 68 Mariners', Searsport. | 151 Excelsior, Northport. |
| 89 Island, Isleboro. | |

DISTRICT NO. 9.

District Deputy Grand Master—CHESTER B. HALL, Warren.

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| 6 Amity, Camden. | 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. |
| 15 Orient, Thomaston. | 84 Eureka, Tenant's Harbor. |
| 16 St. George, Warren. | 145 Moses Webster, Vinal Haven. |
| 31 Union, Union. | 189 Knox, South Thomaston. |
| 50 Aurora, Rockland. | 203 Mount Olivet, Washington. |
| 79 Rockland, Rockland. | |

DISTRICT NO. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master—EDWARD C. LEIGHTON, Wiscasset.

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| 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. | 135 Riverside, East Jefferson. |
| 43 Alna, Damariscotta. | 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. |
| 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. | 158 Anchor, South Bristol. |
| 74 Bristol, Bristol. | 196 Bay View, East Boothbay. |
| 103 Dresden, Dresden. | 211 Meduncook, Friendship. |

DISTRICT NO. 11.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM F. LEAVITT, Augusta.

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| 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. | 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. |
| 25 Temple, Winthrop. | 104 Dirigo, Weeks' Mills. |
| 32 Hermon, Gardiner. | 110 Monmouth, Monmouth. |
| 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. | 141 Augusta, Augusta. |

DISTRICT NO. 12.

District Deputy Grand Master—HARRY S. GRINDALL, Waterville.

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| 33 Waterville, Waterville. | 99 Vernon Valley, Mt. Vernon. |
| 48 Lafayette, Readfield. | 113 Messalonskee, Oakland. |
| 53 Rural, Sidney. | 133 Asylum, Wayne. |
| 54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. | 166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. |

DISTRICT NO. 13.

District Deputy Grand Master—ERNEST W. GILMAN, Norridgewock.

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| 28 Northern Star, North Anson. | 116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. |
| 34 Somerset, Skowhegan. | 161 Carrabassett, Canaan. |
| 80 Keystone, Solon. | 194 Euclid, Madison. |
| 92 Siloam, Fairfield. | 199 Bingham, Bingham. |

DISTRICT NO. 14.

District Deputy Grand Master—ASBURY M. BLAKE, Lisbon.

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| 8 United, Brunswick. | 63 Richmond, Richmond. |
| 14 Solar, Bath. | 114 Polar Star, Bath. |
| 23 Freeport, Freeport. | 121 Acacia, Durham. |
| 26 Village, Bowdoinham. | 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. |

DISTRICT NO. 15.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRED HUTCHINS, Kingfield.

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| 20 Maine, Farmington. | 156 Wilton, Wilton. |
| 21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. | 191 Davis, Strong. |
| 67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. | 202 Mount Bigelow, Flagstaff. |
| 123 Franklin, New Sharon. | 204 Mount Abram, Kingfield. |
| 154 Mystic Tie, Weld. | 213 Kemankeag, Rangeley. |

DISTRICT NO. 16.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRED E. SMITH, Norway.

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| 18 Oxford, Norway. | 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. |
| 94 Paris, South Paris. | 152 Crooked River, Bolster's Mills. |
| 97 Bethel, Bethel. | 182 Granite, West Paris. |
| 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. | |

DISTRICT NO. 17.

District Deputy Grand Master—FANNING J. BURBANK, Portland.

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| 1 Portland, Portland. | 86 Temple, Westbrook. |
| 17 Ancient Landmark, Portland. | 127 Presumpscot, North Windham. |
| 36 Casco, Yarmouth. | 180 Hiram, South Portland. |
| 38 Harmony, Gorham. | 183 Deering, Portland. |
| 70 Standish, Standish. | 186 Warren Phillips, Cumb. Mills. |
| 81 Atlantic, Portland. | |

DISTRICT NO. 18.

District Deputy Grand Master—WALDO N. SEAVY, Fryeburg.

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| 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. | 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. |
| 13 Oriental, Bridgton. | 153 Delta, Lovell. |
| 56 Mount Moriah, Denmark. | 169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. |

DISTRICT NO. 19.

District Deputy Grand Master—ARTHUR L. ROBERTS, W. Kennebunk.

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| 9 Saco, Saco. | 162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. |
| 22 York, Kennebunk. | 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. |
| 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. | 184 Naval, Kittery. |
| 51 St. John's, South Berwick. | 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. |
| 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. | 215 Orchard, Old Orchard. |
| 142 Ocean, Wells' Depot. | |

DISTRICT NO. 20.

District Deputy Grand Master—GUY P. ROWE, Danforth.

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| 93 Horeb, Lincoln. | 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. |
| 148 Forest, Springfield. | 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. |

DISTRICT NO. 21.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM R. BEAZLEY, Bucksport.

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| 19 Felicity, Bucksport. | 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. |
| 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. | 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. |
| 71 Rising Sun, Orland. | 201 David A. Hooper, W. Sullivan. |
| 77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor. | 208 N. E. Harbor, N. E. Harbor. |
| 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. | 212 McKinley, McKinley. |

DISTRICT NO. 22.

District Deputy Grand Master—LEWMAN B. SOPER, Newport.

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| 49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. | 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. |
| 64 Pacific, Exeter. | 139 Archon, East Dixmont. |
| 75 Plymouth, Plymouth. | 157 Cambridge, Cambridge. |
| 95 Corinthian, Hartland. | 160 Parian, Corinna. |

DISTRICT NO. 23.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRED B. RAND, Sanford.

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| 27 Adoniram, Limington. | 115 Buxton, West Buxton. |
| 42 Freedom, Limerick. | 118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. |
| 55 Fraternal, Alfred. | 143 Preble, Sanford. |
| 107 Day Spring, West Newfield. | 190 Springvale, Springvale. |

DISTRICT NO. 24.

District Deputy Grand Master—ALBERT T. BRADFORD, Turner.

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| 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. | 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. |
| 29 Tranquil, Auburn. | 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. |
| 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. | 164 Webster, Sabattus. |
| 101 Nezinscot, Turner. | 178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. |

DISTRICT NO. 25.

District Deputy Grand Master—HOWARD W. CHASE, Millinocket.

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| 72 Pioneer, Ashland. | 205 Nollesemic, Millinocket. |
| 98 Katahdin, Patten. | 206 Island Falls, Island Falls. |
| 165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. | 209 Fort Kent, Fort Kent. |

DISTRICT NO. 26.

District Deputy Grand Master—ALPHONZO F. RUSSELL, JR., Canton.

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| 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. | 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. |
| 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. | 167 Whitney, Canton. |

ADDRESSES.

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Portland, Maine.

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Grand Treasurer,

Portland, Maine.

CHARLES B. DAVIS,

Grand Secretary,

Portland, Maine.

ALBRO E. CHASE,

Committee on Correspondence,

Portland, Maine.

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 Saint 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 Somersset, | 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 Saint 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 |
| 50 Aurora, | Rockland, | July 18, 1826 | May 9, 1872‡ |
| 51 Saint John's, | South Berwick, | Jan. 12, 1827 | Feb. 13, 1827 |

| LODGE. | LOCATION. | DATE OF PRECEDENCE | DATE OF CHARTER. |
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| 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, | Old Town, | 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 |
| 72 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 Saint Paul's, | Rockport, | Oct. 27, 1855 | May 2, 1856 |
| 83 Saint 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 |
| 108 Relief, | Belgrade, | Jan. 11, 1861 | May 8, 1862§ |
| 109 Mount Kineo, | Abbot, | May 10, 1861 | May 8, 1862 |

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| 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 |
| 166 Neguemkeag, | Vassalboro, | Dec. 22, 1871 | May 9, 1872 |
| 167 Whitney, | Canton, | Mch. 9, 1872 | May 9, 1872 |

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| 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, | Cumber'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 Saint 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 Mount 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 |
| 213 Kemankeag, | Rangeley, | Oct. 6, 1913 | May 7, 1914 |
| 214 Limestone, | Limestone, | Nov. 10, 1913 | May 7, 1914 |
| 215 Orchard, | Old Orchard, | May 4, 1916 | May 3, 1917 |

- 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.

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Born in Bangor, Me., March 10, 1839.

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* AGED 79 YEARS, 10 MONTHS, 4 DAYS.



“The future and the past are blended,
And all will one day re-appear,
For nothing in this world is ended,
Whatever seems to perish here.”

BRETHREN DIED DURING THE YEAR,

From March 1, 1917, to March 1, 1918.

THOSE MARKED * WERE RETURNED AS BURIED WITH MASONIC RITES.

- 1 Portland, Portland. William Baker, April 10; John B. Griffin, April 3; Eben E. Eastman, October 14; Frederic L. Small, January 15.
- 2 Warren, East Machias. Micah Jones Robinson,* March 29; Fred Lowell Flynn, lost at sea during the summer of 1917; James M. Fletcher, unknown.
- 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. Harry S. Berry, lost at sea 1917.
- 4 Hancock, Castine. Frank A. Hooper.
- 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. Joseph W. Emery, June, 1917; Warren H. Sawyer; Harrison P. Getchell, September; Marshal Bowden, November 16, 1917; James Bearry; Perley H. Dyer, January, 1918.
- 6 Amity, Camden. William H. Ellis, April 18; Orris I. Gould, May 3; George O. Andrews, October 23; Edw. C. Fletcher, January 1.
- 7 Eastern, Eastport. John W. McGregor,* April 29; James H. Campbell,* July 28; Elisha S. Martin,* September 12; James W. Gibson,* September 15; Guilford Sears,* January 24.
- 8 United, Brunswick. Frank M. Hodgkins,* March 13; Cal L. Whitmore, April 8; Edw. B. Alexander, December 3; Henry Johnson, February 7.
- 9 Saco, Saco. Albert V. Wakefield, April 12; William J. Bradford, September 15; William P. Hancock, September 18; Henry W. Winkley, February 1; Calvin H. Foss, February 2.
- 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. William F. Tinker, September 15; John S. Mitchell, October 31; Edwin H. Carter, November 23; Horace A. Stone, January 19.
- 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. Marcus W. Small, May 20; Cyrus J. Perley,* June 2; Cyrus Goff,* September 19; Flavius B. Shackford,* January 7; Elbridge G. Robinson,* January 12.

- 13 Oriental, Bridgton. Wiley A. Richardson, 1917; William S. Kimball, January 28; Enoch Gammon, February, 1918.
- 14 Solar, Bath. John F. Bragg, May 7; George R. Percy, December 16.
- 15 Orient, Thomaston. Charles G. Brackett, January 11.
- 16 St. George, Warren. John H. Woodard, March 18; Edwin A. Wade, August 18.
- 17 Ancient Landmark, Portland. George O. K. Cram, March 23; George R. Robinson,* June 3; James Crawford, July 29; Alfred F. Russell,* August 10; Sylvanus Bourne,* August 29; Ralph M. Willis,* October 7; Frank W. Woodman, November 14; Marshall R. Goding, December 11; James E. Chandler, January 14.
- 18 Oxford, Norway. George W. Hobbs, May 18; Charles H. Adams, August 18; George J. Parrott, September 21; Francis A. Danforth, October 13; Alonzo J. Nevers, January 3; George E. Lasselle, February 23.
- 19 Felicity, Bucksport. Walter E. Reynolds, April 20; George E. Patterson, September 15; Winfield E. Fogg, October 24.
- 21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. Boardman D. Knox, April; M. M. Keith, April; Charles E. Philon, May 18; Emery B. Pratt, July 18; John Calvin Huston, October; James N. Atwood, November 30.
- 22 York, Kennebunk. John Clemont Lord, April 11; William H. Littlefield,* November 14.
- 23 Freeport, Freeport. Winthrop C. Fogg, May 1; John E. Dunning,* November 5.
- 24 Phoenix, Belfast. Llewellyn D. Woodward, March 22; Jeremiah O. Hayes, May 1; Daniel O. Bowen, July 29; James H. Stinson, January 16; Martin I. Gray, January 28.
- 25 Temple, Winthrop. Melvin E. Deal,* November 6.
- 26 Village, Bowdoinham. George Preble, May 30.
- 27 Adoniram, Limington. Charles C. Smith, April 30; Charles E. Dimmock, April 5; Howard E. Clark, July 7.
- 28 Northern Star, North Anson. Augustin Simmons, October 24; S. S. Gould, December 10; J. L. Pooler, January 18; J. B. Twaddle.
- 29 Tranquil, Auburn. George Russell, March 8; Frank E. Tainter, March 13; Albert A. Young, April 23; Edwin S. Brooks, April 25; Albert R. Savage, June 14; Samuel B. Smith, November 27; George C. Newton, November 27; William Harper, November 25; Benjamin F. Hill, February 11; George B. Oliver, February 26.

- 30 Oriental Star, Rumford. Cleveland P. Small, February 26; Florus H. Bartlett,* March 29; Edwin D. Thompson,* June 19; Harris L. Elliott,* July 18; Charles E. Fernald,* October 13.
- 31 Union, Union. William Bessey,* September 15; William C. Morton,* October 30; Charles A. Vaughn,* January 15; Harry E. Messer.
- 32 Hermon, Gardiner. William G. Preble, March 16; Ernest W. Smith, April 22; Benjamin D. Whitney, May 10; Isaac D. Ewer, May 29; Charles H. Clark, August 31; Orrington G. Andrews,* January 6; Frank C. Messenger,* February 7.
- 33 Waterville, Waterville. Herman E. Davidson, March 7; Willard M. Dunn, March 23; Everett R. Drummond, April 10; Gustavus I. Peavy, April 16; Frank L. Taylor, April 23; Josiah W. Bassett, June 9; Edward B. Lamson,* June 9; Chick H. Watson, July 4; Cyrus W. Davis,* November 4; Peter Coran, November 21.
- 34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Silas Leland, May 2; Reuel Sprague Goodrich,* June 6; James W. Holt, June 15; Herbert Wentworth,* July 31; William A. Cockburn, September 13, at Camp Bartlett, U. S. A.; Wilfred E. Hackett,* February 4; Albert G. Blunt,* February 23.
- 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. Everett S. Hall, March 11; George A. Fisher, July 12; James A. Jones, July 18; Leander J. Crooker, October 9; Allen Partridge, December 1; L. Owen Gordon, February 4.
- 36 Casco, Yarmouth. George A. Ham, August 19; Alvinzie D. Doble, August 30; Nathaniel W. Pierce, February 22.
- 37 Washington, Lubec. John A. Davis, March 2; Sidney R. Smith, July 23; Eben A. Davis, September 7; Isaac Cropley, in Alaska some time in 1917.
- 38 Harmony, Gorham. Fred A. Giddings, May 25; Isaac B. Choate, October 7; Nathaniel A. Burnell, January 10; Ira Miller Bradbury, January 16; John L. Alden, January 26.
- 39 Penobscot, Dexter. Augustus Cummings, September 4; Ernest L. Palmer, September 20.
- 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. Ezra J. Bishop, March 1; Walter M. Allen, March 4; George Woods, Jan. 21, 1917; Henry S. Adams, March 11; Wilfred B. Jordan, May 5; George A. Parcher, May 18; Kidder S. Whiting, May 25; Edward F. Robinson, June 24; Charles R. Cirone, July 4; Harry C. Woodard, July 22; George P. Woodard, July 22; Fred R. Swett, August 20; Cushman W. Alley, August 27; Edward M. Cunningham, November 19; Percival A. Smith, November 23; Fred W. Emerson, December 30; George P. Haskell, January 15; Alonzo P. Dyer, Jan. 15.

- 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. John W. Curtis; Charles H. Weldon,* June 21; John H. Hayden, November, 1917; Gardiner Roberts,* February 10.
- 43 Alna, Damariscotta. Frank E. Henlen, March, 1917; Horman C. Hall, September, 1917.
- 44 Piscataquis, Milo. Lyman L. Brown, November 13; Moses C. Foss,* January 1; Edwin C. Mooers, February 14; Edwin T. Rogers, December 29; Lovel A. Weymouth, August 28.
- 45 Central, China. Sumner M. Handy; John A. Fall, April, 1917.
- 46 St. Croix, Calais. George W. McDonald, March 16; Smith Adams,* August 11; Albert M. Rollins, September 13; Alfred Towers,* January 25.
- 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. William E. Youland, March 7; Walter R. Lane, March 24; James A. Strout, October 9; Cyrus A. Fenderson, November, 1917.
- 48 Lafayette, Readfield. Melzar W. Fish, August 30; Frank E. Lambert, November 20.
- 49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. Alvin B. Ireland, March, 1917. Freeman U. Whiting, January, 1918.
- 50 Aurora, Rockland. Lorenzo S. Robinson,* April 13; Martin P. Judkins, April 25; James J. Drinkwater, May 27; James K. Harrington,* May 31; John F. Robinson,* June 1; John E. Leach, July 12; Fred S. Sweetland,* July 21; Edward M. Harden, July 25; Albert G. Hunt, December 19; James L. Gould, December 18; John F. Perry; James W. Stewart; Ephraim W. Bartlett; Hiram A. Stetson; Iddo K. Tolman (dates unknown).
- 51 Saint John's, South Berwick. Horatio N. Lowell, March 24; Joseph A. Lord, February 20.
- 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. Coroydon Knowlton, February 8, 1917; James M. Gray, May 5; Moses W. Hersey, September 10; Benjamin G. Dow, January 23.
- 53 Rural, Sidney. Fred H. Gilman, March 28; William A. Shaw,* August 2; J. Emery Nash,* November 4; Silas L. W. Merrill,* November 19.
- 56 Mt. Moriah, Denmark. Edwin P. Fessenden, April 13.
- 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. John J. Towles, September 24; Gibbs M. Abbott, October 23; James P. Johnston, January 6.
- 60 Star in the East, Old Town. Edwin R. Alford, March 12; Mellen A. Austin,* January 18; Charles A. Sanders, January 20.
- 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. Zachariah Storer,* April 29; Horace F. McIntyre,* July 31.
- 62 King David's, Lincolnville. Fred E. French,* August 11.

- 63 Richmond, Richmond. Alec G. Quinman, May 15; Daniel B. Darrah, October 13.
- 64 Pacific, Exeter. Eugene L. Tuffs, March 23.
- 65 Mystic, Hampden. John E. Emerson, May 17.
- 66 Mechanics', Orono. Edward M. Mayo, May 27; Ralph K. Jones, June 9; James Berrymont, October 29; Valentineo A. Harding, November 23; Walter C. Hodges, January 4.
- 67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. Thomas S. Harnden, January 16; Fred E. Beal, June, 1912.
- 68 Mariners', Searsport. Harry E. Bangs, September 24; Eames Soomis, December 19; William Clements, February 20.
- 69 Howard, Winterport. Edmund J. Mount, March, 1917; Emory F. Estes, March 25; Samuel Clegg, May 6; George W. Crockett, June 12; Horace W. Emerson, 1917; Alexander R. McCambridge, September 16; Benjamin W. Downes, December 8.
- 70 Standish, Standish. Sargent G. Emery, May 17; Greenville M. Foss, November 10; Lewis W. Moulton, February 19; Marquis G. Elwell, February 27.
- 71 Rising Sun, Orland. George W. Stover, April 1; Charles M. Hariman, May 18; Frank E. Cotton, May 27; Cyrus H. Phipps, December 3; Charles A. Ginn, December 19; Charles W. Otis, February 26.
- 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. Orren E. Atkins,* February 23, 1917; Thomas F. Lamb, May 7; Adna T. Dennison, May 7; Sidney G. Griffin, September 18; Arthur M. Martin,* December 2; Jesse M. Libby,* February 28.
- 74 Bristol, Bristol. Wilbur L. Sproule; George Cox.
- 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Richard J. Nunan,* April 25; George H. Robinson, April 27; William W. Morrill,* June 5; John R. Bell, February 3.
- 77 Tremont, South West Harbor. Albert B. Stewart, 1917; Hiram A. Dix,* August 16; John Reed,* January 10.
- 78 Crescent, Pembroke. David Wilbur, April 6; Henry Mincher, July 9; Joseph D. Dunn, October 1.
- 79 Rockland, Rockland. Edwin F. Haskell, April 21; James Anderson, May 31; William Farrow, July 15; Milford J. Snow, September 25; William F. Stanley, December 5; Freeman H. Smith, February 19.
- 80 Keystone, Solon. Oliver W. Hilton, March 29; Chester M. Jones, May 12; Theophilus H. Hilton, June 8; Robie L. Boston, February, 1918.
- 81 Atlantic, Portland. Arthur W. Beal, April 21.

- 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. David E. Upman, March 11; Perez B. Cooper, March 15; Merritt A. Whitney, April 23; Andrew Blake, December 10; Philip T. Ulmer, January 22.
- 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. William P. Dickey, March 17; Roscoe G. Rollins, May 20; Salathiel F. Walton, June 27; Alanson J. Merrill, October 29; James A. Robinson, November 20; Augustus B. Farnham,* January 14; Augustus H. Babcock, January 19; Edwin F. Dillingham, February 24.
- 84 Eureka, St. George. Henry Giles, June 27; George Nairn, January 12.
- 85 Star in the West, Unity. Frank L. Chase, May 28; Albert Bacon, November 17; Joseph P. Libby, February 13.
- 86 Temple, Westbrook. William H. Chase, May 15; George B. Gray,* May 28; George B. Shaw, September 14.
- 87 Benevolent, Carmel. George W. Light, June 6.
- 88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. Chas. B. Smith, August, 1917; Virannus L. Coffin, November, 1917; William B. Leighton, November, 1917; Llewellyn R. Smith, February 17, 1918.
- 89 Island, Islesboro. Charles H. Dodge,* June 24; William E. Farrow,* July 15; Richard P. Pendleton,* February 5.
- 91 Harwood, Machias. Willard W. Rich, April 28; Fred B. Albee, May 31; George H. Walling, July 9; Elesy T. Smith, October 19; George W. Kane, February 26.
- 92 Siloam, Fairfield. Jewett Pratt.
- 93 Horeb, Lincoln. Orrick H. Wakefield, June 13.
- 94 Paris, South Paris. William E. Kimball, April 18; Granville H. Porter, February 26, 1917; Herbert A. Hilton, May 28; William H. Porter, December 15.
- 95 Corinthian, Hartland. William Anderson, June 2; H. O. Turner, July 21; E. L. Robinson, January 16.
- 96 Monument, Houlton. Frank A. Nevens, 2d,* April 23; Russell C. Butts,* June 26; Thomas H. Martin,* October 25; Willis I. Shaw, July 2; Isaac L. Hutchinson,* February 10; William F. Jenks,* February 24; Hugh Alexander, February 24.
- 98 Katahdin, Patten. Charles E. Clark, May 3.
- 99 Vernon Valley, Mount Vernon. John Bean, October 16, 1915; Alonzo B. Carson, March 13; Charles H. Davis, July 11; William E. Carson, October 17; Frank J. Hammond, October 12.
- 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. Augustus K. Hincks, October 9; Cyrus P. Berry, January 8.
- 101 Neziscot, Turner. Hiram L. Allen, July 30; Loring C. Records,* February 3.

- 102 Marsh River, Brooks. H. F. Roberts.
- 103 Dresden, Dresden Mills. Elbridge G. Bickford,* April 13.
- 104 Dirigo, Weeks' Mills. Levi Hallowell, January 27.
- 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. Hiram A. Morrell, March 19; Isaac L. Robbins, June 1; D. Frank Thompson, November 6; C. Ernest Healey, December 18; Charles A. Abbott, January 7; John W. Cummings, January 8; Wilbert P. Sawyer, February 11; Seth D. Wakefield, February 4.
- 106 Tuscan, Addison. William H. Perry, October 7; Elijah Puffer, October 29; Pelham B. Peterson, November 9.
- 107 Day Spring, West Newfield. Charles A. Goodwin, Dec. 21, 1914; George C. Hannaford; O'Neil R. Straw; Charles A. Wright, February 4.
- 109 Mt. Kineo, Guilford. James B. Greenleaf, June 9; Charles F. Scales, August 9; Justin N. Rogers, September 16; Joel W. Kelley, February 13.
- 110 Monmouth, Monmouth. Fred S. Grant, May 20; Charles W. Prescott, June 20; Benson O. Gilman, June 22; Luther O. King, July 12; Cyrus H. Goodwin, October 24; Willie P. Norris, Dec. 6.
- 111 Liberty, Liberty. W. Frank Shurman, December 21; Sylvanus Jones.
- 112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. John Hunter Watt, July 12; Charles E. Spencer, July 30; Morrill Newman Drew, September 20; James Dorsay, December 10; Fred G. Hovey.
- 113 Messalonskee, Oakland. George A. Clark, March 22; Henry E. Kenney,* October 8; George D. Howe, December 27.
- 114 Polar Star, Bath. Frank E. Dyer, March 19; Harvey E. Dingley, March 9; Frank A. Small, June 21; Harry C. Colby, July 7; John Trainer, September 15; Timothy B. Curtis, November 3; William H. Field, November 21; Fred B. Scott, February 11.
- 115 Buxton, West Buxton. Joseph F. Warren, March 26; Aaron B. Burnham, October 12.
- 116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. Charles H. Girdler,* July 3.
- 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. George W. Cobb, April 2; Enoch M. Barker, April 24; Walter H. Newbegin, February 10.
- 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. Fred B. Jackson, May 6; William A. Clark, July 25; Forrest H. Berry, September 20; Edwin C. Berry, December 19.
- 121 Acacia, Durham. Horace M. Beal, March 17; Josiah H. Williams, 1917; Greeley A. Bowie, December 13.
- 122 Marine, Deer Isle. Larkey McCaully, April 7; Edward A. Richardson, May 30; Thomas F. Small, July 27.

- 123 Franklin, New Sharon. C. D. Pressey, February 5, 1917; Samuel W. Gordon, October 2.
- 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. William E. Bailey.
- 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. Nathaniel B. Runnells, March 15; George W. Willis, March 10; Granville Mansur, November 21; George E. Kimball, December 20; Simon C. Whitcomb, February 24.
- 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. Gustavius C. Kilgore, March 29; J. Llewellyn Sleeper, December 1; Benjamin B. Toothaker, December 30; James H. Clark, February 6.
- 127 Presumpscot, North Windham. William A. Larry, April 28; Benjamin Knight,* May 20; Henry J. Lane,* June 1; Benjamin Horsfall, August 28; Cott M. Bradbury, September 17; Cornelius Morrill*, January 25.
- 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. William A. Hooper, July 5; George W. Grindle, July 27; John E. Staples, August 5; William A. Post, February 8.
- 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. Levi M. Poor,* May 5.
- 131 Lookout, Cutler. Loring W. Cates, July 20; Orlando Davis, December 10.
- 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. James W. Fields, September 23; William Douglass, January 10; Mark Ham (date unknown).
- 133 Asylum, Wayne. George Johnson, July 14; Henry H. Pulsifer, September 26.
- 135 Riverside, Jefferson. D. G. Morse, March 20, 1916; Frank Morgan; N. Keene, July, 1917; A. W. Hall, September 25.
- 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. Charles C. Cloudman,* February 8; Eugene Linnell,* July 1; William M. Hodsdon, October 5; George E. Morrill, January 22.
- 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. Thomas O. Hill, March 21; Charles A. Hamm, August 20; Earl E. Kneeland, March 22; William F. Pike, January 5.
- 139 Archon, East Dixmont. Charles G. White, May 3.
- 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. Florence P. Freeman, April 22; Lyman H. Somes, March 11; Joseph H. Whitmore, March 25; Richmond L. Somes, November 17.
- 141 Augusta, Augusta. Earldon S. Turner, April 16; Lonzo L. Wellman, December 7; Frank R. Wellman, January 1; Charles F. Stone, January 31; Charles H. Nason, February 2; Warren G. Cook, February 15.
- 142 Ocean, Wells Depot. Jere G. Hall,* July 14; Joseph G. Storer, October 14.

- 143 Preble, Sanford. John Harris, April 26; Haggis Hodgson, January 7.
- 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. Benjamin E. Pinkham, August 31; Gilman A. Low,* September 27; Lester E. Hodgdon, October 27; Frederick Westman, February 16.
- 146 Seabasticook, Clinton. Francis A. Chamberlain, February 11; John T. Flood, February 14; Elbridge B. Foster, July 5.
- 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. Benjamin Spaulding, April, 1917; Osgood E. Waite, April, 1917; George D. Hutchinson, August 5.
- 148 Forest, Springfield. Charles H. Tuck, May 19; Daniel W. Lindsay, March 23; Hiram R. Bailey, October 7; Pitt H. Jones, October 17; Rex L. McKinney, November 17; Wallace B. Lindsay, February 11.
- 149 Doric, Monson. John J. Roberts,* April, 1917; William A. Mills,* August, 1917; Reuel A. Packard,* October 1.
- 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. David S. Waite, March 22; Howard W. Maxfield,* August 12; Lorenzo D. Munson, September 23; Bert E. Phillips, December 19.
- 152 Crooked River, Otisfield. Josiah Chute, May 26; Gideon T. Cook, February 9; George B. Dorman, March 18.
- 153 Delta, Lovell. Clayton Day, March 15; Henry W. McAllister, March 24; John D. Bemis, November 19; George W. Andrews, December 18.
- 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. Otis S. White,* January 2; Charles L. Osborn, February 20.
- 156 Wilton, Wilton. Henry L. Hiscock, May 5; Valorus White,* June 3; A. Frank Hinckley, July 16; William H. Fuller, July 31; John L. Keep, December 22.
- 158 Anchor, South Bristol. George Gamage, August 27; Lewis Thrope, December 26.
- 160 Parian, Corinna. Newell S. Johnson, November, 1917; Leonard Mason, November, 1917.
- 161 Carrabassett, Canaan. Royal F. Holt, June 12.
- 162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. George Adams Senter, November 3.
- 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. Edmund L. Morrill, May 26; John Levansalor, December 22; Joseph Crandall, January 28; Jacob Davis, February 22.
- 165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. Frank Allingham, April 17; Fred Keene, May 20; Edward H. Townsend, August 8; Joseph R. Cushman, January 6.
- 166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. Fred W. Clark, May 16; William A. Austin, August 19.

- 168 Composite, Lagrange. John J. McKay, July 4.
- 169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. James S. Hunt, May 5.
- 170 Caribou, Caribou. William P. Allen, March 9; Albion G. Danforth, January 25.
- 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. Elijah D. Gray,* October 11.
- 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. George W. Smith,* September 2.
- 173 Pleiades, Millbridge. Edward B. Cook, August 18; William B. Blood, February 4.
- 174 Lynde, Hermon. Sanford A. Smith,* April 4; Gideon Andrews, July 28.
- 175 Baskabegan, Danforth. Horace Kellogg,* March 8; Charles Henry Carson,* March 22; George W. Harris, June 7; George H. Tuck,* June 22; Guy Jenkins,* February 19.
- 178 Ancient Brothers' Auburn. Alfred L. Ballard, March 2; William H. Motley,* December 29.
- 180 Hiram, South Portland. George R. Kemp, October 18; James B. Libby, November 15; Winfield E. Woodbury,* January 24; Edward F. Hill, February 21.
- 182 Granite, West Paris. Octavious K. Yates, March, 1917; Levi Shield, May, 1917; Frank L. Willis, December, 1917.
- 183 Deering, Portland. Charles I. Riggs,* August 30; Harry M. Page, September 1; William F. McDowell, September 11; Charles E. Jackson, September 19; Arthur L. Mitchell,* October 7; Joseph H. Hutchins,* November 5; Harris J. Pierce, November 22; William H. Richardson,* December 1.
- 184 Naval, Kittery. Jacob Patch, May 4; Robert S. Rail, June 10.
- 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. George W. Anderson,* March 15; Chester A. Hodgkins,* October 10; Samuel N. Higgins, January 12.
- 186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Charles C. Graham, September 8; George W. Henry, September.
- 187 Ira Berry, Blue Hill. Simon B. Doyle, July 22; John W. Kane, November 8.
- 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. James Woodard, April 3.
- 189 Knox, South Thomaston. Alvin O. Glover, March 5; William B. McKay, January 15.
- 190 Springvale, Springvale. Wesley A. Frost, May 31; Carl L. Hamilton,* October 7.
- 191 Davis, Strong. Richard B. Mills, July 7; George Hartwell,* November 29.
- 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. James F. Temple, October 2; Ira Shaw, December 31.

- 193 Washburn, Washburn. Charles H. Bugbee,* June 15; Charles M. Anderson,* September 6; Lowell B. McCubrey,* September 23.
- 194 Euclid, Madison. John A. Hunnewell.*
- 195 Reliance, Stonington. Gideon H. Crockett, November 26; Winfield A. Thurlow, December 4; Sabin Jordan, February 10.
- 196 Bay View, East Boothbay. Dennis M. Hagan, December 25.
- 197 Aroostook, Blaine. Fred White, March 20; Howard W. Safford, July 25.
- 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. Charles H. Junkins, November 12; William G. Varrell, November 13; William W. Ramsdell, December 2; George F. Plaisted, December 19.
- 199 Bingham, Bingham. Albion Young,* August 24; Edwin O. Vittum,* October 13; Walter G. Taylor, February 13.
- 200 Columbia, Greenville. John F. Hildreth, March 29; Joseph S. Marsh, October 5.
- 201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Howard Mayo, lost at sea 1917; Hugh M. Harvey, November 22.
- 203 Mount Olivet, Washington. Willis E. Deering,* April 28; James L. Burns,* September 5; James A. Grotton,* October 13; Francis Leroy Cramer, December 22, a soldier in service, died in hospital, Washington, D. C.
- 204 Mount Abram, Kingfield. Frank Lander, June 1.
- 205 Nollesemic, Millinocket. Frank B. Hall, May 17; William Thompson, December, 1917; Albert W. Morrill, January 8.
- 206 Island Falls, Island Falls. James Roderick, March 19.
- 207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. C. W. Wallace,* January 11.
- 208 North East Harbor, North East Harbor. James H. Soulis, February 21.
- 212 McKinley, McKinley. Frank McMullen,* August 5.
- 213 Kemankeag, Rangeley. Eugene I. Herrick, October 8.

Recapitulation--1918

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| Lodges enrolled,..... | 215 |
| " extinct,..... | 9 |
| " working,..... | 206 |
| " represented at communication, 1918,..... | 182 |
| Number of representatives,..... | 239 |
| Lodges to make returns,..... | 206 |
| Making returns in time,..... | 206 |
| Initiated, | 1,467 |
| Raised, | 1,430 |
| Affiliated, | 130 |
| Re-instated,..... | 79 |
| Total increase,..... | 1,639 |
| Demitted,..... | 157 |
| Died,..... | 608 |
| Expelled, | 3 |
| Lost membership by non-payment of dues,..... | 270 |
| Deprived of membership for non-payment of dues,..... | 3 |
| Total decrease,..... | 1,041 |
| Net increase,..... | 598 |
| Members, March 1, 1917, | <u>31,855</u> |
| Members, March 1, 1918,..... | <u>32,453</u> |
| Grand Lodge Receipts,..... | \$10,722.58 |
| " " Disbursements,..... | \$11,001.36 |
| Amount of Charity Fund,..... | \$76,738.08 |
| Income of Charity Fund,..... | \$3,451.87 |

Grand Lodges and

GRAND LODGES.

Alabama, Dec. 5, 1917,
 Alberta, May 30, 1917,
 Arizona, Feb. 13, 1917,
 Arkansas, Nov. 20, 1917,
 Belgium, 1914,
 British Columbia, June 21, 1917,
 California, Oct. 9, 1917,
 Canada, July 18, 1917,
 Colorado, Sept. 18, 1917,
 Connecticut, Feb. 6, 1918,
 Cuba, April 2, 1916,
 Delaware, Oct. 3, 1917,
 Dist. Columbia, Dec. 19, 1917,
 England, June 23, 1917,
 Florida, January 15, 1918,
 Georgia, Oct. 30, 1917,
 Idaho, Sept. 11, 1917,
 Illinois, Oct. 9, 1917,
 Indiana, May 22, 1917,
 Iowa, June 12, 1917,
 Ireland, Dec. 27, 1916,
 Kansas, Feb. 20, 1918,
 Kentucky, Oct. 16, 1917,
 Louisiana, Feb. 14, 1918,
 Maine, May 7, 1918,
 Manitoba, June 13, 1917,
 Maryland, November 21, 1916,
 Massachusetts, Dec. 13, 1916,
 Michigan, May 22, 1917,
 Minnesota, Jan. 17, 1917,
 Mississippi, Feb. 19, 1918,
 Missouri, Sept. 18, 1917,
 Montana, Aug. 30, 1916,
 Nebraska, June 5, 1917,

GRAND MASTERS.

Robert S. Teague, Montgomery.
 W. M. Connacher, Calgary.
 Charles C. Woolf, Tempe.
 Milton Winham, Texarkana.
 Charles Magnette, Brussels.
 Douglass Corsan, Fernie.
 William R. Harvey, Los Angeles.
 Wm. H. Wardrope, Hamilton.
 L. D. Crain, Fort Collins.
 William F. English, Hartford.
 Francisco S. Curbelo, Habana.
 George B. Hayson, Milford.
 Lem Towers, Jr., Washington.
 Duke of Connaught.
 T. Picton Warlou, Orlando.
 William G. England, Cedartown.
 Sherman M. Coffin, Boise.
 Austin H. Scrogin, Lexington.
 Elba L. Branigin, Franklin.
 John W. Barry, Cedar Rapids.
 Earl of Donoughmore.
 William I. Stewart, Hiawatha.
 Earl W. Weathers, Elkton.
 George A. Treadwell, New Orleans.
 Silas B. Adams, Portland.
 Percy E. Kellett, Winnipeg.

Leon M. Abbott, Brookline.
 Louis H. Fead, Newberry.
 Albert Berg, St. Paul.
 W. Laurencé Wilson, Laurel.
 William A. Clark, Jefferson City.
 Dr. Robert W. Getty, Milltown.
 Frederick L. Temple, Lexington.

Addresses of Grand Officers.

GRAND SECRETARIES.

CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.

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| Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery. | Oliver D. Street, Guntersville. |
| S. Y. Taylor, Calgary. | E. T. Bishop, Edmonton. |
| George J. Roskruge, Tucson. | Harry A. Drachman, Tucson. |
| Fay Hempstead, Little Rock. | S. O. Whaley, Sulphur Springs. |
| George Petre, Brussels. | None. |
| W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster. | W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster. |
| John Whicher, San Francisco. | John D. Murphey, Oakland. |
| Ralph L. Gunn, Hamilton, Ont. | Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton, Ont. |
| Charles H. Jacobson, Denver. | Stanley C. Warner, Denver. |
| George A. Kies, Hartford. | George A. Kies, Hartford. |
| José Marti, Havana. | Francisco de P. Rodriguez, Havana |
| Harry J. Guthrie, Wilmington. | Harry J. Guthrie, Wilmington. |
| Arvine W. Johnston, Washington. | George W. Baird, Washington. |
| Colville Smith, London. | None. |
| Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville. | Silas B. Wright, DeLand. |
| Frank F. Baker, Macon. | Raymond Daniels, Atlanta. |
| George E. Knepper, Boise. | George E. Knepper, Boise. |
| Isaac Cutter, Camp Point. | Delmar D. Darrah, Bloomington. |
| Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis. | Elmer F. Gay, Indianapolis. |
| Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids. | Louis Block, Davenport. |
| Henry E. Flavelle, Dublin. | None. |
| Albert K. Wilson, Topeka. | Matthew M. Miller, Topeka. |
| Dave Jackson, Louisville. | William W. Clark, Owensboro. |
| John A. Davilla, New Orleans. | Herman C. Duncan, Alexandria. |
| Charles B. Davis, Portland. | Albro E. Chase, Portland. |
| James A. Ovas, Winnipeg. | Percy E. Kellett, Winnipeg. |
| George Cook, Baltimore. | Rev. Henry Branch, Baltimore. |
| Frederick W. Hamilton, Boston. | None. |
| Lou B. Winsor, Reed City. | Lou B. Winsor, Reed City. |
| John Fishel, St. Paul. | Irving Todd, Hastings. |
| Frederick G. Speed, Vicksburg. | George B. Power, Jackson. |
| John R. Parsons, St. Louis. | Charles C. Woods, St. Louis. |
| Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena. | Herman S. Hepner, Helena. |
| Francis E. White, Omaha. | Francis E. White, Omaha. |

| GRAND LODGES. | GRAND MASTERS. |
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| Nevada, June 12, 1917, | Thomas Lindsay, Tonopah. |
| New Brunswick, April 24, 1917, | Daniel C. Clart, St. John. |
| New Hampshire, May 16, 1917, | Abraham L. Garmon, Manchester, |
| New Jersey, April 17, 1918, | Herbert C. Rorick, Trenton. |
| New Mexico, Oct. 8, 1917, | Richard M. Thorne, Carlsbad. |
| N. South Wales, June 4, 1916, | William Thompson. |
| New York, May 9, 1918, | William S. Farmer, Syracuse. |
| New Zealand, May 10, 1916, | Oliver Nicholson, Auckland. |
| North Carolina, Jan. 16, 1917, | Claude L. Pridgen, Wilmington. |
| North Dakota, June 19, 1917, | William J. Reynolds, Westhope. |
| Nova Scotia, June 13, 1917, | Donald F. Fraser, New Glasgow. |
| Ohio, Oct. 17, 1917, | H. M. Hagelbarger, Akron. |
| Oklahoma, Feb. 21, 1917, | Samuel W. Hogan, Cashion. |
| Oregon, June 13, 1917, | W. A. Shellenbarger, Portland. |
| Panama, Feb. 26, 1918, | Guillermo Andreve, Panama. |
| Pennsylvania, Dec. 5, 1917, | James B. Krause, Philadelphia. |
| Peru, March 25, 1918, | Alberto Baroni, Lima. |
| Philippine Islands, Jan. 22, 1918, | Manuel L. Quezon, Manila. |
| Puerto Rico, April 11, 1914, | W. F. Lippitt, San Juan. |
| P. E. Island, May 22, 1917, | Benjamin Rogers, Charlottetown. |
| Quebec, | W. W. Williamson, Montreal. |
| Rhode Island, May 21, 1917, | Herbert A. Rice, Pawtucket. |
| Saskatchewan, June 20, 1917, | James McCauley, Moose Jaw. |
| Scotland, Feb. 3, 1916, | R. King Stewart, Murdostoun. |
| South Australia, April 18, 1917, | Eustace B. Grundy. |
| South Carolina, Dec. 11, 1917, | Wm. W. Wannamaker, Orangeburg. |
| South Dakota, June 6, 1917, | Fred H. Rugg, Yankton. |
| Tasmania, Feb. 28, 1917, | C. E. Davies, Hobart. |
| Tennessee, Jan. 30, 1918, | Samuel C. Brum, Athens. |
| Texas, Dec. 4, 1917, | John R. Arnold, Henderson. |
| Utah, Jan. 15, 1918, | Herbert R. MacMillan, Salt Lake City. |
| Vermont, June 16, 1917, | David A. Elliott, White River Junction. |
| Victoria, Dec. 15, 1916, | Charles Carty, Salmon. |
| Virginia, Feb. 12, 1918, | Ernest L. Cunningham, Newport News. |
| Washington, June 14, 1917, | George Lawler, Tacoma. |
| West Virginia, Nov. 14, 1917, | Charles S. Angle, North Fork. |
| West. Australia, April 26, 1917, | Charles O. L. Riley, Perth. |
| Wisconsin, June 12, 1917, | Willard S. Griswold, Waukesha. |
| Wyoming, Sept. 12, 1917, | J. Blake Kennedy, Cheyenne. |

GRAND SECRETARIES.

CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.

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| Edw. D. Vanderlieth, Carson City. | Edw. D. Vanderlieth, Carson City. |
| J. Twining Hartt, St. John. | James Vroom, St. Stephen. |
| Harry M. Cheney, Concord. | Harry M. Cheney, Concord. |
| Isaac Cherry, Trenton. | Robert A. Shirrefs, Elizabeth. |
| Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque. | John Milne, Albuquerque. |
| Arthur H. Bray, Sydney. | S. Scott Young. |
| Robert J. Kenworthy, New York. | William Sherer, Brooklyn. |
| Malcolm Niccol, Auckland. | Malcolm Niccol, Auckland. |
| William W. Willson, Raleigh. | Marshall DeL. Hayword, Raleigh. |
| Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo. | Grant S. Hager, Grafton. |
| Thomas Mowbray, Halifax. | James C. Jones, Halifax. |
| Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati. | Nelson Williams, Hamilton. |
| Wm. M. Anderson, Oklahoma City. | Thomas C. Humphry, Hugo. |
| James F. Robinson, Portland. | David P. Mason, Albany. |
| Jose Oller, Panama. | None. |
| John A. Perry, Philadelphia. | Thomas F. Penman, Scranton. |
| Jorge E. Thornberry, Lima. | None. |
| Newton C. Comfort, Manila. | Walter W. Weber, Manila. |
| Jose G. Torres, San Juan. | H. Glyde Gregory, San Juan. |
| Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown. | Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown. |
| Walter C. Hagar, Montreal. | E. D. T. Chambers, Quebec. |
| S. Penrose Williams, Providence. | William M. Chatterton, Pawtucket. |
| W. B. Tate, Regina. | Arthur S. Gorrell, Regina. |
| David Reid, Edinburgh. | None. |
| Charles R. J. Glover, Adelaide. | J. R. Robertson. |
| O. Frank Hart, Columbia. | James L. Michie, Darlington. |
| George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls. | Samuel A. Brown, Sioux Falls. |
| John Hamilton, Hobart. | |
| Stith M. Cain, Nashville. | Henry A. Chambers, Chattanooga. |
| W. B. Pearson, Waco. | John L. Terrell, Dallas. |
| Freeman A. McCarty, S. Lake City. | Sam Henry Goodwin, Provo. |
| Henry H. Ross, Burlington. | Charles H. Darling, Burlington. |
| Charles James Barrow, Melbourne. | David Meadowcroft, Melbourne. |
| Charles A. Nesbitt, Richmond. | Joseph W. Eggleston, Richmond. |
| Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma. | Ralph C. McAllaster, Seattle. |
| John M. Collins, Charleston. | George W. Atkinson, Charleston. |
| J. D. Stevenson, Perth. | J. D. Stevenson, Perth. |
| William W. Perry, Milwaukee. | Aldro Jenks, Dodgeville. |
| Joseph M. Lowndes, Lander. | Joseph M. Lowndes, Lander. |

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Lodge of Maine near other Grand Lodges.

- Alabama—CHARLES H. WINSTON, Geiger.
Alberta—G. W. E. GARDINER, Calgary.
Arizona—FREDERICK P. CRUICK, Prescott.
Arkansas—JACOB TRIEBER, Little Rock.
Belgium—ALBERT J. KRUGER, Anvers.
British Columbia—FRANCIS BOWSER, Kerrisdale.
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Georgia—WILLIAM F. BOWE, Augusta.
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Kansas—HUGH P. FARRELLY, Chanute.
Louisiana—JOSEPH MEYERS, New Orleans.
Manitoba—ROBERT STIRTON THORNTON, Deloraine.
Maryland—THOMAS H. HOOVER, Unknown.
Michigan—WILLIAM T. SHAW, Lansing.
Minnesota—HENRY R. ADAMS, Minneapolis.
Mississippi—FREDERIC GORDON SPEED, Vicksburg.
Missouri—G. A. GOBEN, Kirksville.
Montana—CHARLES W. COOK, White Sulphur Springs.
Nebraska—THOMAS K. SUDBOROUGH, Omaha.
Nevada—SANFORD C. DINSMORE, Reno.
New Brunswick—HERBERT E. GOOLD, Sussex.
New Hampshire—STANTON OWEN, Laconia.

- New Jersey—WILLIAM RITCHIE, Jersey City.
New York—GEORGE FLINT WARREN, JR., New York.
New South Wales—CHARLES A. Y. SIMPSON, Sydney.
New Zealand—JOHN JOSEPH DOUGALL, Christchurch.
North Carolina—ALEXANDER S. HOLDEN, Wilmington.
North Dakota—EDWIN A. RIPLEY, Mandan.
Nova Scotia—JAMES HENRY WINFIELD, Halifax.
Ohio—ORION P. SPERRA, Ravenna.
Oklahoma—SAMUEL CLYDE FULLERTON, Miami.
Oregon—CHARLES E. WOLVERTON, Portland.
Peru—MANUEL MONTENEGRO.
Philippine Islands—GEORGE R. HARVEY, Manila.
Prince Edward Island—GEORGE W. WAKEFORD, Charlottetown.
Quebec—PETER W. A. BURKET, Montreal.
Rhode Island—ARTHUR A. RHODES, Pawtuxet.
Saskatchewan—ANDREW H. GORDON, Grenfell.
South Australia—JAMES EDWARD MOLLEY MORLEY, Adelaide.
South Carolina—CLAUDE F. SAWYER, Aiken.
South Dakota—SAMUEL H. JUMPER, Aberdeen.
Tasmania—WILLIAM G. WILKINSON, Launceston.
Tennessee—NATHAN S. WOODWARD, Knoxville.
Texas—STEPHEN M. BRADLEY, Denton.
Utah—ELMER ELLSWORTH CORFMAN, Provo.
Vermont—WILLIAM B. VINTON, Brattleboro.
Victoria—WILLIAM CHARLES JAMES SAYER, Malvern.
Virginia—CHARLES A. NESBITT, Richmond.
Washington—LEVI ANKENY, Walla Walla.
Western Australia—THOMAS WALL HARDWICK, Perth.
West Virginia—A. BERTRAM C. BRAY, Ronceverte.
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, Pittsfield.
Alberta—MANLEY G. TRASK, Bangor.
Arizona—AUGUSTUS BAILEY, Gardiner.
Arkansas—SILAS B. ADAMS, Portland.
Belgium—
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—JAMES B. STEVENSON, Rumford.
District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY, Portland.
Florida—FRED C. CHALMERS, Bangor.
Georgia—BIAL F. BRADBURY, Norway.
Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland.
Illinois—FREDERIC O. EATON, Rumford.
Indiana—WARREN C. KING, Portland.
Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.
Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.
Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES, Stockton Springs.
Maryland—GEORGE W. HOLMES, Norway.
Michigan—FRED RAYMOND, Livermore Falls.
Minnesota—SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, Lewiston.
Mississippi—ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Portland.
Missouri—CHARLES B. DAVIS, Portland.
Montana—CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, Belfast.
Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER, Pittsfield.
Nevada—RALPH W. MOORE, Hampden.
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—ERNEST P. PARLIN, Wilton.
North Carolina—CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Portland.
North Dakota—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH, Auburn.
Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Portland.
Ohio—CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.
Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.
Oregon—FRANK E. MONROE, Milo.
Peru—FRANK B. ARNOLD, Dexter.
Philippine Islands—WALDO PETTENGILL, Rumford.
Prince Edward Island—GEORGE W. MCCLAIN, Brownville Junction.
Porto Rico—THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.
Quebec—JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.
South Australia—JAMES H. WITHERELL, Oakland.
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—GEORGE A. GILPATRICK, Kennebunk.
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.

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Grand * Lodge * of * Maine.

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Special Communication.



MASONIC HALL, HOULTON, }
August 14, 1918. }

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine of Free and Accepted Masons was opened in ample form, in the lodge room of Monument Lodge, No. 96, at Houlton, at three o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple, then being constructed for Masonic uses in the town of Houlton.

PRESENT.

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| EDWARD W. WHEELER, D. G. Master, | as M.W. Grand Master |
| BERNARD ARCHIBALD, D.D.G.M. 1st Dist., | " R. W. Dep. Grand Master |
| FRANK A. PEABODY, | " " S. Grand Warden |
| JAMES ARCHIBALD, | " " J. Grand Warden |
| GEORGE A. GORHAM, | " " Grand Treasurer |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, | " " Grand Secretary |
| FRED R. ROWE, | " " D.D.G.M. 20th Dist |
| NATHANIEL TOMPKINS, | " " Grand Marshal |
| ISAAC BAGNALL, | " W. " Chaplain |
| WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, | " " " Sen. Deacon |
| PERCY L. RIDEOUT, | " " " Jun. Deacon |
| CHARLES H. FOGG, | " " " Sen. Stew. |
| PHILIP D. PHAIR, | " " " Jun. Stew. |
| W. G. CHAMBERLAIN, | " " " Tyler |

The Grand Lodge proceeded, headed by the Houlton Band, to the site of the new Masonic Temple, in Market Square, and the ceremonies of laying the corner stone was carried out in due and ancient form by Acting Grand Master WHEELER, with the assistance of the brethren. This was interspersed with selections by a local quartet; at the conclusion the Grand Lodge returned to the lodge room of Monument Lodge, and was closed in due form.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis

Grand Secretary.

Grand * Lodge * of * Maine.

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One Hundredth Annual Communication.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 6, 1919. }

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

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| EDWARD W. WHEELER, Dep. Grand Master, | | |
| | <i>as</i> M.W. Grand Master, | Brunswick |
| THOMAS H. BODGE, | <i>as</i> R.W. Deputy Grand Master, | Augusta |
| WILLIS A. RICKER, | " Senior Grand Warden, | Castine |
| GEORGE H. BANGS, | <i>as</i> " Junior Grand Warden, | Augusta |
| ALBRO E. CHASE, | " Grand Treasurer, | Portland |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, | " Grand Secretary, | Portland |
| CONVERS E. LEACH, | " Cor. Grand Secretary, | Portland |
| REV. ASHLEY A. SMITH, | W. Grand Chaplain, | Bangor |
| " JOHN M. BIELER, | " " " | Machias |
| HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, | " " Marshal, | Portland |
| WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, | " " Senior Deacon, | Fort Fairfield |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, | " " Steward, | Portland |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, | " " " | Biddeford |
| FRANK P. DENACO, | " " " | Bangor |
| NATHAN C. REDLON, | * " " " | Portland |
| HIRAM A. WEBBER, | " " Standard Bearer, | Brunswick |
| WARREN C. KING, | " " Pursuivant, | Portland |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " " Lecturer, | Sabattus |
| WALTER S. SMITH, | " " Organist, | Portland |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | " " Tyler, | " |

Also 236 delegates, representing 185 of the 206 chartered lodges, 7 of the 8 living Past Grand Masters, with 29 out of the other 44 permanent members, including 39 of the 59 representatives of other Grand Lodges, together with visiting brethren.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, prayer being offered by the Rev. Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE,

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. CONVERS E. LEACH,

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

On motion of Bro. FRANKLIN R. REDLON,

Voted, That the Grand Tyler be authorized to employ assistants, not exceeding four, 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 employes upon the pay roll, and that they receive the usual *per diem* for their services.

EXCUSES.

The following were received and ordered on record :

AKELEY, MINNESOTA, May 1, 1919.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

At the present time sojourning in Minnesota, it is not practicable for me to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. Forty-six consecutive years, save one when prevented by accident, I have had

the great privilege to meet and greet my Masonic brethren of Maine annually in Grand Lodge.

Well I remember the words of our beloved Past Grand Masters Josiah H. Drummond and Edward P. Burnham at the Seventy-fifth anniversary, and God only knows the loss I feel in not being with you this centennial year.

“Though far distant I may be,
My heart is with you this year of jubilee.
May a heavenly spirit from above
Fill each heart with brotherly love.”

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, *P. G. S. W.*

DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA, May 2, 1919.

MR. CHAS. B. DAVIS, Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M., Portland, Me.

Dear Sir:

Will you present my compliments to Most Worshipful Grand Master Adams, and inform him that, owing to distance, it will not be possible for me to be present at the annual meeting next week.

I am sorry not to be able to be present at this meeting, it being the one at which I should occupy my place in the South, and also I hate to miss this yearly get together with the brethren, and which I have missed but very few times since I began attending the Grand Lodge meetings nearly fifteen years ago.

I had a very pleasant visit with the Grand Lodge of Florida last January.

Trusting you will have a most pleasant and profitable session, I am
Fraternally yours,

CARROLL S. DOUGLASS,
Junior Grand Warden.

The Acting Grand Master appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Doings of Grand Officers.

THOMAS H. BODGE, ASHLEY A. SMITH, FRANK E. SLEEPER.

On Pay Roll.

JOHN C. ARNOLD, CHARLES M. FARRAR, MELVIN M. SIMMONS.

On Unfinished Business.

ALBERT M. PENLEY, ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

TRANSPORTATION.

BRO. CHARLES B. DAVIS submitted the following report, which was accepted:

PORTLAND, May 6, 1919.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Transportation beg leave to report that it began correspondence with the United States Railroad Administration on January 1, 1919, concerning reduced fares for representatives and members attending this Annual Communication. While there have at times been hopes of a convention rate being established, no such action has been taken by the Government; but your committee begs to assure you that it has done all in its power to secure the usual reduction.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS, }
W. F. LORD, } *Committee.*
JAS. E. PARSONS, }

CREDENTIALS.

BRO. RALPH H. BURBANK reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 6, 1919.

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

- 1 PORTLAND, by William M. Howatt, M.; Fred V. Berry, S.W.; Edward E. Webster, J.W.; Harold B. Chase, Proxy.
- 2 WARREN, by James R. Talbot, Proxy.
- 3 LINCOLN, by Fred J. McTeer, M.
- 4 HANCOCK, by William G. Sargent, Proxy.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by Melvin H. Simmons, Proxy.
- 6 AMITY, by Howard D. Small, M.
- 7 EASTERN, by Henry D. Davis, Proxy.
- 8 UNITED, by William S. Rogers, M.; Henry C. Upton, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Myron E. Savage, M.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by Alvoid E. Cushman, M.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by Wallace R. Tarbox, Proxy.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Horace C. Marsden, M.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by William H. Foster, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by Raymond P. Welch, M.; Arthur E. Baum, S.W.; William A. Staples, J.W.

- 15 ORIENT, by Harrison W. Whitehill, M.; Osborn T. Sumner, Proxy.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by Oscar E. Starrett, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT MAND-MARK, by E. Murray Graham, M.; Porter A. Roberts, S.W.; Clark D. Chapman, J.W.; George A. Coffin, Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by Lee M. Smith, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by A. De Forrest Snowman, Proxy.
- 20 MAINE, by W. Raymond Davis, S.W.; H. Burton Voter, Proxy.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Francis S. Dow, M.; Arthur E. Grose, Proxy.
- 22 ———YORK, not represented.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Roscoe J. Dwyer, Proxy.
- 24 PHOENIX, by Morris L. Slugg, M.; Warren A. Nichols, Proxy.
- 25 TEMPLE, by Linwood B. Jones, M.
- 26 VILLAGE, by William W. Brown, S.W.
- 27 ———ADONIRAM, not represented.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by Harold Collins, M.
- 29 ———TRANQUIL, not represented.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by Leopold Schonauer, M.
- 31 UNION, by Ralph B. Lewis, Proxy.
- 32 HERMON, by Arthur E. Smith, M.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by Carleton P. Cook, M.; J. Frederick Hill, S.W.; George W. Townsend, Proxy.
- 34 SOMERSET, by Walter P. Ordway, M.; John H. Lancaster, Proxy.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by George H. Bangs, M.; John C. Arnold, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by Aubrey W. Maxim, M.; Edward M. Johnson, J.W.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by Robert L. Chittenden, S.W.
- 38 HARMONY, by John W. Knight, J.W.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by John W. Springall, Proxy.
- 40 ———LYGONIA, not represented.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by Freeman W. Jordan, M.; Anthony S. Ashford, S.W.; Herbert B. Libby, Proxy.
- 42 FREEDOM, by Arthur F. Lougee, M.
- 43 ALNA, by James G. Stetson, M.
- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by Ralph E. Pineo, M.; George P. Aiken, S.W.; William P. Newman, Proxy.
- 45 CENTRAL, by George M. Hammond, M.; Charles W. Jones, Proxy.
- 46 ST. CROIX, by Herbert A. Gardner, M.
- 47 DUNLAP, by Ira Zer Allen, Proxy.
- 48 LAFAYETTE, by Leon C. Roberts, M.
- 49 MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, by Frank W. Greenway, M.
- 50 AURORA, by Frank A. Peterson, Proxy.
- 51 ST. JOHN'S, by John M. Burleigh, Proxy.

- 52 MOSAIC, by Percival D. Perry, M.
 53 RURAL, by Frank W. Shepard, J.W.
 54 VASSALBORO, by Irvin J. Covell, M.
 55 FRATERNAL, by James H. Littlefield, Proxy.
 56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Irving Trumbull, S.W.
 57 KING HIRAM, by George W. Dockham, Proxy.
 58 UNITY, by Howard N. Harmon, M.
 59 MOUNT HOPE,—*Charter surrendered in 1879.*
 60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Howard A. Lancaster, M.
 61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Fred S. Simmons, M.
 62 KING DAVID'S, by James Henry Peavey, J.W.
 63 RICHMOND, by George W. Greene, M.; Wallace N. Price, Proxy.
 64 PACIFIC, by Sylvester E. Prescott, J.W.
 65 MYSTIC, by Fred M. Cole, M.
 66 MECHANICS', by Roydon L. Hammond, M.
 67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by Nathaniel H. Harnden, Proxy.
 68 ———MARINERS', not represented.
 69 ———HOWARD, not represented.
 70 STANDISH, by Harry B. Hartford, Proxy.
 71 RISING SUN, by Fremont B. Patten, M.
 72 PIONEER, by Arthur G. Andrews, Proxy.
 73 TYRIAN, by John W. Fessenden, M.
 74 BRISTOL, by Joseph E. Crooker, Proxy.
 75 ———PLYMOUTH, not represented.
 76 ARUNDEL, by Thomas P. Baker, Proxy.
 77 TREMONT, by Winfred E. Clark, Proxy.
 78 CRESCENT, by Fred L. Gardner, S.W.; James Abernethy, Proxy.
 79 ROCKLAND, by Albert I. Mather, Proxy.
 80 KEYSTONE, by Ira R. Adams, M.; Clayton E. Eames, Proxy.
 81 ATLANTIC, by Herbert I. Low, M.; Willard W. Knight, S.W.; Lowell H. Woodbury, J.W.; Arthur Manchester, Proxy.
 82 ST. PAUL'S, by George S. Huntley, M.
 83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Rodney C. Warner, J.W.
 84 ———EUREKA, not represented.
 85 ———STAR IN THE WEST, not represented.
 86 TEMPLE, by Oliver A. Cobb, Proxy.
 87 BENEVOLENT, by Frank A. Loring, M.
 88 NARRAGUAGUS, by William F. Campbell, Proxy.
 89 ISLAND, by Eben M. Randlett, M.
 90 HIRAM ABIFF,—*Charter revoked in 1868.*
 91 HARWOOD, by Ralph W. Chandler, M.
 92 SILOAM, by Walter C. Woodman, Proxy.

- 93 HOREB, by Kingsley A. Ballantyne, S.W.
- 94 PARIS, by Merlin C. Joy, M.; Ernest J. Record, Proxy.
- 95 CORINTHIAN, by Edwin D. Young, M.
- 96 MONUMENT, by Alfred E. Astle, M.
- 97 BETHEL, by Fred B. Hall, Proxy.
- 98 KATAHDIN, by Stanley L. Wescott, M.
- 99 VERNON VALLEY, by Carleton E. Turner, S.W.
- 100 JEFFERSON, by Lester D. Bryant, M.; James M. Day, Proxy.
- 101 NEZINSCOT, by Charles F. Bradford, M.; Oliver A. Sprague, Proxy.
- 102 MARSH RIVER, by Wilbur E. Barker, M.
- 103 ——— DRESDEN, not represented.
- 104 DIRIGO, by Orren F. Sproul, Proxy.
- 105 ASHLAR, by George E. Bearce, M.
- 106 TUSCAN, by Elisha D. Wass, M.
- 107 DAY SPRING, by Ai Q. Mitchell, Proxy.
- 108 RELIEF,—*Charter recalled in 1894.*
- 109 MOUNT KINEO, by Sylvester Welts, Proxy.
- 110 ——— MONMOUTH, not represented.
- 111 LIBERTY, by Arthur H. Norton, M.; Oren W. Ripley, J.W.
- 112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by William S. Davidson, Proxy.
- 113 MESSALONSKEE, by Spurgeon S. Hoar, Proxy.
- 114 POLAR STAR, by Joseph A. Terrell, M.
- 115 BUXTON, by Millard F. Dearborn, M.
- 116 LEBANON, by George J. Chandler, M.
- 117 GREENLEAF, by Harry G. Swasey, S.W.; Daniel G. Chaplin, Proxy.
- 118 DRUMMOND, by Lewis A. Wentworth, Proxy.
- 119 POWNAL, by Isaac Littlefield, M.; Clyde M. Merrithews, SW.
- 120 MEDUNCOOK,—*Charter surrendered in 1884.*
- 121 ACACIA, by Carl W. Brown, M.
- 122 MARINE, by Cecil E. Wasgatt, Proxy.
- 123 FRANKLIN, by F. W. Sanders, Proxy.
- 124 ——— OLIVE BRANCH, not represented.
- 125 MERIDIAN, by Walter M. Prilay, M.
- 126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Walter H. Lyon, Proxy.
- 127 ——— PRESUMPCOT, not represented.
- 128 ——— EGGEMOGGIN, not represented.
- 129 QUANTABACOOK, by Ernest S. Wing, Proxy.
- 130 TRINITY, by Horace B. Harmon, M.; Fred S. Wiggin, Proxy.
- 131 ——— LOOKOUT, not represented.
- 132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Clarence H. Pridge, Proxy.
- 133 ASYLUM, by John H. Bamford, M.
- 134 TROJAN,—*Consolidated with No. 85, in 1888.*

- 135 RIVERSIDE, by Arthur W. Flagg, M.
136 IONIC,—*Charter surrendered in 1882.*
137 KENDUSKEAG, by Edgar D. Salley, M.
138 LEWY'S ISLAND, by Andrew C. Swan, Proxy.
139 ARCHON, by Rufus L. Tasker, M.; Amos W. Knowlton, Proxy.
140 MOUNT DESERT, by Pearl Bordeaux, M.
141 AUGUSTA, by Leonard V. Clark, M.; Harold D. Jennings, Proxy.
142 OCEAN, by Charles H. West, Proxy.
143 PREBLE, by Frank Wilson, Proxy.
144 SEASIDE, by H. Chandler Reed, M.
145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Frederick A. Grindle, Proxy.
146 SEBASTICOOK, by George J. Mudgett, M.; Lloyd A. Harmon,
Proxy.
147 EVENING STAR, by Wellington H. Eastman, Proxy.
148 FOREST, by George H. Jewett, Proxy.
149 DORIC, by Lyman E. Davidson, M.
150 RABBONI, by Walter L. Emerson, M.; Arthur W. Sharp, S.W.
151 EXCELSIOR, by Isaac S. Hills, Proxy.
152 CROOKED RIVER, by Melville R. Wilbur, M.
153 DELTA, by Weeman G. McAlister, M.
154 MYSTIC TIE, by Thomas A. Schofield, Proxy.
155 ANCIENT YORK, by William H. Douglass, Proxy.
156 WILTON, by Fred E. Trefethen, Proxy.
157 CAMBRIDGE, by Fred C. Eldridge, S.W.
158 ANCHOR, by John A. Turner, Proxy.
159 ESOTERIC,—*Consolidated with No. 40, in 1908.*
160 PARIAN, by Sheridan F. Ireland, M.
161 CARRABASSETT, by Harry B. Harris, M.
162 ARION, by Hugh Steele, Proxy.
163 PLEASANT RIVER, by Rufus R. McClain, M.
164 WEBSTER, by Frank E. Sleeper, Jr., Proxy.
165 ———MOLUNKUS, not represented.
166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Vernon C. Sampson, Proxy.
167 WHITNEY, by George M. Rose, M.; John N. Foye, S.W.; James G.
Davis, Proxy.
168 ———COMPOSITE, not represented.
169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by Almon F. Johnson, Proxy.
170 CARIBOU, by Harry M. Vinal, Proxy.
171 NASKEAG, by R. Lewis Smith, M.
172 PINE TREE, by Harold J. Shedd, J.W.
173 PLEIADES, by Frank C. Bixby, S.W.
174 LYNDE, by Fred A. Gray, M.

- 175 BASKAHEGAN, by Arthur W. Gilpatrick, M.; Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
- 176 PALESTINE,—*Consolidated with No. 47, in 1895.*
- 177 ————RISING STAR, not represented.
- 178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by Claude W. Cox, M.; Harvey M. Norton, S.W.
- 179 YORKSHIRE, by Chester A. Batchelder, S.W.
- 180 HIRAM, by John L. Goodwin, S.W.; George H. Minott, J.W.; Clarence E. Turner, Proxy.
- 181 REUEL WASHBURN,—*Consolidated with No. 21, in 1892.*
- 182 GRANITE, by Carroll A. Bacon, J.W.
- 183 DEERING, by L. Everett Fickett, M.; Guy E. Hill, S.W.; Frank A. Farwell, J.W.; George F. Grant, Proxy.
- 184 NAVAL, by Albert F. Billings, J.W.
- 185 BAR HARBOR, by William F. Graham, Proxy.
- 186 ————WARREN PHILLIPS, not represented.
- 187 IRA BERRY, by Ithamar E. Stanley, Proxy.
- 188 JONESPORT, by Herbert E. Farnsworth, M.
- 189 KNOX, by Forrest A. Snow, J.W.
- 190 SPRINGVALE, by J. Everett Ridley, Proxy.
- 191 DAVIS, by Charles B. Richardson, Proxy.
- 192 WINTER HARBOR, by Frank E. Weston, Proxy.
- 193 WASHBURN, by Harold L. Umphrey, M.
- 194 EUCLID, by George B. Walker, M.
- 195 RELIANCE, by Henry B. Smith, Proxy.
- 196 BAY VIEW, by Converse O. Hodgdon, Proxy.
- 197 AROOSTOOK, by Malcolm T. Barry, M.
- 198 ST. ASPINQUID, by Samuel W. Moulton, J.W.
- 199 BINGHAM, by Alvah S. Witham, M.
- 200 COLUMBIA, by George W. Brown, Proxy.
- 201 DAVID A. HOOPER, by William B. Blaisdell, Proxy.
- 202 MOUNT BIGELOW, by Mahlon L. Sampson, M.; Danville C. Durrell, Proxy.
- 203 MOUNT OLIVET, Leroy G. Cunningham, M.; Leland M. Johnston, S. W.
- 204 ————MOUNT ABRAM, not represented.
- 205 ————NOLLESEMIC, not represented.
- 206 ISLAND FALLS, by M.; Frank L. Downs, Proxy.
- 207 ABNER WADE, by Vernon O. Hussey, M.
- 208 NORTH EAST HARBOR, by William S. Holmes, M.
- 209 FORT KENT, by Augustus D. Dow, Proxy.
- 210 ————BAGADUCE, not represented.

- 211 MEDUNCOOK, by Wilbur A. Morse, M.
 212 MCKINLEY, by Loren W. Runnill, M.
 213 ———KEMANKEAG, not represented.
 214 LIMESTONE, by Harold L. Chase, Proxy.
 215 ORCHARD, by Clement P. Wight, M.

[Chartered lodges, 206; represented, 185; delegates, 236.]

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present:

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| M. W. | FRANK E. SLEEPER, | - - - - - | P. G. M. |
| " | ALBRO E. CHASE, | - - - - - | " |
| " | CHARLES F. JOHNSON, | - - - - - | " |
| " | EDMUND B. MALLET, | - - - - - | " |
| " | ASHLEY A. SMITH, | - - - - - | " |
| " | THOMAS H. BODGE, | - - - - - | " |
| " | WALDO PETTENGILL, | - - - - - | " |
| R. W. | ALBERT M. PENLEY, | - - - - - | P. S. G. W. |
| " | JAMES E. PARSONS, | - - - - - | " |
| " | EDWIN A. PORTER, | - - - - - | " |
| " | CHARLES W. CROSBY, | - - - - - | " |
| " | W. SCOTT SHOREY, | - - - - - | " |
| " | WILLIAM N. HOWE, | - - - - - | " |
| " | FRANK J. COLE, | - - - - - | " |
| " | ISAAC N. JONES, | - - - - - | " |
| " | FRANK E. MONROE, | - - - - - | " |
| " | FRED C. CHALMERS, | - - - - - | " |
| " | ISAAC A. CLOUGH, | - - - - - | " |
| " | FRED RAYMOND, | - - - - - | " |
| " | ALBERT H. NEWBERT, | - - - - - | " |
| " | JAMES H. WITHERELL, | - - - - - | " |
| " | HOWARD D. SMITH, | - - - - - | P. J. G. W. |
| " | WM. FREEMAN LORD, | - - - - - | " |
| " | GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, | - - - - - | " |
| " | ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, | - - - - - | " |
| " | MILLARD M. CASWELL, | - - - - - | " |
| " | FRANKLIN R. REDLON, | - - - - - | " |
| " | JOHN H. MCGORRILL, | - - - - - | " |
| " | JAMES C. AYER, | - - - - - | " |
| " | EDWARD G. WESTON, | - - - - - | " |
| " | GEORGE W. HOLMES, | - - - - - | " |
| " | WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, | - - - - - | " |
| " | SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, | - - - - - | " |

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| R. W. CONVERS E. LEACH, | - - - - - | P. J. G. W. |
| " CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, | - - - - - | " |
| " FRANK B. ARNOLD, | - - - - - | " |

And Grand Officers as follows:

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| EDWARD W. WHEELER, | - - - | R. W. Deputy Grand Master. |
| WILLIS A. RICKER, | - - - | " Senior Grand Warden. |
| ALBRO E. CHASE, | - - - | " Grand Treasurer. |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, | - - - | " " Secretary. |
| CONVERS E. LEACH, | - - - | " Cor. Grand Secretary. |
| BERNARD ARCHIBALD, | - - - | " D. D. G. M. 1st Dist. |
| HENRY R. GILLIS, | - - - | " " 2d " |
| FOREST B. SNOW, | - - - | " " 4th " |
| EUGENE A. WHITTREDGE, | - - - | " " 5th " |
| LEON E. WOODMAN, | - - - | " " 6th " |
| ALBERT R. PILLEY, | - - - | " " 7th " |
| ALLEN L. CURTIS, | - - - | " " 8th " |
| CHESTER B. HALL, | - - - | " " 9th " |
| EDWARD C. LEIGHTON, | - - - | " " 10th " |
| WILLIAM F. LEAVITT, | - - - | " " 11th " |
| HARRY S. GRINDALL, | - - - | " " 12th " |
| ERNEST W. GILMAN, | - - - | " " 13th " |
| ASBURY M. BLAKE, | - - - | " " 14th " |
| FRED HUTCHINS, | - - - | " " 15th " |
| FANNING J. BURBANK, | - - - | " " 17th " |
| WALDO N. SEAVEY, | - - - | " " 18th " |
| GUY P. ROWE, | - - - | " " 20th " |
| LEWMAN B. SOPER, | - - - | " " 22d " |
| FRED B. RAND, | - - - | " " 23d " |
| ALBERT T. BRADFORD, | - - - | " " 24th " |
| ALPHONSO F. RUSSELL, JR., | - - - | " " 26th " |
| REV. ASHLEY A. SMITH, | - - - | W. Grand Chaplain. |
| " JOHN M. BIELER, | - - - | " " " |
| HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, | - - - | " " Marshal. |
| WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, | - - - | " " Senior Deacon. |
| DAVID E. MOULTON, | - - - | " " Junior Deacon. |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, | - - - | " " Steward. |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, | - - - | " " " |
| FRANK P. DENACO, | - - - | " " " |
| NATHAN C. REDLON, | - - - | " " " |
| HIRAM A. WEBBER, | - - - | " " Standard Bearer. |

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| WARREN C. KING, | - - - - | W. Grand Pursuivant. |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | - - - - | " " Lecturer. |
| WALTER S. SMITH, | - - - - | " " Organist. |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | - - - - | " " Tyler. |

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance:

Alabama—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, Pittsfield.
 British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE, Portland.
 Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabattus.
 Connecticut—ISAAC N. JONES, Calais.
 Delaware—JAMES B. STEVENSON, Rumford.
 Florida—FRED C. CHALMERS, Bangor.
 Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland.
 Illinois—FREDERIC O. EATON, Rumford.
 Indiana—WARREN C. KING, Portland.
 Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.
 Maryland—GEORGE W. HOLMES, Norway.
 Michigan—FRED RAYMOND, Livermore Falls.
 Minnesota—SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, Lewiston.
 Mississippi—ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Portland.
 Missouri—CHARLES B. DAVIS, Portland.
 Montana—CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, Belfast.
 Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER, Pittsfield.
 New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.
 New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS, Ellsworth.
 New York—EDWARD W. WHEELER, Brunswick.
 North Carolina—CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Portland.
 Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Portland.
 Ohio—CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.
 Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.
 Oregon—FRANK E. MONROE, Milo.
 Peru—FRANK B. ARNOLD, Dexter.
 Philippine Islands—WALDO PETTENGILL, Rumford.
 Porto Rico—THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.
 Quebec—JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
 Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
 Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.
 South Australia—JAMES H. WITHERELL, Oakland.
 South Carolina—WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, Lisbon.
 South Dakota—EDWARD S. WESTON, Thomaston.
 Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY, Bath.

Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY, Kent's Hill.
 Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, Portland.
 Western Australia—FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Portland.
 West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENLEY, Auburn.
 Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport.

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH H. BURBANK, }
 FRANK P. DENACO, } *Committee.*
 WARREN C. KING, }

The report was accepted, and was left in the hands of the committee until 2 P. M., in order that additions might be made.

The following communication from M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS, Grand Master, was read by Deputy Grand Master WHEELER:

PORTLAND, May 5, 1919.

To the Officers, Members and Visiting Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Maine.

I very much regret that a serious illness prevents me from presiding over the deliberations of this session of the Grand Lodge.

No previous session has ever convened under such conditions as at present prevail, and it is our sincere hope that at the next session the foundations for a permanent world peace may have been firmly laid.

The Craft has enjoyed a year of marvelous prosperity, and we are facing a year of tremendous responsibility. The traitorous and vicious doctrine of Bolshevism has made its appearance in this free country, and the pernicious activities of the I. W. W. are threatening our free institution.

No organization is so well equipped to combat the spread of this evil as is our own fraternity, and it behooves every member of the Craft to be ever watchful to detect and report any indication of its presence in our freedom loving state, to the end that it may be stamped out and destroyed at its first appearance.

My sincere thanks are due the Officers of the Grand Lodge for their

support and assistance, and also to the District Deputies for their painstaking and faithful work during the past busy year.

With heartiest greetings, and best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

SILAS B. ADAMS, *Grand Master.*

On motion of Bro. PETTENGILL, it was

Voted, That an Address or Report of his official acts for the year, prepared by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, at such time when he may be able to make it, be incorporated into the records of this Annual Communication.

On motion of Bro. CONVERS E. LEACH, it was

Voted, That a committee of three, of which the Acting Grand Master be chairman, be appointed to visit Most Worshipful Grand Master Adams during the noon recess, and convey to him the good wishes of the members of the Grand Lodge and visiting brethren, deep regret because of his present illness, and hope for his early recovery.

The committee was completed by the appointment of Brothers CONVERS E. LEACH and ASHLEY A. SMITH.

[Grand Secretary's note. The following Report of official acts for the year ending May 6, 1919, has been prepared by Grand Master ADAMS, and is here inserted in accord with the vote of the Grand Lodge at its opening session.]

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

This is the one hundredth communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, which fact of itself lends additional interest to what has ever been an important occasion to the members of the Craft, but so absorbed have our hearts and minds been with the great events which have crowded one upon the other in endless procession during the past year of world strife, that I feel we have grown to

think more of our present duties, and obligations of the immediate future rather than to congratulate each other upon the splendid Masonic record of this jurisdiction for the past century.

With the hope and belief that the war weary peoples of the globe are earnestly preparing for a prolonged peace we feel assured that we may enter, one year hence, upon the proper celebration of the completion of the century's progress of Masonry in Maine.

We have viewed with great satisfaction the emphasis and prominence which have been given during the past four years to the fundamental tenets of our order, brotherly love, relief and truth, so that now the whole civilized world begins to realize that the genuine brotherly interest taken in the welfare of others, as has so long been the foundation principle of our fraternity, is the golden key to happiness and progress. We cannot expect peace and calmness to instantly prevail after so great a turmoil, and it is a duty incumbent upon each individual member of the Craft to lend his talents and influence towards the proper solution of the tremendous problems which faces our neighbors, our communities, our states and nation.

It seems inevitable that a new relationship between labor and capital will be established, and how fitting and proper it will be for the members of our fraternity to wisely and faithfully, as best we can, aid in the establishment of such an attitude of one toward the other as to redound to the ultimate welfare and prosperity of all.

Those principles to which our fraternity has been pledged for centuries have now been vindicated in the eyes of all the world, and the fraternity must face new and enlarged opportunities and obligations in such a way, and with such firmness of faith as will result to the everlasting credit of our order. In the future as in the past Masonry must always be found on the side of civic righteousness.

Since our last meeting four permanent members of this Grand

Lodge have passed to the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe resides.

P. J. G. W. BENJAMIN L. HADLEY, July 30, 1918.

P. G. M. HENRY R. TAYLOR, October 6, 1918.

Grand Secretary Emeritus STEPHEN BERRY, February 1, 1919.

P. J. G. W. MOSES TAIT, April 16, 1919.

I have in each case requested a brother who was an intimate friend of the deceased to prepare a suitable memorial, which will be found printed in another portion of the proceedings. All of these distinguished brethren will be long remembered with affection by those of us who have long been privileged to meet and council with them, and draw inspiration from their devotion to our institution and the high talent they so generously exercised in its behalf.

DISPENSATIONS.

The requests for dispensations during the past year have been unusually numerous because of enlistments in the service of the United States through the operation of the selective draft. This influenced many young men who had conceived a favorable opinion of the fraternity and had a desire to become a member of it, to present petition for immediate action. They were forced to leave their homes for an indefinite period, necessitating special meetings and in many cases conferring three degrees in one meeting. Deeming the matter of sufficient importance, I caused the following communication to be sent to the Secretary of each of the subordinate lodges:

GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, F. & A. MASONS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Inasmuch as requests for dispensations to enable lodges to receive applications to ballot and work at special meetings or on regular meetings without waiting for the legal period of time to elapse, I deem it advisable

to call your attention to the following constitutional regulations governing this action.

The Grand Master is in complete accord with the brethren who are desirous that any worthy applicant may receive the Masonic degrees before joining the colors in the service of his country, but would caution the brethren not to permit their zeal to encroach upon the established customs of the fraternity.

In all cases a fee of \$3.00 should accompany the request for dispensation, and the Secretary should collect \$5.00 in addition to the regular fee from the candidates balloted for or worked under dispensation.

The dispensation must be in the hands of the Secretary, and notices of the meeting given at least forty-eight hours before action can be taken. It is not legal for lodges within the State of Maine to confer degrees by courtesy for another lodge within this state.

For the information of the brethren, I would request that you cause the foregoing to be read at the next regular meeting of your lodge.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

SILAS B. ADAMS. *Grand Master.*

The attitude of your Grand Master has been that in no case should a dispensation be granted, or the petition of an applicant received, unless he was well known to the brethren of the lodge to which he was making application, and that he was unquestionably within the jurisdiction of that lodge.

Emphasis was also given to the necessity of properly instructing the candidate in the knowledge of the preceding degree, so that uninformed, non-instructed Masons should not be sent forth into the world to the embarrassment of the newly and hastily raised brother, causing a display of ignorance of Masonic instructions, to the discredit of the lodge which made him a member.

I am happy to say that I have received the heartiest co-operation in this position from the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Masters of the lodges with whom I have corresponded.

Dispensations have been granted during the past year to the following lodges for the purposes described :

May 23, 1918, Cambridge Lodge, No. 157, to ballot upon the petition of an applicant at a special meeting.

May 25th, Katahdin Lodge, No. 98, to receive and ballot upon a petition and work the first degree at a special meeting.

May 25th, Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, to receive and act upon a petition and to work the first and second degrees at a special meeting.

Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 99, to receive and ballot upon a petition and work the E. A. degree at the same meeting.

Alna Lodge, No. 43, to receive and ballot upon a petition and work the E. A. and F. C. degrees at a special meeting.

Abner Wade Lodge, No. 207, to receive and ballot upon a petition and work the E. A. and F. C. degrees at a special meeting.

June 1st, Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, to receive and ballot upon a petition at a stated meeting of the lodge, June 5, 1918.

June 10th, Rockland Lodge, No. 79, to ballot upon a petition and work the three degrees at a special meeting.

Bay View Lodge, No. 195, to ballot upon an application and work the three degrees at a special meeting.

June 17th, Unity Lodge, No. 8, to work three degrees at a special meeting.

Jefferson Lodge, No. 100, to receive and ballot upon petition and work three degrees in one evening.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, to receive and ballot upon the petition and work three degrees in one evening.

June 22d, Jefferson Lodge, No. 100, to ballot upon a petition and confer three degrees at a special meeting.

Temple Lodge, No. 86, to receive and ballot upon a petition at a special meeting.

Webster Lodge, No. 164, to ballot upon a petition and confer three degrees at a special meeting.

St. John's Lodge, No. 51, to receive and ballot upon petition and confer all three degrees in one evening.

Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, to ballot upon a petition and confer the E. A. and F. C. degrees at a special meeting.

Trinity Lodge, No. 130, to receive and ballot upon petitions and confer all three degrees at a special meeting.

St. George Lodge, No. 16, to vote upon petition and confer all three degrees at a special meeting.

Euclid Lodge, No. 194, to ballot upon petitions at a special meeting.

Penobscot Lodge, No. 39, to ballot upon petitions and confer all three degrees at one meeting.

Casco Lodge, No. 36, to ballot upon petitions and confer all three degrees at a special meeting.

Wilton Lodge, No. 156, to receive and ballot upon petitions, and to work all three degrees at a special meeting.

Waterville Lodge, No. 33, to receive and ballot upon petitions at a regular meeting of the lodge.

Orchard Lodge, No. 215, to receive and ballot upon the petition at a special meeting.

Orient Lodge, No. 15, to ballot upon petition at a special meeting.

Penobscot Lodge, No. 39, to receive and act upon petitions and to work all three degrees at a special meeting.

Hancock Lodge, No. 4, to receive and ballot upon petition and to work all three degrees at a special meeting.

Warren Lodge, No. 2, to ballot upon petition and work all three degrees at a special meeting.

July 30th, Trinity Lodge, No. 130, to receive and ballot upon petitions at a special meeting.

August 12th, Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, to receive and ballot upon petition at a regular meeting of the lodge.

August 17th, Aroostook Lodge, No. 197, to ballot upon petition and work three degrees at a special meeting.

August 17th, Bethel Lodge, No. 97, to receive and ballot upon the petition and work all three degrees at a special meeting.

August 19th, Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, to receive and ballot upon the petition at a stated meeting to be held September 4th.

August 19th, Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, to work all three degrees upon the candidate at the next regular meeting.

August 19th, Trinity Lodge, No. 130, to receive and ballot upon petition and work all three degrees at a special meeting.

August 24th, St. George Lodge, No. 16, to ballot upon the petition and confer all three degrees at a special meeting.

August 24th, Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44, to hold meeting and confer degrees at the Town Hall at Sebec, the premises having been inspected and approved by D. D. G. M. Eugene A. Whittredge.

August 24th, Wilton Lodge, No. 156, to ballot upon petitions and confer all three degrees at a special meeting called August 27th, for that purpose.

August 26th, Unity Lodge, No. 58, to ballot upon petitions and work all three degrees at a special meeting.

August 28th, Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, to receive and ballot upon petition and work three degrees at a special meeting.

August 31st, Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, to receive and ballot upon petition at a stated meeting of the lodge, September 4th.

August 31st, Central Lodge, No. 45, to ballot upon petitions and work all three degrees at a special meeting.

September 5th, Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, to receive and ballot upon petitions at a special meeting to be held September 9th.

September 5th, Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137, to ballot upon a petition and confer the three degrees at a special meeting.

September 5th, Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, to receive and ballot upon petitions at a regular meeting of the lodge to be held on Saturday evening, September 7th.

September 13th, Pioneer Lodge, No. 72, to receive and ballot upon petitions at a special meeting to be held September 18th, for that purpose.

September 20th, Narraguagus Lodge, No. 88, to receive and ballot upon petitions at a special meeting to be held September 24th.

September 20th, Preble Lodge, No. 143, to receive and ballot upon petitions and confer three degrees at the same meeting.

September 20th, Temple Lodge, No. 86, to receive and ballot upon petitions at a special meeting to be held for that purpose September 23d.

September 25th, St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, to receive and ballot upon petitions and work the E. A. and F. C. Degrees at a special meeting to be held September 28th.

September 28th, Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 67, to ballot upon petitions and confer all three degrees at a special meeting.

September 28th, St. Aspinquid Lodge, No. 198, to ballot upon petitions and work all three degrees at a special meeting.

September 28th, Temple Lodge, No. 86, to receive and ballot upon petition at a regular meeting to be held October 9th.

October 10th, Archon Lodge, No. 139, to receive and ballot upon petitions and work the three degrees at the same meeting.

October 10th, Temple Lodge, No. 25, to elect officers and transact other annual business at the stated meeting to be held October 14th, because of the fact that no quorum was present at the annual meeting held in September.

October 10th, Central Lodge, No. 45, to elect officers at the regular meeting of the lodge to be held October 16th, because of the fact that on account of a severe storm, the regular meeting in September was not held.

October 16th, Granite Lodge, No. 182, to transact the annual business of the lodge at the regular meeting to be held in November; the regular annual meeting in October being suspended because of the regulation of the State Board of Health.

October 16th, Naval Lodge, No. 184, to hold a special meeting on October 30th, for the purpose of transacting regular business, receiving petitions and balloting on petitions presented at regular September meeting of the lodge. The order of the local Board of Health regarding public assemblages making such course of action necessary.

October 23d, Aurora Lodge, No. 50, to work three degrees upon a candidate at a special meeting to be called for that purpose October 24th.

October 28th, Quantabacook Lodge, No. 129, to elect officers and transact the business of the annual meeting at a stated meeting to be held November 2d; this action was made necessary be-

cause of a storm preventing the holding of the regular meeting in October.

October 29th, Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, to receive and refer petitions at a special meeting to be held Thursday, October 21st. This action appears necessary because of the enforced cancellation of the stated meeting October 2d, in order to comply with the order of the Board of Health on account of the Spanish Influenza.

November 1st, Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, to elect officers and transact business of the annual meeting at a special meeting on November 2d; the regular meeting in October being omitted because of the order of the Board of Health, occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

November 1st, Dresden Lodge, No. 103, to elect officers and transact business of the annual meeting at the regular meeting on November 13th. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in October, in compliance with the order of the State Board of Health occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

November 1st, Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, to elect officers and transact business of the annual meeting at its regular meeting on November 11th. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in October, in compliance with the orders of the State Board of Health occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

November 2d, Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, to elect officers and transact business of the annual meeting at a special meeting, November 18th. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in October, in compliance with the orders of the State Board of Health occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

November 2d, Amity Lodge, No. 6, to elect officers and transact business of the annual meeting at a regular meeting on Friday evening, November 8th. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in October, in com-

pliance with the orders of the State Board of Health, occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

November 4th, Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, to elect officers and transact business of the annual meeting at its regular meeting November 7th. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in October, in compliance with the orders of the State Board of Health, occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

November 6th, Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, to elect officers and transact business of the annual meeting at its regular meeting on November 13th. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in October, in compliance with the orders of the State Board of Health, occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

November 6th, Corinthian Lodge, No. 95, to elect officers and transact business of the annual meeting at its regular meeting on November 10th. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in October, in compliance with the orders of the State Board of Health, occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

November 6th, Richmond Lodge, No. 63, to elect officers and transact business of the annual meeting at its regular meeting on November 11th. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in October, in compliance with the orders of the State Board of Health, occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

November 2d, Casco Lodge, No. 36, to elect officers and transact business of the annual meeting at its regular meeting on November 5th. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in October, in compliance with the orders of the State Board of Health, occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

November 11th, Nollesemic Lodge, No. 205, to elect officers and transact business of the annual meeting at its regular meeting on November 14th. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in October, in com-

pliance with the orders of the State Board of Health, occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

November 11th, Carrabassett Lodge, No. 161, to elect officers and transact business of the annual meeting at its regular meeting in November. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in October, in compliance with the orders of the State Board of Health, occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

November 11th, Temple Lodge, No. 25, to elect officers and transact business of the annual meeting at its regular meeting on November 18th. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in October, in compliance with the orders of the State Board of Health, occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

November 14th, Oriental Lodge, No. 13, to elect officers and transact business of the annual meeting at its regular meeting on November 23d. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in October, in compliance with the orders of the State Board of Health, occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

November 14th, St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, to elect officers and transact business of the annual meeting at its regular meeting on Monday evening, November 18th. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in October, in compliance with the orders of the State Board of Health, occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

November 18th, Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 26, to elect a Senior Warden at the regular meeting of the lodge on December 5th, and to install the member elected.

November 27th, St. Aspinquid Lodge, No. 198, to ballot upon petitions and confer all three degrees on the same evening.

December 6th, Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, to form a Masonic Procession to be held in connection with the centennial anniversary ceremonies at a special meeting called for that purpose on December 9th. The procession will proceed from the Masonic Hall to

the Church, and from the Church to Masonic Hall at the conclusion of the program.

December 6th, Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, to ballot for Worshipful Master at the next stated meeting December 7th.

December 6th, Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54, to elect and install a Junior Warden at a meeting to be held on December 11th.

December 11th, Penobscot Lodge, No. 39, to receive and ballot upon petition at a special meeting of the lodge to be held December 16th.

December 17th, Preble Lodge, No. 143, to hold a special communication for conferring all three degrees on the same candidate at one meeting.

December 18th, Rising Star Lodge, No. 177, to elect officers and transact business of its regular annual meeting at a stated meeting to be held January 1st. This action is necessary because of the absence of a quorum caused by a severe storm preventing a meeting in December.

December 20th, Composite Lodge, No. 168, to work all three degrees at a special meeting to be held on December 31st.

December 26th, Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, to confer all three degrees at a special meeting of the lodge to be held January 15th.

December 30th, Freeport Lodge, No. 23, to elect officers and transact business of its regular annual meeting at the stated communication January 6th. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in December, in compliance with the orders of the State Board of Health occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

December 31st, Union Lodge, No. 31, to elect officers and transact the business of its regular annual meeting on the stated communication January 16th. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in December, in compliance with the orders of the State Board of Health occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

January 8, 1919, Solar Lodge, No. 14, to transact the business of its regular meeting at a special meeting to be held Monday, January 13th. The regular meeting which should have been held

on the 6th inst., was postponed in order to comply with the regulations of the Board of Health in regard to holding public meetings during the prevalence of the spanish influenza.

January 14th, Jonesport Lodge, No. 188, to transact the business of its regular meeting at a special meeting held on January 21st. The regular January stated meeting was postponed in order to comply with the regulation of the Board of Health in regard to holding public meetings during the prevalence of the Spanish Influenza.

January 18th, Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 56, to elect and install a Junior Warden at a special meeting called for that purpose on Monday, January 20th.

January 20th, Drummond Lodge, No. 118, to receive and ballot upon petitions and work all three degrees at the same meeting.

January 20th, Aurora Lodge, No. 50, to receive and ballot upon petitions at a special meeting of the lodge to be held January 22d.

January 23d, King Solomon's Lodge, No. 61, to elect officers and transact business of its annual meeting, which meeting was postponed in compliance with the regulations of the Board of Health, at a special meeting to be called for the purpose.

January 24th, Solar Lodge, No. 14, to confer all three degrees in one evening at a meeting called for that purpose on January 25th.

January 28th, David A. Hooper Lodge, No. 201, to elect officers and transact the other business of the annual meeting at the stated meeting of the lodge to be held February 1st. This action is necessary because of the enforced postponement of the regular meeting in January in compliance with the orders of the State Board of Health, occasioned by the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

The following dispensations were granted by R. W. D. G. M. Edward W. Wheeler during my temporary absence from the state :

July 14, 1918, Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, to receive and ballot upon petitions at a special meeting.

July 18th, Delta Lodge, No. 153, to ballot upon petitions and work the three degrees at a special meeting.

July 18th, Meridian Splendor Lodge, No. 49, to ballot and work the three degrees at a special meeting.

September 26th, Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44, to ballot upon petitions at a special meeting.

February 10, 1919, Aurora Lodge, No. 50, to ballot and work the three degrees at a special meeting.

February 20th, Hancock Lodge, No. 4, to receive and ballot upon petitions and work the three degrees at a special meeting.

March 18th, Hancock Lodge, No. 4, to receive and ballot upon petitions and work the three degrees at a special meeting.

DEGREES CONFERRED BY COURTESY.

I have had correspondence with other Grand Jurisdictions regarding the conferring of degrees by courtesy as follows:

July 3, 1918. Portland Lodge, No. 1, to confer the degrees upon Harry Edward Nelson, for North Shore Lodge, No. 937, Chicago, Illinois.

July 5th. Lookout Lodge, No. 131, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degree on John Connolley, for St. Martin's Lodge, of New Brunswick.

July 11th. Spartan Lodge, No. 70, of Spartansburg, S. C., to confer the three degrees on Donald Washburn Hurd for Temple Lodge, No. 86.

September 12th. Irish Lodge, No. 190, Queenstown, Ireland, to confer the degrees upon Worth D. Faubian, for Naval Lodge, No. 184.

September 17th. The Grand Lodge of Michigan to elect some lodge in Detroit, Mich., to confer the degrees on Stanley Bucknam Miller, for Wilton Lodge, No. 156.

October 1st. Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, to confer three degrees on John W. Humphrey, of Fort Williams, Maine, for Paris Lodge, No. 27, of Texas.

October 16th. Amicable Lodge, of Cambridge, Mass., to confer the degrees on Alfred Harrison Mills, for Aurora Lodge, No. 50.

October 16th. Caleb Butler Lodge, of Ayer, Mass., to confer the degrees on Carl A. Anderson, for Temple Lodge, No. 86.

January 18th. Berkley Lodge, No. 167, of Norfolk, Va., to confer the degrees upon George B. Davis, for Freeport Lodge, No. 23.

GRIEVANCES.

The following matters have been referred by me to the Committee on Grievances and Appeal:

July 29, 1918, from Abner Wade Lodge, No. 207, transcript of trial and expulsion of Brother Ernest Fowler.

August 12th, Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 56, transcript of the minutes of the meeting called for the purpose of preferring charges against Brother Clayton D. Smith.

January 8, 1919, from Eureka Lodge, No. 84, charges that Rockland Lodge, No. 79, had invaded jurisdiction of Eureka Lodge, No. 84.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

On January 6, 1919, I had the pleasure of appointing R. W. Brother Edward W. Wheeler, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, near this Grand Lodge of Maine, vice M. W. Brother Henry R. Taylor, deceased.

CONFERENCE.

A conference of the Grand Masters of the different states was called by M. W. George L. Schoonover, Grand Master of Iowa, on the fourth week in November, 1918, to consider problems incident upon the war conditions in order to obtain the largest measure of unanimity in the approach to the many problems requiring the thoughtful consideration and action of all of the Grand Jurisdictions.

I was unable to attend this conference, but from the reports in the Masonic Press it was a most successful and harmonious occasion, from which it is hoped much good will result.

RECEPTIONS.

On June 10, 1918, I was officially received by Deering Lodge, No. 183. This is my own lodge, and elaborate arrangements were made which resulted in a most delightful evening to more than 400 members of the Craft. R. W. Brother Herbert W. Maxfield, Grand Marshal, acted as Grand Warden. I was received by a committee composed of Worshipful Brothers George F. Grant, Fred B. Marston and Leon W. Helson. In reply to invitations sent, letters of regret were received from M. W. Brothers Waldo Pettengill and Henry R. Taylor, of Maine, and William M. English, of Connecticut; Thomas H. Bodge, T. I. G. M. of the Grand Council, J. Frederick Hill, Grand Commander K. T., and Albert M. Penley, P. G. High Priest. Wor. Master L. Everett Fickett gave me a most fraternal greeting, and Wor. Brother Edward S. Waite conducted the speaking program. Accompanying me were R. W. Brother Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary; R. W. Brother William N. Howe, for the Grand Council, R. S. M.; R. E. Edmund B. Mallet, representing the Grand Chapter; R. W. Edward W. Wheeler, representing the Grand Commandery, K. T.; Ill. Ralph W. Crockett, representing the A. and A. S. R.; Past Grand Commander Harry R. Virgin representing Masonry in general. These distinguished brothers gave inspiring and eloquent addresses.

The occasion was not only extremely gratifying to me personally, but afforded a welcome opportunity for fraternal greetings and renewal of friendships which result in closer knitting the ties of our fraternity.

On December 9th it was my great pleasure to mingle with the brethren of Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, of Auburn, and participate in the celebration of its hundredth anniversary. The arrangements made by the Executive Committee, made up of Wor. John

S. P. H. Wilson, Wor. John H. Merrill, and Wor. Frank L. Bartlett, were perfectly carried out to the smallest detail, and it would be impossible to suggest a more pleasing program than was enjoyed on this memorable occasion. Accompanied by Grand Chaplain Ashley A. Smith of Bangor, I was received in due form at the lodge rooms, after which a procession was formed, and under the direction of Marshal Allen L. Winslow, the members, to the music of Hobbs' band, marched to the First Universalist Church, where the band was dismissed, and the members entered the auditorium, where the program was taken up and carried out.

The selections by the Pilgrim Quartet of Boston were delightfully rendered and thoroughly enjoyed, as was the address of M. W. Brother Smith, whose happy and interesting handling of Masonic addresses are well known to our members. Perhaps the outstanding feature of the program was the admirable historical address by Wor. George C. Wing. This was a model of its kind in comprehensiveness, for without wandering into by-paths but following the broad trail of the most interesting events, he presented the series of the important activities of Tranquil Lodge for the past hundred years in a most interesting and delightful manner, and contributed a most valuable addition to the Masonic history of the state.

It is worthy of note that every one of the sixteen living Past Masters were present, and assisted in carrying out the program. Taken all in all it was a most notable and profitable Masonic gathering.

BY-LAWS.

By-Laws, amendments thereof or additions thereto have been approved as follows:

May 23, 1918, Island Lodge, No. 89.

July 23, 1918, Naval Lodge, No. 184.

July 23, 1918, Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126.

November 21, 1918, Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124.

December 21, 1918, Pownal Lodge, No. 119.

January 9, 1919, Mount Kineo Lodge, No. 109.

January 14, 1919, Preble Lodge, No. 143.

January 20, 1919, St. Croix Lodge, No. 46.

February 6, 1919, St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82.

Deputy Grand Master Edward W. Wheeler approved:

March 27, 1919, Monument Lodge, No. 96.

March 27, 1919, Springvale Lodge, No. 190.

DECISIONS.

May 18, 1918, Island Lodge, No. 89, asked, "Can a Mason in this jurisdiction be a member of two subordinate lodges?"

Answer. No, see Section 134 of Miscellaneous Regulations, Masonic Code of Maine, 1910.

August 3, 1918, Forest Lodge, No. 148, asks, "If it is shown that an applicant misstated his age, being a minor, is the Master justified in declaring him rejected as though an objection had been made?"

Answer. The Master is wholly within his rights and the applicant must apply on a new petition after he has attained his majority. If the applicant wilfully misstated his age, that fact should not be lost sight of, whereas if it was an innocent misstatement, it should not militate against the applicant at the time of balloting.

To several inquiries as to whether or not it was lawful to subscribe lodge funds to the Red Cross, or similar organizations, my decision was that lodge funds could not be taken from the lodge treasury for any such a purpose, as it was not strictly and exclusively Masonic. However, Masonry enjoins on all its members that they should respond to the cry of distress so far as they can without injury to themselves.

LAYING CORNER-STONE.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Houlton, Me., on Wednesday, August 14, 1918, for the purpose

of laying the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple. As I was absent from the state on that date, the ceremony was performed by R. W. Deputy Grand Master Edward W. Wheeler, assisted by R. W. Bernard Archibald, D. D. G. M.

This impressive and appropriate Masonic ceremony was in full accord with ancient usages of the Craft.

In September next I hope the Grand Lodge will again hold a special communication in Houlton for the purpose of dedicating the Masonic Temple.

CONCLUSION.

The foregoing is a detailed statement of those of my official acts which I deem of sufficient importance to merit your attention.

The routine correspondence has been of great volume, but it has been a pleasure for me to have given it my earnest attention, and to feel that I was in a degree contributing to the harmony and cohesiveness of the subordinate lodges, which have prospered during the past year to a greater degree than ever before.

With a record of accomplishment during the past year of which we may all be proud, let us face the future with firmness and confidence in the permanency of the sublime principles of our fraternity.

SILAS B. ADAMS, *Grand Master.*

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were presented by the Acting Grand Master and referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary reported as follows:

PORTLAND, May 6, 1919.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

The detail affairs of my office have been attended to with all possible dispatch. I have during the year been considerably bothered to get certain supplies, and by not having always had them on hand has perhaps

given the impression to some of the secretaries that their requests were not properly treated; but I beg to say that the fault was not in my office.

Fourteen hundred and seventy-five copies of the Proceedings of the 1918 session of the Grand Lodge were printed, and mailed to the usual addresses on August 21st, delayed nearly three weeks by scarcity of printing paper and other war conditions.

In accord with a vote passed by this Grand Lodge one year ago, a new blank form for returns from the subordinate lodges was prepared, and after approval by the proper officers and committees, a supply was printed. This form simplifies greatly the work of making the returns by the local secretaries, while on the other hand it furnishes for the Grand Secretary's office much valuable data not provided by the old blank. The changed form was most agreeably received by the secretaries in general, many sending letters of approval, and not a single one in complaint. The returns, too, came in more promptly than formerly, and with far fewer errors in tabulations. I am sure that the change was an improvement in the service, and that next year's returns will come in better shape and more promptly than this.

About one-third the returns come made with typewriter. I am sorry all are not so made. Some secretaries, who may be classed as really excellent penmen, by failing to dot an "i," cross a "t," or long loop an "l," often make the spelling of an odd proper name a matter of guess work. It must be remembered that with the new form the only time the names of the members at large come into the Grand Secretary's office is at the time of initiation or affiliation, and therefore it can readily be seen that in those lists all names must be plainly written and properly spelled in full. From those lists the cards for the card index to last for all time are made.

The returns show that the fraternity in Maine has during the past year made the largest net gain in membership of any year in its history. War conditions were largely responsible for this. Many young men have sought membership in the Masonic fraternity before entering the service.

I feel it my duty to report that on the face of the returns as received and checked, many instances of irregular work appear, like all three degrees having been conferred on a candidate the same day, and more than the limit of five degrees by a lodge on the same day. No doubt, if such irregularities have really occurred, it has been on account of wrong understanding of the law and general regulations; but I submit this statement of facts as they appear by the returns for your attention and consideration.

Though I have communicated with secretaries requesting a complete list of the members of their lodges who have been in the service of the

United States Army or Navy during the great world war, only about two-thirds of them have furnished such information. Until all respond and the list is complete it will remain of little value, and the labor and expense which has already been put into the undertaking will have been for naught.

The card index of the membership in this state, which has been in making for the past three years, is nearing completion, but at the present time is unavailable for reference. When completed it will be of inestimable value. The card index system in grand jurisdictions where it has been adopted has cost many times what the Maine index will cost, but every Grand Secretary with whom I have communicated has the same sentiment to express in favor, viz., that cost should not be considered. I recommend that a suitable appropriation be made to complete our work. I would also recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to have made a half-tone portrait and biographical sketch of each P. G. M., to be published as a part of the report of the Centennial Celebration.

The Committee on Finance will report on the financial affairs of my office, which will show that I have received for

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| Proceedings sold, | \$ 8.75 |
| Certificates, 16,552 to 17,744, | 1,193.25 |
| | <u>\$1,202.00</u> |

and that I have paid out for

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|---|---------------|
| Postage, | \$103.30 |
| Express, | 6 07 |
| Telegraph, | 1.23 |
| Binding Certificates, | 166.00 |
| Stencils for address machine, | .98 |
| Sundry office expenses as itemized, | 7.53 |
| Paid Albro E. Chase, Grand Treasurer, | <u>916.89</u> |

\$1,202.00

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Grand Secretary.*

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

GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 6, 1919.

*Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.,**In account with ALBRO E. CHASE, Grand Treasurer.*

1918.

RECEIPTS.

| | | | |
|-----|----|---|------------------|
| May | 1. | Cash on hand to balance, | \$13,163.01 |
| | 6. | " Bernard Archibald, 1st District,.... | 410.80 |
| | | " Everett S. Coombs, 12th " | 292.80 |
| | | " fees for dispensations,..... | 340.00 |
| | | " interest on deposit Portland Nat'l Bank, | 183.81 |
| | | | —————\$14,390.42 |

FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1919.

| | | | | | |
|-------|-----|---------------------------|------|--------------|----------------|
| March | 18. | Arthur H. Bartlett, | 3d | District,... | \$ 309.20 |
| | 19. | Henry R. Gillis, | 2d | " ... | 277.60 |
| | 20. | Fred B. Rand, | 23d | " ... | 257.40 |
| | 27. | Fred Hutchins, | 15th | " ... | 356.40 |
| | 28. | Lewman B. Soper, | 22d | " ... | 356.40 |
| | | Alphonzo F. Russell, Jr., | 26th | " ... | 164.00 |
| | | Fanning J. Burbank, | 17th | " ... | 1,114.80 |
| April | 2. | William F. Leavitt, | 11th | " ... | 517.00 |
| | 4. | Albert T. Bradford, | 24th | " ... | 575.20 |
| | | Chester B. Hall, | 9th | " ... | 637.00 |
| | | William R. Beazley, | 21st | " ... | 358.40 |
| | 8. | Leon E. Woodman, | 6th | " ... | 491.80 |
| | 9. | Guy P. Rowe, | 20th | " ... | 217.00 |
| | | Forest B. Snow, | 4th | " ... | 243.60 |
| | 5. | Albert R. Pilley, | 7th | " ... | 210.40 |
| | 14. | Arthur J. Welch, | 25th | " ... | 267.60 |
| | | Waldo N. Seavey, | 18th | " ... | 226.90 |
| | | Harry S. Grindall, | 12th | " ... | 308.80 |
| | | Ernest W. Gilman, | 13th | " ... | 422.20 |
| | | Edward C. Leighton, | 10th | " ... | 411.20 |
| | | Eugene A. Whittredge, | 5th | " ... | 549.60 |
| | 26. | Allen L. Curtis, | 8th | " ... | 247.80 |
| | | Fred E. Smith, | 16th | " ... | 262.20 |
| | 29. | Asbury M. Blake, | 14th | " ... | 549.40 |
| | | Vassalboro Lodge, | | | 36.20 |
| | | | | | ————— 9,368.10 |

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| | Charles B. Davis, account Grand Lodge, | 916.89 |
| May | 3. Charles F. Gilpatric, 19th District, | 628.80 |
| | Grand Chapter of Maine, 3/10 office, | 457.83 |
| | Grand Commandery of Maine, 2/10 office, | 305.22 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$26,067.26 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Amount of pay roll, 1918, | \$ 2,565.00 |
| F. E. Monroe, Committee, | 14.96 |
| John C. Arnold, " | 8.75 |
| Charles M. Farrar, " | 14.32 |
| Frank P. Denaco, " | 12.15 |
| Dinners for exemplifying lodge, | 22.00 |
| Winslow E. Howell, Grand Tyler, | 52.68 |
| Stephen Berry Co., printing, | 85.20 |
| Albro E. Chase, postage, | 8.30 |
| Convers E. Leach, library, | 24.62 |
| Walter S. Smith, music, | 25.00 |
| The Three B's Bindery, | 75.50 |
| Albro E. Chase, Correspondent, | 300.00 |
| Albro E. Chase, index, | 300.00 |
| Harris and Jackson, multigraph, | 2.25 |
| Stephen Berry Co., printing, | 44.69 |
| Stephen Berry Co., proceedings, | 809.20 |
| W. W. Roberts Co., office, | 11.92 |
| Tucker Printing Co., index cards, | 27.25 |
| Lakeside Printing Co., certificates, | 112.00 |
| Stephen Berry Co., printing, | 148.70 |
| Algernon Stubbs, framing, | 5.00 |
| Maine Register, | 3.00 |
| Frank E. Sleeper, schools, | 21.17 |
| Merrill & Webber, P. M. book, | 7.80 |
| Charles B. Davis, mailing proceedings, | 54.39 |
| Jewett & Johnson, laundry, | 17.06 |
| Philip H. Talbot, flowers, | 15.00 |
| Charles B. Davis, office, | 12.80 |
| Stephen Berry Co., printing, | 73.70 |
| " " " " | 26.10 |
| Albro E. Chase, postage, | 7.75 |
| Tel. & Tel. Co. service, | 67.44 |
| Walter Corey Co., repairs, | 14.00 |
| American Bank Note Co., diplomas, | 360.00 |

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Stephen Berry,..... | 524.99 |
| Charles B. Davis, salary,..... | 1,200.00 |
| Albro E. Chase, salary,..... | 300.00 |
| Masonic Trustees, rent,..... | 1,500.00 |
| | <hr/> \$ 8,874.09 |

EXPENSES DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Everett S. Coombs, | 12th District,... | \$ 12.60 |
| Bernard Archibald, | 1st " ... | 31.12 |
| Fanning J. Burbank, | 17th " ... | 3.82 |
| Alphonso F. Russell, Jr., | 26th " ... | 9.16 |
| Lewman B. Soper, | 22d " ... | 28.00 |
| Fred B. Rand, | 23d " ... | 27.95 |
| Fred Hutchins, | 15th " ... | 50.56 |
| Henry R. Gillis, | 2d " ... | 30.42 |
| Arthur H. Bartlett, | 3d " ... | 18.94 |
| Guy P. Rowe, | 20th " ... | 27.79 |
| Leon E. Woodman, | 6th " ... | 18.83 |
| William R. Beazley, | 21st " ... | 48.40 |
| Chester B. Hall, | 9th " ... | 26.36 |
| Albert T. Bradford, | 24th " ... | 20.62 |
| William F. Leavitt, | 11th " ... | 16.03 |
| Harry S. Grindall, | 12th " ... | 19.71 |
| Edward C. Leighton, | 10th " ... | 49.49 |
| Waldo N. Seavey, | 18th " ... | 31.34 |
| Arthur J. Welch, | 25th " ... | 31.84 |
| Ernest W. Gilman, | 13th " ... | 30.21 |
| Eugene A. Whittredge, | 5th " ... | 10.05 |
| Allen L. Curtis, | 8th " ... | 30.54 |
| Asbury M. Blake, | 14th " ... | 14.83 |
| | | <hr/> 588.61 |
| Frank E. Sleeper, 1918, | | 25.00 |
| | | <hr/> 9,487.70 |
| 1919. | | |
| May 6. Cash on hand to balance, | | 16,579.56 |
| | | <hr/> \$26,067.26 |

The returns from the First District have not been received.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *Grand Treasurer.*

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND LECTURER.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, was presented as follows:

SABBATH, ME., April 26, 1919.

Most Worshipful SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of Masons in Maine.

During the year now closing I have issued notices calling for five "Schools of Instruction," to be held in Gardiner, October 22d; Orono, October 29th; Belfast, October 30th; Bath, November 5th, and Rockland, November 6, 1918, but owing to the prevalence of influenza, and the ban placed upon public meetings, I was obliged to cancel all the dates, and all the schools except at Gardiner. This is greatly to be regretted, as plans had been made for large and interesting schools in different sections of the state.

After the removal of the ban I decided to call one school, which was held in Gardiner on November 26th, with Hermon Lodge, No. 32. While the attendance was not so large as it would have been were it not for the then recent and dreaded epidemic, it was in every other way a success. There were present sixteen District Deputy Grand Masters, and about one hundred and twenty-five brethren, representing thirty-six lodges, thirty-two Maine, two Massachusetts, one Ohio, and one Connecticut.

At six o'clock a supper was served by Hermon Lodge to visitors and members. In the evening the work of Hermon Lodge was inspected by Right Worshipful Brother Leavitt, assisted by all the Deputies present. Throughout the day the interest and zeal of the "scholars" were manifested by their strict attention and the great number and variety of questions asked.

I hope that in the coming year wars and influenzas will have become things of the past, and that schools may be held when and where they may be needed.

The Deputies not present were from the 3d, 5th, 7th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 25th and 26th Districts.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. SLEEPER, *Grand Lecturer.*

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

AMENDMENT TO STANDING REGULATIONS.

BRO. FRANK E. SLEEPER presented the following amendment to the Standing Regulations:

Resolved, That smoking, or the appearance of smoking, in the lodge room, or preparation room, of any lodge in this state is hereby forbidden.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

GRIEVANCES.

The following matters, and all papers and correspondence connected with each case, were received and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

Frank H. Billington, petition for re-instatement.

Eureka Lodge, No. 84, at Tenant's Harbor, vs. Rockland Lodge, No. 79, at Rockland, for invasion of jurisdiction.

Nezinscot Lodge, No. 101, at Turner, vs. Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, at Bath, for invasion of jurisdiction.

Proceedings of a trial of a member of King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, at Dixfield.

RETURNS.

BRO. CHARLES B. DAVIS submitted the Report of the Committee on Returns, which was accepted as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 6, 1919.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Returns would report that returns have been received from all of the 206 chartered lodges.

About one-third of them are made with typewriter, and we most strongly recommend that every secretary have his returns so made if possible; and with the accessibility everywhere to the use of typewriting machines, we believe that lodges should feel, as a matter of pride, that their returns should come to the Grand Secretary's office where they are to be kept for all time, in the most legible and lasting form possible, and so instruct their secretaries.

The largest gain in membership, both in number and in percentage, was in Naval, No. 184, Kittery, 39, net. The second largest net gain was in Polar Star, No. 114, Bath, 30.

Five lodges only, Nos. 55, 104, 161, 162 and 171, report having had no work during the year.

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

| | 1915. | 1916. | 1917. | 1918. | 1919. |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Initiated, | 1,392 | 1,354 | 1,382 | 1,467 | 1,863 |
| Raised, | 1,408 | 1,349 | 1,406 | 1,430 | 1,808 |
| Affiliated, | 106 | 108 | 103 | 130 | 92 |
| Re-instated, | 77 | 79 | 74 | 79 | 88 |
| Demitted, | 210 | 177 | 159 | 157 | 120 |
| Died, | 592 | 654 | 629 | 608 | 769 |
| Suspended, | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Expelled, | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Susp. from membership, | 214 | 256 | 266 | 270 | 163 |
| Deprived of membership, | 1 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| Number of members, | 30,884 | 31,328 | 31,855 | 32,453 | 33,386 |
| Rejected, | 338 | 329 | 311 | 372 | 414 |

The gain in membership is 933, or 2.84 per cent., the largest net gain ever made in the membership in this state for a single year.

The death rate has been 22.03 to a thousand, a large per cent. of increase, due largely to influenza.

Forty-six members were reported as having died in the service of the United States, and more than half of these were killed in action in France.

The average lodge membership is 162.6.

The accompanying abstract of the returns will show the work in detail.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES B. DAVIS, } *Committee*
JAMES C. AYER, }

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1919.

| Nos. | LOGGES. | Initiated. | Raised. | Affiliated. | Re-instated. | Dimitted. | Died. | Suspended. | Expelled. | N. F. D. | | No. Members. | Rejected. |
|------|-------------------------|------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Suspended. | D. of Mem. | | |
| 1 | Portland, | 20 | 23 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 405 | 2 |
| 2 | Warren, | 16 | 21 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 168 | 2 |
| 3 | Lincoln, | 10 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 1 |
| 4 | Hancock, | 6 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 2 |
| 5 | Kennebec, | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 139 | 3 |
| 6 | Amity, | 12 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 251 | 0 |
| 7 | Eastern, | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 165 | 0 |
| 8 | United, | 19 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 235 | 8 |
| 9 | Saco, | 16 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 225 | 4 |
| 10 | Rising Virtue, | 19 | 22 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 263 | 4 |
| 11 | Pythagorean, | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 137 | 2 |
| 12 | Cumberland, | 12 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 208 | 4 |
| 13 | Oriental, | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 2 |
| 14 | Solar, | 33 | 32 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 289 | 3 |
| 15 | Orient, | 9 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 147 | 3 |
| 16 | St. George, | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 116 | 0 |
| 17 | Ancient Landmark, | 45 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 595 | 16 |
| 18 | Oxford, | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 213 | 2 |
| 19 | Felicity, | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 125 | 0 |
| 20 | Maine, | 10 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 182 | 0 |
| 21 | Oriental Star, | 3 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 212 | 2 |
| 22 | York, | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 149 | 1 |
| 23 | Freeport, | 9 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 4 |
| 24 | Phoenix, | 9 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 2 |
| 25 | Temple, | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 109 | 1 |
| 26 | Village, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 112 | 0 |
| 27 | Adoniram, | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 1 |
| 28 | Northern Star, | 7 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 119 | 2 |
| 29 | Tranquil, | 21 | 16 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 411 | 4 |
| 30 | Blazing Star, | 10 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 330 | 0 |
| 31 | Union, | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 109 | 0 |
| 32 | Hermon, | 15 | 15 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 428 | 5 |
| 33 | Waterville, | 22 | 22 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 488 | 14 |
| 34 | Somerset, | 15 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 228 | 9 |
| 35 | Bethlehem, | 16 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 376 | 3 |
| 36 | Casco, | 5 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 0 |
| 37 | Washington, | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 158 | 0 |
| 38 | Harmony, | 6 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 199 | 2 |
| 39 | Penobscot, | 31 | 28 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 220 | 8 |
| 40 | Lygonia, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 358 | 0 |
| 41 | Morning Star, | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 106 | 6 |
| 42 | Freedom, | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 107 | 0 |
| 43 | Alna, | 7 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 174 | 3 |
| 44 | Piscataquis, | 29 | 30 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 291 | 5 |
| 45 | Central, | 9 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 0 |
| 46 | St. Croix, | 20 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 203 | 1 |
| 47 | Dunlap, | 20 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 321 | 4 |

| Nos. | Lodges. | In. | R. | A. | R. | D. | D. | S. | E. | N.P. S. | Dues. D. | Mem. | R. |
|------|----------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------------|-------------|------|----|
| 48 | Lafayette, | 8 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 134 | 4 |
| 49 | Meridian Splendor | 13 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 176 | 2 |
| 50 | Aurora, | 43 | 45 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 410 | 0 |
| 51 | St. John's, | 8 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 182 | 2 |
| 52 | Mosaic, | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 3 |
| 53 | Rural, | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 1 |
| 54 | Vassalboro, | 9 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 91 | 0 |
| 55 | Fraternal, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 92 | 0 |
| 56 | Mount Moriah, ... | 10 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 2 |
| 57 | King Hiram, | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 136 | 1 |
| 58 | Unity, | 10 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 53 | 1 |
| 59 | Mt. Hope, (ch. sur.) | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 60 | Star in the East, .. | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 237 | 6 |
| 61 | King Solomon's, .. | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 132 | 0 |
| 62 | King David's, | 11 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 73 | 0 |
| 63 | Richmond, | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 162 | 0 |
| 64 | Pacific, | 11 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 112 | 2 |
| 65 | Mystic, | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 144 | 0 |
| 66 | Mechanics', | 14 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 168 | 1 |
| 67 | Blue Mountain, ... | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 132 | 2 |
| 68 | Mariners', | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 101 | 0 |
| 69 | Howard, | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 133 | 0 |
| 70 | Standish, | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 123 | 1 |
| 71 | Rising Sun, | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 0 |
| 72 | Pioneer, | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 180 | 3 |
| 73 | Tyrian, | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 218 | 6 |
| 74 | Bristol, | 6 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 132 | 1 |
| 75 | Plymouth, | 9 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 0 |
| 76 | Arundel, | 7 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 143 | 5 |
| 77 | Tremont, | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 135 | 0 |
| 78 | Crescent, | 7 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 130 | 1 |
| 79 | Rockland, | 18 | 16 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 230 | 0 |
| 80 | Keystone, | 8 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 123 | 4 |
| 81 | Atlantic, | 17 | 15 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 323 | 7 |
| 82 | St. Paul's, | 16 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 189 | 1 |
| 83 | St. Andrew's, | 7 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 322 | 8 |
| 84 | Eureka, | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 | 0 |
| 85 | Star in the West, .. | 5 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 0 |
| 86 | Temple, | 7 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 245 | 0 |
| 87 | Benevolent, | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 | 0 |
| 88 | Narraguagus, | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 0 |
| 89 | Island, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 119 | 2 |
| 90 | Hiram Abiff, (ch.) | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 91 | Harwood, | 11 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 175 | 0 |
| 92 | Siloam, | 12 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 227 | 4 |
| 93 | Horeb, | 20 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 217 | 6 |
| 94 | Paris, | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 143 | 2 |
| 95 | Corinthian, | 10 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 131 | 3 |
| 96 | Monument, | 19 | 16 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 315 | 1 |
| 97 | Bethel, | 8 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 134 | 8 |
| 98 | Katahdin, | 15 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 177 | 3 |
| 99 | Vernon Valley, ... | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 79 | 0 |
| 100 | Jefferson, | 9 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 2 |
| 101 | Nezinscot, | 9 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 92 | 0 |

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| 102 | Marsh River, | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 0 |
| 103 | Dresden, | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 0 |
| 104 | Dirigo, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 1 |
| 105 | Ashlar, | 6 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 368 | 5 |
| 106 | Tuscan, | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 189 | 0 |
| 107 | Day Spring, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 0 |
| 108 | Relief (<i>ch. recalled</i>) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 109 | Mount Kineo, | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 132 | 0 |
| 110 | Monmouth, | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 127 | 1 |
| 111 | Liberty, | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 0 |
| 112 | Eastern Frontier, | 7 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 174 | 1 |
| 113 | Messalonskee, | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 119 | 0 |
| 114 | Polar Star, | 33 | 35 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 314 | 3 |
| 115 | Buxton, | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 107 | 1 |
| 116 | Lebanon, | 11 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 134 | 6 |
| 117 | Greenleaf, | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 179 | 1 |
| 118 | Drummond, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 0 |
| 119 | Pownal, | 11 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 117 | 1 |
| 120 | Meduncook (<i>ch. s.</i>) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 121 | Acacia, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 103 | 0 |
| 122 | Marine, | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 247 | 0 |
| 123 | Franklin, | 5 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 1 |
| 124 | Olive Branch, | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 116 | 0 |
| 125 | Meridian, | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 207 | 0 |
| 126 | Timothy Chase, | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 156 | 0 |
| 127 | Presumpscot, | 11 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | c | 129 | 0 |
| 128 | Eggemoggin, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 128 | 0 |
| 129 | Quantabacook, | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 | 0 |
| 130 | Trinity, | 23 | 21 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 241 | 4 |
| 131 | Lookout, | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 0 |
| 132 | Mount Tir'em, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 0 |
| 133 | Asylum, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 0 |
| 134 | Trojan, (<i>consol'd</i>) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 135 | Riverside, | 8 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 106 | 1 |
| 136 | Ionic, (<i>ch. sur. '82</i>) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 137 | Kenduskeag, | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 1 |
| 138 | Lewy's Island, | 10 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 4 |
| 139 | Archon, | 13 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 0 |
| 140 | Mount Desert, | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 0 |
| 141 | Augusta, | 24 | 24 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 423 | 5 |
| 142 | Ocean, | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 0 |
| 143 | Preble, | 9 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 228 | 10 |
| 144 | Seaside, | 17 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 279 | 8 |
| 145 | Moses Webster, | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 209 | 0 |
| 146 | Sebasticook, | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120 | 0 |
| 147 | Evening Star, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 1 |
| 148 | Forest, | 12 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 135 | 4 |
| 149 | Doric, | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 92 | 0 |
| 150 | Rabboni, | 18 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 291 | 4 |
| 151 | Excelsior, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 0 |
| 152 | Crooked River, | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 106 | 0 |
| 153 | Delta, | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 0 |
| 154 | Mystic Tie, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 83 | 2 |
| 155 | Ancient York, | 10 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 162 | 4 |

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| 210 | Bagaduce, | 6 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 0 |
| 211 | Meduncook, | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 47 | 0 |
| 212 | McKinley, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93 | 1 |
| 213 | Kemankeag, | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 0 |
| 214 | Limestone, | 9 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 3 |
| 215 | Orchard, | 9 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 2 |
| 206 | | 1863 | 1808 | 92 | 88 | 120 | 769 | 1 | 2 | 163 | 0 | 33,386 | 414 |

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

BRO. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, presented the following report :

IN GRAND LODGE, May 6, 1919.

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, to whom were referred the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer, have attended to their duty and report as follows :

We recommend the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

We recommend so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as refers to expenditures be referred to the Committee on Finance, and so much as alludes to returns of lodges regarding the work be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

We regret the necessity of omitting the schools of instruction called by the Grand Lecturer and trust the usual number may be held in future.

At this time we have received from the Grand Master no record of his acts, but will endeavor to obtain such information as possible and report later.

THOMAS H. BODGE,
ASHLEY A. SMITH,
FRANK E. SLEEPER, } *Committee.*

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

HENRY R. TAYLOR.

BRO. JOHN M. BEILER presented the following memorial, which was accepted and ordered printed in

the proceedings, and a page inscribed to M. W. Brother TAYLOR's memory :

HENRY ROBERT TAYLOR

was born at Newfane, Vermont, May 31, 1830, the son of Denzil and Ann D. (Morse) Taylor.

He received his education at Townsend Academy, later Leland and Gray Seminary, and Saxton's River Seminary, now Vermont Academy. In February, 1849, he sailed in the brig "Acadia" for California. He returned via the Isthmus, and went out again the same year, making a record trip of twenty-four days and six hours from New York to San Francisco. Immediately after that he sailed for South America in the ship "Iowa," of a 1000 ton burden. They ran into a hurricane off the gulf of Tehuantepec; having lost foremast and bowsprit they managed to make the harbor of Ciudad Guayaquil, where they spent four months in repairs.

It was then that he entered the employ of the Chilian Government surveying the coast from Valdivia and Chileo to Patagonia and Straits of Magellan. During the three years thus spent he had many adventures. At one time he and a number of his companions were held captives for several months by the Patagonian savages. Returning in a sailing vessel around Cape Horn, he joined a surveying party of government lands in Douglas and Dodge Counties, Nebraska, where he remained until the outbreak of the Civil War.

In 1862 he married Amelia N. Longfellow, of Machias. To them were born three children. After the death of his first wife he married Laura E. Smith, of Whitneyville, in 1873. His widow and the four children by this union survive him.

Brother Taylor in his prime lived a very active and strenuous life. In his profession as a civil engineer and surveyor he was particularly successful and in great demand. He would often astonish the hardest woodsman by his physical endurance and his knowledge of woodcraft. His maps of Washington County are the standard of to-day. He also served two years in the Coast Survey of the United States, making maps of Machias Bay and vicinity. In politics he was a Republican. He held the office of town clerk for many years; register of deeds for Washington County sixteen years; justice of the peace, notary public, and *dedimus potestatem* for many years.

He was an uncompromising temperance man, and labored unceasingly for the cause of prohibition. In religion he was a Congregationalist. Though never a church member, he often conducted public religious ser-

vices, and lived a consistent, active and helpful Christian life. As a public speaker he was fluent, impressive and informing. He was often heard as a presiding officer, and excelled as toastmaster.

He was a member of the Maine Sons of American Revolution.

Brother TAYLOR was made a Mason in Harwood Lodge, No. 91, Machias, in June, 1862. He was elected Master in 1866, serving three years. In 1872, he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Third District, and held the office successively under five Grand Masters for nine years.

He was Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1885, and was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1892, serving two terms with conspicuous ability. Excepting the sessions 1916 and 1918, Brother TAYLOR attended every session of the annual Grand session since 1866.

He was exalted in Eastern Royal Arch Chapter, No. 10, at Eastport; was a charter member and first High Priest of Washington Chapter, No. 16. He served as Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Maine in 1873-74. "Specimens of his skill" appear on many a page in the Book of Marks of his own and other chapters.

He received his Cryptic degrees in St. Croix Council, No. 11, at Calais, December 3, 1869.

He was knighted in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 11, at Eastport, January 12, 1870. In 1888 he was made first Eminent Commander of St. Elmo Commandery, No. 18, at Machias.

He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1873, and was for many years First Vice President of Maine Council.

In the A. and A. Scottish Rite he was a charter member of the Machias bodies, 16th degree. These bodies he served as secretary until he became too feeble from age to attend to his duties.

As a Mason he was alike distinguished for his skill and wide knowledge, which he was ever ready to impart to less informed brethren. To him Masonry meant more than the possession of the secrets. So worthily did he uphold the honor and reputation of Masonry that he became the embodiment of what a Mason should be and do, both inside the lodge room and among his brethren.

He was one of God's noblemen, "A workman that needed not to be ashamed." He was never known to lose his temper or speak an unjust or unkind word.

In the fullness of his years, his labors completed, he entered quietly into rest in a Bangor hospital, Sunday evening, October 6, 1918.

“When a nobleman of earth comes into that most fair
 Inheritance beyond us—yet around us everywhere—
 Though we, perchance, no more behold the face, and hear the voice,
 And feel the presence that we loved, why should we not rejoice?”

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. BIELER.

MOSES TAIT.

BRO. ISAAC N. JONES presented the following memorial, which was accepted, and ordered printed in the proceedings, and a page inscribed to R. W. Brother TAIT's memory :

MOSES TAIT.

Once again the Grim Reaper has invaded the ranks of this Grand Lodge. R. W. Brother MOSES TAIT, P. J. G. W., died at his home in Calais, Me., April 15, 1919, aged 79 years. Brother Tait had been in good health up to within a few weeks of his death, and had been looking forward to attending this session of the Grand Lodge as he had so often done before.

MOSES TAIT, son of James and Ann Jane Tait, was born in Mirimichi, N. B., February 8, 1840. At an early age he was apprenticed, and learned the iron and brass founder's trade. He came to Calais in 1870, and a few years later entered into partnership with the late Charles A. McCullough, under the firm name of McCullough & Tait, conducting an iron and brass foundry. After the death of his partner he carried the business on alone until September, 1918, when he retired.

Brother TAIT was a profound student of Masonry, and was for many years a regular attendant at the meetings of all the York rite bodies in Calais. During the past few years he had not been such a regular attendant owing to a slight deafness. He was a P. M. of St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, F. and A. M.; P. H. P. of St. Croix Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M.; P. T. I. M. of St. Croix Council, No. 11, R. and S. M.; P. C. of Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 15, K. T.; P. D. D. G. M. of the Second Masonic District; P. J. G. W. of this Grand Lodge; and representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, near the Grand Lodge of Maine. He was also a 32° Mason. Every position held by Brother TAIT was filled with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity. He was also a valued member of the Loyal Orange Lodge, and of Etchimin Tribe, No. 27, I. O. R. M.

He was twice married. His first wife, Margaret Ann Kirkpatrick died in 1894. Six children were born to this union, of whom only one, Mrs. S. A. Bender, of Oxford, Ind., is now living. His second wife, Annie E. Fraser, of St. Stephen, N. B., also survives him.

While he never sought political office, he always took an active interest in civic, state and national affairs, and never neglected to exercise his right of franchise according to his honest convictions. Although a staunch citizen of the United States, he retained a warm affection for the country of his birth, and lived to see two of his fondest hopes realized—the Masonic bodies of Calais settled in a permanent home, and the Union Jack flying from the same staff with Old Glory.

The funeral services were conducted by the pastor of the Knight Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, of which the deceased had long been a devoted member. He was buried with Masonic honors. His long and well spent life is finished. We will miss him from among us, but we confidently look forward to meeting our brother again in that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Master of the universe presides.

BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.

The following Memorial, prepared by Bro. CLIFFORD F. CAME, was read by the Grand Secretary, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the proceedings, and a page inscribed to R. W. Brother HADLEY's memory:

BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.

BENJAMIN L. HADLEY, son of David and Elizabeth (Higgins) Hadley, was born at Trenton, now Lamoine, Maine, July 27, 1854.

When but a small child his father died and his mother afterward married Theodore Paine of Eden, now Bar Harbor, where R. W. Brother HADLEY made his home until he attained his majority. His education was received in the common schools of the town of his adoption.

He married Ardelle Emery and of that marriage three children were born, Lora, Florence, and Benjamin L. Jr., all of whom survive him.

For more than twenty years he was superintendent of the Estate of Miss Mary Shannon of Newton, Mass., a property of some seventy acres in the Town of Bar Harbor.

In politics he was a Republican and was regarded by his fellow townsmen as of sound judgment in all political matters, and his advice was

often sought by those of other parties. He had the respect and confidence of all who knew him, and while he never aspired to public life, he was often urged to be a candidate for some public place, which he always declined with one exception. For six years, 1902 to 1908, he served as a member of the school board of his town, which office he filled faithfully and well.

He was a member of the Salisbury Cove Baptist Church, never having taken his letter from there to unite with the Bar Harbor Church, but always a liberal supporter of that church.

For many years he was a director of the Bar Harbor Young Men's Christian Association, and was an honorary member of that Association at the time of his death.

R. W. Brother HADLEY was a lover of Masonry and was rich in Masonic lore. Until health failed him he was never absent from the meeting of his lodge, and the many years he served as secretary testifies to the high regard and esteem his brethren had for him.

His Masonic career is of great significance and gives testimony to the deep interest he ever displayed in the progress and well being of Masonry in his district. R. W. Brother HADLEY was made a Mason in Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, in December, 1884; elected Senior Deacon the same year; presided as Worshipful Master in 1887-8-9; appointed D. D. G. M. of the 21st Masonic District 1890-91. He was exalted in Acadia Chapter, R. A. M., Ellsworth, Maine, 1888, and immediately demitted to become a charter member of Mount Kebo Chapter, No. 50, R. A. M., Bar Harbor.

He was elected High Priest in 1890, and served seven consecutive years; joined Bangor Council, No. 5, R. S. M., 1894; also knighted in St. John's Commandery, No. 3, K. T., Bangor, Maine, 1894; Maine Consistory, S. P. R. S., Portland, in 1896; was Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1896; Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine; Associate Grand Worthy Patron, Order of the Eastern Star; and Worthy Patron of Harmony Chapter, No. 43, O. E. S.

He was serving his twenty-eighth consecutive year as Secretary of Bar Harbor Lodge, and had been Secretary of Mt. Kebo Chapter since 1898, and was Historian of Bar Harbor Lodge.

R. W. Brother HADLEY died July 30, 1918. The funeral was held at the Baptist Church, Bar Harbor. The Baptist, Congregational and Methodist pastors, at his request, uniting in the church services, after which Masonic services were conducted by Bar Harbor Lodge, and the interment was in Ledge-lawn Cemetery.

STEPHEN BERRY.

BRO. CHARLES B. DAVIS presented the following memorial, which was accepted, and ordered printed in the proceedings, and a page inscribed in memory of R. W. Brother BERRY:

STEPHEN BERRY.

On Saturday, February 1, 1919, Right Worshipful STEPHEN BERRY quietly and peacefully closed his bedimmed and almost sightless eyes to earthly things, and began eternal slumber.

He had taken his bed only twelve days before, and during that time was conscious and happy, and confident of regaining strength and health to permit him to again mingle with his fellow-men. But the hand of time was upon him, and his strength of years was quickly passing. Death came without a struggle or a tremor.

So passed one of the most prominent figures the Masonic fraternity in Maine has ever known. Others of our Maine brothers have won fame and place by Masonic writings; in Masonic jurisprudence authority, and in many other ways; but for more than the lifetime of most of us STEPHEN BERRY has served the fraternity in Maine in his quiet, unassuming way in the office of Grand Secretary, and to-day on the diploma or Grand Lodge certificate of most of the members now living may be found his clean-cut signature. His name is known to every Mason.

STEPHEN BERRY, the second child of the marriage of Ira Berry and Lydia Hobart Berry, was born in Augusta, Me., December 21, 1833. He had four sisters and three brothers, one of whom, Ira Berry, Jr., is still living in Los Angeles, Calif. When a small child his parents moved to Norway, Me., and finally to Portland.

When a young boy STEPHEN learned the then wonderful art of telegraphy, and was employed for a considerable time by the Grand Trunk terminal and trans-Atlantic interests. Later he became the local agent for the Associated Press, and combined the two positions to excellent advantage.

His father was a printer, and he applied his spare time to the affairs of that business, and when the father became Grand Secretary in 1856, and STEPHEN appointed his official assistant, the business affairs of the two were most closely interwoven until the father's death in 1891. From then until 1917 STEPHEN BERRY was Grand Secretary of all the York Rite bodies in Maine, and was printer, as the sole proprietor of the Stephen Berry Co. until his death.

Brother BERRY was initiated in Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, Portland, in 1854, and remained a member until his death, but rather strange to say, never served his lodge in any official capacity.

He was exalted in Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 1, in 1855, and was its High Priest in 1864. He was Recorder of Maine Council of High Priesthood from 1864 to 1917.

He was greeted in Portland Council, No. 4, in 1856, and was its Thrice Illustrious Master in 1861.

He was knighted in Portland Commandery, No. 2, in 1862, and served as its Eminent Commander in 1868.

He received the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Portland bodies up to Maine Consistory, 32°, in 1883, and in September, 1888, was made an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33d and last degree.

During the summer of 1916 a serious inflammation of the retina of the eyes began which nearly deprived him of his sight and wholly incapacitated him from labor, and from which he never recovered. Additional office assistance was furnished him, and at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge the following May, he was relieved from further active duties, elected Grand Secretary Emeritus, *ad vitam*, and another chosen to perform the duties of the office.

Brother BERRY was married in 1863 to Miss Sarah Webster Sawyer of this city, and of this union five children were born, three of whom, Captain John Berry, U. S. N., Arthur Berry and Miss Ethel Berry, of Portland, survive.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, February 3d. The body lay in state in this hall from 12 o'clock, noon, to 2.30 o'clock P. M., with a guard of honor from Portland Commandery, K. T., of which he had been so long a member. At 2.30 the Masonic burial service was conducted by the officers of Ancient Landmark Lodge, and the body was interred in the family lot in Evergreen Cemetery. The honorary bearers were M. W. Silas B. Adams, Grand Master, and Past Grand Masters Frank E. Sleeper, Albro E. Chase and Charles F. Johnson.

CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

Requests of Certificates of Charter were received, and it was voted that Certificates be issued to the following lodges:

Tyrian, No. 73.

Sebasticook, No. 146.

Orchard, No. 215.

Acting Grand Master WHEELER appointed Bro. WALDO PETTENGILL to serve during the session on the Committee on Jurisprudence, in place of Bro. HUGH R. CHAPLIN.

At 11:35 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 6, 1919. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock.

Acting Grand Master WHEELER reported having visited with the other two members of the special committee appointed at the morning session, during the noon recess, M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS, Grand Master, at his home on Falmouth St., and found him resting comfortably, though very ill. He most gratefully acknowledged the kindly sentiment as expressed by the visit, and hoped the business of the session would be completed in harmony and love.

FINANCE.

BRO. EDMUND B. MALLET reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 6, 1919.

Your Committee on Finance have examined and approved the bills against the Grand Lodge, and have certified therefor payment to the Grand Treasurer.

The records of the Grand Lodge are faithfully and completely written up to date, and the accounts of the Grand Secretary are correct.

The books of the Grand Treasurer have been examined, and have been found correct.

For his account of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge we refer you to the report of the Grand Treasurer.

A summary of the business is as follows:

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| May 7, 1918. Cash on hand, | \$13,163.01 |
| Cash receipts for years 1918-1919, | 12,904.25 |
| Total, | \$26,067.26 |
| The expenditures have been, | \$ 9,487.70 |
| Cash on hand, | 16,579.56 |
| | \$26,067.26 |

The amount of the invested fund to the credit of the Charity Fund is \$77,073.25.

We recommend that

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| To Grand Lecturer be paid, | \$ 25.00 |
| To Grand Treasurer, including cost of bond, | 500.00 |
| To Grand Secretary, as compensation for services for the year ending May 1, 1920, | 1,500.00 |
| To the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for year ending May 6, 1919, | 300.00 |
| For work on card index for past year, | 300.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLET, { Committee.
ELMER A. DOTEN, }

Bro. WALDO PETTENGILL moved and it was

Voted, That One Hundred Dollars be substituted in place of Twenty-five Dollars in the report as the salary of the Grand Lecturer.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the recommendations, as amended, were adopted.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

Printed copies of both the majority and minority reports of the special committee appointed May 7,

1918, "to consider the condition under which Masonry in France exists and report thereon at the next Annual Communication," having been distributed at the morning session, Bro. ALBRO E. CHASE, for the committee, moved that both the majority and minority reports be accepted and made a part of the records.

MAJORITY REPORT.

IN GRAND LODGE, May 6, 1919.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Special Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge "to consider the conditions under which Masonry in France exists and report thereon at the next Annual Communication" submit the following report:—

The beginning of the Masonic difficulties in France, so far as Maine is concerned, was in 1869, when this Grand Lodge adopted resolutions protesting "against the action of the Grand Orient of France in recognizing spurious lodges established within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana" and beseeching "the Grand Orient of France to reconsider and rescind its action in this matter."

In 1870, when this Grand Lodge again assembled in annual communication, it found the situation unchanged as regarded the Louisiana incident, but a communication from the Grand Orient of France had been received in which it stated that "In its General Assembly of July 8, 1869, the Grand Orient of France adopted by acclamation the following declaration:—'The Masons under the obedience of the Grand Orient of France, represented by their lawful delegates in the Convention of 1869, affirm that humanity and Masonry are outraged when color, race, or religion is sufficient to prohibit a profane from entering the Masonic family'."

Again, "At the same session the Assembly invited the Grand Master of the Order to bring that (the above) declaration to the knowledge of all foreign Masonic Powers, and also the resolution taken by the Grand Orient of France then and thenceforward to break all alliance with every Masonic Power which will not adhere to it." [Maine Proceedings, 1870, pp. 118-119.]

To the above declaration, forty-nine years ago, M. Wor. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond made answer. [Maine Proceedings, 1870, pp. 113, 114.]

At the same communication a preamble and resolutions drawn by M. Wor. Bro. Drummond stating the position of the Grand Lodge of Maine, was adopted. [Maine Proceedings, 1870, pp. 119, 120.]

We quote the resolution which established in 1870 the planks of the platform upon which the Grand Lodge of Maine stood and from which to this day it has not deviated:

"That she holds that a belief in God is an indispensable qualification in every candidate that knocks at the door of masonry, and that this law is a landmark which she will neither attempt to remove, nor suffer, so far as she is concerned, to be removed:

That beyond this, she prescribes to her subordinates no test of religion, race or color:

That in respect to these, every member of a lodge is his own judge, and every lodge and every member of a lodge has the right, inherent and indefeasible, not subject in the slightest degree to oversight or question by any authority, to reject any candidate, whatever be his color, race or religion:

That any candidate believing in God, "free born, of good report and well recommended," who shall be received into the humblest of her lodges, is a mason, whatever be his color, race or religion, and is entitled to all the rights of a mason, and she spreads over him the ægis of her protection as fully as over those upon whom she has heaped her highest honors:

That she claims for her lodges, and accords to all lodges everywhere, the right to determine without question by any authority, whether any mason, not a member, shall be admitted as a visitor:

That a lodge is a masonic household, into which no one can be admitted as a member or a visitor, who will cause a single seat in the circle to be vacated:

That she claims exclusive authority over symbolic lodges in the State of Maine, and concedes to every other Grand Lodge and Grand Orient exclusive masonic authority over subordinate bodies in the State, Province or Country in which it is located:

That any lodge established in any such State, Province or Country by any other than its Supreme Masonic Authority is irregular and clandestine; and

That all masons and bodies of masons, who knowingly and wilfully persist in recognizing and corresponding with such irregular and clandestine lodges, are thereby rendered irregular and clandestine themselves."

We also quote two other resolutions adopted at the same time:—

"Resolved, That the Grand Orient of France, by persisting in the recognition of irregular and clandestine lodges in Louisiana, has placed herself without the pale of Masonry; and that this Grand Lodge is compelled to suspend Masonic intercourse with her and to require the same of all lodges and Masons of this jurisdiction."

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In many jurisdictions attempts have been made to establish the facts in regard to the Masonic Powers in France.

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"Free Masonry has for its fundamental principle mutual tolerance, the respect of others and of one's self, and the absolute freedom of conscience."

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At the same communication a preamble and resolutions drawn by M. Wor. Bro. Drummond stating the position of the Grand Lodge of Maine, was adopted. [Maine Proceedings, 1870, pp. 119, 120.]

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The subject of a renewal of Alliance between the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of Maine emanates from the Grand Lodge of Maine as it would seem to appear from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine for 1918. At any rate no request for such an alliance from the Grand Orient of France has reached us.

Why does Maine want the alliance renewed? From the reading of the 1918 proceedings the answer to the question seems to be that soldiers and others in the Great War may enjoy the privileges of Masonic comity while in France.

In renewing this alliance Maine does not inquire into the position of the Grand Orient of France at the present time upon the questions of race, color or religion, which it should do if Maine desires to adhere to her platform of 1870. If Maine is no longer a believer in the platform of 1870, then it should take out such planks as have become too thin or too worn to use and insert such planks as the proponent might think necessary for increase of strength. Until it does that Maine cannot consistently recognize any jurisdiction which does not measure up to its standards which are believed to be the strength of Masonry.

We do not care to enter into the discussion of the question as to the time when, the place where, or by whom it is said the Bible was introduced into lodges, nor to consider the right of any jurisdiction to take from its altars the Bible or the book representing the bible of other religions.

Now if the Grand Orient should request alliance with Maine, is there any reason why it should not come with clean hands? And if Maine decides that it cannot make an alliance because of diametrically opposite views, what then?

The original question of invasion of jurisdiction remains. When the cause for action fails, then the original status resumes unless new cause is discovered, as was the case when the Grand Orient asserted that Masonry would be outraged if religion prohibited a profane from becoming a Mason.

Recognition by and between Grand Masonic Bodies outside of the United States creates more or less disturbance. The American system of Masonry should protect itself, but in so doing it is not necessary for it to recognize Supreme Councils or Grand Orients.

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tion by and between the Grand Bodies, Councils or Orients having control of the subordinate lodge to which the brother belongs.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, }
CHAS. B. DAVIS, } *Committee.*

MINORITY REPORT.

IN GRAND LODGE, May 6, 1919.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

One of your special committee appointed at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge "to consider the conditions under which Masonry in France exists, and report thereon at the next Annual Communication," submits the following report.

This special committee was appointed on account of a preamble and resolutions offered by the undersigned and appear in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge. [Maine Proceedings, 1918, pp. 40-41-42.]

The Freemasonry of France is of English origin, it having been first introduced by Englishmen in 1725 along the lines of the original constitution of the Grand Lodge of England known as the Ancient Charges of 1723. It is as legitimate in its origin as any Grand Lodge in the United States of America, and down to 1869 this was fully recognized throughout the Masonic world. In 1858 a spurious Supreme Council was organized in New Orleans, the members of which were largely of French descent. At first the Grand Orient of France declined to recognize it, but in 1868-69 this spurious Supreme Council organized Craft Lodges and admitted men of color. It was recognized by the Grand Orient of France. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana was justly offended, and withdrew fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, and was promptly followed by every Grand Lodge in the United States. The Grand Orient of France long ago ceased to recognize irregular and clandestine lodges in Louisiana or in the jurisdiction of any other Grand Lodge in the United States, but fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Maine and other Grand Lodges was not restored.

The system of Masonic organization on the continent of Europe, and other Latin countries, is not the same as in the United States. There is no territorial jurisdiction, and there are other differences. As has been stated, there are three Grand Bodies in France exercising authority over the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, but only two have been

recognized by any Grand Lodge in the United States, viz: The Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of France. These are independent of each other.

What is known as the Anderson Constitution in harmony with the Ancient Charges of 1723, continued to be the constitution of the Grand Orient of France until 1849, when a change was made to correspond with a change in the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, which continued until 1877, when the Grand Orient changed back, as they claim, to the original basis of 1723, and removed the Bible from its altars, as they looked upon it as a symbol of ecclesiastical power. About this time the French people were making a heroic struggle for the disestablishment of ecclesiasticism in France, and the Freemasons were in the front line of the fight. In America we have always had the blessings of the separation of church and state from the landing of the Pilgrims of the Mayflower, without cost to us, and we little realize what it cost the Freemasons of France. They denounced the dogmas of the church, and to be consistent as they thought they would make no dogmas themselves. They have been bitterly denounced as atheists, but they deny this, and why should we not take their word for it?

In 1877, when the Grand Lodge of Ireland withdrew fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient wrote as follows: "The Grand Orient of France has not abolished the Masonic formula, TO THE GLORY OF THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE, as you appear to believe, still less have they made profession of atheism."

France had the establishment of the Roman Catholic Church, and England has to this day the establishment of the Church of England. It is believed by those well informed on this question, that disestablishment had much to do with the withdrawal by the Grand Lodge of England of fraternal relation with the Grand Orient of France. However this may be, or the removal of the Bible from the altar, in both the Grand Orient and Grand Lodge, the lodges are opened and closed, and the candidate is obligated "TO THE GLORY OF THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE." This we think is an acknowledgment of a belief in God by everyone who takes such an obligation, and there is no need of either affirming or denying it in the constitution of either Grand Body.

After the United States declared war with Germany, the following letters were sent to every Grand Lodge in the United States, first by the Grand Lodge of France, and then by the Grand Orient of France.

PARIS, FRANCE, July 20, 1917.

Dear Sir and Very Worshipful Brother:

The landing in our country of the vanguard of your army which is crossing the ocean to unite with us in the great struggle for the freedom of the world is an event of momentous import. It has aroused within us the thought that it is highly desirable that our ancient institution which has always stood for liberty should celebrate this manifestation of brotherhood by drawing together the bonds of fraternal esteem and affection which unite Freemasons all over the world.

With this thought in our minds, we are writing to extend to your Grand Lodge an invitation to enter into official relations with us, and to cement those relations by an exchange of representatives.

The Grand Lodge of France was constituted in 1804, by the Supreme Council 33d of France, and the French colonies to administer and control the lodges working the three degrees of Craft Masonry. In 1904, as the result of friendly negotiations with the Supreme Council, our Grand Lodge became a sovereign and independent body.

As an integral part of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, our Masonic principles are those common to the rite in general as set forth in the declaration of the Covenant of Lausanne of 1875. We have 136 lodges working under our jurisdiction, among them one—the Anglo Saxon, 343—which works in English, and the members of which are almost exclusively British-American.

In the hope that you will agree with us that such a union as we propose will appear all the more in harmony with the ideals of our order, if realized in the hour when the brethren of our two countries are shedding their lifeblood in common for the triumph of justice and civilization.

We are yours faithfully and fraternally.

(Signed) LE GR. MAITRE,
GAL. PEIGNE.

The Grand Orient of France sent the following letter to every Grand Lodge in the United States, viz:

16 RUE CADET, PARIS, October 12, 1917.

Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—The world-wide conflict for the liberation of oppressed nations and for the triumph of the principles of justice and liberty in which a good many allied countries now take an active part, has assembled on French soil most of the glorious armies fighting for right, who are now to be joined by an imposing contingent of your noble country.

In the front rank of these gallant troops, their arm strengthened by their ideal, we are sure to find, more numerous every day, Freemasons of the United States of America, and we have thought of offering them, as soon as they arrive in the French capital, a warm fraternal welcome becoming amongst brother Masons.

Under the auspices of the Grand Orient of France our worshipful "La Fraternelle des Peuples" has formed a reception at the Temple of the Grand Orient, 16 Rue Cadet, a real Masonic home. Here your brethren will always find devoted Masons, speaking their language, ready to answer all inquiries and furnish any useful information they may require; to assure them a fraternal help in all circumstances, to keep in touch by corresponding with them, to visit them in case they are ill or wounded, to serve as intermediary between them and their relatives, etc.

The usefulness of this central bureau will at once be apparent to you, not only for our brethren who are in the army, but also to those near and dear to them and who in their thoughts will follow them across the Atlantic, and who will know that they are not left to themselves and abandoned amongst dangers of everyday life, but that a fraternal and helpful hand is always extended to them in case of need.

We therefore ask you to kindly inform the brethren of your Worshipful Lodge and their relatives that in applying to us they will always find us ready to be of use to them, and happy to render them any service within the measure of our means and capabilities.

Please communicate this letter to the different lodges under the jurisdiction of your Grand Lodge.

We are, worshipful sir and brethren, yours most fraternally and sincerely for and on behalf of the

MASONIC BUREAU FOR ALLIED ARMIES IN FRANCE.

(Signed) W. M. A. BESNARD,

F. D. P. 16 RUE CADET, PARIS.

Whatever may have been the character of the French Masons half a century ago, these letters extending their cordial sympathy and assistance in time of great need breathes the true Masonic spirit, proving in a way unsurpassed by anyone that the Freemasons of France of this generation have loving hearts and willing hands.

The Grand Lodge of New York was convened in emergent communication, September 10, 1917. Grand Master Penney made an earnest appeal for the recognition of the Grand Lodge of France, and favorable action was taken enabling the New York Masons to fraternize with French Masons. This was followed by the Grand Lodges of Texas, District of Columbia, South Dakota, Nevada, Oregon and Rhode Island.

It seems most fitting that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which had made the complaint against the Grand Orient of France in 1869, should be the first to make full recognition of both the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of France. The Grand Master said in part, "While French Masonry is religiously tolerant, it is not in itself a religion in the restrictive sense of the word. It proclaims no dogma; it demands no profession; it respects all opinions, and in that tolerance is exemplar of that true religion which is the basis of Freemasonry—the brotherhood of mankind, a spark of His own divinity—to the love, honor and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. As a great many of the Grand Lodges of America have submitted through resolutions a *modus vivandi* between American and French Masons permitting unrestricted fraternalization with the members of the several Grand Bodies of France, let us go a step further, being true to ourselves and to the institution of which we are members, and resume at once and for all free and fraternal intercourse with the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of France, leaving time and results to prove the rectitude of our line of action."

In response, 1,500 delegates rose to their feet and voted unanimously
"To resume fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France.
"To recognize the Grand Lodge of France.
"To acquiesce in the doctrine of concurrent jurisdiction 'overseas' and
reaffirm the doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction on this side."

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Iowa, California and Minnesota have followed in the recognition of both the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of France. We firmly believe that these Grand Lodges will never have cause to regret their action.

At least twenty-two Grand Lodges repealed the interdiction of fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France and gave permission to their soldiers and sailors to fraternize with the lodges and Masons of France. Each Grand Lodge in taking this action makes the declaration that this in no way modifies the principles heretofore held and enunciated.

This is a time of the greatest overturn in civil government in all lands that the world has ever known, and there is greater need of harmony in the great Masonic brotherhood throughout the world than ever before. It is and should be the practice of Masonry to be in full fellowship with all legitimate and regular organized Masonic Bodies in every land on the globe. Outside of the United States and Great Britain the established system is the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. A great Congress of that rite was held at Lausanne in 1875, and a basis of action agreed upon which is called the "Covenant of Lausanne of 1875." It was the outcome of conditions in those countries. The two Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite in the United States have never agreed to the declaration of Lausanne of 1875, and probably never will, but the two Supreme Councils of the United States are now and always have been in fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, and other Supreme Councils in Latin countries that adhere to such "Covenant." It may be said that the Ancient Craft Masonry has nothing to do with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. It is true that the Grand Lodges are independent of that rite, but the two Supreme Councils of that rite in the United States are recognized as regular and legitimate Masonic organizations by every Grand Lodge in the United States. Would they be so considered if they were recognizing irregular and clandestine lodges in France or elsewhere? We think not.

The majority report of your committee closes with the following words:

"The Mason, who travels, and wishes in his travels to visit a Masonic Lodge, should have the personal right to visit any lodge pro-

vided he can prove himself a true and worthy brother, regardless of any recognition by and between the Grand Bodies, Councils or Orients having control of the subordinate lodge to which the brother belongs."

We agree with the majority report on this point, but a brother Mason does not have the right to visit a Masonic Lodge "regardless of any recognition by and between the Grand Bodies, Councils or Orients having control of the subordinate lodge to which the brother belongs." This is the reason why we offered the resolutions at the last Annual Communication rescinding the interdiction of fifty years ago, which interdiction is as follows:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of France, by persisting in the recognition of irregular and clandestine lodges in Louisiana, has placed herself without the pale of Masonry; and that this Grand Lodge is compelled to suspend Masonic intercourse with her, and to require the same of all lodges and Masons of this jurisdiction." [Maine Proceedings, 1870, p. 120.]

Whether or not this Grand Lodge recognizes the Grand Orient of France or the Grand Lodge of France, this old interdiction of fifty years ago has outlived its usefulness. It should be rescinded, and leave the Grand Lodge free to take such action as it may desire in relation to the recognition of any Masonic body in France. This interdiction forbids the Masonic fellowship of members of lodges in Maine with the Freemasons of France, and is therefore an injury to the Masonic Fraternity as a world-wide brotherhood. Every interdiction of Masonic fellowship with members of regular Masonic bodies on account of their adherence to the "Lausanne Covenant of 1875" should be rescinded. To hold such Masonic bodies irregular and clandestine is to exclude half the Masonic organizations of the world. We cling to our ideas and usages. Why should we not concede to others the same rights to cling to their ideas and usages? No landmark is violated in so doing. Why should we not desire and have Masonic fellowship with those noble, generous, warm-hearted Freemasons of France? The foundation of Speculative Freemasonry was laid in the first constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, and the Ancient Charges of 1723. It is broad enough and deep enough to belt the world in Masonic brotherly love and friendship.

We believe the trouble between this Grand Lodge and other Grand Lodges in the United States with the Grand Orient of France, is a misunderstanding of each other in their ideas of God and religion. Dr. Albert Pike, 33, says, "A man who has a higher conception of God than those about him, and who denies that their conception is God, is very likely to be called an atheist by men who are really far less believers in God than he." [Morals and Dogma, p. 643.]

God is eternally the same, but human conception of God is changeable, and has changed greatly within the last half century.

"The longer I live and the more I see
Of the struggle of souls on the heights above,
The stronger the truth comes home to me
That the Universe rests on the shoulders of love,
A love so limitless, deep and broad
That men have named it and called it God."

Our illustrious brother and great leader, M. Wor. Bro. Josiah Hayden Drummond, 33, of blessed memory, was a patriot and lover of rational liberty, a great grandson of Major Josiah Hayden, a hero of the war of the American Revolution. Had he been with us, in the body as in the spirit, he would have seen the changed condition from fifty years ago; that invasion of jurisdiction in the United States has ceased, and that the time has come when it is for the best interest of Freemasonry, and humanity, that the ban of forbidden Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient of France be removed, and the Freemasons of Maine have liberty to fraternize with the Freemasons in all regular Masonic lodges overseas. More than all, our illustrious brother would see God in the hearts of the Freemasons of France who inspired the letters to the Masonic Grand Lodges of the United States in their offers of aid and assistance in that time of great need. His noble soul would have been stirred within him in patriotic devotion, and he would have been the first to hold out his hand in fraternal love; he would have taken action in this Grand Lodge to have the long suspended fraternal intercourse between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Orient of France restored so that those generous and loving offers of mercy and help might have been accepted and the gratitude of this Grand Lodge conveyed to them.

Brethren, we believe this, and in his name we ask you to rescind the resolution of 1870, whereby Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient of France is suspended. Fraternaly submitted,

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT.

EXCUSES.

On motion of Bro. EDMUND B. MALLET it was

Voted, That Sylvester A. Prescott, the representative of Pacific Lodge, No. 64, be excused from further attendance, and the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay him mileage and one day per diem.

APPROVALS.

On motion of Bro. CONVERS E. LEACH it was

Voted, That the report of the Grand Secretary be accepted.

Voted, That the report of the Grand Treasurer be accepted.

HISTORY.

Bro. FRED C. CHALMERS, for the Committee on History, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, May 8, 1919.

Your Committee on History have attended to their duties, and report that no histories have been presented.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED C. CHALMERS, }
WALDO PETTENGILL, } *Committee.*
CONVERS E. LEACH, }

The report was accepted.

ELECTION.

The hour of election (3 o'clock) having arrived, the Acting Grand Master invited M. W. Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE to preside. Bro. BODGE assumed the East and appointed the following committees to receive, sort and count votes:

- I. W. SCOTT SHOREY, CHARLES W. CROSBY, FRANK J. COLE.
- II. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, CONVERS E. LEACH, EDW. G. WESTON.

The Grand Secretary reported the number of votes to be

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| Permanent Members present, 1 each, | 35 |
| Grand Officers present, 1 each, | 34 |
| 183 lodges represented (3 votes each), | 549 |
| Total number of votes, | 618 |

The Committees, having attended to their duties, reported the choice of

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| SILAS B. ADAMS, | <i>M. W. Grand Master,</i> | Portland |
| EDWARD W. WHEELER, | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master,</i> | Brunswick |
| WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, | " <i>Senior Grand Warden,</i> | Fort Fairfield |
| WALLACE N. PRICE, | " <i>Junior Grand Warden,</i> | Richmond |
| ALBRO E. CHASE, | " <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> | Portland |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, | " <i>Grand Secretary,</i> | Portland |

Committee of Finance—HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor; EDMUND B. MALLETT, Freeport; ELMER A. DOTEN, Portland.

Trustees of the Charity Fund for three years—HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway; FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabattus.

And they were severally declared elected, and the committee thanked and discharged.

The Acting Grand Master resumed the East, and thanked M. W. Bro. BODGE for his assistance.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER.

On motion of Bro. WALDO PETTENGILL, M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER was instructed to visit M. W. Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS, inform him of his re-election, and install him into office.

EXCUSES.

The following representatives presented sufficient good reasons for non-attendance for the remainder of the session, and they were excused, and the Grand Treasurer authorized to pay them mileage and per diem.

RALPH E. PINEO, Piscataquis, No. 44.

RODNEY A. ANDREWS, St. Andrews, No. 83.

HARRY M. VINAL, Caribou, No. 170.

At 4:15 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock Wednesday.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Wednesday, May 9, 1919. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock.

PAY ROLL.

Bro. JOHN C. ARNOLD reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
 PORTLAND, May 9, 1919.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Pay Roll would report that they have received the Report of the Committee on Credentials, that a schedule has been prepared, and is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

JOHN C. ARNOLD,
 CHARLES M. FARRAR, } *Committee.*
 MELVIN H. SIMMONS, }

Report accepted and schedule ordered to be paid.

PUBLICATION.

Bro. MILLARD M. CASWELL, for the Committee on Publication, reported that no business had been presented to them. The report was accepted.

EXCUSES.

Good reasons in each case having been shown, the Grand Lodge voted to excuse the following repre-

sentatives at the close of this afternoon session, and the Grand Treasurer was instructed to pay mileage and per diem.

FRANK B. ARNOLD, P. S. G. W.

JOHN W. SPRINGALL, Penobscot, No. 39.

CECIL E. WASGATT, Marine, No. 122.

WEEMAN G. MCALLISTER, Delta, No. 153.

SHERIDAN P. IRELAND, Parian, No. 160.

J. EVERETT RIDLEY, Springvale, No. 190.

The Acting Grand Master called to the East M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, who, after some remarks, invited Wor. E. MURRAY GRAHAM, Master of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, of Portland, with his officers, to assume the stations and to confer the Master Mason's degree, which was done.

The Grand Lecturer resumed the East, and after brief comments surrendered the place to the Acting Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. ISAAC A. CLOUGH, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to the officers of Ancient Landmark Lodge for the beautiful and correct rendering of the ritual in the work of the afternoon.

The Acting Grand Master expressed his obligations to the officers of Ancient Landmark Lodge for their attendance and work.

At 5:30 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Thursday, May 8, 1919. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in print, which was accepted, and permission given to complete it. (*See Appendix.*)

SMOKING IN LODGE ROOMS.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE, for the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following resolution:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 8, 1919.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the new standing regulation with reference to smoking in the apartments used by a Masonic Lodge, have carefully and thoughtfully considered the same. It is impossible to formulate a resolution, which would suit the convenience of every lodge within this jurisdiction, but we present the regulation in a new draft, to wit:

Resolved, That smoking, or the appearance of smoking, in the lodge hall, or in the preparation room, when in use for the preparation of candidates, in this Grand Jurisdiction, is hereby forbidden. Violation of this regulation shall be considered a Masonic misdemeanor.

We recommend that this resolution be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, }
 THOMAS H. BODGE, } *Committee.*
 WALDO PETTENGILL, }

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

STANDING REGULATION.

On motion of Bro. ALBRO E. CHASE, it was

Voted, That the resolution just adopted be made a Standing Regulation of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. WALDO PETTENGILL, it was

Voted, That the Grand Secretary cause to have a sufficient number of copies of the above Standing Regulation printed to furnish at least two copies to each lodge in the state, with instruction that they be posted in conspicuous places in each hall.

LIBRARY.

The Committee on Library reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 8, 1919.

Your Committee on Library submit the following report:

We find that the work of the Library has been carried forward in the usual satisfactory manner.

We recommend that the committee be authorized to purchase such volumes as they may deem wise for the Library; and that they authorize the binding of such Proceedings as may be necessary to keep the files of the Grand Lodge.

We attach herewith the report of the Librarian.

Fraternally submitted,

W. S. HINCKLEY, }
W. J. DORMAN, } *Committee.*

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 6, 1919.

To the Committee on Library, Grand Lodge of Maine.

The routine work of the Library has been attended to as usual during the year. Thirty-eight volumes have been bound. A catalogue of the Drummond Library has been completed and will be of service to those who have occasion to consult it.

Fraternally submitted,

CONVERS E. LEACH, *Librarian.*

The report was accepted and recommendations adopted.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

BRO. WALDO PETTENGILL, for the Committee on Centennial Celebration, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 8, 1919.

The Committee appointed to consider the matter of the proper observance of the hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Maine, Free and Accepted Masons, present the following report and recommendations.

Several meetings of the committee have been held, and after a careful consideration of the matter we recommend the following:

1st. That the exercises be held on Wednesday afternoon of the week in which the Grand Lodge is held, commencing at three in the afternoon May 5, 1920.

2d. That the exercises shall consist of a prayer by our Grand Chaplain, Past Grand Master Ashley A. Smith, historical address by Past Grand Master Albro E. Chase, and an oration by Past Grand Master Charles F. Johnson, accompanied by music suitable for the occasion and to be followed by a banquet.

3d. We recommend that a suitable souvenir of the order of events and other associated matters be printed under the direction of our Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Charles B. Davis.

4th. That the Grand Master be requested to invite the Grand Master of the several Grand Lodges in the United States to be present in person or by proxy on this occasion.

5th. That the further details of the anniversary exercises be left to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and a committee to be appointed by him.

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| WALDO PETTENGILL, | } Committee. |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | |
| HOWARD D. SMITH, | |
| FRANK E. MONROE, | |

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

BRO. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, May 8, 1919.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have carefully considered such matters as have been presented to them, and respectfully submit the following report:

In the case of Nezinscot Lodge, No. 101, of Turner, against Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, of Bath, for accepting the petition and conferring the degrees upon a candidate who had been rejected by Nezinscot Lodge within the prohibitive limit, we recommend the passage of the following:

That the action of Polar Star Lodge be criticised and the lodge reprimanded, with the hope that nothing of the kind shall occur in the future.

In the case of Eureka Lodge, No. 84, of Tenants' Harbor, against Rockland Lodge, No. 79, of Rockland, for invasion of jurisdiction, no one appeared for the complainants; and as it appears from the testimony of the Secretary of Rockland Lodge that they acted in good faith, though were perhaps a little careless in their inquiry, we therefore recommend that the incident be closed without prejudice.

In the case of King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, on charges against one Hiram S. Steeves, member of the lodge, for bigamy, we find the charge was sustained by the lodge, and that said Steeves was on the 18th day of February, A. D. 1919, expelled by the lodge. We therefore recommend the passage of the following:

That the action of King Hiram Lodge be ratified and approved, and that Hiram S. Steeves be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

In the case of Frank H. Billington, formerly of Asylum Lodge, No. 133, of Wayne, your committee find that in 1905 said Billington was by this Grand Lodge expelled from all the rights of Masonry; that the matter then came to this Grand Lodge upon an appeal from the action of Asylum Lodge refusing to sustain the charges preferred against him in his lodge; that said Billington was at that time a clergyman, and that the church or conference of which he was a member voted that no criminal accusation against him had been sustained. Mr. Billington has continued in the ministry from that time to the present date, and is now pastor over one of the largest churches in Waltham, Mass.

That we feel no injustice will be done the cause of Masonry by his restoration, and we therefore recommend the passage of the following:

That Frank H. Billington be, and hereby is, restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, }
 GEORGE W. HOLMES, } *Committee.*
 ALBERT M. PENLEY, }

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted, by separate votes on each.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

BRO. EDWIN A. PORTER reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 8, 1919.

Your Committee on the Condition of the Fraternity have attended to their duties, and beg leave to report that they have examined the various reports submitted to them, and find the condition of the Craft to be most prosperous. The last year has seen the greatest net increase in the membership of the Grand Lodge.

The greatest danger we see threatening the Craft is the great popularity of Masonry. See to it that none are admitted but such as will be an honor to the Fraternity.

The reports show that the District Deputy Grand Masters have faithfully attended to their duties, except in a few remote instances. We cannot too strongly impress upon their minds that much of the prosperity of the Craft depends upon them, and that each lodge should receive special attention from them. Closely observe their work, examine their books, and strive to be of real service to them. Do not delay your visitations and report till the last moment, as we have no promise of tomorrow.

Owing to the large amount of sickness the past year, only one school was held. We feel that particular attention should be given the schools during the coming year.

We notice that many District Deputy Grand Masters failed to attend the School of Instruction. The committee would recommend that in case a District Deputy Grand Master fails to attend at least one school, unless a satisfactory reason in writing be given to the Grand Lecturer, that a reappointment be denied him.

These schools, as conducted by the Grand Lecturer, are of great benefit to the Craft, and we feel that all officers of the subordinate lodges, as well as Deputies, should be made to feel that it behooves them to properly qualify for the various positions they will be called upon to fill.

We trust that the District Conventions will not lose their popularity, and that many such will be held the coming year.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that many lodges have been irregular in their work, such as all three degrees having been conferred on a candidate the same day, also more than the limit of five

degrees by a lodge on the same day. The committee recommend more strict observance of the constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

EDWIN A. PORTER, }
 ISAAC A. CLOUGH, } *Committee.*
 FRANK E. MONROE, }

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER.

M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER reported that he had, in accord with the vote of the Grand Lodge on Tuesday, visited the home of M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS, Grand Master, and duly installed him into office, and that the Grand Master had submitted to him the following list of

APPOINTMENTS.

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| CONVERS E. LEACH, | <i>R. W. Cor. Grand Secretary,</i> | Portland |
| J. ORIN SMITH, | " <i>D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i> | Presque Isle |
| HENRY R. GILLIS, | " " 2d " | Calais |
| ARNOLD LEIGHTON, | " " 3d " | Millbridge |
| GEORGE SILVER, | " " 4th " | Stonington |
| WILLIAM P. NEWMAN, | " " 5th " | Milo |
| FRED A. GRAY, | " " 6th " | Hermon |
| C. LEE STEWART, | " " 7th " | Clinton |
| ALLEN L. CURTIS, | " " 8th " | Belfast |
| CHESTER B. HALL, | " " 9th " | Warren |
| FRED W. SEAVEY, | " " 10th " | South Bristol |
| WILLIAM F. LEAVITT, | " " 11th " | Angusta |
| HARRY S. GRINDALL, | " " 12th " | Waterville |
| ERNEST W. GILMAN, | " " 13th " | Norridgewock |
| ERNEST L. MAYBERY, | " " 14th " | Brunswick |
| WALTER E. HINDS, | " " 15th " | Flagstaff |
| RAYMOND H. EASTMAN, | " " 16th " | Norway |
| NATHAN C. REDLON, | " " 17th " | Portland |
| WALDO N. SEAVEY, | " " 18th " | Fryeburg |
| CHARLES F. GILPATRIC, | " " 19th " | Biddeford |
| GUY P. ROWE, | " " 20th " | Danforth |
| WILLIAM R. BEAZLEY, | " " 21st " | Bucksport |

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| RUFUS L. TASKER, | <i>R. W. D. D. G. M. 22d Dist.,</i> | Dixmont |
| WILLIAM O. NICHOLS, | " " <i>23d</i> " | Sanford |
| ALBERT T. BRADFORD, | " " <i>24th</i> " | Turner |
| ARTHUR J. WELCH, | " " <i>25th</i> " | Millinocket |
| WILSON H. CONANT, | " " <i>26th</i> " | Buckfield |
| REV. WILLIAM H. FULTZ, | <i>W. Grand Chaplain,</i> | Portland |
| " DAVID L. WILSON, | " " " | Bath |
| " HENRY E. DUNNACK, | " " " | Augusta |
| " ASHLEY A. SMITH, | " " " | Bangor |
| " JOHN M. BEILER, | " " " | Machias |
| " ARTHUR F. STRAY, | " " " | Auburn |
| " ROBERT J. BRUCE, | " " " | Portland |
| HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, | " " <i>Marshal,</i> | " |
| DAVID E. MOULTON, | " " <i>Senior Deacon,</i> | " |
| HARRY S. BOYD, | " " <i>Junior Deacon,</i> | " |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, | " " <i>Steward,</i> | " |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, | " " " | Biddeford |
| FRANK P. DENACO, | " " " | Bangor |
| FRED B. RAND, | " " " | Sanford |
| EBEN F. RICHARDSON, | " " <i>Sword Bearer,</i> | S. West Harbor |
| HIRAM A. WEBBER, | " " <i>Standard Bearer,</i> | Brunswick |
| WARREN C. KING, | " " <i>Pursuivant,</i> | Portland |
| WILLIAM R. HUGHES, | " " " | Monson |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " " <i>Lecturer,</i> | Sabattus |
| WALTER S. SMITH, | " " <i>Organist,</i> | Portland |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | " " <i>Tyler,</i> | " |

The Acting Grand Master invited the Senior Past Grand Master, FRANK E. SLEEPER, to the East to install the Grand Officers.

M. W. Brother SLEEPER assumed the East and invited M. W. Brother WALDO PETTENGILL to act as Grand Marshal.

The Grand Officers elect and appointed who were present were installed by Bro. SLEEPER and proclamation was made.

The Acting Grand Master assumed the East and thanked Brothers SLEEPER and PETTENGILL.

STANDING REGULATION.

On motion of Bro. WALDO PETTENGILL, it was

Voted, That the Committee on Credentials and the Committee on Pay Roll be included in the Pay Roll until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge.

And it was further voted that the foregoing be made a Standing Regulation of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS, it was

Voted, That when the Grand Master shall have arranged his Standing Committees, that they appear in regular place in the printed proceedings.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.

RALPH H. BURBANK, FRANK P. DENACO, WARREN C. KING.

On Grievances and Appeals.

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, GEORGE W. HOLMES, ALBERT M. PENLEY.

On Publication.

MILLARD M. CASWELL, EDWARD G. WESTON, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

On History.

FRED C. CHALMERS, WALDO PETTENGILL, CONVERS E. LEACH.

On Dispensations and Charters.

ARCHIE L. TALBOT, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, EDMUND B. MALLET.

On Amendments to the Constitution.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON, FRANK E. SLEEPER, WM. FREEMAN LORD.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

HUGH R. CHAPLIN, ALBRO E. CHASE, THOMAS H. BODGE.

On Foreign Correspondence.

ALBRO E. CHASE, FRANK J. COLE, ASHLEY A. SMITH.

On Condition of the Fraternity.

EDWIN A. PORTER, FRANK E. MONROE, ISAAC A. CLOUGH.

On Library.

GRAND MASTER, WILMER J. DORMAN, WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY.

On Transportation.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, WM. FREEMAN LORD, JAMES E. PARSONS.

On Returns.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, JAMES C. AYER, ERNEST P. PARLIN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Brother ALBERT M. PENLEY, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that the business of the communication was completed, and the report was accepted.

CLOSING.

The minutes were read by the Grand Secretary and approved, and at 11.35 the Grand Lodge was closed.



Attest:

Charles B. Davis

Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and First Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine will be held at Masonic Temple, Portland, on Tuesday, May 4, 1920, at 9 o'clock A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TRUSTEES . OF . THE . CHARITY . FUND.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND,

Tuesday, May 8, 1919.

The Trustees met in the Grand Lodge Office at 5 P. M.

Present—EDWARD W. WHEELER, *Acting President*,
 CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*,
 FRANK E. SLEEPER,
 EDMUND B. MALLET,
 ASHLEY A. SMITH,
 EDWARD G. WESTON.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was presented, as follows:

PORTLAND, May 6, 1919.

*To the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the
 Grand Lodge of Maine, A. F. & A. M.*

Your Treasurer reports that the invested fund consists of:

| | Fund. | Income. |
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| 40 Shares Westbrook Trust Co.,..... | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 120.00 |
| 3 Bonds Toledo Terminal Co.,..... | 2,200.00 | 99.00 |
| 1 " Hyde Park, Mass., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 " Methuen, Mass., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 2 " Standish Water & Construction Co.,..... | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 " City of Springfield, Mass.,..... | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 " Huntington Water Co.,..... | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 " Portland, Oregon, Railway Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |

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| 2 | Bonds | Central Maine Power Co., | 2,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 5 | " | City of Minneapolis, Minn., | 5,000.00 | 200.00 |
| 1 | " | Portland & Rumford Falls Deb., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 25 | Shares | Canal National Bank, | 2,500.00 | 162.50 |
| 14 | " | First National Bank, | 1,400.00 | 105.00 |
| 18 | " | Casco-Mercantile Trust Co., | 1,800.00 | 180.00 |
| 2 | Bonds | Wladikawkas Railway Co., | 2,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 | " | Everett, Mass., | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 | " | City of Portland, Oregon, | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 | " | East St. Louis & Interurban Water Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 | " | Dexter, Maine, | 1,000.00 | 35.00 |
| 1 | " | Wheeling Traction Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 2 | " | Northern Pacific Railway Co., | 2,000.00 | 80.00 |
| 5 | " | Portland Water Co., | 5,000.00 | 200.00 |
| 1 | " | Delaware, Ohio, Water Co., | 500.00 | 25.00 |
| 3 | " | Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co., | 3,000.00 | 120.00 |
| 2 | " | Camden & Rockland Water Co., | 1,500.00 | 75.00 |
| 6 | " | Boston & Maine Railway Co., | 6,000.00 | |
| 1 | " | The St. Joseph Water Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 | " | Muncie Water Works Co., | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 4 | " | Sagadahoc Light & Power Co., | 2,000.00 | 90.00 |
| 1 | " | York County Water Co., | 500.00 | 25.00 |
| 1 | " | Denver City Tramway Co., | 500.00 | 25.00 |
| 2 | " | Rumford Falls Water Power Co., | 2,000.00 | 80.00 |
| 1 | " | Utica & Mohawk Valley Railway Co., | 1,000.00 | 45.00 |
| 1 | " | Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Co., | 2,000.00 | |
| 2 | " | Portsmouth, Berkeley & Suffolk Water Co., | | 100.00 |
| 1 | " | Third Liberty Loan Bond, | 1,000.00 | 36.15 |
| | | Mortgage on Real Estate, Moody, | 5,000.00 | 250.00 |
| | | Deposit Augusta Savings Bank, | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | | " Skowhegan Savings Bank, | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | | " Waterville Savings Bank, | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | | " Bath Savings Institution, | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | | " Gardiner Savings Institution, | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | | " Brunswick Savings Institution, | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | | " Maine Savings Bank, | 1,300.00 | 52.52 |
| | | " Portland Savings Bank, | 1,500.00 | 60.60 |
| | | " Fidelity Trust Co., | 2,000.00 | 80.80 |
| | | " Belfast Savings Bank, | 699.98 | |
| | | " Chapman National Bank, Sav- ings Dept., | 709.25 | |

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| Deposit Portland National Bank, Savings Dept., | 864.02 | |
| “ Union Safe Deposit and Tr. Co., | | 216.70 |
| | <u>\$77,073.25</u> | <u>\$3,375.67</u> |

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

1918.

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| May 1. To balance cash on hand, | \$4,398.30 | |
| “ income on investments, | 3,435.67 | |
| “ bonds Portsmouth, Berkeley and Suffolk Water Co., called, | 1,900.00 | |
| “ interest on same, | 25.56 | |
| “ bonds Rockland Water Co., called, | 1,500.00 | |
| “ interest on same, | 37.50 | |
| | | <u>\$11,297.03</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| By amount paid beneficiaries, | \$3,704.00 | |
| “ “ bond Niagara, Lockport and Ontario Power Co., | 935.00 | |
| “ interest on same, | 12.78 | |
| “ amount bonds Camden and Rockland Water Co., | 1,395.00 | |
| “ interest on same, | 31.25 | |
| “ rent Safety Vault, | 10.00 | |
| “ deposit Portland Bank, Savings Dept., .. | 156.25 | |
| “ amount bond Central Maine Water Power Co., | 920.00 | |
| “ interest on same, | 12.78 | |
| “ coupon Wladikawkas Railway Co., (July unpaid), | 40.00 | |
| | | <u>\$ 7,217.06</u> |
| “ cash on hand to balance, | | \$ 4,079.97 |

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *Treasurer.*

The Acting Grand Master reported that he had examined the securities and had found them all correct as stated, whereupon the report was accepted.

The Secretary presented 79 applications for relief, which were referred to a committee of two.

Adjourned to Wednesday P. M.

WEDNESDAY, May 8, 1919.

Met in Grand Lodge Office at 5 P. M.

Present—EDWARD W. WHEELER, *Acting President*,

WILLIS A. RICKER,

CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*,

FRANK E. SLEEPER,

HOWARD D. SMITH,

EDMUND B. MALLET,

EDWARD G. WESTON.

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

Voted, That one represent fifteen dollars.

Voted, That \$2,775.00 be appropriated to pay the schedule.

Voted, That \$800 be placed in hands of President.

The renewal of the Grand Treasurer's bond was ordered to be left in the hands of the Grand Secretary, which was done.

Adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

Charles B. Davis

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, 1889.

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.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1918.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary instruct each applicant to name the age of the beneficiary in the application.

A true copy from the record of Regulations and Votes.

Attest: CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Sec'y of Board of Trustees.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE.

1919.

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| SILAS B. ADAMS, Grand Master, | Ex-Officio. |
| EDWARD W. WHEELER, Deputy Grand Master, | " |
| WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, Senior Grand Warden, | " |
| WALLACE N. PRICE, Junior Grand Warden, | " |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, Rec. Grand Secretary, | " |
| EDMUND B. MALLET, elected May 3, 1917, for three years. | |
| ASHLEY A. SMITH, | " " " " " " " " |
| ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, | " " 7, 1918, " " " |
| EDWARD G. WESTON, | " " " " " " " |
| HOWARD D. SMITH, | " " 6, 1919, " " " |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " " " " " " " |

STANDING REGULATIONS.

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.]

1. 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 four and one-half cents for each mile one way 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. [Amended 1914, p. 55.]

Standing Regulation, No. 33, relating to the jurisdiction of Deering Lodge, No. 183, was repealed May 3, 1917.

Standing Regulation, No. 35, relating to appointment of an Assistant Grand Secretary, was repealed May 9, 1918.

Resolved, That smoking, or the appearance of smoking, in the Lodge Hall, or in the Preparation Room when in use for the preparation of candidates, in this Grand Jurisdiction, is hereby forbidden. Violation of this regulation shall be considered a Masonic misdemeanor. [1919, p. 260.]

Resolved, That the Committee on Credentials and the Committee on Pay Roll, be included in the Pay Roll until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge. [1919, p. .]

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Adopted since Edition of Constitution, 1900.

[Part Fourth, Article I, Page 42 of the Constitution.]

SEC. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions and processions 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 occasion of a public reception of him, or of a public mourning for his death. [1912, p. 53.]

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters.

FIRST DISTRICT.

TO MOST WORSHIPFUL, SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

The last year has been a prosperous year for Masonry in this district. Notwithstanding the drain due to war conditions, an active interest is manifest, and membership in our lodges is fast increasing.

During the last year I have been in every lodge in the district except Washburn Lodge, and have installed the officers in four, Monument, Trinity, Eastern Frontier and Limestone. I am obliged to report that due to serious illness in my firm and family, I have not been able to make as thorough inspection of the lodges as I should have wished. I have been practically confined to my office all the time since October, being without partner or stenographer most of that time. While at Caribou at court, I visited Caribou Lodge, No. 170, inspecting work in the third degree. I witnessed work in the same degree in Aroostook Lodge, No. 197, at Blaine, April 10th. In each lodge I have been received with the courtesy of true brethren. The officers are all well informed and posted and the work is rendered in good form, and shows a knowledge of the ritual such as is desired by the Grand Officers.

The new Masonic building built by Monument Lodge, is practically completed, and it is hoped that the Grand Officers will dedicate the building in a short time. It is a modern business block with theatre, stores, offices, and a well equipped home for the lodge and higher bodies. The lodge has cause to congratulate itself on the outlook before it.

Trinity Lodge is taking active steps to have a home for itself in the near future, as is also Aroostook Lodge. The material prosperity of these lodges is accompanied by a large increase in membership. Monument Lodge is having all the work it can do.

I desire to thank heartily all the brethren of the lodges for the courtesy and friendly greetings I have received, and I also thank you for the appointment as District Deputy for this district. It is an honorable office and I trust that our institution has not suffered from my occupancy of it. If in any degree I have aided any lodge or brother, I am well repaid for my slight effort.

With fraternal greeting to you and a wish for your continued well being, I hereby submit my report.

BERNARD ARCHIBALD,

District Deputy of First Masonic District.

Houlton, Maine, May 3, 1919.

SECOND DISTRICT.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Second District:

I was installed by Past Senior Grand Warden Isaac N. Jones at a communication of St. Croix Lodge on June 10, 1918.

On Nov. 26, 1918, I attended the School of Instruction held under the direction of Grand Lecturer Sleeper, at Gardiner.

On Jan. 22, 1919, I publicly installed the officers of Lewy's Island Lodge, No. 138, of Princeton. There was a large attendance of members, their families and friends. At the conclusion of the installation ceremonies all repaired to the banquet room, where a wealth of good things to eat were served by the sisters of the Eastern Star.

On Feb. 3, 1919, I inspected the work of Eastern Lodge, No. 7, of Eastport. Work; E. A.

On Feb. 4, 1919, I inspected the work of Washington Lodge, No. 37, of Lubec. Work; F. C.

On Feb. 15, 1919, I inspected the work of Lewy's Island Lodge, No. 138, of Princeton. Work; F. C.

On March 5, 1919, I inspected the work of Crescent Lodge, No. 78, of Pembroke. Work; E. A. and M. M.

I have made no official inspection of my home lodge, St. Croix, No. 46, as I have been present at nearly every meeting, have kept a general oversight, and endeavored to render such assistance to the officers as I could for the improvement of their work. This lodge, together with the other Masonic bodies of Calais, have during the past year pur-

chased a building, which has been remodeled into most convenient and commodious quarters, which will be dedicated to Masonic purposes agreeably to ancient form during the present year.

I am pleased to report that the lodges in this district are in very prosperous condition, and rapidly adding to their membership. The work of the officers in all is excellent, the degrees in every instance being conferred in such an impressive and dignified manner as could not fail to make a deep and lasting impression upon the candidates.

There was a large attendance at each inspection, and the records of the several lodges show the attendance during the past year to have been good. The lodges in this district are very fortunate in their secretaries, all being veterans in the position, and taking great pains in having the records well kept and the dues well collected, and to their efforts can be given a large share of the credit for the good financial condition of all the lodges.

The visits to the several lodges have been sources of the greatest enjoyment to me personally, and I wish to express my sincere thanks to the officers and brethren I have met for the attention and courtesy which they have shown me upon all occasions. It has been a privilege and an inspiration to visit the lodges, and I thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred by appointing me your representative. I am glad to have had this opportunity for service.

Respectfully,

HENRY R. GILLIS, *D. D. G. M., Second District.*
Calais, Me., May 1, 1919.

THIRD DISTRICT.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Owing to the inability of the original appointee to serve as District Deputy Grand Master, I was on Jan. 30th, invited by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to again assume the office. As it was late in the Masonic year, and perhaps difficult to find anyone to serve, I reluctantly accepted, and received my commission Feb. 2nd, together with apron, jewel and book of records.

Feb. 11th, I made an official visit to Warren Lodge at East Machias. Witnessed work in M. M. degree on four candidates. Brother Smith and his officers performed this work in their usual creditable manner, but I think it would be much better for all concerned if some features

had been omitted. I found the records neatly and correctly kept and the dues well collected. Warren Lodge still owes something on its hall, but is meeting its obligations as they mature and is in a prosperous and flourishing condition.

Feb. 18th, by invitation, I went to Jonesport and publicly installed the officers of Jonesport Lodge. I found the records in the hands of Bro. E. A. Worcester correctly and neatly kept. This lodge is in a good condition, with officers practically as last year.

Feb. 24th, I visited Harwood Lodge, at Machias. I found the brethren finely located in their new hall, which is a credit to them and the community. On this occasion I publicly installed the officers. There were present about two hundred and fifty Masons and guests. We were favored with instrumental music by Wiswell's Saxophone Orchestra, which was much enjoyed by those present. A banquet was served after the closing of the lodge. I inspected the records and finances of the lodge and found them correct. Dues well collected.

Mar. 20th, I made my official visit to Narraguagus Lodge. This being my home lodge, which I have attended frequently and where I from time to time made such suggestions as seemed advisable, I did not have to make many criticisms of the work in the F. C. degree, performed at that time. I found the records well kept and the dues well collected by Bro. W. F. Campbell, Sec. Narraguagus Lodge is in a good financial condition and I hope in the near future to see it working in new and more commodious quarters, there being a movement on foot to build a new hall.

Mar. 24th, I went to Milbridge and visited Pleiades Lodge, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree, which was performed in a fine manner on two candidates. The records in the hands of Bro. Lincoln Wallace are correctly kept, and Bro. Wallace is a good collector. This lodge is flourishing.

March 29th, I had an appointment to visit Tuscan Lodge at Addison, but owing to a bad storm and worse traveling, I was unable to attend. I am informed that this Lodge is in the hands of a capable corps of officers, and in a prosperous condition. The records in the hands of Bro. V. C. Plummer I know to be correctly kept, and the dues are fairly well collected.

I have been unable to visit Lookout Lodge, at Cutler, not having been notified of their having work, but as they have again elected Bro. C. G. Aldrich as Master, I know that their affairs are in capable hands, and that the ancient landmarks will be strictly adhered to.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges in the Third District for their many courtesies;

and you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor of the appointment.

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR H. BARTLETT, *D. D. G. M., Third Dist.*
Cherryfield, Me., April 6, 1919.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

BLUE HILL, MAINE, April 26, 1919.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

It was my good fortune to attend the only School of Instruction held by Worshipful Brother Sleeper during the Masonic year, the same being held at Gardiner. The attendance was good, the interest marked, and the instruction received of great value to those who attended, and the lodges which they represented. Few men have such a rare gift of imparting Masonic knowledge as has Bro. Sleeper, and he was as ready to give as we were to receive instruction.

Jan. 8, 1919, on invitation, I publicly installed the officers of Baga-duce Lodge, No. 210. I was assisted by P. M. Frank L. Stover as Grand Marshall. This lodge, while small, is an active, wide-awake one, and their interest in Masonry marked. They have added largely to their membership during the fiscal year.

On Jan. 21, 1919, assisted by P. M. Frank L. Stover, as Grand Marshall, I publicly installed the officers of Ira Berry Lodge, No. 187. This is my home lodge and I have attended most of its meetings throughout the year. They have a good corps of officers, and the work in all the degrees is very satisfactory. I have observed, with pleasure, a marked and growing interest, and the prospects of healthy growth are the best in years.

The prevalence of influenza during the fall and winter and the almost impassable condition of the roads during the spring, sickness in my family, and business engagements which could not be broken, have compelled me, much to my regret, to forego the pleasure of visiting the other lodges of my district. However, from the returns, and from reports received, I am satisfied that they are all doing work of a very correct and creditable order.

Fraternally submitted,

FORREST B. SNOW, *D. D. G. M., 4th M. D.*

FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

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 Fifth District.

My report will necessarily be brief, as the influenza epidemic prevented me from visiting many of the lodges in my district, as well as the School of Instruction this year.

May 31st, by special invitation I visited Abner Wade Lodge, No. 207, at Sangerville, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on three candidates. The work was exemplified by Penobscot, Mosaic and Abner Wade Lodges, respectively. I was fortunate in seeing the work performed by Penobscot Lodge at this time, as I have not been able to visit the same officially this year. The work was very correctly done by all the lodges. I examined the books of the lodge and found they were very neatly kept and finances in good condition. After the work a banquet was served.

Nov. 9th, I accepted an invitation to install the officers-elect of Composite Lodge, No. 168, at Lagrange, and journeyed over bad roads in a rain storm by automobile, accompanied by three brethren of Mosaic Lodge. There was a full attendance of members, accompanied by their wives and friends. All listened attentively to the ceremony, after which an excellent supper was served. I enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Jan. 13, 1919, I made my official visit on Pleasant River Lodge, No. 163, and installed the officers, assisted by P. M. Levi Johnson as Grand Marshal, and Bro. E. A. Beaumont as Grand Chaplain; then witnessed work in the M. M. degree, the new officers exemplifying the work. I found it necessary to make but few corrections. The officers are all interested in their work. The books I found in the same excellent condition as last year; they are still in the efficient hands of Bro. Joseph G. Henderson.

Jan. 16th, I installed the officers of Mosaic Lodge, No. 52, assisted by P. D. D. G. M. Allen P. Clark as Grand Marshal, and P. M. Harry W. Thayer as Grand Chaplain. There was a large attendance.

Mar. 11th, by special request I inspected Mosaic Lodge, No. 52, when the new officers worked for the first time the E. A. degree. The work was very well done and the officers showed a good deal of enthusiasm. The financial condition of the lodge is good, and dues well collected.

Doric Lodge, No. 149, has had but little work this year. The inter-

ests of the lodge is well looked after by P. D. D. G. M. William Hughes.

I have also heard from good authority that Columbia Lodge, No. 200, is in a prosperous condition. Secretary Monroe has kept me well posted in regard to the work that has been done by Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44, and I have no doubt the lodge is in good condition.

I regret that I have not been able to visit more of the lodges in my district. I received an invitation to install the officers of Mt. Kineo Lodge, No. 109, but was not able to do so, as I had previously planned to visit Pleasant River Lodge at Brownville, and the dates conflicted.

I also received an invitation from Doric Lodge at Monson, but was unable to attend on account of illness; also to install in Columbia Lodge, but was not able to do so.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me, and the officers and members of the several lodges in the district for the courtesy I have received at their hands.

Fraternally submitted,

EUGENE A. WHITTREDGE, *D. D. G. M. 5th District,*
Foxcroft, Me., April 16, 1919.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

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 Sixth Masonic District.

At the session of the Grand Lodge of Maine on May 9, 1918, I was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District. On June 19, 1918, I was installed into this office by W. Bro. H. P. Dority, W. M. of Aroostook Lodge, No. 197, at Blaine. On June 27th, I received my commission and case of paraphernalia and entered upon the duties of the office.

The Grand Lecturer, Rt. Wor. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, arranged a lodge of instruction to be held at Orono on Tuesday, October 29th, but owing to the prevalence of influenza all over the state at that time, it had to be given up. Mechanics Lodge is very anxious to have one held at Orono in the fall of 1919.

On Oct. 26th, I attended a lodge of instruction at Gardiner. Rt. Wor. Bro. Sleeper gave instruction in all three degrees in his usual

pleasing and thorough manner. Also the degree of P. M. was conferred on several candidates.

On Dec. 7th, I inspected the work of Mystic Lodge, No. 65, at Hampden. As the candidate was unable to be present, one of the members of Mystic Lodge acted as a candidate and the work of the F. C. degree was exemplified. While the work as a whole was satisfactory, yet enough mistakes were made to emphasize the necessity of having inspection on all three of the degrees, and not always on the third degree, as so many lodges have drifted into the habit of doing. The records are well kept by Brother Tribou.

On Jan. 11th, I was invited to install the officers of Lynde Lodge, No. 174, of Hermon, but was unable to attend, as three members of my family were ill with influenza, and it was impossible to get outside help.

On Jan. 1st, I installed the officers for Mechanics Lodge, No. 66, of Orono. It was a pleasure to install as W. M. Bro. R. L. Hammond, whom I appointed as J. S. six years ago, and who has advanced faithfully up through every chair of the lodge.

On Jan. 16th, I installed the officers of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, of Charleston. Past D. D. G. M. Frank D. Weymouth acted as Grand Marshal, and Bro. Brown as Grand Chaplain.

On Feb. 28th, I inspected the work of Howard Lodge, No. 69, of Winterport. At my request the officers worked the F. C. degree. The work was impressively done and the corrections that were necessary were received by the officers in good spirit. The work was preceded by a fine supper.

On Mar. 12th, I inspected the work of Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137, of Kenduskeag. The officers worked the F. C. degree on one candidate in a very satisfactory manner. The lodge very clearly shows the efficient training of Past D. D. G. M. F. E. Harvey. After the work the ladies served a very enjoyable banquet.

On Mar. 13th, I enjoyed the almost perfect work of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, of Charleston, where they worked the F. C. degree on one candidate. Past D. D. G. M. Bro. Frank D. Weymouth acted as S. D. and his impressive way of giving the lecture added much to the beauty of the work. My visit to Kenduskeag and Olive Branch lodges shows very clearly the tower of strength a past D. D. G. M. can be to his own lodge if he attends the meetings and is willing to render assistance whenever it is needed.

On Mar. 19th, I inspected the work of Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, of Carmel. This was their annual Past Masters' night, and several vis-

itors were present from Lynde Lodge of Hermon. The acting officers were all Past Masters and they worked the M. M. degree on one candidate in a very impressive way. A very delightful banquet was served at "refreshment." I made several suggestions and corrections, all of which were received in the most cordial manner. I wish that more lodges in the district would hold an annual Past Masters' night, as it offers an incentive for the Past Masters to keep well posted on the work, and any lodge that has eight or ten Past Masters who can take any part of the work at a moment's notice is certain to do work of a very high standard.

On Mar. 27th, I inspected the work of Lynde Lodge, No. 174, of Hermon. As the lodge had not had inspection on the E. A. degree for several years, I requested the officers to exemplify the work of that degree. Quite a few mistakes were noted and corrections made, which were well received by the officers. After the work the lodge served a delightful banquet.

I have not officially inspected the work of Mechanics Lodge of Orono, but I have attended most of the meetings and rendered assistance where it was needed. The lodge has had plenty of work, and the best of spirit prevails. The records are well kept by Bro. A. L. Grover.

On Apr. 3d, I inspected the work of Star in the East Lodge, No. 60, of Old Town. At my request the officers worked the E. A. degree. The ritual was followed very closely and the work was done in such a way as to impress upon the candidate the dignity and solemnity of Masonry.

I have inspected all of the lodges in this district except the two in Bangor. I kept in pretty close touch with those lodges and was just making plans for inspection, when a fire in the Masonic Temple made it impossible for them to do any more work. Practically all of the damage to the lodge rooms was done by smoke and it has been a slow job to get the carpet and furniture cleaned and repaired. The lodges hope to be able to resume work very soon now.

I wish to thank the officers and members of all the lodges in the Sixth District for their hospitality and for the pleasant relations and cordiality shown on each of my visits. On the whole, the lodges in this district are well housed, and are working under competent officers. And to you, Most Worshipful, I wish to return my heartfelt thanks for my appointment to this interesting and responsible office.

Fraternally submitted,

LEON E. WOODMAN, *D. D. G. M., 6th M. D.*

ORONO, April 5, 1919.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Seventh Masonic District for the past year.

On Dec. 8th, I installed the officers of Marsh River Lodge, assisted by Bro. O. W. Lane as Grand Marshal and Bro. E. L. Toner as Grand Chaplain. The Eastern Star also installed officers the same evening. A fine lunch was provided by the ladies, and everyone enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

On Feb. 11th, I made my official visit to Star in the West Lodge, No. 80. There were very few members present, and no work was done at this meeting. I feel sure, however, that Star in the West Lodge has a fine corps of officers and think they are keeping up their high standing in the ritualistic work.

On Feb. 13th, accompanied by several brethren from my own lodge, I visited Unity Lodge, No. 58. There was a large attendance, and the Entered Apprentice and Master Mason degrees were conferred in a very creditable manner, the officers doing the work with very few errors. This lodge is in good financial condition, and the records very ably cared for by P. D. D. G. M. A. W. Ward. A fine banquet was served at the proper time and enjoyed by all.

I regret very much that I have not been able to make an inspection of Central Lodge, No. 45, Liberty Lodge, No. 111, Quantabacook Lodge, No. 129, nor Seabasticook Lodge, No. 146.

Past D. D. G. M. W. J. Greely informs me that Liberty Lodge is in a prosperous condition, having added nine new members during the past year; the lodge well officered; members taking an active interest, and attendance good.

Marsh River, No. 102, being my home lodge, I have made no official visit, but have attended every meeting. This lodge is doing very good work, with practically all new and young officers. The records are correctly kept by Bro. E. G. Roberts.

In closing, I wish to extend to you, Most Worshipful, my thanks for the honor conferred upon me by appointing me D. D. G. M. for this district.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBERT R. PILLEY, *D. D. G. M. 7th M. D.*

Brooks, Me., April 7, 1919.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

TO SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

With pleasure I submit the following report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District of Maine.

Nov. 7th, I installed the officers of Timothy Chase Lodge, Wor. Bro. Luther A. Hammons acting as Grand Marshal.

Nov. 16th, I publicly installed the officers of Excelsior Lodge, at Northport, Bro. Z. D. Hartshorn acting as Grand Marshal. A delicious banquet was served by the ladies and a very pleasant hour was enjoyed by all.

Dec. 3rd, I made my first official visitation, to King David's Lodge, No. 62. I witnessed the work in Master Mason degree, which was performed in a very pleasing manner. Refreshments were served at the close of the work.

Dec. 9th, I installed the officers of Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, Bro. Z. D. Hartshorn acting as Grand Marshal, and Bro. Walter Lyons as Grand Chaplain.

On the evening of Jan. 15th, accompanied by a party of eight, it was my pleasure to install the officers of Pownal Lodge, assisted by Wor. Bro. Chas. A. Bruce of Lebanon Lodge, Norridgewock, as Grand Marshal, and Bro. Walter Lyons, as Grand Chaplain.

Jan. 23rd, by special invitation, I publicly installed the officers of Island Lodge, Islesboro. Although the night was very stormy, it was pleasing to note that the lodge room was filled to its capacity, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Jan. 28th, it was a pleasure to install the officers of Mariners' Lodge, No. 68, of Searsport. A number of selections were rendered by the orchestra during the installation. At the close of the meeting a fine banquet was served.

I made my official visit to Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126, on March 20th. The Master Mason degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. The ritual and floor work was exceptionally good. The candidates were examined in open lodge.

On March 25th, accompanied by Bro. Walter Lyons of Timothy Chase Lodge, I officially visited Mariners' Lodge, and witnessed the work in the Master Mason degree. I was very much impressed with the work.

Thursday evening, Mar. 27th, I visited Islesboro for the purpose of inspecting Island Lodge. The Master Mason degree was conferred

on one candidate in an impressive and dignified manner. At the proper time for refreshments a fine banquet was enjoyed. Several brothers from Phoenix and Timothy Chase Lodges accompanied me on this trip.

Apr. 5th, I made my official visitation to Excelsior Lodge, No. 151. The M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates in a very impressive manner. I was accompanied on this visit by twelve brothers from Phoenix and Timothy Chase lodges.

On Apr. 14th, I officially visited Phoenix Lodge, No. 24. The Master Mason degree was conferred in a fine and satisfactory manner. The rendition of the ritual was nearly perfect in every particular. I was accompanied by Past Junior Grand Wardens Adelbert Millett and Clifford J. Pattee.

Apr. 16th, was my last inspection, and a number of brothers who had taken the keenest interest in the work of the several lodges in this district had looked forward to the visitation with pleasure, as Pownal Lodge of Stockton has the reputation of very nice work. The candidate did not arrive, as the night was very stormy. The work was exemplified, and I have no doubt of the ability of the officers to do creditable work.

I attended the School of Instruction held at Gardiner. It was well attended, and the instruction I received helped me to a great extent in my visitations.

The lodges in the Eighth District are very prosperous, having the usual amount of work, and are in excellent financial condition.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the officers and brothers for the cordial and courteous manner in which they have received me, assuring you it is a pleasure to report excellent work in the several lodges.

To you, Most Worshipful, accept my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me by appointing me District Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally yours,

ALLEN L. CURTIS, *D. D. G. M. 8th M. D.*

Belfast, Apr. 25, 1919.

NINTH DISTRICT.

TO MOST WORSHIPFUL, SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor of submitting my second annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Ninth Masonic District.

Nov. 18, 1918, I was invited to install the officers of St. George Lodge, of Warren. The installation was private.

Nov. 26th, I attended the School of Instruction, which was called by the Grand Lecturer, at Gardiner. The meeting was well attended and was very interesting and instructive. Although this was the first meeting of the kind it has been my privilege to attend, I can appreciate the benefit derived from regular attendance at these meetings. In the evening the work in the Master Mason degree, by Herman Lodge, was witnessed. This work was not only done in a dignified and impressive manner, but was beyond criticism.

During February and March I have inspected the work, or caused the same to be done in every lodge in this district. Finding it impossible to attend to all of my duties, the latter part of March I requested R. W. Bro. A. H. Newbert to visit Rockland Lodge; R. W. Bro. C. A. Wilson to visit St. Paul's Lodge; and R. W. Bro. F. C. Malay to visit Union Lodge; and their reports were very satisfactory.

I find in looking over my notes that a detailed report of the several lodges would be but a recapitulation, as the lodges are all doing excellent work, the officers showing a desire to render the ritual work correctly, and doing the floor work very commendably.

The books are in excellent order, the dues well collected, and the financial condition good. There has been an increase of eighty members in the district, and one hundred twenty-four initiations during the past year; of these Aurora Lodge, of Rockland, contributed forty-three.

I have found the brothers visiting frequently, not only in this district, but in those adjoining, and this I believe accounts for the harmony and uniform work which prevails.

Your representative has been cordially received and well entertained, for which I wish to thank the officers and members of every lodge.

In conclusion, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor of my appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

CHESTER B. HALL, *D. D. G. M. 9th M. D.*

Warren, Apr. 7, 1919.

TENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my second annual report as Dis-

trict Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District, for the last year.

I have visited all the lodges in the district for the purpose of inspection, and it is with pleasure that I can report that conditions of all the lodges with the exception of one is most satisfactory.

On Nov. 26, 1918, I attended a School of Instruction, held at Gardiner by W. M. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer. It was very instructive, a large number of Deputies being present.

On Jan. 2, 1919, I officially installed the officers of Lincoln Lodge, at Wiscasset.

On Feb. 3d, I made official visit to Bay View Lodge, at East Boothbay. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate, the work being done nearly perfect. This lodge is doing good work.

On Feb. 5th, I inspected Meduncook Lodge, at Friendship. The E. A. degree was conferred on one candidate, which was done in a very creditable manner.

On Feb. 14th, I officially visited Alna Lodge, at Damariscotta. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate. The work of this lodge is excellent, great pains being taken to conform to the ritual.

On Feb. 20, I officially visited Dresden Lodge, at Dresden. The F. C. degree was conferred on one candidate. The work was well done. The dues of the lodge are well paid.

On Mar. 5th, I inspected Anchor Lodge, at South Bristol. Work in the M. M. degree. The officers of this lodge are trying to do good work, that will pass inspection. A few errors and a few corrections were made, but on the whole it was fairly good.

On Mar. 19th, I officially visited Riverside Lodge, at Jefferson, and witnessed work on one candidate in the M. M. degree. This lodge is doing good work, very few errors appearing. It was a rainy night, yet there was a large number present.

On Apr. 4th, I visited Seaside Lodge, at Boothbay Harbor, for inspection, the M. M. degree being conferred on one candidate. This lodge does good work. It also has a large attendance at its meetings.

On Apr. 10th, I officially visited Lincoln Lodge, at Wiscasset, and saw work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. I am sorry to say that it was done in a poor manner for this lodge. The Master has had enough time and opportunity to render the work as it should be, this being his second term.

On Apr. 11th, I officially visited King Solomon's Lodge, at Waldoboro. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate. Good interest is being taken in the work.

On Apr. 14th, I officially visited Bristol Lodge, at Bristol. The M.

M. degree was conferred on one candidate in a very impressive manner. The officers of this lodge are doing very good work.

This ends my report for this, my second year. It has been hard getting to most of the lodges, the roads having been exceptionally bad, but I have managed to get around to all the lodges in this district.

In conclusion, I thank you, M. W. Grand Master, for the honor conferred on me as District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District.

Fraternally yours,

EDWARD C. LEIGHTON, *D, D. G. M., 10th M. D.*

Sheepscot, Apr. 22, 1919.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

I have personally visited all the lodges in this district for the purpose of inspection, and have had the privilege of installing the officers in four of them. I find the work to be very uniform, and the lodges in a prosperous condition; also, I find either a service flag, or a Roll of Honor displayed in nearly all of the lodge rooms. I have paid particular attention to conferring the Past Master's degree, having conferred it on nineteen past or presiding Masters, and have furnished all with the Past Master's diplomas. At all of my visits I was very cordially received, and in most cases with proper ceremony.

June 25, 1918, I had the pleasure of making my first official visit, to Augusta Lodge, No. 141, my home lodge. The Master Mason degree was worked on one candidate. It hardly seemed necessary for me to make an inspection of Augusta Lodge, as it has been my privilege to attend nearly all of the meetings for some time past. This lodge is in a prosperous condition, the records neatly and correctly kept, and the dues well collected. The work of the evening was of the high standard maintained for some time past, the ritual being closely followed and the floor work well executed. At the close of the work refreshments were served and a social hour followed.

Nov. 7th, I made my official visit to Kennebec Lodge, No. 5, of Hallowell. The Master Mason degree was worked in an impressive manner, the ritual being closely followed. Wor. Bro. Guy M. Towle acted as Wor. Master, as W. Bro. Alton Blaisdell was in the U. S.

Service. The records are well kept, and the dues fairly well collected. At the close of the work refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

Nov. 26th, I attended the School of Instruction held by M. W. Bro. Frank Sleeper at Gardiner. The school was very well attended, and I received much valuable information. In the evening I inspected the work of Hermon Lodge, No. 32, which was in the Master Mason degree. The ritual was closely followed, and the work conducted in a dignified and impressive manner. The records are correctly kept, and the dues very well collected. Hermon Lodge served supper for the visiting Deputies at six o'clock, which was much enjoyed by all.

Dec. 2d, at a special communication of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, I installed the officers, being assisted by Wor. Bro. George C. Libby as Grand Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. John C. Arnold as Grand Marshal. Music by the quartette added greatly to the ceremony. At the close we enjoyed a fine banquet with interesting and instructive remarks.

Dec. 16th, I installed the officers of Temple Lodge, No. 25, at Winthrop. I was assisted by Bro. Pearson as Grand Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. L. Elwood Jones as Grand Marshal. At the close the lodge repaired to the banquet hall for refreshments.

Jan. 14th, I installed the officers of Hermon Lodge, No. 32, at Gardiner, at a special communication. I was assisted by Wor. Bro. John Grant as Grand Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. Frank E. Dill as Grand Marshal. At the close we repaired to the banquet hall, where refreshments were served and interesting remarks listened to.

Jan. 21st, I installed the officers of Augusta Lodge, No. 141. I was assisted by Bro. A. Francis Walsh as Grand Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. Harold D. Jennings as Grand Marshal. I being Secretary-elect, was installed by my predecessor, Wor. Bro. Albert M. Pingree. It was a great pleasure to me to install the officers of my home lodge, particularly at this time, as it was my privilege to appoint Bro. Leonard V. Clark, the Master-elect, to his first office in Augusta Lodge. At the close we repaired to the banquet hall and enjoyed refreshments and remarks.

Feb. 19th, I visited Dirigo Lodge, No. 104, for the purpose of inspection, it being their stated communication. The records are in their usual good condition in the hands of Wor. Bro. Sproul, and the dues fairly well collected. They have had no work in this lodge for some time, and as the officers were not prepared to exemplify any work, I spent the evening in going over the ritual with them, and feel that in this manner I was of some help. An oyster supper was served and a social time enjoyed after the meeting.

Feb. 24th, I visited Monmouth Lodge, No. 110, for the purpose of inspecting their work, but owing to the bad traveling and drifted condition of the roads, did not arrive in time to witness the work, only arriving in time for the lecture, which was well delivered. I found the records correctly kept and finances properly attended to, and from reports this lodge seems to be in a very flourishing condition. The lateness of my arrival did not detract from the heartiness of my welcome, and at the close of the lodge refreshments and a social hour were very much enjoyed by all.

Mar. 11th, I visited Morning Star Lodge, No. 41, at Litchfield. The work of the evening was in the Master Mason degree, but owing to some misunderstanding the candidate did not appear, he being employed out of town, and the work was exemplified in a very creditable manner, very few corrections being necessary. At the close of the lodge, enjoyed refreshments and a social time. At this time I had the pleasure of meeting Past District Deputy Grand Masters Herbert M. Starbird and W. Leslie Malone.

Mar. 17th, I made my official visit to Temple Lodge, No. 25, at Winthrop, and on my arrival was very agreeably surprised to learn that the work of the evening was to be in the Entered Apprentice degree, which was worked in a very commendable manner. This lodge is in a very thrifty condition and the officers are diligent and enthusiastic workers. It is needless to state that the records are correctly kept, they still being in the efficient keeping of Wor. Bro. L. Elwood Jones. At the close of the lodge we repaired to the banquet hall and enjoyed fine refreshments and interesting remarks.

Mar. 31st, I officially visited Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, and witnessed work in the Master Mason degree, rendered in a most dignified and impressive manner. It has been my privilege to visit Bethlehem Lodge several times in the past year, and I fully appreciate the earnest endeavors of the officers to make the work conform to the high standard heretofore maintained. The records are neatly and correctly kept and the dues very well collected. A pleasant feature of the evening was the banquet and the entertaining remarks which followed.

In closing, I wish to thank the brethren of the Eleventh District for the cordial receptions they have given me on all my visits, and also to thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor you have conferred on me in appointing me to the responsible office of District Deputy Grand Master, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

WM. F. LEAVITT, *D. D. G. M. 11th District.*

Augusta, Apr. 1, 1919.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twelfth Masonic District for the last year. I have visited all the lodges in this district for the purpose of inspection, except one, and it is with pleasure that I can report that they are in a most satisfactory condition.

Oct. 16, 1918, by invitation, I installed the Officers of Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54, at North Vassalboro. I was assisted by Worshipful Brother John B. Levy of Waterville Lodge as Grand Marshal, and Reverend Brother Edgar Marble as Grand Chaplain. The installation was private, and the attendance small on account of the epidemic of influenza. A supper was given after the meeting.

Nov. 2d, by invitation, I installed the Officers of Rural Lodge, No. 53, at Sidney. I was assisted by Worshipful Brother John B. Levy as Grand Marshal and Worshipful Brother A. H. White as Grand Chaplain. The installation was private and there was a very large attendance. A fine banquet after the meeting.

Nov. 14th, by invitation, I installed the Officers of Neguemkeag Lodge, No. 166, at Vassalboro. I was assisted by Worshipful Brother John B. Levy as Grand Marshal and Brother Alfred W. Brill as Grand Chaplain. The installation was private and there was a very good attendance. A fine supper was served after the meeting.

Feb. 8, 1919, I made my official visit to Rural Lodge, No. 53, where I witnessed work in the Master Mason degree. The work was very well done and the ritual closely followed. The dues are well collected, and the records in fine order. A bountiful supper was served after the work.

Feb. 13th, I made my official visit to Neguemkeag Lodge, No. 166, and witnessed work in the Master Mason degree. The work was fairly well done, and though I made a number of corrections, the work as a whole was good. The dues are fairly well collected. The records are in good shape. A fine supper after the work.

Mar. 8th, I inspected Messalonskee Lodge, No. 113, and witnessed work in the Entered Apprentice degree. The work was very good and the ritual closely followed. The work of the Master was especially good. The dues are well collected and the records are finely kept.

Mar. 11th, I made my official visit to Vernon Valley Lodge and witnessed work in the Master Mason degree. The work was as good as I have ever seen in any lodge, the ritual work being nearly perfect,

and the dignity of the officers could not but make a good impression. The dues are well collected and the records are in excellent order. A supper served after the work.

Mar. 12th, I inspected Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54, and witnessed work in the Fellow Craft degree. The work was good, requiring only a few corrections. The dues are very well collected, and the records are in good order. A supper after the work.

Mar. 17th, I made my official visit to my own lodge, Waterville, No. 33, and witnessed work in the Master Mason degree. The work was finely done. There was a very large attendance, one of the largest I have ever seen in this lodge, including a large number of visitors. The dues are well collected. The records are the finest I have ever seen in any lodge, and Worshipful Brother Jones is certainly one of the finest secretaries I have ever known. A fine banquet was served after the meeting by the ladies of Martha Washington Chapter, O. E. S.

Apr. 5th, I made my official visit to Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, and witnessed work in the Entered Apprentice degree. The work was finely done and the ritual very closely followed. The dues are well collected and the records are in excellent order. A supper was served after the meeting.

I asked for a date to inspect Asylum Lodge, but the Master reported that at the time I wished to come the roads would have been in bad shape, and he requested me to get in touch with Past District Deputy Crosby. I talked with Brother Crosby while in Readfield and he informed me that Asylum Lodge was in a good condition.

I sincerely believe, Most Worshipful, that the lodges in this district are fully up to Masonic standards, and are a credit to the craft; and I have no hesitation in reporting to you that the Twelfth Masonic district is in close touch with Masonry.

I wish to thank the officers and members of all the lodges for the pleasing and cordial manner in which I have been received on my visitations. I also wish, Most Worshipful, to thank you for the honor you bestowed on me when you appointed me as District Deputy.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY S. GRINDALL, *D. D. G. M., 12th M. D.*

Waterville, Apr. 14, 1919.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

NORRIDGEWOCK, Apr. 18, 1919.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Permit me to submit herewith my report as D D. G. M. of the Thirteenth Masonic district.

On Oct. 7, 1918, by invitation, I installed the officers of Euclid Lodge, No. 194, being assisted by Bro. K. C. Gray as Grand Chaplain, and Bro. J. M. Spence, P. D. D. G. M., as Grand Marshal. Owing to the raging of the "flu" at the time, the attendance was small. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

On Nov. 1st, I installed the officers of Lebanon Lodge, my home lodge, assisted by Bro. E. R. Farrar as Grand Chaplain, and Past Master E. S. Miller, as Grand Marshal. An oyster supper was served.

Nov. 13th, by invitation, I publicly installed the officers of Keystone Lodge, at Solon. The election was held in the forenoon, and after a bountiful banquet enjoyed by brethren and their wives, the officers were installed, Past Master C. H. Severy acting as Grand Chaplain, and P. D. D. G. M. Malon Patterson as Grand Marshal. At the evening meeting the E. A. degree was worked on two candidates in a very creditable manner.

Nov. 26th, I attended the School of Instruction at Gardiner. This being the only school held in the state this year, it was well attended, and I, for one, received a great deal of helpful information.

Dec. 14th, I made my official visit to Bingham Lodge, where they did work in the E. A. degree. This is a very prosperous lodge, and the work was done very close to the ritual. The records are very nicely kept by Bro. H. A. Coleman, and the dues are well collected.

One of the greatest events of the year in this district was the centennial celebration of the Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, at North Anson, held Dec. 18, 1918, which it was my privilege to attend. The M. M. degree was conferred by past masters. The master who presided in the work had not taken the east for thirty-six years, and it was very interesting to listen to his fine rendering of the work. Much credit is due to these past masters, for the excellent work done. A chicken pie supper was served to over one hundred brethren by the ladies of the O. E. S.

Jan. 2, 1919, I installed the officers of Siloam Lodge, at Fairfield, with Bro. G. M. Chapman as Grand Marshal and Bro. Ernest Holman as Grand Chaplain, after which the work in the M. M. degree was in-

spected. This lodge is hard hit by the war, a large number being in the service, among whom was the W. M. and the S. W., leaving the lodge work in the hands of the J. W. However, he was equal to the occasion and this lodge is in a very good condition, doing good work and plenty of it. Refreshments were served.

Feb. 18th, I inspected work in the F. C. degree on three candidates in Northern Star Lodge, at North Anson. This lodge has lost its home twice within five years by fire, but has a fine home now and is showing great interest in the work. The work was done correctly, and they have a good lot to do. The records were well kept and dues well collected.

Mar. 11th, I visited Carrabassett Lodge, at Canaan. Work was exemplified in the E. A. degree and showed that they were capable of doing good work. Bro. H. B. Harris is still in the east, and the records are well kept by Bro. Nason. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening enjoyed.

Mar. 17th, I inspected Euclid Lodge, at Madison. The M. M. degree was conferred on the candidates in a very creditable manner by Bro. George B. Walker, W. M. The dues were kept well collected, and the records nicely kept by Bro. E. H. Ward. After the work a very nice banquet was served by the ladies of the O. E. S.

Apr. 9th, I visited Keystone Lodge, of Solon. The M. M. degree was conferred, and an oyster supper served after the work. Bro. Ira A. Adams, W. M., conferred this degree in a very able manner, assisted by a very competent board of officers. The books and records are in good hands and well kept. This lodge has just purchased a new victrola, and it is much enjoyed by the brethren. The attendance was fine.

Apr. 17th, I inspected Somerset Lodge at Skowhegan, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This being the largest lodge in this district and with a beautiful lodge room, it compares well with any of the city lodges. I hope to see this lodge do work in the Grand Lodge soon. I think it is fully capable. The records are in the hands of Bro. J. H. Lancaster and are in an excellent condition. Refreshments were served and the attendance good.

I have attended every meeting of Lebanon Lodge and can report it as in a very prosperous condition. The brethren show great interest in the work and have done a good year's work.

In closing, I wish to thank the brethren of the Thirteenth District for the many courtesies shown me during the past year. It has been a very enjoyable year to me and I am sure that what criticisms I have made, and what instruction I have given has been received in the same spirit of brotherly love in which it was given.

And now, Most Worshipful, I desire to express my sincere thanks to you, for the honor conferred in appointing me to represent you in the Thirteenth Masonic district.

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST W. GILMAN, *D. D. G. M. 13th M. D.*

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

LISBON, ME., May 3, 1919.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth District.

On the evening of Aug. 20th, accompanied by several brethren, I made my visit to Village Lodge, No. 26, at Bowdoinham. At my visit to this lodge last year they did not have a candidate to work the degree upon, and this was their first work since that time. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree upon one candidate. This lodge is handicapped in not having many members that can regularly attend their meetings, but most of their officers are brethren who have had many years of experience in Masonic work, so that not many suggestions were needed to make the work up to the standard. Refreshments were served at the close.

On Nov. 26th, I attended the School of Instruction, held with Hermon Lodge, Gardiner, under the direction of Grand Lecturer Sleeper. As this was the only school held this past year, it was largely attended, and the work carefully gone over, and much useful instruction obtained. In the evening Hermon Lodge conferred the M. M. degree upon a candidate in a very impressive manner, the work of the three craftsmen being especially fine. Hermon Lodge served a supper to the Deputies and visiting brethren, and were very hospitable.

On the evening of Jan. 14th, upon invitation of Acacia Lodge, I visited them. As the candidate was not present, I installed their officers. I was unable to visit them at a later date when they had work, but feel sure that W. M. Carl Brown and his corps of officers are working hard for the welfare of the lodge, and Acacia Lodge always "makes good."

Upon invitation of W. M. Brewer of Freeport Lodge, No. 23, I made my official visitation to that lodge on the evening of Jan. 20th. I was

officially received into the lodge, and met with a most cordial welcome from all the brethren. The work was conferring the Master Mason degree upon two candidates, and was done in a very efficient manner. It was of special interest that one of the candidates was the son of W. Master Brewer, and each was congratulated upon the honor. A bountiful banquet was served at the close. I feel that this lodge is doing fine work, and Bro. Secretary Ward has the dues almost all collected, and I believe him an efficient officer.

Feb. 12th was the date of my visit to Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, Bath. This lodge has had a very busy year, their returns to March 1st showing thirty-five raised. Meetings have been held almost every week, and it now has the largest number of any lodge in this district. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree. Some corrections were necessary to make the work conform to the ritual, but the impressiveness of the work rendered was good. This lodge is in a good financial condition, and the secretary has a very neat set of records, and he has certainly had a busy year. A fine banquet was enjoyed by the large number present, and Worshipful Master Bates and his officers were most cordial.

On the evening of March 11th, I visited United Lodge, No. 8, Brunswick, when work was conferred upon candidates in the E. A. degree. This lodge has always been one of the best working ones in this district, as every detail is carefully looked after, and I feel certain that this year has been up to its usual high standard. The work as rendered by Worshipful Master Rogers and his officers was done in a careful and impressive manner, so that only the fewest of suggestions were left for me to make. At the close of the meeting a fine chicken banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star, and this pleasing feature was highly complimented upon.

Solar Lodge, No. 14, at Bath, was visited by me on the evening of March 24th. This lodge as well as Polar Star, has received a lot of work the past year, having raised thirty-two candidates, and has lots of work on hand. Worshipful Master Welch is serving his second year as Master, and he has a very fine list of officers to assist him in his many duties, and the work of the evening, which was in the E. A. degree, was done in a very correct manner; hardly any corrections or suggestions were found necessary. I was delightfully entertained by Worshipful Master Welch and a few of the brethren upon arriving in the city. The records in the hands of Secretary Strout are kept only in one way—the best. A banquet was served at the close, and a large number of the craft were present.

Monday evening, Apr. 14th, was the only date I could seem to ar-

range to visit Richmond Lodge, No. 63. The Master had planned to confer the Master Mason degree upon one candidate, but as he was unable to be present, the work was exemplified upon one of the brethren. Some corrections were necessary, but I feel that the officers are very anxious to have their work done in a correct manner, and the corrections and suggestions were very cordially received. An oyster supper was served at the close, and I enjoyed my stay with them very much.

I have not officially visited my home lodge, Ancient York, but have attended all but one of its meetings. On the evening of Jan. 13th, upon invitation of Worshipful Master Basford, I installed the officers for this year, and I know that they are endeavoring to perform the duties of their respective stations in an efficient manner.

I have given Past Master's diplomas to eight Past Masters. I find that there are several Past Masters in each lodge in this district who have not received the Past Master's degree, and upon the request of a few, I planned to hold a meeting at Brunswick in February for the purpose of working this degree upon all who could attend, but on account of a return engagement of the "flu," had to declare the meeting off, and have not seen an opportune time to call one since, but sincerely hope my successor will be more fortunate.

I am pleased to report a net gain of 75 members for this district for the past year.

I have been most cordially received and entertained in all of my visits, and will remember with pleasure the honor conferred upon me as District Deputy for this Fourteenth District for the past two years; and I wish also to express to you my appreciation for the honor of my reappointment.

I remain,

Fraternally yours,

ASBURY M. BLAKE, *D. D. G. M. 14th M. D.*

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth Masonic District, I would submit the following report.

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On Nov. 9, 1918, in company with Past Master Earl L. Wing of Mount Abram Lodge of Kingfield, I went by automobile to Flagstaff, and inspected Mount Bigelow Lodge, No. 202. The work was in the Fellow Craft degree on one candidate. It was well done, the ritual being closely followed. This lodge owns the building in which its hall is situated. The dues are well collected and the records well kept by Bro. Walter E. Hinds, who has been Secretary of the lodge for several years. Mount Bigelow Lodge had five members in the service of their Country. At this time I conferred the Past Master degree on W. M. Mahlon L. Sampson, assisted by several Past Masters of Mount Bigelow Lodge. A banquet was served after the meeting.

On Nov. 15th, I made my visit of inspection to Franklin Lodge, No. 123, of New Sharon. Although I had written their secretary that I would visit them at that time, he had been away from home and did not receive my letter until the night of the meeting, so they did not expect me; consequently they had no work, and under the circumstances I did not call upon them to exemplify the work of either degree. The opening and closing was nicely done, and I have no doubt they can do their work equally as well. Six members of this lodge were in the service. The dues are very well collected and the records are well kept by Bro. Fred W. Sanders. This lodge owns its hall and has invested some of its funds in Liberty Bonds.

On Nov. 20th, I officially visited Wilton Lodge, No. 156, of Wilton. The Master Mason degree was worked on one candidate in an impressive manner, few mistakes being noticed. This lodge has had a prosperous year, a large amount of work having been done. Wilton Lodge owns the building in which its splendid rooms are situated. The dues are well collected and the records nicely kept by R. W. Fred E. Trefethen, who is a Past District Deputy, as is also R. W. Frank L. Woodcock, a member of this lodge, and was present at this meeting. Wilton Lodge had thirteen members in the service, and has a service flag. A banquet was served after the meeting.

On Nov. 21st, I installed the officers of Mount Abram Lodge, No. 204, of Kingfield, assisted by Bro. Past Master Hartley B. Sprague, as Grand Marshal.

On Nov. 26th, I attended the School of Instruction, held at Gardiner under the auspices of Hermon Lodge, No. 32, and presided over by M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, at which there was a good attendance of District Deputy Grand Masters. Sessions were held both forenoon and afternoon. A banquet was served in the evening by Hermon Lodge, after which was held a stated communication of Hermon Lodge, at which the Master Mason degree was worked on one

candidate. Rt. Wor. William F. Leavitt, District Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh District, made his official visit at this time.

Dec. 4th was the date of my official visit to Kemankeag Lodge, No. 213, of Rangeley. This lodge is the youngest in the district, but it is wide awake and prosperous. The dues are all paid and the records are correctly kept by Bro. Charles L. Harnden. Two members were in the service. At this meeting, I installed the officers of the lodge, assisted by Bro. Theodore G. Haley as Grand Marshal. At the close, a fine banquet was served in the banquet hall.

On Dec. 18th, I made my official visit to Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 67, of Phillips. The work was the Entered Apprentice degree on one candidate, it being the first work done by the newly installed officers. The work was nicely done and very near to the ritual. The dues are fairly well collected, and the records nicely kept by Bro. Nathaniel H. Harnden. This lodge has made arrangements to invest quite largely in War Savings Stamps. Four members of this lodge were in the service of their Country. At this time, I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. J. Blaine Morrison, Past District Deputy Grand Master, a member of this lodge. A fine banquet was served.

On Jan. 15, 1919, I made my official visit to Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, of Livermore Falls. This being their semi annual meeting, sessions were held both afternoon and evening. Under dispensation, three degrees were worked on one candidate. The Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees were worked in the afternoon, after which a banquet was served, and in the evening the Master Mason degree was worked in a dignified and impressive manner. I would especially mention of the work of W. M. Francis S. Dow, who was in the service of the U. S. Navy, and at this time was home on furlough, this being the first meeting he had attended since being installed Master of the lodge. He presided over the evening session in the uniform of the U. S. Navy, and his excellent work showed very much hard study and a deep interest in Masonry.

Ten members of this lodge were in the service. The dues are well collected. The records are in the hands of R. W. Bro. Fred Raymond, who having met with a severe accident, was being ably assisted by Bro. W. H. McKenney. A banquet was served at the close of the evening session. At this time I conferred the Past Master degree on Brothers Francis S. Dow, Carroll M. Hall, John N. Sinnett, and Arthur E. Grose, assisted by several Past Masters of Oriental Star Lodge.

On Feb. 10th, I inspected Maine Lodge, No. 20, of Farmington. The Master Mason degree was worked on one candidate in an impressive manner. This lodge has had a large amount of work the past year, and has considerable more in sight. The dues are all paid, and

the records are nicely kept by Bro. George B. Cragin, who has been secretary of the lodge for many years. Twenty-one members were in the service, and a service flag is in the hall. An excellent banquet was served at the close of the meeting, after which I conferred the Past Master degree upon Brothers Earle W. Hall, Colby L. Merrill, and John Allen Sweet, Jr.

On Feb. 11th, I went by train to Wilton and from there by team to Weld, and inspected Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 154. The Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified in a very dignified and impressive manner, the work being practically perfect. The officers and members of this lodge take great pride in their work. The records are in the hands of Past District Deputy Cleff Maxwell, and are correctly kept. The dues are well collected. Eight members were in the service, and the lodge has a service flag. A banquet was served at the close.

Feb. 14th was the date of my official visit to Davis Lodge, No. 191, of Strong. The work was the Master Mason degree, which was fairly well performed. Davis Lodge has a fine corps of officers, but the work of the lodge has been seriously handicapped by the epidemic of influenza which prevailed among its officers and members to quite an extent during the early winter. This lodge owns its hall, and has been making quite extensive repairs on the building during the past year. The dues are very well collected and the records correctly kept by Rt. Wor. C. B. Richardson, who is a Past District Deputy. The lodge has a service flag, eight members having been in the service. An excellent banquet was served.

On Mar. 20th, I made my official visit to Mount Abram Lodge, No. 204, of Kingfield. At this meeting, the Master Mason degree was performed on one candidate in a very satisfactory manner, but few corrections being necessary. By the provisions of the will of the late Brother Eugene E. Jenkins, Mount Abram Lodge has recently acquired the ownership of the building in which its hall is located. This building contains two stores on the ground floor, the Masonic rooms on the second floor, and banquet hall on the third floor. Brother Jenkins was a charter member of the lodge. He was its first treasurer, and held that office continually until his death. Thirteen members of this lodge were in the service, and a service flag is displayed in the hall. The records are neatly and correctly kept by Brother Arthur C. Woodard, and the dues are very well collected. A banquet was served.

During the year I have personally visited every lodge in the Fifteenth Masonic District, also the School of Instruction, held in Gardiner. I have found all of the ten lodges in the district to be in good working order, and financially sound. Peace and harmony prevails. I have in-

stalled the officers of two of the lodges, conferred the Past Master degree upon seven brethren, and delivered fourteen Past Master's diplomas, and I think there are other Past Masters in the district who are entitled to them.

I would suggest that more attention be given in this district to conferring the Past Master degree at the proper time, also to delivering diplomas to the Past Masters.

The Fifteenth District has been represented by ninety Masons in the service.

I thank the officers and members of all the lodges for the kind and courteous treatment which I have received from them on every occasion. I also wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred by my appointment as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth Masonic District of Maine.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED HUTCHINS, *D. D. G. M. 15th M. D.*

Kingfield, Mar. 24, 1919.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

NORWAY, May 3, 1919.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I submit my report as D. D. G. M. for the Sixteenth Masonic District for the past year.

Granite Lodge, No. 182. I was present at the December communication, installed officers and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was rendered in a very impressive manner, the ritual closely followed, and the W. M. demonstrated his familiarity with the ritual as well as his ability to preside over his lodge. The records are correctly kept by Wor. Ralph A. Bacon. During the year the lodge has made a determined effort to collect back dues, and that their efforts have met with success is evidenced by the fact that over \$275.00 has been collected and three members suspended for non-payment of dues. I consider the lodge in a flourishing condition.

Mount Tire'm Lodge, No. 132. My visit to Mount Tire'm Lodge occurred on Mar. 11th. The lodge has had but little work during the year, and the officers, lacking this incentive, were perhaps not as familiar with the work as they otherwise would have been. The F. C.

degree was conferred on one candidate, after which such instructions as seemed necessary were given. The records are correctly kept and the dues well collected. The lodge owns a fine hall, and is well situated. The Masonic zeal and hospitality of the members of Mount Tire'm Lodge always make a visit to the lodge one of pleasure and profit.

Crooked River Lodge, No. 152. On the coldest night of the month, March 13th, I visited Crooked River Lodge. Due to the weather and the fact that many members live at a distance, the attendance was small. Having no candidate, the E. A. degree was exemplified. The W. M. showed his familiarity with the ritual, and few corrections were necessary. The records are fairly well kept. After the meeting a banquet was served and a social hour spent with the brethren.

Bethel Lodge, No. 97. I was unable to visit this lodge, and at my request, Past D. D. G. M. Davis G. Lovejoy acted in my stead. His report is as follows:

"BETHEL, ME., May 3, 1919.

RT. WOR. FRED E. SMITH,
Norway, Maine.

Dear Sir and Brother: In conformity with your request, I visited Bethel Lodge, No. 97, on Apr. 9th, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. I found the work very well done. Very few corrections were necessary. The records are well kept and the general business of the lodge well looked after. The lodge is enjoying a season of prosperity, with work at every meeting and applications still coming.

Respectfully submitted by

Yours fraternally,

D. G. LOVEJOY."

Paris Lodge, No. 94. The only other lodge which I was unable to visit in person was Paris Lodge, No. 94. Brother Ernest J. Record, Past D. D. G. M., made the visitation for me and rendered the following report:

"SOUTH PARIS, Apr. 18, 1919.

TO FRED E. SMITH,

D. D. G. M. 16th Masonic District.

In accordance with your request I was present at the regular meeting of Paris Lodge on Tuesday evening, Apr. 15, 1919, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Mason degree on one candidate. The present officers had never worked this degree before, and had expected

to work the E. A. degree at this meeting, but though there were some mistakes, the degree was conferred in a manner which I think would have met with your approval. The lodge is in a prosperous condition, and is having a good amount of work, and the interest and spirit the officers are showing is very gratifying to us who are members of the lodge. We were very sorry to lose Brother Walter L. Gray as our secretary, who had served us so long and faithfully, but feel that we were exceptionally fortunate in the election of his successor, P. M. Harold C. Fletcher.

Yours fraternally,

ERNEST J. RECORD, *P. D. D. G. M. 16th M. D.*"

Oxford Lodge, No. 18. This, my home lodge, was not formally visited by me. As secretary, I have been present at its meetings and can state that the same excellence of work that has distinguished the lodge in past years, is being maintained. The lodge has had a large number of candidates throughout the year, and not only the Master, but his Wardens as well are all fully competent to confer the degrees. The dues are well collected, and the lodge is in a flourishing condition, with a membership of over two hundred.

Fraternally yours,

FRED E. SMITH, *D. D. G. M. 16th M. D.*

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

PORTLAND, ME., Apr. 10, 1919.

TO MOST WORSHIPFUL SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

I am pleased to report the lodges in this district in excellent condition. The high standard of the degree work has been maintained and the ritual and Grand Lodge instructions closely adhered to. The finances of the respective lodges are in good condition. Their records are well kept. During the past year there has been an unusual amount of work for the different lodges, and a great deal of interest in Masonry is manifest throughout the district. The officers seem to realize their responsibilities and are doing their best to impress upon the candidates the true Masonic teachings.

On most of my official visits I have been received in due form. This I left to the wishes of the different lodges. In all instances I have received a hearty welcome, and all suggestions or corrections have been kindly received. I have tried to impress upon the officers the fact that their District Deputy wished to be a help, rather than a critic.

The official duties performed by me have been as follows:

May 27, 1918, I made my official visit to Deering Lodge, No. 183, Wor. Bro. Wm. S. Dresser acting as Grand Marshal. The Master Mason degree was exemplified in a very able manner, the ritual being closely followed by all of the officers, showing their interest in their work and the result of conscientious study. The lodge is very active and doing a large amount of work. Refreshments were served after the work.

Sept. 14th, I officially visited Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, of North Windham. Rt. Wor. Bro. Chas. W. Carll acted as Grand Marshal. The work was in the Master Mason degree, and was done in a very commendable manner. This is one of the smallest lodges in the district, but thoroughly alive, and the lodge is enjoying an unusual amount of work. Increased interest in Masonic affairs has been an uplift to the officers, and the manner in which they performed the work certainly reflected the credit due them. Refreshments and a social hour at the close of the work.

Nov. 13th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Herbert I. Low as acting Grand Marshal, I visited Harmony Lodge, No. 38, of Gorham. There was a large number of the brethren present, and we witnessed the Master Mason degree. The close attention given to the work was proof of the satisfactory manner in which the officers exemplified the degree. Refreshments at close of the work.

Nov. 14th, I made my official visit to Standish Lodge, No. 70. There is always a hearty Masonic welcome to brethren visiting this lodge, as many can testify. Several Portland brethren were present and we witnessed the Master Mason degree, and all were impressed with the excellent work of the officers. The ritual was closely followed. At the close of the work all enjoyed the refreshments and social time.

Jan. 15, 1919, was the date of my official visit to Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186, at Cumberland Mills. The officers exemplified the Entered Apprentice degree in a very impressive, as well as correct manner. This lodge seems to have almost made a specialty of this degree, and a large number of the brethren had the pleasure of again witnessing this first degree in Masonry. First impressions are generally lasting, and if the impression received by the candidate was the same as received by the rest of us, it will certainly be an uplift to him

through life. The opening of the lodge was especially worthy of mention and was as near correct as I have witnessed it. Refreshments at close of work.

Feb. 25th, was the date of my official visit to Casco Lodge, No. 36, at Yarmouth, but owing to illness I was unable to attend. At my request Wor. Bro. Wm. G. Newhall kindly consented to take my place, and he reports as follows:

"The lodge was called to order by the Wor. Master, after which I was received in form, being assisted by Wor. W. M. Howatt, Master of Portland Lodge, acting as Grand Marshal, the grand honors being accorded us on our reception. The opening was very well done in the M. M. degree, after which they suspended work in that degree and declared a Fellow Craft's lodge to be open, when the F. C. degree was conferred. The work was remarkably well done, and the ritual was closely followed. A. M. M. Lodge was again declared opened, and the lodge declared at refreshment, when all repaired to the banquet room below and partook of a substantial supper of baked beans, etc., which was very much enjoyed. A large attendance of brethren was present from various lodges in the vicinity, Portland, Deering, Cumberland, Atlantic, Freeport and other lodges being represented."

Mar. 5th, with Wor. Bro. Clarence E. Turner acting as Grand Marshal, I made an official visit to Hiram Lodge, No. 180, of South Portland. For a great many years the M. M. degree has been exemplified at their official visitations, but at my request the work this evening was in the Entered Apprentice degree and was well done. The lodge is in a prosperous condition and doing a great deal of work. Refreshments at close of the work.

Mar. 6th, I visited Portland Lodge, No. 1, with Wor. Bro. Wm. G. Newhall acting as Grand Marshal. A large number of the brethren were present and witnessed the Master Mason degree conferred in a very efficient manner. It was evident that the officers had been working hard, as the Grand Lodge instructions were very closely followed. The ritual was as closely adhered to as I have heard on any of my visits. The Masonic quartette added to the impressiveness of the work. Refreshments at close of work.

Mar. 20th, I made my official visit to Ancient Land Mark Lodge, No. 17, of Portland, Wor. Bro. Elmer A. Doten acting as Grand Marshal. The hall was not large enough to hold all of the brethren, and many stood during the entire evening, showing their interest in the work. Most Wor. Bro. Waldo Pettengill, Past G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Maine, was present and presented to the lodge. Work was in the Fellow Craft degree and was of a high order, and the lodge is fortunate

in having a very capable line of officers who are thoroughly interested in keeping the work up to the highest standard. The Masonic quartette assisted greatly in the impressiveness of this most beautiful degree. The lodge has been very busy during the year, having raised over forty candidates. At the close of the work we repaired to the banquet hall, where an elaborate banquet was served. The occasion was also made the welcoming home of the brethren who had returned from the war, and a most appropriate and sincere welcome home was extended to them by Bro. James F. Albion. Bro. Bert M. Fernald, U. S. Senator from Maine, addressed the brethren, and his patriotic remarks were enjoyed by all.

Mar. 26th, I visited Temple Lodge, No. 86, at Westbrook, and was received in due form, Wor. Bro. Arthur Manchester acting as Grand Marshal. The Master Mason degree was conferred in a very creditable manner, there being a large attendance. Refreshments at the close of the work.

Mar. 31st, I officially visited my own lodge, Atlantic, No. 81, of Portland, and was assisted by Wor. Bro. Wm. S. Dresser, who acted as Grand Marshal. With a large number of brethren we witnessed the Master Mason degree. Although many of the officers have had but little experience, they conducted the work in a very conscientious and commendable manner. Refreshments were served at the close of the work.

Through you I wish to express to the officers of the different lodges my sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended to me. It has been a pleasant two years for me, and I have made many close friendships, which I greatly value.

I am not unmindful, Most Worshipful, of the great honor you have conferred upon me, and I most sincerely thank you.

Fraternally submitted,

FANNING J. BURBANK, *D. D. G. M., 17th M. D.*

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

I have officially visited all of the lodges in this district, and am

pleased to report all maintaining the high standard of work which has prevailed in this district, and in a prosperous condition.

The lodges are very fortunate in their secretaries. I have examined the records of all the lodges, and find them exceptionally well kept, both as to accuracy and Masonic procedure.

Nov. 26, 1918, I attended a School of Instruction held at Gardiner by M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer. A goodly number of Deputies were present, and to all it was, I think, a most instructive and enjoyable time. At the close the members of Herman Lodge, No. 32, served a banquet, and their hospitality was greatly enjoyed by all.

Feb. 10, 1919, I officially visited Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, at Fryeburg, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree, and I cannot express myself too forcibly of the excellent manner in which the officers conferred this degree. Wor. Bro. Asa O. Pike, the Master, is a very conscientious worker, and all the officers are taking great interest and perform their parts well. I find that this lodge has done the most work of any lodge in the district. They had eight applications at the last meeting. Refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Feb. 12th was the date of my visit to Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 56, at Denmark. The work was in the M. M. degree and was performed in a very correct and intelligent manner. A bountiful supper and a social time at the close of the work. Mount Moriah Lodge knows how to make a visiting brother feel welcome, and never misses an opportunity to exercise this virtue.

Feb. 13th, I visited my own lodge, Delta, No. 153, Lovell, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. This was the first meeting that the new officers had filled the chairs, but the work was exemplified in a way that would do credit to any experienced line of officers. The active officers of this lodge are young in Masonry, but are working hard for its advancement.

Feb. 19th, I visited Shepherd's River Lodge, No. 169, at Brownfield. The work was in the M. M. degree, which was exemplified in a creditable manner. A large number of the brethren were present, among whom was Brother John Stewart, who is ninety-two years of age, but a regular attendant at their meetings. Refreshments and a social time at the close of the work.

Mar. 14th was the date of my official visit to Greenleaf Lodge, No. 117, at Cornish. The E. A. degree was conferred on three candidates in an exceptionally correct and dignified manner. The reputation of this lodge was fully sustained by the impressive manner in which each officer rendered his part, manifesting a spirit to maintain the standard

so well established by their predecessors. The floor work was deserving of special mention.

Mar. 15th, I visited Oriental Lodge, No. 13, at Bridgton. There being no candidate, the work of the F. C. degree was exemplified, and was up to the usual high standard which this lodge has the reputation for doing. The interest shown by the members in their lodge in Masonic work is specially pleasing. Refreshments after the meeting.

It has afforded me a great deal of pleasure to visit the lodges of this district the past year, and I wish to thank the officers and brethren for the kindness and courtesy in which I have been received.

In closing, Most Worshipful, allow me to thank you for the honor of the appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

WALDO N. SEAVEY, *D. D. G. M. 18th M. D.*

Fryeburg, Apr. 30, 1919.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Jan. 14th, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge came to my home with a message from you, asking me to take the appointment as District Deputy for the Nineteenth District, which I did, and the following is my report:

Jan. 20th, I received a letter from Bro. David G. Walker, Secretary of Naval Lodge, No. 184, saying that they had been inspected by R. W. Brother Baker, after getting permit from the Grand Master, and that he had sent a report of the visit to the Grand Master.

On Friday evening, Jan. 31st, I visited Yorkshire Lodge, at North Berwick. This was my first official visitation, and it was a pleasure to me to see the work done in the fine manner in which it was. The Master Mason degree was conferred, and the ritual was followed so closely that there was little chance for suggestions for improvement by me. The lecture and charge were especially well given by Wor. Bro. Brackett. While the secretary did not have all his records present, I feel that a lodge which does the work the way it was done on the night of my visit, would have the records kept in the same good manner. A banquet was served after the meeting.

On Feb. 4th, I visited St. Aspinquid Lodge, and witnessed the E. A. degree. The work was given in a very pleasing manner, and what cor-

rections I made were received in a very courteous way. The lodge is doing quite a lot of work, and is in good financial standing. After the work a fine supper was served and a pleasant social hour enjoyed.

Mar. 3rd, I visited St. John's Lodge, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was very well done, and a good interest taken by all the officers. One thing that impressed me was the music by the organ, violin and singing. I wish more of the lodges in this district would pay attention to the musical feature, as I am sure that better impressions would be received by the candidates. The suggestions I made were received in good spirit. The records are especially well kept by Bro. Whitehouse. After the work, a fine supper was served.

Mar. 10th, I inspected my own lodge, Dunlap, No. 47. The work in the M. M. degree was not up to the usual standard of the officers of this lodge, who are able to do as good work as in any lodge in this district. The lodge is doing a lot of work, and the records are kept by our secretary in his usual fine way.

On Mar. 13th, I visited Arion Lodge. There has been no work in this lodge, and as several of the officers were unable to be present on account of sickness, only the regular business meeting was held. The opening and closing of the lodge showed that the officers had put in study, and I have no doubt that the degrees could be exemplified close to the ritual.

Mar. 14th, I witnessed the M. M. degree at Saco Lodge. I think the lodge has the best working officers I have ever seen at that lodge. The ritual was followed almost perfectly, each man in speaking his part taking plenty of time, so making it very impressive. The record book of Wor. Bro. Lord shows his records for the past nineteen years without a blot or an erasure, and are a credit to both the lodge and the secretary. After the work, a fine supper was served, while music was furnished by an orchestra.

Mar. 17th, I visited Orchard Lodge, and while they had no candidate, the E. A. degree was exemplified by the officers in a very pleasing way. The lectures were especially well given by the Worshipful Master. A clam chowder, one of the kind the lodge is getting noted for, was served before the work.

Mar. 25th, accompanied by about seventy-five brothers from Saco and Biddeford, I visited Arundel Lodge. On arriving at "The Port," we were taken to a fine supper in the church vestry, and then went to the hall, where the M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates. The ritual was followed very closely, and gave little chance for remarks by the Deputy. Interesting remarks were made by several of the visiting

brethren, as well as by R. W. Bro. Stevens, who was very good to me as Deputy when I was Master of Dunlap Lodge.

Apr. 14th, I visited York Lodge, and witnessed the work in the E. A. degree. This lodge had had no work for the year, up to this time, yet the officers did the work very well. The records are well kept by Bro. Meserve in absence of the regular secretary, R. W. Bro. Gilpatric.

I was not able to visit Ocean Lodge, as the roads at the time I expected to go there were almost impassable.

In closing, I wish to thank the officers and brethren in this district for the kind manner in which I have been received and entertained by them, and to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES F. GILPATRIC, *D. D. G. M. 19th M. D.*

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

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.

On Oct. 1, 1918, by request, I installed the officers of Baskehegan Lodge, at a special meeting, after which refreshments were served by the brothers and a very pleasant and instructive evening spent.

Nov. 26th, I attended a Lodge of Instruction at Gardiner. The ritual was gone over for the benefit of attending deputies and brothers. In the evening work was exemplified in the M. M. degree by Hermon Lodge, in a manner that would be hard to criticize.

Owing to the influenza epidemic, my official visits were late.

On Mar. 4th, I made my official visit to Baskehegan, my home lodge. Work in the M. M. degree on two candidates. The work was done in a very pleasing and creditable manner by the officers. I have also attended every regular meeting of this lodge, but one, and taken an active part in the work.

On Mar. 11th, I attended the regular meeting of Horeb Lodge at Lincoln and witnessed work in the F. C. and M. M. degrees. I wish particularly to speak of the F. C. degree, where the candidates were brought into the lodge and examined in the previous degree by the S. W., and as far as I could notice, there was not a single error in a word of the ritual in that examination. The work in the M. M. degree

was very creditably done. Banquet served at the usual refreshment period of the work. This is the largest lodge in the district; has a large regular attendance, efficient officers, and is in a very prosperous condition.

Mar. 15th, I drove to Springfield and visited Forest Lodge. There was work done in the E. A. and M. M. degrees, performed in a manner that would satisfy the most exacting. There prevailed a spirit of harmony between the officers and brothers that exemplifies the Masonic principle of "who best can work and best agree." The charge as given by Past Master Brother Raymond Ham was the most impressive it has ever been my pleasure to hear. The records are kept in a truly Masonic way by Brother Trask. Intermission at the usual time, and refreshments served in the dining hall by the Ladies' Aid.

I visited Pine Tree Lodge, at Mattawamkeag, Apr. 4th. This was a special meeting, and there was no work, but I found the officers proficient in their knowledge of the ritual, and have no doubt but that their work would stand inspection.

Have found the records of the several lodges in the district kept in a Masonic way, and all the lodges in good condition financially.

I wish to express my thanks to the Masters and Brothers of the several lodges, in that they have made me feel at home when with them, and not as one who comes to find fault; and to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, my most sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment.

Fraternally yours,

GUY. P. ROWE, *D. D. G. M. 20th M. D.*

Danforth, Apr. 7, 1919.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-First Masonic District for 1918-19.

Not being in attendance at the Grand Lodge when appointed, I was installed into office in Felicity Lodge, No. 19, at Bucksport, Sept. 2, 1918, by Past D. D. G. M. Asher B. Hutchins, of Orland, assisted by Past D. D. G. M. Archie L. White of Bucksport as Grand Marshal.

Thursday evening, Jan. 16, 1919, by invitation, I installed the officers

of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, of Orland, assisted by Past D. D. G. M. Asher B. Hutchins as Grand Chaplain, and Past D. D. G. M. Archie L. White of Bucksport as Grand Marshal. This was a joint installation of Rising Sun Lodge, and Riverside Chapter, O. E. S., and was semi-public. There was a goodly number of members and visitors present. After the installation a fine banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star, and an enjoyable social hour passed.

Monday evening, Feb. 3, I had the pleasure to install the officers of Felicity Lodge, No. 19, my own lodge. In this service I was assisted by Past D. D. G. M. Archie L. White as Grand Marshal, and Rev. Bro. David M. Angell as Grand Chaplain.

My first official visitation was at Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, Winter Harbor, by invitation, Wednesday evening, Feb. 26. As there was no boat running at this time of year, I was obliged to leave my train at Waukeag, cross to West Sullivan and drive some sixteen miles. To my misfortune, it snowed hard all day, and the roads were in poor condition for auto travel. We left West Sullivan at 6 P. M., and after some shoveling, etc., arrived at 9 P. M. This somewhat annoying experience, however, only served to make the warm cordial welcome extended to me by the brethren of Winter Harbor Lodge all the more appreciated. The work was in the M. M. degree and was well done, only a very few corrections being necessary, which were well received by the brethren. The books are still in the hands of P. M. Frank E. Weston and are well cared for. The dues are well collected. With the assistance of P. M. Bro. Davis as Marshal, I conferred the Past Master's degree upon W. Bro. Elmer E. Torrey and W. Bro. Wm. E. Coombs at this meeting. A fine supper was served at the close of the meeting.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 27, I had the pleasure of visiting Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, Bar Harbor, and inspected their work. This was the 17th Annual Past Master's night of this lodge, and the chairs were filled by the following Past Masters of Bar Harbor Lodge: A. Stroud Rodick as W. M.; Arthur W. Brown as S. W.; Clarence E. Dow as J. W.; A. L. Higgins as Treasurer; Thomas Searles as Secretary; Bert H. Young as Chaplain; Kenneth McLean as Marshal; Clifford F. Crane as S. D.; Everett W. Johnson as J. D.; Harold P. Whitmore as S. D.; Charles E. Gilley as J. D. The work was upon two candidates in the M. M. degree and was conferred in an impressive, dignified and correct manner. The examination of the candidates in open lodge was all that the most exacting would require. A gloom has been cast over Bar Harbor Lodge by the death of R. W. Bro. Benjamin L. Hadley, Past J. G. W., who for more than a quarter of a century

has most efficiently served them as their secretary, and his death removes a landmark in Bar Harbor Masonry. I deeply sympathize with them in their loss. Past Master Bro. Came is the new secretary and is doing good work in this position. There was a large attendance at this meeting, several neighboring lodges being represented. Among those present were several brothers from the Army and Navy, many of them fresh from "overseas" and their remarks covering their experiences in the service were very interesting indeed. At the close of the work a fine supper was served and a social hour passed. I was most cordially received by the brethren.

On Friday evening, Feb. 28th, by appointment, I visited David A. Hooper Lodge, No. 201, West Sullivan. I was met at the ferry by R. W. Edwin F. Clapham, P. D. D. G. M., who at the proper hour conducted me to their well furnished hall, where I witnessed an exemplification of the E. A. degree. David A. Hooper Lodge is well versed in Masonry and their work showed careful study of the ritual, their opening being as fine as I have ever seen. The books are in the hands of Bro. Clapham and are kept in a neat and correct manner. They have a good balance in their treasury. I received a warm welcome from the brothers of this lodge, who served a fine supper and did everything to make me feel at home.

Tuesday evening, Mar. 11th, I made an appointment with McKinley Lodge, No. 212, McKinley, and inspected their work. The E. A. degree was conferred upon two candidates, in a very satisfactory manner. I made a few corrections, which were well received by the brethren. Bro. Eugene M. Stanley, the new secretary, is an efficient officer and has a fine looking set of records and books. The dues are well collected, and McKinley Lodge is prosperous and happy. After the work a supper was served and the usual social hour passed. The brethren made my stay with them a very pleasant one. McKinley Lodge has been very courteous to me, having kept me informed concerning its work, and earlier in the season extended a most cordial invitation to meet with them, but due to the widespread epidemic of influenza which was raging in my own town as well as elsewhere about the district, I deemed it best not to accept.

Wednesday evening, Mar. 12th, by appointment, I met with the brethren of Tremont Lodge, No. 77, South West Harbor, and witnessed their work upon two candidates in the E. A. degree. As this was a special meeting called for my accommodation, unfortunately only about one-half of the regular officers were able to be present, their places being filled with substitutes. This presented a condition that naturally

would affect the work of the best degree team, and as we all at one time or another have found ourselves in like situation, it was my privilege and pleasure to make allowances. Tremont Lodge, with its regular officers in their chairs, will have little trouble in doing first class work; at the worst, a little practice may be needed and a careful study of the ritual never comes amiss with the best of us. The brethren were very courteous to me. W. Bros. Lurvey and Richardson met me at the hotel and conducted me to their hall. The books, etc., are still in the efficient hands of Bro. William R. Keene, who has served his lodge as Secretary for a period of almost thirty consecutive years. It is needless to say that they are neatly and correctly kept. A supper was served during the evening and a social hour passed. The dues are well collected.

Thursday evening, Mar. 13th, I visited Mt. Desert Lodge, No. 140, Mt. Desert, the brethren holding a special meeting for my accommodation. There being no regular work, W. Bro. Bordeaux and his officers exemplified the M. M. degree for my inspection. Mt. Desert Lodge is very proficient in our art, and their work showed close study of the ritual and careful attention to the details of the degree. I was deeply impressed by the courtesy and dignity of the brethren of this lodge, also by their prosperity. Their well equipped hall is located in a fine building, which they own. They are out of debt, have a good balance in their treasury, and also have a Charity Fund. Amid these pleasant surroundings, however, a shadow has fallen. I found the brethren, also the entire community, mourning the loss of Mark W. Somes, who for the past few years has most efficiently served them as their secretary. He died only a few days before my visit. I extend to them my deepest fraternal sympathy. His books are in fine condition and the dues are as well collected as any lodge in the district. A banquet was served at the close of the meeting and the usual social hour passed.

On Friday evening, Mar. 14th, by appointment, I had the pleasure to inspect North East Harbor Lodge, No. 208, North East Harbor. W. Bro. Holmes met me shortly after my arrival, and entertained me at supper, a courtesy which I acknowledge with grateful thanks. North East Harbor Lodge has had no work since last September, but nevertheless, they exemplified the E. A. degree in a very satisfactory manner, only a few corrections being necessary. The books are in the hands of Bro. Alvah L. Reed, who from past experience is well qualified to perform the important duties of Secretary. They have an excellent hall, located in a fine building, for which they are now paying in a satisfactory manner. A supper was served at the close of the meeting and the usual social hour passed. All the brethren united to make my visit pleasant.

Tuesday evening, Mar. 25th, I visited Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, of Orland, and inspected their work. W. M. Freemont B. Patten and his officers conferred the M. M. degree upon one candidate in a very satisfactory manner. This was W. Bro. Patten's first attempt at this degree, and considering this fact, the work was exceptionally well done. I made a few corrections, but with Past D. D. G. M. Asher B. Hutchins an almost constant attendant upon their meetings, this lodge needs but little instruction from a District Deputy. The records are still in the hands of Bro. Seth R. Hutchins, who for many years has served his lodge as secretary, and are "O. K." in every way. The dues are well collected. Several brethren from Felicity Lodge, No. 19, attended this meeting. The very best fraternal feeling exists between Rising Sun Lodge and Felicity Lodge of Bucksport, and it always affords me great pleasure to visit this lodge. A supper was served during the evening and the usual social hour passed.

Thursday evening, Mar. 27th, by appointment, I officially visited Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, of Ellsworth, and inspected their work. The M. M. degree was conferred upon one candidate in an impressive, dignified and correct manner, W. Bro. Shea being supported by an able corps of officers. A few corrections were made. Bro. Harry E. Rowe, the new Secretary, is well qualified to perform the duties of his office, and his records are neatly and correctly kept. Lygonia Lodge has a fine home; its finances are in an excellent condition, and the brethren generally are well informed and greatly interested in the affairs of the Order. They are to be congratulated upon their prosperity. A fine banquet was served and the brethren showed me every attention and courtesy. The dues are well collected.

I have deemed it unnecessary to officially inspect Felicity Lodge, No. 19, of Bucksport, my own lodge, having been privileged to attend almost every meeting this year. The officers are much interested in their work and are endeavoring to learn and follow the ritual correctly. I have ample opportunity to give instruction where needed. Felicity Lodge has not been doing its usual amount of work thus far, but busier times are ahead, six applications being in the hands of the lodge at this writing. The books and records are well kept by Bro. Edward L. Warren, who from many years' experience as an accountant is especially well qualified to perform the important duties of Secretary. The dues are well collected and the finances generally are in good condition.

In conclusion, I have had the privilege and pleasure to visit every lodge in the district, and from an examination of their records, inspection of their work and a study of their returns and conditions in gen-

eral, I am convinced that Masonry in the Twenty-First District is in a prosperous and healthy condition.

I wish to thank you for the honor you conferred on me, and to express to the brethren of the Twenty-First District my appreciation for the courtesies extended during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. R. BEAZLEY, *D. D. G. M. 21st M. D.*

Bucksport, Apr. 15, 1919.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

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 Twenty-Second Masonic District for the past year.

My first official visitation was with Archon Lodge, No. 139, at East Dixmont, on the evening of May 23rd. This lodge extended an invitation to the brethren of Meridian Splendor and Marsh River Lodges to visit them on this date. About thirty members of my home lodge were present; there were also many brothers present from Bangor, Belfast, Plymouth and Brooks, and with a good attendance of their own members, the hall was very crowded. The M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates by W. M. Rufus L. Tasker, and by his request R. Wor. Bro. Clifford J. Pattee officiated for him in giving part of the degree. The work was exceptionally well done and many remarks were made upon the fine and impressive manner in which this degree was conferred, and especially the improvement which has been made in the correctness of the work within the last few years. Records in the hands of Bro. Johnston are well kept and the dues are fairly well collected. I have the pleasure to meet Bro. Allen L. Curtis, D. D. G. M. of the Eighth District, and Bro. Albert R. Pilley of the Seventh District. A fine baked bean supper was served.

On June 19th, I visited Pacific Lodge, No. 64, Exeter, accompanied by P. M. Frank E. Sheridan of my home lodge. The Worshipful Master of this lodge has been away part of the past year, and on this evening P. M. George F. Colbath occupied the Master's chair. The opening of the lodge and the business of the evening was conducted in a correct and dignified manner. By invitation, the M. M. degree was con-

ferred on two candidates by Parian Lodge, No. 160, Corinna, in a very fine manner. There was a very large attendance and a tempting banquet was served by the ladies of the O. E. S., in the dining hall below. Records are well kept by Bro. Joseph P. Eaton.

On Nov. 26th, I attended a School of Instruction hold under the direction of R. W. Bro. F. E. Sleeper at Gardiner. There was a very good attendance and a good interest shown. Sixteen District Deputy Grand Masters were present at this meeting. A fine banquet was served at 6 P. M. by Hermon Lodge, and in the evening work was presented in the M. M. degree.

On Dec. 27th, I inspected Meridian Lodge, No. 125, at Pittsfield, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on two candidates. The degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner. Meridian Lodge has not had its usual amount of work, although at this meeting four candidates were accepted, and several names presented. Arrangements were made to hold a Past Masters' night on Jan. 17. Meridian Lodge is fortunate to have R. W. E. A. Porter to serve as Secretary. I found the records in fine condition and the dues well collected. A tempting oyster stew was served at the close of the meeting. I was accompanied by P. M. John E. Kingsbury and several brothers from my home lodge.

On Jan. 2nd, I publicly installed the officers of my home lodge, Meridian Splendor, assisted by C. Carroll Blaisdell as Grand Marshal and P. M. Charles C. Nutter as Grand Chaplain. A fine program was presented in connection with installation. Refreshments were served and a social hour followed. Several visitors from nearby lodges were present.

On Jan. 14th, I inspected Cambridge Lodge, No. 157, at Cambridge. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate in a very fine and impressive manner by the regular officers, assisted by Bro. LeBree, who delivered the lecture with dignity. Cambridge has a good working lodge and corrections were few. By invitation, I installed the officers for the ensuing year, assisted by Bro. LeBree as Grand Marshal, after which a fine supper was served in the banquet room and a smoke talk was enjoyed. Bro. Hersey still keeps his good work up as Secretary, and I found the dues nearly all collected.

On Jan. 31st, I installed the officers of Meridian Lodge, No. 125, at Pittsfield, assisted by Past D. D. G. M. Gustavus F. Dinsmore as Grand Marshal. The officers of Ira Berry R. A. Chapter were also installed on this evening, there being a good attendance from each body. Refreshments were served. The Past Masters' degree was conferred on the Master installed.

On Feb. 11th, I officially visited Plymouth Lodge. Work was ex-

pected in the M. M. degree, but owing to sickness, the candidates were not present. After the business of the lodge was over, by suggestion, the meeting was converted into a semi-school of instruction, which I believe was of benefit to the officers. Refreshments were served. This lodge has had a good amount of work for the year. The records are well kept, and the Secretary endeavoring to bring the dues up to date.

On Feb. 12th, I inspected Corinthian Lodge, No. 95, at Hartland, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was presented in a most efficient and creditable manner. The lecture was beautifully illustrated, and was orally delivered in a most dignified and impressive manner by P. M. Bert H. Moulton. I will add, that if the usual work of Corinthian Lodge is up to the standard of this occasion, there is every reason for the lodge to congratulate itself. After the work, refreshments were served and a most enjoyable hour was spent in social and fraternal intercourse. The records are well kept by Bro. Moulton, who is serving his first term as Secretary and who is making an earnest effort to collect back dues.

On Mar. 15th, I had the pleasure to visit Parian Lodge, at Corinna, where I was received with the public grand honors. Work was presented in the M. M. degree on two candidates by Parian Lodge, assisted by Penobscot Lodge, of Dexter. This degree was conferred in a very creditable and impressive manner by both lodges. This was a very interesting meeting, twelve Lodges being represented, with a good attendance of the members of Parian Lodge. The business of the lodge was well conducted and its officers take an active interest in their work. At the conclusion of the work, the reputation of this lodge was well sustained by a most excellent banquet served by the ladies of the O. E. S., followed by an excellent program under the able leadership of Rev. Bro. Cross as toastmaster, and the very pleasant evening was concluded by singing "America" by all present.

I have made no official inspection of Meridian Splendor Lodge, as holding the office of Secretary I have been a regular attendant, and have witnessed their work in all the degrees, making suggestions and criticisms to the officers after lodge from time to time, and have endeavored at all times to render assistance as I could for the improvement of the work. This lodge has had work at nearly every meeting, and I feel that the standard of its work compares favorably with that of the other lodges in this district.

In conclusion, I desire to state that this has been the most prosperous year in the history of the Twenty-Second District, having had seventy-eight initiations, which has brought the membership to over a thousand. All of its lodges are officered by men who seem to have the interest

and welfare of the craft at heart, and to a great extent they show evidence of a desire to perform the work in an impressive and correct manner.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers and brothers of all the lodges in this district for the pleasing and cordial manner in which I have been received on my visitations.

The remembrance of my two years as deputy for this district will always be one of pleasure, and I fully appreciate the cordiality and courtesy shown me in the performance of my official duties. To you, Most Worshipful, I extend my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me by this appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

LEWMAN B. SOPER, *D. D. G. M. 22nd M. D.*

Newport, Apr. 26, 1919.

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor and privilege of submitting herewith my second annual report as D. D. G. M. of the 23rd Masonic District.

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1918, I made my official visit to Freedom Lodge, No. 42, of Limerick. The Worshipful Master has moved out of town, the Senior Warden was ill with the prevailing epidemic, and the Junior Warden was engaged in the service of our Country, so that the three principal offices were filled by substitutes. Notwithstanding this handicap, work in the E. A. degree was presented and was very creditably done. Wor. Bro. John H. Smith assumed the East, Wor. Bro. Raymond A. Quint the West, and Bro. Glenn C. Libby the South, and Freedom Lodge is to be congratulated on having brethren of such willingness and ability to tide them over the rough going of this unusual year. Wor. Bro. George A. Carpenter is still the Secretary, and his books are correctly kept and the dues fairly well collected. After the lodge was closed we enjoyed a pleasant smoke and social hour.

Monday, Nov. 18th, I inspected Buxton Lodge, No. 115, at West Buxton. The brethren of this, my own lodge, had planned for a somewhat unusual gathering for a small lodge, having invited the Grand Master and some others of the Portland brethren, as well as two nearby lodges, but owing to the heaviest rainstorm of the season the clay roads of that vicinity were not suitable for night travel, and in consequence there

were not many of the brethren in attendance, much to our disappointment. I was received in form, Bro. Ralph E. Bailey of Ancient Landmark Lodge acting as Grand Marshal. The candidate for the degree not appearing, there was no work, but the M. M. degree was exemplified, and it is with no small degree of pride that I am able to say that with one or two exceptions I have never seen so few deviations from the ritual as I did on this occasion. Worshipful Brother Dearborn is to my mind one of the most proficient ritualists in the State, and he was ably supported by the other officers. The books, at that time in the hands of Bro. Fred F. Eaton, are in splendid shape and the lodge has cleaned up a large list of delinquents, so that the dues are now better collected than at any time since I became a member of Buxton Lodge. Refreshments were served at the close of the work.

Saturday, Nov. 23, I publicly installed the officers of Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, of Alfred, R. W. Bro. James H. Littlefield acting as Grand Marshal and Rev. Bro. L. H. Stoughton as Grand Chaplain. Following the installation refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. There was a fair attendance of the brethren and invited guests.

Tuesday, Nov. 26, I attended the Lodge of Instruction held at Gardiner under the direction of M. W. Bro. Sleeper. This being the only "school" of the season, there was an unusually good attendance of the Deputies, and the usual profitable results were obtained without doubt. No Mason, however proficient, can attend one of these Lodges of Instruction without deriving much Masonic benefit. In the evening some six or eight Deputies who were too far from home to return that night witnessed a very good exhibition of the work in the M. M. degree by Hermon Lodge, which we were able to enjoy to the utmost after the splendid refreshments which were served in the early evening.

Jan. 14th, I inspected Adoniram Lodge, No. 27, the oldest in the Twenty-Third District. There was no work at hand, but the retiring officers exemplified the E. A. degree in a manner that satisfied me of their proficiency. R. W. Bro. McKenney is very actively interested in the welfare of Adoniram Lodge, and as he is almost always in attendance at the annual communications of the Grand Lodge he keeps very well informed on Masonic matters, both ritualistic and otherwise. At this time I installed the officers for the current year, and also conferred the P. M. degree on Wor. Bros. Harris P. Illsley and George O. Haley, Wor. Bors. Plaisted and McKenney acting as Chaplain and Marshal. The books are still in charge of Wor. Bro. George M. Brackett and are well kept, but there is a somewhat lengthy list of delinquents in the matter of dues. Refreshments were served.

Jan. 15th, I made my official visit to Day Spring Lodge, No. 107, at West Newfield, and witnessed an exemplification of work in the E. A. degree, which was done in a very creditable manner, few errors being noted. I am confident that when actual work is presented Wor. Bro. Davis and his officers will acquit themselves with credit and honor. There was a very good attendance of the brethren, including several visitors. At the close of the work refreshments were served. The records are still well kept by Bro. John L. Carlton, but there is a large list of delinquents, which should be attended to.

Thursday, Jan. 16th, I went to Parsonsfield for the purpose of inspecting Drummond Lodge, No. 118, but owing to the prevailing epidemic there was no quorum present. A previously arranged Masonic date prevented me from attending a special communication later, of which I received notice, and at which work was expected, but knowing Wor. Bro. Doe as I do, I know that he is well qualified to confer the several degrees. A very enjoyable evening was spent by the few who were present, Masonic topics being discussed. Wor. Bro. Doe, whose personal guest I was, very thoughtfully provided us with a baked bean supper, with the good old New England "fixin's," which after the long, cold ride, proved a most agreeable surprise. Wor. Bro. Samuel M. Boothby is still Secretary, and his books are models. Dues well collected.

Feb. 5th, I installed the officers of Preble Lodge, No. 143, of Sanford, assisted by R. W. Bros. Joseph Leckenby as Grand Chaplain and Frank Wilson as Grand Marshal. There was a very good attendance.

Mar. 5th, I inspected Preble Lodge, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree, which was performed with the usual precision which is characteristic of the work of this lodge. During the seven and one-half years that I have lived in Sanford, I have been a very constant visitor in Preble Lodge and have enjoyed the hospitality of the brethren to the utmost. I have also had the frequent privilege of assisting them in the work, and on the occasion of my official visit I counted eighteen of the younger Masons whom I had "met at the West Gate," and Wor. Bro. Pickles kindly invited me to keep on meeting them there during his term of office. Wor. Bro. Pickles is supported by a very active and enthusiastic corps of officers, and I anticipate a great deal of pleasure from my future visits to Preble Lodge, as, indeed, I have enjoyed my intercourse with them during the past. No comment is necessary so long as the books are in the hands of Wor. Bro. Wright, where we hope to find them for many years to come. There was a good attendance at this meeting and refreshments and a social time were enjoyed at its close.

Tuesday, Mar. 11th, I made my official visit to Springvale Lodge, No. 190, at Springvale, and was most cordially greeted by the brethren. Work was presented in the M. M. degree and was very well done, few corrections being made. This was the first work of the present officers in this degree and considering this fact I think the prospects of Springvale Lodge seeing its officers in the front ranks are good. Wor. Bro. Chase delivered the lecture in a very impressive manner. The records are still kept by Wor. Bro. Arthur E. Horne, which is sufficient guaranty of their condition. Dues exceptionally well collected. There was a good attendance, and refreshments were served. Wor. Bro. Orrin G. Pillsbury accompanied me from Preble Lodge.

Wednesday, Mar. 12th, I inspected Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, of Alfred, accompanied by Bro. Hugh Pinkerton of Preble Lodge. There was work in the M. M. degree, and with one exception there were fewer errors than at any of the eighteen inspections which I have made during the past two years. Wor. Bro. Williams worked this degree for the first time, and nothing but the highest praise can be said of his work. There was a fair attendance of the brethren and several visitors. A good old fashioned baked bean supper was served and enjoyed to the limit. This lodge has been somewhat unfortunate in having been unable to retain the services of a secretary, having had several in the past two years, some having entered the Government's service and others having moved away, so that the collection of dues has been somewhat neglected, but Bro. Emery S. Littlefield, the present Secretary, is alive to the situation, as is evidenced by the fact that \$92.00 was received on the evening of my visit.

I have fortunately been able to visit every lodge in the district, as in the previous year, and in each instance I have met a most cordial welcome. I am proud of my brethren of the Twenty-Third District, and hope to visit each and every lodge in the future, and not to lose the benefit of the many acquaintances I have made.

In closing, Most Worshipful, let me thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me, and to assure you that I shall always be ready to render my successor, and the craft in general, such service as I may be able to in the future.

Most fraternally yours,

FRED B. RAND, *D. D. G. M. 23rd M. D.*

Sanford, Mar. 17, 1919.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-Fourth Masonic District.

On Nov. 26, 1918, I attended a School of Instruction held with Hermon Lodge, No. 32, at Gardiner, under the direction of M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, which was largely attended, and the day was very profitably spent in studying the ritual, after which a bountiful supper was served, and many of us had the pleasure of witnessing the work of the M. M. degree, which was very creditably done by Hermon Lodge in the evening.

Being ill on Dec. 11th, the date arranged for my official visit to Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, R. W. George R. Hall kindly consented to visit in my stead, and reported the usual fine quality of work for which this lodge is noted. The work was in the M. M. degree. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition and has good prospects for continued prosperity.

On Dec. 19th I made my official visit to Webster Lodge, No. 164, where the work in the F. C. degree was exemplified in a very fine manner, the ritual being closely followed. I could see the labors of M. W. Bro. Sleeper reflected in the work of Webster Lodge. After the work refreshments were enjoyed.

On the evening of Jan. 11, 1919, I visited Cumberland Lodge, No. 12. The work in the M. M. degree was very nicely done. It being a very cold night, and many of the brethren living at a distance, the attendance was small, but the work of the evening was enjoyed by all, and the oyster stew and coffee at the close was appreciated.

On Jan. 15th, I made my official visit to Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, the work of the evening being in the M. M. degree. The ritual was very closely followed and impressively rendered.

On Feb. 17th, I made my official visit to Ashler Lodge, No. 105. The work in the M. M. degree was very nicely done. Refreshments were served after the work.

On Saturday evening, Mar. 15th, I officially visited my own lodge, Nezinscot, No. 101. The work in the F. C. degree was exemplified in a very correct and impressive manner, after which refreshments were enjoyed.

On Mar. 17th, I made my official visit to Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178. The work in the M. M. degree was done in a very creditable manner. Refreshments were served after the work.

On Mar. 27th, I visited Tyrian Lodge, No. 73. The work in the M. M. degree was done in a very correct and impressive manner, after which refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

In closing, I wish to say that although the work of the lodges has been much broken up by the unusual conditions which have existed during the past year, due to the war and the epidemic which prevailed during the fall and winter, I find them all, without exception, in a very prosperous condition, their meetings well attended, records well kept, and dues well collected; also that they have contributed liberally to the support of our Country in her time of need, both of their members and their money, as well as generous free gifts to the various organizations which have done such wonderful work among our boys in the army camps, at home, and on the battlefields abroad.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I wish to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me, and to express my appreciation of the courteous and fraternal spirit with which I have been received in all of the lodges of the Twenty-Fourth District.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBERT T. BRADFORD, *D. D. G. M., 24th M. D.*
Turner, Apr. 28, 1919.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

MILLINOCKET, ME., Apr. 8, 1919.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my report for the Twenty-Fifth District for the year ending May, 1919.

I was installed by P. D. G. M. H. W. Chase.

On account of the influenza, was unable to attend the School of Instruction held at Gardiner.

On Mar. 13th, I made my official visit to Katahdin Lodge, No. 98, at Patten, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very satisfactory manner.

On Mar. 25th, I visited Molunkus Lodge, No. 165, at Sherman Mills. The M. M. degree was worked in a very creditable manner, after which refreshments were served and a social hour spent.

On Mar. 27th, I respectively visited Fort Kent Lodge, No. 209, at Fort Kent. It being the annual meeting of the lodge, officers were

ected, after which the M. M. degree was worked in a very impressive manner, W. M. Guilford L. Perkins presiding in the East with the dignity and ease befitting that important station. After the meeting a banquet was served at the hotel and a social hour spent.

On the following evening, I witnessed work in the M. M. degree by Pioneer Lodge, No. 72, at Ashland, the work being exceedingly well done, after which refreshments were served.

I have attended several meetings of my home lodge, Nollesemic, No. 205, and made such corrections as necessary. I was unable to visit Island Falls Lodge, No. 206.

All the lodges are in a very prosperous condition and the secretaries are keeping the dues well collected. There has been a net gain of twenty-three members in the district for the past year.

I wish to thank you, Most Worship Grand Master, for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment. I wish, also, to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges for the very cordial and courteous manner in which I have been received and entertained.

Fraternally submitted,

ARTHUR J. WALSH, *D. D. G. M. 25th M. D.*

Millinocket, Apr. 8, 1919.

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

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 Twenty-Sixth Masonic District.

Jan. 13, 1919, I officially visited Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, Buckfield, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was very impressive, and the ritual very closely followed. Corrections and recommendations seemed unnecessary.

On Feb. 18th, I made my official visit to King Hiram, No. 57, Dixfield. Work was in the E. A. degree, which was worthy of praise. This lodge has a very nice order for work, the Junior Warden doing the work in the E. A. degree, the Senior Warden the F. C., and the Worshipful Master the M. M. degree, which appears to be a very good practice. The younger officers manifest great interest in their work, and the ritual is well rendered. Records remain in the hands of Bro. Dillingham; dues well collected.

Thursday, Mar. 20th, I made my official visit to Blazing Star, No. 30, Rumford. Work was the M. M. degree, on three candidates. The work was very well done; few corrections were necessary. Records remain in the hands of Bro. Walter O. Raynes, which is sufficient guarantee, to anyone who has seen them.

Relative to Whitney Lodge, No. 167, Canton, I have made no official visit to my home lodge, but as Secretary I have attended every meeting during the year, and have witnessed work of the three degrees on one candidate, and consider the work to be uniform. Dues are rather backward.

Owing to sickness I was unable to attend the School of Instruction at Gardiner, much to my regret.

To you, Most Worshipful, I wish to express my appreciation for the honor you have conferred. To the several lodges in this district I wish to extend my thanks for the courteous treatment afforded on my visits with them.

Fraternally submitted,

ALPHONSO F. RUSSELL, JR., *D. D. G. M. 26 M. D.*

Canton, Mar. 29, 1919.

Officers of the Grand Lodge.

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| GUY P. ROWE, | " " 20th " | Danforth |
| WILLIAM R. BEAZLEY, | " " 21st " | Bucksport |
| RUFUS L. TASKER, | " " 22d " | Biddeford |
| WILLIAM O. NICHOLS, | " " 23d " | Sanford |
| ALBERT T. BRADFORD, | " " 24th " | Turner |
| ARTHUR J. WELCH, | " " 25th " | Millinocket |
| WILSON H. CONANT, | " " 26th " | Buckfield |
| REV. WILLIAM H. FULTZ, | <i>W. Grand Chaplain,</i> | Portland |
| " DAVID L. WILSON, | " " " | Bath |
| " HENRY E. DUNNACK, | " " " | Augusta |
| " ASHLEY A. SMITH, | " " " | Bangor |
| " JOHN M. BEILER, | " " " | Machias |
| " ARTHUR F. STRAY, | " " " | Auburn |
| " ROBERT J. BRUCE, | " " " | Portland |
| HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, | " " <i>Marshal,</i> | " |
| DAVID E. MOULTON, | " " <i>Senior Deacon,</i> | " |
| HARRY S. BOYD, | " " <i>Junior Deacon,</i> | " |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, | " " <i>Steward,</i> | " |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, | " " " | Biddeford |
| FRANK P. DENACO, | " " " | Bangor |
| FRED B. RAND, | " " " | Sanford |
| EBEN F. RICHARDSON, | " " <i>Sword Bearer,</i> | S. West Harbor |
| HIRAM A. WEBBER, | " " <i>Standard Bearer,</i> | Brunswick |
| WARREN C. KING, | " " <i>Pursuivant,</i> | Portland |
| WILLIAM R. HUGHES, | " " " | Monson |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " " <i>Lecturer,</i> | Sabattus |
| WALTER S. SMITH, | " " <i>Organist,</i> | Portland |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | " " <i>Tyler,</i> | " |

TOWNS IN MAINE WHERE MASONIC LODGES
ARE LOCATED.

| Location. | Lodge. | District. |
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| ADDISON, | Tuscan, 106, | 3 |
| ALFRED, | Fraternal, 55, | 23 |
| ASHLAND, | Pioneer, 72, | 25 |
| AUBURN, | Ancient Brothers', 178, | 24 |
| AUBURN, | Tranquil, 29, | 24 |
| AUGUSTA, | Augusta, 141, | 11 |
| AUGUSTA, | Bethlehem, 35, | 11 |
| BANGOR, | Rising Virtue, 10, | 6 |
| BANGOR, | St. Andrew's, 83, | 6 |
| BAR HARBOR, | Bar Harbor, 185, | 21 |
| BATH, | Polar Star, 114, | 14 |
| BATH, | Solar, 14, | 14 |
| BELFAST, | Phoenix, 24, | 8 |
| BELFAST, | Timothy Chase, 126, | 8 |
| BETHEL, | Bethel, 97, | 16 |
| BIDDEFORD, | Dunlap, 47, | 19 |
| BINGHAM, | Bingham, 199, | 13 |
| BLAINE, | Aroostook, 197, | 1 |
| BLUE HILL, | Ira Berry, 187, | 4 |
| BOLSTER'S MILLS, | Crooked River, 152, | 16 |
| BOOTHBAY HARBOR, | Seaside, 144, | 10 |
| BOWDOINHAM, | Village, 26, | 14 |
| BRIDGTON, | Oriental, 13, | 18 |
| BRISTOL, | Bristol, 74, | 23 |
| BROOKLIN, | Naskeag, 171, | 4 |
| BROOKS, | Marsh River, 102, | 7 |
| BROWNFIELD, | Shepherds River, 169, | 18 |
| BROWNVILLE, | Pleasant River, 163, | 5 |
| BRUNSWICK, | United, 8, | 14 |
| BRYANT'S POND, | Jefferson, 100, | 16 |
| BUCKFIELD, | Evening Star, 147, | 26 |

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| BUCKSPORT, | Felicity, 19, | 21 |
| CALAIS, | St. Croix, 46, | 2 |
| CAMBRIDGE, | Cambridge, 157, | 22 |
| CAMDEN, | Amity, 6, | 9 |
| CANAAN, | Carrabasset, 161, | 13 |
| CANTON, | Whitney, 167, | 26 |
| CARIBOU, | Caribou, 170, | 1 |
| CARMEL, | Benevolent, 87, | 6 |
| CASTINE, | Hancock, 4, | 4 |
| CHARLESTON, | Olive Branch, 124, | 6 |
| CHERRYFIELD, | Narraguagus, 88, | 3 |
| CHINA, | Central, 45, | 7 |
| CLINTON, | Sebasticook, 146, | 7 |
| CORINNA, | Parian, 160, | 22 |
| CORNISH, | Greenleaf, 117, | 18 |
| CUMBERLAND MILLS, | Warren Phillips, 186, | 17 |
| CUTLER, | Lookout, 131, | 3 |
| DAMARISCOTTA, | Alna, 43, | 10 |
| DANFORTH, | Baskahegan, 175, | 20 |
| DENMARK, | Mount Moriah, 56, | 18 |
| DEER ISLE, | Marine, 122, | 4 |
| DEXTER, | Penobscot, 39, | 5 |
| DIXFIELD, | King Hiram, 57, | 26 |
| DRESDEN MILLS, | Dresden, 103, | 10 |
| DURHAM, | Acacia, 121, | 14 |
| EAST BOOTHBAY, | Bay View, 196, | 10 |
| EAST DIXMONT, | Archon, 139, | 22 |
| EAST MACHIAS, | Warren, 2, | 3 |
| EASTPORT, | Eastern, 7, | 2 |
| ELLSWORTH, | Lygonia, 40, | 21 |
| EXETER, | Pacific, 64, | 22 |
| FAIRFIELD, | Siloam, 92, | 13 |
| FARMINGTON, | Maine, 20, | 15 |
| FLAGSTAFF, | Mount Bigelow, 202, | 15 |
| FORT FAIRFIELD, | Eastern Frontier, 112, | 1 |
| FORT KENT, | Fort Kent, 209, | 25 |
| FOXCROFT, | Mosaic, 52, | 5 |
| FREEPORT, | Freeport, 23, | 14 |
| FRIENDSHIP, | Meduncook, 211, | 16 |
| FRYEBURG, | Pathagorean, 11, | 18 |
| GARDINER, | Hermon, 32, | 11 |
| GOODWIN'S MILLS, | Arion, 162, | 19 |
| GORHAM, | Harmony, 38, | 17 |
| GREENVILLE, | Columbia, 200, | 5 |
| GUILFORD, | Mount Kineo, 109, | 5 |

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| HALLOWELL, | Kennebec, 5, | 11 |
| HAMPDEN, | Mystic, 65, | 6 |
| HARTLAND, | Corinthian, 95, | 22 |
| HERMON, | Lynde, 174, | 6 |
| HOULTON, | Monument, 96, | 1 |
| ISLAND FALLS, | Island Falls, 206, | 25 |
| ISLESBORO, | Island, 89, | 8 |
| JEFFERSON, | Riverside, 135, | 10 |
| JONESPORT, | Jonesport, 188, | 3 |
| KENDUSKEAG, | Kenduskeag, 137, | 6 |
| KENNEBUNK, | York, 22, | 19 |
| KENNEBUNKPORT, | Arundel, 76, | 19 |
| KINGFIELD, | Mount Abram, 204, | 15 |
| KITTERY, | Naval, 184, | 19 |
| LAGRANGE, | Composite, 168, | 5 |
| LEWISTON, | Ashler, 105, | 24 |
| LEWISTON, | Rabboni, 150, | 24 |
| LIBERTY, | Liberty, 111, | 7 |
| LIMERICK, | Freedom, 42, | 23 |
| LIMINGTON, | Adoniram, 27, | 23 |
| LIMESTONE, | Limestone, 214, | 1 |
| LINCOLN, | Horeb, 93, | 20 |
| LINCOLNVILLE, | King David's, 62, | 8 |
| LISBON FALLS | Ancient York, 155, | 14 |
| LITCHFIELD, | Morning Star, 41, | 11 |
| LIVERMORE FALLS | Oriental Star, 21, | 15 |
| LOVELL, | Delta, 153, | 18 |
| LUBEC, | Washington, 37, | 2 |
| MACHIAS, | Harwood, 91, | 3 |
| MADISON, | Euclid, 194, | 13 |
| MATTAWAMKEAG, | Pine Tree, 173, | 20 |
| McKINLEY, | McKinley, 212, | 21 |
| MECHANIC FALLS, | Tyrian, 73, | 24 |
| MILBRIDGE, | Pleiades, 173, | 3 |
| MILLINOCKET, | Nollesemic, 205, | 25 |
| MILO, | Piscataquis, 44, | 5 |
| MONMOUTH, | Monmouth, 110, | 11 |
| MONSON, | Doric, 149, | 5 |
| MOUNT DESERT, | Mount Desert, 140, | 21 |
| MOUNT VERNON, | Vernon Valley, 99, | 12 |
| NEW GLOUCESTER, | Cumberland, 12, | 24 |
| NEWPORT, | Meridian Splendor, 49, | 22 |
| NEW SHARON, | Franklin, 123, | 15 |
| NORRIDGEWOCK, | Lebanon, 116, | 13 |
| NORTH ANSON, | Northern Star, 28, | 13 |

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| NORTH BERWICK, | Yorkshire, 179, | 19 |
| NORTH BROOKSVILLE, | Bagaduce, 210, | 4 |
| NORTH EAST HARBOR, | North East Harbor, 208, | 21 |
| NORTH VASSALBORO, | Vassalboro, 54, | 12 |
| NORTH WINDHAM, | Presumpscot, 127, | 17 |
| NORTHPORT, | Excelsior, 151, | 8 |
| NORWAY, | Oxford, 18, | 16 |
| OAKLAND, | Messalonskee, 113, | 12 |
| OLD ORCHARD, | Orchard, 215, | 19 |
| OLD TOWN, | Star in the East, 60, | 6 |
| ORLAND, | Rising Sun, 71, | 21 |
| ORONO, | Mechanics', 66, | 6 |
| PARSONSFIELD, | Drummond, 118, | 23 |
| PATTEN, | Katahdin, 98, | 25 |
| PEMBROKE, | Crescent, 78, | 2 |
| PENOBSCOT, | Rising Star, 177, | 4 |
| PHILLIPS, | Blue Mountain, 67, | 15 |
| PITTSFIELD, | Meridian, 125, | 22 |
| PLYMOUTH, | Plymouth, 75, | 22 |
| PORTLAND, | Ancient Landmark, 17, | 17 |
| PORTLAND, | Atlantic, 81, | 17 |
| PORTLAND, | Deering, 183, | 17 |
| PORTLAND, | Portland, 1, | 17 |
| PRESQUE ISLE, | Trinity, 130, | 1 |
| PRINCETON, | Lewy's Island, 138, | 2 |
| RANGELEY, | Kemankeag, 213, | 15 |
| READFIELD, | Lafayette, 48, | 12 |
| RICHMOND, | Richmond, 63, | 14 |
| ROCKLAND, | Aurora, 50, | 9 |
| ROCKLAND, | Rockland, 79, - | 9 |
| ROCKPORT, | St. Paul's, 82, | 9 |
| RUMFORD, | Blazing Star, 30, | 26 |
| SABATTUS, | Webster, 164, | 24 |
| SACO, | Saco, 9, | 19 |
| SANFORD, | Preble, 143, | 23 |
| SANGERVILLE, | Abner Wade, 207, | 5 |
| SEARSMONT, | Quantabacook, 129, | 7 |
| SEARSPORT, | Mariners', 68, | 8 |
| SEDGWICK, | Eggmoggin, 128, | 4 |
| SHERMAN MILLS, | Molunkus, 165, | 25 |
| SIDNEY, | Rural, 53, | 12 |
| SKOWHEGAN, | Somerset, 34, | 13 |
| SPRINGFIELD, | Forest, 148, | 20 |
| SPRINGVALE, | Springvale, 190, | 23 |
| SOLON, | Keystone, 80, | 13 |

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| SOUTH BERWICK, | St. John's, 51, | 19 |
| SOUTH BRISTOL, | Anchor, 158, | 10 |
| SOUTH PARIS, | Paris, 94, | 16 |
| SOUTH PORTLAND, | Hiram, 180, | 17 |
| SOUTH THOMASTON, | Knox, 189, | 9 |
| SOUTH WEST HARBOR, | Tremont, 77, | 21 |
| STANDISH, | Standish, 70, | 17 |
| STONINGTON, | Reliance, 195, | 4 |
| STOCKTON SPRINGS, | Pownal, 119, | 8 |
| STRONG, | Davis, 191, | 15 |
| TENANTS' HARBOR, | Eureka, 84, | 9 |
| THOMASTON, | Orient, 15, | 9 |
| THORNDIKE, | Unity, 58, | 7 |
| TURNER, | Nezinscot, 101, | 24 |
| UNION, | Union, 31, | 9 |
| UNITY, | Star in the West, 85, | 7 |
| VASSALBORO, | Neguemkeag, 166, | 12 |
| VINAL HAVEN | Moses Webster, 145, | 9 |
| WALDOBORO, | King Solomon's, 61, | 10 |
| WARREN, | St. George, 16, | 9 |
| WASHBURN, | Washburn, 193, | 1 |
| WASHINGTON, | Mount Olivet, 203, | 9 |
| WATERFORD, | Mount Tir'em, 132, | 16 |
| WATERVILLE, | Waterville, 33, | 12 |
| WAYNE, | Asylum, 133, | 12 |
| WEEKS MILLS, | Dirigo, 104, | 11 |
| WELD, | Mystic Tie, 154, | 15 |
| WELLS DEPOT, | Ocean, 142, | 19 |
| WESTBROOK, | Temple, 86, | 17 |
| WEST BUXTON, | Buxton, 115, | 23 |
| WILTON, | Wilton, 156, | 15 |
| WINTER HARBOR, | Winter Harbor, 192, | 19 |
| WINTERPORT, | Howard, 69, | 6 |
| WINTHROP, | Temple, 25, | 11 |
| WISCASSET, | Lincoln, 3, | 10 |
| WEST NEWFIELD, | Day Spring, 107, | 23 |
| WEST PARIS, | Granite, 182, | 16 |
| WEST SULLIVAN, | David A. Hooper, 201, | 21 |
| YARMOUTH, | Casco, 36, | 17 |
| YORK VILLAGE, | St. Aspinquid, 198, | 19 |

LIST . OF . SUBORDINATE . LODGES,
 WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS,
 AS RETURNED MARCH 1, 1919.

| | DISTRICT. |
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| Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. Vernon O. Hussey, M.; George E. Merrow, S.W.; Harold C. Mountain, J.W.; Orville D. Carr, S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, September. | 5 |
| Acacia, 121, Durham. Carl W. Brown, M.; Arthur W. Taylor, S. W.; Ralph G. Vickery, J.W.; Marcus W. Eveleth, R. F. D. 2, Lisbon Falls, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. | 14 |
| Adoniram, 27, Limington. Harry F. Maxim, M.; Oliver R. Chester, S.W.; Robert W. Haley, J.W.; George M. Brackett, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. | 23 |
| Alna, 43, Damariscotta. James G. Stetson, M.; Alfred W. Huston, S. W.; Wallace F. Chadwick, J.W.; Wilbur G. Knowlton, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. | 10 |
| Amity, 6, Camden. Howard D. Small, M.; Edwin F. Dearborn, S.W.; John L. Tewksbury, J.W.; Melzer T. Crawford, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October. | 9 |
| Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Sanifred K. Seiders, M.; A. Drummond Farrin, S.W.; Horace A. Kelsey, J.W.; John A. Turner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. | 10 |
| Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. Claude W. Cox, M.; Harvey M. Norton, S.W.; Frank A. Jones, J.W.; Frank L. Lowell (18 Center St.), S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. | 24 |
| Ancient Landmark, 17, Portland. E. Murray Graham, M.; Porter A. Roberts, S.W.; Clark D. Chapman, J. W.; Arthur J. Floyd, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. | 17 |
| Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. George E. Basford, M.; Harry J. Goodbout, S.W.; Fenton W. Tobie, J.W.; Asbury M. Blake, Lisbon, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. | 14 |

- Archon, 139, East Dixmont. Rufus L. Tasker, Brooks, M.; Willard B. Cates, Monroe, S.W.; John W. Goodwin, Monroe, J.W.; Fred M. Johnston, Hampden Highlands, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Byron L. Hill, Biddeford, R. F. D. 4, M.; Frank Littlefield, S.W.; Walter F. Huff, J. W.; Hugh Steele, Biddeford, R. F. D. 4, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 19
- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Malcolm T. Barry, M.; Harry A. York, S.W.; Troy I. Shaw, J.W.; Fay B. Ramsay, Mars Hill, S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, November. 1
- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. Byron C. Hall, M.; Alexander Burr, S.W.; Henry W. Seavey, J.W.; Silas H. Perkins, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. George E. Bearce, M.; Herbert C. Edwards, S.W.; Blaine Abbott, J.W.; E. E. Cates, 63 Nichols St., S. Meeting third Monday; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. John H. Bamford, M.; Fred N. Parcher, S. W.; Eugene H. Rose, J.W.; Frederick L. Chenery, S. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. Herbert I. Lowe, M.; Willard W. Knight, S.W.; Lowell H. Woodbury, J.W.; Almon L. Johnson, Box 424, S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. Leonard V. Clark, M.; James Wright, S.W.; Ray K. Small, J.W.; William F. Leavitt, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Benjamin J. Philbrook, M.; William D. Talbot, S.W.; Benjamin S. Whitehouse, J.W.; Albert H. Newbert, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. Bentley Grindle, M.; James B. Gray, S.W.; Edgar Blodgett, J.W.; Roscoe C. Ingalls, S. Meeting third Saturday; election, January. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Harold P. Whitmore, M.; Charles S. Higgins, S.W.; Carl D. Ingalls, J.W.; Clifford F. Caine, S. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. Arthur W. Gilpatrick, M.; Howard D. Lee, S.W.; Ralph W. Furness, J.W.; Martin L. Porter, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. Harry R. Barlow, M.; Edgar W. Linniken, S.W.; Norman K. Vanhorn, J.W.; H. Elmer Fernald, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10

- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Frank A. Loring, M.; Nathan B. Thayer, S. W.; Burton R. Hamlin, J.W.; Walter A. Smith, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, December 27th. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. E. Linwood Brown, M.; Edward P. Lyon, S.W.; Fred A. Tibbetts, J.W.; Herbert C. Rowe, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. George H. Bangs, M.; Charles W. Creasy, S. W.; Melvin E. Sawtelle, J.W.; Pearle E. Fuller, S. Meeting first Monday; election, October. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. Alvah S. Witham, M.; Lee C. Smith, S.W.; Columbus S. Baker, J.W.; Harold A. Coleman, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. Leopold Schonauer, M.; Charles W. Burdett, S.W.; Carleton A. Dennis, J.W.; Walter O. Raynes, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 26
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Walter S. Hodges, M.; Norman E. Butler, S.W.; Charles E. Toothaker, J.W.; Nathaniel H. Harnden, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol. Edwin A. Leighton, M.; Frank E. Gorham, S.W.; Artell Russell, J.W.; Edwin J. Ervine, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Millard F. Dearborn, M.; Oliver E. Earle, S.W.; Alfonso F. Flint, J.W.; Pliny A. Crockett, Hollis Center, S. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, January. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Carroll F. Bailey, M.; Fred C. Eldridge, S.W.; Ralph W. Bailey, J.W.; Frank J. Hersey (R. F. D. 4, Dexter), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Willard P. Hamilton, M.; Edgar W. Russ, S.W.; J. Beecher Swain, J. W.; Harry M. Vinal, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. Harry B. Harris, M.; George A. Maxfield, S.W.; Earl W. Bean, J. W.; Alpheus Nason, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. Aubrey W. Maxim, M.; Wilmer E. Sawyer, S.W.; Edward M. Johnson, J.W.; Herbert M. Moore, Yarmouthville, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. George M. Hammond, M.; Charles L. Taylor, S.W.; G. Wayland Jones, J.W.; John A. Woodsum, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7

- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Adelbert G. Rogers, M.; Harry A. Sanders, Jr., S.W.; Pliny W. Hall, J.W.; John H. Brown, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 5
- Composite, 168, La Grange. Allen A. Kirkland, M.; E. W. Ricker, S.W.; Levi N. Lancaster, J.W.; Benjamin F. Crehore, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Edwin D. Young, M.; Thomas S. Dearborn, S.W.; Edwin R. Nutting, J.W.; Bert H Moulton, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Frank G. Conant, Meddybemps, M.; Fred L. Gardner, S.W.; Fred E. Tuell, J.W.; Eugene S. Wilbur, West Pembroke, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Melville R. Wilbur, M.; Fred C. Weston, S.W.; James H. Stone, J.W.; Edward A. Wight, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Horace C. Marsden, M.; Ashley F. Chipman, S.W.; Harry T. Merrill, J.W.; Lewis E. Jordan, (R. F. D.), S. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. Arno W. Wooster, M.; Clarence W. Harvey, S.W.; William Milne, J.W.; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. Lionel F. Allen M.; Raymond A. Starbird, S.W.; Dean E. Leighton, J.W.; Charles B. Richardson, S. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. William A. Davis, M.; George F. Wentworth, S.W.; John J. Libby, J.W.; John L. Carleton, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. L. Everett Fickett, B.; Guy E. Hill, S.W.; Frank A. Farewell, J.W.; Francis E. Chase, Box 974, S. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. Weeman G. McAllister, M.; Eugene H. Woodbury, S.W.; Ralph G. Charles, J.W.; Seth F. Heald, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. Welcome S. Reed, M.; Joseph D. Quinnam, S.W.; Hubbard J. White, J.W.; Orren F. Sproul, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. Lyman E. Davidson, M.; Giles M. Fogg, S.W.; Charles W. Gerrish, J.W.; Walter C. Jackson, S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, December. 5

- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. John H. Mayers, M.; William H. Houdlett, S.W.; Charles McDaniel, J.W.; Ernest W. Cate, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10
- Drummond, 118, Parsonsfield. George A. Doe, M.; Frank W. Towne, S.W.; Samuel G. Pease, J.W.; Samuel M. Boothby, Kezar Falls, R. F. D. 2, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. Edward C. Thompson, M.; William H. Stone, S.W.; Robert O. Jordan, J.W.; Everett M. Staples, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 19
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. John P. Hutchinson, M.; Herbert Kilby, S.W.; Sidney A. Ferris, J.W.; Wheeler C. Hawkes, Box 312, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. Thurber E. Holt, M.; George Herbert Foss, S.W.; Bertrand A. Loane, J.W.; William N. Gould, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggmoggin, 128, Sedgwick. Raymond C. Bridges, M.; Wilbur S. Daniels, S.W.; Lewis H. Lane, J.W.; Frank C. Allen, S. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. Geo. B. Walker, M.; Herman Perkins, S.W.; William J. R. Jardine, J.W.; Ernest H. Ward, S. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Manfred Humphrey, M.; Paul G. Rivers, S.W.; William T. Hocking, J.W.; Elmer E. Allen, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Chester C. Tuttle, M.; Horace A. Murch, S.W.; Washington Heald, J.W.; Arthur L. Newton, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 26
- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Bert L. Bird, M.; Frank McCabe, S.W.; George McCabe, J.W.; Everett L. Bird, S. Meeting first Wednesday in each month; election, November. 8
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. Harry C. Page, M.; Henry R. Emery, S.W.; Perry H. Lowell, J.W.; Edward L. Warren, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Ralph Scribner, M.; Eugene Decker, S.W.; Harry B. Burr, J.W.; Lysander W. Trask, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. Guilford L. Perkins, M.; Isaac W. Dow, S.W.; Fred A. Shean, J.W.; Augustus D. Dow, S. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25

- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. Charles F. Oliver, M.; Will L. Maguire, S.W.; Maurice A. Dunn, J.W.; Fred W. Sanders, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15
- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. George H. Williams, M.; Herman J. Seaward, S.W.; Manard A. Hobbs, J.W.; Emery S. Littlefield, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23
- Freedom, 42, Limerick. Arthur F. Lougee, M.; Glen C. Libby, S.W.; Hubert Gath, J.W.; George A. Carpenter, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Herman G. Fisher, M.; Linwood I. Varney, S.W.; Clarence B. Small, J.W.; Fred E. Ward, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. Oscar L. Peabody, M.; Howard L. McKeen, S.W.; Carroll A. Bacon, J.W.; Ralph A. Bacon, Box 27, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Elmer W. Parker, M.; Henry G. Swasey, S.W.; Harry Meloon, J. W.; Francis A. Norton, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. Isaac D. Dunbar, M.; Stephen W. Cash, S.W.; J. Walter Weeks, J.W.; Arthur W. Patterson, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. William T. Libby, M.; Ira C. Alden, S.W.; John W. Knight, J.W.; Charles E. Cobb, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Ralph W. Chandler, M.; Joseph L. Hall, S.W.; Otis W. Means, J.W.; Albert S. Allan, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Arthur E. Smith, M.; Charles M. Dick, S.W.; Taplin J. Winslade, J.W.; Harry E. Larrabee, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. Benjamin F. Wentworth, M.; John L. Goudin, S.W.; George H. Minott, J.W.; William A. Seyford, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, June. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. Phillip J. Mills, M.; Kingsley A. Ballantine, S.W.; Clarence H. Staples, J.W.; Henry S. Pinkham, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Monday in December. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. Frank O. McCambridge, Frankfort, M.; Leslie W. Mayo, S.W.; Raymond F. Cole, J.W.; Seth H. Morgan, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6

- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Albion K. Saunders, M.; Charles E. Greene, S.W.; Fred S. Hinckley, J.W.; Arthur C. Hinckley, S. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro. Eben M. Randlett, M.; Charles R. Trim, S.W.; Pyman E. Hatch, J.W.; Harold D. Pendleton, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. Fred W. Pomroy, M.; E. Leroy Martin, S.W.; Mahlon D. Estes, J.W.; John J. Marr, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Leslie D. Bryant, M.; Clarence E. Cole, S.W.; Clarence J. Perham, J.W.; James L. Bowker, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Herbert Farnsworth, M.; John H. Moulton, S.W.; D. Hermon Corson, J.W.; Edgar A. Worcester, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Stanley L. Wescott, M.; Howard Cunningham, S.W.; Manson D. Brown, J.W.; Ralph Miles, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 25
- Kemankeag, 213, Rangeley. Sylvader Hinkley, M.; Charles W. Barrett, S.W.; John A. Russell, J.W.; Charles L. Harnden, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 15
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Edgar D. Salley, M.; George I. Emery, S.W.; David H. Noddin, J.W.; F. Ernest Harvey, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Arthur R. Fish, M.; Eugene Hooper, S.W.; Raymond M. Shaffer, J.W.; Ernest S. Currier, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Ira W. Adams, M.; Forrest A. Ray, S.W.; Walter H. Hunnewell, J.W.; Turner Buswell, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Charles E. Dearborn, M.; Fred Osborn, S.W.; James A. Peavey, J.W.; Robie F. Ames, S. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, December. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. Vivian C. Horne, M.; John L. Delano, S.W.; Eben N. Hutchinson, J.W.; Charles L. Dillingham, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 26
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. Fred S. Simmons, M.; Henry T. Eugley, S.W.; Hadley H. Kuhn, J.W.; Clinton E. Matthews, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Charles W. Hurd, M.; Harvey D. Crowley, S.W.; Forest A. Snow, J.W.; Winfield S. Clark, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9

- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Leon C. Roberts, M.; Fremont A. Hunton, S.W.; Joshua Brown, J.W.; Costello Weston, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. George J. Chandler, M.; Edwin H. Burgess, S.W.; William B. Longley, J.W.; Ernest W. Gilman, S. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. Nehemiah W. Kneeland, M.; Andrew C. Swan, S.W.; John H. Puck, J.W.; Theodore Morrison, Box 121, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Arthur H. Norton, M.; Charles B. Holt, S.W.; Oren W. Ripley, J.W.; Willis J. Greely, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Limestone, 214, Limestone. Dennis F. Getchell, M.; Perley B. Knight, S.W.; John M. Ward, J.W.; Harold S. Chase, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 1
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. Frederick J. McTeer, M.; Charles E. Crowley, S.W.; Frank B. Adams, J.W.; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. Caleb G. Aldrich, M.; Forrest S. Stevens, S.W.; Charles E. Maker, J.W.; Lucius E. Gardner, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Carroll F. Shea, M.; George S. Ober, S.W.; Willis E. Dunn, J.W.; Charles W. Joy, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Fred A. Gray, M.; Ray T. Luce, S.W.; Claude O. Hunt, J.W.; Leon I. Leathers, Bangor, R. F. D. 3, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Loren W. Runnill, M.; Leslie E. Hamblin, S.W.; Fred A. Bickford, J.W.; Eugene M. Stanley, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. Earle W. Hall, M.; W. Raymond Davis, S.W.; Charles G. Nickerson, J.W.; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting Monday in week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Crockett E. Dow, M.; Cecil E. Wasgatt, S.W.; Roswell E. Murch, J.W.; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. A. Storey, Trundy, M.; Harry Merrithew, S.W.; Edwin D. Fairfield, J.W.; James P. Nichols, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. Wilbur E. Baker, M.; Herbert C. Ellis, S.W.; Garfield G. Goddard, J.W.; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7

- Mechanics', 66, Orono. Roydon L. Hammond, M.; James A. Gennett, S.W.; Everett W. Davee, J.W.; Archer L. Grover, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, 211, Friendship. Wilbur A. Morse, M.; Waterville L. Thompson, S.W.; Austin B. Cook, J.W.; Eugene H. Brown, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 10
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. Walter M. Prilay, M.; William R. Hurd, S.W.; Clarence Tyler, J.W.; Edwin A. Porter, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22
- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. Frank W. Greenway, M.; Alfred H. McCarrison, S.W.; Clyde L. Pingree, J.W.; Lewman B. Soper, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22
- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Forrest E. Fowles, M.; Frank L. Dingley, S.W.; Harry H. Hatfield, J.W.; Orestes E. Crowell, S. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Daniel R. Curtis, M.; Dwight M. Caldwell, S.W.; Oramel W. Sides, J.W.; Frank A. Ambrose, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Edgar D. Baird, M.; Carrol F. Bragdon, S.W.; Harold H. Flanders, J.W.; Otis G. Randall, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Arthur O. Putnam, M.; Alfred E. Astle, S.W.; Murdock B. McKay, J.W.; Walter S. Clark, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Freeman W. Jordan, M.; Anthony S. Ashford, S.W.; Francis E. Lane, J.W.; Roscoe S. Bosworth, (R. D. route 18), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Foxcroft. Percival D. Perry, M.; Ernest J. Smith, S.W.; John T. Ayer, J.W.; Eugene W. Crocker, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinal Haven. Leigh E. Williams, M.; George Strachan, S.W.; Charles C. Webster, J.W.; Freeman L. Roberts, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. F. Raymond Phillips, M.; Herschel P. Boynton, S.W.; Elmer E. Davis, J.W.; Arthur C. Woodard, S. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. Mahlon L. Sampson, Dead River, M.; Carl R. Goodrich, S.W.; Percival B. Parsons, J.W.; Walter E. Hinds, S. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. Pearl S. Bordeaux, M.; James B. Allen, J. W.; Mark W. Somes, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21

- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. Raymond W. Davis, M.; Nelson N. Scales, S.W.; C. S. Bennett, J.W.; Joseph T. Davidson, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Perley F. Smith, M.; Irving Trumbull, S.W.; Leon A. Jack, J.W.; Augustus S. Colby, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. Leroy G. Cunningham, M.; Leland M. Johnston, S.W.; Charles S. Grinnell, J.W.; George L. Sprague, Union, R. F. D. 3, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. Edgar L. Stone, M.; Walter W. Fillebrown, S.W.; Geary L. Kimball, J.W.; Clarence H. Pride, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 16
- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Fred M. Cole, M.; Ronald E. Dexter, S.W.; Russell Douglass, J.W.; William H. Tribou, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Lester D. Lee, M.; W. Harris Latham, S.W.; Frederick B. Whitin, J.W.; Cleff Maxwell, S. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. John M. Sherwood, M.; Bela T. Wass, S.W.; Arthur S. Allen, J.W.; William F. Campbell, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. R. Lewis Smith, M.; Adelbert L. Anderson, S.W.; Haskell Powers, J.W.; Willie F. Cousins, East Brooklin, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Warren N. Phinney, M.; Arthur W. Steward, S.W.; Albert F. Billings, J.W.; David G. Walker, Kittery Depot, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. Willis B. Crosby, M.; John W. Kennedy, S.W.; Edward O. Brown, J.W.; Leonard A. Gilbert, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Charles F. Bradford, M.; F. Walter Marden, S.W.; Charles H. Pratt, J.W.; Donald C. Prince, R. D. 1, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. Leon F. Kent, M.; Frank O. Daisey, S. W.; Addison R. Mathews, J.W.; Joseph R. Nickless, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. William S. Holmes, M.; Frank G. Spurling, S.W.; Edwin A. Hodgdon, J.W.; Alvah L. Reed, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21

- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Harold G. Collins, M.; Elmer W. Sawyer, S.W.; J. H. Thorne, J.W.; Willis L. Hodgdon, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. Roger S. Bragdon, M.; Austin R. Goodwin, S.W.; Eben A. Mitchell, J.W.; Charles H. Swasey, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Herbert R. Southgate, M.; Horace E. Mitchell, S.W.; Edward C. Robinson, J.W.; Thomas J. McKay, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Orchard, 215, Old Orchard. Clement P. Wight, M.; Frank H. Libby, S.W.; King E. Sears, J.W.; George T. Hinchliffe, S. Meeting second Monday; election, September. 19
- Orient, 15, Thomaston. Harrison W. Whitehill, M.; Winfield S. Brackett, S.W.; Wilbur M. Wilson, J.W.; Arthur J. Elliott, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. Roland L. Woodbury, M.; Howard W. Jones, S.W.; Maurice W. Hamblen, J.W.; D. Eugene Chaplin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18
- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. Francis S. Dow, M.; Arthur W. Driscoll, S.W.; Raymond W. Allen, J.W.; Fred Raymond, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. John W. Laselle, M.; Frank J. Cook, S.W.; Clarence M. Smith, J.W.; Fred E. Smith, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. George F. Colbath, M.; Frank W. Hodsdon, S.W.; Sylvester E. Prescott, J.W.; Joseph P. Eaton, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. Sheridan F. Ireland, M.; Leroy H. Whitney, S.W.; Charles W. Redmond, J.W.; Leon W. Knowles, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. Merlin C. Joy, M.; H. Walter Starbird, S.W.; Shuman T. Oliver, J.W.; Harold C. Fletcher, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. William Boyde, M.; Carle F. Lawrence, S.W.; Charles E. Stower, J.W.; Charles S. Hutchinson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. Morris L. Slugg, M.; Ralph D. Southworth, S.W.; Norman A. Read, J.W.; Clifford J. Pattee, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. John C. Handy, M.; Fred A. Budge, S.W.; H. J. Shedd, J.W.; Fred A. Martin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20

- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Hugh Hayward, M.; William A. Sharp, S.W.; Harry S. Tweedie, J.W.; Arthur G. Andrews, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44 Milo. Ralph E. Pineo, M.; George P. Aiken, S.W.; Claud D. Harmon, J.W.; Frank E. Monroe, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, February. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Rufus R. McClain, M.; George O. Hills, S.W.; Alvin R. Stanhope, J.W.; Joseph G. Henderson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Milbridge. Fred C. Gay, M.; Frank C. Bixby, S.W.; Talbot S. Dickinson, J.W.; A. Lincoln Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Algie Small, M.; Winfred H. Downs, S.W.; Harvey N. Smith, J.W.; Herbert E. Clark, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Delmar E. Bates, M.; Merton O. Webber, S.W.; Joseph A. Turrell, J.W.; Lucius M. Lemont, 923 Middle St., S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. William M. Howath, M.; Fred B. Berry, S.W.; Edward E. Webster, J.W.; Albro E. Chase, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, June. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Isaac Littlefield, M.; Clyde Merrithew, S.W.; Robert Andrews, J.W.; Lincoln A. Gardner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. George S. Pickles, M.; Clyde L. Reed, S.W.; John Whiteside, J.W.; John Wright, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. Joseph B. Manchester, M.; Charles E. Thayer, S.W.; Fred R. Crockett, J.W.; William H. Cram, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. Asa Osgood Pike, M.; Noah McDonald, S.W.; Norman C. Thurlow, J.W.; Tobias L. Eastman, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. John W. Levenseller, M.; George W. Butler, S.W.; Orren A. Tibbetts, J.W.; Allen L. Maddocks, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. Walter L. Emerson, M.; Arthur W. Sharp, S. W.; Wilbur H. Davis, J.W.; Edwin L. Goss, 41 Main St., S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, January. 24

- Reliance, 195, Stonington. Gleason E. Flye, M.; Harvey Candage, S.W.; Percy T. Clark, J.W.; Elmer W. Calley, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. George W. Greene, M.; Freeman F. Wood, S.W.; Amsbury S. Alexander, J.W.; J. Franklin Harris, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Earl F. Sellers, M.; Charles M. Perkins, S.W.; Fred Dunbar, J.W.; Melvin A. Wardwell, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Freeman B. Patten, M.; Irvin R. Saunders, S.W.; F. Homer Hutchins, J.W.; Seth R. Hutchins, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. Alvoid E. Cushman, M.; Benjamin C. Kent, S.W.; Carl W. Glidden, J.W.; Frank J. Cole, S. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Arthur W. Flagg, M.; Joseph E. Odioine, S.W.; Horace T. Weeks, J.W.; Charles W. Besse, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, second Wednesday in December. 10
- Rockland, 79, Rockland. Frank F. Trafton, M.; Reginald S. Clement, S.W.; Israel Snow, Jr., J.W.; Albert I. Mather, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Rural, 53, Sidney. Dimon A. Sawtelle, M.; Ernest C. Wyman, S.W.; Frank W. Shepherd, J.W.; Arthur W. Hammond, R. F. D. 7, Augusta, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Saco, 9, Saco. Myron A. Savage, M.; Thomas H. Hooper, S.W.; Richard A. Libby, J.W.; Abram T. Lord, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19
- St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Charles H. Johnson, M.; Clarence N. Reynolds, S.W.; Rodney C. Warner, J.W.; Arthur L. Johnson, Box 814, S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6
- St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. John D. Keene, M.; Howard C. Goodwin, S.W.; Samuel W. Moulton, J.W.; Samuel H. Junkins, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- St. Croix, 46, Calais. Herbert A. Gardner, M.; Weldon E. Tibbetts, S.W.; Reed V. Jewell, J.W.; Isaac N. Jones, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- St. George, 16, Warren. Frank D. Rowe, M.; William H. Robinson, S.W.; John Connell, J.W.; William L. Lawry, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9

- St. John's, 51, South Berwick. C. Fred Ramsdell, M.; Ernest R. Muzzev, S.W.; Elsin R. Davis, J.W.; Wallace N. Flanders, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19
- St. Paul's, 82, Rockport. George T. Huntley, M.; Harry C. McDonald, S.W. William Murphy, J.W.; Edwin H. Bowers, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. H. Chandler Reed, M.; Henry I. Phinney, S.W.; Alton S. Sanborn, J.W.; Edward J. Hutchinson, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Sebasticonk, 146, Clinton. Jewell G. Mudgett, M.; Luther W. Estey, S.W.; Marcellus Cain, J.W.; Irving M. Holt, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. Walter C. Bickford, M.; Fred B. Sands, S.W.; Walter D. Blake, J.W.; Almon F. Johnson, S. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Herbert R. Varney, M.; Orrin A. Learned, S.W.; James F. Atkins, J.W.; George M. Chapman, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Raymond B. Welch, M.; Arthur E. Baum, S.W.; Wm. A. Staples, J.W.; Albert L. Strout, 11 Oak St., S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. Walter P. Ordway, M.; Frank W. Bucknam, S.W.; Leslie W. Goldsmith, J.W.; John H. Lancaster, S. Meeting second Monday; election, June. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Omar W. Chase, Jr., M.; Asa R. Low, S.W.; A. Herbert Harmon, J.W.; Arthur E. Horne, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. George E. Brazier, M.; Vacant, S.W.; Fred E. Cole, J.W.; Dana D. Higgins, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. Howard A. Lancaster, M.; Leslie R. Lord, S.W.; Francis M. Beasley, J.W.; Edward A. Merrill, S. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Herbert M. Clark, M.; Henry Foster, S.W.; Lyle H. Adams, J.W.; Reuel M. Berry, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Linwood B. Jones, M.; Frank J. Bishop, S.W.; Arthur A. Walton, J.W.; L. Elwood Jones, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. Hale M. Dow, M.; Ferdinand W. Hawkes, S.W.; Earl H. Babb, J.W.; Oliver A. Cobb, Box 64, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17

- Timothy, Chase, 126, Belfast. Frank H. Keene, M.; Zenas D. Harts-horn, S.W.; Linwood B. Thompson, J.W.; Charles E. Johnson, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, October. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. Julian F. Ellis, M.; John W. Hackett, S.W.; John N. Tibbetts, J.W.; Irving M. Curtis, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Sam A. Lurvey, M.; Austin M. Mitchell, S.W.; Eugene S. Thurston, J.W.; William R. Keene, Manset, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Horace B. Harmon, M.; Thomas F. Phair, S.W.; A. Phillip Seavey, J.W.; Vivian E. Howe, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. Elisha D. Wass, M.; Lester S. Cales, S.W.; William A. Cleaves, J.W.; Veranus C. Plummer, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. John W. Fessenden, M.; William R. Harris, S.W.; Burbank E. Strout, J.W.; Lewin Jefferies, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Raymond E. Thurston, M.; Charles E. McFarland, S.W.; George S. Burgess, J.W.; Charles M. Lucas, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. William S. Rogers, M.; Myron R. Hinckley, S.W.; Harry H. Nicoll, J.W.; Joseph S. Stetson, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. Howard N. Harmon, M.; Fred L. Thurston, S.W.; Leroy W. Gordon, J.W.; Albert W. Ward, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. Irvin J. Covell, M.; Alton F. Hussey, S.W.; George Haverly, J.W.; Chester E. Wood, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Fred W. Foss, M.; Carlton E. Turner, S.W.; Alvaro Gordon, J.W.; Eugene L. Millett, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Anson P. M. Given, M.; William W. Brown, S.W.; Albert Henderson, J.W.; Edward L. White, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. Ralph S. Smith, M.; James H. Holmes, S.W.; Henry F. Hall, J.W.; Francis L. Talbot, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Joseph H. Graham, M.; Walter E. Frank, S.W.; Ralph H. Hutchinson, J.W.; Almon N. Waterhouse, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17

- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Harold L. Humphrey, M.; Fay C. Shaw, S.W.; Harry E. Umphrey, J.W.; Edward M. Hines, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. James W. Mitchell, M.; Robert L. Chittenden, S.W.; Herbert E. Saunders, J.W.; Irving W. Case, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. Carleton, P. Cook, M.; J. Frederick Hill, S.W.; Willard R. Jones, J.W.; Chas. Leroy Jones, S. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. William Ramsay, M.; Lloyd B. Scott, S.W.; George Wood, J.W.; Herbert L. Jordan, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. George M. Rose, M.; John N. Foy, S.W.; Frank M. Oliver, J.W.; Alphonso F. Russell, Jr., S. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 26
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Charles A. Comins, M.; William L. Hopp, S.W.; James W. Monroe, J.W.; Fred E. Trefethen, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. William E. Coombs, M.; Hollis E. Joy, S.W.; William E. Gerrish, J.W.; Frank E. Weston, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 21
- York, 22, Kennebunk. Edgar S. Hawkes, M.; Harold H. Bourne, S.W.; Chas. H. Lucas, J.W.; George A. Gilpatric, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. Arthur A. Brackett, M.; Chester A. Batchelder, S. W.; H. Edwin Hayes, J.W.; Brainerd S. Drake, S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 19

....List of Lodges by Districts....



DISTRICT NO. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master—J. ORIN SMITH, Presque Isle.

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| 96 Monument, Houlton. | 193 Washburn, Washburn. |
| 112 Eastern Frontier, Ft. Fairfield. | 197 Aroostook, Blaine. |
| 130 Trinity, Presque Isle. | 214 Limestone, Limestone. |
| 170 Caribou, Caribou. | |

DISTRICT NO. 2.

District Deputy Grand Master—HENRY R. GILLIS, Calais.

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| 7 Eastern, Eastport. | 78 Crescent, Pembroke. |
| 37 Washington, Lubec. | 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. |
| 46 St. Croix, Calais. | |

DISTRICT NO. 3.

District Deputy Grand Master—ARNOLD LEIGHTON, Millbridge.

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| 2 Warren, East Machias. | 131 Lookout, Cutler. |
| 88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. | 173 Pleiades, Millbridge. |
| 91 Harwood, Machias. | 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. |
| 106 Tuscan, Addison Point. | |

DISTRICT NO. 4.

District Deputy Grand Master—GEORGE SILVER, Stonington.

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| 4 Hancock, Castine. | 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. |
| 122 Marine, Deer Isle. | 187 Ira Berry, Bluehill. |
| 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. | 195 Reliance, Stonington. |
| 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. | 210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. |

DISTRICT NO. 5.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM P. NEWMAN, Milo.

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| 39 Penobscot, Dexter. | 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. |
| 44 Piscataquis, Milo. | 168 Composite, La Grange. |
| 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. | 200 Columbia, Greenville. |
| 109 Mount Kineo, Guilford. | 207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. |
| 149 Doric, Monson. | |

DISTRICT NO. 6.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRED A. GRAY, Hermon.

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| 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. | 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. |
| 60 Star in the East, Old Town. | 87 Benevolent, Carmel. |
| 65 Mystic, Hampden. | 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. |
| 66 Mechanics', Orono. | 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. |
| 69 Howard, Winterport. | 174 Lynde, Hermon. |

DISTRICT NO. 7.

District Deputy Grand Master—C. LEE STEWART, Clinton.

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| 45 Central, China. | 111 Liberty, Liberty. |
| 58 Unity, Thorndike. | 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. |
| 85 Star in the West, Unity. | 146 Seabastcook, Clinton. |
| 102 Marsh River, Brooks. | |

DISTRICT NO. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master—ALLEN L. CURTIS, Belfast.

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| 24 Phoenix, Belfast. | 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. |
| 62 King David's, Lincolnville. | 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. |
| 68 Mariners', Searsport. | 151 Excelsior, Northport. |
| 89 Island, Isleboro. | |

DISTRICT NO. 9.

District Deputy Grand Master—CHESTER B. HALL, Warren.

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| 6 Amity, Camden. | 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. |
| 15 Orient, Thomaston. | 84 Eureka, Tenant's Harbor. |
| 16 St. George, Warren. | 145 Moses Webster, Vinal Haven. |
| 31 Union, Union. | 189 Knox, South Thomaston. |
| 50 Aurora, Rockland. | 203 Mount Olivet, Washington. |
| 79 Rockland, Rockland. | |

DISTRICT NO. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRED W. SEAVEY, So. Bristol.

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| 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. | 135 Riverside, East Jefferson. |
| 43 Alna, Damariscotta. | 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. |
| 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. | 158 Anchor, South Bristol. |
| 74 Bristol, Bristol. | 196 Bay View, East Boothbay. |
| 103 Dresden, Dresden. | 211 Meduncook, Friendship. |

DISTRICT NO. 11.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM F. LEAVITT, Augusta.

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| 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. | 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. |
| 25 Temple, Winthrop. | 104 Dirigo, Weeks' Mills. |
| 32 Hermon, Gardiner. | 110 Monmouth, Monmouth. |
| 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. | 141 Augusta, Augusta. |

DISTRICT NO. 12.

District Deputy Grand Master—HARRY S. GRINDALL, Waterville.

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| 33 Waterville, Waterville. | 99 Vernon Valley, Mt. Vernon. |
| 48 Lafayette, Readfield. | 113 Messalonskee, Oakland. |
| 53 Rural, Sidney. | 133 Asylum, Wayne. |
| 54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. | 166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. |

DISTRICT NO. 13.

District Deputy Grand Master—ERNEST W. GILMAN, Norridgewock.

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| 28 Northern Star, North Anson. | 116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. |
| 34 Somerset, Skowhegan. | 161 Carrabassett, Canaan. |
| 80 Keystone, Solon. | 194 Euclid, Madison. |
| 92 Siloam, Fairfield. | 199 Bingham, Bingham. |

DISTRICT NO. 14.

District Deputy Grand Master—ERNEST L. MAYBERY, Brunswick.

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| 8 United, Brunswick. | 63 Richmond, Richmond. |
| 14 Solar, Bath. | 114 Polar Star, Bath. |
| 23 Freeport, Freeport. | 121 Acacia, Durham. |
| 26 Village, Bowdoinham. | 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. |

DISTRICT NO. 15.

District Deputy Grand Master—WALTER E. HINDS, Flagstaff.

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| 20 Maine, Farmington. | 156 Wilton, Wilton. |
| 21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. | 191 Davis, Strong. |
| 67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. | 202 Mount Bigelow, Flagstaff. |
| 123 Franklin, New Sharon. | 204 Mount Abram, Kingfield. |
| 154 Mystic Tie, Weld. | 213 Kemankeag, Rangeley. |

DISTRICT NO. 16.

District Deputy Grand Master—RAYMOND H. EASTMAN, Norway.

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| 18 Oxford, Norway. | 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. |
| 94 Paris, South Paris. | 152 Crooked River, Bolster's Mills. |
| 97 Bethel, Bethel. | 182 Granite, West Paris. |
| 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. | |

DISTRICT NO. 17.

District Deputy Grand Master—NATHAN C. REDLON, Portland.

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| 1 Portland, Portland. | 86 Temple, Westbrook. |
| 17 Ancient Landmark, Portland. | 127 Presumpscot, North Windham. |
| 36 Casco, Yarmouth. | 180 Hiram, South Portland. |
| 38 Harmony, Gorham. | 183 Deering, Portland. |
| 70 Standish, Standish. | 186 Warren Phillips, Cumb. Mills. |
| 81 Atlantic, Portland. | |

DISTRICT NO. 18.

District Deputy Grand Master—WALDO N. SEAVY, Fryeburg.

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| 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. | 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. |
| 13 Oriental, Bridgton. | 153 Delta, Lovell. |
| 56 Mount Moriah, Denmark. | 169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. |

DISTRICT NO. 19.

District Deputy Grand Master—CHARLES F. GILPATRICK, Biddeford.

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| 9 Saco, Saco. | 162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. |
| 22 York, Kennebunk. | 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. |
| 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. | 184 Naval, Kittery. |
| 51 St. John's, South Berwick. | 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. |
| 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. | 215 Orchard, Old Orchard. |
| 142 Ocean, Wells' Depot. | |

DISTRICT NO. 20.

District Deputy Grand Master—GUY P. ROWE, Danforth.

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| 93 Horeb, Lincoln. | 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. |
| 148 Forest, Springfield. | 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. |

DISTRICT NO. 21.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM R. BEAZLEY, Bucksport.

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| 19 Felicity, Bucksport. | 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. |
| 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. | 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. |
| 71 Rising Sun, Orland. | 201 David A. Hooper, W. Sullivan. |
| 77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor. | 208 N. E. Harbor, N. E. Harbor. |
| 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. | 212 McKinley, McKinley. |

DISTRICT NO. 22.

District Deputy Grand Master—RUFUS L. TASKER, Dixmont.

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| 49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. | 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. |
| 64 Pacific, Exeter. | 139 Archon, East Dixmont. |
| 75 Plymouth, Plymouth. | 157 Cambridge, Cambridge. |
| 95 Corinthian, Hartland. | 160 Parian, Corinna. |

DISTRICT NO. 23.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM O. NICHOLS, Sanford.

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| 27 Adoniram, Limington. | 115 Buxton, West Buxton. |
| 42 Freedom, Limerick. | 118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. |
| 55 Fraternal, Alfred. | 143 Preble, Sanford. |
| 107 Day Spring, West Newfield. | 190 Springvale, Springvale. |

DISTRICT NO. 24.

District Deputy Grand Master—ALBERT T. BRADFORD, Turner.

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| 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. | 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. |
| 29 Tranquil, Auburn. | 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. |
| 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. | 164 Webster, Sabattus. |
| 101 Nezinscot, Turner. | 178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. |

DISTRICT NO. 25.

District Deputy Grand Master—ARTHUR J. WELCH, Millinocket.

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| 72 Pioneer, Ashland. | 205 Nollesemic, Millinocket. |
| 98 Katahdin, Patten. | 206 Island Falls, Island Falls. |
| 165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. | 209 Fort Kent, Fort Kent. |

DISTRICT NO. 26.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILSON H. CONANT, Buckfield.

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| 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. | 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. |
| 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. | 167 Whitney, Canton. |

ADDRESSES.

SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master,

Portland, Maine.

ALBRO E. CHASE,

Grand Treasurer,

Portland, Maine.

CHARLES B. DAVIS,

Grand Secretary,

Portland, Maine.

ALBRO E. CHASE,

Committee on Correspondence,

Portland, Maine.

❧ LODGES IN MAINE ❧

With Dates of Precedence and Charters.

| 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 Saint 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 Saint Croix, | Calais, | May 29, 1845 | May 29, 1845 |
| 47 Dunlap, | Biddeford, | Jan. 13, 1826 | Jan. 30, 1826 |
| 48 La Fayette, | Readfield, | Jan. 13, 1826 | May 20, 1850† |
| 49 Meridian Splendor, | Newport, | July 13, 1826 | July 18, 1826 |
| 50 Aurora, | Rockland, | July 18, 1826 | May 9, 1872† |
| 51 Saint John's, | South Berwick, | Jan. 12, 1827 | Feb. 13, 1827 |

| LODGE. | LOCATION. | DATE OF PRECEDENCE | DATE OF CHARTER. |
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| 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, 1827‡ |
| 58 Unity, | Thorndike, | April 10, 1828 | May 15, 1828 |
| 59 Mount Hope, | Hope, | Jan. 25, 1848 | May 4, 1848† |
| 60 Star in the East, | Old Town, | Feb. 23, 1848 | May 5, 1848 |
| 61 King Solomon's, | Waldoboro, | April 4, 1849 | Feb. 4, 1855‡ |
| 62 King David's, | Lincolntonville, | 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 |
| 72 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 Saint Paul's, | Rockport, | Oct. 27, 1855 | May 2, 1856 |
| 83 Saint 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 |
| 108 Relief, | Belgrade, | Jan. 11, 1861 | May 8, 1862§ |
| 109 Mount Kineo, | Abbot, | May 10, 1861 | May 8, 1862 |

| LODGE. | LOCATION. | DATE OF PRECEDENCE | DATE OF CHARTER. |
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| 110 | Monmouth, | May 21, 1861 | May 8, 1862 |
| 111 | Liberty, | Nov. 8, 1861 | May 8, 1862 |
| 112 | Eastern Frontier, | May 8, 1862 | May 7, 1863 |
| 113 | Messalonskee, | 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. 10, 1864 | May 3, 1866 |
| 128 | Eggmoggin, | 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 |
| 166 | Neguemkeag, | Vassalboro, Dec. 22, 1871 | May 9, 1872 |
| 167 | Whitney, | Canton, Mch. 9, 1872 | May 9, 1872 |

| LODGE. | LOCATION. | DATE OF PRECEDENCE | DATE OF CHARTER. |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 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 Saint 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 Mount 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 |
| 213 Kemankeag, | Rangeley, | Oct. 6, 1913 | May 7, 1914 |
| 214 Limestone, | Limestone, | Nov. 10, 1913 | May 7, 1914 |
| 215 Orchard, | Old Orchard, | May 4, 1916 | May 3, 1917 |

- 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.
 150 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 215; extinct 9; working 206.

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OF

M. W. Henry R. Taylor,

Grand Master in 1891-92.



Born in Newfane, Vt., May 31, 1830.

Died in Bangor, Me., October 6, 1918,

AGED 78 YEARS, 4 MONTHS, 5 DAYS.



“Sleep on, O friend, until thy waking day,
And ever we who loved thy presence here
Will keep for thee, through changes manifold,
A tender memory, growing with the years.”

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. W. MOSES TAIT,

Junior Grand Warden in 1895.



Born in Mirimichi, N. B., February 8, 1840.

Died in Calais, Me., April 15, 1919,

AGED 79 YEARS, 2 MONTHS, 7 DAYS.



"After the shower the tranquil sun ;
After the snow the emerald leaves ;
Silver stars after the day is done ;
After the harvest golden sheaves."

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OF

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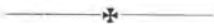
Junior Grand Warden in 1895.



Born in Lamoine, Me., July 27, 1854.

Died in Bar Harbor, Me., July 30, 1918,

AGED 64 YEARS, 3 DAYS.



"Sleep sweetly, tender heart, in peace;
Sleep, noble spirit, blessed soul,
While the stars burn, the moons increase,
And the great ages onward roll."

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. W. STEPHEN BERRY,

Assistant Grand Secretary 1856 to 1891.

Grand Secretary 1891 to 1917.

Grand Secretary Emeritus 1917 to 1919.



Born in Augusta, Me., December 21, 1833.

Died in Portland, Me., February 1, 1919.

AGED 85 YEARS, 1 MONTH, 10 DAYS.



“ Out on the sea whose other shore
Lies in the land of Evermore,
His barque has sailed.

“ They would not call him back, but yet
Their eyes with bitter tears are wet,
His barque has sailed.”

BRETHREN DIED DURING THE YEAR,

From March 1, 1918, to March 1, 1919.

THOSE MARKED * WERE RETURNED AS BURIED WITH MASONIC RITES.

1 Portland, Portland. Sumner Libby, May 24; Ambrose C. Partridge, March 15; Raymond S. Cummings, October 31; Edgar A. Little, December 23; Edward E. Cheney, January 1; Adam K. McGunegle, February 10; T. Ernest Harmon, February 12; Samuel Worcester, March 19.

2 Warren, East Machias. George H. Huntlet, March 7; Horatio A. Averill, August 9; Horace G. Maloon, November 2; Fred Oscar Talbot,* March 2; John Obed Tuel, December 20.

3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. William N. Bradford, November 20, (In France in U. S. Service); Ross Blain Clifford, May 23; Walter F. Clifford, May 23; Clarence M. Fowles, November 4; James H. Hill, March 4.

4 Hancock, Castine. Robert Aosgroae, October 10.

5 Kennebec, Hallowell. Benjamin F. Warner, March 15; Lorenzo D. Merchant, September 6.

6 Amity, Camden. Edwin Anderson, March 8; George H. Cleveland, May 12; John K. Hooper, July 11; Samuel Ayanbe, October 22.

7 Eastern, Eastport. Andrew W. French, March 22; John Welch,* May 8; William H. Hilyard,* September 16.

8 United, Brunswick. Stephen Young,* March 30; James M. Howland,* July 1; Amos F. Varney, June 19; Emery A. Crawford, July 14; Jacob Merriman, September 7; Harrison M. Stone, September 29; Samuel Whitmore, December, 16; Alfred S. Dunning,* February 17.

9 Saco, Saco. Henry Merriman Berry, July 28; Richard Campbell Owen, September 26; Frederick Carroll Bradbury, February 17.

10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Horace Jones, July 3; Frederick S. Hills, July 30; Frank E. Sparks, August 19; Fred E. Sprague, September 22; Charles C. Downes, November 9; Albra H. Harding, January 16.

11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. John F. Charles, July 7; John F. Phillips, January 18.

12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. George Evans Jumper, May 29; Harris William Jordan,* June 13; Lemuel S. Day,* July 11; William H. H. Snow,* August 14; Sturgis Vinton Colley,* November 28.

13 Oriental, Bridgton. William H. Allen,* July 19; Charles H. Chase, August 3; Ruel H. Dodge, August 3; Percy L. Smith, September 23, (In U. S. Service); Lewis H. Collins, February 19.

14 Solar, Bath. Frederick H. Kimball, May 14; John G. Webster, June 6; Charles W. Rickley, June 27; John R. Knowlton, July 21; Joseph K. Grover, October 18, (In U. S. Service); James B. Wescott, November 4; Henry M. Cunningham, December 30; Jacob Jacobson, January 4.

15 Orient, Thomaston. Elmer R. Bumps, April 5; William J. Lermond, October 4; Mark E. Lawrence, November 5.

16 St. George, Warren. Lewis Hall, January 1; Nelson McCallum, January 10.

17 Ancient Landmark, Portland. Llewellyn R. Smith, April 27; William F. Smith, March 9; Neil Dow Smith, September 11; Fred Russell Robinson, October 2, (In U. S. Service in France); Alvin A. Lane, October 8; Thomas J. Little, November 11; Walter G. Davis, November 24; James Burnie, November 27; Hans Herman Brown, January 24; Stephen Berry,* February 1; Frederick A. Tompson, February 2; Henry McCormick, February 12.

18 Oxford, Norway. James O. Crooker,* June 25; Arthur R. Buswell, October 5; Samuel H. Eaton,* December 7.

19 Felicity, Bucksport. Melvin L. Abbott, March 22; Guy W. Bennett, December 31; William O. Buck, February 15.

20 Maine, Farmington. George Marriett Carrier, April 1; James Henry Burbank, May 3; Clyde Zemri Yeaton, October 6; Edward Briggs Lowell, October 29; Henry Wyman Gilman,* November 11; Frank Oliver Fales,* December 31; Columbus Wallace Moody, January 15; Joseph Eugene Brown, January 21.

21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. Clarence M. Thompson, October 20; Harry W. Sawtelle, December 4.

22 York, Kennebunk. Harold A. Webber, October 31, (In U. S. Service in France); Mark H. Ford, January 1.

23 Freeport, Freeport. Charles Pritham, April 3; Josiah P. Merrill, April 30; William H. Bailey, May 22; Walter Hill Bailey, June 19; Oliver H. Briggs, September 25; Henry F. Brown, December 17.

24 Phoenix, Belfast. Frank E. Wiley, April 8; George T. Osborne, May 7; Calvin A. Hubbard, May 23; Walter C. Shaw, August 30; Frank D. Field, October 13; Elijah Shuman, December 16; Charles H. Crosby, January 3.

25 Temple, Winthrop. Albert H. Weeks,* May 15; Edwin R. Stain,

June 1; Albert F. Stone, October 16; Ivan J. Watson, October 29; Hamilear Carlzolari, December 22.

26 Village, Bowdoinham. Horace Snell,* May 30; James H. Wilson,* June 22; Charles W. Frost,* July 19; James D. Given,* August 24.

28 Northern Star, North Anson. Sidney W. Montham, October 5; Charles A. Getchell, July 7; Virgil D. Hilton, January 19; Ellery C. Andrews, January 13.

29 Tranquil, Auburn. Charles E. Darling, May 14; Leroy C. Drake, November 11; Freedom Haskell, March 15; Lincoln A. Lewis, December 30.

30 Blazing Star, Rumford. Richard E. Martin, May 1; George D. Bisbee, May 26; Cyrus P. Eaton, June 8; John W. Martin, July 30; Lucian W. Blanchard, August 16, (In U. S. Service); Clarence B. Newton, October 15; Virgil E. Fuller, December 16; Fred F. Bartlett, December 19; George W. Simpson, December 28; Herbert M. Howes, January 6, (In U. S. Service); Owen Lovejoy, February 24.

31 Union, Union. Warren Hills, September 5; Nathaniel E. Cummings, December 22.

32 Hermon, Gardiner. Weston Lewis, September 22; John A. Mann, November 7; Nathaniel P. Butler, November 22; Benjamin C. Heath, December 19; Eddie R. Choate, February 25.

33 Waterville, Waterville. John M. Webber, March 4; Fred H. Thomas,* March 18; Charles E. Buck,* April 5; Luther S. Rackliffe,* June 26; Martin F. Bartlett,* July 18; Weston B. Smiley, August 21; Abbott S. Morrison,* August 29; Fred W. Leslie,* September 8; Hanson G. Merrifield, September 26; Will A. Robinson,* October 17; Edward C. Brawn,* December 22; George Balentine, January 5; John A. Lang,* January 8.

34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Charles F. Ward, July 13; Clarence S. Dunlap, June 17, (Killed in action at Chateau-Thierry, France); Everett W. Bacon, January 23.

35 Bethlehem, Augusta. Frank B. Haskell, June 4; Frank E. Smith, June 10; Joseph Larrabee, July 20; Herbert W. Greeley, July 30; Lyman B. Weaver, August 10; Charles A. Wardsworth, September 5; Frank D. Moore, October 10; Albin O. Sanborn, November 20; John M. Nichols, November 29; Everett M. Mower, January 5; George F. Hawes, February 7; Fred M. Scribner, February 16; Walter H. Davis, February 20; Ira H. Randall, February 24.

36 Casco, Yarmouth. Smith D. Sawyer, April 17; Lorenzo Hamilton, September 6; Enos A. Blanchard, September 20; John L. Wright, October 13; William G. Sweetser, February 2.

37 Washington, Lubec. Benjamin F. Hamilton, April 26; Walter Wooster, Jr., October 10.

38 Harmony, Gorham. John C. Longwell, April 5; Horace F. Webb, June 1; Frank P. Johnson, August 7; William Morrill, August 16; Llewellyn T. Thombs, September 10; Fred D. Child, January 11; Robert F. Shackerford, January 10.

39 Penobscot, Dexter. Erastus G. Robinson, May 12; Alex. Cockburn, January 7; Stanley Plummer, February 12.

40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. Henry M. Brown, April 1; Arno W. King, July 21; George P. Woodward, July 22; Dorephus L. Fields, September 3; Sydney P. Stockbridge, October 18; Harry F. Moore; John I. Adams, November 18; John P. Eldridge, February 19.

41 Morning Star, Litchfield. J. Roger Gilman, September 30, (in U. S. service); Charles M. Snowman, October 24; Edward E. Ring; J. J. Perry, January 23; Walter C. Knight, November 13.

42 Freedom, Limerick. Austin W. Sawyer,* June 2; Fred L. Pierce,* June, 1918.

43 Alna, Damariscotta. George C. Erskin, April 25; Everett S. Brown, May 28; Chandler Wilson, August 11; Lorenzo A. Hall, September 5; Howard A. Harvey, October 19.

44 Piscataquis, Milo. Theodore H. Wyman,* March 5; John F. Bickmore, September 5; Frank B. Hansell,* December 28; Hosea Staples, January 9.

45 Central, China. Charles F. Achorn, unknown; Millard F. Hammond, March 27; Harry L. Morse, April 18; Harry M. Randall, December 16; Edward E. Washburn, October 17, (in U. S. service); Walter C. Williams, January 19.

46 St. Croix, Calais. Alexander Lowe, April 1; Willard H. Pike, April 26; Harry E. Noble, October 14; John W. McCullough, October 27; David B. Allen, October 31; Alexander M. McCoy, January 12; Michael H. Lydick,* January 13.

47 Dunlap, Biddeford. Charles Beaumont, May 1; James F. Tarr, July 26; Carleton T. Moore, October 1; Charles W. Fantom, November 9; Edwin Birdsley, November 15; William F. Libby, December 20; John Hone, January 12; Earl Cole, January 16.

48 Lafayette, Readfield. Hermon W. S. Lovejoy, May 26; Warren A. Wright, January 6.

49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. Giddeon A. Mabbitt, May 2; William Somers, December 13; Edgar Waters,* January 3; Cyrus W. French,* January 10.

50 Aurora, Rockland. Lewis T. Snow; Isaac H. Grant, May 2; Albert G. Holbrook, June (In a German Field Hospital in France); George H. Crozier, October 18; Wilbur H. Thompson, November 3; Jerry B. Gregory, November 8; George A. Flint, December 7; Carroll I. Gray

December 13; Harry R. Gribben, December 22; George P. White, December 24; John F. Perry, January 24; Henry O. Davis; Frank V. Goddard; Alden M. Kallock; David C. Newman; George H. Scott; George C. Nichols.

51 St. John's, South Berwick. Charles S. Hatch, August 21; Harold M. Knowles, September 30; George W. Miller, December 9; Harry I. Tucker, December 13; Harold E. Bradeen, January 9; Alonzo Horne, January 18.

52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. Wainwright Cushing, June 17; Josiah B. Mayo, September 17; Judson Ames, September 23; George E. Mayo, September 27; John H. Danforth, September 30; William H. Jennison, October 1; William L. Parsons, October 6; Walter W. Russell, October 29.

53 Rural, Sidney. Charles H. Lovejoy, March 30; Joseph H. Hamlin, October 11; George F. Reynolds, December 12; Joseph T. Durrell, December 22; George A. Barnard, February 5.

56 Mount Moriah, Denmark. Oliver B. Ordway, March 9; Cyrus S. Barker, October 29; George F. Kennison, January 14.

57 King Hiram, Dixfield. Frank G. Parsons, March 12; William E. Putnam, June 21; Ephraim G. Reynolds, July 14; John N. Thompson, September 1; William W. Abbott, January 12; John N. Bradeen, January 15.

58 Unity, Thorndike. Edwin Cornforth, October 19.

60 Star in the East, Old Town. Christian B. Bors, May 12; Lester F. Gillis,* March 30; Stephen C. Morse,* February 13.

61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. Walter E. Clark,* March 7; Roscoe B. Wallace, March 27; Rufus C. Barter,* May 6; Washington Burnheimer,* June 27; William E. Schwartz, July 19; Charles T. Keen, February 12.

62 King David's, Lincolnville. Wilder P. Drinkwater,* May 19; Aubrey M. Meservey, September 16, (Killed in action in France); Frank H. Rankin,* November 21; William A. Matthews, January 10.

63 Richmond, Richmond. Harold A. Emerson, August 8, (In U. S. Service in France).

64 Pacific, Exeter. Daniel B. Packard, January 9.

65 Mystic, Hampden. Harry H. Hunting, April 23; Allen H. Cole, May 7; Richards L. Stubbs, September 27; Charles J. M. S. Nason, October 12; Ellsworth C. Hodgins, October 31; Dudley J. Porter, November 10.

66 Mechanics, Orono. Richard S. Howland, July 26; Dunton Hamilton, September 24, (In U. S. Service); Robert G. Hurd, October 9, (In U. S. Service); Joseph McKenney, October 16; David M. Gipson, October 30; Arthur E. Cole, December 24; Kilgore Parker, January 1.

67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. Joel H. Bryan, March 31; Ralph H. Mann, November, 1918; Frank G. MacKenzie, March 28.

68 Mariners', Searsport. George S. Merrill, March 1.

69 Howard, Winterport. John Henry Eagleson,* April 3; Freeman Snow,* April 10; James Freeman, September 18; Edwin J. Bowden,* December 5; Henry T. Snow,* February 8; Ziba R. Williams,* February 14.

70 Standish, Standish. James Libby, June 3; Berdan J. Kenison, August, 1918, (In France in U. S. Service); William S. Thompson, October 1; Fred A. Ward, January 7.

71 Rising Sun, Orland. Monroe Blaisdell, June 8; William G. Ayer, August 6; Walter R. Soper, October 10; S. Whitcomb Cousins, December 17, 1916.

72 Pioneer, Ashland. John M. McLean, April 2; Sanborn C. Murphy, November 26.

73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. Dave S. Robinson,* March 26; Orren E. Ackins, March 10; Newell W. Foster, June 8; William L. Boothby, August 8; Austin T. Jordan,* November 19; James N. Mitchell, January 12; Charles A. Pierce, December 7.

74 Bristol, Bristol. Thomas Calhane, September 23; Harry F. Hamm, August 8; Robert A. Sproul, September 18; Frank B. Wells, January 23.

76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Clarence W. Littlefield, September 25, (In U. S. Service).

77 Tremont, South West Harbor. Howard P. Robbins,* March 26; Willis E. Drew,* March 21; Byron H. Mayo,* June 19; Augustus Brien,* September 29.

78 Crescent, Pembroke. Albert S. Farnsworth, April 11; Leroy Gardner, June, 1918, (Killed in action in France); John L. Gleason, October 25; Joseph M. Ward, January 21; Mathew Cleland, January 26.

79 Rockland, Rockland. Cecil C. Wescott,* May 30; Sumner H. Boynton, July 30; William J. Ward, July 19, (Lost at sea); Frank M. Shaw, September 25; Emile F. Wilben, October 24; William H. Kittredge, November 26; John Lovejoy, December 14.

80 Keystone, Solon. Almon H. Felker, March 25; William A. Jewett, June 5; Daniel K. Williams, July 18; Louis L. Whiting, October 12; Leander F. McIntire, February 3.

81 Atlantic, Portland. George C. Gray, April 3; Frederick L. Jerris, March 7; Samuel Lord,* June 28; William B. Josephs,* August 13; Russel P. Swan,* November 15; Albert M. Spear, Jr.,* December 14; John R. Dillon, December 16; Sidney B. Stuart,* January 29; Isaac H. Parsons, January 29; Daniel W. Fox,* February 7; Frederick B. Thompson, February 16.

82 St. Paul's, Rockport. Fred E. Richards, May 7; Fred E. Whitney, January 20.

83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. Irving C. Swett, March 20; Ernest L. Lyman, April 26; William E. Emery, June 10, (In U. S. Service); George F. Cameron, September 10; William W. Doane, October 2; Burr B. Leighton, October 14; Luther Ferguson, November 25; Joseph S. Smith, January 25, (In U. S. Service).

84 Eureka, St. George. Mitchell Blackford, July 30.

85 Star in the West, Unity. George B. Pillsbury, January 24; Samuel A. Myrick, February 28.

86 Temple, Westbrook. James Dougherty,* March 4; Wyvern A. Coombs, April 23; Thomas J. Foster, May 10; Russell C. Plummer, June 28; John A. Smith,* July 1; Albert H. Burroughs, September 10; George D. Huerton,* October 14; George L. Warren, October 21; Charles E. Rollins, November 19.

87 Benevolent, Carmel. Boardman C. Friend, March 4; Judley A. Sylvester, July 1; Donald M. Clapham, September 29; Andrew J. Friend, January 13.

88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. Neil C. Sherwood, June 28; Carroll H. Wilson, December 22, (In U. S. Service in France); Ambrose Rumball, January 1; John E. Haley, February 20.

91 Harwood, Machias. Charles C. Parker, May 11; Daniel A. Curtis, May 30; Percy S. Bosworth, March 13; Carl H. Bryant, September 29; Henry R. Taylor, October 6; Andrew R. Gilson, October 26; Ralph W. Albee, November 1.

92 Siloam, Fairfield. Clarence T. Bickmore, March 8; Edward J. Lawrence, November 27.

93 Horeb, Lincoln. Harry B. Laing, July 8; John W. Haskell, August 18.

94 Paris, South Paris. Silas P. Maxim, March 24; John F. Plummer, September 3; Herbert G. Fletcher, October 8; Walter S. Abbott, December 27; Carl S. Briggs, December 29.

95 Corinthian, Hartland. Alvah Wyman, November 18.

96 Monument, Houlton. Albert A. Burleigh,* April 8; Frank H. Britton,* April 16; John E. Bryson, October 26; Charles D. Ingraham, October 25; William F. Buzzell, November 3; William G. Bamford,* February 6.

97 Bethel, Bethel. Calvin I. Kimball, August 5; Ezra M. Cross, December 14.

98 Katahdin, Patten. George Fish, April 7; Timothy Woodbury, April 22; Clifford Wescott, October 10.

99 Vernon Valley, Mount Vernon. Edgar E. Robinson, February 3.

100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. Daniel A. Coffin, March 23; Dennis W. Cole, May 9; Charles B. Tibbetts, January 4.

101 Nezinscot, Turner. David N. Osgood, April 30; F. Walter Marden, December 19; Hermet M. Lowe, February 8; William B. Bradford, February 23; Albert G. Johnson; Charles L. Humphry, January 15; E. E. Hutchinson, May 22, 1917.

102 Marsh River, Brooks. G. C. Levenseller, August 28; A. T. Staples, September 24, (At Camp Devens, in U. S. Service).

104 Dirigo, Weeks' Mills. Stephen B. Clark, January 12.

105 Ashlar, Lewiston. Abdellah B. Carter, February 20, 1918; John R. Sykes, April 11; Samuel H. Walker, April 10; James Dawson, June 18; Arthur L. Stockbridge, August 22; James Craig, October 11; Ernest H. Soule, October 25; John Blair, November 23; Alonzo H. Sturgis, December 18; Frank W. Hallett, (In France, in U. S. Service).

106 Tuscan, Addison. James B. Donald, May 30; Langley S. Bartlett, October 17; Winfield S. Smith, September 21; Frank E. Smith, December 7.

109 Mount Kinco, Guilford. Clarence M. Drew, May 17; Charles R. Small, August 5; Samuel H. Boardman, August 22; John Delano, November 6; Frank D. Weymouth, December 5.

110 Monmouth, Monmouth. George L. King, October 23.

112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. Roderick Powers, November 27; H. Lincoln Foster, December 30; Benjamin A. Churchill, January 11.

113 Messalonskee, Oakland. Maurice L. Fernald, September 30; Abram Bachelder, October 29; George F. Allen, January 1.

114 Polar Star, Bath. Frank Morse, May 31; James E. Oliver, August 18; Wiley R. Dickinson, September 18; Charles B. Furber, October 4.

115 Buxton, West Buxton. Wilbur Bradbury, February 2, 1915.

116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. George M. Smith,* March 26; Charles A. Ward,* December 14.

117 Greenleaf, Cornish. Alexander P. Copp, May 14; S. John Elliott, August 3; Nathan W. Pease, September 18; Lorenzo Sanborn, date unknown; Cyrus K. Durgin, January 6.

118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. John A. Leavitt, October 12; Eben Coolbroth, October 18; David I. Merrill, November 10.

119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. Josiah Colson, July 18; Simeon Ellis, September 21; Jesse F. Gould; Andrew D. Guffur; Darius T. Berry, December 17; Charles W. Parsons, September 10; Harry D. Shute, October 22.

121 Acacia, Durham. Julius E. Eveleth, December; Trull D. Nichols, September; Charles C. Sydleman, January.

122 Marine, Deer Isle. Charles E. Haskell, December 11.

123 Franklin, New Sharon. Arthur I. Holt, April 1; William W. Norcross, June 14; Clarence H. Macomber, December 20; Daniel W. French, January 6; John N. Collins, June 20.

124 Olive Branch, Charleston. Lewis H. Coy, September 26; Ernest T. Dexter, January 17; Oscar L. Smith, January 19.

125 Meridian, Pittsfield. William E. Spear, April 13; Fred R. Smith, August 27; Moses Maxfield, November 11.

126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. Peter F. Welch, June 30; Arthur N. Johnson, September 24; Ralph H. Cunningham, January 23; Roy E. Cunningham, January 30.

127 Presumpscot, North Windham. Charles William Wallace Field, July 19, (Killed in Action in France); Charles M. Elliot,* November 27.

128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. Arthur H. Sargent, April 18; Samuel Hazen, June 25; John C. Gray, October 18; William N. Means, November 7; Frank Hinckley, December 14; Wylie Byard, December 30.

129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. William Clarence Jackson,* December 23, (In U. S. Service, at Camp McClellan, Ala.)

130 Trinity, Presque Isle. Lucian A. Doe, February 18; Woodford Brown, September 7; Spurgeon F. Scribner, September 22, (In U. S. Service); George A. Parsons, November 18; Fred F. Brown, December 26.

131 Lookout, Cutler. Alden Z. Cates, May 29; Charles E. Ward, October 16; Melvin S. Ackley, October 25; Harry W. Gardner, January 24.

132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. S. Jason Marr, August 25.

133 Asylum, Wayne. Charles E. Wing, December 18.

135 Riverside, Jefferson. Henry E. Ames, May 3; Alfred Dunton, August 15; George A. Atkinson, October 14; Albert W. Nash, December 3; Fayette H. Jones, January 11.

137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. Levi B. Lewis, May 26; William B. Peabody,* November 18.

138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. Joseph E. Eaton, July 8, (At Camp Devens, in U. S. Service); Norman H. Hambleton, October 17; Harold C. Robinson, September 29, (Killed in action in France).

139 Archon, East Dixmont. George H. Bickford, December 18; John T. Smith, January 10; Edgar C. Newcomb,* February 22.

140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. J. P. Curtis, May 7; William Morris, October 7; Gershom Rollins, February 1.

141 Augusta, Augusta. Royal H. Bodwell, July 8; Charles H. Dud-

ley, April 7; William E. Lawry,* September 23; Alfred W. Johnson,* November 6; George T. Stevens, December 21.

142 Ocean, Wells Depot. Maurice W. Gould, October 16; Joseph H. Littlefield, February 15.

143 Preble, Sanford. Nathaniel L. Hanson, December 3; Charles O. Emery, December 27; Thomas A. Nutter, December 29; D. Fuller Merrow, February 17.

144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. Alfred C. White,* May 23; Mitchell Reed, July 6; Charles J. Cooper, October 6; Eugene Murray, October 5; Bradford Murray, October 30; William Camaron, October 14; James L. Young, November 14; Sidney B. Orne, October 2, (In U. S. Service); William G. McClintock, December 24.

145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Charles W. Roberts, July 5; Fairfield Calderwood, September 13; John S. Lane, September 15; Albert L. Hamilton, September 25; Loman Gray, September 27; Hiram C. Gray, October 6; John Alexander, December 22.

146 Sebec, Clinton. Manly Morrison, March 31; Arthur B. Woodcock, August 30; John M. Jewell, November 10.

148 Forest, Springfield. Abel A. Blanchard, August 25; George H. Haskell, March 11; Bert F. Smith, May 26.

149 Doric, Monson. Charles S. Pullen, March 5; Albert P. Dane,* November 21; Herming F. Johnson, November 24.

150 Rabboni, Lewiston. Benjamin F. Palmer, March 24; J. Frank Boothby, April 21; John W. West, May 28; Clarence L. Williams, January 2.

151 Excelsior, Northport. William A. Gillispie, January 27.

152 Crooked River, Otisfield. Allison Libby, April 28.

153 Delta, Lovell. Preston B. Walker, April 29; Grafton D. Ring, July 22; Daniel W. Wiley, November 4.

154 Mystic Tie, Weld. Charles I. Chase, May 25; Harold I. Parlin, September 25, (In U. S. Service).

155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. Frank A. Jordan,* April 15; Augustus W. Potter,* July 11; George R. Andrews,* January 18; True G. Greene, February 28.

156 Wilton, Wilton. Asa C. Talbot, May 7; C. Fred Blanchard, August 8; Louis Bove, September 16; Chester E. Fletcher, September 24, (In U. S. Service); Francis M. Morton, September 19; Dana O. Coolidge, December 1; William C. Calden, December 14.

157 Cambridge, Cambridge. Samuel C. Morrill,* June 24; William Robinson, (In France in U. S. Service); Henry Walton, August 18; Carl P. Wilder,* February 11.

158 Anchor, South Bristol. Menzies R. Gamage, August 21; Wellington M. Jordan, October 9, (In U. S. Service).

160 Parian, Corinna. Robert C. Knowles, March 1; Levi B. Moody, April 5; Charles Bradford, November 18; G. Lester Shepherd, January 19.

161 Carrabassett, Canaan. Fred J. Horne, May 15; William Goodridge, August 6; Charles E. Burrill, January 9.

162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. Clinton F. Warner, November 5.

163 Pleasant River, Brownville. B. F. Hobbs, March 15; C. D. Getchell, October 31; F. W. Greenway, November 11; B. O. Jones, October 6.

164 Webster, Sabattus. George W. Jordan, June 16; William H. Wright, August 22; Lester E. Drinkwater, October 4, (In France, in U. S. Service).

165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. Ralph Edwin Robinson, January 18; William C. Rogerson, February 14.

167 Whitney, Canton. John H. Dailey, September 25; George F. Towle, October 8.

168 Composite, La Grange. William McAndrews, April 18; Nelson E. Widden, March 9; Marcellus Nason, May 16; James L. Graves, October 1; Lester M. Heal, October 1.

170 Caribou, Caribou. Charles P. Collins, August 25; Joseph W. H. Porter, October 20; David E. Johnson, January 24; Samuel Taylor.

171 Naskeag, Brooklin. Harry E. Cousins, October 26.

172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. John C. Speed, March 22; John F. Stephenson, August 6; Arthur D. Armour, September 3; Everett W. Dixon, January 1.

173 Pleiades, Millbridge. Henry A. Jordan, Ernest D. Huntley.

174 Lynde, Hermon. Emery Morrill,* Frank H. Jewell, Alfred R. Jewell. (The Secretary returns no dates.)

175 Baskahegan, Danforth. George E. Fifield,* March 4; Bushrod W. Stinchfield,* June 2; John H. Sargent,* June 4; Thaxter C. Littlefield, September 27, (At Camp Devens, buried with masonic honors at Danforth); James S. Harding,* December 20.

177 Rising Star, Penobscot. Frank H. Hutchins, March 31; Franklin Bowden, December 1; Thomas C. Mitchell, February 10; Charles P. Gray, February 20.

178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. Archie Vincet Torsey,* March 5; Lewis A. Cobb, March 6; Horatio B. Sawyer, March 24; William Mather Richardson,* July 15; Harris Linwood Webber, August 23; Edwin David Ames, December 12; Isaac Goddard,* January 11; James Campbell Sonter, February 7.

179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. Frank A. Knight, July 14; Sylvester Pierce, August 15; George W. Neal, November 11.

180 Hiram, South Portland. Horace G. Trundy, March 18; Hezekiah H. Pittee, March 22; T. Alonzo Libby, March 31; Byron John Brown,* October 8.

182 Granite, West Paris. Leonard B. Swan, October 18; Samuel W. Dunham, October 25.

183 Deering, Portland. Charles L. Jewell, March 17; Lyman J. S. Richards, March 25, (In U. S. Service); Horace H. Towle, May 21; James C. Rankin, June 2; Lewis C. Goddard, September 7; Frank E. Ross, September 18; Frank M. Stevens, October 10; Joseph A. Hutt, December 13; Charles G. Stevens, December 14; Walter H. Hawkes, December 25; Fred W. Huntington, January 23; Abner T. Smith, February 19; James P. Lash, (Killed in action in France, date unknown).

184 Naval, Kittery. Alverton M. Hammond, March 22; Lewis B. Gerrish, June 23; Claud C. Gillham, August 3; Frank W. Call, October 3; Herman S. Boulter, October 10; Kirt Green, November 2, (Killed in action in France).

185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. Benjamin L. Hadley,* July 30; Joseph H. Kefamver, October 4, (In U. S. Service); Myer Freidman, October 21, (Killed in action in France); Fountain Rodick,* February 25.

186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Levi H. Bachelder, January, 1919; Harry B. Hoar, June, 1918; Orlando W. Dayhuff, April, 1918.

187 Ira Berry, Blue Hill. John T. Treworgy, May 8; James H. Morse, October 16.

188 Jonesport, Jonesport. Henry L. Stevens, January 4.

189 Knox, South Thomaston. Albert S. Jones, April 6; Fred M. Smith,* May 15; Alden G. Keller, January 1.

190 Springvale, Springvale. Charles C. Hutchins,* November 5; Alvah D. Carroll, December 5; James L. Houston, January 25; George R. Cate, February 21.

192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. Wallace Dillman, April 6; Ezery Over, October 3; Lewis Coombs, October 8; Charles T. Hooper, January 30; Colburn Higgins, January 19.

194 Euclid, Madison. Elisha A. Weybrant, April 17; Rufus S. McKenney, September 26; Charles A. Wilbur, November 20; Roland E. Fletcher, December 31, (In U. S. Service).

195 Reliance, Stonington. Thaddeus M. Gross, September 5; Walter H. Gross, October 27; Robert J. Roberts, December 19; Calvin A. Sturdee, September 27, (In U. S. Service).

196 Bay View, East Boothbay. Leonard A. Blake, October 29; Benjamin Kelley, April 26; George W. Whitehouse, May 30; George A. McGunnigle, July 29.

197 Aroostook, Blaine. John E. York, March 26; Elijah A. Tompkins, December 10; Augustus M. Stackpole, Sr., September 2.

198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. Warren F. Blaisdell, September 29; Robert F. Farwell, October 4.

199 Bingham, Bingham. Mellen V. Adams, September 15; Ralph O'Hara, October 31; Philander O. Newton, January 15.

201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Charles Huntington, June 18; Fred L. Orcutt,* September 12; Charles R. Preble,* September 27; Joseph P. Bowden, October 2; Robert M. Delzell, February 6.

202 Mount Bigelow, Flagstaff. Florin E. Sampson,* October 9; Harry J. Lincoln,* December 15.

203 Mount Olivet, Washington. Stephen G. Bowes,* October 25.

204 Mount Abram, Kingfield. Frank F. Weymouth,* (In U. S. Service at Camp Devens); Orrin W. Simmons,* March 31; Joseph L. Linscott,* October 6; Donald W. Norton, November 2, (Killed in action in France); Eugene E. Jackson, January 11.

206 Island Falls, Island Falls. Frederick E. Collins, January 31.

207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. F. C. Carr,* June 18; J. C. Fowler, March 18; Gerald R. Stott, July 18, (Killed in action in France); Walter Percy Tracy, September, 1918, (Killed in action in France).

208 North East Harbor, North East Harbor. Frank E. Manchester, January 13.

210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. Allen G. Smith, date unknown; James S. Conden, October 19.

214 Limestone, Limestone. Thomas H. Brown, September 5.

Recapitulation--1919

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| Lodges enrolled,..... | 215 |
| " extinct,..... | 9 |
| " working,..... | 206 |
| " represented at communication, 1919,..... | 182 |
| Number of representatives,..... | 234 |
| Lodges to make returns,..... | 206 |
| Making returns in time,..... | 206 |
| Initiated,..... | 1,863 |
| Raised,..... | 1,808 |
| Affiliated,..... | 92 |
| Re-instated,..... | 88 |
| Total increase,..... | 1,988 |
| Demitted,..... | 120 |
| Died,..... | 769 |
| Suspended,..... | 1 |
| Expelled,..... | 2 |
| Lost membership by non-payment of dues,..... | 163 |
| Deprived of membership for non-payment of dues,..... | 0 |
| Total decrease,..... | 1,055 |
| Net increase,..... | 933 |
| Members, March 1, 1918,..... | 32,453 |
| Members, March 1, 1919,..... | <u>33,386</u> |
| Grand Lodge Receipts,..... | \$12,904.25 |
| " " Disbursements,..... | \$9,487.70 |
| Amount of Charity Fund,..... | \$77,073.25 |
| Income of Charity Fund,..... | \$3,375.67 |

Grand Lodges and

| GRAND LODGES. | GRAND MASTERS. |
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| Alabama, Dec. 4, 1918, | Robert S. Teague, Montgomery. |
| Alberta, May 29, 1918, | M. Darling, Edmonton. |
| Arizona, Feb. 12, 1918, | Edwin Alvin Hughes, Tombstone. |
| Arkansas, Nov. 19, 1918, | G. W. Wells, Imboden. |
| Belgium, Jan. 29, 1919, | Charles Magnette, Brussels. |
| British Columbia, June 20, 1918, | John Shaw, Nanaimo. |
| California, Oct. 9, 1918, | Bradford Webster, San Francisco. |
| Canada, July 17, 1918, | William H. Wardrope, Hamilton. |
| Colorado, Sept. 17, 1918, | Clarence M. Kellogg, Denver. |
| Connecticut, Feb. 5, 1919, | Wallace S. Moyle, New Haven. |
| Cuba, April 24, 1919, | Erasmus R. Boudet, Havana. |
| Delaware, October 2, 1918, | A. Victor Hughes, Wilmington. |
| Dist. Columbia, Dec. 18, 1918, | Joseph H. Milans, Washington. |
| England, June 5, 1918, | Duke of Connaught. |
| Florida, Jan. 21, 1919, | T. Picton Warlou, Orlando. |
| Georgia, Nov. 26, 1918, | Robert J. Travis, Savannah. |
| Idaho, Sept. 10, 1918, | Andrew Lounsbury, Albion. |
| Illinois, Oct. 8, 1918, | Austin H. Scrogin, Lexington. |
| Indiana, May 28, 1918, | Thomas B. Bohon, Jeffersonville. |
| Iowa, June 11, 1918, | George L. Schoonover, Anamosa. |
| Ireland, Dec. 27, 1918, | Earl of Donoughmore. |
| Kansas, Feb. 19, 1919, | Owen J. Wood, Topeka. |
| Kentucky, Dec. 10, 1918, | William Carson Black, Barbourville. |
| Louisiana, Feb. 15, 1919, | Rudolph Krause, Lake Charles. |
| Maine, May 6, 1919, | Silas B. Adams, Portland. |
| Manitoba, June 12, 1918, | Edward T. Greenway, Crystal City. |
| Maryland, March 12, 1918, | Charles C. Homer, Jr., Baltimore. |
| Massachusetts, Dec. 10, 1918, | Leon M. Abbott, Brookline. |
| Michigan, May 21, 1918, | Hugh A. McPherson, Howell. |
| Minnesota, Jan. 15, 1918, | George M. Stowe, Wadena. |
| Mississippi, Feb. 19, 1918, | W. Laurence Wilson, Laurel. |
| Missouri, Sept. 17, 1918, | John W. Bingham, Milan. |
| Montana, Aug. 21, 1918, | Ernest M. Hutchinson, Whitefish. |
| Nebraska, June 4, 1918, | Ambrose C. Epperson, Clay Center. |

Addresses of Grand Officers.

GRAND SECRETARIES.
CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.

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| Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery. | Oliver D. Street, Guntersville. |
| S. Y. Taylor, Calgary. | E. T. Bishop, Edmonton. |
| George J. Roskruge, Tucson. | Harry A. Drachman, Tucson. |
| Fay Hempstead, Little Rock. | S. O. Whaley, Sulphur Springs. |
| George Petre, Brussels. | None. |
| W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster. | W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster. |
| John Whicher, San Francisco. | John D. Murphey, Oakland. |
| William M. Logan, Hamilton, Ont. | Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton, Ont. |
| Charles H. Jacobson, Denver. | Stanley C. Warner, Denver. |
| George A. Kies, Hartford. | George A. Kies, Hartford. |
| Felix V. P. Perez, Havana. | Francisco de P. Rodriguez, Havana. |
| Harry J. Guthrie, Wilmington. | Harry J. Guthrie, Wilmington. |
| Arvine W. Johnston, Washington. | George W. Baird, Washington. |
| P. Colville Smith, London. | None. |
| Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville. | Silas B. Wright, DeLand. |
| Frank F. Baker, Macon. | Raymond Daniels, Atlanta. |
| George E. Knepper, Boise. | George E. Knepper, Boise. |
| Isaac Cutter, Camp. Point. | Delmar D. Darrah, Bloomington. |
| Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis. | Elmer F. Gay, Indianapolis. |
| Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids. | Louis Block, Davenport. |
| Henry E. Flavelle, Dublin. | None. |
| Albert K. Wilson, Topeka. | |
| Dave Jackson, Louisville. | William W. Clark, Owensboro. |
| John A. Davilla, New Orleans. | Herman C. Duncan, Alexandria. |
| Charles B. Davis, Portland. | Albro E. Chase, Portland. |
| James A. Ovas, Winnipeg. | A. L. Crossin, |
| George Cook, Baltimore. | Rev. Henry Branch, Baltimore. |
| Frederick W. Hamilton, Boston. | None. |
| Lou B. Winsor, Reed City. | Lou B. Winsor, Reed City. |
| John Fishel, St. Paul. | Irving Todd, Hastings. |
| Frederick G. Speed, Vicksburg. | George B. Power, Jackson. |
| John R. Parson, St. Louis. | Charles C. Woods, St. Louis. |
| Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena. | Herman S. Hepner, Helena. |
| Francis E. White, Omaha. | Francis E. White, Omaha. |

| GRAND LODGES. | GRAND MASTERS. |
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| Nevada, July 21, 1918, | Walter E. Pratt, Goldfield. |
| New Brunswick, April 23, 1918, | Daniel C. Clart, St. John. |
| New Hampshire, May 8, 1918, | Eugene S. Head, Hooksett. |
| New Jersey, April 16, 1919, | William L. Daniels, Trenton. |
| New Mexico, Dec. 9, 1918, | Alex. D. Goldenberg, Tucumcari. |
| N. South Wales, June 12, 1918, | William Thompson. |
| New York, May 8, 1919, | William S. Farmer, Syracuse. |
| New Zealand, May 8, 1918, | Alexander L. Herdman, Auckland. |
| North Carolina, Jan. 15, 1919, | Henry A. Grady, Clinton. |
| North Dakota, June 18, 1918, | Henry G. Vick, Cavalier. |
| Nova Scotia, June 12, 1918, | John Hay, Truro. |
| Ohio, Nov. 26, 1918, | Isaac Kinsey, Toledo. |
| Oklahoma, April 28, 1919, | O. Alonzo Connor, Vinita. |
| Oregon, June 12, 1918, | Frank W. Settlemier, Woodburn. |
| Panama, Feb. 11, 1919, | Jose Maria Fernandez, Panama. |
| Pennsylvania, Dec. 4, 1918, | James B. Krause, Philadelphia. |
| Peru, March 25, 1918, | Alberto Baroni, Lima. |
| Philippine Islands, Jan. 22, 1818, | Manuel L. Quezon, Manila. |
| Porto Rico, March 22, 1919. | W. F. Lippitt, San Juan. |
| P. E. Island, June 26, 1918, | L. M. McKinnon, Montague. |
| Quebec, Feb. 12, 1919, | Arthur B. Wood, Montreal. |
| Rhode Island, May 20, 1918, | E. Tudor Gross, Providence. |
| Saskatchewan, June 19, 1918, | Robert Young, Prince Albert. |
| Scotland, Feb. 3, 1916, | R. King Stewart, Murdostoun. |
| South Australia, April 18, 1917, | Eustace B. Grundy. |
| South Carolina, Dec. 11, 1917, | Wm. W. Wannamaker, Orangeburg. |
| South Dakota, June 5, 1918, | Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls. |
| Tasmania, Feb. 27, 1919, | C. E. Davies, Hobart. |
| Tennessee, Jan. 29, 1919, | T. J. Brandon, Dover. |
| Texas, Dec. 3, 1918, | A. A. Ross, Lockhart. |
| Utah, Jan. 21, 1919, | Arthur C. Wherry, Salt Lake City. |
| Vermont, June 12, 1918, | David A. Elliott, White River Junction. |
| Victoria, Dec. 20, 1918, | Frederick T. Hickford, Melbourne. |
| Virginia, Feb. 11, 1919, | Sol Cutchins, Richmond. |
| Washington, June 13, 1918, | Alonzo E. Emerson, Ellensburg. |
| West Virginia, Dec. 11, 1918, | George S. Laidley, Charleston. |
| West. Australia, April 25, 1918, | Sir William Ellison-Macartney, Perth. |
| Wisconsin, June 11, 1918, | David Harlowe, Milwaukee. |
| Wyoming, Sept. 11, 1918, | George E. Brimmer, Rawlins. |

GRAND SECRETARIES.

CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.

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| Edw. D. Vanderlieth, Carson City. | Edw. D. Vanderlieth, Carson City. |
| J. Twining Hartt, St. John. | James Vroom, St. Stephen. |
| Harry M. Cheney, Concord. | Harry M. Cheney, Concord. |
| Isaac Cherry, Trenton. | Robert A. Shirrefs, Elizabeth. |
| Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque. | John Milne, Albuquerque. |
| Arthur H. Bray, Sydney. | S. Scott Young. |
| Robert J. Kenworthy, New York. | William Sherer, Brooklyn. |
| Malcolm Niccol, Auckland. | Malcolm Niccol, Auckland. |
| William W. Wilson, Raleigh. | Marshall DeL. Haywood, Raleigh. |
| Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo. | Grant S. Hager, Grafton. |
| James C. Jones, Halifax. | James C. Jones, Halifax. |
| Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati. | Frank H. Marquis, Mansfield. |
| Wm. M. Anderson, Oklahoma City. | Thomas C. Humphry, Hugo. |
| James F. Robinson, Portland. | David P. Mason, Albany. |
| Jose Oller, Panama. | None. |
| John A. Perry, Philadelphia. | Thomas F. Penman, Scranton. |
| Jorge E. Thornberry, Lima. | None. |
| Newton C. Comfort, Manila. | Walter W. Weber, Manila. |
| Jose G. Torres, San Juan. | H. L. Moore, San Juan. |
| Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown. | Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown. |
| W. W. Williamson, Montreal. | E. D. T. Chambers, Quebec. |
| S. Penrose Williams, Providence. | William M. Chatterton, Pawtucket. |
| W. B. Tate, Regina. | Arthur S. Gorrell, Regina. |
| David Reid, Edinburgh. | None. |
| Charles R. J. Glover, Adelaide. | J. R. Robertson. |
| O. Frank Hart, Columbia. | James L. Michie, Darlington. |
| Charles L. Broadway, Sioux Falls. | Samuel A. Brown, Sioux Falls. |
| John Hamilton, Hobart. | |
| Stith M. Cain, Nashville. | Henry A. Chambers, Chattanooga. |
| W. B. Pearson, Waco. | John L. Terrell, Dallas. |
| Freeman A. McCarty, S. Lake City. | Sam Henry Goodwin, Provo. |
| Henry H. Ross, Burlington. | Charles H. Darling, Burlington. |
| Charles James Barrow, Melbourne. | David Meadowcroft, Melbourne. |
| Charles A. Nesbitt, Richmond. | Joseph W. Eggleston, Richmond. |
| Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma. | Ralph C. McAllaster, Seattle. |
| John M. Collins, Charleston. | George W. Atkinson, Charleston. |
| J. D. Stevenson, Perth. | J. D. Stevenson, Perth. |
| William W. Perry, Milwaukee. | Aldro Jenks, Dodgeville. |
| Joseph M. Lowndes, Lander. | Joseph M. Lowndes, Lander. |

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Lodge of Maine near other Grand Lodges.

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- Alabama—CHARLES H. WINSTON, R. F. D. 2, Geiger.
 Alberta—G. W. E. GARDINER, Macleod.
 Arizona—FREDERICK P. CRUCE, Prescott.
 Arkansas—JACOB TRIEBER, Little Rock.
 Belgium—ALBERT J. KRUGER, Anvers.
 British Columbia—FRANCIS BOWSER, Kerrisdale.
 Canada—JOHN B. WAY, Sault Ste Marie.
 Colorado—JOSEPH A. DAVIS, Boulder.
 Cuba—AURELIO MIRANDA, Havana.
 Connecticut—CHARLES M. BEACH, New Milford.
 Delaware—DAVID C. ROSE, Newark.
 District of Columbia—WARREN C. BICKFORD, Washington.
 Florida—WILLIAM S. WARE, Jacksonville.
 Georgia—WILLIAM F. BOWE, Augusta.
 Idaho—WILLIAM C. HOWIE, Mountain Home.
 Illinois—AMOS PETTIBONE, Chicago.
 Indiana—ELMER F. GAY, Indianapolis.
 Kansas—HUGH P. FARRELLY, Chanute.
 Louisiana—JOSEPH MEYERS, New Orleans.
 Manitoba—ROBERT STIRTON THORNTON, Deloraine.
 Maryland—
 Michigan—WILLIAM T. SHAW, Lansing.
 Minnesota—HENRY R. ADAMS, Minneapolis.
 Mississippi—FREDERIC GORDON SPRED, Vicksburg.
 Missouri—G. A. GOBEN, Kirksville.
 Montana—CHARLES W. COOK, White Sulphur Springs.
 Nebraska—THOMAS K. SUDBOROUGH, Omaha.
 Nevada—SANFORD C. DINSMORE, Reno.
 New Brunswick—HERBERT E. GOULD, Sussex.
 New Hampshire—STANTON OWEN, Laconia.

- New Jersey—WILLIAM RITCHIE, Jersey City.
New York—GEORGE FLINT WARREN, JR., New York.
New South Wales—CHARLES A. Y. SIMPSON, Sydney.
New Zealand—JOHN JOSEPH DOUGALL, Christchurch.
North Carolina—ALEXANDER S. HOLDEN, Wilmington.
North Dakota—EDWIN A. RIPLEY, Mandan.
Nova Scotia—JAMES HENRY WINFIELD, Halifax.
Ohio—ORION P. SPERRA, Ravenna.
Oklahoma—SAMUEL CLYDE FULLERTON, Miami.
Oregon—CHARLES E. WOLVERTON, Portland.
Peru—MANUEL MONTENEGRO, Lima.
Philippine Islands—GEORGE R. HARVEY, Manila.
Prince Edward Island—GEORGE W. WAKEFORD, Charlottetown.
Quebec—PETER W. A. BURKET, Montreal.
Rhode Island—ARTHUR A. RHODES, Pawtuxet.
Saskatchewan—ANDREW H. GORDON, Grenfell.
South Australia—JAMES EDWARD MOLLEY MORLEY, Adelaide.
South Carolina—CLAUDE F. SAWYER, Aiken.
South Dakota—SAMUEL H. JUMPER, Aberdeen.
Tasmania—WILLIAM G. WILKINSON, Launceston.
Tennessee—NATHAN S. WOODWARD, Knoxville.
Texas—STEPHEN M. BRADLEY, Denton.
Utah—ELMER ELLSWORTH CORFMAN, Provo.
Vermont—WILLIAM B. VINTON, Brattleboro.
Victoria—WILLIAM CHARLES JAMES SAYER, Malvern.
Virginia—CHARLES A. NESBITT, Richmond.
Washington—LEVI ANKENY, Walla Walla.
Western Australia—C. E. HEAZELWOOD, Perth.
West Virginia—A. BERTRAM C. BRAY, Ronceverte.
Wisconsin—GEORGE B. WHEELER, Eau Claire.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

- Alabama—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, Pittsfield.
 Alberta—MANLY G. TRASK, Bangor.
 Arizona—AUGUSTUS BAILEY, Gardiner.
 Arkansas—SILAS B. ADAMS, Portland.
 Belgium—
 British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE, Portland.
 Canada—
 Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabattus.
 Cuba—LEON S. HOWE, Presque Isle.
 Connecticut—ISAAC N. JONES, Calais.
 Delaware—JAMES B. STEVENSON, Rumford.
 District of Columbia—
 Florida—FRED C. CHALMERS, Bangor.
 Georgia—BIAL F. BRADBURY, Norway.
 Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland.
 Illinois—FREDERIC O. EATON, Rumford.
 Indiana—WARREN C. KING, Portland.
 Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.
 Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.
 Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES, Stockton Springs.
 Maryland—GEORGE W. HOLMES, Norway.
 Michigan—FRED RAYMOND, Livermore Falls.
 Minnesota—SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, Lewiston.
 Mississippi—ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Portland.
 Missouri—CHARLES B. DAVIS, Portland.
 Montana—CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, Belfast.
 Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER, Pittsfield.
 Nevada—RALPH W. MOORE, Hampden.
 New Brunswick—
 New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.

- New Jersey—ADELBERT MILLETT, Searsmont.
New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS, Ellsworth.
New York—
New Zealand—ERNEST P. PARLIN, Wilton.
North Carolina—CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Portland.
North Dakota—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH, Auburn.
Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Portland.
Ohio—CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.
Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.
Oregon—FRANK E. MONROE, Milo.
Peru—FRANK B. ARNOLD, Needham Heights, Mass.
Philippine Islands—WALDO PETTEGILL, Rumford.
Prince Edward Island—GEORGE W. MCLAIN, Brownville Junc.
Puerto Rico—THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.
Quebec—JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.
South Australia—JAMES H. WITHERELL, Oakland.
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—GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, Kennebunk.
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. MALLETT, Freeport.

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SILAS BRADLEY ADAMS,
Grand Master,
1918-20.

SILAS BRADLEY ADAMS

SILAS BRADLEY ADAMS, the forty-eighth Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, was born in East Deering, (now a part of the City of Portland), on October 17, 1863, and has always resided in Portland. He was educated in the public schools of the city and was graduated from the Deering High School and from the New Hampton, (N. H.) Academy.

Brother Adams is what may be termed a business man in the very strictest sense, and from boyhood has ever been a most energetic, stirring, do-something individual; making the most possible of every opportunity. Beginning life as a grocery clerk he has forged ahead step by step, and is today the First Vice President of the American Chicle Corporation of New York, and resident manager of the Portland Branch of that company. As President of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, a position which he held for several years, he was ever alert and watchful of any business move which would seem to be of advantage of the city and the prosperity of the State of Maine.

Brother Adams has always been a devoted student of Masonry, and in all his connection with the fraternity has put into his work the same systematic and energetic push that he has into business affairs. Raised in Deering Lodge, No. 183, on January 16, 1886, he began at once to enter into the working line and served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 1901. He was exalted in Greenleaf Royal Arch Chapter, No. 13, on April 4, 1887, and served as High Priest in 1900. He was greeted in Portland Council, R. & S. M., and knighted in Portland Commandery, No. 2, K. T.

In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite he was to be found in the degree work in all the bodies in Portland, and was at the head of Portland Council, Princes of Jerusalem, six years from 1909 to 1916. On October 1, 1912, he was made an honorary member of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree.

Brother Adams began serving the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1909 as the chairman of the Committee on Credentials, later on other committees and in minor offices until 1916 when he was elected Deputy Grand Master, and Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1918, to be re-elected in 1919 as the Centennial Grand Master, and to have added to the usual duties attached to that high office, the arrangements for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Adams was married on October 5, 1886, to Miss Aurilla E. Patterson of Stockton Springs, Maine, and of the union two children, a son and a daughter were born, the former serving with distinction and earning a commission as Major of Artillery in France during the World War.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1919

Special Communication

MASONIC HALL, KEZAR FALLS, }
November 8, 1919. }

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine of Free and Accepted Masons was opened in ample form, in the lodge room of Drummond Lodge, No. 118, at Kezar Falls, at three o'clock, in the afternoon, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the New Porter High School, then being constructed in the town of Parsonsfield.

PRESENT

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| M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS, | Grand Master |
| R. W. NATHAN C. REDLON, | <i>as</i> Deputy Grand Master |
| W. WILLIAM R. COPP, | <i>as</i> Senior Grand Warden |
| W. LEROY S. SYPHERS, | <i>as</i> Junior Grand Warden |
| W. ORMAN L. STANLEY, | <i>as</i> Grand Secretary |
| BRO. L. JAMES MERRY, | <i>as</i> Grand Chaplain |
| W. E. MURRAY GRAHAM, | <i>as</i> Grand Marshal |
| R. W. JAMES C. AYER, | <i>as</i> Grand Senior Deacon |
| W. DONALD G. CHAPLIN, | <i>as</i> Grand Junior Deacon |
| BRO. SAMUEL G. PEASE, | <i>as</i> Grand Tyler |

The Grand Lodge proceeded, headed by a local band, to the site of the new building, and the ceremonies of laying the corner stone was carried out in due and ancient form by Grand Master ADAMS,

with the assistance of the brethren; this was interspersed with musical selections by local talent and school children. At the conclusion the Grand Lodge returned to the lodge room of Drummond Lodge, and was closed in due form.

Attest:

ORMAN L. STANLEY,
as Grand Secretary.

A true copy of the minutes.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1919

Special Communication

MASONIC HALL, HOULTON, }
November 14, 1919. }

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine of Free and Accepted Masons was opened in ample form, in the lodge room of Monument Lodge, No. 96, at Houlton, at three o'clock, in the afternoon, for the purpose of dedicating to Masonic uses the new Masonic Hall in the Temple which had been constructed in the town of Houlton.

PRESENT

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| M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS, | Grand Master |
| R. W. J. ORIN SMITH, | <i>as</i> Deputy Grand Master |
| R. W. WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, | Senior Grand Warden |
| R. W. LEON S. HOWE, | <i>as</i> Junior Grand Warden |
| W. WILLIAM F. BRADEN, | <i>as</i> Grand Treasurer |
| BRO. WALTER S. CLARK, | <i>as</i> Grand Secretary |
| REV. BRO. H. SCOTT SMITH, | <i>as</i> Grand Chaplain |
| W. E. MURRAY GRAHAM, | <i>as</i> Grand Marshal |
| W. EDWIN T. HENDERSON, | <i>as</i> Senior Grand Deacon |
| W. ORRIN A. PUTNAM, | <i>as</i> Junior Grand Deacon |
| W. THOMAS W. HUGGARD, | <i>as</i> Senior Grand Steward |
| W. HAZEN NEVERS, | <i>as</i> Junior Grand Steward |
| W. PHILIP D. PHAIR, | <i>as</i> Grand Sword Bearer |
| BRO. ELSON A. HOSFORD, | <i>as</i> Grand Tyler |

The ceremony of dedicating the hall to Masonic uses was carried out in conformity to the long

established customs of the Craft, in the presence of a large number of brethren, including Past Grand Master Bridges of New Brunswick, and several brethren of Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, at Woodstock, N. B.

After the ceremonies were completed, interesting and instructive remarks were made by the Grand Master, R. W. D. D. G. M. J. ORIN SMITH, Wor. Bro. HAZELTINE, Master of Woodstock Lodge, Wor. Bro. McVEY, Master of Hiram Lodge, No. 6, of Frederickton, N. B., and M. W. Bro. BRIDGES, after which the Grand Lodge was closed.

Attest:

WALTER B. CLARK,
as Grand Secretary.

A true copy of the minutes.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1920

One Hundred and First Annual Communication

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 4, 1920. }

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

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

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| SILAS B. ADAMS, | M. W. Grand Master, | Portland |
| EDWARD W. WHEELER, | R. W. Deputy Grand Master, | Brunswick |
| WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, | " Senior Grand Warden, | Fort Fairfield |
| WALLACE N. PRICE, | " Junior Grand Warden, | Richmond |
| ALBRO E. CHASE, | " Grand Treasurer, | Portland |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, | " Grand Secretary, | Portland |
| CONVERS E. LEACH, | " Cor. Grand Secretary, | Portland |
| REV. ASHLEY A. SMITH, | W. Grand Chaplain, | Bangor |
| REV. DAVID L. WILSON, | " " " | Bath |
| REV. JOHN M. BEILER, | " " " | Machias |
| HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, | " " Marshal, | Portland |
| DAVID E. MOULTON, | " " Senior Deacon, | Portland |
| HARRY S. BOYD, | " " Junior Deacon, | Portland |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, | " " Steward, | Portland |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, | " " " | Biddeford |
| FRANK P. DENACO, | " " " | Bangor |
| FRED B. RAND, | " " " | Sanford |
| HIRAM A. WEBBER, | " " Standard Bearer | Brunswick |
| WARREN C. KING, | " " Pursuivant, | Portland |
| WILLIAM R. HUGHES, | " " " | Monson |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " " Lecturer, | Sabattus |
| WALTER S. SMITH, | " " Organist, | Portland |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | " " Tyler, | Portland |

Also 261 delegates, representing 187 of the 206 chartered lodges, 7 of the 8 living Past Grand Masters, with 32 out of the other 40 permanent members, including 41 of the 52 representatives of other Grand Lodges, together with visiting brethren.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, prayer being offered by the Rev. Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

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. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

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

On motion of Bro. FRANKLIN R. REDLON,

Voted, That the Grand Tyler be authorized to employ assistants, not exceeding four, 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 employes upon the pay roll, and that they receive the usual *per diem* for their services.

EXCUSES.

The following were received, read by the Grand Secretary, and ordered on record:

PITTSFIELD, ME., May 3, 1920.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

I very much regret that by reason of illness I am unable to attend this annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I extend to you kind greetings not only from myself, but also from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska which I have the honor to represent.

Fraternally yours,

EDWIN A. PORTER,

Past Senior Grand Warden.

BUCKSPORT, ME., May 3, 1920.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Because of illness in my family I shall not be able to attend this session of the Grand Lodge, much to my regret.

I am forwarding by parcel post the suitcase containing the regalia, etc., belonging to the office of D. D. G. M., and sincerely hope it will reach you in good condition and in ample time.

With best wishes, I remain,

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM R. BEAZLEY,

D. D. G. M., 21st District.

HAMPDEN, ME., May 3, 1920.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

It is with deep regret that I ask to be excused from Grand Lodge, but circumstances are such that it is impossible for me to attend this session. Thanking you, I am,

Yours fraternally,

RUFUS L. TASKER,

D. D. G. M., 22nd Masonic District.

GREETINGS.

The Grand Master read the following telegram which was ordered to be made a part of the printed report:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., May 4, 1920.

SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of Masons.

Your brethren of California extend fraternal felicitations on this your One Hundredth Anniversary. We pray you may continue the good work of upholding the arch of civil and religious liberty and teaching that law and order are necessary to the perpetuity of government and the happiness of the human family.

JOHN WHICHER,

Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Doing of Grand Officers.

THOMAS H. BODGE, ASHLEY A. SMITH, FRANK E. SLEEPER.

On Pay Roll.

JOHN C. ARNOLD, CHARLES M. FARRAR, EDWARD K. GOULD.

On Unfinished Business.

ALBERT M. PENLEY, ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

TRANSPORTATION.

BRO. CHARLES B. DAVIS submitted the following report which was accepted:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 4, 1920.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Transportation beg leave to report that the matter of reduced fares over the railroads of the State to this Annual Communication, was taken up with the roads on January 1, 1920. At that time the roads were under Government management, but return to private control was indicated for March 1st, consequently all action was postponed. Soon after March 1st, we again endeavored to secure reduced fares, when we found that instead of dealing with the Passenger Agents of the several roads we must deal with a committee in Boston which will handle the matter of excursion rates for all the New England roads. Application was made in proper form to that body, but up to April 27th, no rate had been named to your committee.

On April 27th, the General Passenger Agent of the Maine Central Railroad, without authority from either the United States Interstate Commerce Commission or the New England Passenger Association, advised a rate of fare and a half over the lines of his road alone. It was then too late to circulate this information among the lodges, but we hope that at least a part of the representatives and members here today asked their station agents for special tickets, and of course those who did so apply at any Maine Central office were accommodated.

We regret very much that we have been able to accomplish so little, but we may express a hope that the chaotic condition following the return of the roads will be so cleared that by the time for the next session some satisfactory arrangement may be seasonably provided.

Fraternally submitted,

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| CHARLES B. DAVIS, | } Committee. |
| JAMES C. AYER, | |
| JAMES E. PARSONS, | |

CREDENTIALS.

BRO. RALPH H. BURBANK, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
MASONIC TEMPLE Portland, May 4, 1920.

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

- 1 PORTLAND, by Fred V. Berry, M.; Edward E. Webster, S. W.; Peter G. Peterson, J. W.; William M. Howatt, Proxy.
- 2 WARREN, by Francis L. Talbot, Proxy.
- 3 LINCOLN, by William D. Patterson, Proxy.
- 4 HANCOCK, by Arthur G. Thombs, Proxy.

- 5 KENNEBEC, by Eugene Hooper, M.
- 6 AMITY, by John L. Tewksbury, M.; Howard D. Small, Proxy.
- 7 EASTERN, by Sidney A. Farris, S. W.
- 8 UNITED, by Harry H. Nicoll, M.; Henry C. Upton, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Thomas H. Hooper, M.; Melville L. Gordon, S. W.; Ralph N. Perry, Proxy.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by Benj. C. Kent, M.; Alvord E. Cushman, Proxy.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by Noah McDonald, M.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Ashley F. Chipman, M.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by Clifford C. Smith, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by Arthur E. Baum, M.; Wm. Staples, S. W.; Harry Thompson, J. W.
- 15 ORIENT, by William C. Lenfest, Proxy.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by Frank D. Rowe, M.
- 17 ANCIENT LANDMARK, by Porter A. Roberts, M.; Clark D. Chapman, S. W.; E. Murray Graham, Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by Lee M. Smith, Proxy.
- 19 ———FELICITY, not represented.
- 20 MAINE, by Henry E. Knapp, Proxy.
- 21 ———ORIENTAL STAR, not represented.
- 22 YORK, by Harold H. Bourne, M.; George A. Gilpatric, Proxy.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Linwood J. Varney, M.; Clarence B. Small, S. W.; Guy L. Bean, J. W.; Perley T. Fickett, Proxy.
- 24 PHOENIX, by Ralph D. Southworth, M.; Raymond B. Dyer, J. W.; Morris L. Slugg, Proxy.
- 25 TEMPLE, by Linwood B. Jones, M.; L. Elwood Jones, Proxy.
- 26 ———VILLAGE, not represented.
- 27 ———ADONIRAM, not represented.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by Harold G. Collins, Proxy.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by Arthur A. Abbott, Proxy.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by James B. Stevenson, Proxy.
- 31 UNION, by Charles C. McFarland, M.
- 32 HERMON, by Allen Clark, J. W.; Harry E. Larrabee, Proxy.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by J. Frederick Hill, M.; George W. Townsend, Proxy.
- 34 SOMERSET, by Frank W. Bucknam, M.; Leslie H. Goldsmith, S. W.; John H. Lancaster, Proxy.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by Charles W. Creasey, M.; A. Francis Walch, J. W.; John C. Arnold, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by Wilmer E. Sawyer, M.; Edward M. Johnson, S. W.; Philip G. Hodgdon, J. W.; Mads J. Madsen, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by Clayton S. Holmes, S. W.
- 38 HARMONY, by Edgar F. Carswell, Proxy.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by John W. Springall, Proxy.
- 40 LYGONIA, by George S. Ober, M.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by Francis E. Laue, S. W.
- 42 FREEDOM, by Herbert Gath, M.; George R. Connor, S. W.
- 43 ALNA, by Alfred W. Huston, M.

- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by George P. Aiken, M.; Charles M. Farrar, Proxy.
- 45 CENTRAL, by George M. Hammond, M.; John A. Woodman, Proxy.
- 46 ST. CROIX, by Adelbert G. Taylor, S. W.
- 47 DUNLAP, by Herbert E. Haley, Proxy.
- 48 LAFAYETTE, by Freemont A. Hunton, Proxy.
- 49 MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, by Alfred H. McCarrison, M.
- 50 AURORA, by William D. Talbot, M.; Frank A. Peterson, Proxy.
- 51 ST. JOHN'S, by John M. Burleigh, Proxy.
- 52 MOSAIC, by Harold M. Hayes, J. W.; Eugene A. Whittredge, Proxy.
- 53 RURAL, by Edmund P. Williams, Proxy.
- 54 ——— VASSALBORO, not represented.
- 55 FRATERNALY, by James H. Littlefield, Proxy.
- 56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Irving Trumbull, M.
- 57 KING HIRAM, by John L. Delano, M.
- 58 UNITY, by Howard N. Harmon, M.
- 59 MOUNT HOPE — *Charter surrendered in 1879*
- 60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Leslie R. Lord, M.; Francis M. Beasley, S. W.
Howard A. Lancaster, Proxy.
- 61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Fred S. Simmons, M.
- 62 KING DAVID'S, by James H. Peavey, S. W.
- 63 RICHMOND, by Freeman F. Wood, M.; John F. Harris, Proxy.
- 64 PACIFIC, by George G. Grinell, M.; Freeman C. Hersey, Proxy.
- 65 MYSTIC, by Nathan W. Cole, J. W.
- 66 MECHANICS', by Everett W. Davee, S. W.
- 67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by Norman E. Butler, M.; Charles H. Toothaker,
S. W.; Joel Wilbur, Proxy.
- 68 MARINERS', James E. Wentworth, Proxy.
- 69 HOWARD, by Ellery Bowden, Proxy.
- 70 STANDISH, by William H. Waterman, Proxy.
- 71 RISING SUN, by Enoch W. Harriman, Proxy.
- 72 PIONEER, by Charles E. Duren, Proxy.
- 73 TYRIAN, by Myron B. Strout, M.
- 74 BRISTOL, by Charles F. Russell, Proxy.
- 75 PLYMOUTH, by Wilfred H. Downes, M.; Dana I. Small, Proxy.
- 76 ——— ARUNDEL, not represented.
- 77 TREMONT, by Eugene S. Thurston, M.
- 78 CRESCENT, by Fred L. Gardner, M.; Bert Coggins, Proxy.
- 79 ROCKLAND, by Albert J. Mather, Proxy.
- 80 KEYSTONE, by Leon M. Wyman, J. W.; Myron C. Jewett, Proxy.
- 81 ATLANTIC, by Willard W. Knight, M.; Lowell H. Woodbury, S. W.;
Herbert B. Cobb, J. W.; Herbert I. Low, Proxy.
- 82 ST. PAUL'S, by George S. Huntley, M.
- 83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Clarence W. Reynolds, M.
- 84 EUREKA, by Charles H. Leach, S. W.
- 85 STAR IN THE WEST, by Frank H. Dutton, Proxy.
- 86 TEMPLE, by Edward P. Harlow, J. W.
- 87 BENEVOLENT, by Nathan B. Thayer, M.

- 88 NARRAGUAGUS, by John M. Sherwood, M.
 89 ISLAND, by Charles N. Trimm, M.
 90 HIRAM ABIF — *Charter revoked in 1868.*
 91 HARWOOD, by Ralph W. Chandler, M.
 92 SILOAM, by Warren S. Swett, M.
 93 HOREB, by Kingsley A. Ballentyne, M.
 94 PARIS, by Ernest J. Record, Proxy.
 95 CORINTHIAN, by Thomas S. Dearborn, M.; Ralph E. Nutting, S. W.
 96 MONUMENT, by Alfred E. Astle, M.
 97 BETHEL, by Clarence W. Hall, M.
 98 KATAHDIN, by Manson D. Brown, M.
 99 VERNON VALLEY, by Carleton E. Turner, M.
 100 JEFFERSON, by Lester D. Bryant, M.; James M. Day, Proxy.
 101 NEZINSCOT, by Charles F. Bradford, M.
 102 ———MARSH RIVER, not represented.
 103 DRESDEN, by Leslie A. Bailey, J. W.
 104 DIRIGO, by Joseph A. Banks, Proxy.
 105 ASHLAR, by Carroll H. Brewster, J. W.
 106 TUSCAN, by Lester S. Caller, M.
 107 ———DAY SPRING, not represented.
 108 RELIEF — *Charter recalled in 1894.*
 109 MOUNT KINEO, by Eugene E. Ross, J. W.; Sylvester Welts, Proxy.
 110 MONMOUTH, by Eugene Andrews, Proxy.
 111 LIBERTY, by Olin R. Harriman, S. W.; Oren W. Ripley, Proxy.
 112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by G. Herbert Foss, M.
 113 MESSALONSKEE, by Frank E. Dingley, M.; Spurgeon S. Hoar, Proxy.
 114 POLAR STAR, by William F. Hanscom, M.; Chester L. Shepherd,
 S. W.; Alden P. Denham, Proxy.
 115 ———BUXTON, not represented.
 116 LEBANON, by Orlando C. Woodman, M.
 117 GREENLEAF, by Harry G. Swasey, M.; Daniel G. Chaplin, Proxy.
 118 ———DRUMMOND, not represented.
 119 POWNAL, by Freeman Batchelder, Proxy.
 120 MEDUNCOOK — *Charter surrendered in 1884.*
 121 ACACIA, by Marcus W. Eveleth, Proxy.
 122 MARINE, by Cecil E. Wasgatt, M.
 123 FRANKLIN, by Frank P. Caswell, M.; Maurice A. Dunn, S. W.
 124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Herbert W. Leach, Proxy.
 125 MERIDIAN, by Frank W. Fuller, J. W.; Walter M. Priley, Proxy.
 126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Walter H. Lyon, Proxy.
 127 PRESUMPSOT, by Joseph B. Manchester, M.; Robert N. Toms, J. W.
 128 ———EGGEMOGGIN, not represented.
 129 QUANTABACOOK, by Ernest S. Wing, Proxy.
 130 TRINITY, by James H. Phair, Proxy.
 131 LOOKOUT, by George Gardner, Proxy.
 132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Clarence H. Pride, Proxy.
 133 ASYLUM, by Charles W. Crosby, Proxy.

- 134 TROJAN — *Consolidated with Star in the West, No. 85, in 1888.*
 135 RIVERSIDE, by Joseph E. Odiorne, M.; Carl J. Longren, Proxy.
 136 IONIC — *Charter surrendered in 1882.*
 137 KENDUSKEAG, by Walter N. Batchelder, M.
 138 LEWY'S ISLAND, by Nehemiah W. Kneeland, M.
 139 ARCHON, by Amos W. Knowlton, Proxy.
 140 MOUNT DESERT, by William T. Somes, S. W.
 141 AUGUSTA, by James Wright, M.; Davis S. Patterson, J. W.
 142 OCEAN, by Charles H. West, Proxy.
 143 PREBLE, by Herbert F. Adams, Proxy.
 144 SEASIDE, by Henry I. Phinney, M.
 145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Charles E. Boman, Proxy.
 146 SEBASTICOOK, by Marcellus Cain, S. W.
 147 EVENING STAR, by Wellington H. Eastman, M.
 148 FOREST, by Eugene Dicker, M.
 149 DORIC, by Earle H. Jackson, Proxy.
 150 ———RABBONI, not represented.
 151 EXCELSIOR, by Charles N. Bird, Proxy.
 152 ———CROOKED RIVER, not represented.
 153 DELTA, by Elmon J. Noyes, Proxy.
 154 MYSTIC TIE, by Albert M. Child, Proxy.
 155 ANCIENT YORK, by Irving E. Wellman, J. W.; William H. Douglass,
 Proxy.
 156 WILTON, by Fred E. Trefethen, Proxy.
 157 CAMBRIDGE, by Fred C. Eldridge, M.; John H. Wilson, Proxy.
 158 ANCHOR, by John A. Turner, Proxy.
 159 ESOTERIC — *Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, in 1908.*
 160 PARIAN, by Leroy H. Whitney, M.; Norman F. Burrill, Proxy.
 161 CARRABASSET, by Glen H. Holt, M.
 162 ———ARION, not represented.
 163 PLEASANT RIVER, by George W. Evans, M.
 164 WEBSTER, by Archie R. Bangs, M.; Frank E. Sleeper, Jr., Proxy.
 165 MOLUNKUS, by Arthur L. Todd, Proxy.
 166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Benjamin J. Sherman, Proxy.
 167 WHITNEY, by John N. Foye, Proxy.
 168 COMPOSITE, by Harry A. Fowles, M.
 169 ———SHEPHERD'S RIVER, not represented.
 170 CARIBOU, by Floyd A. Smith, Proxy.
 171 ———NASKEAG, not represented.
 172 PINE TREE, by John C. Handy, M.; Harry E. Haynes, Proxy.
 173 PLEIADES, by Arnold Leighton, Proxy.
 174 LYNDE, by Charles N. Patten, Proxy.
 175 BASKAHEGAN, Arthur W. Gilpatric, M.; Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
 176 PALESTINE — *Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, September 23, 1895.*
 177 ———RISING STAR, not represented.
 178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by Harvey M. Norton, M.; Webster L. Loring,
 J. W.

- 179 YORKSHIRE, by William B. Littlefield, Proxy.
- 180 HIRAM, by John L. Goodwin, M.; George H. Minott, S. W.; Richard E. Tuttle, J. W.; William A. Seyford, Proxy.
- 181 REUEL WASHBURN — *Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1882.*
- 182 GRANITE, by Ralph A. Bacon, Proxy.
- 183 DEERING, by Guy E. Hill, M.; Frank A. Farwell, S. W.; Earnest N. Cunningham, J. W.; Francis E. Chase, Proxy.
- 184 NAVAL, by Arthur W. Seaward, M.; Albert F. Billings, S. W.; Warren N. Phinney, Proxy.
- 185 BAR HARBOR, by Charles S. Higgins, M.; Clarence E. Dow, Proxy.
- 186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by Walter E. Frank, M.
- 187 IRA BERRY, by Charles E. Greene, S. W.; Ithamar E. Stanley, Proxy.
- 188 JONESPORT, by John H. Moulton, M.
- 189 KNOX, by Charles R. Crowley, Proxy.
- 190 SPRINGVALE, by Charles H. Ogden, Proxy.
- 191 DAVIS, by Daniel E. Leighton, S. W.
- 192 ——— WINTER HARBOR, not represented.
- 193 WASHBURN, by Roy O. Stoddard, M.
- 194 EUCLID, by Herman Perkins, M.
- 195 ——— RELIANCE, not represented.
- 196 BAY VIEW, by George W. Linekin, M.
- 197 AROOSTOOK, by Malcolm T. Barrey, M.
- 198 ST. ASPINQUID, by John D. Keen, M.
- 199 BINGHAM, by Winslow Rollins, Proxy.
- 200 COLUMBIA, by Harry A. Sanders, Jr., M.
- 201 ——— DAVID A. HOOPER, not represented.
- 202 MOUNT BIGELOW, by Carl I. Goddard, M.; Harold T. Ricker, Proxy.
- 203 MOUNT OLIVET, by Leland M. Johnston, M.; Willard E. Overlook, S. W.
- 204 MOUNT ABRAM, by Herschel P. Boynton, M.
- 205 NOLLESEMIC, by Frank O. Daisey, Proxy.
- 206 ISLAND FALLS, by George A. Palmer, Proxy.
- 207 ABNER WADE, by Geo. E. Mellow, Proxy.
- 208 NORTHEAST HARBOR, by William S. Holmes, M.; James B. Bain, Proxy.
- 209 FORT KENT, by Guilford Lee Perkins, M.
- 210 BAGADUCE, by Sidney Hause, Proxy.
- 211 ——— MEDUNCOOK, not represented.
- 212 MCKINLEY, by Frank L. Manchester, M.
- 213 KEMANKEAG, by Herbert L. Welch, Proxy.
- 214 LIMESTONE, by Harold N. Jenkins, Proxy.
- 215 ——— ORCHARD, not represented.

(Chartered lodges, 206; represented, 187; delegates, 261).

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present:

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| M. W. | FRANK E. SLEEPER, | P. G. M. |
| " | ALBRO E. CHASE, | " |
| " | CHARLES F. JOHNSON, | " |
| " | EDMUND B. MALLET, | " |
| " | ASHLEY A. SMITH, | " |
| " | THOMAS H. BODGE, | " |
| " | WALDO PETTENGILL, | " |
| " | SILAS B. ADAMS, | " |
| R. W. | ALBERT M. PENLEY, | P. S. G. W. |
| " | JAMES E. PARSONS, | " |
| " | CHARLES W. CROSBY, | " |
| " | W. SCOTT SHOREY, | " |
| " | WILLIAM N. HOWE, | " |
| " | FRANK J. COLE, | " |
| " | ISSAC N. JONES, | " |
| " | FRANK E. MONROE, | " |
| " | FRED C. CHALMERS, | " |
| " | ISAAC A. CLOUGH, | " |
| " | ALBERT H. NEWBERT, | " |
| " | WILLIS A. RICKER, | " |
| " | ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, | P. J. G. W. |
| " | HOWARD D. SMITH, | " |
| " | WM. FREEMAN LORD, | " |
| " | GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, | " |
| " | ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, | " |
| " | MILLARD M. CASWELL, | " |
| " | FRANKLIN R. REDLON, | " |
| " | JOHN H. MCGORRILL, | " |
| " | JAMES C. AYER, | " |
| " | CHARLES F. PAINE, | " |
| " | EDWARD G. WESTON, | " |
| " | ALBERT M. AMES, | " |
| " | GEORGE W. HOLMES, | " |
| " | SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, | " |
| " | CONVERS E. LEACH, | " |
| " | GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, | " |
| " | FRANK B. ARNOLD, | " |
| " | RALPH W. MOORE, | " |
| " | EDWIN K. SMITH, | " |
| " | CARROLL S. DOUGLASS, | " |

And Grand Officers as follows:

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| SILAS B. ADAMS, | M. W. Grand Master. |
| EDWARD W. WHEELER, | R. W. Deputy Grand Master. |
| WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, | " Senior Grand Warden. |
| WALLACE N. PRICE, | " Junior Grand Warden. |

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| ALBRO E. CHASE, | R. W. Grand Treasurer. |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, | " Grand Secretary. |
| CONVERS E. LEACH, | " Cor. Grand Secretary. |
| J. ORIN SMITH, | " D. D. G. M. 1st Dist. |
| HENRY R. GILLIS, | " " 2d " |
| WILLIAM P. NEWMAN, | " " 5th " |
| FRED A. GRAY, | " " 6th " |
| C. LEE STEWART, | " " 7th " |
| ALLEN L. CURTIS, | " " 8th " |
| CHESTER B. HALL, | " " 9th " |
| FRED W. SEAVEY, | " " 10th " |
| WILLIAM F. LEAVITT, | " " 11th " |
| HARRY S. GRINDALL, | " " 12th " |
| ERNEST W. GILMAN, | " " 13th " |
| ERNEST L. MAYBERY, | " " 14th " |
| WALTER E. HINDS, | " " 15th " |
| RAYMOND H. EASTMAN, | " " 16th " |
| NATHAN C. REDLON, | " " 17th " |
| WALDO N. SEAVEY, | " " 18th " |
| GUY P. ROWE, | " " 20th " |
| WILLIAM O. NICHOLS, | " " 23d " |
| ALBERT T. BRADFORD, | " " 24th " |
| WILSON H. CONANT, | " " 26th " |
| REV. DAVID L. WILSON, | W. Grand Chaplain. |
| REV. ASHLEY A. SMITH, | " " " |
| REV. JOHN M. BEILER, | " " " |
| HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, | " " Marshal. |
| DAVID E. MOULTON, | " " Senior Deacon. |
| HARRY S. BOYD, | " " Junior Deacon. |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, | " " Steward. |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, | " " " |
| FRANK P. DENACO, | " " " |
| FRED B. RAND, | " " " |
| HIRAM A. WEBBER, | " " Standard Bearer. |
| WARREN C. KING, | " " Pursuivant. |
| WILLIAM R. HUGHES, | " " " |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " " Lecturer. |
| WALTER S. SMITH, | " " Organist. |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | " " Tyler. |

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance:

- Alabama—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, Pittsfield.
- Arkansas—SILAS B. ADAMS, Portland.
- British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE, Portland.
- Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabattus.
- Connecticut—ISSAC N. JONES, Calais.
- Delaware—JAMES B. STEVENSON, Rumford.

Florida — FRED C. CHALMERS, Bangor.
 Georgia — BIAL F. BRADBURY, Norway.
 Idaho — ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland.
 Illinois — FREDERIC O. EATON, Rumford.
 Indiana — WARREN C. KING, Portland.
 Kansas — ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.
 Louisiana — MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.
 Manitoba — ALBERT M. AMES, Stockton Springs.
 Maryland — GEORGE W. HOLMES, Norway.
 Minnesota — SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, Lewiston.
 Mississippi — ISSAC A. CLOUGH, Portland.
 Missouri — CHARLES B. DAVIS, Portland.
 New Hampshire — HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.
 New South Wales — JAMES E. PARSONS, Ellsworth.
 New York — EDWARD W. WHEELER, Brunswick.
 North Carolina — CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Portland.
 Nova Scotia — JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Portland.
 Ohio — CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.
 Oklahoma — WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.
 Oregon — FRANK E. MONROE, Milo.
 Philippine Islands — WALDO PETTENGILL, Rumford.
 Puerto Rico — THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.
 Quebec — JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
 Rhode Island — FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
 Saskatchewan — ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.
 South Dakota — EDWARD G. WESTON, Thomaston.
 Tasmania — W. SCOTT SHOREY, Bath.
 Texas — CHARLES W. CROSBY, Kent's Hill.
 Victoria — GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, Kennebunk.
 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. MALLEY, Freeport.

Fraternally submitted,

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| RALPH H. BURBANK, | } <i>Committee.</i> |
| FRANK P. DENACO, | |
| WARREN C. KING, | |

The report was accepted, and was left in the hands of the committee until 2 P. M., in order that additions might be made.

The Grand Master then read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS

Once more it is our privilege to assemble and participate in the deliberations of the annual communication of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. What we do here has very much to do with the condition of the Craft in this and neighboring jurisdictions, and as Masonry should strengthen and support the government of our Country, so should we give encouragement to those courageous men whose convictions are founded upon the conscience of our forefathers, whose visions can disclose but one type of government, that founded upon justice and brotherly love.

This meeting takes on an added significance because of the fact that it rounds out one hundred years of activity, during which period it has written Masonic history of which every member of the Craft can be justly proud. Arrangements have been completed for a proper observance of this important event, on tomorrow afternoon and evening.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

The addition of new members has been unprecedented, both as regards quantity and quality. The Grand Secretary's report will show 2,927 raised, with a net gain of 2,285, equivalent to .03% plus. The rejections were 20% of the petitions, which indicates that careful scrutiny was exercised by the investigating committees and that conscientious discrimination was manifest in the ballot. While it is extremely gratifying to feel that from out an atmosphere surcharged with bitterness, vicious force and selfishness, the human heart should be impelled towards institutions standing for harmony, unanimity and concord, but this may not wholly explain the tremendously increased interest in our Fraternity.

Among other influences may properly be classed the conviction that membership in our order constitutes a perpetual protest against the pernicious activities of other institutions in relation to our political, civic and educational affairs. Many thoughtful brethren with a genuine interest in the

welfare of our Fraternity view with much concern the rapid increase in our numbers, lest the subordinate lodges fail to take adequate steps to enable the lodge to discharge the obligations which it always assumes to the newly admitted brother and his dependents. No subordinate lodge should ever permit itself to turn Masons out into the world, who are insufficiently informed concerning the landmarks of our order, nor should any lodge ever allow its financial condition to reach such a state that it must confess its inability to render such financial aid as is due a brother in distress.

NECROLOGY.

During the past year six of our distinguished Permanent Members have passed to their eternal reward.

R. W. Brethren —

June 6, 1919.

HERBERT HARRIS, Past Senior Grand Warden
September 9, 1919.

JAMES H. WITHERELL, Past Senior Grand Warden
October 14, 1919.

GEORGE W. McCLAIN, Past Junior Grand Warden
December 8, 1919.

CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, Past Junior Grand Warden
December 19, 1919.

MANLEY G. TRASK, Past Senior Grand Warden
February 21, 1920.

AUGUSTUS BAILEY, Past Junior Grand Warden

The genial personalities of these brethren through years of close association at our annual communications have deeply impressed themselves upon our memories, and I have arranged in each case for a suitable Memorial to be presented at this session for your approval and inclusion in the proceedings of this communication.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I have granted twenty-seven dispensations; sixteen of these were to receive and act upon petitions in less than the constitutional time; three to work three degrees upon one candidate in one evening. Almost without exception

these dispensations were to enable the lodge to take action upon the petition of a man, well known to the brethren, who was in the service of his Country, and with a very limited time at his disposal. I have repeatedly gone on record as being unwilling to grant a waiver where the convenience of the petitioner was the controlling factor. The petitioner should await the convenience of the lodge, rather than to regard his own personal convenience as of primary importance.

The obligations involved by gaining membership in our Fraternity are very real and serious, and the acquisition of the degrees of Free Masonry can never properly be regarded as a casual occurrence or an event of trifling importance, every step of the proceedings must be in the regulation order and form, to the end that the serious dignity of our profession be perpetually upheld.

Three were granted to hold a special election of Master or Warden; two to transact the business of the annual meeting at a meeting subsequent to the date of the annual. One to Sebec Lodge, No. 146, to hold a special meeting in the town hall on the floor below the Masonic Hall and to conduct a Masonic parade in the afternoon and evening of June 19th, 1919, as a part of the program in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of this lodge. This request was approved by R. W. Brother C. Lee Stewart, District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh District.

To Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44, to work the Master Mason degree upon three candidates on September 19, 1919, at the Grange Hall, in South Sebec, Maine. The premises had been inspected and the request of Piscataquis Lodge approved by R. W. Brother E. A. Whittredge, D. D. G. M. of the Fifth District. The practice of this lodge to work once a year under dispensation in South Sebec is highly appreciated by the brethren of that locality.

To Bethel Lodge, No. 97, to enable them to work the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees at Wilson's Mills, in a hall not their own, but which had been examined and approved by R. W. Brother Raymond H. Eastman, District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixteenth Masonic Jurisdiction. This is in accordance with their annual custom and as it

is much enjoyed by the members of the Craft in that vicinity, I was very pleased to grant their request.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

I have approved amendments to the By-Laws of sixteen subordinate lodges. Twelve of these amendments provided for an increase of either fees or dues and in most cases, for both. One provided for the election of Board of Trustees; one shortened the period during which a member could be in arrears for dues; one was a general revision of an antiquated set of By-Laws, and one made provisions for the appointment of minor officers by the Worshipful Master.

I declined in several instances to approve amendments providing that honorary members should be exempt from special assessments. This decision was prompted by the conviction that inasmuch as special assessments were to accomplish a specific purpose in which the interest of every member of the lodge was involved, honorary members would be unwilling to shift the burden to the shoulders of the other members and escape their own equal share.

In this connection, I feel compelled to take advantage of this opportunity to state what I believe to be the consensus of opinion among the Brethren who studiously consider the welfare of the Fraternity as regards the question of fees and dues.

The successful discharge of the obligations of a lodge to its members, or the relief and care of the widow and orphans, depends upon its financial stability, and it must be a short sighted policy which would disregard this important element. At the time when the present minimum fee of \$20.00 was determined upon, the purchasing power of the dollar was about two and one-half times as much as it is at the present day, and would purchase proportionately as much more of relief, then, as it will now. To cite a homely illustration, the standard wage in the less skilled occupations thirty-five years ago was \$9.00 a week; in other words, a petitioner must work a trifle over two weeks in order to earn his admission fee. Today, labor of the same grade would earn \$50.00 in the same period. It is my personal conviction and I do not wish to be understood as making this as a recommendation to this

Grand Lodge, but merely to offer something for your candid consideration, that the minimum fee should be raised to \$35.00. An ideal financial condition would be where a lodge could keep absolutely intact the amount it receives for fees, the income from the fund thus created to be used for relief. The annual dues should be such an amount as would pay the running expenses of the lodge, so that it would be neither necessary to encroach upon the amount received for fees, or to solicit personal subscriptions from the lodge members.

This recommendation does not belittle or ignore that personal individual attention and assistance, from one brother to another which is so priceless to the recipient and so beneficial to the giver, for such a course of action is incumbent upon all good and true Masons.

RULINGS AND DECISIONS.

On two occasions I have had occasion to rule against a subordinate lodge appearing in regalia in conjunction with civic organizations and other fraternal societies in the observance of some local event. Holding that only on occasions strictly Masonic is the appearance of a subordinate lodge in regalia permissible.

In reply to a query as to whether or not an objection to the granting of a waiver of jurisdiction made by a Mason not a member of the lodge granting the waiver would invalidate the granting of said waiver. Answer — It does not.

Several lodges have asked whether or not it had a right to use its funds to furnish free and expensive banquets and entertainments, as for instance on a Ladies' night. Also as to whether or not a lodge could legally vote a donation from its funds for the Red Cross or other public benevolent or philanthropic objects. I answered these with the following quotation from the Digest. "Lodge funds are held in trust for deferring the necessary expenses of the lodge and for charitable purposes, and they cannot properly be used for any other purpose."

Quoting further from Page 292 of the Digest, "they may be used for the celebration of St. John's Day according to the ancient usages of the Craft, but not to pay the expenses of a

pleasure excursion and visitation of a distant lodge on that day or to pay the expenses of annual reception."

To the question — "Is a petition properly before the lodge if unaccompanied by the required fee?" Answer — It is not.

LAYING OF CORNER STONE.

On November 8, 1919, at the request of Drummond Lodge, No. 118, I laid the cornerstone of the Porter High School at Kezar Falls. I was accompanied by R. W. Nathan C. Redlon as Deputy Grand Master and Worshipful Brother E. Murray Graham as Grand Marshal. I received also the assistance of the following brethren of Greenleaf Lodge:

William R. Copp as Senior Grand Warden; Leroy S. Syphers as Junior Grand Warden; Orman L. Stanley as Grand Secretary; R. W. James C. Ayer and Donald G. Chaplain as Grand Deacons, and L. James Merry as Grand Chaplain. Brother Charles E. Hubbard, the oldest Master Mason present, carried the Holy Bible.

In addition to the teachers and scholars of the town schools, a large number of the town's people were present at the exercises, and manifested a commendable interest in the ceremony. It seems eminently fitting and proper that our Fraternity should closely identify itself with the public schools of our state, where the youth of the commonwealth may become firmly grounded in the fundamentals of good citizenship.

DEDICATION.

On November 14, 1919, a special communication of Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine was opened in ample form in the room adjoining the lodge room of Monument Lodge, No. 96, at Houlton, Maine, at three o'clock P. M. for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall at Houlton.

I received on that occasion the assistance of the following brethren:

R. W. J. Orrin Smith, D. D. G. M. of the First District as Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Wm. S. Davidson, Senior Grand Warden; R. W. Leon S. Howe as Junior Grand Warden; William F. Braden as Grand Treasurer; Walter B. Clarke as Grand Secretary; Wor. E. Murray Graham as Grand

Marshal; Rev. H. Scott Smith as Grand Chaplain; Edwin T. Henderson as Senior Grand Deacon; Orrin A. Putnam as Junior Grand Deacon; Thomas W. Huggard as Senior Grand Steward; Hazen Nevers as Junior Grand Steward; Wor. Philip D. Phair as Grand Sword Bearer.

The lodge room and the building in which it is housed is a credit to the brethren of Houlton. The location fronting upon the square is admirable, the construction of the building is substantial and its designs and proportions of a most pleasing character. It serves as an impressive testimonial to the zeal, courage and ability of the Craft in that vicinity.

The exercises in the afternoon were very largely attended, in fact the lodge room and adjoining rooms were crowded to capacity.

After the completion of the dedicatory ceremonies, a banquet was served during which the brethren were favored with interesting and instructive remarks by R. W. Brother Smith, District Deputy Grand Master, Wor. Bro. Hazeltine, Master of Woodstock Lodge of New Brunswick, Wor. Bro. McVey, Master of Hiram Lodge of Frederickton, N. B., and Past Grand Master Bridges of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. Throughout the entire program the true spirit of Masonry was so clearly in evidence, that no one could fail to be impressed with the real worth and significance of the occasion.

OFFICIAL VISITATION.

On October 10, 1919, accompanied by Most Wor. Edmund B. Mallet and Deputy Grand Master Edward W. Wheeler, I was the guest of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, of Rumford, Maine, the occasion being the celebration of their one hundredth anniversary. The program was carried out in the spacious, new municipal hall, which was filled to capacity with the brethren and their families. A most artistic and pleasing musical program of exceptional excellence was presented by local talent. Addresses were made by the Worshipful Master and R. W. Deputy Master Wheeler. The history of Blazing Star Lodge as submitted by Most. Wor. Brother Pettengill was a rare treat.

The career of this sturdy lodge holds much of interest to

the members of the Craft; the faith, zeal and courage displayed by the founders and pioneer members of the lodge will serve for all time as an inspiration to those that follow after. So long as the unanimity and harmony prevail to the obvious degree they do at present, the future of this lodge is assured.

The whole occasion was truly one of Masonic delight, and reflects great credit upon the brethren having the affair in charge.

On Saturday evening, December 6, 1919, I visited officially Hiram Lodge, No. 180, F. & A. M., the occasion being a reception of the Anchor Club of Boston, Massachusetts. This organization is composed of Free Masons in the employ of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company, and numbers some 600 members. The officers are either Past Masters or present officers in the subordinate lodges of Massachusetts.

The guest of honor on this occasion was M. W. Master Harry G. Noyes, Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire, who, at the conclusion of the work, gave a most interesting address.

On Saturday, November 20th, I attended the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Schenectady, N. Y. On this occasion, it was my great pleasure to meet Wor. Bro. William S. Farmer, Grand Master of Masons in New York, together with the distinguished brethren of his suite. The same deep interest in Masonic functions obtains through New York State, with the same force as in our own. It proved to be a most gratifying Masonic event.

On February 23rd, I visited officially Liberty Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Beverly, Massachusetts. It is the custom of this lodge to celebrate concurrently with Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, of Alexandria, Va., and Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, of Beverly, England, the anniversary of the birth of our illustrious brother and Free Mason, the first President of the United States. The exercises consisted of an exchange of fraternal greetings, the secretary of Alexandria-Washington Lodge being present, as was also a member of Constitutional Lodge of Beverly, England, Brother Percy Bryant Baker, the distinguished sculptor.

I met on that occasion many of the distinguished Masons

of our sister jurisdiction, and was especially impressed by the interesting addresses upon Masonic matters which was a feature of the evening's entertainment.

I was forced to decline the invitation of our Most Worshipful Brother A. B. Wood, Grand Master of Masons in Quebec, to participate in the observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Deputy Grand Master Edward W. Wheeler was also unable to attend, therefore I requested our Grand Representative, Peter W. A. Burket, near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, to attend as our representative. This he graciously did and rendered a very comprehensive report, which will become a valued addition to our files of correspondence.

CONCLUSION.

The foregoing is a condensed outline of my official acts during the past year. I have not deemed it advisable to include in this report the many matters of mere routine, which have passed over my desk. The discharge of my duties in these matters has been a most gratifying experience, as I was glad of the privilege of contributing in some slight degree to the prosperity and well being of the Fraternity, during the busiest year of its history, and for the opportunity of coming into close and personal contact with so many distinguished members of the Craft.

I am about to relinquish this highly honorable office to my esteemed successor, and I should be compelled to smother my impulses should I fail at this time to express my sincere thanks to my associates and officers of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and I am under an added indebtedness to Most Worshipful Brother Chase, Grand Treasurer, and R. W. Brother Davis, the Grand Secretary, for their advice and assistance.

The District Deputy Grand Masters have shown commendable zeal and fidelity in the discharge of their arduous duties. They are entitled to the commendation of the whole Fraternity.

The report of Most Worshipful Brother Sleeper, the Grand Lecturer, is most interesting and gratifying, in realizing that his labors toward uniformity and accuracy so consistently pursued for many years, are bringing forth good fruit.

Through the stress and turmoil of the five years just passed, the good ship Free Masonry has proven her worth and stability, and like the ark of our emblem, may she bear us into a safe and secure harbor. Brethren, our duty is plain, our responsibility is fixed, inspired by the example of the illustrious brethren who have preceded us, let us continue to give the best there is in us for the establishment of the principles of our sublime Fraternity.

SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master.

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

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were presented by the Grand Master and referred to the same committee.

GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 4, 1920.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

The detail affairs of my office have been attended to as promptly as circumstances would permit. I have been greatly annoyed at times by being unable to supply Secretaries with diplomas, but I would here assure all that all apparent neglect has been through no fault of my own but wholly because of the delay in receiving the blanks from the engravers. Most of the Secretaries have accepted my explanations and looked at the matter in the right light, but I have some letters on file which would seem to show that a few had a feeling that they were personally neglected. As no better prospects even now are in sight, I hope that the Secretaries of the lodges down through the State will accept the situation and bear delays with patience.

Fourteen hundred copies of the Proceedings of 1919 session were printed and mailed to the regular addresses on September 13th, delayed a considerably in the bindery because of labor shortage. The plan of distribution followed is four copies to each lodge Secretary; three to each Grand Secretary, except a few of the foreign ones where two only are sent; one copy to each Grand Officer, Permanent Member, Grand Representative, and some twenty-five or more public and Masonic libraries; and two hundred filed away for future needs. The books were all sent by parcel post which has proved a much more satisfactory way than by express as was formerly done, and at no greater expense.

The returns came in earlier, and in far better shape this year than on any year since I have been in this office. About half of them came typewritten, a larger number than ever before. I wish each lodge would, by vote to pay some outside typist if necessary, instruct its Secretary to have the lodge returns made typewritten. Some really excellent penmen set one guessing on the spelling of some odd proper name. This year I had to write to only five secretaries for overdue returns.

Because of certain circumstances connected with the returns as received from the Secretaries, I am convinced that many of them do not preserve the copy signed and returned by the District Deputy Grand Master, which should be the start in making the new return. Several Secretaries began their tabulation this year with wrong membership returned last year, and no less than eight wrote me to tell them the correct number with which to begin tabulation. I would recommend that District Deputies when making official visits and inspection of records in the various lodges, ascertain if the attested copies of the returns of the lodge to the Grand Lodge are kept on file and as properly safeguarded against loss by fire or otherwise as are the lodge records themselves.

A study of the returns this year is most interesting; chiefly because the Grand Lodge this Centennial year has made the largest gain in membership of any year in its history, the net increase having been 2,285. The first thought that naturally arises is, has this growth been healthy, and does it show the solicitation of applications by enthusiastic officers and members? Doubt in this respect should be dispelled when we consider that almost one in five of the applications received have been rejected, and further when we remember that Masonic activity is not confined to any locality or even to the State of Maine, but is country wide so far as information comes from proceedings received and Masonic publications read. It seems to be another instance of history repeating itself, because following the Civil War of 1861-65, Masonry according to the records, experienced a phenomenal increase in numbers during several years.

The business of this office has increased tremendously, and as only one illustration I would cite the matter of degrees by courtesy. Previous to the war, not more than three or four requests of this nature were handled during a whole year. During the year now closing more than one hundred and twenty-five requests have passed through my office for courtesy work, either by lodges in this State wishing to have degrees conferred in other Grand Jurisdiction, or by lodges away asking that one or more degrees be conferred by Maine lodges. Last year the number was some over eighty. As each request for courtesy work necessitates from five to eight letters, one can easily see that my statement of increased business is well founded.

I wish to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the conditions surrounding the Maine Masonic Text Book, better known as the "Blue Book." That book was originally written by the late M. W. Josiah H. Drummond, and printed and published by the late Grand Secretary, Stephen Berry, as sole proprietor of the Stephen Berry Printing Co., and though for years it has been the standard authority for the monitrial

work of the Maine lodges, and because of the prestige of its distinguished author, the digest of Masonic law contained therein has been the fountain of knowledge of every student of Masonic jurisprudence in this State, the book has always been and is today, privately owned, the present owner of its electro plates and copyright being Miss Echel Berry, daughter of the late Grand Secretary. In 1910 the late R. W. Brother Herbert Harris, at private expense, revised the digest of Masonic laws, and the third and last edition of the book was printed. That edition is now exhausted, and today, though the Grand Lodge of Maine has never owned a penny in the accepted official monitor of work by the lodges, and the only digest of the Masonic laws of the State, it is impossible for any lodge or brother to get a copy of the book. I have stated these facts for your consideration, and for the Grand Lodge to decide whether it will attempt to secure control of the Maine Masonic Text Book; authorize some person of committee to prepare a new one; or depend on private enterprise to publish another edition from the present or revised plates.

I have made and furnished Secretaries, on proper application, 1,030 Grand Lodge Certificates. The cash received for these and the other financial transactions of my office will be reported by the proper committee.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Grand Secretary.*

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

GRAND TREASURER

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 4, 1920.

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

In account with ALBRO E. CHASE, Grand Treasurer.

1919.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|--------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| May 6. | Cash on hand to balance | \$16,579.56 |
| | Dues Bernard Archibald, D. D. G. M., | |
| | 1st District | 408.00 |
| | Dispensations | 56.00 |
| | Interest Portland National Bank | 281.22 |
| | | <hr/> \$17,224.78 |

FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| Dues Grand Secretary, | 3d District | \$ 473.00 |
| " " | 4th " | 351.20 |
| E. L. Mayberry, | 14th " | 600.00 |
| H. R. Gillis, | 2d " | 378.60 |

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| W. N. Conant, | 26th District | \$ 222.20 | |
| J. O. Smith, | 1st " | 532.60 | |
| A. T. Bradford, | 24th " | 808.60 | |
| W. F. Leavitt | 11th " | 603.60 | |
| W. P. Newman | 5th " | 590.80 | |
| Error, | 5th " 1919 | 4.80 | |
| W. E. Hinds, | 15th " | 413.00 | |
| C. B. Hall, | 9th " | 682.00 | |
| R. L. Tasker, | 22d " | 404.20 | |
| W. R. Beazley, | 21st " | 472.40 | |
| G. P. Rowe, | 20th " | 269.20 | |
| N. C. Redlon, | 17th " | 1,646.20 | |
| W. O. Nichols, | 23d " | 378.20 | |
| C. L. Stewart, | 7th " | 251.40 | |
| E. W. Gilman, | 13th " | 429.00 | |
| R. H. Eastman, | 16th " | 337.60 | |
| F. W. Seavey, | 10th " | 544.20 | |
| F. A. Gray, | 6th " | 682.60 | |
| A. L. Curtis, | 8th " | 266.80 | |
| W. N. Seavey, | 18th " | 280.60 | |
| A. J. Welch, | 25th " | 361.00 | |
| H. S. Grindall, | 12th " | 446.60 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$12,490.40 |
| Charles B. Davis, certificates, | | | 742.99 |
| Grand Chapter 3-10 office, | | 536.37 | |
| Grand Commandery 2-10 office, | | 357.78 | |
| | | <hr/> | 894.15 |
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| | | | \$31,452.32 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Pay roll, 1919 | \$ 3,065.95 |
| Forest B. Snow, 4th District | 16.09 |
| W. E. Howell, and Assistants services | 50.00 |
| C. M. Rice Paper Co., cards | 1.55 |
| Tucker Printing Co. | 100.75 |
| C. M. Farrar, services | 15.15 |
| M. H. Simmons, services | 9.55 |
| J. C. Arnold, services | 9.65 |
| F. P. Denaco, services | 14.15 |
| H. S. Grindall, services | 7.25 |
| N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co., services | 76.18 |
| Chas. F. Gilpatric, D. D. G. M., 19th District. | 26.60 |
| Pantagraph Printing Co., list | 71.65 |
| Warren C. King, services | 6.00 |
| Bernard Archibald, D. D. G. M., 1st District. | 18.82 |
| Philip N. Talbot, flowers | 8.00 |

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| Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co., safe | \$ 10.00 |
| Shaylor Engraving Co., cut | 2.53 |
| Masonic Trustees, rent | 1,500.00 |
| Charles B. Davis, services | 1,500.00 |
| Walter S. Smith, services | 5.00 |
| Loring, Short & Harmon, records | 10.00 |
| Frank E. Sleeper, services | 100.00 |
| A. R. Pilley, D. D. G. M., 7th District | 6.90 |
| American Bank Note Co., diplomas | 1,247.00 |
| E. A. Poole, awnings | 22.00 |
| Albro E. Chase, index | 300.00 |
| Stephen Berry Co., proceedings | 916.20 |
| Stephen Berry Co., printing | 63.62 |
| Charles B. Davis, mailing proceedings | 54.33 |
| Albro E. Chase, correspondent | 300.00 |
| The Three B Bindery, returns | 5.00 |
| Royal Typewriter Co., ribbons | 8.34 |
| Walter Corey & Co., furniture | 68.00 |
| Frank E. Sleeper, schools of instruction | 109.46 |
| Adding Machine | 147.00 |
| Masonic Trustees, banquet room | 10.00 |
| The Dyer Knight Co., truck | 10.50 |
| The Eagle Press, announcements | 185.00 |
| Albro E. Chase, postage | 11.00 |
| Albro E. Chase, services | 500.00 |
| Committee on Celebration, expense | 21.00 |

 \$10,610.19

EXPENSES DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| Wilson H. Conant, | 26th District | \$ 14.64 |
| William O. Nichols, | 23d " | 30.53 |
| William F. Leavitt, | 11th " | 14.32 |
| Chester B. Hall, | 9th " | 22.03 |
| William R. Beazley, | 21st " | 49.21 |
| Walter E. Hinds, | 15th " | 52.31 |
| Guy P. Rowe, | 20th " | 26.02 |
| Rufus L. Tasker, | 22d " | 30.50 |
| Nathan C. Redlon, | 17th " | 11.03 |
| Ernest L. Mayberry, | 14th " | 12.27 |
| Ernest W. Gilman, | 13th " | 27.60 |
| C. Lee Stewart, | 7th " | 31.67 |
| J. Orin Smith, | 1st " | 54.33 |
| Raymond H. Eastman, | 16th " | 16.20 |
| Waldo N. Seavey, | 18th " | 27.00 |
| Fred W. Seavey, | 10th " | 32.20 |
| Fred A. Gray, | 6th " | 13.00 |
| Allen L. Curtis, | 8th " | 24.47 |

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| Henry R. Giflis, | 2d District | \$ 8.62 | |
| Arthur J. Walsh, | 25th " | 19.63 | |
| Albert T. Bradford, | 24th " | 9.09 | |
| W. P. Newman, | 5th " | 18.59 | |
| | | | 545.26 |
| | | | \$11,155.45 |
| 1920 | | | |
| May 4. Cash on hand to balance | | | 20,296.87 |
| | | | \$31,452.32 |

The dues from the lodges of the Nineteenth District have not been paid.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *Grand Treasurer.*

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND LECTURER.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, was presented as follows:

SABBATH, March 20, 1920.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of Masons in Maine.

In presenting my report as Grand Lecturer for the year now nearly closed, I can make a very unique and suggestive statement. In no previous year have there been received in this grand jurisdiction more than eight applications from lodges for Schools of Instruction, but this year I received twenty, which proves conclusively to me that the desire of a fuller knowledge of our mysteries and a more exact practice of our rites is increasing among the officers and brethren of our lodges. From counties: One application came from Androscoggin; two from Aroostook; one from Franklin; one from Hancock; two from Kennebec; one from Knox; three from Oxford; one from Sagadahoc; two from Somerset; three from Waldo, and three from York. Among Masonic districts they were divided as follows: From 1st District, two; 7th, three; 8th, one; 9th, one; 12th, one; 13th, one; 14th, one; 15th, one; 16th, two; 21st, one; 22nd, one; 23rd, three, 24th one, and 26th, one. From this large number I could select only four, much to my regret.

On Wednesday, October 22, 1919, I held a school at Lewiston, under the joint patronage of Ashlar and Rabboni Lodges of Lewiston and Tranquil and Ancient Brothers' Lodges of Auburn. The other lodges in the district were willing to do their share, but the four city lodges very generously

expressed a desire to assume the responsibility and the expense. There were present one Past Grand Master, D. D. G. Masters from the 1st, 5th, 14th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 20th, and 24th Districts, many Past and Presiding Masters, and about 375 brethren, representing 36 Maine, three Massachusetts, and one New Hampshire lodges.

Very thorough instruction was given in all three degrees, after which the remaining available time was occupied in asking and answering questions, and in exemplifying the proper manner of examining applicants for visiting. The Lewiston and Auburn lodges were most hospitable, entertaining their guests with fine organ selections and furnishing a most excellent banquet. The degree of M. M. was then conferred upon candidates by the officers of Tranquil Lodge, the work being officially inspected by the Deputies present.

On Wednesday, October 29th, a school was held at Rockland, under the auspices of the lodges of the Ninth District. This school, like all ever held at Rockland, was a very successful one. There were present one Past Grand Master, one Past Grand Warden, D. D. G. Masters from the 9th and 10th Districts, three Past D. D. G. Masters, nine Masters, 47 Past Masters, and in all 246 brethren, representing 33 lodges. Great interest in work and lectures was manifested, and Rockland maintained its reputation of being one of the most zealous Masonic centers in our State. Hospitality was unbounded, and the work of the evening will be reported by the Deputies who inspected it.

Tuesday, November 4th, a school was held at Farmington, with Maine Lodge. There were present D. D. G. Masters from the 15th, 24th, and 26th Districts, 17 Masters or Past Masters and 75 brethren representing 14 Maine lodges. It had been many years since the brethren of Farmington and vicinity had had an opportunity to attend a Masonic school and all present seemed very glad to avail themselves of its privileges. Great interest was manifested all the day through, and I think the brethren received much benefit. The Entered Apprentice degree was worked in the evening and inspected by the Deputies, after which a fine banquet was served.

Thursday, November 6th, a school was held at Waterville, at which were present two Past Grand Masters, D. D. G. Masters from the 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 15th, and 20th Districts, and about 150 brethren representing 15 Maine, one New Hampshire, one Massachusetts, and one Michigan lodges. The day was fully occupied in a painstaking examination and explanation of the work of the three degrees, and as many skilled workmen were present no doubtful word or act was allowed to pass unchallenged. Abundant hospitality was continually shown to visitors.

An opportunity was found to confer the degree of Actual Past Master upon such as were entitled to receive it. The instruction of the day was supplemented in the evening by the presentation of work upon candidates by the officers of Waterville Lodge and its inspection by the Deputies present.

In conclusion I will say that all the schools held this year have been

unusually pleasant and profitable ones, and show that the work throughout the State is now very uniform.

For some cause which I do not know, but much to my regret, Deputies from the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 13th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, and 25th Districts were not present at either of our schools.

During the last nine years districts have *not* been represented by their Deputies as follows:

District No. 1, two years; No. 2, three years; No. 3, six years; No. 4, four years; No. 5, two years; No. 6, all; No. 7, four years; No. 8, four years; No. 9, three years; No. 10, all; No. 11, four years; No. 12, three years; No. 13, two years; No. 14, one year; No. 15, one year; No. 16, one year; No. 17, two years; No. 18, two years, No. 19, six years; No. 20, three years; No. 21, five years; No. 22, three years; No. 23, one year; No. 24, two years; No. 25, three years.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. SLEEPER, *Grand Lecturer.*

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

GRIEVANCES.

The following matters, and all papers and correspondence connected with each case, were received and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

Meridian Lodge, No. 125, vs. Damanique Souci.

Penobscot Lodge, No. 39, vs. Gayland W. Bennett.

Pleasant River Lodge, No. 163, vs. Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44.

Memorial of Frank W. Bellington.

RETURNS

BRO. CHARLES B. DAVIS submitted the Report of the Committee on Returns, which was accepted as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 4, 1920.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report that returns have been received from all of the 206 chartered lodges in the State, and an examination of these show the fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction in a most prosperous condition.

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There has been a tremendous increase in membership, but it is not confined to any lodge or locality, but is noted alike in city and rural lodges from one corner of the state to the other. Only one lodge, Arion, No. 83, at Goodwin's Mills, sends a blank report, not having received a single application or conferred a degree. The lodge maintained its membership, however, as it had no deaths or suspensions.

Nine lodges show a combined loss of 17 in membership; five report the same number as last year, and all others made gains from one up. The largest amount of work is reported by Deering, No. 183, of Portland, with 89 initiations and 75 raisings, and a net gain in numbers of 65.

The returns show there were on March 1st, 48 lodges in the State with a membership of less than 100 each. During the year lodges Nos. 4, 111, 203 and 212 passed the 100 mark and make the total number of lodges with membership between 100 and 200, ninety-nine; Nos. 38, 51, 106, 190 and 195, passed into the 200 class, and make a total of thirty-six lodges between 200 and 300; Nos. 14, 44, 150 and 184, passed 300, and give thirteen lodges between 300 and 400; Nos. 35, 105 and 180 passed the 400 mark, and swell the number between 400 and 500 to seven; Nos. 33 and 183 passed 500 and are the only two lodges between 500 and 600, and No. 17 having gained from 593 to 646 is the largest lodge in the state and the only one with a membership more than 600.

An interesting feature to be found in a study of the returns is the number of rejections reported, and well shows that amid all the present rush for the degrees, the quality of material is being well guarded by the ballot. Of 3,933 applications received and acted upon, 811 or nearly twenty per cent. were rejected.

Another feature is that the number suspended for non-payment of dues is only a little more than half that of last year, and is about eighteen per cent. less than the average loss in this respect for past ten years.

The following summary shows comparison with last four years:

| | 1916 | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 | 1920 |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Initiated | 1,354 | 1,382 | 1,467 | 1,863 | 3,122 |
| Raised | 1,349 | 1,406 | 1,430 | 1,808 | 2,927 |
| Affiliated | 108 | 103 | 130 | 92 | 149 |
| Re-instated | 79 | 74 | 79 | 88 | 117 |
| Dimitted | 177 | 159 | 157 | 120 | 186 |
| Died | 654 | 629 | 608 | 769 | 623 |
| Suspended | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Expelled | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Susp. from membership | 256 | 266 | 270 | 163 | 97 |
| Deprived of membership | 6 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Number of members | 31,328 | 31,385 | 32,456 | 33,386 | 35,670 |
| Rejected | 329 | 311 | 372 | 414 | 811 |

The net gain in membership is 2,284, or 15.61 per cent ; more than two and one-half times the then largest ever gain of 933 of last year.

The death rate has been 17.2 to the thousand, a marked decrease from last year when influenza caused everywhere so many deaths.

The average lodge membership has increased from 162.6 to 175.7.

The accompanying abstract of the returns will show the work of the several lodges in detail.

Fraternally submitted,

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| CHAS. B. DAVIS, | } | <i>Committee.</i> |
| JAMES C. AYER, | | |
| ERNEST P. PARLIN, | | |

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1920.

| Nos. | Lodges. | Initiated. | Raised. | Affiliated. | Re-instated. | Dimitted. | Died. | Suspended. | Expelled. | N. P. D. | | No. Members. | Rejected |
|------|------------------|------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|----------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Suspended. | D. of Mem. | | |
| 1 | Portland | 46 | 51 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 450 | 4 |
| 2 | Warren | 30 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 194 | 6 |
| 3 | Lincoln | 26 | 24 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 178 | 4 |
| 4 | Hancock | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 0 |
| 5 | Kennebec | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 147 | 5 |
| 6 | Amity | 22 | 21 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 267 | 6 |
| 7 | Eastern | 13 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 174 | 3 |
| 8 | United | 15 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 246 | 3 |
| 9 | Saco | 48 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 268 | 21 |
| 10 | Rising Virtue | 33 | 23 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 287 | 3 |
| 11 | Pythagorean | 15 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 149 | 2 |
| 12 | Cumberland | 21 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 225 | 5 |
| 13 | Oriental | 13 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 219 | 5 |
| 14 | Solar | 44 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 320 | 9 |
| 15 | Orient | 18 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 157 | 3 |
| 16 | St. George | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 118 | 0 |
| 17 | Ancient Landmark | 67 | 61 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 646 | 34 |
| 18 | Oxford | 18 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 224 | 4 |
| 19 | Felicity | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 130 | 2 |
| 20 | Maine | 14 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 188 | 5 |
| 21 | Oriental Star | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 214 | 7 |
| 22 | York | 14 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 160 | 1 |
| 23 | Freeport | 23 | 21 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 199 | 7 |
| 24 | Phoenix | 12 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 187 | 5 |
| 25 | Temple | 8 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 117 | 2 |
| 26 | Village | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 115 | 0 |
| 27 | Adoniram | 8 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 2 |
| 28 | Northern Star | 9 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 127 | 1 |
| 29 | Tranquil | 45 | 38 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 433 | 7 |
| 30 | Blazing Star | 23 | 21 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 349 | 12 |
| 31 | Union | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 0 |
| 32 | Hermon | 29 | 24 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 445 | 5 |
| 33 | Waterville | 43 | 47 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 527 | 24 |
| 34 | Somerset | 12 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 231 | 7 |
| 35 | Bethlehem | 28 | 26 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 1 |
| 36 | Casco | 11 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 208 | 1 |
| 37 | Washington | 21 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 170 | 1 |
| 38 | Harmony | 14 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 7 |
| 39 | Penobscot | 13 | 22 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 235 | 6 |
| 40 | Lygonia | 15 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 361 | 1 |
| 41 | Morning Star | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 107 | 3 |
| 42 | Freedom | 9 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 2 |
| 43 | Alna | 20 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 193 | 7 |
| 44 | Piscataquis | 20 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 304 | 24 |
| 45 | Central | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120 | 0 |
| 46 | St. Croix | 25 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 223 | 7 |

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| | | | | | | | | | | S. | D. | | |
| 47 | Dunlap | 48 | 45 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 356 | 17 |
| 48 | Lafayette | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 139 | 2 |
| 49 | Meridian Splendor | 18 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 191 | 4 |
| 50 | Aurora | 34 | 30 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 427 | 0 |
| 51 | St. John's | 26 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 203 | 3 |
| 52 | Mosaic | 11 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 203 | 2 |
| 53 | Rural | 12 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 3 |
| 54 | Vassalboro | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 2 |
| 55 | Fraternal | 7 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 0 |
| 56 | Mount Moriah | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 2 |
| 57 | King Hiram | 7 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 140 | 0 |
| 58 | Unity | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 3 |
| 59 | Mt. Hope (ch. sur.) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 60 | Star in the East | 30 | 22 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 258 | 13 |
| 61 | King Solomon's | 18 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 146 | 0 |
| 62 | King David's | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 0 |
| 63 | Richmond | 16 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 174 | 1 |
| 64 | Pacific | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 111 | 1 |
| 65 | Mystic | 22 | 19 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 162 | 1 |
| 66 | Mechanics' | 15 | 15 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 184 | 5 |
| 67 | Blue Mountain | 5 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 136 | 4 |
| 68 | Mariners' | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 | 0 |
| 69 | Howard | 6 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 140 | 1 |
| 70 | Standish | 10 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 128 | 3 |
| 71 | Rising Sun | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 | 0 |
| 72 | Pioneer | 14 | 15 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 193 | 7 |
| 73 | Tyrian | 15 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 221 | 10 |
| 74 | Bristol | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 135 | 0 |
| 75 | Plymouth | 7 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 | 1 |
| 76 | Arundel | 17 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 158 | 6 |
| 77 | Tremont | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 132 | 1 |
| 78 | Crescent | 9 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 140 | 0 |
| 79 | Rockland | 10 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 236 | 0 |
| 80 | Keystone | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 125 | 4 |
| 81 | Atlantic | 53 | 45 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 357 | 8 |
| 82 | St. Paul's | 8 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 194 | 4 |
| 83 | St. Andrew's | 31 | 27 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 346 | 8 |
| 84 | Eureka | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 | 1 |
| 85 | Star in the West | 8 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 0 |
| 86 | Temple | 31 | 28 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 273 | 4 |
| 87 | Benevolent | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 1 |
| 88 | Narraguagus | 16 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 111 | 0 |
| 89 | Island | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 123 | 0 |
| 90 | Hiram Abiff (ch. rev.) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 91 | Harwood | 25 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 188 | 10 |
| 92 | Siloam | 19 | 21 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 248 | 9 |
| 93 | Horeb | 29 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 240 | 11 |
| 94 | Paris | 10 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 151 | 3 |
| 95 | Corinthian | 12 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 128 | 2 |
| 96 | Monument | 49 | 51 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 364 | 8 |
| 97 | Bethel | 15 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 144 | 1 |
| 98 | Katahdin | 7 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 181 | 1 |
| 99 | Vernon Valley | 18 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 97 | 1 |
| 100 | Jefferson | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 107 | 2 |

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| | | | | | | | | | | S. | D. | | |
| 101 | Nezinscot | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93 | 0 |
| 102 | Marsh River | 9 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 76 | 0 |
| 103 | Dresden | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 0 |
| 104 | Dirigo | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 0 |
| 105 | Ashlar | 40 | 40 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 402 | 5 |
| 106 | Tuscan | 31 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 218 | 2 |
| 107 | Day Spring | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 0 |
| 108 | Relief (<i>ch. recalled</i>) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 109 | Mount Kineo | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 143 | 0 |
| 110 | Monmouth | 11 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 139 | 3 |
| 111 | Liberty | 13 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 0 |
| 112 | Eastern Frontier | 16 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 182 | 12 |
| 113 | Messalonskee | 6 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 121 | 3 |
| 114 | Polar Star | 51 | 54 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 360 | 9 |
| 115 | Buxton | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 113 | 1 |
| 116 | Lebanon | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 135 | 5 |
| 117 | Greenleaf | 9 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 184 | 0 |
| 118 | Drummond | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 0 |
| 119 | Pownal | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 117 | 1 |
| 120 | Meduncook (<i>ch. sur.</i>) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 121 | Acacia | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 2 |
| 122 | Marine | 15 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 260 | 0 |
| 123 | Franklin | 12 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 0 |
| 124 | Olive Branch | 4 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 119 | 0 |
| 125 | Meridian | 13 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 211 | 1 |
| 126 | Timothy Chase | 17 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 168 | 1 |
| 127 | Presumpscot | 13 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 142 | 6 |
| 128 | Eggemoggin | 7 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 134 | 4 |
| 129 | Quantabcook | 7 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 0 |
| 130 | Trinity | 17 | 16 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 261 | 4 |
| 131 | Lookout | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 0 |
| 132 | Mount Tire'm | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 2 |
| 133 | Asylum | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 4 |
| 134 | Trojan (<i>consolidated</i>) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 135 | Riverside | 22 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 126 | 3 |
| 136 | Ionic (<i>ch. sur.</i>) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 137 | Kenduskeag | 7 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 108 | 1 |
| 138 | Lewy's Island | 28 | 27 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 226 | 10 |
| 139 | Archon | 13 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 87 | 1 |
| 140 | Mount Desert | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 1 |
| 141 | Augusta | 21 | 19 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 435 | 4 |
| 142 | Ocean | 9 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 1 |
| 143 | Preble | 21 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 245 | 21 |
| 144 | Seaside | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 286 | 14 |
| 145 | Moses Webster | 8 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 204 | 1 |
| 146 | Sebasticook | 9 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 137 | 4 |
| 147 | Evening Star | 12 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 91 | 0 |
| 148 | Forest | 20 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 4 |
| 149 | Doric | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 2 |
| 150 | Rabboni | 21 | 23 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 310 | 7 |
| 151 | Excelsior | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 0 |
| 152 | Crooked River | 15 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 112 | 3 |
| 153 | Delta | 9 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 96 | 2 |
| 154 | Mystic Tie | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 2 |

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| | | | | | | | | | | S. | D. | | |
| 209 | Fort Kent | 8 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 2 |
| 210 | Bagaduce | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 0 |
| 211 | Meduncook | 6 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 0 |
| 212 | McKinley | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 2 |
| 213 | Kemankeag | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 2 |
| 214 | Limestone | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 0 |
| 215 | Orchard | 11 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 0 |
| | | 3122 | 2927 | 149 | 117 | 186 | 623 | 1 | 2 | 97 | 1 | 35,670 | 811 |

Brother EDMUND B. MALLET submitted the following Resolution which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That a special committee on By-laws be appointed by the Grand Master to examine and report upon the subject matter of the By-laws of the several lodges in this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That each and every lodge within this jurisdiction be and hereby is directed to send to the Chairman of the Committee when appointed, on or before October first, Nine Hundred and Twenty, a copy of its By-laws for examination.

EDMUND B. MALLET.

FINANCE

BRO. EDMUND B. MALLET reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 4, 1920.

Your Committee on Finance have examined and approved the bills against the Grand Lodge, and have certified therefor payment to the Grand Treasurer.

The records of the Grand Lodge are faithfully and completely written up-to-date, and the accounts of the Grand Secretary are correct.

The books of the Grand Treasurer have been examined, and have been found correct.

For his account of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge we refer you to the report of the Grand Treasurer.

A summary of the business is as follows:

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| May 6, 1919. | Cash on hand | \$16,579.56 |
| | Cash receipts for years 1919-20 | 14,872.76 |
| | Total | \$31,452.32 |
| | The expenditures have been | \$11,155.45 |
| | Cash on hand | 20,296.87 |
| | | \$31,452.32 |

The amount of the invested fund to the credit of the Charity Fund is \$77,062.35.

We recommend that there be paid

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| To Grand Treasurer for year ending May, 1921, including cost of bond..... | \$ 500.00 |
| To the Grand Secretary for year ending May, 1921 | 1,500.00 |
| To the Grand Lecturer for year ending May 4, 1920 | 100.00 |
| To Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence for year ending May 4, 1920 | 300.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLET, } *Committee*
ELMER A. DOTEN, } *on Finance.*

The report of the committee was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

CLIFFORD J. PATTEE.

The following memorial prepared by Brother WILMER J. DORMAN, was read by the Grand Secretary, and it was voted that the same be printed in the proceedings and a page inscribed in memory of Brother Pattee.

CLIFFORD JAMES PATTEE.

Brother CLIFFORD JAMES PATTEE, died at his home in Belfast, on December 8, 1919, thus removing a prominent figure in Masonic circles in Maine.

Brother PATTEE was born in Jackson, Maine, June 10, 1874. He received his education at the Belfast High School and the University of Maine, graduating from the latter institution in 1895. He then engaged in the insurance business with his father, under the name of James Pattee & Son, to which he devoted his time and energy until the end. Brother Pattee was married on June 9, 1898, to Miss Jessie M. Sargent, who, with one son, Dana S., survives him. He was raised a Master Mason in Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, F. & A. M., of Belfast, March 12, 1896; exalted in Corinthian Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M., April 27, 1903; greeted in King Solomon's Council No. 1, R. & S. M., April 8, 1904; and created a Knights Templar in Palestine Commandery, No. 14, K. T., January 13, 1909. He was elected and served with marked ability as Worshipful Master of Phoenix Lodge, as High Priest of Corinthian Chapter, T. I. M. of King Solomon's Council, and as Eminent Commander of Palestine Commandery. In the Grand Lodge he served in various positions, and was elected Junior Grand Warden in May, 1914. In the Grand Chapter he was appointed G. C. H.

in May, 1911, and advanced by regular promotion to Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in May, 1918. He served his lodge, Chapter and Commandery as Secretary and Recorder for many years with great fidelity. He was also a Past Patron of Primrose Chapter, O. E. S.

Brother PATTEE was an ardent and enthusiastic Mason, a courteous gentleman, and one whose presence will be greatly missed in Masonic gatherings in this State.

Brother PATTEE was buried on Wednesday, December 10th, under the auspices of Palestine Commandery, No. 14, K. T., in the presence of a large number of sorrowing friends.

“ Life’s labor done,
Serenely to his final rest he passed;
While the soft memories of his virtues yet
Linger, like sunlit hues, when that bright orb is passed.”

WILMER J. DORMAN.

AUGUSTUS BAILEY

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE presented the following, which was accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings, and a page inscribed to R. W. Bro. Augustus Bailey’s memory:

AUGUSTUS BAILEY.

February 21, 1920, R. W. AUGUSTUS BAILEY, Past Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, died at his home in Gardiner, Maine, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, ten months and sixteen days.

Brother Bailey was born in Whitefield, Maine, April 5, 1832, the youngest of the children of Joseph and Mary (Shaw) Bailey. He received his education in the schools of his native town after which he followed the sea for a short time. In 1850 he settled in Gardiner where he engaged in the carriage making business until about 1867, when he disposed of that and began writing insurance continuing this latter business the rest of his life. He enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest insurance agent in the state in length of service, and was the oldest representative in the country for some of the companies. For several years he also acted as agent for the American Express Company.

In politics he was a Republican, joining that party upon its organization. He served his city as a member of the common council and as alderman, and was also a director and treasurer of the Gardiner High School for a number of years. He was appointed by Governor Burleigh as an inspector of prisons and jails.

Brother Bailey was initiated in Hermon Lodge, No. 32, at Gardiner, June 26, 1855; was Master in 1862 and 1863; and elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1884.

He was exalted in Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter, No. 4, at Hallowell, September 4, 1862, later becoming a charter member of Lebanon Chapter, No. 18, at Gardiner in 1864, and in 1868 was its third High Priest.

He received the Cryptic degrees in Alpha Council, No. 3, at Hallowell, dimitting to assist in the instituting of Adoniram Council, No. 12, at Gardiner, in 1868, becoming its first Illustrious Master, serving in that office for four years, and afterward acting as recorder for several years. He was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Maine in 1869-70-71.

He was knighted in Maine Commandery, No. 1, at Gardiner, February 17, 1865, and served as Commander in 1879.

For sixty years Brother Bailey regularly attended the meetings of the Grand Masonic Bodies, but the infirmities of age compelled him to give up this pleasant duty in the last years of his life. He never lost his interest in Masonry and enjoyed telling of his early experiences in the order and the distinguished members he had met in his masonic life.

THOS. H. BODGE.

MANLEY GREENLEAF TRASK

Rev. Brother ASHLEY A. SMITH presented the following memorial which was presented and ordered printed in the proceedings:

In his last days, the last great poet-leaureate of England, Alfred Lord Tennyson, said: "The face of death is toward the Sun of Life, his truer name is — Onward." Not otherwise would we think today in this one hundredth Convocation of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine of our beloved brother,

MANLEY GREENLEAF TRASK.

Born at New Sharon, Maine, October 9, 1837, the son of James and Sarah Greenleaf Trask. Brother Trask was a familiar citizen on the streets of Bangor, and was well known in its civic and commercial and religious life for many honored years.

He began life in Bangor as a photographer, but in 1878 entered the hardware trade under the name of Trask & Chalmers, and later was engaged in the steam heating and plumbing business in the well known firm which bore the name of The Leighton Plumbing and Heating Company.

He served his city of Bangor as councilman from 1873 to 1876, when he was chosen alderman, serving faithfully from 1879 to 1881.

Brother Manley G. Trask's Masonic record was a high and honorable one, as indicated by the following enviable record:

Made a Master Mason October 14, 1861, in St. Andrews Lodge, No. 83, of Bangor; made a Royal Arch Mason, November 8, 1866, in Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 6, of Bangor; made a Royal and Select Master, April 13,

1870, in Bangor Council, No. 5, of Bangor; made a Knight Templar, May 29, 1867, in St. John's Commandery, No. 3, of Bangor. Received the fourteenth degree July 13, 1883, in Eastern Star Lodge of Perfection; received the sixteenth degree February 27, 1889, in Palestine Council; received the eighteenth degree June 18, 1889, in Bangor Chapter; received the thirty-second degree, in Maine Consistory in Portland.

Brother Trask served St. Andrew's Lodge as Worshipful Master during the years 1873 and 1874. He was High Priest of Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 6, in the year 1875.

In the Grand Lodge, Brother Manley G. Trask was Senior Grand Warden in 1889, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maine during 1885.

On June 23, 1864, he was united in marriage to Miss Maria L. Leighton, who died March 14, 1915. Brother Trask died December 20, 1919. One daughter survives, Miss Mattie L. Trask of Bangor.

During all his years of residence in Bangor, Brother Trask was a constant attendant at the First Universalist Church, and a member of its communion and fellowship.

He has laid down the working-tools of this earthly life, that he may become a part, a living building stone, "of the temple not made with human hands, eternal in the heavens," where the supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

ASHLEY A. SMITH.

GEORGE W. McCLAIN

BRO. FRANK E. MONROE presented the following memorial, which was accepted, and ordered printed in the proceedings, and a page inscribed to R. W. Bro. McClain's memory:

GEORGE W. McCLAIN.

Once again has Divine Providence laid its finger on one of our esteemed members,

R. W. Bro. GEORGE W. McCLAIN, P. J. G. W., passed away at his home in Brownville, October 14, 1919, aged fifty-one years. Brother McClain had long been troubled with the disease which finally caused his death and for the few weeks immediately preceding his death he suffered intensely.

George W. McClain was the son of Alexander and Mary McClain, and was born at Molunkus, Maine, in 1868.

He was married to Miss Ida Spencer, and eight children were born to them, all of whom with Mrs. McClain survive him.

Early in 1890 and practically coincident with the making of Brownville, a divisional point of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Bro. McClain moved to Brownville where he continued to reside to the time of his death. In February, 1891, he received his Master's degree in Pleasant River Lodge

at Brownville, and in 1895 served Pleasant River as Master of its lodge; from the date of his "raising" down to the day of his death his interest in matters masonic was unflagging and his zeal untiring.

Although the nearest chapter was twenty-five miles distant from Brownville and in those days conveyance between the towns was often had by team, as early as 1892, Bro. McClain received his degrees in Piscataquis Chapter, at Dover, and beginning in 1900, served Piscataquis Chapter as High Priest for three successive terms. In 1903, he withdrew from Piscataquis Chapter to join the newly organized Rabboni Chapter at Brownville, and in which latter chapter he had the distinction of being the first High Priest.

He was a member of St. John's Commandery as early as 1895; in 1904 he was Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and in 1906, served one term as Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Maine.

In all these various capacities he was prompt, energetic and efficient; he seemed to have a happy faculty, enjoyed by but few, of readily committing and always retaining the masonic text work; in his work in the various degrees he rarely had recourse to a cipher and it is probably true that very few men had a better and more thorough knowledge of the text of the first seven degrees than did Brother McClain.

Brother McClain was a barber and followed that avocation down to the time of his death. In politics a Republican. He served as Postmaster at Brownville Junction since 1896, and was so serving at the time of his death. He was active in town matters and served several terms as Chairman of the local Assessors board. It was very largely through his efforts that Rabboni Chapter, R. A. M., came into existence and his interest in that organization never halted; whenever a vacancy existed at a meeting in the officer's staff, "George" was always there, ready and willing to serve; when the interest in the chapter flagged it was "George" that could be relied on to inject the necessary life and spirit to revivify it. He was buried with Masonic honors at Brownville by the order and lodge with which he first affiliated. Peace to his ashes.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. MONROE.

HERBERT HARRIS

The following memorial prepared by Brother HARRY O. WORTHLEY, was read by the Grand Secretary and ordered printed in the proceedings and a page inscribed to the memory of Brother Harris.

HERBERT HARRIS.

HERBERT HARRIS was born in East Machias, December 17, 1846, the son of Peter T. and Deborah (Longfellow) Harris, and received his early education in the schools of that town. He was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1872 with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

He studied and taught music in Boston most of the time thereafter till 1883, when he returned to East Machias. In 1900 he moved to Bangor as organist and choir-master of Central Congregational Church. In 1904 he went to Portland as organist and choir-master at State Street Congregational Church. He retired from his profession in 1905, and went to Chicago in 1915.

One often hears of a person "giving a life to Masonry," and Brother Harris was one of those who did so. Raised in Warren Lodge, No. 2, at East Machias, March 6, 1868, he ever after found his greatest pleasure in serving the craft. He served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 1886 and 1887, and the Grand Lodge as Senior Grand Warden in 1894, and Corresponding Grand Secretary from 1904 to 1912.

He was exalted in Washington Royal Arch Chapter at Machias, November 19, 1886, and was a charter member of Warren Chapter, No. 53, at East Machias, served as High Priest seven years, was Grand King in 1903, and was Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence from 1902 to 1912.

He received the Cryptic degree in St. Croix Council, No. 11, at Calais, September 29, 1891.

He was knighted in St. Bernard Commandery, at Eastport, July 21, 1887, and was a charter member of St. Elmo Commandery, at Machias, serving as Commander in 1892, 93 and 94, and was elected Grand Commander in 1899, serving one year.

In the A. and A. Scottish Rite he received 4th to the 14th degrees in Eastern Star Lodge at Bangor, in 1888; the 15th to the 32nd in the Portland bodies in 1890, and was made an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council 33d degree, in Boston, September 15, 1891.

He was a charter member of the Scottish bodies at Machias, and served as T. P. Master of Delta Lodge of Perfection for seven years.

He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland since 1891, and of the Red Cross of Constantine since 1905.

In Supreme Council he served as Grand Organist from 1903 to 1906.

Brother Harris never married. He died in Chicago, Ill., June 6, 1919, and leaves one sister living in Chicago, but no other near relatives.

HARRY O. WORTHLEY.

JAMES HILL WITHERELL.

Bro. J. FREDERICK HILL presented the following Memorial, which was accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings, and a page inscribed to R. W. Brother WITHERELL'S memory:

JAMES HILL WITHERELL.

JAMES HILL WITHERELL was born in the town of Norridgewock, Maine, on the sixteenth day of March, 1852, the son of Josiah S. and Sarah (Hill) Witherell. When but a boy he lost both his parents, and his boyhood

days were lived with an uncle. His education was obtained in the village school and later at the famous Eaton School, at Norridgewock.

After graduating from school, he entered at once into business. He was first associated with business partners in the manufacture of scythes and axes in the town of Littleton, N. H. Later this business was moved to Oakland and it was with the Witherell Scythe Company that he was identified for so many years. In more recent years his attention was devoted to the selling end of this business, and this meant for him extensive trips into many parts of the country. It was while on one of these trips that death came to him, the immediate cause being over-exertion on a hot day in the work of repairing his automobile. He passed away on September 9, 1919, in the Brightlook Hospital, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Brother Witherell always evidenced a deep interest in Masonry. He was made a Mason in Messalonskee Lodge, No. 113, Oakland, November 2, 1889, serving as Worshipful Master in 1894-6; District Deputy Grand Master in 1898; and Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge in 1917. He was exalted in Drummond Royal Arch Chapter, No. 27, at Oakland, June 15, 1890; elected High Priest in 1896, serving three years. In 1895, he was Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter. He was greeted in Mt. Lebanon Council, No. 13, Oakland, July 7, 1890, and was elected Thrice Illustrious Master in 1902, serving five years. In 1910, he was elected M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council, serving one year. He was knighted in St. Omer Commandery, Waterville, November 13, 1890. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias. He was Junior Vice President of Maine Council of the Order of Grand High Priesthood at the time of his death.

Brother Witherell was married to Miss Emma Belanger, who survives him, and to them were born two sons, Carl H. Witherell and Louis Von Witherell, both of whom are living. He was buried with Masonic honors at Oakland.

In the passing of Brother Witherell, the Masonic order has suffered a severe loss. He was a man of rare gifts—companionable in the truest sense of the term; radiating good cheer wherever he went, and showing in his life those cherished principles of conduct and good will among men that are taught in the precepts of our great fraternity. The world is the better for his having lived in it, and the sadder for the passing of a soul whose chief high purpose seemed always to be to make earth a little better place in which to live.

J. FREDERICK HILL.

At 11.40 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock.

FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND,
Tuesday, May 4, 1920.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock.

CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

Requests of Certificates of Charter were received and it was voted that Certificates be issued to the following lodges:

Katahdin, No. 98.
Marine, No. 129.
Anchor No. 158.

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, presented the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 4, 1920.

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, to whom were referred the Address of the Grand Master, the Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer have attended to their duty and report as follows:

We find the dispensations granted by the Grand Master were in conformity with the law; we would, however, recommend the prerogative be exercised most cautiously in the matter of shortening the time of ballot or permitting the conferring of all the degrees upon a candidate at one communication.

We find the approval of changes in By-Laws to be for the interest of the Craft of the several lodges.

We recommend all decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We recommend the references to his visitations and public acts of a Masonic character and the reports of the D. D. G. Masters be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

We are in accord with his suggestion regarding the increase of the minimum fee for the degrees and recommend it be made thirty dollars. As the local conditions in each lodge largely govern its necessities, we hesitate to recommend legislation in the matter of dues, but they should be sufficient in every instance to care for all the expenses aside from masonic relief.

We observe the existing conditions in connection with the "Maine Masonic Text Book" and believe it requires careful consideration and some definite action should be taken at this annual communication if possible. We recommend the matter be referred to a special committee to report not later than Thursday morning.

Fraternally submitted,

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| THOS. H. BODGE, | } Committee. |
| ASHLEY A. SMITH, | |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | |

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Brother RALPH H. BURBANK presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Panama near this Grand Lodge, and as such was given most cordial greeting.

HISTORY.

Bro. FRED C. CHALMERS, for the Committee on History, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 4, 1920.

Your Committee on History have attended to their duties, and report that no histories have been presented.

Fraternally submitted,

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| FRED C. CHALMERS, | } Committee |
| WALDO PETTENGILL, | |
| CONVERS E. LEACH, | |

The report was accepted.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in print, which was accepted, and permission given to complete it. (*See Appendix*).

ELECTION

The hour of election (3 o'clock) having arrived, the Grand Master invited M. W. Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE to preside. Bro. BODGE assumed the East and appointed the following committees to receive, sort and count votes:

- I. W. SCOTT SHOREY, CHARLES W. CROSBY, FRANK J. COLE.
 II. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, CONVERS E. LEACH, EDW. G. WESTON.

The Grand Secretary reported the number of votes to be

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| Permanent Members present, 1 each, | 36 |
| Grand Officers present, 1 each, | 40 |
| 184 lodges represented (3 votes each), | 552 |
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| Total number of votes, | 628 |

The Committees, having attended to their duties, reported the choice of

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| EDWARD W. WHEELER, | <i>M. W. Grand Master,</i> | Brunswick |
| ALBERT M. SPEAR, | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master,</i> | Gardiner |
| JOHN J. MARR, | <i>“ Senior Grand Warden,</i> | Island Falls |
| LEE M. SMITH, | <i>“ Junior Grand Warden,</i> | Norway |
| ALBRO E. CHASE, | <i>“ Grand Treasurer,</i> | Portland |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, | <i>“ Grand Secretary,</i> | Portland |

Committee of Finance — HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor; EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport; ELMER A. DOTEN, Portland.

Trustees of the Charity Fund for three years — EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport; ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.

And they were severally declared elected, and the committies thanked and discharged.

The Grand Master resumed the East, and thanked M. W. Bro. BODGE for his assistance.

EXCUSES.

The following representatives presented sufficient good reasons for non-attendance for the remainder of the session, and they were excused, and the Grand

Treasurer authorized to pay them mileage and per diem.

ALLEN CLARK, Hermon, No. 32.

JOHN W. SPRINGALL, Penobscot, No. 39.

ALFRED H. MCCORRISON, Meridian Splendor, No. 49.

G. HERBERT FOSS, Eastern Frontier, No. 112.

HENRY I. PHINNEY, Seaside, No. 144.

C. E. BOMAN, Moses Webster, No. 145.

At 4.30 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock Wednesday.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Wednesday, May 5, 1920. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock.

APPOINTMENTS.

The Grand Master appointed M. W. Brother CHARLES F. JOHNSON to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Jurisprudence, and Wor. Bro. EDWARD K. GOULD to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Pay Roll.

UNITED STATES MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

The Grand Secretary presented the reports, correspondence and all papers he had received in connection with the United States Masonic Service Association and the same were referred to a special committee, which was appointed by the Grand Master, and composed of Past Grand Masters EDMUND B. MALLET, THOMAS H. BODGE and WALDO PETTENGILL, to report at this session if possible.

The Grand Master read the following telegram which was ordered printed in the proceedings:

NEW YORK, May 5, 1920.

CHARLES B. DAVIS,

Masonic Temple, Portland, Me.

The Grand Lodge of New York sitting in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication tenders to the Grand Lodge of Maine fraternal salutations and felicitations on the celebration of its Centennial Anniversary. We subscribe ourselves loyally your associates in the great work ahead for our craft to accomplish; all joy and happiness to you at this notable period in your history.

WM. S. FARMER, *Grand Master*

ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, *Grand Secretary*.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

At this point began the special programme in celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the organization of this Grand Lodge, which took place in the City of Portland, June 20, 1820.

The spacious main hall of the Temple was filled to capacity with brethren from all over the State and distinguished guests from other Grand Jurisdictions, among whom were Most Worshipful ARTHUR D. PRINCE, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; Most Worshipful CHARLES C. PERKINS, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; Most Worshipful DANIEL C. CLARKE, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick; Most Worshipful ORREN P. SPERRA, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and personal proxy for the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ohio, and Right Worshipful FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, Grand Secretary of Massachusetts; who were introduced to the Grand Lodge of Maine by Most Worshipful FRANK E. SLEEPER, Senior Past Grand Master, and were given the Grand Honors of Masonry.

The programme of the afternoon consisted of selections by the orchestra, and the Portland Masonic Quartette, invocation by Rev. ASHLEY A. SMITH, Past Grand Master; an historical address by ALBRO E. CHASE, Past Grand Master; and an oration by CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Past Grand Master.

At six o'clock dinner was served in the Banquet Hall of the Temple, covers being laid for 628, and nearly every place taken.

The post prandial was presided over by Grand Master ADAMS as toastmaster, and the speakers were the distinguished guests above named.

(Grand Secretary's note.—A stenographic report of the entire exercises of the afternoon and evening was taken and will be published as soon as possible, and a copy forwarded to each Lodge.)

At 10.10 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9.00 A. M. Thursday.

THIRD DAY — MORNING.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Thursday, May 6, 1920. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock.

PAY ROLL.

Bro. JOHN C. ARNOLD reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 6, 1920.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

Your Committee on Pay Roll would report that they have received the Report of the Committee on Credentials, that a schedule has been prepared, and is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

JOHN C. ARNOLD,
CHARLES M. FARRAR, } *Committee.*
EDWARD K. GOULD, }

Report accepted and schedule ordered to be paid.

PUBLICATION.

Bro. MILLARD M. CASWELL, for the Committee on Publication, reported that no business had been presented to them. The report was accepted.

BY-LAWS OF LODGES.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee of Jurisprudence, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

May 6, 1920.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the resolutions regarding by-laws of subordinate lodges, have considered the same and recommend that the same be adopted substituting for the words "Chairman of the Committee when appointed," and inserting in their place the words "Grand Secretary."

Fraternally submitted,

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| ALBRO E. CHASE, | } Committee. |
| THOS. H. BODGE, | |
| CHARLES F. JOHNSON, | |

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The Grand Master appointed for the special committee, Bros. EDMUND B. MALLET, CHARLES B. DAVIS and ALBRO E. CHASE.

JURISPRUDENCE — DECISIONS.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE for the Committee of Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions of the Grand Master, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

May 6, 1920.

The Committee on Jurisprudence to which was referred the decisions of the Grand Master have considered them and finding them in accord with the law and practice of this jurisdiction, approve them.

Fraternally submitted,

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| ALBRO E. CHASE, | } Committee. |
| THOMAS H. BODGE, | |
| CHARLES F. JOHNSON, | |

The report was accepted.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

Bro. FRANK E. MONROE reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 5, 1920.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on the condition of the Fraternity, having attended to the duties assigned them, make the following report:

We have carefully examined all of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters which were presented to your Committee (several have failed to report) and find that the past year has been the banner year in Freemasonry in Maine. The growth of the Fraternity has been wonderful and great interest has been shown by all lodges and officers.

The Grand Secretary's report shows that all lodges have carefully considered the character of each application, accepting only those who could bear the acid test, and we highly commend the action of the lodges.

The report of the Grand Lecturer shows that the deputies in the following districts did not attend a School of Instruction during the year: Districts 2, 3, 4, 13, 19, 21, 22 and 25. We feel that a deputy is not properly qualified to make inspection of the work of the lodges in his district, unless he has attended a school. From reports which come to your committee, many deputies have made corrections not in accord with the work prescribed by the Grand Lodge of Maine. It is for the interest of Masonry that more attention be given the Schools of Instruction so ably conducted by Grand Lecturer Sleeper, and the Grand Lodge should encourage attendance to these "schools." District conventions have been held and much benefit derived from them, and we feel that it would be for the interest of the order if every district in the State would hold a convention.

The reports show that the extreme cold weather and deep snows seriously interfered with the official visitations, one deputy still having a visitation to make.

We wish, however, to commend the efficient work of the District Deputy Grand Masters and trust that their successors will show the same zeal in the performance of their duty.

FRANK E. MONROE,
ISAAC A. CLOUGH, } Committee.

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Bro. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the following Standing Regulation, which was adopted, to take effect with the Annual Communication of 1921.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby empowered to ascertain the distance from the place of meeting of each lodge in this

jurisdiction to Masonic Temple, Portland, Maine, and the means of conveyance used.

Resolved, That, in making up the mileage for the attendance upon the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Treasurer make use of the information obtained.

Resolved, That, in computing the per diem of the members, in attendance upon the annual communication of 1921 and until further resolved be placed at three dollars.

UNITED STATES MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

BRO. EDMUND B. MALLET for the special committee to consider the papers in connection with the United States Masonic Service Association, asked permission to defer a full report until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, which was allowed.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE.

BRO. FRANK E. SLEEPER, for the Committee on Centennial Celebration, reported as follows:

PORTLAND, ME., May 6, 1920.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your committee appointed two years ago to have charge of the exercises for the observance of the Centennial of this Grand Lodge, would report that the program as determined upon at the annual communication last year was carried out in its entirety yesterday afternoon and evening.

The committee acknowledge the valued assistance of a sub-committee, composed of the Past Masters of subordinate lodges in Portland and nearby which was made up as follows:

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| Portland, No. 1, | Fred V. Berry. |
| Ancient Land-Mark, No. 17, | Fred P. Dyer. |
| “ “ “ | Frank C. Allen. |
| “ “ “ | E. Murray Graham. |
| Atlantic, No. 81, | Elmer A. Doten. |
| Casco, No. 36, | John W. Coleman. |
| Hiram, No. 180, | David E. Moulton. |
| Deering, No. 183, | George F. Grant. |
| Warren Phillips, No. 186, | Clinton S. Eastman. |

SILAS B. ADAMS,
FRANK E. SLEEPER,
H. D. SMITH,
WALDO PETTENGILL,
FRANK E. MONROE,

} Committee.

The report was accepted, and after receiving congratulations of the Grand Lodge for the most successful carrying out of its plans, the committee was thanked and discharged.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE proposed the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, which according to law was referred to the next Annual Communication:

Moved, to amend Section 109 of the Constitution by striking from the second line the word "twenty" and substituting therefor the word "thirty" so that the whole section as amended shall read:

SEC. 109. The fee demanded by a lodge for conferring the first three degrees in Masonry, shall not be less than thirty dollars, including the fee to the Grand Lodge; and no lodge under this jurisdiction shall take notes of hand for fees, or grant any time of credit therefore, or permit the fees or any part thereof to be remitted directly or indirectly.

And by striking from the third, fourth and fifth line the clause "but clergymen approbated by competent authority to preach the gospel, may be initiated, crafted and raised without any fee whatever."

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Bro. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, May 6, 1920.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have carefully considered such matters as have been presented to them, and respectfully submit the following report:

In the case of Penobscot Lodge, No. 39, at Dexter, against Gayland W. Bennett, wherein Bro. Bennett was on the twenty-sixth (26th) day of September, A. D. 1919, by a unanimous vote of the Lodge, expelled from the lodge, we recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That, the action of Penobscot Lodge be approved and confirmed; and that Bro. Gayland W. Bennett be and hereby is expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In case of Meridian Lodge, No. 125, at Pittsfield, against Dominique Susi, wherein Bro. Susi was on the twenty-second (22nd) day of August A. D. 1919, by a unanimous vote of the Lodge suspended for the term of one year. It appears by certified copy of the records that by unanimous vote of the Lodge Bro. Susi was declared guilty of the charge against him. It also appears that several ballots were had as to nature of punishment,

viz: "Expulsion," "Indefinite Suspension" and for the respective terms of five (5) and three (3) years, all of which were lost by a majority vote in the negative;

From which the final vote of the Lodge, an appeal was entered by Walter M. Priley, Worshipful Master, and twenty (20) other members of the Lodge, and the case is before us on Appeal.

We recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That, suspension for one year only is inadequate punishment;

That the appeal of Walter M. Priley, W. M. and twenty others, be approved and sustained; and that Bro. Susi be, and hereby is expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In case of Pleasant River Lodge, No. 163, at Brownville, against Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44, at Milo, for invasion of jurisdiction, and conferring the E. A. and F. C. degrees upon one L. L. Blanchard without a waiver from Pleasant River Lodge, we find that the jurisdiction of Pleasant River Lodge was invaded by Piscataquis Lodge as charged, and recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That, the fees received from the candidate L. L. Blanchard, be transmitted to Pleasant River Lodge, and that Piscataquis Lodge be enjoined from conferring any further degree upon said Blanchard without the consent of Pleasant River Lodge.

In matter of Memorial of Bro. Frank H. Billington, wherein he asks this Grand Lodge to answer the following question, viz: "What is my standing in the Masonic Fraternity in Maine at the present time?" We beg to report that we find by vote of the Grand Lodge in May, 1919, said Billington was restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry, we therefore answer, that by said vote he was restored to full membership in Asylum Lodge, No. 133, from which lodge he has never been expelled or suspended.

In matter of complaints of Mount Abram Lodge, No. 204, at Kingfield, against Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, at North Anson, for invasion of jurisdiction, the papers came in late, and were irregular in form, in that Northern Star Lodge had not been notified, and we therefore recommend that the case be continued to the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

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| ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, | } Committee on Grievances and Appeals. |
| GEO. V. HOLMES, | |
| ALBERT M. PENLEY, | |

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted, by separate votes on each.

INSTALLATION.

The M. W. Grand Master invited Most Worshipful FRANK E. SLEEPER, Senior Past Grand Master, to assume the East and install the Grand Officers. He

did so and appointed M. W. Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS as Grand Marshal, who presented his successor, EDWARD W. WHEELER, Grand Master elect, who was duly installed into office, prayer being offered by Rev. DAVID L. WILSON, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master then announced the following:

APPOINTMENTS.

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| CONVERS E. LEACH, | R. W. Cor. Grand Secretary, | Portland |
| J. ORIN SMITH, | " D. D. G. M. 1st Dist. | Presque Isle |
| EDWARD G. BUXTON, | " " 2nd " | Eastport |
| RALPH E. SMITH, | " " 3rd " | East Machias |
| PAUL W. SCOTT, | " " 4th " | Deer Isle |
| WILLIAM P. NEWMAN, | " " 5th " | Milo |
| FRED A. GRAY, | " " 6th " | Hermon |
| C. LEE STEWART, | " " 7th " | Clinton |
| WARREN A. NICHOLS, | " " 8th " | Belfast |
| LEROY G. CUNNINGHAM, | " " 9th " | Washington |
| FRED W. SEAVEY, | " " 10th " | South Bristol |
| EREST L. GOODSPEED, | " " 11th " | Gardiner |
| EDMUND P. WILLIAMS, | " " 12th " | Sidney |
| MYRON C. JEWETT, | " " 13th " | Solon |
| ERNEST L. MAYBERY, | " " 14th " | Brunswick |
| WALTER E. HINDS, | " " 15th " | Flagstaff |
| HARRY E. LOWELL, | " " 16th " | South Paris |
| NATHAN C. REDLON, | " " 17th " | Portland |
| CLIFFORD C. SMITH, | " " 18th " | Bridgton |
| MYRON E. SAVAGE, | " " 19th " | Saco |
| FRED A. BUDGE, | " " 20th " | Mattawamkeag |
| CLARENCE E. DOW, | " " 21st " | Bar Harbor |
| DANA L. SMALL, | " " 22nd " | Plymouth |
| WILLIAM O. NICHOLS, | " " 23rd " | Sanford |
| ARCHIE R. BANGS, | " " 24th " | Sabattus |
| ARTHUR L. TODD, | " " 25th " | Patten |
| WILSON H. CONANT, | " " 26th " | Buckfield |
| REV. WILLIAM H. FULTZ, | W. Grand Chaplain, | Portland |
| " DAVID L. WILSON, | " " " | Bath |
| " HENRY E. DUNNACK, | " " " | Augusta |
| " ASHLEY A. SMITH, | " " " | Bangor |
| " JOHN M. BEILER, | " " " | Machias |
| " ARTHUR F. STRAY, | " " " | Bangor |
| " ROBERT J. BRUCE, | " " " | Portland |
| " A. FRANCIS WALCH, | " " " | Augusta |
| " GEO. M. WOODWELL, | " " " | South Bristol |
| " JAMES C. GREGORY, | " " " | Presque Isle |

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| HIRAM A. WEBBER, | W. | Grand Marshal. | Brunswick |
| DAVID E. MOULTON, | " | " Senior Deacon, | Portland |
| E. MURRAY GRAHAM, | " | " Junior Deacon, | Portland |
| ELMER A. DOTEN, | " | " Steward, | Portland |
| RALPH H. BURBANK, | " | " " | Biddeford |
| FRANK P. DENACO, | " | " " | Bangor |
| SPURGEON S. HOAR, | " | " " | Oakland |
| ERNEST J. RECORD, | " | " Sword Bearer, | South Paris |
| EDWARD K. GOULD, | " | " Standard Bearer, | Rockland |
| WARREN C. KING, | " | " Pursuivant, | Portland |
| WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS, | " | " " | Lisbon |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " | " Lecturer, | Sabattus |
| WALTER S. SMITH, | " | " Organist, | Portland |
| WINSLOW E. HOWELL, | " | " Tyler, | Portland |

He then invited M. W. Bro. SLEEPER to proceed with the installation.

The Grand Officers elect and appointed who were present were installed by Bro. SLEEPER and proclamation was made.

The Grand Master assumed the East and thanked Brothers SLEEPER, WILSON and ADAMS.

He then announced the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.

RALPH H. BURBANK, FRANK P. DENACO, WARREN C. KING.

On Grievances and Appeals.

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, GEORGE W. HOLMES, ALBERT M. PENLEY.

On Publication.

MILLARD M. CASWELL, EDWARD G. WESTON, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

On History.

FRED C. CHALMERS, WALDO PETTENGILL, CONVERS E. LEACH.

On Dispensations and Charters.

ARCHIE L. TALBOT, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, EDMUND B. MALLET.

On Amendments to the Constitution.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON, FRANK E. SLEEPER, WM. FREEMAN LORD.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

HUGH R. CHAPLIN, ALBRO E. CHASE, THOMAS H. BODGE.

On Foreign Correspondence.

ALBRO E. CHASE, FRANK J. COLE, ASHLEY A. SMITH.

On Condition of the Fraternity.

EDWIN A. PORTER, FRANK E. MONROE, ISAAC A. CLOUGH.

On Library.

GRAND MASTER, WILMER J. DORMAN, WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY.

On Transportation.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, WM. FREEMAN LORD, JAMES E. PARSONS.

On Returns.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, JAMES C. AYER, ERNEST P. PARLIN.

THANKS.

On motion of Bro. EDMUND B. MALLET it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS for the admirable manner in which he had conducted its affairs during the past two years.

CERTIFICATE OF CHARTER.

On request of Wor. Bro. NICHOLS, it was voted that the Grand Secretary issue a Certificate of Charter to Day Spring Lodge, No. 107.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

Bro. ARCHIE LEE TALBOT for the Committee on Dispensations and Charters reported that nothing had been presented to the attention of the committee, and the report was accepted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Brother ALBERT M. PENLEY, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that the business of the communication was completed, and the report was accepted.

CLOSING.

The minutes were read by the Grand Secretary and approved, and at 12.30 the Grand Lodge was closed.

Attest:



Charles B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine will be held at Masonic Temple, Portland, on Tuesday, May 3, 1921, at 9 o'clock A. M.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND

MASONIC TEMPLE,
Tuesday, May 4, 1920.

The Trustees met in the Grand Lodge Office at 5 P. M.

Present—SILAS B. ADAMS, *President*,
CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*,
EDWARD W. WHEELER,
ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,
HOWARD D. SMITH,
FRANK E. SLEEPER,
EDMUND B. MALLETT,
ASHLEY A. SMITH,
EDWARD G. WESTON.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was presented, as follows:

PORTLAND, ME., May 4, 1920.

*To the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the
Grand Lodge of Maine, A. F. & A. M.:*

Your Treasurer reports that the invested fund consists of:

| | Fund. | Income. |
|---|-------------|----------|
| 20 Shares Westbrook Trust Co. | \$ 2,000.00 | \$120.00 |
| 3 Bonds Toledo Terminal Co. | 2,200.00 | 99.00 |
| 1 " Hyde Park, Mass. | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 " Methuen, Mass. | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 2 " Standish Water and Construction Co. ... | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 " City of Springfield, Mass. | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 " Huntington Water Co. | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |

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| 1 | Bonds | Portland, Oregon, Railroad Co. | \$1,000.00 | \$ 50.00 |
| 2 | " | Central Maine Power Co. | 2,000.00 | 100.00 |
| 5 | " | City of Minneapolis, Minn. | 5,000.00 | 200.00 |
| 1 | " | Portland & Rumford Falls Deb. | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 25 | Shares | Canal National Bank | 2,500.00 | 187.50 |
| 14 | " | First National Bank | 1,400.00 | 112.00 |
| 18 | " | Casco Mercantile Trust Co. | 1,800.00 | 180.00 |
| 2 | Bonds | Wladikawkas Railway Co. | 2,000.00 | .... |
| 1 | " | Everett, Mass. | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 | " | City of Portland, Oregon. | 1,000.00 | 40.00 |
| 1 | " | East St. Louis & Interurban Water Co. | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 | " | Dexter, Maine. | 1,000.00 | 35.00 |
| 1 | " | Wheeling Traction Co. | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 2 | " | Northern Pacific Railway Co. | 2,000.00 | 80.00 |
| 5 | " | Portland Water Co. | 5,000.00 | 200.00 |
| 1 | " | Delaware, Ohio, Water Co. | 500.00 | 25.00 |
| 3 | " | Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co., | 3,000.00 | 120.00 |
| 2 | " | Camden & Rockland Water Co. | 1,500.00 | 75.00 |
| 6 | " | Boston & Maine Railway Co., | 6,000.00 | 960.00 |
| 1 | " | The St. Joseph Water Co. | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 | " | Muncie Water Works Co. | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 4 | " | Sagadahoc Light & Power Co. | 2,000.00 | 90.00 |
| 1 | " | York County Water Co. | 500.00 | 25.00 |
| 1 | " | Denver City Tramway Co. | 500.00 | .... |
| 2 | " | Rumford Falls Water Power Co. | 2,000.00 | 80.00 |
| 1 | " | Utica & Mohawk Valley Railway Co., | 1,000.00 | 45.00 |
| 1 | " | Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Co. | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1 | " | Third Liberty Loan | 1,000.00 | 42.50 |
| | | Mortgage on Real Estate (Moody) | 5,000.00 | .... |
| | | Deposit Augusta Savings Bank | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | | " Skowhegan Savings Bank | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | | " Waterville Savings Bank | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | | " Bath Savings Institution | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | | " Gardiner Savings Institution .. | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | | " Brunswick Savings Institution | 1,000.00 | 40.40 |
| | | " Maine Savings Bank | 1,300.00 | 52.52 |
| | | " Portland Savings Bank | 1,500.00 | 60.60 |
| | | " Fidelity Trust Co. | 2,000.00 | 80.80 |
| | | " Belfast Savings Bank | 728.22 | .... |
| | | " Chapman National Bank, | | |
| | | Savings Department. | 737.89 | .... |
| | | " Portland National Bank, | | |
| | | Savings Department. | 896.24 | .... |
| | | Interest Union Safe Deposit & Tr. Co. . | | 208.36 |
| | | Return from Acacia Lodge, No. 121 .. | | 25.00 |
| | | | \$77,062.35 | \$4,075.68 |

CASH ACCOUNT.

| 1919. | | RECEIPTS. | |
|--------|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| May 1. | To balance, cash on hand..... | \$4,079.97 | |
| | “ Income on investments..... | 4,075.68 | |
| | | | \$8,155.65 |
| 1919. | | DISBURSEMENTS. | |
| May 8. | By amount paid beneficiaries..... | \$2,775.00 | |
| 1920. | | | |
| May 4. | “ cash on hand to balance | 5,380.65 | |
| | | | \$8,155.65 |

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *Treasurer.*

The Grand Master reported that he had examined the securities and had found them all correct as stated, whereupon the report was accepted.

The Secretary presented 84 applications for relief, which were referred to a committee of two.

Adjourned to Wednesday morning at 8.45.

WEDNESDAY, May 5, 1920.

Met in Grand Lodge Office at 8.45 A. M.

Present—SILAS B. ADAMS, *President*,
 CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*,
 ASHLEY A. SMITH,
 HOWARD D. SMITH,
 ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,
 EDWARD G. WESTON.

The Committee on Applications for aid reported a schedule, which was accepted

Voted, That one represent seventeen dollars.

Voted, That \$3,740.00 be appropriated to pay the schedule.

Voted, That \$600 be placed in hands of President.

The renewal of the Grand Treasurer's bond was ordered to be left in the hands of the Grand Secretary, which was done.

Adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

Chas B. Davis

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 forwarded 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, 1889.

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.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1918.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary instruct each applicant to name the age of the beneficiary in the application.

A true copy from the record of Regulations and Votes.

Attest:

CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Sec'y of Board of Trustees.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE

1920

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|--|---|---|----------|---|---|------------|
| EDWARD W. WHEELER, Grand Master, | | | | | | Ex-Officio |
| ALBERT M. SPEAR, Deputy Grand Master, | | | | | | " |
| JOHN J. MARR, Senior Grand Warden, | | | | | | " |
| LEE M. SMITH, Junior Grand Warden, | | | | | | " |
| CHARLES B. DAVIS, Rec. Grand Secretary, | | | | | | " |
| ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, elected May 7, 1918, for three years. | | | | | | |
| EDWARD G. WESTON, | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| HOWARD D. SMITH, | " | " | 6, 1919, | " | " | " |
| FRANK E. SLEEPER, | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| EDMUND B. MALLET, | " | " | 4, 1920, | " | " | " |
| ASHLEY A. SMITH, | " | " | " | " | " | " |

Standing Regulations

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).

I. 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 four and one-half cents for each mile one way 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. (Amended 1914, p. 55).

Standing Regulation, No. 33, relating to the jurisdiction of Deering Lodge, No. 183, was repealed May 3, 1917.

Standing Regulation, No. 35, relating to appointment of an Assistant Grand Secretary, was repealed May 9, 1918.

Resolved, That smoking, or the appearance of smoking, in the Lodge Hall, or in the Preparation Room when in use for the preparation of candidates, in this Grand Jurisdiction, is hereby forbidden. Violation of this regulation shall be considered a Masonic misdemeanor. (1919, p. 260).

Resolved, That the Committee on Credentials and the Committee on Pay Roll, be included in the Pay Roll until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge. (1919, p. 267).

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby empowered to ascertain the distance from the place of meeting of each lodge in this jurisdiction to Masonic Temple, Portland, Maine, and the means of conveyance used.

Resolved, That, in making up the mileage for the attendance upon the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Treasurer make use of the information obtained.

Resolved, That, in computing the per diem of the members, in attendance upon the annual communication of 1921 and until further resolved be placed at three dollars. (1920, p. 451)

Amendments to the Constitution

Adopted Since Edition of Constitution, 1900

(Part Fourth, Article I, Page 42 of the Constitution).

SEC. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions and processions 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 occasion of a public reception of him, or of a public mourning for his death. (1912, p. 53).

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters.

FIRST DISTRICT

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

I was appointed and installed at the session of the Grand Lodge at Portland in May, 1919.

By direction of the Grand Lodge, on July 26, 1919, I visited Monument Lodge, No. 96, at Houlton, and inspected their lodge rooms, then nearing completion. I found the new rooms in every way well fitted for Masonic uses, and I recommended that a dispensation be given Monument Lodge to occupy and use the new rooms for Masonic purposes until they should be more formally dedicated.

On October 22nd, I attended the School of Instruction at Lewiston. This was presided over by M. W. Frank Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, and was largely attended and of much benefit.

On November 14th, I went to Houlton and there acted as Deputy Grand Master in dedicating the hall of Monument Lodge. The Grand Officers present were M. W. Silas B. Adams, Grand Master; R. W. William Davidson, Senior Grand Warden and R. W. Leon S. Howe as Junior Grand Warden, and E. Murray Graham as Grand Marshal. The dedication was accomplished in an able and interesting manner, and this beautiful ceremony reflected much credit upon M. W. Grand Master Adams, the Grand Marshal, E. Murray Graham, and other officers who filled the various stations, and it is certain that Monument Lodge has dedicated to Masonic uses a home, commodious, convenient and of exceeding beauty. After the dedication a sumptuous banquet was served by Monument Lodge to about four hundred guests and brethren. At seven o'clock the lodge convened in special session for the purpose of working the M. M. degree for inspection and as D. D. Grand Master, I inspected the work. There were present between two hundred and three hundred masons, among them sixty-eight who had come from Woodstock, N. B., by special train. After the work I made comments, and speeches were made by W. M. Hazel and by Past Grand Master H. D. Bridges, of New Brunswick, after which the lodge closed in due form. The work was of high quality and is worthy of the highest praise. This lodge has just completed a Masonic Temple in which are business quarters, and a home for the lodge, the chapter and Commandery, all at an expense exceeding \$80,000. The investment seems to be a good one and the future outlook of this lodge is very bright.

On December 1st, Trinity Lodge, No. 130, held a communication for inspection. There was an attendance of about one hundred members and

visitors and work in the M. M. degree was done upon two candidates, by the regular officers of the lodge excepting the Junior Warden, Philip Seavey, who was ill, and whose place was taken by Past Master L. T. Porter. The work was done with hardly a mistake, and all the business of the lodge went forward in a regular and creditable manner. Four applications were accepted at this meeting and four others were presented for future action. This lodge is doing a large amount of work. It is my home lodge and I usually am in attendance at its meetings. Secretary, V. E. Howe, has efficiently held this office for many years and his work is a model of accuracy and neatness.

On December 4th, I attended Caribou Lodge, No. 170, for the purpose of inspection. This was the annual meeting and new officers were elected for the coming year. I was received in form and witnessed the opening of the lodge, the transaction of its business and the working of the M. M. degree upon one candidate. The W. M., W. P. Hamilton, rendered his part in a most able and effective way. All of the work was done almost letter perfect, and the dramatic part of the degree was worked in as impressive a manner as I have ever witnessed. This lodge is particularly fortunate in the interest taken in it by its older members. The attendance was about one hundred, and after the work an excellent banquet was served.

On December 31st, I attended Washburn Lodge, No. 193, for the purpose of inspection. The M. M. degree was worked on two candidates. The opening of the lodge was done almost perfectly. The degree work was done creditably. The secretary's books are kept with accuracy and neatness. About sixty were present. After the work a banquet was served. Everything passed off well and the lodge seems to be prospering. All the proceedings of this lodge are of a high order of efficiency. The first report to me for the Grand Lodge was made by this lodge.

On Friday evening, January 9th, I attended Aroostook Lodge, No. 197, at Blaine, for inspection and was received in form. The regular officers were in their chairs and about forty were present. The opening of the lodge was beautifully done. Two candidates were worked in the M. M. degree and the work was done very well. After the work an excellent banquet was served. This lodge anticipates changing its home to a place nearer its centre of population, as it is now handicapped by reason of its hall being so far distant from its membership.

On Monday evening, January 12th, I attended the joint installation of the officers of Trinity Lodge, No. 130, and Lunar Chapter of the O. E. S. This was a public installation and I personally installed the officers of Trinity Lodge. There were about two hundred present and everything went off smoothly and to the evident enjoyment of all. Kelley's orchestra furnished music both for the installations and for the entertainment in an adjoining hall. Refreshments were served during the evening and the social entertainment was enjoyed.

On Tuesday evening, January 13th, I inspected Limestone Lodge, No. 214. About forty were present. The Senior Warden and Secretary

were absent because of illness. This was a stated meeting and I was received in form. Work was done in the M. M. degree on one candidate in an impressive manner. Dennis Gretchell is an efficient Master and has been re-elected to serve this lodge for the coming year. After the work a splendid banquet was served. This lodge owns its beautiful home and could not be more pleasantly situated than in the quarters which the able and competent business men of this lodge have provided.

On Friday evening, January 30th, I attended a public installation of Washburn Lodge, No. 193, and installed the officers. Music of high quality was furnished by the Caribou orchestra of five pieces. After the installation, a substantial banquet was served and then all adjourned to Gibson's hall where dancing was indulged in. This hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion and everything was made pleasant and inviting. The occasion was one that did much credit to this strong, efficient and hospitable lodge. I was entertained at the beautiful home of Brother George Umphrey.

On Wednesday evening, March 31st, I went to Fort Fairfield and inspected work in the Master Mason's degree, by Eastern Frontier Lodge, No. 112. There were a good number of brethren present and the work was very impressively done. The work of the Master, J. Herbert Foss, was rendered almost letter perfect, and as impressively as it has ever been my pleasure to see. This lodge is very fortunate too in having a very painstaking and efficient Secretary whose records are kept with great neatness and efficiency. It also has a Chaplain, who does his part exceedingly well and all of the other officers are painstaking and capable. After the degree work the lodge adjourned to the dining hall where a banquet of good quality was served. This lodge is doing a large amount of work. It was the stated meeting and several applications were voted upon and six new ones presented. This was my last visitation and too much cannot be said in praise of this strong lodge.

As I cannot take this office another term, I avail myself of this opportunity of thanking you for my appointment and to express my appreciation to the brethren of the First Masonic District for their many courtesies to me and for their loyalty to Masonry and their unceasing enterprise and industry in its behalf.

Fraternally yours,

J. ORIN SMITH, *D. D. G. M., 1st M. D.*

April 15, 1920.

SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Second Masonic District for the year 1919-20. At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge held in Portland, in May, 1919, I was re-appointed D. D. G. M. of this district and was there installed by M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, P. G. M.

My first official act was to call a convention of the lodges of the district at Princeton, on June 11th, by invitation of Lewy's Island Lodge. The convention was called to order at 3.00 p. m., and a lodge of M. M. opened by the officers of Lewy's Island Lodge. After some convention committees had been appointed, labor was suspended in the M. M. degree and a lodge of E. A. opened for work. The officers of Washington Lodge, No. 37, of Lubec, presented the work of this degree. The lodge of E. A. was declared closed and the convention called from labor to refreshment. All repaired to the Princeton House to enjoy a banquet tendered by the members of Lewy's Island Lodge. The Ladies Society of the Congregational church of Princeton, had charge of the tables. Upon again being called to order a lodge of F. C. was declared open for work. The officers of Eastern Lodge, No. 7, of Eastport, exemplified the work of this degree. The lodge of F. C. was declared closed and labor resumed in the M. M. degree. The work in all degrees was of a high order of excellence and called for but few corrections by the committee selected to observe the work and note errors. The attendance was over four hundred. The deaths of P. D. D. Grand Masters John F. Oliver and Moses Tait were reported to the convention, and the following committee appointed to prepare resolutions. P. D. D. Grand Masters Walter F. Bradish, Isaac N. Jones and Wheeler C. Hawkes. Resolutions were presented and it was voted that they be spread upon the records of the convention and copies be forwarded to the widows of the deceased brothers. This convention was one of the largest ever held in the district, and Lewy's Island Lodge is to be congratulated upon the manner in which they entertained the members of the visiting lodges. At 10.30 p. m. the convention was declared closed in peace and harmony. I also made my inspection of the books and records of Lewy's Island Lodge at this meeting.

April 5th, I made my official inspection of Eastern Lodge, No. 7, of Eastport, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was well done and the ritual nearly perfect.

April 7th, I visited Washington Lodge, No. 37, of Lubec and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work of the officers of this lodge was as good as I have ever seen in any lodge, the ritual work being nearly perfect, and the dignity of the officers could not but make a deep and lasting impression.

I have found it impossible owing to bad traveling and other causes to visit Crescent Lodge, of Pembroke, this year, but as P. D. D. G. M. Fred L. Gardner is Master of the lodge it is ample assurance that its affairs are properly conducted and the landmarks of the order observed.

Being a regular attendant of my home lodge, St. Croix, No. 46, I have considered it unnecessary to make formal visitation, but have from time to time made such suggestions and rendered such assistance as I could for the improvement of the work. I installed the officers of St. Croix Lodge on January 5, 1920.

In conclusion, I have the pleasure to state that this has been a most prosperous year in the Second Masonic District. There having been

ninety-six initiations and a net gain of seventy-five members in the five lodges comprising the district. The membership March 1, 1920, being 933. All the lodges have work ahead of them and the indications are for another prosperous year.

The remembrance of my two years as D. D. G. M. for this the Second District will always be one of pleasure and I wish to express my thanks to the Masters and brothers of the several lodges for the attention and courtesy they have shown me upon all occasions. And to you, Most Worshipful, I extend my sincere thanks for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY R. GILLIS, *D. D. G. M., 2nd District*

THIRD DISTRICT.

(No Report.)

FOURTH DISTRICT.

(No Report.)

FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

As my first official act I had the pleasure of installing Brother Arthur J. Welch, of Millinocket, to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fifth District. This was done at the convention of Piscataquis, Composite, Nollesemic and Pleasant River lodges, held in Brownville, under the auspices of Pleasant River Lodge. The work exemplified by the lodges was done in a very pleasing manner.

In October, I attended the School of Instruction, held in Lewiston, by M. W. Brother Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, and received very profitable and interesting instruction. I advise all Worshipful Masters to attend whenever possible, at least one School of Instruction during the year. I only wish I might have attended them all. After a bountiful and delicious banquet at 6.30, work was exemplified by the home lodge in an excellent manner.

On November 3rd, I received an invitation to visit officially Doric Lodge, at Monson. Work was exemplified in the Master Mason degree, and done in a very excellent manner. All the officers with the exception of the Master being Past Masters, with Past D. D. G. M. Jackson in the South, and Past D. D. G. M. Hughes as J. D. The records are kept exceptionally well by P. M. Walter C. Jackson.

The next evening, November 4th, I journeyed to Guilford by invitation of Mt. Kineo Lodge, and enjoyed the work in M. M. degree; very few corrections being necessary as W. M. R. W. Davis handled his business as well as his ritual in an excellent manner. The dues are well collected and records kept in a very creditable manner. Mt. Kineo had invited Doric Lodge as guests, and there were present twenty-six visiting brethren of Doric, which included seven Past Masters and two Past District Deputy Grand Masters. The Jackson family was represented by three generations, all Past Masters, and one being a P. D. D. G. M.

On January 2nd, I visited officially my own lodge, Piscataquis, No. 44. The work was very ably exemplified in the M. M. degree by W. M. R. E. Pineo. The lodge is in excellent financial condition and the dues well collected. P. S. G. W. Monroe is a fine secretary and his records are neatly kept.

On February 13th, I installed the officers elect of Piscataquis Lodge. I also received invitations from Columbia, Pleasant River and Doric Lodges to install, but business engagements forced me to decline.

On April 26th, I officially visited Pleasant River Lodge and witnessed work in the E. A. and M. M. degrees. The work was very nearly perfect as far as the ritual was concerned, and very pleasingly done by W. M. W. G. Evans, who by the way is a very young mason, but has an excellent grasp of the teachings and meanings of work.

I was sorry not to have visited the other lodges in the district as I would have enjoyed it very much. During the winter it was hard getting around and I wanted to wait until I had attended at least one School of Instruction that I might have something of vital interest to present to the lodges. I have kept in touch with Composite Lodge through P. D. D. G. M. H. A. Fowles, who is W. M., and know the work is in fine shape. Mosaic Lodge interests I know are well looked after by P. D. D. G. M. E. A. Whittridge while Penobscot Lodge still has the guiding hand of P. D. D. G. M. Frank B. Arnold.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I wish to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me, and to express my appreciation of the courteous and fraternal spirit with which I have been received in the lodges of the Fifth District.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM P. NEWMAN, *D. D. G. M., 5th District.*

SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

In July I was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District.

This appointment was made to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of the original appointee.

I attended the School of Instruction at Waterville.

January 1st, I installed the officers of Lynde Lodge, No. 174, of Hermon, assisted by Bros. J. M. Taylor as Grand Chaplain and C. N. Patten as Grand Marshal. A fine banquet was served at the close of the meeting.

March 8th, at a special meeting, I inspected Star In The East Lodge, No. 60, of Oldtown. The work in the M. M. degree was well done. A banquet was served at the close of the meeting to about two hundred members and visitors.

March 27th, at a special meeting, I inspected Mystic Lodge, No. 65, of Hampden. Work in the F. C. degree by past masters was very fine. Visitors were present from Bangor and other lodges. A fine banquet was served to a large number at the close.

On March 30th, I inspected the work in the E. A. degree at a special meeting of Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, of Bangor. Rt. Wor. Bro. Leavett of Augusta, D. D. G. M. of the Eleventh District, was present at this meeting. The work was done in a very creditable manner. A fine banquet was served at the close of the meeting.

April 7th, I inspected Mechanics' Lodge, No. 66, of Orono, at a stated communication. The work was in M. M. degree and exemplified in a most satisfactory manner. Rt. Wor. Bro. Leavett, visited this lodge with me. Visitors from Bangor were present. A fine banquet was served.

April 8th, I inspected St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, of Bangor, at a special meeting. The work was in the M. M. degree. This lodge is doing excellent work. At the close of the meeting an excellent banquet was served. The Bangor lodges have a beautiful home.

On account of the bad condition of the roads I failed to reach Kenduskeag, No. 137. Finding the roads overflowed so that they were impassable, I telephoned asking Bro. Harvey to make the inspection. He reported the lodge in fine condition.

It has been also impossible for me to visit Howard Lodge, No. 69, of Winterport, or Olive Branch, No. 124, of Charleston.

On April 14th, I was invited to inspect Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, of Carmel, at a special meeting with work in M. M. degree, but found roads again overflowed and was obliged to turn back.

I have attended my home lodge, Lynde, No. 174, quite regularly. Our officers are nearly all new, but trying to do their work well and are taking in a good number of new members.

I have found all of the lodges in my district in a prosperous condition. Records well kept, and all taking in their share of new members. Nearly all have new officers.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the several lodges for the very kind and cordial reception attended me when on my official visits, also to you, M. W. Grand Master, for my appointment.

Faternally submitted,

FRANK A. GRAY, *D. D. G. M., 6th District.*

Hermon, April 27, 1920.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my first annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Seventh District.

I was installed by P. D. D. G. M. Geo. P. Billings of Seabiscobuck Lodge, No. 146, at a special communication on May 27, 1919.

I attended the School of Instruction held under the direction of Grand Lecturer Sleeper, at Waterville, November 6th.

On December 4th, I visited Unity Lodge, No. 58, at Thorndike. One candidate was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft in a very efficient manner but few errors to be corrected and the instructions were well received. The meeting was well attended and as most of the members live at a distance showed an interest in the work. The lodge has a good Secretary in P. D. D. G. M., A. W. Ward, whose records are very neatly and correctly kept. Dues are well collected and the financial condition good. A fine stew was served after the meeting and a social hour was much enjoyed. I was entertained at the home of Howard Harmond in a very cordial way.

I received an invitation to install the officers of Marsh River Lodge, at Brooks, but owing to the letter being missent I was unable to be present on the evening of December 16th.

On December 22nd, I made my official visit to Quantabacook Lodge, No. 129, at Searsmont, going to Belfast by train, then by auto to Searsmont. Owing to illness the Worshipful Master was unable to be present. The evening was cold and windy but there was a large attendance. The Fellow Craft degree was conferred with Past Master Oren Jackson presiding in the East. The degree was very well worked, with but few errors to be corrected. The records are very well kept by Allen Maddocks, and the dues well collected. A baked bean supper was served and a social time enjoyed after the meeting.

January 8th, I installed the officers of Star of the West Lodge, No. 80, at Unity, it being held with the Eastern Star, a joint installation. A fine baked bean supper was served and a musical program was much enjoyed.

January 16th, I visited Liberty Lodge, No. 111, at Liberty. I went by train to Belfast then across by auto. It was a very cold windy evening but there was a large number present. The M. M. degree was conferred in a very impressive and correct manner; the officers following the ritual very closely. The impressive work of the Worshipful Master showed him to be a diligent student in Masonry. The floor work was very nicely performed. There is every reason for this lodge to congratulate itself on the efficient work of its officers. The records are very neatly kept by P. D. D. G. M., W. L. Greely. Dues well collected, financial condition good. A baked bean supper was served and a social time well enjoyed.

On January 29th, I visited Marsh River Lodge, No. 102, at Brooks. The Entered Apprentice and Master Mason degrees were conferred in a very correct manner. Very fine was the work of the Senior Deacon, doing

his work for the first time. The records are neatly and correctly kept by E. G. Roberts. A banquet was served and a social time enjoyed.

On February 4th, I intended to visit Central Lodge, No. 45, at China, but owing to the "flu" the meeting was postponed.

Owing to the stormy weather and bad roads I was unable to visit Central Lodge at a later date, so requested P. D. D. G. M., Charles W. Jones, to inspect for me.

On March 4th, I visited Seabastcook Lodge, No. 146, my own lodge. This was the first meeting the officers had worked but they conferred the E. A. degree in a creditable manner. The records are well kept by P. L. Cotton. Dues well collected and financial condition good. Refreshments of sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee were served and a social time much enjoyed.

March 23rd, I visited Star of the West Lodge, at Unity. Owing to a misunderstanding, there was but a small attendance and the evening was spent in going over the work of the degrees. I found the officers to have a good knowledge of the work. P. M. D. D., E. D. Chase, informed me that they are doing very good work.

The lodges seem to be prosperous, the best of feeling prevails, with an increasing interest in Masonry through the district. I can heartily say that I have felt well paid for the time spent in visiting the lodges. The new acquaintances formed have been very pleasing to me, and the courtesy that has been extended to me has been much appreciated.

In closing, Most Worshipful, I thank you for the honor of the appointment.

Fraternally,

C. LEE STUART, *D. D. G. M. 7th M. D.*

Clinton, March 30, 1920.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor and pleasure of submitting to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District.

I attended the Lodge of Instruction at Waterville, on November 6, 1919. The several degrees were carefully rehearsed and I have no doubt every one of the large gathering received a great deal of benefit from the instructions given by Bro. Sleeper. We were served a very nice banquet at 6.30, and in the evening the M. M. degree was worked by Waterville Lodge in a very pleasing manner.

On November 8th, I had the pleasure of inspecting Excelsior Lodge, No. 151. The Master Mason degree was conferred on two candidates in a manner which I feel sure will have a lasting impression on those candidates. I was accompanied by Bro. Walter H. Lyons. Excelsior Lodge

is in good financial condition, with records neatly arranged and dues well collected.

I installed the officers of Phoenix Lodge, November 10th, assisted by Luther A. Hammons as Grand Marshal, Walter H. Lyons as Grand Chaplain. After the installation the new officers worked the F. C. degree on three candidates.

November 15th, at a public installation of Excelsior Lodge, I installed the officers, Past D. D. G. M. Isaac Hills acting as Grand Marshal, and Walter H. Lyons as Grand Chaplain. There was a very good attendance. Refreshments were served and a social time was enjoyed.

I was present at the regular meeting of Mariners' Lodge, No. 68, December 3rd, and witnessed the work of the Master Mason degree on one candidate. The work was well done and the ritualistic work of the officers is of high standard and equal to any in this district. I was accompanied by several brothers of Timothy Chase Lodge and they all expressed themselves well pleased with the work.

Thursday, January 8th, I publicly installed the officers of Island Lodge, of Islesboro. I was most cordially and courteously received and after the installation a splendid banquet was served by the members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Their beautiful hall was taxed to its capacity which testifies in the strongest language the high esteem the people of Islesboro feel toward Island Lodge.

I was unable to inspect Island Lodge on March 4th, owing to the uncertainty of boat connections, as they had all been discontinued. I asked the Master to appoint one of the members to represent me on this occasion and I received the following report from him.

ISLESBORO, ME., March 17, 1920.

R. W. ALLEN L. CURTIS, D. D. G. M.

Belfast, Maine.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

At the request of W. M. Charles Trim, of Island Lodge, I represented you at an official visit to his lodge on March 4th, witnessing work in the M. M. degree. Although this was the first time these officers had worked this degree the work was done in a very satisfactory manner, each officer not only trying to follow the ritualistic work as closely as possible but also to impress upon the candidate the real meaning of it. I made a few suggestions which I thought would be for their benefit and which were received in a very kindly spirit.

Fraternally yours,

G. E. PARSONS.

I attended a meeting of King David Lodge, at Lincolnville, on January 9th. The E. A. and F. C. degrees were conferred upon two candidates in a very impressive manner.

January 15th, I made my official inspection of my home lodge, Timothy Chase, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Mason degree on four candidates in a very creditable manner. About one hundred and twenty-

five brethren were present. The ritual was rendered most excellent, and I am sure must have left a favorable impression on the candidates. A fine banquet was served at 6.30 o'clock.

My official visit to Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, occurred on February 9th. One candidate was present and received the Master Mason degree, agreeable to the Masonic custom. It is evident that the officers made a close study of the ritual and I am pleased to report that they maintained the high standard of efficiency that Phoenix Lodge is noted. A very elaborate banquet was served at 8.30, which was enjoyed by about one hundred and fifty brethren.

On April 7th, 1920, I was to inspect Pownal Lodge, No. 119, at Stockton Springs, but owing to the almost impassable condition of the roads, I asked Past Junior Grand Warden, Albert M. Ames, to represent me on this occasion and the following report was rendered by him.

STOCKTON SPRINGS, April 8, 1920.

R. W. ALLEN L. CURTIS,

D. D. G. M., 8th Masonic District,
Belfast, Maine.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

Complying with your request I was present at the stated meeting of Pownal Lodge, No. 119, Wednesday evening, April 7th, and witnessed the conferring of the M. M. degree. The work was performed by Past D. D. G. M. Charles Kneeland, the regular officers filling their respective stations. I need not state that it was done in a very creditable manner for Pownal Lodge has had and now holds the reputation of doing most excellent work. Pownal Lodge has in its present membership ten Past Masters, six of whom were present. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition, has been doing a fair amount of work and has other candidates coming along. The records, as they have been for several years past, are in the very efficient hands of Wor. L. A. Gardner.

Fraternally yours,

ALBERT M. AMES,

Past Junior Grand Warden.

I cannot praise too highly the work of the several lodge of the Eighth District. Every officer has made a special effort to attain a very high degree of efficiency.

The records of the different lodges show that the Secretaries have faithfully performed their duties and the lodges are in a very good financial condition; dues are well collected, and in every way the records are exceptionally well arranged.

The attendance at the meetings have been very satisfactory and I have been received with all the honors due a representative of the Grand Lodge.

I have recommended to the officers of the lodges that they attend the School of Instruction at least once a year, for in this way we can in a measure obtain a degree of uniformity.

In closing my report, I want to take this opportunity to thank all those

who have so ably assisted me in my work and helped to make my visits one of pleasure.

I especially wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you conferred upon me by appointing me as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District.

Fraternally yours,

ALLEN L. CURTIS, *D. D. G. M., 8th M. D.*

Belfast, April 15, 1920.

NINTH DISTRICT.

TO MOST WORSHIPFUL SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor of submitting my third annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Ninth Masonic District.

September 6, 1919, I made my first official visit of inspection at Knox Lodge of South Thomaston. This being the regular meeting the lodge was opened in due form. The ballot was spread for one candidate, two applications were read by the Secretary and three craftsmen raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The work was well done. There has been a marked improvement in the work of this lodge the past year, and the books show that the year has been a very prosperous one. Knox Lodge has a pleasant home, is not in debt, and has a balance in the treasury. The records are neatly kept, and dues well collected. Refreshments were served after the work.

October 20th, I was invited to install the officers of St. George Lodge, No. 16, of Warren. The installation was public. I was assisted by Rev. Bro. S. H. Sargent of Thomaston, as Grand Chaplain, and W. Bro. Eastman of St. George Lodge, as Grand Marshal. An excellent entertainment was provided. Remarks were made by Bro. Sargent and Rev. C. W. Turner, with a banquet at the close.

October 29th, I attended the School of Instruction at Rockland. A good class was present and the school was very profitable. At four P. M. I called the convention of the Ninth District to order. The officers of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 84, of Rockport, were invited to take the chairs and work the E. A. degree. The officers of Orient Lodge, No. 16, of Thomaston, then worked the F. C. degree. The convention was then called to refreshment, and a delicious banquet was served by the ladies of the O. E. S. At eight P. M. the officers of Aurora Lodge, No. 50, of Rockland, worked the M. M. degree on three candidates. The work of the several lodges was very well done. Corrections were made by P. D. D. G. Masters and P. Masters. Secretary Newbert reported 244 brethren registered. G. L. Sleeper then closed the School of Instruction. No other business coming before the convention, it was closed. The brethren all agree that the

conventions are of great benefit to the lodges in the district and hope to see them continued.

December 11th, I was invited to install the officers of Union Lodge, No. 31. The installation was public. I was assisted by Rev. Bro. Smith as Grand Chaplain, and W. Bro. Fred Lucas as Grand Marshal. An entertainment consisting of music, reading and singing, was enjoyed. At the close of the ceremony a fine banquet was served by the O. E. S.

January 1st, I made my official visit to Union Lodge. This being a stated meeting, the lodge was opened in due form and the regular business transacted. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate. The work of the new officers was very well done, both ritual and floor work, and I predict a very successful year for this lodge. The books are in fine condition, and the dues well collected. I was accompanied by several of the brethren of St. George Lodge. After the work refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

Although I was invited early in the fall to visit Mount Olivet Lodge, of Washington, I was unable to do so until January 2nd. The warm welcome we received went far to make us forget that the thermometer outside was around zero. As the officers of the lodge live from one to six miles away, it was 9.40 when the lodge was called to order. After the regular business the work of the M. M. degree was exemplified. This lodge has improved greatly in its work and now compares favorably with the other lodges in the district. The books are carefully kept and the dues well collected. Refreshments were served after the work and it was in the small hours of the morning when we said, "Goodbye" to the brethren and made ready for our return drive of fifteen miles.

January 22nd, I officially visited St. Paul's Lodge of Rockport. Supper was served at seven o'clock. The lodge was opened on the M. M. degree and two candidates were raised. The work was done in a very satisfactory manner. The records are neatly and correctly kept and dues well collected. One is sure of a hearty welcome in St. Paul's Lodge.

February 11th, I made my official visit to Aurora Lodge of Rockland. I was pleased to find the work in the E. A. degree. The new officers are interested in their work and will, I feel sure, maintain the past high standard of this lodge. Needless to say the books in the hands of Bro. A. H. Newbert, Secretary, are neatly and correctly kept and dues well collected. Bro. Newbert informed me that there were 23 petitions on his desk, assuring Aurora Lodge plenty of work the coming year. Refreshments were served after the work.

March 2nd, I inspected the work of Orient Lodge. Supper was served at 6.30 o'clock, and at 7.30 the lodge was called to order, and the M. M. degree conferred on three candidates. The work was done in a very fine manner and but few errors noted. The books are nicely kept, dues well collected, and the financial condition good. Interesting remarks were made by several brethren.

March 5th found me with the brethren of Amity Lodge. An excellent supper was served at 6.30, and being settled in the usual manner, the work

in the M. M. degree was witnessed. Although the work of the officers was not all I could wish, I appreciate the handicap this lodge has been under for the past two years, as a large number of its working members have been in the U. S. service. From the interest shown however I am convinced that in the near future Amity Lodge will again reach its former high standard of work. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Wilson who is ever interested in the welfare of the lodge. Bro. M. T. Crawford was present with the books ready for inspection. I found the dues well collected and the affairs of the lodge in good order.

I requested R. W. Bro. Boman of Vinalhaven, to report on Moses Webster Lodge. He informs me that trouble with the heating system has interfered with holding the meetings, and there has been no work since their annual meeting. Know the quality of the work of this lodge it is safe to say it is well up to their usual standard. The books of the Secretary are always in good condition and dues well collected.

I have made no official visit to my home lodge, St. George, at Warren, but am pleased to report the work very good. There is a larger attendance and more interest shown than for a number of years past. The Secretary's books are very neatly kept, and the dues well collected.

Under date of December 18, 1919, I received notice from the Grand Secretary, that in your judgment the Masonic interests of this locality would be best served by transferring Meduncook Lodge, No. 211, at Friendship, from the Tenth to the Ninth District, and it was so ordered. I at once notified the W. M. to convene Meduncook Lodge as soon as possible, and present the work of the M. M. degree for my inspection, and February 2nd was arranged for my official visit but a blocking snowstorm prevented my going, and there has been no time since when the traveling has been suitable to make the visit. I shall visit this lodge as soon as possible however.

I have also been unable to visit Eureka Lodge at Tenant's Harbor, but as Bro. Humphrey is again Master, I have no doubt the affairs of the lodge are in their usual good condition. There has been a net gain of 118 members in the district since the last report.

I have issued seventeen Past Masters' diplomas during my term of office.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the various lodges for their uniform courtesy. I have found the duties of the office very pleasant and I trust that my successor may find the lodges in this district in as good condition as I found them.

To you, Most Worshipful, I extend my most sincere thanks for the honor of my appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

CHESTER B. HALL, *D. D. G. M., 9th District.*

Warren, Maine, April 12, 1920.

TENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as D. D. G. Master of the Tenth Masonic District.

On October 29th, I attended the School of Instruction and district convention at Rockland. The school proved very instructive and the convention and banquet in the evening were largely attended.

On December 18th, by special request, I installed the officers of Bay View Lodge, No. 195, at a public installation. I was assisted by Wor. Bro. C. Tyler Hodgdon as Grand Marshal, and the Rev. Bro. Kirkpatrick as Grand Chaplain.

On December 19th, I installed the officers of Seaside Lodge, No. 144. I was assisted by Wor. Bro. Lewis A. Duntón as Grand Marshal, and Bro. John W. Brackett as Grand Chaplain.

On December 20th, I installed the officers of my own lodge, Anchor, No. 158, assisted by Wor. Bro. Elighpled S. Gamage as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. Geo. M. Woodwell as Grand Chaplain.

On December 26th, I installed the officers of Bristol Lodge, No. 74, at a joint installation of the Eastern Star and Masonic lodge, where I was assisted by Wor. Bro. Carl Bailey as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. Norris A. Miller as Grand Chaplain.

On February 21st, I officially visited Bay View Lodge, No. 195, and the work in the M. M. degree was very nicely rendered.

On Friday, March 12th, I inspected Alna Lodge, No. 43. The work in the M. M. degree was performed in a very satisfactory manner, and I wish especially to speak of the impressive manner in which the Senior and Junior Warden delivered the lectures.

On Tuesday, March 16th, I inspected Lincoln Lodge, No. 3. The officers of this lodge are to be congratulated in the efficient way in which they perform their work; very few corrections being required.

On Friday, March 26th, I made my official visit to King Solomon's Lodge, No. 61. The work was in the M. M. degree and was a credit to the lodge and the district.

I still have an appointment with Riverside Lodge, No. 135, and Seaside Lodge, No. 144, both of which are in a prosperous condition and doing work that is a credit to the district.

I have attended all the meetings of my own lodge, Anchor, No. 158. We have had a prosperous year and making a steady improvement in our ritual work.

And now, Most Worshipful, in closing, I wish to say this has been a most prosperous year in the Tenth District, and I wish to thank all of the lodges for their courteous treatment, and also to thank you for the honor of my appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED W. SEAVEY, *D. D. G. M., 10th M. D.*

South Bristol, April 25, 1920.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my second report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Eleventh District.

June 17th, my first visit was made to Augusta Lodge, No. 141, my home lodge. On this date the M. M. degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. The officers are faithful to their duties and have the support of the members.

September 22, I installed the officers of Monmouth Lodge, No. 110, at a special communication, being assisted by Bro. Harry H. Cochrane, as Grand Chaplain and Wor. Willard E. Day as Grand Marshal. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

September 23rd, I publicly installed the officers of Morning Star Lodge, No. 41. I was assisted by Wor. Henry Taylor, as Grand Chaplain, and Rt. Wor. W. Leslie Maloone, as Grand Marshal. A fine musical programme was enjoyed after which we repaired to dining hall and partook of a fine supper.

October 6th, I made my official visit to Dirigo Lodge, No. 104, this being their stated communication. They transacted their regular business, after which I installed the officers, being assisted by Wor. Robert N. Barton as Grand Chaplain and Wor. Randall O. Maxwell as Grand Marshal. We then repaired to the dining room where a fine supper was served, after which work was resumed and the M. M. degree conferred by the new officers in a very commendable manner, very few corrections being necessary. The records are still in the keeping of Wor. Bro. Sproul, and needless to say are neatly and correctly kept and the dues very well collected.

October 13th, I made my official visit to Monmouth Lodge, No. 110. The work of the evening was in the E. A. degree and the ritual was closely followed, the officers showing that they realize their responsibilities. Refreshments were enjoyed at the close of the work.

October 21st, I visited Hermon Lodge, No. 32, for the purpose of inspection. The work was in the M. M. degree and was executed in a nearly perfect manner. The ritual was very closely followed and the floor work performed with clock-work precision. Needless to say that the records are well kept as Wor. Bro. Larrabee is still attending to them. At the close of the work a very fine supper was enjoyed by all.

November 4th, I made my official visit to Morning Star Lodge, No. 41, this being their stated communication. Their regular business was transacted in an orderly manner after which the Master Mason degree was exemplified in a very commendable manner, very few corrections being necessary. At the close of the meeting a fine oyster stew was served.

November 6th, I attended the School of Instruction at Waterville, where I gained much valuable information and enjoyed the hospitality of Waterville Lodge, No. 33, who served a splendid supper and worked the M. M. degree in the evening.

December 1st, I visited Kennebec Lodge, No. 5, of Hallowell, for purpose of inspection, and witnessed the M. M. degree which was worked in a very commendable manner, the ritual being very closely followed and the floor work well executed. At close of the work a banquet was served.

December 3rd, at the stated communication of Kennebec Lodge, No. 5, I installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. Powers as Grand Chaplain and Rt. Wor. Bro. Getchell as Grand Marshal.

December 8th, at a special communication of Bethlehem Lodge, I installed the officers, being assisted by Wor. John C. Arnold as Grand Marshal. After closing we adjourned to dining hall and partook of a banquet.

January 9th, at a special communication of Hermon Lodge, No. 32, I installed officers, assisted by Bro. A. Francis Welch, as Grand Chaplain and Wor. Bro. Frank E. Dill as Grand Marshal. After the ceremonies we repaired to banquet hall and enjoyed refreshments.

February 2nd, I visited Temple Lodge, No. 25, for the purpose of inspection, this being their stated communication. The regular business was transacted properly after which the Master Mason degree was worked in a very dignified and impressive manner, with very few errors in ritual. After the lodge was closed, refreshments were served.

I was not able to make arrangements for an official visit to Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, but visited it unofficially several times during the year and have witnessed work in all three degrees and fully appreciate the earnest endeavors of the officers.

I find the work throughout the district to be very uniform and the lodges prosperous.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation of the honor you have conferred on me, and to thank the officers of the lodges in the Eleventh District for their co-operation in arranging for my visitation, and the brethren for the hearty welcome always accorded me, I am,

Fraternally yours,

WM. F. LEAVITT, *D. D. G. M. 11th M. D.*

Augusta, March 29, 1920.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Twelfth Masonic District.

I have visited all the lodges except one, in the district, and I feel that they are in a most satisfactory condition. I have had considerable trouble in making my visits on account of the very hard winter, and have had to postpone visits many times because of severe storms. It was not until May that I was able to get to one lodge, which I had first planned to visit early in January.

October 4, 1919, by invitation, I installed the officers of Rural Lodge, No. 53, at Sidney. I was assisted by Worshipful Brother Edmund P. Williams as Grand Marshal, and Worshipful Brother A. H. White as Grand Chaplain. The installation was private and there was a very large attendance. A bountiful supper followed the meeting and a very pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

October 9th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Neguemkeag Lodge, No. 166, at Vassalboro. I was assisted by Worshipful Brother Louis W. Mellow as Grand Marshal, and Worshipful Brother Willis B. Crosby as Grand Chaplain. The installation was public and though the night was stormy the hall was filled with the brethren and their ladies.

November 6th, I attended the School of Instruction held in Waterville, and under the direction of Grand Lecturer Sleeper. Sessions for instruction were held in the forenoon and afternoon. At six o'clock the Past Masters' degree was conferred on all active Masters present, and Past Masters who had not received the degree previously. Worshipful Brother John H. Burleigh, of Waterville lodge, presided and worked the degree in a very pleasing and correct manner. In the evening I inspected Waterville Lodge, No. 33. They worked the Master Mason degree on one candidate and the work was very well done. The records are in fine shape and the dues well collected. There was the largest attendance in the evening that I have ever seen at this lodge and the meeting was a great inspiration to all. I was assisted in my inspection by District Deputy Grand Masters Rowe of the Twentieth, Curtis of the Eighth, Hines of the Fifteenth and Leavitt of the Eleventh. January 5, 1920, I assisted Deputy Grand Master Edward W. Wheeler as Grand Marshal in his installation of Waterville Lodge, No. 33, at Waterville.

March 31st, I made my official inspection of Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54, at North Vassalboro. I witnessed work in the Fellow Craft degree on one candidate. The work was fairly well done and the ritual closely followed. The records are in fair order and the dues well collected.

April 24th, I made my official visit to Messalonskee Lodge, No. 113, at Oakland, and witnessed work in the Entered Apprentice degree on one candidate. The work was very well done and the ritual closely followed. The records are in fine order and the dues well collected.

April 27th, I made my official visit to Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 99, at Mount Vernon, and witnessed work in the Entered Apprentice degree on three candidates. I saw the very best work in the district done here, and the ritual more closely followed than at any of my other visits. The records are in fine order and the dues well collected.

April 29th, I made my official visit to Neguemkeag Lodge, No. 166, at Vassalboro, and witnessed work in the Entered Apprentice degree on two candidates. The work was finely done. The records are in fine order and the dues well collected.

April 30th, I made my official visit to Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, at Readfield, and witnessed work in the Master Mason degree, on two candidates. The work was well done and especially the work of the Master.

The records are in fine order and the dues well collected. There was a large attendance at this meeting and I believe this lodge is one of the best working lodges in the district.

May 1st, I made my official visit to Rural Lodge, No. 53, at Sidney, and witnessed work in the Fellow Craft degree on one candidate. The work was finely done and the ritual very closely followed. The records are in fine order and the dues well collected.

I have been entertained in a most pleasing manner at all of my visits and each and every member of the lodges I have visited have received me in a most cordial manner. The banquets and social hours I have enjoyed after the meetings have been much appreciated, and I wish to thank the officers and members of all the lodges for the pleasing and cordial manner in which I have been received.

I sincerely believe that the lodges in this district are fully up to the Maine standards and I feel that they are in close touch with Masonry.

And now, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor you bestowed on me, when you for the second time appointed me as District Deputy.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY S. GRINDALL, *D. D. G. M., 12th M. D.*

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Permit me to submit, herewith, my second report as D. D. G. M. of the Thirteenth Masonic District.

On September 15, 1919, by invitation, I installed the officers of Euclid Lodge, No. 194, Madison, assisted by Bro. William Clemens as Grand Chaplain, and Bro. G. D. Perkins, P. D. D. G. M., as Grand Marshal. This being a public installation, a very large company was present. A bountiful banquet was served by the ladies.

On October 8th, I installed the officers of Keystone Lodge, No. 80, Solon, assisted by Bro. Charles Severy as Grand Chaplain, and Bro. Malon Patterson, P. D. D. G. M., as Grand Marshal. This was an all day meeting, as usual in this lodge, and a fine dinner was served at noon.

On October 3rd, I installed the officers of Lebanon Lodge, No. 116, Norridgewock, assisted by P. M. Eben S. Miller as Grand Marshal, and P. M. William B. Longley as Grand Chaplain. Refreshments were served.

On December 2nd, I inspected Carrabassett Lodge, No. 161, Canaan. I found this lodge in a prosperous condition. At this meeting I also installed the new officers. The records are very neatly kept by Bro. Alpheus Nason.

On January 5, 1920, I inspected Euclid Lodge, No. 194. The M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates in a very creditable manner. Wor. Bro. Herman Perkins being in the East. The dues are well collected and the records properly kept by P. D. D. G. M. James M. Spence.

On February 28th, I inspected Bingham Lodge, No. 199, Bingham. The third degree was conferred on one candidate, and an oyster supper was enjoyed by a large number of brethren. This lodge has done a nice lot of work during the last year, and is in a prosperous condition. The records are nicely kept by Wor. Bro. H. A. Coleman.

On March 2nd, I inspected Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, at No. Anson. On account of the death of a Brother on that day it was thought best not to do any work that night. Northern Star has done a large amount of work during the year, and has a fine staff of young officers.

On March 3rd, I visited Keystone Lodge of Solon. Two candidates were worked in the M. M. degree, and the work was done very near to the ritual. The records are still in the able hands of Wor. Bro. Turner Buswell. A fine oyster supper was served after the meeting.

On March 4th, I visited Siloam Lodge, No. 92, of Fairfield. The F. C. and M. M. degrees were conferred on one candidate in a very acceptable manner. This lodge is the largest in the district, and has also made the largest net gain this year.

I find the secretary of each lodge to be doing the best that he can for his lodge. Lebanon, my home lodge, is prospering. I have attended all the meetings for the past year. We have young men in all the chairs who are making a great success of the work.

In closing I wish to thank the brethren who have made it possible for me to hold this office for the second term, and assure you that I appreciate the same. And to you, Most Worshipful, I desire to express my sincere thanks for the honor conferred, for the second time, appointing me D. D. G. M. of the Thirteenth Masonic District.

Fraternally submitted.

ERNEST W. GILMAN, *D. D. G. M., 13th Masonic District.*
Norridgewock, March 20, 1920.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

BRUNSWICK, ME., April 30, 1920.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth Masonic District for the past year.

On October 22nd, I attended Grand Lecturer Sleeper's School of Instruction at Lewiston, where the ritual was most thoroughly discussed.

On the the evening of November 3rd, I inspected the work of Freeport Lodge, No. 23, of Freeport. They exemplified the F. C. degree upon two candidates in a very creditable manner, and required very few corrections. After the work a fine banquet was served.

On November 12th, I went to Bowdoinham to install the officers of Village Lodge, No. 26. This was a public affair, and Village Lodge proved a most excellent host, concluding the evening's entertainment with a delicious venison stew contributed by Bro. Henderson, who thereby

demonstrated that his skill with the rifle was of the same high quality as with the ritual.

On December 2nd, I witnessed the exemplification of the E. A. degree on one candidate by Acacia Lodge, No. 121, of Durham. This lodge, although handicapped by location, and requiring considerable traveling on the part of its members, showed a very fine percentage of attendance, and the accuracy with which the ritual was rendered was worthy of much praise. After the work a baked bean supper was served.

On the evening of January 1st, I had the pleasure of accompanying D. G. M. Wheeler to Lisbon Falls, where, as guests of Ancient York Lodge, No. 155, we witnessed the commemoration of their Fiftieth Anniversary. A turkey supper was served by the Eastern Star, after which a well arranged programme was presented before a large gathering. The lodge history, contributed by the Secretary, R. W. Bro. Blake, was particularly enjoyed.

On January 7th, I officially visited Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, at Bath, where the M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate. I found this lodge doing very good work and displaying great interest throughout, and very few corrections were needed. At the close of the meeting a fine banquet was served.

On February 4th, I visited Village Lodge, No. 26, of Bowdoinham, where the M. M. degree was conferred upon two candidates. The first candidate, Bro. Blodgett, was raised by his grandfather, P. M. George Blodgett, who had the pleasure some twenty odd years before of performing similar service for his own son. The work under the able leadership of W. M. Given, was very well done. After the work an oyster supper was enjoyed by all.

On March 1st, I visited Richmond Lodge, No. 63, of Richmond, and witnessed the conferring of the M. M. degree upon one candidate. Wor. Bro. Wood is showing great interest in the work, and the few corrections necessary were well received. Upon arrival we were greeted by a committee, and an elaborate banquet was enjoyed prior to the work of the evening.

On March 29th, I officially inspected the work of Solar Lodge, No. 14, of Bath, in the M. M. degree before a record-breaking attendance. The work was exceptionally well done and deserving of the highest praise. A fine banquet was served after the meeting by the Eastern Star.

On the evening of April 12th, I inspected the work of Ancient York Lodge, No. 155, of Lisbon Falls in the E. A. degree, and found this lodge in fine working order. The officers are displaying considerable interest, and their desire for accuracy is most commendable.

I have made no regular inspection of my own lodge, United, No. 8, of Brunswick, but have attended nearly all the communications and find the work being very well done.

It has been very gratifying to me to observe that harmony prevails throughout the district, and that industry and prosperity is the lot of all.

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST L. MAYBERY, D. D. G. M., 14th M. D.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth Masonic District, I submit this as my report.

After some correspondence with Most Worshipful Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, the invitation of the Fifteenth District was accepted and a School of Instruction was held at Farmington, with Maine Lodge, No. 20, on November 4, 1919. Sessions were held forenoon and afternoon. In the evening there was work by Maine Lodge, on one candidate in the E. A. degree. Such corrections as were necessary, were made by myself, R. W. Albert T. Bradford, D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-four District, and R. W. Wilson H. Conant, D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-sixth District. The records of Maine Lodge are still in the hands of Bro. George B. Cragin, which speaks for itself. Lunch after the work.

On November 5th, I made my official visit to Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, at Livermore Falls. Here I made a mistake, in not reading the report of the former D. D. G. M., and consequently I made a visit at a meeting just before their semi-annual communication. It was a very stormy evening and there was a small attendance. No regular work, and under the circumstances I did not call upon them to exemplify. The ritual was closely followed in opening and closing, and I have no doubt they can do the work equally as well. Records well kept. I had the pleasure of meeting Past Senior Grand Warden Fred Raymond.

On November 6th, I attended the School of Instruction at Waterville, held under the auspices of Waterville Lodge, No. 33, and presided over by M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer. There was a good attendance of D. D. G. Masters, and much valuable information received. Remarks by M. W. Charles F. Johnson and M. W. Frank E. Sleeper were enjoyed. A banquet was served at six o'clock.

On Friday, November 7th, I made my visit of inspection to Franklin Lodge, No. 123, at New Sharon. Work was performed in the F. C. degree on one candidate in a very careful manner. The records are well kept and much interest manifested. The lodge has had a large amount of work during the past year. A banquet and social hour was enjoyed at the close.

I made a visit to Kemankeag Lodge, No. 213, at Rangeley, on December 3rd, when I installed the officers for the ensuing year, with the assistance of Bro. Sylvader Hinkley as Grand Marshal, and Bro. H. B. McCard as Grand Chaplin. I found the records correctly and neatly kept. Lunch was served after the meeting.

On January 7, 1920, I made my official visit to Wilton Lodge, No. 156, at Wilton. Work in the third degree was performed on three candidates fairly well. There was a large attendance. The records are splendidly kept by Past D. D. G. M. Fred E. Trefethen. This lodge has had a large amount of work for the past year, and is in a most prosperous condition. Banquet at the close.

On March 2nd, I went to Weld, and made an official visit to Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 154. Work in the E. A. degree was performed on one candidate in a perfect manner. No chance for improvement. The records are still in the hands of Past D. D. G. M. Cleff Maxwell, and are a model of excellency. This lodge is planning to build a new hall in the near future. Banquet at the close.

On March 4th, I made a visit of inspection to Mount Abram Lodge, No. 204, at Kingfield, where I witnessed work in the M. M. degree performed on one candidate in a pleasing and impressive manner, leaving very little chance for criticism. The lecture was given by Past D. D. G. M. Fred Hutchins in a faultless manner. The records are well kept by Bro. Arthur C. Woodard. Banquet at the close.

On the evening of March 6th, I visited Davis Lodge, No. 191, at Strong, where work in the third degree was conferred upon two candidates. A large attendance considering it was a stormy night. The records are kept by R. W. Charles B. Richardson, former Past D. D. G. M., in a manner which leaves little chance for improvement. There was a fine banquet and social hour at the close.

March 31st, I officially visited Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 67, at Phillips. It was in this lodge that I received my Masonic degrees, thirty-five years ago this present summer. The work on the evening of my visit was in the E. A. degree on one candidate, and was performed in a pleasing manner. The lectures were given by Norman E. Butler, Worshipful Master, in a manner worthy of commendation. Here I met R. W. J. Blaine Morrison, Past D. D. G. M., who acted as S. D. for the evening. I very much regret that R. W. Newel P. Noble, Past D. D. G. M., was not present because he was Master in 1885 when I took my degrees. Much interest is taken by the Past Masters of this lodge. The records are in the hands of Bro. Nathaniel H. Harnden and well kept. Banquet at the close.

I have attended every meeting of my home lodge, Mount Bigelow, No. 202, at Flagstaff, being Secretary. Have made such corrections in the work as were necessary and helped in every way when opportunity offered. This lodge is in good financial condition.

I have had the privilege and pleasure to visit every lodge in the district, and from examination of their records, inspection of their work, and a study of their returns, I am convinced that Masonry in the Fifteenth District is in a prosperous and healthy condition, with the greatest amount of work for ten years. There has been a net gain of fifty-two members.

I have delivered five Past Masters' diplomas.

To the officers and brethren of this Fifteenth Masonic District, I wish to extend thanks for the pleasing and cordial manner in which I have been received. To you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you for the honor conferred upon me, and hope I may have been of some service to the Fraternity.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER E. HINDS, *D. D. G. M., 15th Masonic District*

Flagstaff, April 22, 1920.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

On October 3rd, at a regular meeting of my home lodge, Oxford, No. 18, I installed the new officers, assisted by P. D. G. M. Lee M. Smith as Grand Marshal, and Lewis I. Gilbert as Grand Chaplain. After the installation the new officers worked the Fellow Craft degree on three candidates in a most creditable manner.

October 22nd, I attended the School of Instruction at Lewiston, held under the direction of M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, G. L., where I received much valuable information, as well as meeting with many of the Deputies from all over the state.

November 3rd, by special invitation, I visited Granite Lodge, No. 182, at West Paris, for the purpose of installing the officers, being assisted by P. D. D. G. M. Ernest J. Record, of South Paris, as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Elroy Dean, as Grand Chaplain. There being no work at this meeting, after the installation ceremonies the lodge was closed, refreshments were served, and a social hour enjoyed.

December 2nd, by invitation, I installed the officers of Mount Tir'em Lodge, at Waterford, at a joint public installation of the lodge and Eastern Star. P. D. D. G. M. Fred E. Smith accompanied me and acted as Grand Marshal. Both the lodge and Eastern Star were well represented. After the installation a nice supper was served, and a very pleasant evening enjoyed by all.

On January 27th, I made my official visit to Jefferson Lodge, No. 100, at Bryant's Pond. This was a special communication called to work the Master Mason degree, and I am pleased to state that the work was done in a most commendable manner, strictly in keeping with their past reputation as ritualists. The records are still in the hands of Brother James L. Bowker and are neatly and correctly kept. Refreshments and social hour after the meeting.

February 2nd, I visited Granite Lodge, No. 182, at West Paris, and witnessed work in the Fellow Craft degree on two candidates, which was done in a very creditable manner, showing that the officers had faithfully studied their rituals. What few corrections were made were cheerfully received by the officers who seem anxious to do their work as correctly as possible. The records are in the hands of Wor. Ralph E. Bacon and are correctly kept. Refreshments and the usual social hour after the meeting.

On February 3rd, I made my official visit to Paris Lodge, No. 94, at South Paris. This was their annual meeting with a large attendance of members and visitors. The reports of the officers show that they have had a very prosperous year. With the Master absent since early summer the chair has been ably filled by the Senior Warden and all the officers are well fitted for their parts. The Master Mason degree was conferred on one candidate, the work was well done, and very few corrections were necess-

ary. The records in the hands of Wor. Harold E. Fletcher, are correctly kept, and dues well collected. Refreshments were served after the work.

March 11th, I made my official visit to Bethel Lodge, No. 97, at Bethel, and was most cordially received. On account of the influenza they had been unable to meet the previous month or hold rehearsals. The Entered Apprentice degree was worked on two candidates in a very pleasing manner, showing the officers were interested and trying to follow the ritual as closely as possible, very few corrections being necessary. The records are well kept by Bro. Fred B. Merrill and dues fairly well collected. Social hour and refreshments after the work.

March 30th, accompanied by P. D. D. G. M. Lee M. Smith, I officially visited Mount Tir'em Lodge, at Waterford. Owing to the condition of the traveling the attendance was not as large as usual, and some of the officers were absent on account of sickness; however the Fellow Craft degree was worked on two candidates in a very creditable manner. What few corrections were necessary were cheerfully received by all. The records are still in the hands of P. D. D. G. M. C. H. Pride, which is sufficient guarantee of their being well kept. Refreshments were served after the work.

On April 1st, I made my official visit to Crooked River Lodge, No. 152, at Bolsters Mills, and considering the bad roads, and that many of the members live at a distance, the attendance was very good. The Master Mason degree was worked on two candidates, and in view of the fact that the officers are all new, the work was done in a very creditable manner. The Master and Wardens are deeply interested in the work and are making every endeavor to bring it up to the usual standard. The records have not been kept in the manner they should have been in the past, but the present Secretary seems willing to comply with what suggestions I made, and I feel sure will see that they are properly looked after in the future. The dues have not been very well collected and I have suggested that they deal with the delinquent members, and suspend those who will not pay. I made such corrections in the work as I deemed necessary, all of which were gratefully received. Refreshments and social hour after work.

As Secretary of my home Lodge, Oxford, No. 18, I have been present at every meeting but one, and attended most of the rehearsals, so have not considered it necessary to make any official inspection. The officers are well versed in their parts and are keeping the work up to the high standard, which this lodge had held in the past. There has been work at every meeting, with a number of specials besides, and have now a large class of candidates waiting. The lodge is in a flourishing condition, with very few dues uncollected.

In closing, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor you conferred on me in appointing me Deputy of this district, and to the officers and members of the lodges for their most kind and cordial reception on all my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

RAYMOND H. EASTMAN, *D. D. G. M. of the 16th District*
Norway, Me., April 9, 1920.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

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 for the past year. I have visited all of the lodges in the district, and without exception, they are all in a healthy condition, financially and numerically. The utmost harmony prevails, applications are numerous, and the ritual closely followed. Following is a detailed account of my visitations:

Saturday evening, October 4, 1919, I made my visitation to Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, at North Windham. In spite of the bad weather, there was a large attendance, representing nearly every lodge in this district. Wor. Bro. Fred A. Handy of Deering Lodge, No. 183, acted as Grand Marshal. The work was in the M. M. degree, and it was presented in a most impressive and accurate manner, reflecting much credit on the officers of the lodge.

Thursday evening, October 16th, I inspected the work of Standish Lodge, No. 70, at Standish, Wor. Bro. Fred A. Handy acting as Grand Marshal. The work presented was in the E. A. degree. On account of the bad traveling there was not as large a number present as usual at an official visitation of this lodge, whose hospitality is known to be bounteous. I made some suggestions and corrections which were kindly received.

Wednesday, October 22nd, I attended the School of Instruction at Lewiston. At that time I had the pleasure of meeting several of the District Deputy Grand Masters from other districts. A most instructive session was held. In the evening work was presented in the M. M. Degree by the officers of Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, at which time they were inspected by the District Deputy Grand Master of that district.

Wednesday evening, November 5th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Fred A. Handy as Grand Marshal, I inspected the work of Harmony Lodge, No. 38, at Gorham. Work was presented in the M. M. degree in a very satisfactory manner.

Saturday afternoon, November 8th, I attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge at Kezar Falls, where the corner stone of the new Porter High School building was laid in accordance with the Masonic ritual, in the presence of a large number of the citizens of the town.

Wednesday evening, December 4th, I attended the annual meeting of Ancient Land-mark Lodge, No. 17, at Portland. This meeting was for the members of Ancient Land mark Lodge only, and it was very encouraging to see so many of the older members of the lodge present.

Monday evening, December 15th, assisted by Wor. Bro. John A. Webber, of Deering Lodge, No. 183, as Grand Marshal, I visited my home lodge Deering, No. 183. Work was presented in the F. C. degree. About 225 brethren were present. I have never seen this degree conferred in a more correct, dignified or impressive manner.

Monday evening, January 5th, 1920, I installed the officers of Temple Lodge, No. 86, at Westbrook, in the presence of a large number of brethren.

At that time I had the assistance of Rt. Wor. Bro. Babb, of Temple Lodge, as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Bro. Winslow, of Temple Lodge, as Grand Chaplain.

Thursday evening, January 29th, assisted by Wor. Bro. John A Webber, as Grand Marshal, I inspected the work of Portland Lodge, No. 1. The M. M. degree was presented, and a very large number of brethren present to enjoy the work.

Tuesday evening, February 17th, I visited Hiram Lodge, No. 180, at South Portland, Wor. Bro. John A. Webber acting as Grand Marshal. The M. M. degree was presented in a very dignified and impressive manner.

Thursday evening, March 4th, I visited Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, at Portland. At this time I was received according to instructions given on page 78 of the Masonic Text Book. I have followed the instructions given there at all subsequent visitations. The F. C. degree was presented and the ritual followed very closely.

Saturday evening, March 6th, was the date set for my visitation to Casco Lodge, No. 36, at Yarmouth. On account of the storm I was compelled to postpone my visit until Thursday evening, March 11th. The F. A. degree was presented at that time in an exceptionally accurate, dignified and impressive manner.

Tuesday evening, March 30th, I visited Ancient Land-mark Lodge, No. 17, at Portland. Over 500 members were present to enjoy the work which was in the M. M. degree. I have never seen this degree presented more closely to the ritual.

Wednesday evening, March 31st, I visited Temple Lodge No. 86, at Westbrook. There were a large number of brethren present and the work presented was in the M. M. degree. It was the equal of any work presented during the year.

Wednesday evening April 7th, I visited Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186, at Cumberland Mills. Work was presented in the F. C. degree and was exceptionally accurate and dignified.

This, Most Worshipful, comprises the record of my doings for the year. On all occasions I have been accorded the honor and respect due the office. At all visitations there have been refreshments served, and it is my opinion that this getting together informally does much toward fostering that spirit of social intimacy which characterizes our order. I have tried to impart the idea that Masonry is more than a ritual, that it is rather an institution, although the ritual should be followed as closely as possible. Yet there is the object we have in view which we should never allow to be dimmed by our zeal for the method of attaining it.

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred upon me, and also to thank the officers and members of the various lodges for the co-operation which they have at all times extended.

Very fraternally submitted,

NATHAN C. REDLON, *D. D. G. M.*, 17th Masonic District.
Portland, April 8, 1920.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit to you my second report as D. D. G. M. of the Eighteenth Masonic District.

I have visited all the lodges in this district except one for the purpose of inspection, and it is with pleasure that I can report their condition most satisfactory, the financial condition of the lodges are very good and the records well kept.

October 22nd, I attended a School of Instruction held at Lewiston, by R. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer. There was a very good attendance and much interest was shown.

February 2nd, I inspected Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, Fryeburg. The work was in the E. A. degree and was exemplified in a very fine manner. Pythagorean has had the most work in the past year of any lodge in the district, and has good prospects for continued prosperity. The records are still in the hands of Bro. T. L. Eastman, Past D. D. G. M., who is serving his thirtieth year as secretary, which is sufficient guarantee of their condition.

February 4th, I made my official visit to Shepherd's River Lodge, No. 169, Brownfield, and witnessed work in the E. A. and M. M. degrees which was done in a very creditable manner. The ritual was closely followed and impressively rendered. Refreshments were served at proper time.

February 12th, I inspected my own lodge, Delta, No. 153, Levell. The work was in the E. A. degree and was very well done, only a very few corrections being necessary. We are in our new hall now and are having large attendance, plenty of work and general prosperity.

On the evening of March 31st, I visited Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 56, Denmark. The work was in the E. A. degree and was very nicely done. Although there has been very little work during the past year the officers are taking a great deal of interest and they have good attendance at the meetings. The records are still in the hands of Bro. A. S. Colby, Past D. D. G. M., and are models. Supper served at close of meeting.

On April 3rd, I made my official visit to Oriental Lodge, No. 13, Bridgton, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. The close attention given the work by the brethren was proof of the satisfactory manner in which the officers exemplified the degree. The officers and members of this lodge take great pride in their work. Refreshments at close of meeting.

I was unable to visit Greenleaf Lodge, No. 117, Cornish, but Bro. Daniel Chaplin, Past D. D. G. M., made the visitation for me, and reported the lodge as doing good work and in a prosperous condition.

In closing I wish to express to the officers of the different lodges my sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended to me, and to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred on me.

Fraternally submitted,

WALDO N. SEAVY, D. D. G. M. 18th M. D.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, I was reappointed D. D. G. M. for the Nineteenth District, but as I was not at the Grand Grand Lodge at the time of installation, I was installed by Rt. Wor. Everett M. Staples, of Dunlap Lodge, No. 47.

The following is my report for the year:

On October 1st, I visited Naval Lodge, No. 184, at Kittery, and witnessed work in the Master Mason degree. I was very cordially received by the Master and other officers of the lodge. The work was exceptionally well done. The records are well kept, and there are many applications being received. After the work a very nice chicken supper was served.

On December 2nd, I visited St. Aspinquid Lodge, and was present the first time the Master Mason degree was worked by the new officers. There was very little cause for advise or suggestions, but what few I gave were received in the proper spirit. This lodge has a very pleasant home, and the members are sure to give a stranger a hearty welcome.

I went to North Berwick, December 12th, and inspected Yorkshire Lodge, where I witnessed work in the Master Mason degree performed by the same Master as the year before. This lodge takes pride in doing the work as near the ritual as it is possible. The records are well kept, and the social hour after the lodge closed was the most enjoyable of any in this district.

I was unable to get to Kennebunk for inspection of York Lodge, on January 19th, as the roads were blocked with snow. Rt. Wor. Bro. Merserve acted for me, and the report he sent to me was of such character that I know things are going right at York Lodge.

Saco Lodge is up to its usual standard in its ritual as well as floor work. I witnessed work in the Master Mason degree and what suggestions I made were properly received. This lodge has just finished giving jewels to all its Past Masters. For the first time in many years, another brother is acting as Secretary, for Bro. Lord, who kept the records in such fine form for over twenty years, has become physically unable to continue the work. Before the work a fine banquet was served.

The youngest lodge in the district, Orchard, No. 215, at Old Orchard, is doing good work in every way. Although its membership is small, its manner of working the degrees is very impressive. The records are well kept, and the lodge is gaining in numbers quite fast.

I witnessed work in the Master Mason degree at St. John's Lodge, South Berwick, and must say of the officers that there is little chance for improvement. The ritual is followed closely, the records are well kept, and the manner of making a stranger feel at home is of the best. After the work, a fine supper was served.

March 27th, I witnessed work in the Master Mason degree at Arion Lodge. The traveling and weather was such that it was impossible for some of the officers to get to the meeting. The work I witnessed was very

well done. I made a few corrections that I hope were of benefit to the lodge, and they were properly received by the officers. After the work, refreshments were served.

Accompanied by about forty brothers from Saco and Dunlap Lodges, I visited Arundel Lodge, March 30th, and witnessed work in the Master Mason degree. This lodge does its work in a pleasing manner and the records are kept in a neat, careful way. Although we were a large party, we were received with open arms and given a good time. Lobster stew was served to us after the work, and was much enjoyed by all.

My last visitation was Ocean Lodge, at Wells Depot, where I witnessed work in the F. C. degree, and it was very well done. I made a few corrections that were properly received by the Master and other officers. After the work, a lobster supper was served.

Dunlap being my home lodge, I did not have any official visitation here as I have witnessed work in all the degrees. The officers are doing very fine work and are having many applicants for the degrees. The records are kept by Rt. Wor. Bro. Staples in the same careful manner he has used for several years. Our treasurer is now serving his thirty-fifth year in that capacity and we are in hopes to have him many more.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have bestowed upon me for the past two years, also the officers and members of the different lodges in the district, for the courteous manner in which I have been received.

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. F. GILPATRICK, *D. D. G. M., 19th Masonic District,*

Biddeford, April 25.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor of submitting to you my second annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Twentieth Masonic District.

At a special meeting of Baskehegan Lodge, September 23rd, I installed the officers, assisted by Bro. B. E. Parker as Grand Marshal, after which a fine banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

September 27th, I drove to Springfield and installed the officers of Forest Lodge, assisted by Bro. B. E. Parker as Grand Marshal, after which refreshments were served and then came a twenty-two mile drive home.

On November 6th, I attended a School of Instruction, at Waterville, held under the direction of M. W. Bro. Sleeper. I think if more of the officers of the different lodges would attend these meetings, it would make things easier for the Deputies, for many, even though they are Deputies, who fail get their notes clear and remember all the things that are so essential in making a Masonic lodge a success. In the evening we had the privilege of witnessing work in the M. M. degree by the Waterville lodge.

This work was truly worthy of comment, after which we listened to remarks by some of the Deputies, also most interesting talk on Masonry by Past Grand Master Charles F. Johnson. A very enjoyable as well as instructive evening was passed.

On March 9th, I visited Pine Tree Lodge, Mattawamkeag, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was very creditably done, under the direction of W. M. John C. Handy, after which refreshments were served.

March 16th, I visited Horeb Lodge, at Lincoln. Work was presented in the F. C. degree. As this was the first work of the new board of officers, some of them were a little reserve, but they showed not only a knowledge of the ritual but a familiarity that will surely make them efficient officers.

I have not made an official visit of Baskehegan Lodge, but have attended nearly every meeting held this year and the brethren are always ready to listen to instructions and profit by them.

I have found the books of the various lodges in the district well and faithfully kept and the lodges in a vary prosperous condition.

I wish to thank the officers and brethren of the various lodges in this district for the courtesies shown me in my visits, and to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, my sincere thanks for the honor conferred by my re-appointment.

Fraternally yours,

GUY P. ROWE, *D. D. G. M., 20th M. D.*

Danforth, April 15, 1920.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-first Masonic District, for the year ending May, 1920.

Not being able to attend the Grand Lodge when re-appointed, I was installed into office for my second term in Felicity Lodge, No. 19, at Bucksport, December 1, 1919, by Past D. D. G. M. Archie L. White, assisted by Past Master A. DeForest Snowman, as Grand Marshal.

My first official visitation was at North East Harbor Lodge, No. 208, North East Harbor, by invitation, Tuesday evening, December 9th. W. M. Wm. S. Holmes was unable to attend this meeting because of illness, and Past Master Geo. E. Turner and officers conferred the M. M. degree in a very satisfactory manner. The books are still in the hands of Bro. Alvah L. Reed and are kept in a neat and correct manner, and the dues are well collected. At the close of the meeting a supper was served and the usual social hour passed.

On Wednesday evening, December 10th, I met with the brethren of Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, Winter Harbor, and witnessed some very good work in the E. A. degree. The officers of Winter Harbor Lodge are

proficient in the work and the affairs of the lodge are in a very satisfactory condition. Bro. Frank E. Weston continues in the office of secretary and his books are O. K. in every way. A fine supper was served at the close of the work and the usual social hour passed.

Thursday evening, December 11th, I visited Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, Bar Harbor, and had the pleasure of inspecting some very fine work in the M. M. degree. Bar Harbor Lodge is in a prosperous and flourishing condition and the officers, and brethren generally, are well versed in Masonry. P. M. Bro. Came is still secretary and is doing good work in this position. The dues are well collected and the finances of the lodge are in excellent condition. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting, the brethren showing me every attention and courtesy.

Friday evening, December 12th, I made my official inspection of David A. Hooper Lodge, No. 201, West Sullivan. The work was in the E. A. degree. This lodge is doing as fine work as any in the district and its affairs in general are in first class condition. Past D. D. G. M. Edwin F. Clapham is Secretary, having filled this position for several years, and is a careful and painstaking officer. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served during the evening.

Monday evening, December 29th, I installed the officers of Felicity Lodge, No. 19, Bucksport, my own lodge. In this service I was most ably assisted by Past Master A. DeForest Snowman, as Grand Marshal, and Bro. Hiram J. Harriman as Grand Chaplain.

Monday evening, March 22nd, I visited Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, of Ellsworth, and inspected their work. The M. M. degree was conferred in the usual impressive, dignified and correct manner which has so characterized the work of Lygonia Lodge in the past. Bro. Harry E. Rowe continues in the office of secretary and his books and records are neatly and correctly kept. This lodge is in a flourishing condition financially, the officers and members being much interested in the work. They also have a fine home. A banquet was served at six P. M., the brethren giving me a most cordial welcome.

On Tuesday evening, March 23rd, I had the pleasure of visiting McKinley Lodge, No. 212, McKinley; the brethren calling a special meeting for my accommodation. There being no regular work, W. M. Frank L. Manchester and officers exemplified the F. C. degree for my inspection. The dignified and correct manner in which the work was done was sufficient proof of the proficiency of McKinley Lodge in the rendering the symbolic degrees. The duties of secretary are carefully looked after by Bro. Eugene M. Stanley, and his books are neatly and correctly kept, with the dues well collected. A supper was served at the close of the work and the usual social hour passed.

Wednesday evening, March 24th, I made an appointment with Mount Desert Lodge, No. 140, Mount Desert, for the purpose of inspecting their work. W. M. Pearl S. Bordeaux, assisted by an able corps of officers, exemplified the E. A. degree in a very correct and dignified manner. Bro. Burton A. Fernald from past experience is well qualified for the im-

portant office of secretary, and his books are in first class condition. The dues are as well collected as any lodge in the district. Mount Desert Lodge has a very fine home and is in a prosperous and flourishing condition. A fine supper was served at the close of the meeting.

Thursday evening, March 25th, I met with the brethren of Tremont Lodge, No. 77, South West Harbor. The M. M. degree was conferred in a manner which required but very little correcting. With a little practice this lodge could do as fine work as any in the district, and I think more interest will be taken by the officers and brethren in this particular in the future. Bro. Wm. R. Keene is finishing a term of almost thirty consecutive years as secretary, and it is needless to say that his records are correctly kept. A supper was served at the close of the work and a musical program concluded the festivities of the evening.

Tuesday evening, March 30th, by invitation, I visited Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, Orland. The M. M. degree was conferred upon two candidates in the usual impressive and correct manner in which Rising Sun Lodge performs its work. W. M. Fremont B. Patten being supported by an able and enthusiastic corps of officers. The books are well cared for by Bro. Seth R. Hutchins who for quarter of a century has presided at the secretary's desk. The dues are well collected. Refreshments were served at the usual hour.

As I have had the privilege of attending almost every meeting of Felicity Lodge, No. 19, Bucksport, my own lodge, I have deemed it unnecessary to officially inspect this lodge. Past D. D. G. M. Archie L. White is Master and in him Felicity Lodge has a presiding officer of unusual ability, the concerns of the lodge being looked after with alacrity and care. The other officers are mostly young men, are much interested in their work, and are making the most of every opportunity to improve themselves in Masonry. I think Felicity Lodge has a bright future. Since the beginning of the new year seventeen applications have been received and accepted. The brethren are also contemplating enlarging and renovating their present quarters and hope to have a fine home in the near future. The books and accounts are well cared for by Bro. Edward L. Warren who has most efficiently served the lodge as secretary for a number of years.

In conclusion, I have had the good fortune, in spite of unfavorable traveling conditions, to visit every lodge in the district. I have carefully examined their records and inspected their work, making such corrections and giving such instructions as appeared necessary. On the whole the work is done in an impressive, correct and dignified manner, the books and accounts are neatly and correctly kept, and the dues well collected. The lodges of the district appear to be enjoying a period of unusual prosperity, many applications being received. Best of all, it would appear to a careful observer, that many of the petitioners are soliciting the privileges of Masonry particularly because of a favorable opinion conceived of the institution; strongly suggesting the thought that, during the unusual and serious events of the past few years, Masonry, as a potent factor for good among men, has been recognized and appreciated.

I wish to thank you for the honor conferred on me, and to express to the brethren of the district my appreciation for their courtesy and hospitality. The remembrance of my two years as a District Deputy will always be one of pleasure. I have attempted to execute the duties of this office to the best of my ability and if I have been of any assistance to any brother or any lodge, I am well repaid for my trouble.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM R. BEAZLEY, *D. D. G. M., 21st M. D.*

Bucksport, April 16, 1920.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-second District, for the past year. Owing to the fact that I lived some distance from the railroad and forty miles from my farthest lodge, I commenced my visits early, in order to get through before cold weather.

My first official visit was with Cambridge Lodge, No. 157, on August 5th. This was their regular communication and there was a very good attendance. I was accompanied on this visit by Past D. D. G. M. B. S. Matthews, R. W. G. H. Cargill and Wor. Bro. W. M. Prilay, of Pittsfield. It was expected there would be work in the E. A. degree, but as their candidate did not appear the officers exemplified the work in the M. M. degree, which considering the fact that the J. W. and J. D. were absent, was exceptionally well done. Present that night was Past D. D. G. M. Melvin W. Knowles, of Cambridge Lodge, also Rev. Bro. Frank Kingdon, who was made a mason in that lodge and is now of Hingham, Mass. Bro. Kingdon gave some very interesting talk along masonic lines. The officers and brothers seemed very much interested in the work. The records, in the hands of Bro. Frank J. Hersey, are in fine condition with dues exceptionally well collected.

I officially visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 95, Hartland, on August 6th. There was a very small attendance and W. M. Walter M. Prilay and P. M. Earl N. Vickery, of Meridian Splendor Lodge, Pittsfield, being present, Bro. Prilay was asked to fill the Junior Deacon's chair and Bro. Vickery to act as Chaplain. The F. C. degree was conferred on one candidate and the work was very well done. The officers are all young men and are taking a great interest in the work. They have a fine lodge room and the lodge is in a very prosperous condition. Their secretary, P. M. Bert H. Moulton, is an excellent man for the place and is doing good work. The books were in a confused condition, when he took them but he has adopted new and up-to-date methods resulting in collection of most of the back dues, and during the coming year, will doubtless have them in very fine condition.

September 4th, I visited Meridian Splendor Lodge, No. 49, Newport, accompanied by about twenty members of my home lodge, Archon, and some from Plymouth lodge. Invitations to both these lodges having been extended for this date. There was a large number of brethren present, some seventeen lodges being represented. Work was performed in the M. M. degree on two candidates in a very able manner. This lodge is in a flourishing condition and has taken in a lot of new members. Their dues are well collected, and every one interested and doing his part to make a good lodge. After the lodge was closed a bounteous supper was served which I am sure was enjoyed by all.

On September 9th, I visited Plymouth Lodge, No. 75. There was a very good attendance, as there generally is in this lodge. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate. This lodge is only about ten miles from my home so I have visited it often. It is a nice lodge and the officers and members unite in making it pleasant for anyone who comes their way. They have made a large number of members the past year. The records are well kept, with dues fairly well collected.

October 23rd, I inspected Meridian Lodge, No. 125, Pittsfield, where the M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate in a correct and very impressive manner. This meeting was a District Convention, called for the purpose of fraternal fellowship by the members of all the lodges of the Twenty-second District. There was a fine attendance; about one hundred and thirty visiting brothers and a good attendance of members of Meridian Lodge. There were eighteen lodges represented. Very interesting and instructive remarks were made, and taken all together it was a very profitable meeting. A fine banquet was served at 6.30 at the Grange Hall. Then we repaired to the Masonic hall, where the work was performed in a very able manner, after which refreshments were served in the anteroom. The records in the hands of R. W. Bro. Edwin A. Porter, were very neatly and correctly kept. He has adopted a card index system and has done a lot of work in getting it completed, going back over the work of many years.

Archon Lodge, No. 139, my home lodge, I did not visit officially, though as long as I lived there I rarely missed attending a meeting. This lodge is in a flourishing condition, taking in a large percentage of members and doing excellent work. The books are in good condition with dues well collected.

I did not visit Pacific Lodge, No. 64, nor Parian Lodge, No. 160, as I was moving to another town, I put off visiting these lodges until late, and then the snow got deep, and on account of sickness I was unable to visit them. I was very sorry as I have never attended either of them. And now, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honors conferred upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

RUFUS L. TASKER, *D. D. G. M., 22nd District.*

Hampden, March 25, 1920.

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

To M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

October 22nd, it was my privilege to attend the School of Instruction, held by M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, at Lewiston. I shall always consider that day one of the most profitable that I have ever spent in Masonry. The work of Tranquil Lodge at the evening session was very impressive.

November 3rd, I made my official visit to Buxton Lodge, No. 115, West Buxton, accompanied by Brothers Joseph Wright and F. Leighton Gowen, of Preble Lodge, and found the lodge in fine condition. The work of the evening, the M. M. degree, was conferred in a very impressive manner. Wor. Brother Dearborn is a fine ritualist and is supported by an efficient corp of officers. The records are in the hands of Wor. Brother Crockett and are well kept. The dues also are well collected. Refreshments were served after the work.

November 18th, I visited Springvale Lodge, No. 190, Springvale, this being a special communication for work in M. M. degree, also for inspection. The ritual work was very well rendered, and while some corrections were necessary, they were more on detail than ritual. This lodge is in a prosperous condition and is the banner lodge in this district for collection of dues. The records are still in the hands of Wor. Brother Horne, and are in fine shape. There was a large attendance on this occasion. Many visiting brethren. Among those present were Wor. Brothers Wilson and Leckenby of Preble Lodge, No. 143, and Rt. Wor. Brother Rand of Buxton Lodge, No. 115. Refreshments were served after the work.

December 30th, on invitation of Wor. Bro. Chase, and assisted by Wor. Bro. Ernest Ogden, as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Bro. Charles E. Jewett, as Grand Chaplain, I installed the officers of Springvale Lodge, No. 190. A fine banquet was served by the Eastern Star previous to the installation.

November 25th, I made my official visit to Freedom Lodge, No. 42, Limerick, accompanied by Brother Joseph Wright of Preble Lodge, this being a special communication called for the purpose of work and inspection. The work of the evening, the F. C. degree, was rendered in a correct and impressive manner. The records are still in the hands of Brother Carpenter and are neat and well kept. The dues are fairly collected. An oyster supper was served and a social time enjoyed after the work.

December 2nd, I visited Adoniram Lodge, No. 27, Limington and witnessed work in the F. C. and M. M. degrees. The work was well rendered, a few errors noted and corrections thereof made. The records are well kept and the dues fairly collected. It was my privilege at this time to meet Rt. Wor. Brother McKenney. Refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed after the work.

December 3rd, I made my official visit to Day Spring Lodge, No. 107, West Newfield. As it was a very cold night and the lodge having no work the attendance was small. I found the records well kept and the dues fairly well collected. The records are still in the hands of Brother Carlton. I wish to express my appreciation of the courtesies extended me by the brethren of Day Spring Lodge.

December 4th, I visited Drummond Lodge, No. 118, Parsonfield. The work of the evening, the M. M. degree, was rendered in a creditable manner. I did not examine the records, etc., as I was informed that they had not been turned over to the new secretary, who was installed during my visit. I am informed, however, that the dues are well collected. Refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

December 31st, I made my official visit to Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, Alfred. I am almost as much at home in this lodge as in my own, as I visit it often. On this occasion work in the F. C. degree was rendered in a very impressive manner. This lodge has been very unfortunate in being unable to keep a secretary for any length of time. In spite of this, the records are well kept. The dues, however, are not very well collected. I feel that this is largely owing to so many changes in the secretary's office. Assisted by Wor. Bro. Hobbs, as Grand Marshal, I conferred the P. M. degree on three candidates. Refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

January 7th, assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Leckenby, as Grand Marshal, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Fred B. Rand, as Grand Chaplain, I installed the officers of Preble Lodge. I also conferred the P. M. degree on four candidates, assisted by R. T. Bro. Frank Wilson, as Grand Marshal.

February 13th, I made my official visit to my home lodge, this being a special communication for work in the E. A. degree. The work was up to the usual standard of Preble Lodge. The lectures were given by the Wardens and were rendered in a very impressive manner. Wor. Bro. Reed and his associates are striving, both for perfection in ritual and those little details which so improve the work. The records are still in the hands of Wor. Bro. Wright and are models of neatness and the dues are fairly well collected. I regret to say that Bro. George H. Nowell, who has served this lodge thirty-four years as Treasurer, declined re-election this year. During this long term of service, a more faithful or efficient officer could not be desired.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, I desire to thank you for the honor conferred upon me. Also the brethren of the lodges in my district for the brotherly love and kindness shown me during the year. All of the lodges are in a prosperous condition with bright prospects for the future.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM O. NICHOLLS, *D. D. G. M.*, 23rd Masonic District.
Sanford, Me., April 14, 1920.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fourth District of Maine.

On October 22, 1919, I inspected the work in the M. M. degree, done by Tranquil Lodge, of Auburn. This was in connection with a School of Instruction held in the Masonic Temple in Lewiston, and presided over by M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer; the four lodges of Lewiston and Auburn acting as hosts, and I will say that their part of the work was perfect. The degree was worked in a very impressive and correct manner.

On December 15th, I visited Asher Lodge, of Lewiston. The work of the evening was in the F. C. degree, which was finely rendered by a very efficient set of officers. After the work refreshments were enjoyed in the banquet hall.

On January 3, 1920, I officially visited my own lodge, Nezinscot, No. 101, Turner. The M. M. degree was worked in a very creditable manner. The attendance was good and a great interest shown. After the meeting refreshments were enjoyed.

On January 14th, the date arranged for my official visit to Rabboni Lodge, of Lewiston, I was unable to be present on account of sickness, and R. W. William H. Hartshorn kindly consented to visit for me.

Following is a copy of his report:

R. W. ALBERT T. BRADFORD:

On your kind invitation, I inspected Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, on the night of January 14th. All the officers were present, and there was a large attendance of the brethren and much interest was manifested by all present. It would be difficult to speak too highly of the exercises of the evening. Proper attention was given to the floor work which was of unusual excellence. The ritual was closely followed, the departures from it were few, and of minor importance, most of them were the result of momentary lapse and not of ignorance of the correct usage. The work of the Master deserves high praise. Most of it was letter perfect and all of it was very impressive. Every officer deserves credit. Order, decorum, dignity and impressiveness, characterized this most excellent presentation of the third degree. It could not fail to inspire all with a new appreciation of the order and with a deeper loyalty of its tenets.

Signed,

W. H. HARTSHORN.

On January 29th, I made my official visit to Webster lodge, of Sabattus. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree which was done in a correct and dignified manner, which is characteristic of this lodge. After the work refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

On the evening of February 16th, I visited Ancient Brothers' Lodge, of Auburn, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree. The ritual was

closely followed and the degree presented in a very fine manner. After the meeting refreshments were served in the banquet hall.

On February 28th, I inspected the work of Cumberland Lodge, of New Gloucester, which was in the E. A. degree. On account of the bad condition of the roads, there was not a large attendance, but I am sure all present felt well repaid for the effort. The work was very nicely done. A baked bean supper was served after the work, which was appreciated by all.

On March 4th, I made my official visit to Tyrian Lodge, of Mechanic Falls, and inspected the work in the M. M. degree, which was very correctly done and in a very impressive manner. After the work refreshments were served.

In conclusion, I will say that the lodges in the Twenty-fourth District have enjoyed a year of great prosperity, and the work of each is of a very high quality.

I have examined the records of each lodge and find them neatly kept and in permanent form.

I wish to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges for the very courteous and fraternal spirit they have shown toward me, and you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of the second appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBERT T. BRADFORD, *D. D. G. M., 24th District.*

Turner, April 27, 1920.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

To W. M. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fifth Masonic District, for the year ending May 4, 1920.

On June 26th, I attended a Masonic convention at Brownville, at which time I was installed by R. W. Bro. Wm. P. Newman, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District.

On October 23rd, I installed the officers of Nollesemic Lodge.

On April 7th, I made my official visit to Pioneer Lodge, at Ashland. The M. M. degree was worked in an excellent manner.

On April 8th, I visited Fort Kent Lodge, at Fort Kent. The M. M. degree was worked in a very creditable manner.

The following week I arranged to visit Katahdin and Molunkus Lodges, but was unable to get away as was the case with Island Falls Lodge.

I have made no official visit to Nollesemic Lodge, but have been present at most of meetings and made such corrections as necessary.

Thanking you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred, I am,

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR J. WALSH, *D. D. G. M., 25th District.*

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT

TO M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-sixth district.

I have officially visited all of the lodges in this district, and am pleased to report all are maintaining the high standard of work which has prevailed in this district, and all are in a prosperous condition.

On June 29, 1919, by invitation of Whitney Lodge, No. 167, Canton, I visited that lodge, at which time they attended church in a body, and listened to an inspiring address by Rev. F. M. Lamb, Past Master of Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, Buckfield.

On November 4, I attended a School for Masonic Instruction, held at Farmington, under the direction of M. W. Grand Lecturer, Frank E. Sleeper. The school was well attended, and a keen interest was manifested throughout the day. In the evening we were royally entertained by Maine Lodge. The E. A. degree was conferred on one candidate, after which refreshments were served.

On January 1, 1920, by request, I made my official visit to Whitney Lodge, No. 167, at Canton, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree, which was performed in a most dignified and impressive manner, and the ritual closely followed. The records in the hands of Bro. W. A. Lucas, are correctly kept, and the dues are well collected. After the lodge closed a fine supper was served, and a social hour spent.

On February 10th, by invitation of Wor. John L. Delano, I officially visited King Hiram Lodge, at Dixfield, and inspected work in the E. A. degree. The expected candidate having been drawn to serve on the jury, could not be present, but the E. A. degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory and pleasing manner. A few corrections were made, and suggestions offered. The records of Bro. Charles L. Dillingham are neatly and correctly kept, and the dues are well collected. At the close of the meeting a fine banquet was served and the brethren showed me every attention and courtesy.

Wednesday evening, February 11th, I made my official visit to Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, at Rumford, when it was my pleasure to witness work in two degrees; the F. C. degree was conferred on one candidate, and the M. M. degree on three candidates. Wor. Bro. Schonauer and a corps of efficient officers rendered the work in a correct and pleasing manner; very few corrections or suggestions being necessary. Bro. Walter O. Raynes, Secretary, has all matters pertaining to that office well in hand, and it would be hard to find a neater set of records. A fine banquet was served in the dining hall early in the evening, and a social hour enjoyed by all. The attendance at this meeting was large.

On March 1st, by invitation of Wor. Bro. W. H. Eastman, I officially visited Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, Buckfield, and witnessed work in

the M. M. degree, done in a very impressive and creditable manner. The records in the hands of Bro. A. L. Newton, Secretary, are neatly and correctly kept, and dues are well collected. The lodge has had a very prosperous year with very good attendance. Refreshments and a social time at the close of the work.

In closing, Most Worshipful, allow me to thank you for the honor of the appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. CONANT, *D. D. G. M. 26th District.*

Buckfield, Me., March 20, 1920.

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Towns in Maine where Masonic Lodges are Located

| Location. | Lodge. | District. |
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| ADDISON, | Tuscan, 106, | 3 |
| ALFRED, | Fraternal, 55, | 23 |
| ASHLAND, | Pioneer, 72, | 25 |
| AUBURN, | Ancient Brothers', 178, | 24 |
| AUBURN, | Tranquil, 29, | 24 |
| AUGUSTA, | Augusta, 141, | 11 |
| AUGUSTA, | Bethlehem, 35, | 11 |
| BANGOR, | Rising Virtue, 10, | 6 |
| BANGOR, | St. Andrew's, 83, | 6 |
| BAR HARBOR, | Bar Harbor, 185, | 21 |
| BATH, | Polar Star, 114, | 14 |
| BATH, | Solar, 14, | 14 |
| BELFAST, | Phoenix, 24, | 8 |
| BELFAST, | Timothy Chase, 126, | 8 |
| BETHEL, | Bethel, 97, | 16 |
| BIDDEFORD, | Dunlap, 47, | 19 |
| BINGHAM, | Bingham, 199, | 13 |
| BLAINE, | Aroostook, 197, | 1 |
| BLUE HILL, | Ira Berry, 187, | 4 |
| BOLSTER'S MILLS, | Crooked River, 152, | 16 |
| BOOTHBAY HARBOR, | Seaside, 144, | 10 |
| BOWDOINHAM, | Village, 26, | 14 |
| BRIDGTON, | Oriental, 13, | 18 |
| BRISTOL, | Bristol, 74, | 23 |
| BROOKLIN, | Naskeag, 171, | 4 |
| BROOKS, | Marsh River, 102, | 7 |
| BROWNFIELD, | Shepherd's River, 169, | 18 |
| BROWNVILLE, | Pleasant River, 163, | 5 |
| BRUNSWICK, | United, 8 | 14 |
| BRYANT'S POND, | Jefferson, 100, | 16 |
| BUCKFIELD, | Evening Star, 147, | 26 |
| BUCKSPORT, | Felicity, 19, | 21 |
| CALAIS, | St. Croix, 46, | 2 |
| CAMBRIDGE, | Cambridge, 157, | 22 |
| CAMDEN, | Amity, 6 | 9 |
| CANAAN, | Carrabasset, 161, | 13 |
| CANTON, | Whitney, 167, | 26 |
| CARIBOU, | Caribou, 170, | 1 |
| CARMEL, | Benevolent, 87, | 6 |

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| CASTINE, | Hancock, 4, | 4 |
| CHARLESTON, | Olive Branch, 124, | 6 |
| CHERRYFIELD, | Narraguagus, 88, | 3 |
| CHINA, | Central, 45, | 7 |
| CLINTON, | Sebastcook, 146, | 7 |
| CORINNA, | Parian, 160, | 22 |
| CORNISH, | Greenleaf, 117, | 18 |
| CUMBERLAND MILLS, | Warren Phillips, 186, | 17 |
| CUTLER, | Lookout, 131, | 3 |
| DAMARISCOTTA, | Alna, 43, | 10 |
| DANFORTH, | Baskahegan, 175, | 20 |
| DENMARK, | Mount Moriah, 56, | 18 |
| DEER ISLE, | Marine, 122, | 4 |
| DEXTER, | Penobscot, 39, | 5 |
| DIXFIELD, | King Hiram, 57, | 26 |
| DRESDEN MILLS, | Dresden, 103, | 10 |
| DURHAM, | Acacia, 121, | 14 |
| EAST BOOTHBAY, | Bay View, 196, | 10 |
| EAST DIXMONT, | Archon, 139, | 22 |
| EAST MACHIAS, | Warren, 2 | 3 |
| EASTPORT, | Eastern, 7 | 2 |
| ELLSWORTH, | Lygonia, 40, | 21 |
| EXETER, | Pacific, 64, | 22 |
| FAIRFIELD, | Siloam, 92, | 13 |
| FARMINGTON, | Maine, 20, | 15 |
| FLAGSTAFF, | Mount Bigelow, 202, | 15 |
| FORT FAIRFIELD, | Eastern Frontier, 112, | 1 |
| FORT KENT, | Fort Kent, 209, | 25 |
| FOXCROFT, | Mosaic, 52, | 5 |
| FREEPORT, | Freeport, 23, | 14 |
| FRIENDSHIP, | Meduncook, 211, | 9 |
| FRYEBURG, | Pathagorean, 11, | 18 |
| GARDINER, | Hermon, 32, | 11 |
| GOODWIN'S MILLS, | Arion, 162, | 19 |
| GORHAM, | Harmony, 38, | 17 |
| GREENVILLE, | Columbia, 200, | 5 |
| GUILFORD, | Mount Kineo, 109, | 5 |
| HALLOWELL, | Kennebec, 5, | 11 |
| HAMPDEN, | Mystic, 65, | 6 |
| HARTLAND, | Corinthian, 95, | 22 |
| HERMON, | Lynde, 174, | 6 |
| HOULTON, | Monument, 96, | 1 |
| ISLAND FALLS, | Island Falls, 206, | 25 |
| ISLESBORO, | Island, 89, | 8 |
| JEFFERSON, | Riverside, 135, | 10 |
| JONESPORT, | Jonesport, 188, | 3 |
| KENDUSKEAG, | Kenduskeag, 137, | 6 |

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| KENNEBUNK, | York, 22, | 19 |
| KENNEBUNKPORT, | Arundel, 76, | 19 |
| KINGFIELD, | Mount Abram, 204, | 15 |
| KITTERY, | Naval, 184, | 19 |
| LAGRANGE, | Composite, 168, | 5 |
| LEWISTON, | Ashler, 105, | 24 |
| LEWISTON, | Rabboni, 150, | 24 |
| LIBERTY, | Liberty, 111, | 7 |
| LIMERICK, | Freedom, 42, | 23 |
| LIMESTONE, | Limestone, 214, | 1 |
| LIMINGTON, | Adoniram, 27, | 23 |
| LINCOLN, | Horeb, 93, | 20 |
| LINCOLNVILLE, | King David's, 62, | 8 |
| LISBON FALLS, | Ancient York, 155, | 14 |
| LITCHFIELD, | Morning Star, 41, | 11 |
| LIVERMORE FALLS, | Oriental Star, 21, | 15 |
| LOVELL, | Delta, 153, | 18 |
| LUBEC, | Washington, 37, | 2 |
| MACHIAS, | Harwood, 91, | 3 |
| MADISON, | Euclid, 194, | 13 |
| MATTAWAMKEAG, | Pine Tree, 172, | 20 |
| McKINLEY, | McKinley, 212, | 21 |
| MECHANIC FALLS, | Tyrian, 73, | 24 |
| MILLBRIDGE, | Pleiades, 173, | 3 |
| MILLNOCKET, | Nollesemic, 205, | 25 |
| MILO, | Piscataquis, 44, | 5 |
| MONMOUTH, | Monmouth, 110, | 11 |
| MONSON, | Doric, 149, | 5 |
| MOUNT DESERT, | Mount Desert, 140, | 21 |
| MOUNT VERNON, | Vernon Valley, 99, | 12 |
| NEW GLOUCESTER, | Cumberland, 12, | 24 |
| NEWPORT, | Meridian Splendor, 49, | 22 |
| NEW SHARON, | Franklin, 123, | 15 |
| NORRIDGEWOCK, | Lebanon, 116, | 13 |
| NORTH ANSON, | Northern Star, 28, | 13 |
| NORTH BERWICK, | Yorkshire, 179, | 19 |
| NORTH BROOKSVILLE, | Bagaduce, 210, | 4 |
| NORTH EAST HARBOR, | North East Harbor, 208, | 21 |
| NORTH VASSALBORO, | Vassalboro, 54, | 12 |
| NORTH WINDHAM, | Presumpscot, 127, | 17 |
| NORTHPORT, | Excelsior, 151, | 8 |
| NORWAY, | Oxford, 18, | 16 |
| OAKLAND, | Messalonskee, 113, | 12 |
| OLD ORCHARD, | Orchard, 215, | 19 |
| OLD TOWN, | Star in the East, 60, | 6 |
| ORLAND, | Rising Sun, 71, | 21 |
| ORONO, | Mechanics', 66, | 6 |

List of Subordinate Lodges

WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

AS RETURNED MARCH 1, 1920

| | DISTRICT. |
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| Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. Vernon O. Hussey, M.; George E. Merrow, S. W.; Harold C. Mountain, J. W.; S. W. Dexter, S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, September. | 5 |
| Acacia, 121, Durham. Carl W. Brown, M.; Arthur W. Taylor, S. W.; G. Warren Douglass, J. W.; Marcus W. Eveleth, R. F. D. 2, Lisbon Falls, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. | 14 |
| Adoniram, 27, Limington. Oliver R. Chester, M.; William H. McKenney, S. W.; Robert E. Brackett, J. W.; Harold B. Emery, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. | 23 |
| Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Alfred W. Huston, M.; George A. Cowan, S. W.; Ray K. Knowlton, J. W.; Wilbur G. Knowlton, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. | 10 |
| Amity, 6, Camden. John L. Tewksbury, M.; Alfred F. Sherman, S. W.; Wilfred C. Rogers, J. W.; Melzer T. Crawford, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October. | 9 |
| Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Horace A. Kelsey, M.; Vernon M. Failaner, S. W.; Daniel G. Berry, J. W.; John A. Turner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. | 10 |
| Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. Harvey M. Norton, M.; Anson L. Libby, S. W.; Webster L. Loring, J. W.; Frank L. Lowell (18 Center St.), S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. | 24 |
| Ancient Landmark, 17, Portland. Porter A. Roberts, M.; Clark D. Chapman, S. W.; Irving L. Rich, J. W.; Arthur J. Floyd, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. | 17 |
| Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Harry J. Goodbout, M.; Walton H. Smith, S. W.; Irving E. Wellman, J. W.; Asbury M. Blake, Lisbon, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. | 14 |
| Archon, 139, East Dixmont. Wilbur L. Boyd, Brooks, M.; John W. Goodwin, Monroe, S. W.; Roy L. Chadbourne, Dixmont, J. W.; Fred M. Johnston, Hampden Highlands, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. | 22 |
| Archon, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Byron L. Hill, Biddeford, R. F. D. 4, M.; Frank Littlefield, S. W.; Hermon Walker, J. W.; Rufus J. Lunt, Biddeford, R. F. D. 4, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. | 19 |

- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Malcolm T. Barry, M.; Harry A. York, S. W.; Troy I. Shaw, J. W.; Fay B. Ramsay, Mars Hill, S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election November. 1
- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. Alexander Burr, M.; Thomas P. Baker, S. W.; Ray G. Seavey, J. W.; Byron C. Hall, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. Herbert C. Edwards, M.; Blaine Abbott, S. W.; Carroll H. Brewster, J. W.; Eugene E. Cates, 63 Nichols St., S. Meeting third Monday; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. John H. Bamford, M.; Fred N. Parcher, S. W.; Eugene H. Rose, J. W.; Frederick L. Chenery, S. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. Willard W. Knight, M.; Lowell H. Woodbury, S. W.; Herbert P. Cobb, J. W.; Almon L. Johnson, Box 424, S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. James Wright, M.; Ray K. Small, S. W.; D. Sanders Patterson, J. W.; Ralph W. Farris, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. William D. Talbot, M.; Benjamin S. Whitehouse, S. W.; Arthur F. Wisner, J. W.; Albert H. Newbert, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. Elwin E. Steel, M.; Neal F. Dow, S. W.; Edgar Blodgett, J. W.; William Cain, S. Meeting third Saturday; election, January. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Charles S. Higgins, M.; Carl D. Ingalls, S. W.; Benjamin L. Hadley, J. W.; Clifford F. Came, S. Meeting third Thursday, election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. Arthur W. Gilpatrick, M.; Howard D. Lee, S. W.; Frank E. Trafton, J. W.; Martin L. Porter, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. Edgar W. Linniken, M.; Norman K. Vanhorn, S. W.; Cyrus A. Brewer, J. W.; H. Elmer Fernald, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Nathan B. Thayer, M.; Burton R. Hamlin, S. W.; Charles L. Loring, J. W.; Everett F. Robinson, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, December 27th. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. Clarence W. Hall, M.; Edward P. Lyon, S. W.; Fred A. Tibbetts, J. W.; Fred B. Merrill, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. Charles W. Creasy, M.; Melvin E. Sawtelle, S. W.; A. Francis Welch, J. W.; Pearle E. Fuller, S. Meeting first Monday; election, October. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. Lee C. Smith, M.; Columbus S. Baker, S. W.; Henry Cooley, J. W.; Harold A. Coleman, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. Leopold Schonauer, M.; Charles W. Burdett, S. W.; Carleton A. Dennis, J. W.; Walter O. Raynes, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 26

- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Norman E. Butler, M.; Charles E. Toothaker, S. W.; Lynn S. Dennison, J. W.; Nathaniel H. Harnden, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol. Edwin A. Leighton, M.; Frank E. Gorham, S. W.; Melvin M. Tukey, J. W.; Edwin J. Ervine, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Oliver E. Earle, M.; Alfonso F. Flint, S. W.; Robert C. Smith, J. W.; Pliny A. Crockett, Hollis Center, S. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, January. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Fred C. Eldridge, M.; Ralph W. Bailey, S. W.; Harold L. Sawyer, J. W.; Frank J. Hersey (R. F. D. 4, Dexter), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Ray C. Gary, M.; J. Beecher Swain, S. W.; Nathaniel G. Chandler, J. W.; Harry M. Vinal, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. Glen Holt, M.; Abel P. Gleason, S. W.; Carleton Tuttle, J. W.; Alpheus Nason, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. Wilmer E. Sawyer, M.; Edward M. Johnson, S. W.; Phillip G. Hodsdon, J. W.; Henry G. Rogers, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. George M. Hammond, M.; Charles L. Taylor, S. W.; G. Wayland Jones, J. W.; John A. Woodsum, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Harry A. Sanders, Jr., M.; Harry B. Sawyer, S. W.; Pliny W. Hall, J. W.; Eugene W. Vaughn, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 5
- Composite, 168, Lagrange. Harry A. Fowles, M.; Rodney Q. Lancaster, S. W.; Fred H. Savage, J. W.; Benjamin F. Crehore, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland, Thomas S. Dearborn, M.; Ralph E. Nutting, S. W.; Halver H. Whitney, J. W.; Bert H. Moulton, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon, election, October. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Fred L. Gardner, M.; Walter W. Leighton, S. W. James A. Gould, J. W.; Eugene S. Wilbur, West Pembroke, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Fred C. Weston, M.; Ernest L. Gay, S. W.; Henry E. Jellison, J. W.; Adua D. Pike, Harrison, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Ashley F. Chipman, M.; Harry T. Merrill, S. W.; Roy M. Loring, J. W.; Lewis E. Jordan, (R. F. D.), S. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan, Clarence W. Harvey, M.; William Milne, S. W.; Onias Springer, J. W.; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21

- Davis, 191, Strong. Raymond A. Starbird, M.; Dean E. Leighton, S. W.; Fremont H. Allen, J. W.; Charles B. Richardson, S. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. George F. Wentworth, M.; John J. Libby, S. W.; Robert W. Gilgore, J. W.; John L. Carleton, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. Guy E. Hill, M.; Frank A. Farewell, S. W.; Ernest N. Cunningham, J. W.; Francis E. Chase, Box 974, S. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. Weeman G. McAllister, M.; Eugene H. Woodbury, S. W.; William C. Brooks, J. W.; Seth F. Heald, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. Joseph D. Quinnam, M.; Hubbard J. White, S. W.; George T. Foster, J. W.; Orren F. Sproul, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. Lyman E. Davidson, M.; Giles M. Fogg, S. W.; Charles F. Bradford, J. W.; Walter C. Jackson, S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. John H. Mayers, M.; William H. Houdlett, S. W.; Leslie H. Bailey, J. W.; Ernest W. Cate, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10
- Drummond, 118, Parsonsfield. Alonzo H. Milliken, M.; Alfred H. Milliken, S. W.; Charles L. Weeman, J. W.; Albert R. Leavitt, Limerick, R. F. D. 2, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. William H. Stone, M.; Robert O. Jordan, S. W.; Walter R. Fall, J. W.; Everett M. Staples, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 19
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. John P. Hutchinson, M.; Sidney A. Ferris, S. W.; Ira C. Taylor, J. W.; Wheeler C. Hawkes, Box 312, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. George Herbert Foss, M.; Bertrand A. Loane, S. W.; Herbert G. Sawyer, J. W.; William N. Gould, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggemoggin, 128, Sedgwick. Wilbur S. Daniels, M.; Lewis H. Lane, S. W.; Myron C. Carter, J. W.; Roy S. Dority, S. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. Herman G. Perkins, M.; William J. R. Jardine, S. W.; Roy McDougal, J. W.; James M. Spence, S. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Manfred Humphrey, M.; Charles H. Locke, S. W.; Weston H. Willey, J. W.; Elmer E. Allen, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Wellington H. Eastman, M.; Charles H. Tuttle, S. W.; Ralph A. Pierce, J. W.; Arthur L. Newton, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 26

- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Bert L. Bird, M.; George McCabe, S. W.; Charles Herrick, J. W.; Fred R. Mitchell, S. Meeting first Wednesday in each month; election, November. 8
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. Archie L. White, M.; Harvey R. Emery, S. W.; Perry H. Lowell, J. W.; Edward L. Warren, S. Meeting first Monday election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Eugene Decker, M.; Percy L. Chase, S. W.; Asa H. Stanley, J. W.; Lysander W. Trask, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. Guilford L. Perkins, M.; Niles C. Pinkham, S. W.; Harry Martin, J. W.; Augustus D. Dow, S. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. Frank P. Caswell, M.; Maurice A. Dunn, S. W.; Frank P. Hooper, J. W.; Fred W. Sanders, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15
- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. George H. Williams, M.; Herman J. Seaward, S. W.; Walter Davis, J. W.; Florent Whitmore, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23
- Freedom, 42, Limerick. Hubert Gath, M.; George R. Conover, S. W.; Martin Johnson, J. W.; George A. Carpenter, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Linwood I. Varney, M.; Clarence B. Small, S. W.; Guy C. Bean, J. W.; Fred E. Ward, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. Oscar L. Peabody, M.; Howard L. McKeen, S. W.; Ivan W. Staples, J. W.; Ralph A. Bacon, Box 27, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Henry G. Swasey, M.; Harry Meloon, S. W.; Aubrey C. Gray, J. W.; Francis A. Norton, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. Otis H. Parker, M.; A. E. Gregory, S. W.; Arthur G. Thombs, J. W.; Arthur W. Patterson, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. William T. Libby, M.; Ira C. Alden, S. W.; John W. Knight, J. W.; Charles E. Cobb, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Ralph W. Chandler, M.; Joseph L. Hall, S. W.; Otis W. Means, J. W.; Albert S. Allan, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Charles M. Dick, M.; Henry Merrill, S. W.; Allen Clark, J. W.; Harry E. Larrabee, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. John L. Goodwin, M.; George H. Minott, S. W.; Richard E. Tuttle, J. W.; William A. Seyford, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, June. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. Kingsley A. Ballatine, M.; Clarence H. Staples, S. W.; Asa F. Richardson, J. W.; Henry S. Pinkham, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Monday in December. 20

- Howard, 69, Winterport. Raymond F. Cole, M.; John D. Glidden, S. W.; George C. Giddings, J. W.; Hubert Hall, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Albion K. Saunders, M.; Charles E. Greene, S. W.; Forrest E. Grindle, J. W.; Arthur C. Hinckley, S. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro. Charles R. Trim, M.; Pyman E. Hatch, S. W.; Arthur C. Hatch, J. W.; Elmer L. Pendleton, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. Fred W. Pomroy, M.; Frank L. Downs, S. W.; Ralph W. Emerson, J. W.; John J. Marr, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Leslie D. Bryant, M.; Clarence E. Cole, S. W.; Clarence J. Perham, J. W.; James L. Bowker, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. John H. Moulton, M.; Ira Morton, S. W.; James Williams, J. W.; Edgar A. Worcester, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Mason D. Brown, M.; Irton Finch, S. W.; Harry Watson, J. W.; Ralph Miles, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 25
- Kemankeag, 213, Rangeley. John A. Russell, M.; Henry C. Riddle, S. W.; Harrison B. Amber, J. W.; Charles L. Harnden, S. Meeting first Monday; election, October. 15
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Walter N. Bachelder, M.; Charles M. Mayo, S. W.; Arthur S. Tracy, J. W.; F. Ernest Harvey, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Eugene Hooper, M.; Raymond M. Shaffer, S. W.; Norman W. Gray, J. W.; Ernest S. Currier, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Hazen L. Jewett, M.; Clayton E. Eames, S. W.; Leon M. Wyman, J. W.; Turner Buswell, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Fred Osborn, M.; James A. Peavey, S. W.; Oliver E. Keen, J. W.; Robie F. Ames, S. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, December. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. John L. Delano, M.; Eben N. Hutchinson, S. W.; Porter M. Cooper, J. W.; Charles L. Dillingham, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 26
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. Fred S. Simmons, M.; Hadley H. Kuhn, S. W.; Jesse V. Benner, J. W.; Clinton E. Matthews, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Charles W. Hurd, M.; Harvey D. Crowley, S. W.; Maynard W. Curtis, J. W.; Winfield S. Clark, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Joshua Brown, M.; Cyrus D. Winters, S. W.; Fred D. Elliott, J. W.; Costello Weston, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12

- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Orlando C. Woodman, M.; Earl L. Green, S. W.; Charles Condon, J. W.; Ernest W. Gilman, S. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. Nehemiah W. Kneeland, M.; Harry C. McDowell, S. W.; John H. Puck, J. W.; Theodore Morrison, Box 121, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Charles B. Hoit, M.; Olin R. Harriman, S. W.; Claborn H. Wellington, J. W.; Willis J. Greely, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Limestone, 214, Limestone. Dennis F. Getchell, M.; Perley B. Knight, S. W.; Edward F. Foster, J. W.; Leigh H. Webster, S. Meeting second Tuesday election, December. 1
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. Angus E. Grover, M. Frank B. Adams, S. W.; Benjamin H. Adams, J. W.; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. Caleb G. Aldrich, M.; Forrest S. Stevens, S. W.; Donald C. Randall, J. W.; Lucius E. Gardner, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. George S. Ober, M.; Willis E. Dunn, S. W.; Leon E. Rowe, J. W.; Harry E. Rowe, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Ray T. Luce, M.; Elmer N. Grant, S. W.; Norman S. Clement, J. W.; Charles B. Cox, Bangor, R. F. D. 3, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Leslie L. Manchester, M.; Leslie E. Hamblin, S. W.; Fred A. Bickford, J. W.; Eugene M. Stanley, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. W. Raymond Davis, M.; Charles G. Nickerson, S. W.; John H. Gilkey, J. W.; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting Monday week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Cecil E. Wasgatt, M.; Leslie W. Gray, S. W. Roswell E. Murch, J. W.; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. Ralph Moody, M.; Harry Merrithew, S. W.; Donald Vaughan, J. W.; Benjamin F. Colcord, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. Herbert C. Ellis, M.; Everett L. Cilley, S. W.; Leroy I. Staples, J. W.; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanics', 66, Orono. James A. Gennett, M.; Everett W. Davee, S. W.; Elmer R. Tobey, J. W.; Archer L. Grover, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, 211, Friendship. Waterville L. Thompson, M.; Austin B. Cook, S. W.; Foster D. Jameson, J. W.; Eugene H. Brown, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 9
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. Clarence Tyler, M.; William R. Hurd, S. W.; Frank W. Fuller, J. W.; Edwin A. Porter, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22

- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. Alfred H. McCarrison, M.; Clyde L. Pingree, S. W.; Charles E. Sheridan, J. W.; Lewman B. Soper, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22
- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Frank L. Dingley, M.; Harry H. Hatfield, S. W.; Arthur M. Greeley, J. W.; William G. Simpson, S. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Charles W. Bowers, M.; Oramel W. Sides, S. W.; Carey A. Dickinson, J. W.; Frank A. Ambrose, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Carrol F. Bragdon, M.; Harold H. Flanders, S. W.; Millard E. Day, J. W.; Otis G. Randall, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Alfred E. Astle, M.; Murdock B. McKay, S. W.; Thomas B. Packard, J. W.; Hazen R. Nevers, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Ralph W. Goss, M.; Francis F. Lane, S. W.; Weston R. Allen, J. W.; Roscoe S. Bosworth, (R. D. route 18), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Foxcroft. Ernest J. Smith, M.; John T. Ayer, S. W.; Harold M. Hayes, J. W.; Eugene W. Crocker, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinalhaven. Marshal Saul, M.; George Strachan, S. W.; Ambrose A. Peterson, J. W.; Freeman L. Roberts, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. Herschel P. Boynton, M.; Elmer E. Davis, S. W.; W. Riley Durrell, J. W.; Arthur C. Woodard, S. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. Carl R. Goodrich, M.; Percival B. Parsons, S. W.; William H. Blackwill, J. W.; Walter E. Hinds, S. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. Pearl S. Bordeaux, M.; William T. Somes, S. W.; George Chelles, J. W.; Burton A. Fernald, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. Raymond W. Davis, M.; Charles S. Bennett, S. W.; Eugene E. Ross, J. W.; Joseph T. Davidson, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Irving Trumbull, M.; Leon A. Jack, S. W.; Perley R. F. Bradbury, J. W.; Augustus S. Colby, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. Leland M. Johnston, M.; Willard E. Overlock, S. W.; William S. Johnston, J. W.; George L. Sprague, Union, R. F. D. 3, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. Edgar L. Stone, M.; Walter W. Fillebrown, S. W.; Geary L. Kimball, J. W.; Clarence H. Pride, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 16

- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Ronald E. Dexter, M.; Russell M. Douglass, S. W.; Nathan W. Cole, J. W.; William H. Tribou, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Harris Latham, M.; Frederick B. Whitin, S. W.; Fessenden S. Schofield, J. W.; Cleff Maxwell, S. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. John M. Sherwood, M.; Bela T. Wass, S. W.; Arthur S. Allen, J. W.; William F. Campbell, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin, L. Granville Phillips, M.; Haskell S. Powers, S. W.; Charles M. Cooper, J. W.; Willie F. Cousins, East Brooklin, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Arthur W. Steward, M.; Albert F. Billings, S. W.; John B. Phillips, J. W.; Walter L. Lutts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. George E. Rand, M.; Edward O. Brown, S. W.; Philip R. Brown, J. W.; Leonard A. Gilbert, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Charles F. Bradford, M.; Charles H. Pratt, S. W.; Donald C. Prince, J. W.; Royal W. Bradford, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. Robert M. Hume, M.; Frank A. Emery, S. W.; Thomas Robertson, J. W.; Joseph R. Nickless, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. William S. Holmes, M.; L. Lawrie Holmes, S. W.; Charles T. Machester, J. W.; Alvah L. Reed, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Elmer W. Sawyer, M.; James H. Thorne, S. W.; Everett R. Sawyer, J. W.; Charles J. Holway, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Dept. Roger S. Bragdon, M.; Austin R. Goodwin, S. W.; Eben A. Mitchell, J. W.; Charles H. Swasey, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Horace E. Mitchell, M.; Edward C. Robinson, S. W.; Fred Burton, J. W.; Thomas J. McKay, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Orchard, 215, Old Orchard. Clement P. Wight, M.; Frank H. Libby, S. W.; King E. Sears, J. W.; George T. Hinchliffe, S. Meeting second Monday; election, September. 19
- Orient, 15, Thomaston. Winfield S. Brackett, M.; J. Emerson Watts, S. W.; George Montgomery, J. W.; Arthur J. Elliott, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. Howard W. Jones, M.; Edgar F. Collins, S. W.; William H. Wood, J. W.; D. Eugene Chaplin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18
- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. Francis S. Dow, M.; Arthur W. Driscoll, S. W.; Raymond W. Allen, J. W.; William H. McKenney, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15

- Oxford, 18, Norway. Frank J. Cook, M.; Arthur W. Easton, S. W.; Donald P. Partridge, J. W.; Raymond H. Eastman, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. George B. Grinnell, M.; Sylvester E. Prescott, S. W.; Clarence A. Prescott J. W.; Byron B. Buswell, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. Leroy H. Whitney, M.; Charles W. Redman, S. W.; Norman F. Burrill, J. W.; L. Everett Hutchins, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. H. Walter Starbird, M.; Shuman T. Oliver, S. W.; Ernest A. Marriner, J. W.; Harold C. Fletcher, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Carle F. Lawrence, M.; Charles E. Stower, S. W.; Willis D. Austin, J. W.; Charles S. Hutchison, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. Ralph D. Southworth, M.; Norman A. Read, S. W., Raymond B. Dyer, J. W.; Fuller C. Wentworth, (Acting) S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. John C. Handy, M.; Harold J. Shedd, S. W.; Carroll F. Shedd, J. W.; Fred A. Martin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Carl L. Hews, M.; Hugh B. Bartlett, S. W.; Vaughn E. Rooney, J. W.; Charles P. Reynolds, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. George P. Aiken, M.; Claud D. Harmon, S. W.; Arthur F. Lewis, J. W.; Frank E. Monroe, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, February. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. George W. Evans, M.; Alvin R. Stanhope, S. W.; Oscar O. Wolff, J. W.; Joseph G. Henderson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. Frank C. Bixby, M.; Frank M. Small, S. W.; George M. Jackson, J. W.; A. Lincoln Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Winfred H. Downs, M.; Harvey N. Smith, S. W.; Charles H. Davis, J. W.; Herbert E. Clark, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Joseph A. Turrell, M.; William F. Hanscom, S. W.; Chester L. Shepherd, J. W.; Lucius M. Lemont, 923 Middle St., S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. Fred V. Berry, M.; Edward B. Webster, S. W.; Peter G. Peterson, J. W.; Albro E. Chase, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, June. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Clyde Merrithew, M.; Robert Andrews, S. W.; Earl R. Richards, J. W.; Lincoln A. Gardner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 8

- Preble, 143, Sanford. Clyde L. Reed, M.; John Whiteside, S. W.; Frank E. Flemming, J. W.; John Wright, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. Joseph B. Manchester, M.; Fred R. Crockett, S. W.; Robert N. Toms, J. W.; William H. Cram, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. Noah McDonald, M.; Norman C. Thurlow, S. W.; Frank H. Peterson, J. W.; Tobias I. Eastman, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. John W. Levenseller, M.; George W. Butler, S. W.; Orren A. Tibbetts, J. W.; Allen L. Maddocks, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. Arthur W. Sharp, M.; Wilbur H. Davis, S. W.; Frank I. Hall, J. W.; Edwin L. Goss, 41 Main St., S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, January. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. Gleason E. Flye, M.; Harvey E. Caudage, S. W.; Percy T. Clark, J. W.; Elmer W. Calley, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Freeman F. Wood, M.; George W. Green, S. W.; Thomas W. Borgoson, J. W.; J. Franklin Harris, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Earl F. Sellers, M.; Charles M. Perkins, S. W.; Fred Dunbar, J. W.; Albert P. Leach, So. Penobscot, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Freeman B. Patten, M.; Irvin R. Saunders, S. W.; Louis G. Huffard, J. W.; Seth R. Hutchins, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. Benjamin C. Kent, M.; Charles W. Seward, S. W.; Ira W. Barker, J. W.; Frank J. Cole, S. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Joseph E. Odioine, M.; Horace T. Weeks, S. W.; Henry P. Bond, J. W.; Carl J. Longren, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, second Wednesday in December. 10
- Rockland, 79, Rockland. Reginald S. Clement, M.; Israel Snow, Jr., S. W.; Emerson Sadler, J. W.; Albert I. Mather, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Rural, 53, Sidney. Ernest C. Wyman, M.; Frank W. Shepherd, S. W.; Sanford A. Philbrook, J. W.; Arthur W. Hammond, R. F. D. 7, Augusta, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Saco, 9, Saco. Thomas H. Hooper, M.; Melville L. Gordon, S. W.; C. Frank Cartland, J. W.; Elroy H. Mitchell, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19
- St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Clarence N. Reynolds, M.; Rodney C. Warner, S. W.; Harry H. Rich, J. W.; Carroll A. Weeks, 299 Essex St., S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6

- St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. John D. Keene, M.; Howard C. Goodwin, S. W.; Fred W. Marshall, J. W.; Samuel H. Junkins, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- St. Croix, 46, Calais. Reed V. Jewell, M.; Adelbert G. Taylor, S. W.; Harold H. Murchie, J. W.; Isaac N. Jones, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- St. George, 16, Warren. Frank D. Rowe, M.; William H. Robinson, S. W.; John Connell, J. W.; William L. Lawry, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- St. John's, 51, South Berwick. C. Fred Ramsdell, M.; Ernest R. Muzzev, S. W.; Elson R. Davis, J. W.; Wallace N. Flanders, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19
- St. Paul's, 82, Rockport. George T. Huntley, M.; Harry C. McDonald, S. W.; E. Steward Orbeton, J. W.; Edwin H. Bowers, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Henry I. Phinney, M.; Alton N. Sanborn, S. W.; Percy W. Coombs, J. W.; Edward J. Hutchinson, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Sebastcook, 146, Clinton. Lloyd A. Harmon, M.; Marcellus Cain, S. W.; Frank D. Spinney, J. W.; Perley L. Cotton, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. Fred B. Sands, M.; Walter D. Blake, S. W.; Frank Harmon, J. W.; Jesse S. Rowe, S. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Warren S. Swett, M.; Orrin A. Learned, S. W.; James F. Aikens, J. W.; George M. Chapman, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Arthur E. Baum, M.; Wm. A. Staples, S. W.; Harry E. Thompson, J. W.; Albert L. Strout, 11 Oak St., S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. Frank W. Bucknam, M.; Leslie W. Goldsmith, S. W.; Edwin P. Whiting, J. W.; John H. Lancaster, S. Meeting second Monday; election, June. 13i
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Asa R. Low, M.; Claude L. Jellison, S. W.; S. Harold Ogden, J. W.; Arthur E. Horne, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. George E. Brazier, M.; Elmer R. Higgins, S. W.; Fred E. Cole, J. W.; Harry B. Hartford, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. Leslie R. Lord, M.; Francis M. Beasley, S. W.; Harry A. Matthews, J. W.; Edward A. Merrill, S. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Henry Foster, M.; Jack C. VanDeets, S. W.; Charles Y. Graffin, J. W.; Reuel M. Berry, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Linwood B. Jones, M.; Arthur A. Walton, S. W.; H. Clair Miller, J. W.; L. Elwood Jones, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11

- Temple, 86, Westbrook. Ferdinand W. Hawkes, M.; George K. Jordan, S. W.; Edward P. Harlow, J. W.; Harry L. Lowell, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. James E. Braley, M.; Ralph A. Bramhall, S. W.; Milton C. Stevenson, J. W.; Charles E. Johnson, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, October. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. John W. Hackett, M.; John N. Tibbetts, S. W.; L. Kenneth Green, J. W.; Irving M. Curtis, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Eugene S. Thurston, M.; Carl Kelley, S. W.; E. Leon Higgins, J. W.; William R. Keene, Manset, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Thomas F. Phair, M.; Otis B. Stevens, S. W.; A. Phillip Seavey, J. W.; Vivian E. Howe, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. Lester S. Caler, M.; William A. Cleaves, S. W.; Fred I. Bennett, J. W.; Everett E. Kane, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. Myron B. Strout, M.; Burbank E. Strout, S. W.; Andrew D. Weston, J. W.; Lewin Jefferies, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Charles E. McFarland, M.; George S. Burgess, S. W.; William C. Gleason, J. W.; Charles M. Lucas, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. Harry H. Nicoll, M.; William H. Farrar, S. W.; Edwin C. Patten, J. W.; Joseph S. Stetson, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. Howard N. Harmon, M.; Fred L. Thurston, S. W.; Leroy W. Gordon, J. W.; Albert W. Ward, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. Alton F. Hussey, M.; Albert N. Harvey, S. W.; George Haverly, J. W.; Chester E. Wood, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Carlton E. Turner, M.; Alvaro Gordon, S. W.; Allston W. Tyler, J. W.; Eugene L. Millett, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Anson P. M. Given, M.; Albert Henderson, S. W.; Horace J. Whiting, J. W.; Edward L. White, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. Henry F. Hall, M.; Floyd A. Redman, S. W.; Charles C. Hall, J. W.; Francis L. Talbot, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Walter E. Frank, M.; Ralph H. Hutchinson, S. W.; Robert B. Waltman, J. W.; Almon N. Waterhouse, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Roy O. Stoddard, M.; Harry E. Umphrey, S. W.; Wallace P. Worth, J. W.; Edward M. Hines, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1

- Washington, 37, Lubec. Herbert E. Saunders, M.; Clayton A. Holmes, S. W.; Herbert E. Adams, J. W.; Irving W. Case, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. J. Frederick Hill, M.; Willard R. Jones, S. W.; George W. Hoxie, J. W.; Chas. Leroy Jones, S. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. Archie R. Bangs, M.; Fred W. Walker, S. W.; George W. Wood, J. W.; Herbert L. Jordan, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. Arthur L. Tirrell, M.; Robert W. Poor, S. W.; James G. Davis, J. W.; William A. Lucas, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 26
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. William L. Hopp, M.; James W. Monroe, S. W.; Lester V. North, J. W.; Fred E. Trefethen, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. Hollis E. Joy, M.; William E. Gerrish, S. W.; Bradley D. Keith, J. W.; Frank E. Weston, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 21
- York, 22, Kennebunk. Harold H. Bourne, M.; Chas. H. Lucas, S. W.; Joseph T. Cole, J. W.; George A. Gilpatric, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. Chester A. Batchelder, M.; H. Edwin Hayes, S. W.; Ernest L. Bracy, J. W.; Brainerd S. Drake, S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 19

List of Lodges by Districts

DISTRICT No. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master — J. ORIN SMITH, Presque Isle.

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| 96 Monument, Houlton. | 193 Washburn, Washburn. |
| 112 Eastern Frontier, Ft. Fairfield. | 197. Aroostook, Blaine. |
| 130 Trinity, Presque Isle. | 214 Limestone, Limestone. |
| 170 Caribou, Caribou. | |

DISTRICT No. 2.

District Deputy Grand Master — EDWARD G. BUXTON, Eastport.

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| 7 Eastern, Eastport. | 78 Crescent, Pembroke. |
| 37 Washington, Lubec. | 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. |
| 46 St. Croix, Calais. | |

DISTRICT No. 3.

District Deputy Grand Master — RALPH E. SMITH, East Machias.

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| 2 Warren, East Machias. | 131 Lookout, Cutler. |
| 88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. | 173 Pleiades, Millbridge. |
| 91 Harwood, Machias. | 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. |
| 106 Tuscan, Addison Point. | |

DISTRICT No. 4.

District Deputy Grand Master — PAUL E. SCOTT, Deer Isle.

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| 4 Hancock, Castine. | 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. |
| 122 Marine, Deer Isle. | 187 Ira Berry, Bluehill. |
| 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. | 195 Reliance, Stonington. |
| 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. | 210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. |

DISTRICT No. 5.

District Deputy Grand Master — WILLIAM P. NEWMAN, Milo.

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| 39 Penobscot, Dexter. | 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. |
| 44 Piscataquis, Milo. | 168 Composite, La Grange. |
| 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. | 200 Columbia, Greenville. |
| 109 Mount Kineo, Guilford. | 207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. |
| 149 Doric, Monson. | |

DISTRICT No. 6.

District Deputy Grand Master — FRED A. GRAY, Hermon.
(Bangor, R. F. D. 8).

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| 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. | 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. |
| 60 Star in the East, Old Town. | 87 Benevolent, Carmel. |
| 65 Mystic, Hampden. | 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. |
| 66 Mechanics', Orono. | 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. |
| 69 Howard, Winterport. | 174 Lynde, Hermon. |

DISTRICT No. 7.

District Deputy Grand Master — C. LEE STEWART, Clinton.

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| 45 Central, China. | 111 Liberty, Liberty. |
| 58 Unity, Thorndike. | 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. |
| 85 Star in the West, Unity. | 146 Seabasticook, Clinton. |
| 102 Marsh River, Brooks. | |

DISTRICT No. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master — WARREN A. NICHOLS, Belfast.

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| 24 Phoenix, Belfast. | 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. |
| 62 King David's, Lincolnville. | 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. |
| 68 Mariners', Searsport. | 151 Excelsior, Northport. |
| 89 Island, Islesboro. | |

DISTRICT No. 9.

District Deputy Grand Master — LEROY G. CUNNINGHAM, Washington.

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| 6 Amity, Camden. | 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. |
| 15 Orient, Thomaston. | 84 Eureka, Tenant's Harbor. |
| 16 St. George, Warren. | 145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. |
| 31 Union, Union. | 189 Knox, South Thomaston. |
| 50 Aurora, Rockland. | 203 Mount Olivet, Washington. |
| 79 Rockland, Rockland. | 212 Meduncook, Friendship. |

DISTRICT No. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master — FRED W. SEAVEY, So. Bristol.

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| 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. | 135 Riverside, East Jefferson. |
| 43 Alna, Damariscotta. | 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. |
| 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. | 158 Anchor, South Bristol. |
| 74 Bristol, Bristol. | 196 Bay View, East Boothbay. |
| 103 Dresden, Dresden. | |

DISTRICT No. 11.

District Deputy Grand Master — ERNEST L. GOODSPEED, Gardiner.

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| 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. | 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. |
| 25 Temple, Winthrop. | 104 Dirigo, Weeks' Mills. |
| 32 Hermon, Gardiner. | 110 Monmouth, Monmouth. |
| 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. | 141 Augusta, Augusta. |

DISTRICT No. 12.

District Deputy Grand Master — EDMUND P. WILLIAMS, Sidney.
(Augusta, R. F. D. No. 7).

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| 33 Waterville, Waterville. | 99 Vernon Valley, Mt. Vernon. |
| 48 Lafayette, Readfield. | 113 Messalonskee, Oakland. |
| 53 Rural, Sidney. | 133 Asylum, Wayne. |
| 54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. | 166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. |

DISTRICT No. 13.

District Deputy Grand Master — MYRON C. JEWETT, Solon.

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| 28 Northern Star, North Anson. | 116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. |
| 34 Somerset, Skowhegan. | 161 Carrabasset, Canaan. |
| 80 Keystone, Solon. | 194 Euclid, Madison. |
| 92 Siloam, Fairfield. | 199 Bingham, Bingham. |

DISTRICT No. 14.

District Deputy Grand Master — ERNEST L. MAYBERY, Brunswick.

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| 8 United, Brunswick. | 63 Richmond, Richmond. |
| 14 Solar, Bath. | 114 Polar Star, Bath. |
| 23 Freeport, Freeport. | 121 Acacia, Durham. |
| 26 Village, Bowdoinham. | 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. |

DISTRICT No. 15.

District Deputy Grand Master — WALTER E. HINDS, Flagstaff.

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| 20 Maine, Farmington. | 156 Wilton, Wilton. |
| 21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. | 191 Davis, Strong. |
| 67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. | 202 Mount Bigelow, Flagstaff. |
| 123 Franklin, New Sharon. | 204 Mount Abram, Kingfield. |
| 154 Mystic Tie, Weld. | 213 Kemankeag, Rangeley. |

DISTRICT No. 16.

District Deputy Grand Master — HARRY E. LOWELL, So. Paris.

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| 18 Oxford, Norway. | 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. |
| 94 Paris, South Paris. | 152 Crooked River, Bolster's Mills. |
| 97 Bethel, Bethel. | 182 Granite, West Paris. |
| 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. | |

DISTRICT No. 17.

District Deputy Grand Master — NATHAN C. REDLON, Portland.

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| 1 Portland, Portland | 86 Temple, Westbrook. |
| 17 Ancient Landmark, Portland. | 127 Presumpscot, North Windham. |
| 36 Casco, Yarmouth. | 180 Hiram, South Portland. |
| 38 Harmony, Gorham. | 183 Deering, Portland. |
| 70 Standish, Standish. | 186 Warren Phillips, Cumb. Mills. |
| 81 Atlantic, Portland. | |

DISTRICT No. 18.

District Deputy Grand Master — CLIFFORD C. SMITH, Bridgton.

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| 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. | 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. |
| 13 Oriental, Bridgton. | 153 Delta, Lovell. |
| 56 Mount Moriah, Denmark. | 169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. |

DISTRICT No. 19.

District Deputy Grand Master — MYRON E. SAVAGE, Saco.

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| 9 Saco, Saco. | 162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. |
| 22 York, Kennebunk. | 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. |
| 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. | 184 Naval, Kittery. |
| 51 St. John's, South Berwick. | 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. |
| 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. | 215 Orchard, Old Orchard. |
| 142 Ocean, Wells' Depot. | |

DISTRICT No. 20.

District Deputy Grand Master — FRED A. BUDGE, Mattawamkeag.

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| 93 Horeb, Lincoln. | 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. |
| 148 Forest, Springfield. | 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. |

DISTRICT No. 21.

District Deputy Grand Master — CLARENCE E. DOW, Bar Harbor.

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| 19 Felicity, Bucksport. | 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. |
| 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. | 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. |
| 71 Rising Sun, Orland. | 201 David A. Hooper, W. Sullivan. |
| 77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor. | 208 N. E. Harbor, N. E. Harbor. |
| 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. | 212 McKinley, McKinley. |

DISTRICT No. 22.

District Deputy Grand Master — DANA L. SMALL, Plymouth.

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| 49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. | 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. |
| 64 Pacific, Exeter. | 139 Archon, East Dixmont. |
| 75 Plymouth, Plymouth. | 157 Cambridge, Cambridge. |
| 95 Corinthian, Hartland. | 160 Parian, Corinna. |

DISTRICT No. 23.

District Deputy Grand Master — WILLIAM O. NICHOLS, Sanford.

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| 27 Adoniram, Limington. | 115 Buxton, West Buxton. |
| 42 Freedom, Limerick. | 118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. |
| 55 Fraternal, Alfred. | 143 Preble, Sanford. |
| 107 Day Spring, West Newfield. | 190 Springvale, Springvale. |

DISTRICT No. 24.

District Deputy Grand Master — ARCHIE R. BANGS, Sabattus.

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| 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. | 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. |
| 29 Tranquil, Auburn. | 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. |
| 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. | 164 Webster, Sabattus. |
| 101 Nezinscot, Turner. | 178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. |

DISTRICT No. 25.

District Deputy Grand Master — ARTHUR L. TODD, Patten.

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| 72 Pioneer, Ashland. | 205 Nollesemic, Millinocket. |
| 98 Katahdin, Patten. | 206 Island Falls, Island Falls. |
| 165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. | 209 Fort Kent, Fort Kent. |

DISTRICT No. 26.

District Deputy Grand Master — WILSON H. CONANT, Buckfield.

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| 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. | 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. |
| 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. | 167 Whitney, Canton. |

ADDRESSES.

EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master,

Brunswick, Maine.

ALBRO E. CHASE,

Grand Treasurer,

Portland, Maine.

CHARLES B. DAVIS,

Grand Secretary,

Portland, Maine.

ALBRO E. CHASE,

Committee on Correspondence,

Portland, Maine.

Lodges in Maine

With Dates of Precedence and Charters

| 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 Saint 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 Somersset, | 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 Saint 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 |
| 50 Aurora, | Rockland, | July 18, 1826 | May 9, 1872† |
| 51 Saint John's, | South Berwick, | Jan. 12, 1827 | Feb. 13, 1827 |

| LODGE | LOCATION | DATE OF PRECEDENCE | DATE OF CHARTER |
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| 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, | Old Town, | 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 |
| 72 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 Saint Paul's, | Rockport, | Oct. 27, 1855 | May 2, 1856 |
| 83 Saint 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, | Week's Mills, | 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 |
| 108 Relief, | Belgrade, | Jan. 11, 1861 | May 8, 1862§ |
| 109 Mount Kinco, | Guilford, | May 10, 1861 | May 8, 1862 |

| LODGE | LOCATION | DATE OF PRECEDENCE | DATE OF CHARTER |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 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 Quantabcook, | 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 Har., | 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 |
| 166 Neguemkeag, | Vassalboro, | Dec. 22, 1871 | May 9, 1872 |
| 167 Whitney, | Canton, | Mch. 9, 1872 | May 9, 1872 |

| LODGE | LOCATION | DATE OF PRECEDENCE | DATE OF CHARTER |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 168 Composite, | Lagrange, | 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, | South Portland, | 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, | Stonington, | 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 Saint 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 Mount 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, | No. East 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 |
| 213 Kemankeag, | Rangeley, | Oct. 6, 1913 | May 7, 1914 |
| 214 Limestone, | Limestone, | Nov. 10, 1913 | May 7, 1914 |
| 215 Orchard, | Old Orchard, | May 4, 1916 | May 3, 1917 |

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 215; extinct 9; working 206.

Permanent Members

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Past Grand Masters.

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| " CHARLES FOX, | " JOHN H. LYNDE, |
| " SAMUEL FESSENDEN, | " DAVID CARGILL, |
| " ROBERT P. DUNLAP, | " ALBERT MOORE, |
| " NATHANIEL COFFIN, | " EDWARD P. BURNHAM, |
| " REUEL WASHBURN, | " CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, |
| " ABNER B. THOMPSON, | " MARQUIS F. KING, |
| " HEZEKIAH WILLIAMS, | " WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, |
| " THOMAS W. SMITH, | " FESSENDEN I. DAY, |
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| " ALEX'R H. PUTNEY, | " HORACE H. BURBANK, |
| " JOSEPH C. STEVENS, | " AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM, |
| " JOHN C. HUMPHREYS, | " JOSEPH A. LOCKE, |
| " FREEMAN BRADFORD, | " WINFIELD S. CHOATE, |
| " TIMOTHY CHASE, | " ALFRED S. KIMBALL, |
| " JOHN MILLER, | " WILLIAM J. BURNHAM, |
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| " DAVID C. MAGOUN, | " SAMUEL L. VALENTINE, |
| " ASAPH R. NICHOLS, | " JOHN J. BELL. |

Past Senior Grand Wardens.

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| R. W. GEORGE THACHER, | R. W. SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE, |
| " JOHN L. MEGQUIER, | " JOHN B. REDMAN, |
| " JOEL MILLER, | " ARLINGTON B. MARSTON, |
| " EZRA B. FRENCH, | " MANLEY G. TRASK, |
| " ISAAC DOWNING, | " JOSEPH M. HAYES, |
| " WILLIAM ALLEN, | " LEANDER M. KENNISTON, |
| " GUSTAVUS F. SARGENT, | " DANIEL P. BOYNTON, |
| " DAVID BUGBEE, | " WILLIAM H. SMITH, |
| " EDMUND B. HINKLEY, | " CURTIS R. FOSTER, |
| " F. LORING TALBOT, | " JAMES M. LARRABEE, |
| " T. R. SIMONTON, | " JAMES H. WITHERELL. |
| " WILLIAM O. POOR, | |

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| R. W. J. W. MITCHELL, | R. W. HENRY H. DICKEY, |
| " REUBEN NASON, | " A. M. WETHERBEE, |
| " FRYE HALL, | " AUGUSTUS BAILEY. |
| " STEPHEN WEBBER, | " EDWIN HOWARD VOSE. |
| " WILLIAM SOMERBY, | " CHARLES W. HANEY, |
| " THOMAS B. JOHNSTON, | " GOODWIN R. WILEY, |
| " WILLIAM KIMBALL, | " BENJAMIN AMES, |
| " JOHN WILLIAMS, | " BENJAMIN L. HADLEY, |
| " STEPHEN B. DOCKHAM, | " GEORGE W. MCCLAIN, |
| " OLIVER GERRISH, | " WILFORD J. FISHER, |
| " JOSEPH COVELL, | " SAMUEL G. DAVIS, |
| " FRANCIS J. DAY, | " ALGERNON M. ROAK, |
| " THOMAS K. OSGOOD, | " SAMUEL L. MILLER, |
| " JOHN W. BALLOU, | " CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, |
| " MOSES TAIT, | |

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FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO 1920

GRAND MASTERS.

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| William King, 1820, '21* | David Cargill, 1872-74* |
| Simon Greenleaf, 1822, '23* | Albert Moore, 1875, '76* |
| William Swan, 1824, '25* | Edward P. Burnham, 1877, '78* |
| Charles Fox, 1826, '27* | Charles I. Collamore, 1879, '80* |
| Samuel Fessenden, 1828, '29* | Marquis F. King, 1881, '82* |
| Robert P. Dunlap, 1830, '31* | William R. G. Estes, 1883, '84* |
| Nathaniel Coffin, 1832-34* | Fessenden I Day, 1885, '86* |
| Reuel Washburn, 1835-37* | Frank E. Sleeper, 1887, '88 |
| Abner B. Thompson, 1838-40* | Albro E. Chase, 1889, '90 |
| Hezekiah Williams, 1841* | Henry R. Taylor, 1891, '92* |
| Thomas W. Smith, 1842-44* | Horace H. Burbank, 1893, '94* |
| John T. Paine, 1845, '46* | Augustus B. Farnham, 1895, '96* |
| Alexander H. Putney, 1847, '48* | Joseph A. Locke, 1897, '98* |
| Joseph C. Stevens, 1849, '50* | Winfield S. Choate, 1899, 1900* |
| John C. Humphreys, 1851, '52* | Alfred S. Kimball, 1901, 1902* |
| Freeman Bradford, 1853* | William J. Burnham, 1903* |
| Timothy Chase, 1854* | Hugh R. Chaplin, 1904, '05 |
| John Miller, 1855* | Charles F. Johnson, 1906, '07 |
| Jabez True, 1856* | Edmund B. Mallet, 1908, '09 |
| Robert P. Dunlap, 1857* | Ashley A. Smith, 1910, '11 |
| Hiram Chase, 1858, '59* | Elmer P. Spofford, 1912, '13* |
| Josiah H. Drummond, 1860-62* | Thomas H. Bodge, 1914, '15 |
| William P. Preble, 1863-65* | Waldo Pettengill, 1916, '17 |
| Timothy J. Murray, 1866-68* | Silas B. Adams, 1918, '19 |
| John H. Lynde, 1869-71* | Edward W. Wheeler, 1920 |

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| Simon Greenleaf, 1820, 1821* | Amos Nourse, 1832* |
| William Swan, 1822, '23* | Reuel Washburn, 1833, '34* |
| Charles Fox, 1824, '25* | David C. Magoun, 1835-37* |
| Samuel Fessenden, 1826, '27* | Asaph R. Nichols, 1838-43* |
| Peleg Sprague, 1828-30* | James L. Child, 1844* |
| Nathaniel Coffin, 1831* | Asaph R. Nichols, 1845* |

* Deceased.

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| Elisha Harding, 1846* | Frank E. Sleeper, 1885, '86 |
| Samuel L. Valenine, 1847, '48* | Albro E. Chase, 1887, '88 |
| John C. Humphreys, 1849, '50* | Henry R. Taylor, 1889, '90* |
| Freeman Bradford, 1851, '52* | Horace H. Burbank, 1891, '92* |
| Timothy Chase, 1853* | Augustus B. Farnham, 1893, '94* |
| Jabez True, 1854, '55* | Joseph A. Locke, 1895, '96* |
| Hiram Chase, 1856, '57* | Winfield S. Choate, 1897, '98* |
| Josiah H. Drummond, 1858, '59* | Alfred S. Kimball, 1899, 1900* |
| William P. Preble, 1860-62* | William J. Burnham, 1901, '02* |
| John J. Bell, 1863* | Hugh R. Chaplin, 1903 |
| Timothy J. Murray, 1864, '65* | Charles F. Johnson, 1904, '05 |
| John H. Lynde, 1866-68* | Edmund B. Mallet, 1906, '07 |
| David Cargill, 1869-71* | Ashley A. Smith, 1908, '09 |
| Albert Moore, 1872-74* | Elmer P. Spofford, 1910, '11* |
| Edward P. Burnham, 1875, '76* | Thomas H. Bodge, 1912, '13 |
| Charles I. Collamore, 1877, '78* | Waldo Pettengill, 1914, '15 |
| Marquis F. King, 1879, '80* | Silas B. Adams, 1916, '17 |
| William R. G. Estes, 1881, '82* | Edward W. Wheeler, 1918, '19 |
| Fessenden I. Day, 1883, '84* | Albert M. Spear, 1920 |

SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

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| William Swan, 1820, 1821* | Albert Moore, 1871* |
| Charles Fox, 1822, '23* | Edward P. Burnham, 1872-74* |
| Samuel Fessenden, 1824, '25* | William O. Poor, 1875* |
| George Thacher, Jr., 1826, '27* | Charles I. Collamore, 1876* |
| Robert P. Dunlap, 1828, '29* | Marquis F. King, 1877, '78* |
| Amos Nourse, 1830, '31* | Sumner J. Chadbourne, 1879* |
| John L. Megquier, 1832-34* | William R. G. Estes, 1880* |
| Joel Miller, 1835-37* | John B. Redman, 1881* |
| Thomas W. Smith, 1838-41* | Arlington B. Marston, 1882* |
| John T. Paine, 1842-44* | William H. Smith, 1883* |
| Alexander H. Putney, 1845, '46* | Frank E. Sleeper, 1884 |
| John C. Humphreys, 1847, '48* | Joseph M. Hayes, 1885* |
| Freeman Bradford, 1849, '50* | Albro E. Chase, 1886 |
| Timothy Chase, 1851, '52* | Horace H. Burbank, 1887* |
| Jabez True, 1853* | Leander M. Kenniston, 1888* |
| Ezra B. French, 1854, '55* | Manly G. Trask, 1898* |
| Isaac Downing, 1856* | Daniel P. Boynton, 1890* |
| William Allen, 1857* | George R. Shaw, 1891 |
| Gustavus F. Sargent, 1858, '59* | Augustus B. Farnham, 1892* |
| John J. Bell, 1860, '61* | Joseph A. Locke, 1893* |
| David Bugbee, 1862* | Herbert Harris, 1894* |
| Edmund Hinckley, 1863* | Winfield S. Choate, 1895* |
| Francis L. Talbot, 1864, '65* | Albert M. Penley, 1896 |
| David Cargill, 1866-68* | Alfred S. Kimball, 1897* |
| Thaddeus R. Simonton, 1869, '70* | Elmer P. Spofford, 1898* |

William J. Burnham, 1899*
 James E. Parsons, 1900
 Hugh R. Chaplin, 1901
 Edwin A. Porter, 1902
 Charles W. Crosby, 1903
 W. Scott Shorey, 1904
 Curtis R. Foster, 1905*
 James M. Larrabee, 1906*
 William N. Howe, 1907
 John Clair Minot, 1908
 Frank J. Cole, 1909

Isaac N. Jones, 1910
 Frank E. Monroe, 1911
 Waldo Pettengill, 1912
 Fred C. Chalmers, 1913
 Isaac A. Clough, 1914
 Fred Raymond, 1915
 Ralph W. Moore, 1916
 James H. Witherell, 1917*
 Willis A. Ricker, 1918
 William S. Davidson, 1919
 John J. Marr, 1920.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

Nathaniel Coffin, 1820, 1821*
 Josiah W. Mitchell, 1822*
 Samuel Fessenden, 1823*
 George Thacher, Jr., 1824, '25*
 Robert P. Dunlap, 1826, '27*
 Amos Nourse, 1828, '29*
 Reuben Nason, 1830, '31*
 David C. Magoun, 1832-34*
 Abner B. Thompson, 1835-37*
 Stephen Webber, 1838-40*
 John T. Paine, 1841*
 Alexander H. Putney, 1842-44*
 John C. Humphreys, 1845, '46*
 Frye Hall, 1847*
 Joseph C. Stevens, 1848*
 Stephen Webber, 1849*
 Timothy Chase, 1850*
 William Somerby, 1851, '52*
 Thomas B. Johnston, 1853, '54*
 William Kimball, 1855*
 William Allen, 1856*
 John Williams, 1857*
 Stephen B. Dockham, 1858*
 Oliver Gerrish, 1859*
 Joseph Covell, 1860*
 Francis J. Day, 1861*
 T. K. Osgood, 1862*
 F. Loring Talbot, 1863*
 John H. Lynde, 1864, '65*
 Thaddeus R. Simonton, 1866, '68*
 John W. Ballou, 1869, '70*
 Henry H. Dickey, 1871*
 William O. Poor, 1872-74*

Charles I. Collamore, 1875*
 A. M. Wetherbee, 1876*
 S. J. Chadbourne, 1877, '78*
 Edwin Howard Vose, 1879*
 Archie L. Talbot, 1880
 Fessenden I. Day, 1881*
 Charles W. Haney, 1882*
 Goodwin R. Wiley, 1883*
 Augustus Bailey, 1884*
 Henry R. Taylor, 1885*
 Benjamin Ames, 1886*
 Wilford J. Fisher, 1887*
 Samuel G. Davis, 1888*
 Algernon M. Roak, 1889*
 E. B. Mallet, Jr., 1890
 Samuel L. Miller, 1891*
 Howard D. Smith, 1892
 Wm. Freeman Lord, 1893
 Gustavus H. Cargill, 1894
 Moses Tait, 1895*
 Benjamin L. Hadley, 1896*
 Enoch O. Greenleaf, 1897
 Millard M. Caswell, 1898
 Franklin R. Redlon, 1899
 John H. McGorrill, 1900
 Adelbert Millett, 1901
 James C. Ayer, 1902
 Charles F. Paine, 1903
 George W. McClain, 1904*
 Edward G. Weston, 1905
 Albert M. Ames, 1906
 Leon S. Howe, 1907
 George W. Holmes, 1908

Winfield S. Hinckley, 1909
 Sullivan L. Andrews, 1910
 Convers E. Leach, 1911
 Ernest P. Parlin, 1912
 George A. Gilpatric, 1913
 Clifford J. Pattee, 1914*

Frank B. Arnold, 1915
 Albert H. Newbert, 1916
 Edwin K. Smith, 1917
 Carroll S. Douglass, 1918
 Wallace N. Price, 1919
 Lee M. Smith, 1920

GRAND TREASURERS.

Joseph M. Gerrish, 1820-30*
 James B. Cahoon, 1831-33*
 Benjamin Davis, 1834-43*
 Henry H. Boody, 1844-52*
 Moses Dodge, 1853-79*
 William O. Fox, 1880-82*

Frederick Fox, 1883-94*
 M. F. King, June 1894-1904*
 Millard F. Hicks, October, 1904-
 April 3, 1914*
 Albro E. Chase, 1914 to

GRAND SECRETARIES.

William Lord, 1820-31*
 Asaph R. Nichols, 1832-35*
 Philip C. Johnson, 1836-44*
 Charles Fox, 1845*

Charles B. Smith, 1846-55*
 Ira Berry, 1856-91*
 Stephen Berry, Sept. 1891-1917*
 Charles B. Davis, 1917 to

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. W. Manley G. Trask

Senior Grand Warden in 1889

Born in New Sharon, Me., October 9, 1837

Died in Bangor, Me., December 20, 1919

AGED 82 YEARS, 2 MONTHS, 11 DAYS

" One by one we miss the faces
Of the forms we once caressed,
One by one their names are written
' Ceased to labor '—' Home '—' At Rest. ' "

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. M. Herbert Harris

Senior Grand Warden in 1894

Born in East Machias, Me., December 17, 1846

Died in Chicago, Ill., June 6, 1919

AGED 72 YEARS, 5 MONTHS, 21 DAYS

"For well we know, where'er they be,
Our dead are living unto Thee."

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. M. James H. Witherell

Senior Grand Warden in 1917

Born in Norridgewock, Me., March 16, 1852
Died in St. Johnsbury, Vt., September 9, 1919
AGED 67 YEARS, 5 MONTHS, 23 DAYS

"Sleep on, dear friend; such lives as thine
Have not been lived in vain
But shed an influence rare, divine,
On lives that here remain."

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. M. Augustus Bailey

Junior Grand Warden in 1884

Born in Whitefield, Me., April 5, 1832

Died in Gardiner, Me., February 21, 1920

AGED 87 YEARS, 10 MONTHS, 16 DAYS

Only the Master shall praise us,
And only the Master shall blame ;
And no one shall work for money,
And no one shall work for fame.

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. W. George W. McClain

Junior Grand Warden in 1904

Born in Molunkus, Me., in 1868

Died in Brownville, Me., October 14, 1919

AGED 51 YEARS

"God of the living, in Whose eyes
Unveiled Thy whole creation lies.
All souls are Thine; we must not say
Those are dead who pass away."

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. W. Clifford J. Hattee

Junior Grand Warden in 1914

Born in Jackson, Me., June 10, 1874

Died in Belfast, Me., December 8, 1919

AGED 45 YEARS, 6 MONTHS, 28 DAYS

" All words are vain
When hearts by grief are riven
We can only write upon our hearts his name,
And let it shine as stars in memory's heaven."

Brethren Died During the Year

From March 1, 1919, to March 1, 1920

Those marked * were returned as buried with Masonic rites.

- 1 Portland, Portland. Judson B. Dunbar, October 24; Frank G. Sylvester, December 18; John S. Cushman, January 10.
- 2 Warren, East Machias. Herbert Harris,* June 5; Herbert M. Hanscom,* August 14; George D. Cosseboom.
- 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. Leon Arnold Gray, October 27; Edward Neal Lewis, June 14.
- 4 Hancock, Castine. E. Julian Seyett, October 19; Charles A. Abbey, date unknown; John P. Shepherd, January 20.
- 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. Ben Tenney, March 22; Charles K. Howe, November 11; George C. Sanford, January 30.
- 6 Amity, Camden. Thomas Bushby, June 16; Forest G. Currier, June 24; William F. Hall, July 29; John P. French, July 5.
- 7 Eastern, Eastport. Benjamin F. Harris,* June 11; Horace V. Jonah,* July 20; E. Wallace Shackford,* October 8; William Bowen, December 6.
- 8 United, Brunswick. Daniel A. Booker, March 28; James R. Jordan, December 13; John A. Purinton,* December 18; Lyman E. Smith,* January 21.
- 9 Saco, Saco. Winfield S. Hasty, May 2; Alton J. Woodman, June 21; Howard A. Whitten, February 5; Joseph E. Blanchette, February 8.
- 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Roscoe A. Kingsbury, March 13; James S. Young, March 29; James F. Smith, October 18; John E. Bemis, December 13.
- 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. Michael Keefe, March 10; Edwin D. Abbott, May 30; Joseph H. Johnson, August 29; Lyman R. Charles, October 28.
- 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. Barker Holt, May 21; Roscoe Perley,* November 28.
- 13 Oriental, Bridgton. William D. Hacker, February 22.
- 14 Solar, Bath. George E. Litchfield, May 2; George A. J. Mample, May 28; Charles H. Reed, November 7; Miles M. Merry, November 30; Horatio A. Duncan, January 16.
- 15 Orient, Thomaston. Iddo B. Turner, March 3; Edward D. Carleton, March 28; Joseph E. Moore, April 6; William W. Barlow, June 3; Frank A. Washburn, June 26; Frank H. Winter, December 12; Edward L. Dillingham, February 10.

16 St. George, Warren. Nathaniel B. Jones, November 11; Charles E. Blackington, November 28; Lewis Hall, January 11; Nelson McCallum, January 28.

17 Ancient Landmark, Portland. George A. McElroy, February 22; Theodore Johnson, February 26; Charles M. Follansbee, March 18; Clinton H. Chesley, March 30; Fred W. Grosstuck, April 2; Edward L. Sayward, May 20; Ovid Meller, December 10; George W. Beyer, February 4; John F. Liscomb, February 8.

18 Oxford, Norway. Joseph Tennant, February 27; Benjamin Tucker,* April 14; John W. Nash,* August 26; Everett F. Bicknell,* January 8; Frederick A. Cole,* January 17; George E. Currier, January 12; Irving Frost, February 15.

19 Felicity, Bucksport. William Grindle, January 24.

20 Maine, Farmington. William E. Dresser, March 12; Augustus W. Morrill, August 7; Evander S. Prescott, August 21; Elmer E. Jennings, February 2; William R. Flood, February 19; Levi G. Brown, March 1, 1920.

21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. Albert B. Holmes, March 19; Albert Allen, April 10; George O. Eustis, October 11; John F. Richardson, October 18; Harry T. Simmons, December 25; Amos A. Alden, February 1.

22 York, Kennebunk. Eugene Hanscom, December 15; James Wesley Fletcher, January 20; Frank W. Bonser, February 9.

23 Freeport, Freeport. C. Fred Koofman, March 6; Dorance A. Stevens, October 15.

24 Phoenix, Belfast. Andrew A. Drury, March 1; George E. Johnson, August 14; George W. Frisbee, October 11; Peter Olson, October 28; Clifford J. Pattee,* December 8.

25 Temple, Winthrop. William E. Hayward, September 9; Augustus Thompson, November 26; James B. Parsons, January 4.

26 Village, Bowdoinham. John T. Pratt, May 19; Ruel D. Robbins, September 7; Alonzo Cutler, November 15.

27 Adoniram, Limington. Benjamin E. Cousins, February 14.

28 Northern Star, North Anson. Theodore M. Steward, December 28; W. Scott Jones, January 25; William Benjamin, Jr., February 15.

29 Tranquil, Auburn. John W. Sears, April 3; Leonard Verrill, July 2; Edgar S. Leslie, July 12; Elbridge G. Heath, August 29; Willis W. Skilling, September 4; Frank S. Neal, October 9; Rufus E. Rounds, October 12; Walter E. Hunt, December 18; Anson B. Yates, January 29; Samuel L. Washburn, February 15; Leonard A. Pray, February 13.

30 Blazing Star, Rumford. Henry R. Pointer, April 8; Llewellyn Isbister,* April 15; Morris Marx,* December 3.

31 Union, Union. Andrew Sidlinger, January 5

32 Hermon, Gardiner. William N. Horn, March 12; Alexander L. Murray,* March 23; Thomas E. Smith, May 10; Leroy W. Goodspeed,* June 6; Albert Newton Smith, August 15; Herbert L. Edwards, August 21; George W. Gardner, September 4; James B. Keene,* November 21; Albert S. Wyman, November 23; George R. Sutherland, December 5; Augustus Bailey, February 21.

33 Waterville, Waterville. Edward F. Moore, December 13, 1918; Horace W. Newenham, April 29; William T. Haines, June 4; Fred F. Graves November 9; Elihu J. Hoxie,* February 18.

34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Everett W. Bacon, January 23, 1919; Isaac S. Wheeler, March 13; Charles A. F. Emery, April 16; Edward N. Merrill, May 9; Forrest E. Cross, May 16; Thomas Tantish, May 16; Willard A. Richardson, June 24; Frank Emerson, July 13; Charles H. Gardner, September 13; Herrmann Steinberg, November 18.

35 Bethlehem, Augusta. John W. Hinds, date unknown; Phenias A. Crooker, May 7; William G. Moody, September 15; Henry M. Sprague, November 6.

36 Casco, Yarmouth. Darius Collins, June 14.

37 Washington, Lubec. William Meriman,* May 15.

38 Harmony, Gorham. Joel Wilson, December 28, 1918; Job T. Sanford, April 14; Henry S. Cloudman, July 19; William J. Twort, July 1; Harry S. Tarbox, March 21; Robert F. Sackford, January 10; Fred D. Child, January 11; Lewis J. Brackett, January 23.

39 Penobscot, Dexter. Norman H. Fay, June 13; Charles E. Young, August 1; Daniel H. Dunn, September 11; Jacob A. Bridges, November 12; George N. Toward; November 15.

40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. John C. Whitnet, March 22; George W. Dow, April 19; Charles W. Grindal, May 30; Augustus E. Jones, July —; Chaney R. Sadler, September 3; Edwin D. Smith, December 7; David Friend, December 24; James I. Treadwell, February 12; Herbert R. Foster, February 3; Charles E. Keiser, February 18; Martin A. Garland, February 28.

41 Morning Star, Litchfield. Anson Turner, (no date given).

42 Freedom, Limerick. James F. Mason, March 14; John H. Powers, September 22; Samuel T. Bradbury, September 29.

43 Alna, Damariscotta. Granville M. Sykes, August 6; Walter T. Tobin, November 6.

44 Piscataquis, Milo. Fred H. Gould, March 5; Merle J. Harmon, March 25; Fred F. Hayes, May 5; Charles H. Hodgkins, June 30; Albert S. Leonard, June 17; Albert C. Cushman, January 10.

45 Central, China. Jeremiah H. Estes, November 24; Charles E. Wilson, January 30.

46 St. Croix, Calais. Charles E. Brasseur, March 9; John F. Oliver, March 29; Moses Tait, April 15; Weldon E. Tibbetts, September 17; Harry P. Townsend, January 31; John W. Thomas, February 10; Frank G. Stone, February 11.

47 Dunlap, Biddeford. Edward C. Stone, March 1; Ervin F. Goldthwaite, April 27; Nathaniel Falker, August 20; Lorenzo W. Hackett, September 21; George G. Calderwood, December 5; Perry M. Gallup, February 1; Thomas W. A. Smith, February 1; Edmund Coffin, Jr., February 1.

49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. Freeman Fernald, July —; Charles E. Garland January 12; John J. Sewall, February 3; Daniel P. Warwick, February 18.

50 Aurora, Rockland. Simon H. Webb, March 30; Benjamin V. Sweet, April 4; George E. Clark, * May 1; Manly W. Hart, * June 17; Kennett Johnson, * September 15; Isaac B. Tolman, November 30; Lewis H. Blaisdell, * January 2; Ezekiel R. Nash, * February 7; Fred L. Studley, * February 27.

51 St. John's, South Berwick. Calvin L. Morrison, March 23; George L. Joy, March 13; Roland S. Pratt, August 4; Horace A. Farnham, November 8.

52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. Stephen O. Brown, March 2; Thomas P. Elliott, May 20; George W. Plummer, August 13; Carl C. Brown, September 10; William T. Elliott, September 27; Whitney J. Rideout, November 3; William H. Bartlett, December 12.

53 Rural, Sidney. George C. Robbins, * May 27; Edward Spaulding, May 25; James A. Bacon, December 10.

54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. Gerald Gerald, October 14; Arnold S. Mower, February 3.

55 Fraternal, Alfred. John C. Emmons, December 19, 1913; Levi Hobbs, date unknown; Horace Kallock, January 3; John N. Morrill, May 31; Joseph Durgin, October 8; Edwin P. Ferguson, February 15.

56 Mount Moriah, Denmark. William H. Freeman, October 25.

57 King Hiram, Dixfield. Edward R. Stevens, September 28; Frank H. Gilcreas, November 8; Bert C. Ludden, December 10.

60 Star in the East, Old Town. Everett W. Chesley, * April 14; Elbridge Richardson, * June 25; Fred E. Hutchinson, * September 8; Walter H. Pollard, November 7.

61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. B. Leslie Burnham, * June 20; William H. Levenseller, * July 4; Asa R. Reed, * December 22; John B. Stalie, * January 14; Isaac G. Eugley, * January 30.

62 King David's, Lincolnville. John Crockett, July 19.

63 Richmond, Richmond. William S. Hagar, December 1; Joseph W. Spaulding, August 23; Melville S. Springer, * September 21; Thomas Conelly, * January 26.

64 Pacific, Exeter. Leander Downing, October 3; Andrew J. Nutter, February 3; Frank P. Otis, (in California, date unknown).

65 Mystic, Hampden. Carl R. Snow, March 30; Charles Freemont Cowan, May 18; Horace S. Snow, January 23; George W. Moore, February 26.

66 Mechanics', Orono. Josephus A. M. Smith, July 15; Lutes Johnson, November 22.

67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. Daniel L. Dennison, April 8; J. Stanley Savage, January 2; B. Sherman Elliott, February 17; Fremont E. Timberlake, February 21.

68 Mariners', Searsport. Clifton Whittam, June 24; Melville L. Park, January 1; James P. Butman, January 30; Albert T. Whittier, February 11.

69 Howard, Wintterport. Preston E. Smith, * August 23; Arthur T. Marshall, February 21.

70 Standish, Standish. Millard F. Cram, September 24; John M. Willis, January 20.

71 Rising Sun, Orland. John D. Buck, April 12; William P. Hutchins, March 19; Henderson R. Cotton, October 8.

72 Pioneer, Ashland. Bert C. Arbo, March 16; (in U. S. service in France).

73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. Samuel Hiram Hutchinson, June 8; William D. Sprague, April 8; Charles E. Denning, September 5; Andrew W. Bridges, January 10; Nathan P. Woodman, January 25; Francis H. Cobb, February 13.

74 Bristol, Bristol. John W. Blaisdell, March 27; William H. Davis, May 13; Samuel F. Tarr, November 11; George E. Coombs, December 13; William F. Oram, January 27

76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Ansel M. Boothby, May 26; Charles Johnson, January 20; Joseph H. Benson, February 29.

77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor. Samuel S. Bulger,* April 19; Bloomfield Reed,* April 26; Lewis F. Sawyer,* September 18; Charles M. Sawyer, October 19.

78 Crescent, Pembroke. Jarrard F. Hussey, February 9

79 Rockland, Rockland. Edgar A. Burpee, June 1; Stephen F. O'Brien, August 2; Fred C. Hall, August 13; Joseph G. Piper, January 18; Richard H. Burpee, February 9.

80 Keystone, Solon. Seldon F. Green, September 19; Moses T. Brown, December 23.

81 Atlantic, Portland. Archie T. Stewart,* March 3; Henry S. Gardner, March 22; Joseph B. Shepherd, March 23; Jabez True, March 27; Harlan F. Hansen,* May 27; William G. Mills, August 2; Lucius M. Clark, June 7; Edward N. Bates, September 10; Edward D. Powell,* October 21; Benjamin F. Haskell, November 13; Melvin H. Manoney,* December 13.

82 St. Paul's, Rockport. Samandel W. Banks, May 23.

83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. J. Laurin Clark, August 28; Manly G. Trask, December 19.

84 Eureka, Tennant's Harbor. Paul G. Rivers, May 17; Hiram Russell, September 26.

85 Star in the West, Unity. Frank L. Tozier, December 19.

86 Temple, Westbrook. Robert S. Robinson, December 5; Oliver A. Cobb,* February 7.

87 Benevolent, Carmel. Andrew J. Friend, January 13.

88 Naraguagus, Cherryfield. John Monohon, March 24; Samuel N. Campbell, September 7; Gleason R. Campbell, September 13; Charles Campbell, November 7; John E. Mitchell, November 7; Smith M. Inman, December 19; Everett L. Wass, February 10.

89 Island, Islesboro. Frank O. Clark, November 3; Emerson G. Coombs, February 18.

91 Harwood, Machias. Frank L. Allen, August 16; Thomas L. Baker, April 14; Samuel A. Holway, April 25; George E. Noyes, September 29.

92 Siloam, Fairfield. George W. Tozier, March 2; Edwin Shorey, December 6; Lester Holway, January 15.

93 Horeb, Lincoln. Percy M. Dow, April 25; Eli H. Pinkham, March 15; Charles A. Sargent, October 14; Franklin H. Davis, February 24; Augustus B. Libby, 1917.

94 Paris, South Paris. Fred W. Wright, December 29; William J. Wheeler, January 6; Wirt Stanley, February 2.

95 Corinthian, Hartland. Daniel L. Frost, September 18; Lewis H. Graves, February 27; Harry E. Williams, March 17; Guy G. Fuller, March 21; Frank J. Shaw, January 14; Aaron T. Barnes, February 6; Charles P. Barnes, February 12.

96 Monument, Houlton. Samuel B. Rhoda, March 13, 1918; William E. Alexander, October 5; E. Murray Burt, October 20; John Watson, December 19; Joseph J. Marriott, December 5.

97 Bethel, Bethel. Charles J. Chute, unknown; Marcus W. Chandler, December 9; Levi W. Kilgore, December 15; Frank H. Young, February 14.

98 Katahdin, Patten. Charles R. Brown, April 30; Oscar M. Davis, September 1; James E. Parker, September 20; Charles H. Quincy, February 20.

99 Vernon Valley, Mount Vernon. Ervin C. Currier, May 7; Ira B. Tracy, March 1.

100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. George L. Cushman, April 16; John H. Barker, date unknown; Amos F. Chase, June 29; J. Gibbs Coffin, June 28.

102 Marsh River, Brooks. E. W. Ellis, September 4.

103 Dresden, Dresden Mills. James A. Ward, August 12.

104 Dirigo, Weeks Mills. Irving M. Farrington, January 2; Alton C. Doe, Jr., February 20.

105 Ashlar, Lewiston. Edward W. Bartlett, April 20; Alfred P. Conant, October 18; Philip E. Coombs, March 7; Abdallah B. Carter, February 20; William Maloon, June 1; Plummer R. Moens, March 11; Fred B. Sands, February 10.

106 Tuscan, Addison. Edgar E. Drisko, January 5; William S. Nickels, February 10.

107 Day Spring, West Newfield. William A. Davis, May 25.

111 Liberty, Liberty. Freeman B. Cooper; Thaddeus A. Stevens; Austin C. Crockett; Samuel G. Norton. (Secretary gives no dates.)

112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. Lemuel S. Osgood; Charles H. Stevens, April 26; George W. Richardson, December 20; Ruben F. Thurlough, January 14; Almond C. Waite, January 26.

113 Messalonskee, Oakland. Charles E. Folsom, May 10; John B. Roderick, August 13; Charles H. Blaisdell, August 26; James H. Witherell, September 9; Charles A. Ridley, October 26.

114 Polar Star, Bath. Irving Keizer, March 12; William H. Parker, March 14; Charles R. Knight, April 12; John F. Scofield, April 19; Melville C. Williams, August 15; Maurice W. Bacon, September 27; Harry F. Morse, October 9; Henry G. Seymore, February 3.

115 Buxton, West Buxton. William H. Briant, March 28; John O. Bean, April 10; Robert A. Bradbury, April 10; James O. Harmon, February 10.

116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. Howard W. Groves, September 21.

117 Greenleaf, Cornish. Nelson W. Pendexter, May 31; Owen O. Dow, July 12; D. Edgar Lord, October 5; Arthur W. Sadler, February 5.

118 Drummond, Parsonfield. George E. Davis, July 26; Joseph Boothby, October 29; J. Merrill Lord, February 27.

119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. Isaac Gould; Andrew Geiffer; John F. Ellis, January 23.

121 Acacia, Durham. Alvah H. Mitchell, December 27; Harry H. Strout, January 7.

122 Marine, Deer Isle. Frederick P. Scott, July 30.

123 Franklin, New Sharon. John C. Spinney, March 11; George F. Teague, June 5; Benjamin F. M. D. Makepeace, February 16; Conrad W. Russell, February 29.

124 Olive Branch, Charleston. William T. Kingsbury, August 27.

125 Meridian, Pittsfield. Harrison W. Gardiner, March 19; Charles U. Baker, September 11; Emery L. Barnes, January 22; Charles C. Brackett February 5; Burke L. Fitzgerald, February 11; Walter F. White, February 11.

126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. Chellis H. Michaels, March 28; Ralph O'Connell, February 19.

128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. Edwin C. Cole, October 8.

129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. Charles E. Gilman, December 25.

130 Trinity, Presque Isle. Arthur D. Howden, April 2; Ernest L. Guion, September 17; Stephen C. F. Smith, November 20.

132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. Charles O. Brown, January 5.

133 Asylum, Wayne. Tircenta A. Nelson,* October 14; Gordon J. Frank,* May 11.

135 Riverside, Jefferson. Edwin W. Lewis,* October 27; Isaac N. Clark, December 28.

137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. Daniel P. Pendexter, August 20.

138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. James Sprague,* June 16; John McCurdy,* July 29; Stephen W. Neal,* October 20; William L. Chadbourne,* January 28.

139 Archon, East Dixmont. Alonzo Tasker,* December 12.

140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. Mark W. Somes, March 7.

141 Augusta, Augusta. Daniel D. Small, April 7; Harry W. Lambert, June 27; Serein C. Webster, July 28; Frank L. Dutton, November 14; Elkanah H. Webster, November 14; John E. Church, December 17; Edgar N. Williams, December 19.

142 Ocean, Wells Depot. Lemont A. Stevens, February 8; William A. Anderson, September 2.

143 Preble, Sanford. John Murdock, November 19.

144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. Robert Olson,* August 18; Alvah D. Webber, January 2; Edwin L. Giles, February 6; Hiram L. Ingraham,* February 13.

145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Justin S. Hopkins, December 5; Hiram Bradstreet, April 13; Charles Talbot, June 24; Nathan Dyer, August 30; Roger J. Clark, November 6; Leroy H. Lane, February 3; Charles W. Coleman; John E. Craig, Horace B. Kelley; Edward W. Kilton; Alphonso Staples; Fred Wooster; Fred Worman.

146 Seabasticook, Clinton. Nathaniel N. Pratt, March 18; Howard W. Dodge,* June 24; David M. Stewart, June 29; Benjamin T. Foster, January 25.

147 Evening Star, Buckfield. Thomas S. Bridgham, September 12.

148 Forrest, Springfield. James A. Reed, April 8.

149 Doric, Monson. Everett L. Hall,* August 26.

150 Rabboni, Lewiston. Fred H. White, March 11; Frederick G. Payne,* July 29; Spencer H. Fuller,* October 11; Walter H. Silloway, October 10; Chester M. Lord,* October 16.

151 Excelsior, Northport. Leroy S. Southard, November 21.

152 Crooked River, Bolster's Mills. George A. Haskell, June 12.

153 Delta, Lovell. Benjamin F. Smith, September 19; Edward C. Walker, August 5.

154 Mystic Tie, Weld. Harry B. Trask, April 21.

155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. Royce D. Purinton, April 19; Fred G. Coombs,* June 16; Roscoe G. Green, September 28; Peter Holt, February 7.

156 Wilton, Wilton. Scott W. Brown,* August 5; William H. Small,* October 16; George H. Young, December 19.

157 Cambridge, Cambridge. Jacob T. Brown,* November 14; Melvin W. Knowles,* January 21.

158 Anchor, South Bristol. Guy E. McFailows, January 1; Berten Sykes, November 4.

160 Parian, Corinna. Gilman W. Hilliker, January 14; George B. Steward, February 6.

161 Carrabasset, Canaan. Eugene A. Moore, April 27; John L. Bingham, August 13.

163 Pleasant River, Brownville. George W. McClain, October 14; Frank E. Evans, October 17.

164 Webster, Sabattus. Charles A. Amback, July 18; Edwin E. Woodside, November 12.

165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. James P. Scudder, April 6; Isaac Cushman; James M. Emery, November 25.

166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. Charles W. Crowell, February 12.

167 Whitney, Canton. Albert K. Foster, June 12; Charles O. Holt, January 26.

168 Composite, Lagrange. Willis Lancaster, August 9.

169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. George H. Goodwin, February 3; Edwin E. Philbrick, February 11.

170 Caribou, Caribou. Carl C. King, August 10; Howard Doro, August 19; Russell R. Ryder, February 6; John Jacobs, February 6.

171 Naskeag, Brooklin. Oscar G. Flye; Stephen McFarland, December 15; John J. Bridges, December 17.

- 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. William Edwin Young, May 8.
- 173 Plicades, Millbridge. Emery W. Strout, April 6.
- 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. Alex. D. Forest,* October 20; Columbus W. Littlefield,* January 10.
- 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. George P. Leach, December 9.
- 178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. Charles F. Cobb,* May 4; Erastus G. Strout, June 6; Milton J. Loring,* July 21; Harry Elmer Smith, September 27; Hartwell K. Wagg,* November 21; Nathaniel M. Neal,* December 28; John T. Hale, January 28; Carl B. Allen,* February 19.
- 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. Alna L. Getchell, September 2; Edwin I. Tucker, January 3; Harold S. Grover, January 31.
- 180 Hiram, South Portland. Frank W. Libby, February 3; Thomas Nimmo, February 13.
- 182 Granite, West Paris. James R. Tucker, June 24.
- 183 Deering, Portland. Abner T. Smith, February 19, 1919; Emerson W. Elgee, June 30; Fred E. Hollis, July 2; Richard R. Eastman, January 6; Samuel A. Packard, February 5.
- 184 Naval, Kittery. Herman F. Winrich, October 22.
- 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. Eugene A. Dyer, June 6; G. Raymond Joy, September 4; Charles E. Freeman, September 28; Elliott N. Benson, October 7; Joseph E. Tripp, October 9; Fred E. Keller, January 8.
- 186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Hugh A. Cragie, May; Roger A. Foss, October; Isaac A. Bailey, March; Albert N. Wheeler, December; Oscar L. Cousins, April; Joseph Goss, August. (Secretary furnishes no other dates).
- 187 Ira Berry, Blue Hill. Arch W. Hinckley,* September 5; E. Brooks Dodge, December 26; Paul S. Parker, February 17; Alonzo J. Long, March 24.
- 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. George O. Dobbins, June 28; Jeremiah B. Dobbins, March 22; Nehemiah Guptil, December 26.
- 189 Knox, South Thomaston. Edward A. Watts, May 16; Samuel L. Cummings, November 22; Forrest A. Snow, February 4; Henry C. Borgerson,* February 11.
- 190 Springvale, Springvale. Edward G. Frost, May 5; Alfred V. Gillis, June 28; Frank N. Huntress, December 4; William J. Gowen, December 15.
- 191 Davis, Strong. Walter S. Heath, November 13; John E. Burbank,* December 2; Walter M. Vallier, January 5.
- 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. Fred A. Holt, January 24.
- 193 Washburn, Washburn. William E. Spooner, July 2.
- 194 Euclid, Madison. Hiram W. Waugh, October 12; Daniel W. Green, December 12; John H. Wood, February 10.
- 195 Reliance, Stonington. Charles L. Knowlton, May 29; Elmer E. Crockett, October 4; Hiram L. Morey, February 7; Charles E. Banks, (date and place of death unknown); Job G. Goss, Jr., February 9; Herbert H. Haskell, February 18.
- 197 Aroostook, Blaine. Robert A. York, March 4.
- 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. John H. Varrell, May 23.

199 Bingham, Bingham. Nelson W. Bartley,* October 15; James O'Brien,* January 23; Benjamin W. Adams,*February 9.

200 Columbia, Greenville. Hiram Hunt, November 4.

201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Barney B. Harvey, March 19; Oliver G. Newman, May 19.

206 Island Falls, Island Falls. Ira K. Tarbell, March 6; Arthur D. Snowman, March 28; John H. Thorne, October 23.

210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. John Carson, February 2; Alexander Snow, February 14.

212 McKinley, McKinley. William A. Burnes, February 1.

214 Limestone, Limestone. Austin W. Shurbourne, October 25.

215 Orchard, Old Orchard. Benjamin F. Strickland, November 24.

Grand Lodges and

| GRAND LODGES. | GRAND MASTERS. |
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| Alabama, Dec. 3, 1919, | Percy B. Dixon, Mobile. |
| Alberta, May 29, 1918, | M. Darling, Edmonton. |
| Arizona, Feb. 11, 1919, | James H. Barrett, Douglass. |
| Arkansas, Nov. 18, 1919, | Louis Bauerlein, Canton. |
| Belgium, Jan. 29, 1919, | Charles Magnette, Brussels. |
| British Columbia, June 19, 1919, | S. J. Willis, Vancouver. |
| California, Oct. 14, 1919, | Charles A. Adams, San Francisco. |
| Canada, July 16, 1919, | Fred W. Harcourt, Toronto. |
| Colorado, Sept. 20, 1919, | Frank L. Bishop, Denver. |
| Connecticut, Feb. 4, 1920, | Charles C. Perkins, New London. |
| Cuba, March 29, 1920, | Antonio de la Piedra Gongalez, Havana. |
| Delaware, October 1, 1919, | Harry Mayer, Dover. |
| Dist. Columbia, Dec. 17, 1919, | J. Harry Cunningham, Washington, |
| England, June 24, 1919, | Duke of Connaught. |
| Florida, Jan. 21, 1919, | T. Picton Warlou, Orlando. |
| Georgia, Oct. 28, 1919, | Charles L. Bass, Atlanta. |
| Idaho, Sept. 9, 1919, | Arch Cunningham, Boise. |
| Illinois, Oct. 14, 1919, | Daniel G. Fitzgerrell, Normal. |
| Indiana, May 27, 1919, | Thomas B. Bohon, Jeffersonville. |
| Iowa, June 26, 1919, | William A. Westfall, Mason City. |
| Ireland, Dec. 27, 1919, | Earl of Donoughmore. |
| Kansas, Feb. 19, 1919, | Owen J. Wood, Topeka. |
| Kentucky, Oct. 21, 1919, | Henry S. McElroy, Lebanon. |
| Louisiana, Feb. 14, 1920, | Wynne G. Rogers, New Orleans. |
| Maine, May 4, 1920, | Edward W. Wheeler, Brunswick. |
| Manitoba, July 9, 1919, | Alexander McIntyre, Winnipeg. |
| Maryland, March 13, 1919, | Charles C. Homer, Jr., Baltimore. |
| Massachusetts, Dec. 29, 1919, | Arthur D. Prince, Lowell. |
| Michigan, May 21, 1918, | Hugh A. McPherson, Howell. |
| Minnesota, Jan. 21, 1920, | E. A. Montgomery, Minneapolis. |
| Mississippi, Feb. 24, 1920, | Edward L. Faucette, Newton. |
| Missouri, Sept. 16, 1919, | Julius C. Garrell, St. Louis. |
| Montana, Aug. 20, 1919, | W. L. Parmelee, Butte. |
| Nebraska, June 3, 1919, | John J. Tooley, Broken Bow. |
| Nevada, June 11, 1919, | Wm. S. B. Park, Las Vegas. |
| New Brunswick, Apr. 22, 1919, | Daniel C. Clark, St. John. |
| New Hampshire, May 21, 1919, | Harry G. Noyes, Gorham. |
| New Jersey, April 21, 1920, | Cooper H. Prickett, Trenton. |
| New Mexico, March 15, 1920, | Richard H. Hanna, Albuquerque. |
| N. South Wales, June 12, 1918, | William Thompson. |
| New York, May 8, 1919, | William S. Farmer, Syracuse. |

Addresses of Grand Officers

GRAND SECRETARIES.

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| Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery. | Oliver D. Street, Guntersville. |
| S. Y. Taylor, Calgary. | E. T. Bishop, Edmonton. |
| George J. Roskruge, Tucson. | Harry A. Drachman, Tucson. |
| Fay Hempstead, Little Rock. | D. H. Buoers. |
| George Petre, Brussels. | None. |
| W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster. | W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster. |
| John Whicher, San Francisco. | Jesse M. Whited, San Francisco. |
| William M. Logan, Hamilton, Ont. | Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton, Ont. |
| Charles H. Jacobson, Denver. | Stanley C. Warner, Denver. |
| George A. Kies, Hartford. | George A. Kies, Hartford. |
| Felix V. P. Perez, Havana. | Francisco de P. Rodriguez, Havana. |
| John F. Robinson, Wilmington. | Thomas J. Day, Wilmington. |
| Arvine W. Johnston, Washington. | George W. Baird, Washington. |
| P. Colville Smith, London. | None. |
| Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville. | Silas B. Wright, DeLand. |
| Frank F. Baker, Macon. | Raymund Daniel, Atlanta. |
| George E. Knepper, Boise. | George E. Knepper, Boise. |
| Isaac Cutter, Camp Point. | Delmar D. Darrah, Bloomington. |
| Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis. | Elmer F. Gay, Indianapolis. |
| Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids. | Louis Block, Davenport. |
| Henry E. Flavelle, Dublin. | None. |
| Albert K. Wilson, Topeka. | William W. Clark, Owensboro. |
| Dave Jackson, Louisville. | John A. Davilla, New Orleans. |
| John A. Davilla, New Orleans. | Albro E. Chase, Portland. |
| Charles B. Davis, Portland. | A. L. Crossin, Winnipeg. |
| James A. Ovas, Winnipeg. | Rev. Henry Branch, Baltimore. |
| George Cook, Baltimore. | None. |
| Frederick W. Hamilton, Boston. | Lou B. Winsor, Grand Rapids. |
| Lou B. Winsor, Grand Rapids. | Irving Todd, Hastings. |
| John Fishel, St. Paul. | Henry C. Yawn, Lumberton. |
| Oliver L. McKay, Meridian. | Charles C. Woods, St. Louis. |
| John R. Parson, St. Louis. | Herman S. Hepner, Helena. |
| Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena. | Francis E. White, Omaha. |
| Francis E. White, Omaha. | Edw. D. Vanderlieth, Carson City. |
| Edw. D. Vanderlieth, Carson City. | James Vroom, St. Stephen. |
| J. Twining Hartt, St. John. | Harry M. Cheney, Concord. |
| Harry M. Cheney, Concord. | Robert A. Shirrefs, Elizabeth. |
| Isaac Cherry, Trenton. | John Milne, Albuquerque. |
| Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque. | S. Scott Young. |
| Arthur H. Bray, Sydney. | William Sherer, Brooklyn. |
| Robert J. Kenworthy, New York. | |

| GRAND LODGES. | GRAND MASTERS. |
|----------------------------------|---|
| New Zealand, May 28, 1919, | Justice Herdman, Christchurch. |
| North Carolina, Jan. 15, 1919, | Henry A. Grady, Clinton. |
| North Dakota, June 17, 1919, | Amil P. Lenhart, Bismarck. |
| Nova Scotia, June 11, 1919, | George D. Macdougall, New Glasgow. |
| Ohio, Oct. 15, 1919, | Matthew Smith, Cleveland. |
| Oklahoma, April 28, 1919, | O. Alonzo Connor, Vinita. |
| Oregon, June 11, 1919. | Earl C. Bronaugh, Portland. |
| Panama, Feb. 21, 1920, | Guillermo Andreve, Panama. |
| Pennsylvania, Dec. 4, 1918, | James B. Krause, Philadelphia. |
| Peru, March 24, 1919, | Alberto Baroni, Lima. |
| Philippine Islands, Jan 22, 1918 | Manuel L. Quezon, Manila. |
| Porto Rico, March 22, 1919, | W. F. Lippitt, San Juan. |
| P. E. Island, June 25, 1919, | Rev. J. McDougall, Cape Traverse. |
| Quebec, Feb. 12, 1919, | Arthur B. Wood, Montreal. |
| Rhode Island, Nov. 18, 1919, | James C. Collins, Providence. |
| Saskatchewan, June 19, 1918, | Robert Young, Prince Albert. |
| Scotland, Feb. 4, 1920, | R. King Stewart, Murdostoun. |
| South Australia, April 16, 1919, | Arthur William Piper. |
| South Carolina, Dec. 11, 1917, | Wm. W. Wannamaker, Orangeburg. |
| South Dakota, June 29, 1919, | Walter B. Burr, Selby. |
| Tasmania, Feb. 27, 1919, | C. E. Davies, Hobart. |
| Tennessee, Jan. 28, 1920, | T. W. Peace, Madisonville. |
| Texas, Dec. 2, 1919, | George F. Morgan, El Paso. |
| Utah, Jan. 21, 1919, | Arthur C. Wherry, Salt Lake City. |
| Vermont, June 12, 1918, | David A. Elliott, White River Junction. |
| Victoria, Dec. 29, 1918, | Frederick T. Hickford, Melbourne. |
| Virginia, Feb. 11, 1919. | Sol Cutchins, Richmond. |
| Washington, June 13, 1919, | Thomas E. Skaggs, Olympia. |
| West Virginia, Nov. 12, 1919, | William K. Cowden, Huntington. |
| West. Australia, April 20, 1920, | Sir William Ellison-Macartney, Perth. |
| Wisconsin, June 10, 1919, | Charles E. Shane, EauClair. |
| Wyoming, Oct. 9, 1919, | Arthur K. Lee, Thermopolis. |

| GRAND SECRETARIES. | CHAIRMAN COM. CORRESPONDENCE. |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Malcolm Niccol, Wellington. | Malcolm Niccol, Wellington. |
| William W. Wilson, Raleigh. | Marshall DeL. Haywood, Raleigh. |
| Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo. | Grant S. Hager, Grafton. |
| James C. Jones, Halifax. | James C. Jones, Halifax. |
| Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati. | O. P. Sperra, Revenna. |
| Wm. M. Anderson, Oklahoma City. | Thomas C. Humphry, Hugo. |
| James F. Robinson, Portland. | David P. Mason, Albany. |
| Victor Jesurun, Panama. | None. |
| John A. Perry, Philadelphia. | Thomas F. Penman, Scranton. |
| Jorge E. Thornberry, Lima. | None. |
| Newton C. Comfort, Manila. | Walter W. Weber, Manila. |
| Jose G. Torres, San Juan. | H. L. Moore, San Juan. |
| E. T. Carbonell, Charlottetown. | Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown. |
| W. W. Williamson, Montreal. | E. D. T. Chambers, Quebec. |
| S. Penrose Williams, Providence. | William M. Chatterton, Pawtucket. |
| W. B. Tate, Regina. | Arthur S. Gorrell, Regina. |
| David Reid, Edinburgh. | None. |
| Charles R. J. Glover, Adelaide. | J. R. Robertson. |
| O. Frank Hart, Columbia. | James L. Michie, Darlington. |
| George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls. | Charles L. Brockway, Sioux Falls. |
| John Hamilton, Hobart. | Henry A. Chambers, Chattanooga. |
| Siith M. Cain, Nashville. | John L. Terrell, Dallas. |
| W. B. Pearson, Waco. | Sam Henry Goodwin, Provø. |
| Freeman A. McCarty, S. Lake City. | Charles H. Darling, Burlington. |
| Henry H. Ross, Burlington. | David Meadowcroft, Melbourne. |
| Charles James Barrow, Melbourne. | Joseph W. Eggleston, Richmond. |
| Charles A. Nesbitt, Richmond. | Ralph C. McAllaster, Seattle. |
| Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma. | George W. Atkinson, Charleston. |
| John M. Collins, Charleston. | J. D. Steveson, Peth. |
| J. D. Steveson, Perth. | Aldro Jenks, Dodgeville. |
| William W. Perry, Milwaukee. | Joseph M. Lowndes, Lander. |
| Joseph M. Lowndes, Lander. | |

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Lodge of Maine near other Grand Lodges

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- Alabama — CHARLES H. WINSTON, R. F. D. 2, Geiger.
 Alberta — G. W. E. GARDINER, Macleod.
 Arizona — FREDERICK P. CRUCE, Prescott.
 Arkansas — JACOB TRIEBER, Little Rock.
 Belgium — ALBERT J. KRUGER, Anvers.
 British Columbia — FRANCIS BOWSER, Kerrisdale.
 Canada — JOHN B. WAY, Sault Ste. Marie.
 Colorado — JOSEPH A. DAVIS, Boulder.
 Cuba — AURELIO MIRANDA, Havana.
 Connecticut — CHARLES M. BEACH, New Milford.
 Delaware — DAVID C. ROSE, Newark.
 District of Columbia — WARREN C. BICKFORD, Washington.
 Florida — WILLIAM S. WARE, Jacksonville.
 Georgia — WILLIAM F. BOWE, Augusta.
 Idaho — WILLIAM C. HOWIE, Mountain Home.
 Illinois — AMOS PETTIBONE, Chicago.
 Indiana — ELMER F. GAY, Indianapolis.
 Kansas — HUGH P. FARRELLY, Chanute.
 Louisiana — JOSEPH MEYERS, New Orleans.
 Manitoba — ROBERT STIRTON THORNTON, Deloraine.
 Maryland —
 Michigan — WILLIAM T. SHAW, Lausing.
 Minnesota — HENRY R. ADAMS, Minneapolis.
 Mississippi — JAMES K. MOORE, Vicksburg.
 Missouri — G. A. GOBEN, Kirksville.
 Montana — CHARLES W. COOK, White Sulphur Springs.
 Nebraska — THOMAS K. SUDBOROUGH, Omaha.
 Nevada — SANFORD C. DINSMORE, Reno.
 New Brunswick — HERBERT E. GOOLD, Sussex.
 New Hampshire — STANTON OWEN, Laconia.
 New Jersey — WILLIAM RITCHIE, Jersey City.
 New York — WILLIAM B. VAN ZANDT, Albany.
 New South Wales — CHARLES A. Y. SIMPSON, Sydney.
 New Zealand — JOHN JOSEPH DOUGALL, Christchurch.
 North Carolina — ALEXANDER S. HOLDEN, Wilmington.
 North Dakota — EDWIN A. RIPLEY, Mandan.
 Nova Scotia — JAMES HENRY WINFIELD, Halifax.
 Ohio — ORION P. SPERRA, Ravenna.
 Oklahoma — SAMUEL CLYDE FULLERTON, Miama.
 Oregon — CHARLES E. WOLVERTON, Portland.
 Panama — JOSE OLLER, Panama.

- Peru — MANUEL MONTENEGRO, Lima.
Philippine Islands — GEORGE R. HARVEY, Manila.
Prince Edward Island — GEORGE W. WAKEFORD, Charlottetown.
Quebec — PETER W. A. BURKET, Montreal.
Rhode Island — ARTHUR A. RHODES, Pawtucket.
Saskatchewan — ANDREW H. GORDON, Grenfell.
South Australia — JAMES EDWARD MOLLEY MORLEY, Adelaide.
South Carolina — CLAUDE F. SAWYER, Aiken.
South Dakota — SAMUEL H. JUMPER, Aberdeen.
Tasmania — WILLIAM G. WILKINSON, Launceston.
Tennessee — NATHAN S. WOODWARD, Knoxville.
Texas — STEPHEN M. BRADLEY, Denton.
Utah — ELMER ELLSWORTH CORFMAN, Provo.
Vermont — WILLIAM B. VINTON, Brattleboro.
Victoria — CHARLES THOMAS MARTIN, Melbourne.
Virginia — CHARLES A. NESBITT, Richmond.
Washington — LEVI ANKENY, Walla Walla.
Western Australia — C. E. HEAZELWOOD, Perth.
West Virginia — A. BERTRAM C. BRAY, Ronceverte.
Wisconsin — GEORGE B. WHEELER, Eau Claire.

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- Alabama — GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, Pittsfield.
 Alberta —
 Arizona —
 Arkansas — SILAS B. ADAMS, Portland.
 Belgium —
 British Columbia — WILLIAM N. HOWE, Portland.
 Canada —
 Colorado — FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabattus.
 Cuba — LEON S. HOWE, Presque Isle.
 Connecticut — ISAAC N. JONES, Calais.
 Delaware — JAMES B. STEVENSON, Rumford.
 District of Columbia —
 Florida — FRED C. CHALMERS, Bangor.
 Georgia — BIAL F. BRADBURY, Norway.
 Idaho — ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland.
 Illinois — FREDERIC O. EATON, Rumford.
 Indiana — WARREN C. KING, Portland.
 Kansas — ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.
 Louisiana — MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.
 Manitoba — ALBERT M. AMES, Stockton Springs.
 Maryland — GEORGE W. HOLMES, Norway.
 Michigan — FRED RAYMOND, Livermore Falls.
 Minnesota — SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, Lewiston.
 Mississippi — ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Portland.
 Missouri — CHARLES B. DAVIS, Portland.
 Montana —
 Nebraska — EDWIN A. PORTER, Pittsfield.
 Nevada — RALPH W. MOORE, Hampden.
 New Brunswick —
 New Hampshire — HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.
 New Jersey — ADELBERT MILLET, Searsmont.
 New South Wales — JAMES E. PARSONS, Ellsworth.
 New York — EDWARD W. WHEELER, Brunswick.
 New Zealand — ERNEST P. PARLIN, Wilton.
 North Carolina — CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Portland.
 North Dakota —
 Nova Scotia — JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Portland.
 Ohio — CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.
 Oklahoma — WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.
 Oregon — FRANK E. MONROE, Milo.
 Panama — RALPH H. BURBANK, Biddeford.

- Peru — FRANK B. ARNOLD, Needham Heights, Mass.
Philippine Islands — WALDO PETTENGILL, Rumford.
Prince Edward Island —
Puerto Rico — THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.
Quebec — JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
Rhode Island — FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
Saskatchewan — ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.
South Australia —
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 — GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, Kennebunk.
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.

RECAPITULATION — 1920

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| Lodges enrolled..... | 215 |
| " extinct | 9 |
| " working | 206 |
| " represented at communication, 1920..... | 187 |
| Number of representatives..... | 261 |
| Lodges to make returns | 206 |
| Making returns in time | 206 |
| Initiated | 3,122 |
| Raised | 2,927 |
| Affiliated | 149 |
| Re-instated | 117 |
| Total increase | — 3,193 |
| Demitted | 186 |
| Died..... | 623 |
| Suspended..... | 1 |
| Expelled | 2 |
| Lost membership by non-payment of dues..... | 97 |
| Deprived of membership for non-payment of dues..... | 0 |
| Total decrease | — 909 |
| Net increase | — 2,284 |
| Members March 1, 1919 | 33,386 |
| Members March 1, 1920 | 35,670 |
| Grand Lodge Receipts | \$14,027.54 |
| " " Disbursements | \$11,155.45 |
| Amount of Chariry Fund..... | \$77,062.35 |
| Income of Charity Fund..... | \$4,075.68 |

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② Appendix ②

Report • on • Correspondence.

1918

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of the State of Maine:*

The Committee on Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report:

ALABAMA, 1917.

The Ninety-seventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 549; number of members 29,681. Cash in hands of Treasurer \$17,694.30; invested fund \$574.00.

Three hundred ninety-nine lodges were represented; seven Past Grand Masters were present, as was the Grand Representative for Maine.

Sure thing! Masonry is progressive in its character, for it has advanced to that degree in some jurisdictions that there are introduced into its communications those distinguished (by holding office) of organizations, sometimes more and sometimes less, related to Masonry.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Walter Smith, in his address says:

"The year just past has been a fairly successful one, and we may congratulate ourselves that notwithstanding the troublesome times which have existed throughout the nation, that our annual report will show a fair growth in membership and that we have passed the twenty-nine thousand mark. The returns will also show better collections and I think from the report of the District Lecturers that we have increased interest both in ritualistic work and in the study and consideration of those deeper truths which our symbolism conceals."

He made a decision relative to the eligibility of soldiers which the Committee on Jurisprudence considered and reported the following edict, which was adopted:

“Army officers and men, residents of other states, in order to come within the exception of the provision of Edict No. 260 of this Grand Lodge, must be men whose profession is that of arms; men in the regular army, whether officers or privates, who were members of the regular army at the outbreak of the war, or who have since joined the regular army, as contra-distinguished from men who have volunteered in the Federalized National Guard, or who have been selected for the army by draft, or who have voluntarily enlisted in what were once units of the National Guard.”

Dispensations to form and organize four new lodges were granted. There were three cases of consolidation of lodges. Dispensations were issued for many purposes as required by local law. When the demand, caused by the war, for dispensations to ballot out of time and confer the degrees came he became conservative and “have refused dispensations, except in cases where I knew there was merit. Neither the petitioner nor our organization benefit by waiving the time provision for completing the degrees.”

Trouble arose in a lodge over the election and subsequent initiation of a candidate. As we read the case we arrive at the conclusion that the local laws need amendment on the subjects of report of the committee of investigation and time of holding regular communications.

Clandestine Masonry having appeared in his jurisdiction he issued a circular requiring legitimate lodges to require documentary evidence of the visitor, and later on in the communication legislation approving the circular and adopting the plan was had.

Two corner-stones were laid.

He states the financial condition of the Masonic Home and says:

“We should have one dollar per capita and no one should object to voting this amount, and if it is not furnished, you have to face the alternative of closing the Home and turning the children back to the places from whence they came, there to be cared for or not, as the case may be.”

The physical qualifications of candidates was left by the Grand Lodge to the judgment of the Grand Master, and he “with his own person, or with the aid of artificial limbs, place himself in the necessary positions and give the signs and grips, that I would approve the action of a lodge in accepting such candidate.”

He devotes some over three pages to consideration of matters that may arise because of the war.

The Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama was recognized and the following resolution, which explains itself, was adopted:

"Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama, That Masons holding membership in its Lodges are, until otherwise ordered, privileged to visit Lodges of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Orient of France and to hold Masonic intercourse with their members, and that Lodges holding under this Grand Lodge are authorized to admit as visitors Masons holding under said Grand Bodies of France."

The establishment of Army Lodges was not approved.

The exercises at the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England are printed in the proceedings.

Bro. Oliver D. Street submitted his second Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Illinois we quote:

"Grand Master's Advisory Council.—This is a new committee of Grand Master Wheeler's own creation. When he was installed one year previously, he requested an appropriation to defray the expenses of such a council and \$1,000.00 was allowed. It consists of the Deputy Grand Master, the two Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary and the chairmen of the six most important committees. Its functions are to act as an advisory board to the Grand Master. Such an adjunct may be needed in a great jurisdiction like Illinois, but we expect to see this contagion spread to some others where its only office will be to create expense and furnish places for aspiring brethren. Eventually we may see every Grand Jurisdiction in the world equipped with its 'cabinet.'"

Under Kentucky, discussing Grand Lodge Politics, he says:

"Let the influential members of Grand Lodge agree among themselves and announce publicly that they have agreed to oppose any brother for any office resorting to such methods and we believe the evil would soon be stopped. It is useless to resolve and legislate against such insidious practices. Frown them down and arouse an enlightened sentiment among the brethren against them."

Under New Mexico, anent Relief, we read:

"We do not think the attitude of New Mexico and some other Grand Lodges on this matter the truly Masonic one. Every Mason and every lodge is under duty to afford relief to the Mason in distress regardless of whence he hails. There are just two limitations to this duty, the need of the brother and the ability of the relieving Mason or lodge. There is no legal claim for reimbursement against any other Mason or lodge in the absence of agreement. It would be a graceful act for the lodge of the distressed brother, if able, to make reimbursement and to this end the relieving lodge may with entire propriety lay all the facts before the lodge of the distressed brother, but it discredits itself and true Masonic charity when it demands or insists on reimbursement."

Maine for 1917 has review. We quote:

"We think both the testimony and result in the civil court should be made admissible evidence in a masonic trial, not as binding on the masonic court but to be given such consideration as it might be entitled to. One convicted of a criminal offence should not be kept in the lodge unless it is clear that a mistake has been made or circumstances of mitigation

exist of which the law courts could not take cognizance. Then an acquittal by the law courts should have weight in a defendant's behalf in a doubtful case."

ALBERTA, 1917.

The Twelfth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 94; number in membership 7,504. Cash in Treasury \$3,116.06; other assets \$15,026.06.

Five Past Grand Masters were present. Eighteen lodges were not represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. E. T. Bishop, in his address, in a business like way tells of the constitution of five lodges, and on one occasion he dedicated the hall, constituted the lodge and installed the officers.

He visited forty-seven lodges; issued dispensations for five new lodges; refused a dispensation to wear Masonic Regalia at a ball and one for the initiation of a person not physically perfect.

In conclusion he discusses the necessity of preparation for the aid and support of those engaged in the war and for the assistance of the survivors.

Twelve District Deputy Grand Masters made reports of the condition of the lodges in their respective districts.

Because the Grand Secretary transacted all the financial business and reported fully thereon, the Grand Treasurer thought it best to make a verbal report.

From the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry we judge that new members are not giving evidence of their interest in Masonry by lending their presence at the communications of the lodge and that dues are not as promptly paid as they ought to be. Lodges also are advised to keep their property insured.

The Grand Lodge adopted the following plan to raise a patriotic fund for Masonic dependents, made so by the war:

"(a) That each Lodge be asked to make regular collections from each of its members for the purpose of the Fund.

"(b) That all investments to the credit of the Fund be made in Dominion of Canada bonds or Saving Certificates, under the direction of the committee in charge of the Fund.

"(c) That the special committee to be appointed by the Grand Master to deal with the Patriotic Relief Fund have power to add to its number.

"(d) That the committee pay all of its own expenses except printing, stationery and postage, which shall be paid by Grand Lodge."

Bro. S. Y. Taylor presented his fifth annual Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under New Brunswick we read:

"For some time past the three Prussian Grand Masters have been men of high official positions, and, therefore, share in the secrets of the high councils of the Empire. They required no prophetic provision to note for them what the future held in store. They therefore opposed among German Lodges, the cultivation of sentiments of universal peace.

"But if this teaches us anything, it teaches that there should be no discords or divisions amongst us and that harmony should prevail. It has been well said that ours is the greatest charity in the world, and this can only have the freest expression when unity of sentiment and action exists among us in daily life. For it is the action of the individual Mason, both outside the Lodge and within that will raise the fraternity."

ARIZONA, 1917.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 24; number of members 2,876. Cash on hand \$4,152.07; in Widow and Orphan's Fund \$3,408.50; bonds \$44,293.00.

Twenty-one Past Grand Masters, thirteen present; twenty-two lodges represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

After a brief introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frederick W. Perkins, memorializes the dead; epitomizes one subject:

"Requests have been received from several Sister Jurisdictions for some Subordinate Lodge of Arizona to confer one or more degrees as a favor to Subordinate Lodges under their jurisdictions. Similar requests have been made by me as Grand Master in behalf of lodges under my jurisdiction.

"Each request has been promptly granted, but are deemed too numerous to incorporate them in the printed proceedings."

We note the appointment of Wor. Bro. Frederick Peter Cruice as Grand Representative for Maine in place of Wor. Bro. Martin W. Kales, deceased.

Three corner-stones were laid; one temple dedicated; dispensations to receive and act upon petitions because of United States Service were granted.

He made four decisions which are local and correct.

All the lodges were visited by him and he says:

"Harmony and brotherly love seem to prevail in all of the lodges. The outlook for this year is all that we can desire, and we will probably make a larger growth this year than we have in any former one."

Under the title of recommendations we have:

"I therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge sanction spending an amount not to exceed ten per cent. of the income of a given lodge for refreshments and entertainment.

"I recommend that the Standing Ritual Committee be requested to draft and submit a short form of opening and closing the lodge when working in the first and second degrees at the same session, or in sus-

pending labor in the third degree while doing work in either the first or second.⁷⁷

It was decided that no legislation was necessary for lodges to use funds for refreshment and entertainment.

Several recommendations and resolutions with reference to the ritual and ritualistic matters were laid on the table, but fifteen hundred dollars was appropriated for ritualistic work.

A committee to secure subscriptions for an Endowment Fund for the Widow and Orphans' Home was provided for.

We are unable to decide the position assumed by Arizona towards the Grand Master's Conference asked for by Oregon.

ARKANSAS, 1917.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 559; number in membership 22,133. Cash on hand \$1,299.57.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present. The representatives of four hundred thirty-four lodges were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was at his post.

Patriotic exercises were had before proceeding with the business of the session. We quote the poem read:

THE CALL.

SAVE THE WORLD FOR LIBERTY.

BY FAY HEMPSTEAD

(Poet Laureate of Free Masonry).

1.

"Strike with the might of Truth and Right
O Land of Freedom fair and bright:
The cry that comes across the sea,
Is of Stricken Nations calling thee.

Strike down the ranks of guilty wrong,
And bid the threatened world be strong.

2.

"Long have ye stood with plea denied;
And patient, more than all beside:
Firm have ye stood, restrained and long,
With hearts aflame at grievous wrong.

Draw now thy sword and foremost be
To save the World for Liberty.

3.

" Rise in thy gathered strength, at last
Thy lot in the scale of conflict cast:
And bear afar, in faith complete—
THE FLAG THAT NEVER KNEW DEFEAT.

May now the weak protected be,
And the World be safe for Democracy.

4.

" Lo, see the forming legions fill,
As the bugle calls o'er dale and hill.
Rise in thy purpose strong to save,
And grandly smite by shore and wave.

And unto thee the Mission be,
To save the World for Liberty."

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. S. Reamy, is quite long, since he gives utterance of his views upon the present war.

He tells of a large increase in membership caused by "the emergency created by the nation entering the world war."

He circularized the lodges upon "Food Conservation," and upon Relief to the unfortunates among the membership.

Dispensations were issued to three new lodges; to lay four cornerstones; to waive statutory time of twelve month's residence; to elect or install officers; and to assist in making Masons of those who joined the army and navy.

Some two pages or more are required to tell about "courtesy" proceedings.

Under the title District Deputies' Reports he says:

"I have received reports from all the various District Deputies except First, Eleventh and Twelfth. Indications show a lack of interest on the part of the lodges in calling for instructions and our Deputies hesitate to force their presence within the lodges where the invitation is not extended. We do not possess any superior principles of morality, many others teach the same, but we do have a specific form of ceremonies for impressing those principles on our candidates, and to this end the lodges must have instruction and be able to communicate the Arkansas work as it should be given, in order that our candidates may be duly impressed with the high standard of morality we require. At present our system of instruction is sadly deficient, almost amounts to nothing, and this must be remedied."

Why not try the practice in Maine?

He made recommendation relative to "Instruction to Lodges," which, to some extent, is the way with us; thinks that the dues should be fixed at a minimum of three dollars per year; wants a uniform receipt for dues; and several other things.

The Grand Lodge, through its Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, saw fit to decide what constituted legitimate Masonic Bodies.

The Grand Lodge of Panama was recognized.

For the relief of indigent aged Masons and widows of Master Masons of Arkansas a pension of not exceeding twelve dollars and fifty cents per month, and a per capita tax of fifty cents was laid on all Master Masons except honorary members, to create a fund from which to pay the relief.

We presume that there is some Masonic law of Arkansas somewhere which exempts honorary members from such an assessment. If so it would be better for the good name of "honorary member" to have it repealed that that honorable bunch can do their bit.

Then they killed the whole thing by proposing a constitutional amendment which goes over until next year.

The "Army" Lodge received a little boost.

No Report on Correspondence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1917.

The Forty-sixth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 78; number of members 7,683. Cash on hand \$4,253.34; charity account \$11,715.45.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters present; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Astley, we quote:

"Free Masonry on the whole has prospered during this year. Some of our lodges have sent forth no less than 38 per cent. of their membership to do battle with the enemy in the cause of liberty and civilization.

"Realizing that we should have a goodly number of broken, wounded and permanently maimed Brethren returning to us, I caused to be issued, on the 18th day of July, a circular letter, asking the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction to set aside ONE CENT PER DAY for such as I have described."

He reports his official visits, nearly sixty in number.

We quote:

"The amount of outstanding dues are greater than one likes to see, and I would suggest that the Lodge Secretaries use every endeavor to reduce same."

The Grand Secretary in his report names the fraternal dead, the dispensations issued, the names of those enlisted for active service.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, ten in number, state, somewhat in detail, the condition of the lodges.

A grant of one thousand dollars was made to the Military Branch of the Y. M. C. A.

Bro. W. A. DeWolf-Smith presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under England we read:

"An unpleasant surprise was sprung on the Craft in England about the middle of the year 1916, by the decision of the Commissioners of Customs, that the tax imposed by Parliament on all forms of entertainment was exigible from lodges which indulged in concerts or vaudeville after the lodge meetings. The matter was very fully gone into by the President of the Board of General Purposes at the September meeting. His remarks are too long to copy here, but the gist of them was that after the opinion of eminent counsel had been taken the Board had arrived at the conclusion that there was nothing to do but to bow to the Commissioner's ruling, and either pay the tax or omit the entertainment. In the discussion which followed it was stated that after-dinner speeches were not taxable. No doubt the Commissioners realized that as a rule they were more of a punishment than entertainment."

Under Indiana, anent Masonic Home:

"Indiana, not to be outdone by neighboring jurisdictions, is building a large and expensive Masonic Home, and, of course, more money must be raised. The Committee on Ways and Means divided on the question of how this was to be accomplished. A majority of the Committee thought it inexpedient to increase the Grand Lodge dues, and felt that those who hereafter joined the lodges should be given the privilege of contributing to this worthy object. It was proposed, therefore, to increase the fees payable for each initiation from one dollar to five dollars. This sort of privilege appears to resemble the privilege of working for them that the Germans have given the Belgians and Poles."

Under Iowa, anent jurisdiction over offences committed by its members:

"Bro. Block notes the statement of the Grand Master of Maine, that: "A lodge has jurisdiction over offences committed by its members, wherever they may be, or by Masons residing or sojourning within its territorial jurisdiction, and offences committed therein by Masons residing elsewhere."

with which he does not agree. He says:—

"We don't think a lodge has jurisdiction to try anyone but its own members. It can, however, deny to members of other Grand Jurisdictions the right to visit, but further than this it cannot go."

"A lodge, of course, would have a right to try its own dimitted members who have not yet joined a lodge in some other Grand Jurisdiction, but it cannot try the dimitted members of a lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction who happen to reside within the jurisdiction of the lodge so attempting to try the accused."

"The Grand Master of Maine, however, only re-stated the law as laid down by Mackey and by every other writer on Masonic Jurisprudence with whose work we are familiar; which is, moreover, the rule followed by all Grand Lodges except two or three in the United States."

Under Louisiana we read:

"Bro. Duncan does not approve the decision of the Grand Lodge of Idaho that a man with one leg shorter than the other is ineligible for initiation. He says:

“We wonder when the old rule shall prevail generally that the internal and not the external qualifications shall recommend a man in Masonry.”

“We trust that the old rule prevails now as in the past, and that it always will prevail. It is true that the Charge in the Second Degree, as printed by Preston, tells the candidate that it is the internal, and not the external qualifications which determine a man’s fitness to be made a Mason, but this refers to the applicant’s social position, evidently, from the fact that the candidate is also told that Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honor. The rule above-referred to must also be read in connection with the other and probably older rule,

“And that they that shall be Masons be free
born and of good kindred and not a Bondman and
have his right limbs as he should have.”

“The whole evidently means that a man physically and morally qualified should not be discriminated against because of his clothes.”

Maine for 1916 has full review. We quote from it:

“There are some people, even in Maine, who have the opinion that the Grand Master’s dispensing powers exist for the purpose of making it easy to become a Mason. Much of the Grand Master’s correspondence was with Brethren imbued with this idea, and who desired the Grand Master to use his authority to set aside some provision of the law. A number of requests were made for dispensations to ignore the qualification of residence; while physical qualifications and the black ball also caused their share of trouble.”

Under Manitoba we read:

“The Report on Foreign Correspondence having been received and adopted, we presume the recommendations of the Committee were accepted as stating the policy of Grand Lodge, and this being so, we fear the desire for ‘universal brotherhood’ is leading the Brethren of Manitoba perilously near heterodoxy. Possibly French Masons do not deny the existence of God, but they do not affirm a belief in him, and have deleted His Name from their ceremonies. Will our Manitoba Brethren go so far as to say that a belief in God is not a landmark of Masonry?”

“We believe, too, that the acceptance of the Volume of the Sacred Law is equally a Landmark, following on a belief in a Supreme Being. Whether or not the Bible—or a Volume of the Sacred Law—had a place in our ritual before 1760 or not is immaterial. Long before that it had a place in the lodge, for if we understand the Old Charges (dating from the XVI century) the newly-admitted Mason always took an oath upon ‘The Book.’ This shows conclusively that even at that early date the Volume of the Sacred Law was an indispensable part of the furniture of the lodge, and also that it played a very important part in the ritual.”

Under South Dakota:

“Bro. Brown is evidently of those who agree with the Wisconsin proposition—that it is the duty of a lodge to relieve its members wherever they may be. This is a distinct innovation in Masonic practice, the old rule being that when the Brethren found a Brother in distress they relieved him and said nothing about it. Because occasionally a Grand Master applies to a foreign Grand Lodge for re-imbusement of some expenditure for charity made by one of his lodges, and is refused, Bro. Brown says:—

“It would be better to do as the Odd Fellows do, have regular sick benefit dues, rather than to have the humiliating experiences which we hear of every year.”

“Quite so, if one wishes to change the nature of the Masonic Institution. We have no criticism to make of the Odd Fellows Society; it is a noble organization, but it and Masonry are constructed on different lines.”

The Grand Lodge mourns the lost of M. W. Bro. William Kyle Houston, Grand Master in 1908, who died November 19, 1916.

CALIFORNIA, 1917.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 379; number of members 60,384. Cash on hand \$26,082.45; invested funds \$376,690.00.

Three hundred fifty-five lodges were represented and fourteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Representative System does not here prevail.

From the introduction of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Francis V. Keesling, we quote:

“In the ultimate analysis accomplishment is the requirement. Effort sufficient to an understanding of necessary action, but without that action, is of inconsiderable value as compared with accomplishment. The ratio is as the unfinished to the finished. The inclination is to clothe with the mantle of charity misdirected but well-intentioned effort, but it affords little consolation in the inventory of achievement. In accomplishment, therefore, lies the welfare of our great Institution. It is required that we be vigilant. Everywhere in the Masonic system is evidence of vigilance in its creation and completion. We are concerned in the vigilance of its preservation, understanding its meaning, and putting it into practice.”

He visited one hundred and twenty-two lodges and “by medium of substantial attendance, came in contact with one hundred sixty-five lodges more.”

Again we quote:

“The effectiveness of the lodge is as the average of intelligence and vigilance of the initiates. The intelligent initiate understands the full importance of qualification for membership. Vigilance therein maintains the high standard which creates the voluntary desire in worthy men to become members and impels them to seek admission. With such material the maximum of efficiency in the practice of Masonic precepts is attained.”

The condition of the lodges was ascertained by two lists of questions submitted to them by the inspectors; these enquiries “comprehended attendance, visits of lodges, opportunity for social intercourse, dissension, if any, method of appointment of investigating committees, instructions to them, promptness of investigations and the financial status.”

He says:

"Judging from statements of receipts and disbursements of lodges and the dependency of many lodges on fees to meet current expenses, in part, at least, I am more than ever impressed with the opinion that minimum dues of \$9.00 per annum should be prescribed, except in case of such lodges whose income, including fees, is greater than disbursements. That amount should not be a burden to anyone and should make possible a small accumulation of funds."

Of his decisions we quote:

"Past Master's Association—By-Laws subject to approval of Grand Master: The rules of government of any association of Past Masters are subject to the approval of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge.

"Past Masters—Sunday meetings: No greater latitude should be allowed for meetings of Past Masters' Associations than is granted to lodges, therefore, Sunday meetings must not be permitted, except for funeral services.

"Dues—remission: Dues of those who have entered the military or naval service cannot be remitted merely for that reason.

"Dispensation—for formation of lodge: Dispensation should not be granted for lodges at military barracks or naval yards situated within distance of easy access to lodges regularly chartered."

We quote:

"I recommend to your earnest attention and consideration the extension of the scope of the Homes to admit pay residents. It has been suggested that this might be objectionable by reason of possible discrimination. It seems to me that that may be avoided; that by planning for a small profit from such residents, income may be obtained to lessen the burden of maintenance; that the Home will be even more attractive and prove to be more beneficial."

The Grand Master also presented "a history of the legislation creating and continuing the Masonic Homes of California."

An examination of the reports of the various Boards of Relief discloses the death of Bro. George Reynolds of Sidney, Maine, Rural Lodge, No. 53.

It was voted "To standardize all forms used by Subordinate Lodges, keep on hand a supply of same, and furnish same to the Lodges at cost."

Hereafter all those made Master Mssons are to receive a copy of the Constitution and Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, that "it may go with him as a souvenir of brotherly regard from the members of a lodge, and a talisman of fidelity to his trusts in all the years that may come to him,"

From the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we quote:

"As to Decision 3a, 3b, and the matter entitled 'The Case of a Masters' and Past Masters' Association': We regard Past Masters' Associations as now constituted and existing in this jurisdiction, as being mere voluntary associations of Masons for the cultivation and promotion of social, friendly and fraternal relations, in no way amenable to the supervision of this Grand Lodge in their operations, except insofar as their operations may be subversive of the best interests of Masonry. They are not recognized by any provision of our law as parts of our Masonic system, and we have no rules or regulations concerning them. We find nothing in our law requiring any approval by either Grand Master or Grand

Lodge of the by-laws of such an association, nor do we think that the Grand Lodge is warranted by anything in our law declaring that such an association may not hold a meeting on a Sunday, except for funeral services. At the same time, the members of such associations are Masons, and publicly associated in that character. If they should act in a manner detrimental to the principles, laws and regulations of the Fraternity, or calculated to reflect on the good name of Masonry, they would, of course, be amenable to our law. To this extent only do such associations come within our supervisory powers. It is entirely proper, therefore, for the Grand Master to investigate as to the real purpose and object of any such association, and to that end, if he deems it advisable, to require its by-laws and rules of government to be submitted to him for examination. If he finds the avowed purposes of such an association to be 'subversive of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge,' as he probably did in the case of the particular association referred to in his decision, we cannot doubt the propriety of his directing the members to dissolve the same, or at least to abandon those particular purposes. We recommend that Decisions 3a and 3b be disapproved, and that the action of the Grand Master in 'The Case of a Masters' and Past Masters' Association' be approved."

A committee was appointed to report at the next annual communication "some plan whereby, if possible, the breach between French and Anglo-Saxon Masonry may be healed without the sacrifice on either side of any essential principle or matter of conscience."

Bro. Edward H. Hart submitted his ninth annual Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 receives more than two pages of his valued Report.

Under Missouri we quote:

"*Question*—Is one who is engaged in the manufacture of Weiss beer containing two per cent. alcohol eligible to petition for the degrees. Weiss beer is not considered an intoxicating liquor.

"*Answer*—No. Ten drinks of beer containing two per cent. of alcohol is just as intoxicating as one drink of whisky containing twenty per cent. of alcohol, and makes you feel a great deal worse.

"This decision might be defended, perhaps, upon the general principle of homeopathy, that the higher the trituration, the higher the power.

"Of course, the ordinary mortal may fail to comprehend this process, and, in accordance with the same principles, a tankful of liquor, if the human system were capable of absorbing it, might be intoxicating as a glassful, with the same absolute quality of alcohol condensed into the smaller portion; and we would imagine that if a beverage containing not more than two per cent. of alcohol is intoxicating, that ordinary tea and coffee are equally as stimulating, and the habitual user thereof ought to be as ineligible for the degrees of Masonry as the one who partakes of the concoction declared illegal in the above decision of the Grand Master."

CANADA, 1917.

The Sixty-second Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 455; number in membership 63,500. Cash in hands of Treasurer \$4,335.54; the general fund \$113,957.87; in the Semi-Centennial fund \$103,288.68.

Six Past Grand Masters were present; three hundred fifty-eight lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Official welcome by the Mayor of the City of Belleville and response thereto by the Grand Master happened before the Grand Lodge opened; and after the opening an address to the Grand Master by the Craft was tendered.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Sydney A. Luke, after a brief historical review of the place of meeting and of the early Masonry therein, is devoted to the war.

Dispensations were issued for four new lodges; ten lodge rooms were consecrated and dedicated; *four hundred sixty-nine* dispensations of which one hundred ninety-nine granted for time limit because of enlistment were issued.

To questions asked, the M. W. Grand Master answered that cremation was no bar to a Masonic funeral; that a candidate unable to read and write was ineligible for the degrees.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Barring the case cited as No. 522, we have passed a year of unusual harmony; comparatively few complaints relating to the action of subordinate lodges have come up for adjustment. The lodges generally are in strong healthy condition; in many cases having a greater number applying for membership than they would choose if the matter, in this sense, were one of choice.

"If it had no other quality to recommend it, the fact that Masonry teaches a lesson of humility and brotherhood, alike to King and mechanic, educated and uneducated, who over all the world enter its doors, ought to commend it to society generally, as a public blessing. The preservation of this order comparatively in its original form through all the changes of the past should be an indication of our duty, not to heed clamour for change; but to be satisfied to go on in the old way, keeping before our minds the hope of Masonic teaching that eventually all things carried on in opposition to the fraternity of the race must in God's good time crumble up before the ever-widening bond of brotherhood."

The Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, as usual, give detailed accounts of the condition of the several lodges. There are twenty-eight districts and it took two hundred and forty pages of the printed proceedings to do it.

The use of the loose leaf system of minute books in the lodges was stopped and bound books are to be used.

About forty thousand dollars was distributed by the Board of Benevolence.

M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, in celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the Revival of Masonry in England, addressed the Grand Lodge upon the subject "The Mother Grand Lodge." We quote:

"At the end of the fourteenth century—the date of the oldest existing Masonic documents—Masonry was:

"1. A trade union or guild, differing in no essential from other trade guilds.

"2. It had a charter from the crown, was under supervision by officers of the crown, and was governed by regulations partly framed by and satisfactory to the King's officials.

"3. Its members, with those of other guilds, formed the electorate of the cities and towns, and chose the municipal officials.

"4. Only members of the guilds were permitted to carry on business in the towns.

"5. Men not masons by trade were accepted as members of the societies, so that there were Free Masons, or men who enjoyed the freedom of the towns by reason of having served as apprentices to the trade, and Accepted Masons, or men who became members on payment of certain fees, because they had no guilds of their own trade or calling.

"The condition of English Freemasonry, then, at the beginning of the eighteenth century, was substantially this:

"There were four (and possibly more) weak lodges in London and Westminster. Their members were operative and accepted or gentleman Masons.

"There were a few lodges in other parts of England, but their number is not known.

"There was no Grand Lodge organization or central authority.

"Each lodge was absolutely independent.

"Masons met and formed lodges at their pleasure, and left them to die when they had served out the term of their usefulness.

"There was but one ceremony of initiation and but one degree."

Bro. A. T. Freed submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Alabama, in re physical requirements, he says:

"The intent and meaning of the constitution of 1723 appears to be that no apprentice might be taken who suffered from any defect which would disqualify him to serve his employer. A trifling defect would not disqualify him for cutting stone or laying it in the wall, and a trifling defect ought not to disqualify a man for Masonry in the modern and Masonic sense of the word."

Maine for 1916 has fraternal mention.



The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. James Kirkpatrick Kerr, Grand Master in 1875-76, who died December 4, 1916.

COLORADO, 1917.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 132; number of members 19,123. Cash in Treasury \$19,693.89; assets \$37,250.00.

Twenty-four of the thirty-two Past Grand Masters were present; one hundred twenty-one lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Guy V. Sternberg, is devoted to a consideration of the war.

He reports, somewhat in detail, his official acts, of which was the constitution of three lodges, the official visitation to forty-one different lodges, the granting of dispensations to further the advancement of candidates, the non-observance by the Grand Lodge of the Bi-centennial of the Grand Lodge of England, the laying of four corner-stones, the dedication of two Masonic Halls.

His account of the proceedings at the reception tendered Past Grand Master Lawrence N. Greenleaf "to commemorate the Fifty-first Anniversary of his service as Worshipful Master of Denver Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M., and the Fiftieth Anniversary of his service as High Priest of Denver Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M.," is most interesting and we congratulate the participants in this reception in having an opportunity to honor so good a man and true mason as Bro Greenleaf, whose writings we have read with pleasure and with profit.

He issued two edicts:—one, having reference to certain alleged Masonic publications, in which he prohibited their use, and the other:

"Prohibiting Lodges announcing any Communication or Communications as devoted to, or in charge of, members of any particular society, business, profession or calling, and prohibiting Lodges from permitting any degree or degrees to be conferred by Brethren wearing the costume or dress peculiar to any society or vocation."

In his report the Grand Lecturer says:

"In well-regulated Lodges the holder of a particular office qualifies himself to fill the next higher place, and in some Lodges Degrees can be conferred by practically every officer. On the other hand, in many Lodges Brethren are frequently elected to offices, the duties of which they have made no preparation to discharge. The conditions in Lodges are very similar to those in a school in which the pupils change every year; and the problem of bringing about uniformity of work and proficiency of officers is a never-ending one."

The formation of Military Lodges was approved:

"Provided the said Lodges shall be formed and governed and shall meet, transact business, work and make reports under such rules and regulations as may be formulated by the Grand Master, which shall conform as near as the circumstances may permit to the Book of Constitutions of this Grand Lodge."

Some legislation, relative to the payment of dues to lodges by soldiers and sailors, was adopted, and also relative to relief of brethren (or their families) who are engaged in the war.

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf presented his thirty-third Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 has mention.

From his conclusion we quote:

"In view of the fact that the total membership on this continent approximates 2,000,000, there is a movement among certain Brethren, as we

noted last year, to commit the Fraternity to united effort along humanitarian lines, unmindful of the fact that Masonry accomplishes its great work through individual and not united effort. It seeks no undue publicity, but works in its own quiet and unobtrusive way for the uplift and benefit of humanity. It cannot change its system for any new departure without destroying its identity."

We regret to tell our readers that the physical condition of our esteemed brother is such that he feels to relinquish the task and pleasure of writing the Reports on Correspondence which have pleased us ever since we took an active part in Masonry. We wish him solace in his retirement in the knowledge that his work has been fully appreciated by Masons throughout the lands.

CONNECTICUT, 1917.

The One Hundred Twenty-ninth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 110; number of members 26,594. Cash balance in the hands of Treasurer \$30,486.29; in the hands of the Trustees \$2,310.18.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters, of whom eleven were present; all the lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The Senior Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James McCormick, after a continuous attendance of fifty-nine years, was obliged to be absent because of illness in his family.

In the introduction to the address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas McKenzie, comments upon the labors of the officers for the year and "the great world conflict."

The roll of the honored dead is read.

He summarizes his actions upon the matters of "interjurisdictional courtesies," thereby commending him to one correspondent at least.

He gives a review of the reports of the District Deputies; reports his dispensations, among which were some changing dates of meeting of the lodges, to which we do not agree.

He tells of his sixteen fraternal visitations in a happy way.

Of his decisions we quote:

"*Question*—Is it proper and Masonic to assess the members, also veteran members of the lodge, for the support of a needy brother of same, when there is a small balance in the Treasury?

"*Answer*—If the Brethren of a lodge in the exercise of their right 'to regulate their own private affairs' decide, notwithstanding there may be a small sum in the Treasury, that an assessment is necessary for the support and maintenance of the lodge, included in which may be the relief of a needy Brother, then it is certainly proper and Masonic for them to make such assessments upon all of their members."

He mentions the work of the Masonic Home; commends the efforts of the Order of the Eastern Star in its beneficence and service to the Home; attends the forty-sixth annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association and becomes a member; gives a brief account of the annual convention of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association; believes in "The National Masonic Relief Association" and "The National Masonic Research Society."

A resolution looking to the raising of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for new Masonic Home Buildings was adopted.

We quote with approval:

"Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Address as relates to publicity, made to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, February 3, 1916, beg leave to report:

"They have had the subject under consideration and are of the opinion that, within proper bounds, Masons may and should welcome publicity. A secret society is one which seeks to conceal its existence and its objects. Freemasonry is not such a society and is secret only as to the obligations, means of recognition, ballots upon candidates and forms and ceremonies observed in conferring the degrees. With the exception of those particulars, Masonry has no reservations from the public. As to everything else—its designs, its moral and religious tenets and the doctrines taught by it, the time and place of its meetings, the names of the officers of a lodge and those belonging to it—are all in no way secret and may be known by any one. The fact that a man has been made a Mason is not a secret to be concealed from the public, nor is it anything of which he need be ashamed. The public notices of the time and place of holding Masonic Lodges, the name of the degree to be worked, as seen in many of the papers published in the larger towns and cities under the heading 'Fraternal News,' is useful to members of the Craft, and particularly those temporarily stopping in that locality, in affording them information as to the opening of the lodge and the nature of the work to be performed. The names of officers elected, their installation, and social occasions following lodge meetings, which are usually joint affairs gotten up by the lodge and local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, are all matters in no way secret, and public knowledge regarding them can do no harm. All unnecessary secrecy tends to narrow rather than to broaden. There can be no reason why we should undertake to keep secret and cast a veil of mystery around that which is not secret and which the public are at liberty to know.

"The disclosure of a ballot rejecting a candidate to any person other than such candidate, or a Mason, is made an offence by Masonic law, both written and unwritten. Your Committee are of the opinion that the name of a candidate for any degree is, and should be, a part of the secret work, and the publication of the name of such a candidate and that he is to receive any of the degrees of Masonry, should not be permitted. No Mason should disclose to any person not a Mason the name of any candidate or the degree he is to take.

"In connection with the general subject of this report, it may be appropriate to draw attention to the growing tendency to the indiscriminate use of the word 'Masonic.' A Masonic Club is a proper, useful and valuable association. It emphasizes the social side of fraternal life and fills a real need. But, in its conduct and in its activities, good judgment is necessary. A million men in this country have a vital interest in the word 'Masonic.' Any man or body of men, who make use of it in con-

nection with private or quasi public activity, owe it to their brethren to see that it is put to a proper and dignified use. Cheap dances and boxing bouts advertised publicly as Masonic and under the auspices of Masonic Clubs wound the sensibilities of most Masons. To some, the advertisement of a Masonic Base Ball League, Pool Match or Bowling Contest, is objectionable. Your Committee do not find such advertisement within the purview of the Grand Lodge prohibition, but is of the opinion that, in the use of the word 'Masonic,' consideration is due to the dignity associated with this word for centuries."

Bro. George A. Kies submitted his fourth annual Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 has most fraternal mention.

Under Mississippi:

"We regret to note that the rank of 'Honorary P. G. M.' was conferred upon a probably worthy brother, because of forty-nine years of Masonic career and 'generous consideration to the orphans of his deceased brethren.'"

Under New Hampshire another truth:

"Although a member in all York and A. A. S. R. bodies, we hold that all except the three symbolic grades are simply side degrees, and are Masonic only in the sense that they are conferred on Masons only and are founded on Masonic legends, etc. Further, it becomes unseemly ostentation to parade as Masons when the lodge itself has no Masonic work to do. It would seem as incongruous as would be the wearing of his working equipment by an expert mechanician during his leisure hours."

Under England we read:

"The government of Germany, as we know from our extended residence in that country years ago, is a paternal but arbitrary despotism. No criticism of governmental acts is allowed, severe penalties being assessed therefor. Hence, whatever their thoughts, German Freemasons find it prudent even as individuals to hold their tongues, whatever they may think."

FLORIDA, 1918.

The Eighty-ninth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 241; number of members 14,035. Cash on hand \$23,519.10.

The prayer of the Grand Chaplain at the opening of the Grand Lodge was fervent and lengthy.

Eight Past Grand Masters, the representatives of one hundred ninety-six lodges, and the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. A. S. York, in the introduction to his address devotes a paragraph or two to the war. He, then, remembers the dead of his own and other jurisdictions; reports the constitution of nine new lodges; dispensation for a new lodge; many dispensations to

elect officers, many to ballot and confer degrees short of time, and two to lay corner-stones.

Of his decisions we quote:

"On December 12th, in response to an inquiry from a particular lodge, I ruled that when requested to do work by courtesy that a majority vote of the lodge should decide the question of granting the request.

"On April 23d, answering an inquiry from the Master of St. Petersburg Lodge, No. 139, I ruled that it is not unlawful for cube ballots to be used."

Of his edicts we quote:

"It is improper for the lodges in this jurisdiction to rent their lodge room or temple to any organization based on Masonic membership, except those included in the York Rite, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Mystic Shrine.

"It is improper for a Mason in this State to send out, either signed or unsigned, a letter containing a supposed Masonic prayer of ancient origin, asking the recipient to pray the enclosed prayer and to send other copies of same to other individuals."

He submitted the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, two missing.

The Deputy Grand Master, during the absence of the Grand Master, made a report of his doings in office.

From the Report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence we quote:

"In the matter of Edict No. 2, wherein the Grand Master declared 'that it is improper for the lodges of this jurisdiction to rent their lodge rooms or temple to any organization based on Masonic membership, except those included in the York Rite, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Mystic Shrine,' we are of the opinion that the Edict should be withdrawn and declared of no effect because it is clearly within the province and right of the particular lodges to rent their rooms for any proper purpose not subversive to the ground work and principles of Free Masonry."

Bro. Silas B. Wright submitted his seventeenth consecutive Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1917 has brief mention.

Two of the most prominent Masons and most beloved by the Craft passed away: M. W. Bro. Samuel Pasco, Grand Master in 1870-1872, died March 13, 1917; and M. W. Bro. James Carnell, Grand Master in 1901-1902, who died June 17, 1917.

GEORGIA, 1917.

The One Hundred Thirty-first Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 663; number of members 43,675. Cash on hand \$58,344.16; other assets \$94,551.70.

“Three ringing blows of the gavel brought the 1200 Representatives to attention, while the Grand Lodge Officers entered, and assuming their stations, were seated by the Grand Master.”

Seven Past Grand Masters were present, but the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

“Investigation of alarm at the door brought the intelligence that the American Flag sought admission. Permission to enter granted. While amidst the soul-inspiring strains of ‘My Country, Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty, of Thee I Sing,’ filling the large auditorium, our nation’s flag, bathed in the brightness of the October sun, glistening with the patriotic radiance that shone from every face, was proudly borne down the aisle.”

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank O. Miller, says:

“I am glad to report that peace and harmony prevail throughout the entire jurisdiction, and while at times there has been some slight friction, I have met with hearty co-operation in adjusting these slight differences and have been able to bring about a spirit of harmony in all cases within my knowledge.

“The Uniform Work has been favorably received everywhere I have been, and without any exception, so far as I know, all the lodges have shown much interest in it, and expressed themselves as anxious to become proficient in it as soon as possible.”

The dead are remembered.

He had many, two hundred fifty to three hundred, questions, asked for decisions. The Code answered all, but as the language of the Code might be construed in different ways he reported twenty-eight decisions, of which only one seems to differ from the practice in Maine:

“The Junior Warden of a lodge being absent some one else is appointed to fill the office pro tem. Can the Worshipful Master call on him to confer the E. A. degree? He cannot unless he is a Past Master. The Worshipful Master may have the degrees conferred in his own lodge by another Worshipful Master or Past Master or the regularly elected Senior Warden or Junior Warden, but not by one filling the office pro tem.”

His visitations are reported in detail; eight corner-stones were laid; seven lodges were constituted; one Masonic Temple dedicated; two dispensations for new lodges were issued and many for balloting and conferring degrees out of time.

The Custodians of the Work reported the success of their endeavors to promulgate the Uniform Work.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That all approved resolutions and edicts authorizing expulsion for non-payment of dues be repealed, and the old regulations be restored, and a suspended member for non-payment of dues can only be re-instated by unanimous consent of his lodge expressed by secret ballot."

Bro. Raymond Daniel presented his second Report of the Review of Foreign Proceedings.

From his introduction we quote:

"Despite the fact that all records of American Masonry prove the national loyalty of the Craft, every exponent of Brotherhood looks in horror upon the ruptures that have come between Grand Jurisdictions of the warring countries. In the German Grand Lodge Diet and with some German writers the serpent of hatred has coiled itself about the very vitals of Masonic principle. The edict of the German Grand Lodge Diet, preventing fraternal relations with Grand Lodges of an enemy country, now applies to Grand Jurisdictions of the United States which were in fraternal relationship with Germany. England has voted that the ban on aliens will not automatically cease with the war, but shall be continued in the discretion of the Grand Lodge. Reports state that the barring of enemy country Masons has prevented the disturbance of the peace and harmony of the English Craft. Scotland has concurred with the mother Grand Lodge in severing relations with aliens, but has postponed further action until after a declaration of peace.

"The action of the Grand Lodge of England, however, carries none of the bitterness that is being manifested upon the part of some German Masons (?). The Grand Lodge of England believed such steps necessary, but there is none of the tyrannical, domineering hatred that characterize the spirit of the German writers."

Undoubtedly Maine had mention because it is so denominated in the list, but the form in which it was, pages 49-64, had in its place the form which was a part of the proceedings.

IDAHO, 1917.

The Fiftieth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 64; number of members 5,112. Cash in hands of Treasurer \$16,498.61; Orphan Funds \$67,075.24.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present; fifty-four lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John D. Bloomfield, fittingly alludes to the fact of the completion of the half century's existence of the Grand Lodge, and that of the seventeen representatives who were present on the occasion all, except three, are enrolled among the dead.

He reports the existence of harmony in the jurisdiction; the conferring of degrees by courtesy; the loss of a ritual; the many installations out of time of the officers granted and refused under the following rule:

"For an officer to be installed out of time, it should be shown that it was impracticable or absolutely impossible for him to be present or that the excuse offered was one that could not be readily removed and that the same was no fault of the officer sought to be thus installed."

He made a few (fifteen) decisions which appear to agree with the usual practice in Masonry. We quote the conclusion of one of them:

"I, therefore, hold that the wearing of robes by officers or participants in the work of the degrees or of any lodge work is not in conformity with our adopted work and is not permissible."

Dispensations were issued for two new lodges.

He visited all the lodges except about nineteen.

Of his findings we quote:

"I find in some of our lodges, however, that they have been in the habit of giving a candidate the first section of the first or second degree and then postponing the lecture and charge and giving it at a subsequent meeting. This I believe to be wrong, as a candidate is not properly initiated or passed until he has received both lecture and charge. We should at all times at the initiation of a candidate endeavor to make the first impressions permanent and give the candidate a clear conception of the high ideals and noble principles for which the fraternity stands. I do not feel that a candidate has been properly impressed by simply conferring the first section of the degree, which is short, as if the lecture and charge are given at the same meeting."

A skeleton code of by-laws for the constituent lodges was adopted.

Full directions, with printed forms, for the conferring of degrees by courtesy were adopted.

From the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee we quote:

"We approve the suggestion of the Grand Secretary that it is bad practice and without Masonic authority for a brother who has not attained at least the rank of Warden to be permitted to confer degrees upon candidates, and we recommend that the attention of Masters of lodges be called to this state of facts wherever such practice is in vogue with instructions that it be discontinued."

"Without Masonic Authority" is quite a bold statement. Perhaps it is the duty of the one who makes use of the practice to invite a competent brother to the East to confer a degree in part or in whole when such competent brother 'has not attained at least the rank of Warden, to prove that he has "Masonic Authority" for his action.

Now what constitutes "Masonic Authority"? The Ancient Landmarks? What are they and is there anything in any set that has been promulgated which alludes to the main question?

The Constitutions and Laws of the Grand Lodge?

Yes, good "Masonic Authority" for that particular jurisdiction, provided it does not contravene the unwritten law. Is there any other source of "Masonic Authority"? Perhaps ancient custom and usage. Well, it has been the usage in Maine for nearly one hundred years to

call to the East a competent brother who had not attained the rank of Warden to confer, in part or whole, the work when the Worshipful Master is present.

We have observed that the same procedure holds in other jurisdictions, but the length of time that the practice in them has been in use we know not.

If Idaho desires to prevent any one who is not at least a past Warden from conferring degrees, far be it from me to gainsay her right to do so, but to maintain that right requires not the use of that deceitful commodity "Masonic Authority."

The Grand Lodge celebrated its semi-centennial anniversary in a very noteworthy and extended manner. We make a few extracts:

"A Pioneers' Banquet was held Tuesday evening, September 11th. This was an exclusive affair. Only those who had been Masons in Idaho thirty years or more were eligible. According to the best records available there are seventy-six Masons in the state who could qualify. Thirty-one sat down to the banquet held in the dining room of the Masonic Temple.

"The Oldest Masonic Building, a two-story frame structure, is still regularly used. It is at Idaho City, the county seat of Boise County, and is said to enjoy the unique distinction of being the only building now in use in which a Masonic Grand Lodge was born. In its front gable are the numerals '1865,' denoting the date of its erection."

Bro. George E. Knepper presented his Sixteenth Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arkansas we read:

"The writer hopes to see the day when degrees conferred by courtesy will become a thing of the past. If a man receives the first or second degree in one jurisdiction and permanently removes to another he should receive a dimit. That would end the necessity of asking foreign jurisdictions to complete the unfinished work."

Under Kentucky:

"The Grand Master proved a hustler. He thinks the banquets are carried out on a scale altogether too extravagant if they are justified at all, and thinks that if this extravagance were eliminated, 'many lodges would soon amass a fund sufficient to erect a Temple in which future generations might rejoice.'

"The above sounds pretty well, but were the advice followed 'future generations' would have both the Temple and the banquets and we would have hard work and economy for ours. The writer believes in Grand Master's visits and banquets. He has a ticket for a Lincoln Day Banquet in his vest pocket at this writing and he would not think of donating it toward the erection of a Masonic Temple. He prefers to economize in some other way."

Maine for 1916 has fraternal mention.

Under Ohio:

"The Grand Secretary advanced a splendid argument for a Supreme Grand Lodge in his explanations of the difficulties he encountered with

the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and West Virginia relative to conferring degrees by courtesy. He has always had more or less trouble with Pennsylvania and that trouble is increasing rather than diminishing."

But who believes that Pennsylvania, if ever she became a component part of a "Supreme Grand Lodge," would relinquish her peculiar views upon many Masonic procedures?

IOWA, 1917.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 526; number of members 56,592. Cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer \$58,322.53; in the hands of the Trustees \$49,725.56.

Fourteen of the Past Grand Masters were present. Four hundred thirty-nine lodges were represented.

A fine portrait (Bather) of the Grand Master graces the proceedings.

At the Public Exercises, prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge, "the British, French and American Flags were each presented by a girl dressed in the white nurses' uniform of the Red Cross," with appropriate music and speeches.

The oldest Iowa made Mason, made a Mason in 1854, was introduced.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Arthur, says:

"I greet you with the glad tidings that peace and harmony prevail with Iowa Masonry. There is not a cloud to obscure the Masonic sun at its meridian height. Small troubles in a few lodges we have and likely always will have. Invasions of territory, unwise use of the black ball, now and then, not often, a wayward brother to be dealt with, and the like, are subjects of occasional complaint and disturbance. These troubles affect but a few lodges. There is nothing pending or brewing to challenge the happiness of the body of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. What troubles exist are local and not many and too trifling to mention, with graveness."

He reports the constitution of four lodges; the laying of fifteen cornerstones; one dispensation for a new lodge; and of the dispensing of charity says:

"Our Grand Charity Fund is only intended to furnish aid to the needy widow and orphan and brother in isolated cases where the burden of caring for them is too great to be borne by the local lodge and brethren—it is not designed to supplant local charity."

Many subjects of importance to the Craft in Iowa were discussed by him.

From the Report of the Committee on Grand Master's Address we quote a few of the subjects mentioned by him:

"We approve his suggestion that the Grand Lodge should in some manner define the kind and quality of a stone which should be considered appropriate to be used in connection with a corner-stone ceremony as well as the inscription which should appear thereon, within reasonable requirements.

"We believe that what he says under the heading of 'Clubs' should be read in every lodge in the State of Iowa, and so ordered. There is too little understanding among the brethren of the basic differences between Masonry and all other secret societies and the tendency to ignore these differences increases in just the proportion that the study side of Masonry is ignored and the social side is emphasized. We have no disposition to emasculate from Masonry the fellowship which is born of club intercourse in that portion of a Masonic Temple which is occupied as a club house, but we do not feel that the profane world should be brought to believe that Masonry is a social organization and that it occupies no unique position among the various social and benefit orders of which we have so many. The demand for social intercourse can be, and we believe is, met by the ordinary gatherings and the after-meetings in which the brethren join so frequently and which are not only tolerated but encouraged. We only hope that what the Grand Master has to say in this respect will be heeded by the brethren, for his insight is clear and his recommendations are wise."

The Reports of the Grand Secretary and of the Librarian are in no whit behind the reports that we have read during the past few years.

We quote from the Report on Jurisprudence:

"Under the Code the Grand Master was called upon to decide whether or not, after an objection has been filed against a petition, the objector could withdraw his objection, and whether or not the petition then could be presented at the next or any later communication of the lodge. In other words, may an objection be withdrawn by the objector, if he so desires, and if so done, whether it is proper to proceed at once to initiate the candidate.

"Under the provisions of the Code the Grand Master held if an objection is made before the candidate is received, such objection shall have the same effect as a rejection by ballot; and that an objection so made ends the life of the petition, and by operation of law the petition is dismissed.

"Your committee is of the opinion that the Grand Master correctly construed this statute governing objections, and we give our unanimous approval thereto."

With the hope that the Secretaries of the Lodges in Maine may read we quote from the Report on Chartered Lodges:

"We believe the greatest difficulty the Grand Secretary's office has to contend with and which results in errors on our card index is the almost illegible hand-writing of many of the Secretaries. We do not believe there is a town in Iowa, where there is a Masonic Lodge, where there are not one or more typewriters which could be procured, and we strongly urge that every return be made out on the typewriter. If the Secretary is unable to do this, we believe that someone could be found who would willingly lend his service in making up the reports. We know of one sister jurisdiction where no report is accepted at the Grand Secretary's office unless made out on the typewriter or carefully printed in pen and ink. We are sure that this would eliminate a great deal of trouble and many errors which creep into our card index in the initials and the spelling of names."

Bro. Louis Block presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence. His "Foreword" is "For Freedom and Fraternity."

Under Arkansas we quote a paragraph indicating what was more fully expressed in the "Foreword":

"The only justification for our going into this war at all is for the purpose of bringing a lasting peace to the warring nations of the world. That and to see that equal and exact justice is done to all when the terrible conflict comes finally to a close. If we will only keep our minds clear, cool and calm, our conscience clean, and our hearts warm and kind through it all, we may succeed in rendering in the end a distinct and lasting service to humanity, and really do some permanent work in the establishment among men of that Brotherhood of Man of which we have boasted so much in the past. The time is at hand to show the stuff of which we are made—to show whether we, too, will yield to the lure of material prosperity and the wiles of commercial greed, or whether we are big enough and self-sacrificing enough to wage a war solely for the welfare of our human brothers. For the question now no longer is whether we are patriotic, but whether we are really and truly fraternal; not whether we are loyal to country, but whether we are loyal to humanity—which is bigger, grander, and better than any country can possibly be. May the Great Architect help us to endure the test."

Maine for 1916 has fraternal mention.

Under Montana, anent "a flag ceremony," we read:

"Now, while we yield to no one in our loyalty or patriotism, we sometimes think what a pity it is that we cannot take our patriotism for granted and assume that it is a ruling principle in our lives that works as regularly and steadily within us, as does the beating of the heart within the human body. We sometimes feel that these 'flag flaunters' are prompted more by a desire of doing something pleasing that will make them personally popular. To us this constant flopping of the flag is too much like flouting the sacred name of God about. It makes the flag so common as to make it almost profane. In the old days when the flag was used for particular purposes on special occasions it meant something; but now it seems as though we must do it to death. As though we would be under suspicion for lack of patriotism if we were not constantly parading it before the eyes of others. When every day gets to be a holiday, there is nothing holy about it."

ILLINOIS, 1917.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Communication,

Number of lodges 858; number represented 805; number of members 157,208. Cash in hands of Treasurer \$85,396.18.

Four Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

There was a "Musical Concert" given preceding the meeting of the Grand Lodge, but it appears as if it was a part of the meeting after it had been opened in ample form.

"The Grand Master, Bro. Ralph A. Wheeler, presented his annual report." How many has he made?

In this report he briefly mentions the war; remembers the dead; again made use of an "Advisory Council" to his advantage and wonderful to say "that their views have, in practically every instance, been my views."

He also reports:

"The system of distributing the work has had the effect of distributing the responsibility, and the Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters have met the responsibility and mastered it, and to-day the Grand Lodge of Illinois has a wonderful systematic machine that is continually developing the forces of Masonry and guiding them in the right direction."

Six corner-stones were laid; eight new Masonic Temples were dedicated; eleven lodges were instituted; eleven lodges were constituted.

He recommends the adoption of a "Code Quiz," saying:

"There is a great need in this jurisdiction for a more intimate knowledge of the law and I am confident that if we require Grand Lecturers to show a fair knowledge of the law it will have the effect of stimulating Masters as well as other officers to inform themselves with reference to our Code."

Of Military Lodges he says:

"I have given a great deal of thought to this question and have had considerable correspondence with Grand Masters of other jurisdictions and have come to the conclusion that there is no occasion for the granting of charters or dispensations for military lodges. If the members of the fraternity located in a particular camp, regiment, fort, on board a battleship, or at some training camp, believe that it would be desirable to have a Masonic organization, they can, if permitted to do so by the military authorities, organize a club, which to my mind will serve all of the purposes of a lodge."

Of the Remission of Dues because of the War he says:

"Shortly after war was declared and the men began to concentrate at the various forts, armories, cantonments, etc., word reached my office that some of the lodges were passing resolutions remitting the dues of all of their members that entered into the service of the government for such time as they should remain in the service. Resolutions such as these practically force brethren to be objects of charity, and in my judgment action of this kind would be resented by a great many. The mere fact that a brother is in the service of his country is no reason why he should be deprived of the privilege of contributing to the support of his lodge and in so doing assist the 'distressed worthy brother, his widow and orphans.' There is little doubt but what the lodges will be called upon to pay out considerable sums of money to relieve the distress, arising as a result of the war, and a goodly amount of this will undoubtedly be for the relief of the brothers themselves. Some attention will have to be paid to the dependents of our brethren, but as I view the question those of our membership who are in the service will take a great deal of delight in contributing to the support of the lodge with the consciousness that by so doing they will be assisting their brothers in arms. This question is one that should be handled by treating each case separately and upon its

merits. During the period of the war, if my vote would prevent it, I would not permit a brother to be suspended from my lodge for non-payment of dues so long as he was in the service of his country."

We quote from the Report of the Committee on Legislation:

"It will be observed that the effect of the amendment to Code No. 419 is that when a candidate has received the third degree, he shall be required to pass a satisfactory examination in open lodge on the catechism of the third degree before signing the constitution and by-laws of his lodge. Your committee appreciates the purpose that the brother offering this amendment had in view, and we realize that it would be highly desirable that all Master Masons learn the catechism of the third degree, but the committee is of the opinion that when the candidate has received the third degree he is entitled to sign the constitution and by-laws of his lodge and to take his seat among the brethren as a member thereof and the lodge is entitled to his presence and influence as a member."

Many amendments to the Code were adopted.

Bro. Charles N. Martin presented the Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence.

It is filled with choice quotations, clear statement of the salient points in the proceedings and with some brief running comments.

Under Kentucky he says:

"The 'circumlocution office' here as elsewhere appears to have done a 'land office' business, as five pages of the Grand Master's address are filled with cases by him reported in which degrees were conferred by the lodges under his obedience, out of courtesy for lodges of foreign jurisdictions, and where foreign lodges had done the like service for Kentucky lodges, all of which was arranged for by him and the several other Grand Masters concerned."

Since the price in postage has "ris" would it not be a good time to return to the practice which held before a Grand Master desired to dignify his office by requiring such matters to pass through his office?

Maine for 1917 has a most fraternal review.

Under Massachusetts, commenting upon the topic "Precedence of the Grand Master," as treated by Grand Master Johnson, we quote:

"After eleven pages of specious discussion, our learned brother summarizes by fixing four rules, two of which are to the effect that—

"1. Within a particular lodge holding charter of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge is always such.

"Which is of course true universally.

"3. In any other body recognized by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts as Masonic, and meeting within this commonwealth, the Grand Master may * * * attend in his official capacity and regalia of office, in which case he takes precedence of all present, etc. * * *

"Our brother is a man of great learning and capacity, and no doubt correctly states the rule so far as Massachusetts is concerned, but many of us will not be impressed by the reasoning whereby he bolsters up his rule. He most correctly says that the Grand Master cannot get into any of these *Soi disant* Masonic bodies except in accordance with the rules and laws of their making, and the same thing is true of every other member of the Grand Lodge, yet the Grand Lodge, in its organized capacity

must recognize them as Masonic and its members must of course know that they are so.

"The solemn truth of the matter is that whatever is bounded and defined by the landmark and ancient charges of a Freemason, is Masonry, and this Masonry knows no distinction save those of apprentice, fellow and master, and that neither lodges nor Grand Lodges erected upon the original plan can recognize anything outside of this Masonry as Masonic, without entering the domain of incongruity, inconsistency, absurdity and confusion. It is presumed that outside of Massachusetts, the Grand Master ranks as high in a lodge of Odd Fellows as he does in a commandery of Knights Templar, and no higher, and that if he enters either of these bodies, he does so conformably to the rules fixed by the body visited."

Under Nevada the Grand Master in his address had a paragraph on "The Standard Work," in which he used this sentence:

"While I desire to impress upon you the importance of the mastering of the ritualistic work by the officers of the respective lodges, I want to say that it is more important that we carry into our daily lives the true Masonic spirit."

Bro. Martin speaks:

"Just why, for the last thousand years, every one who takes occasion to commend, or express appreciation of clean, accurate and impressive delivery of the ritualistic work, should modify such commendation by some such expression as the above, is what one fellow would like to know. Surely the qualification, which is always thrown in, does not have its inspiration in the assumption that accurate, methodical and impressive work, is likely to give the impression that Masonry has nothing to do with right living, or that those who are masters of the ritual are masters of nothing else. Granting that the ritual is not the most important feature of Masonry, it would appear that the one who appreciates its beauty and endeavors to master it is the one most likely to master the more important features of the institution, and that the better the ritualistic work is rendered, the more likely is the candidate to be attracted to the 'True Masonic spirit.'"

INDIANA, 1917.

The Ninety-sixth Annual Meeting.

Number of lodges 560; number of members 77,847. Cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer \$62,510.77.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters, of whom fourteen were present; five hundred and forty-four of the chartered lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

We quote:

"Immediately upon the declaration of the Grand Master that the Grand Lodge was opened, there was an alarm at the door and it was announced 'The American Flag seeks admission.' The Grand Lodge was called up and two flag bearers marched down the aisle while the Grand Lodge, led by the Masonic Quartet, sang 'The Star Spangled Banner.' The Colors

were received by the Grand Master and placed upon the rostrum, amidst great enthusiasm."

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Harry B. Tuthill, in the introduction to his address discourses upon "Our Obligation and Duty" as regards the war, and recommends that a salutatory service for the American Flag be prepared.

From the resumé of his year's work we quote:

"Within our Masonic fold peace and harmony have been most marked. Contest and trouble of any kind have been almost entirely absent. Mistakes have been made and errors have unavoidably crept in.

"Some of the best degree work I have witnessed has been performed in lodges with less than one hundred resident members.

"These smaller lodges are always zealous, active, true; they realize that promotion to honors the Craft has to bestow is an emblem of merit, a token by the members of appreciation for work in the past well and faithfully done.

"The only manner in which lodges of different Grand Jurisdictions can communicate is through their respective Grand Masters. The reason for this rule is very plain; thereby only can the regularity and good standing of the respective subordinate lodges established."

We do not agree to the last paragraph nor do we consider his reason for the rule sufficient to establish the rule. The good standing and regularity of lodges depends not upon the way by which correspondence is conducted nor upon the office of Grand Master.

He decided that—

"The Blue Lodge and Commandery can both participate at a funeral. The commandery may perform its ritualistic service either at the home, at the church, or at the grave. *Provided, however*, the Blue Lodge shall take exclusive charge before the body is lowered into the grave. Taking charge before that time is lawful and regular. When the Blue Lodge takes charge it continues exclusively in charge until all ceremonies are concluded. The body must be lowered at the proper time, and during the Blue Lodge ceremonies, and the Blue Lodge concludes the service at the grave. The benediction can be administered by the Master, or by a clergyman who is, or who is not, a Mason. At all times on the march the Blue Lodge shall be at the right of the line.

"I have ruled that a male person, otherwise qualified, can present his petition and be balloted on before he is twenty-one years of age; that he becomes twenty-one years of age at midnight before his twenty-first birthday; that he can be initiated on the evening of his twenty-first birthday."

The use and measure of the black ball is quite fully discussed. The use of a seal for the M. W. Grand Master is suggested.

Four lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for four lodges; twenty-five corner-stones were laid: the Masonic Home was dedicated; two temples were dedicated.

By the adoption of a series of propositions the Grand Lodge featured the "study side of Masonry."

The Grand Inspector submitted a proposition for a convention of three

lodges at which the work should be exemplified. The same plan in general has been in use in Maine for years. He states:

"That inspection is needed for instruction and correction is apparent to any one who visits a number of lodges, and yet, I am convinced that Masons of Indiana are thoroughly imbued with the genuine principles of Freemasonry, and are eager to conform to the correct practice of our ceremonies as evidenced by the willingness of those whom I have instructed to comply with the instructions given."

The Grand Lodge voted that the Grand Master should have a seal to "dignify his communications."

Bro. Elmer F. Gay presented his Fourth Annual Review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge have appropriate mention. We quote:

"In speaking of what constitutes Masonic residence, he gives us the most concise and best-worded definition that we have ever heard, which is: 'Residence is established by intention coupled with presence modified by circumstances.'"

Under Michigan we find:

"Michigan, like Indiana, does not require a visitor to show documentary evidence of good standing prior to examination, but as a help to its members in visiting a foreign jurisdiction adopted the uniform receipt."

Under Nevada we read:

"In our opinion, there is no question but that Masonic Homes are by far the most satisfactory way to take care of our dependents; it is also the most expensive, and no jurisdiction should undertake the maintenance of one until it has members enough to sustain the expense with a moderate per capita assessment."

Under New Mexico we have another clear statement of the position of Indiana:

"Indiana claims jurisdiction over profanes and rejected material as soon as they have established a Masonic residence in our state, and in like manner relinquishes jurisdiction as soon as they move from our jurisdiction.

"We do claim jurisdiction over elected material and E. A. or F. C. members wherever they may be, and we recognize the same claims of other Grand Lodges when they are residents of our state."

Maine agrees, except we claim jurisdiction over rejected material for five years after rejection.

KANSAS, 1918.

The Sixty-second Annual Communication.

• Number of lodges 416; number of members 48,157. Cash on hand \$31,309.30; invested fund \$21,100.00.

Three hundred two of the lodges were represented.

Twelve Grand Masters were present and the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles E. Lobdell, in the introduction to his address touches upon the world war and tells us that owing to the exacting duties of his public service he has relied upon the aid of the Deputy Grand Master, who has really done most of the work. Inasmuch as a salary is paid to a Grand Master, he says:

“Not having earned the salary which has been paid to me, I, of course, cannot with self-respect retain it. The first three quarterly payments were invested in Liberty Bonds; these bonds, with my check for the amount of the last installment, I have placed in the hands of Bro. Thomas G. Fitch. I had felt that in justice to Judge Stuart, they should be, by appropriate resolution, presented to him, and intended to so recommend. In deference to his positive wish, I withhold that recommendation, and instead ask that they be accepted as a joint contribution by Judge Stuart and myself to the Kansas Masonic Home, and the proceeds be used as a nucleus for a library fund for that institution.”

He calls attention to the Masonic Grand Lodge Building, which cost for structure, furniture and equipment about one hundred eight thousand dollars.

The rebuilding of the Masonic Home has mention. The money was raised by voluntary offerings.

In his conclusion he has the following paragraph, worth the serious consideration of every Mason:

“I do not conceive that any distinctive action by the Masonic Institution as such is called for, or even desirable, but I do urge most earnestly that every masonic agency be placed at the disposal of the Government and respond with masonic thoroughness, promptness and fidelity to any call that may be made upon it.”

From the report of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. William I. Stuart, we learn that four lodges were constituted; one dispensation for a lodge; two hundred and seventy-eight dispensations were issued to confer degrees, waiving the statutory time; five corner stones were laid; a petition for a military lodge was denied.

In the raising of money to rebuild the Masonic Home a pro rata call from the lodge was called. The result was as follows: 79 lodges paid more than their pro rata; 191 paid their pro rata; 28 have paid in part and will pay the balance; 96 have paid in part, with no assurance to pay the balance; 2 have paid in part and are unable to pay the balance; 20 have contributed nothing. Contributions from the above, together with funds received from other contributors, aggregated \$141,015.12.

From a table and diagram in the report of the Grand Secretary we observe that Maine is second in the list, the District of Columbia first.

The table is a comparison of Master Masons to each thousand male, white citizens, age 21 years and over, by states.

The business was local in its character.

Bro. Mathew M. Miller presented his sixteenth annual Report on Correspondence.

Under Maine he says:

"The frontispiece of the volume is a Bather engraving of Bro. Berry, the Grand Lodge's faithful old survivor for so many years.*

"It is a genial countenance, demonstrating beyond a doubt that he never has been a total abstainer from the milk of human kindness. That he not only has been a recipient, but has dispensed it freely to all of human kind who came within the charmed circle of his acquaintance and companionship.

"We find our best conception of Stephen Berry in Dr. Johnson:

"Whose peaceful day Benevolence endears,
Whose night congratulating Conscience cheers;
The general favorite as the general friend;
Such age there is, and who shall wish its end?"

*Sixty-two years.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. J. Jay Buck, Grand Master in 1884, who died September 3, 1917; of M. W. Bro. Charles Henry Chandler, Grand Master in 1914, who died December 18, 1917; of M. W. Bro. Bestor Gaston Brown, Grand Master in 1903, who died July 10, 1917.

KENTUCKY, 1917.

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 590; number of members 46,046. Cash on hand \$97,968.33.

Five hundred and seventy-eight lodges were represented; of the twenty-five Past Grand Masters, twenty-two were present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James N. Saunders, without any preliminaries to his address, tells some of the things he has done, and then he mentions the dead.

He takes up the right of visitation. We quote:

"Upon this question there are two distinct theories held by two distinct groups of Masonic jurists, and practiced by two groups of Grand Lodges:

First—A Mason may lawfully visit a lodge of a jurisdiction other than his own, provided the Grand Lodge to which the lodge of his membership owes obedience has Masonically recognized the Grand Lodge to which the lodge he proposes to visit owes obedience; and

Conversely—A Mason hailing from another jurisdiction may lawfully attend a lodge within the jurisdiction visited, provided the Grand Lodge

of that jurisdiction has Masonically recognized the Grand Lodge to which the lodge of his membership owes obedience.

*“Second—*A Mason, made in a just and lawfully constituted lodge, may visit lodges of a jurisdiction other than his own, provided the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over the lodge he proposes to visit has issued no edict of non-intercourse against the Grand Lodge to which the Lodge of his membership owes obedience; and

*“Conversely—*A Mason, made in a lodge duly constituted by a Grand Lodge, may visit lodges of another jurisdiction, provided the Grand Lodge to which the lodge of his membership owes obedience has issued no edict of non-intercourse against the Grand Lodge to which he proposes to visit owes obedience.”

He thinks that better knowledge of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge should be had by the members. He says:

“Prior to each annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer should jointly make a financial budget showing in the aggregate all money of the Grand Lodge on hand, all moneys due to it and unpaid, what collectible and uncollectible, the stated and probable income of the Grand Lodge for the twelve months succeeding the adjournment of the approaching communication, together with an aggregate statement of the stated and probable expense and prescribed outlay of money for said period, which budget, signed by each of them, should, on the communication of the Grand Lodge, be given to the Chairman of the Committee on Finance.”

He devotes much space to a discussion of the condition of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home.

Several pages are taken to present and argue cases of delinquency, but to what good, except perhaps to try to enlighten the minds of the craft in Kentucky we cannot see.

Dispensations were granted for two new lodges and for an army lodge within the jurisdiction of Kentucky, and then for another within the same jurisdiction, but located in another place.

But Camp Zachary Taylor, then the abiding place of W. A. Colston Army Lodge, could not be visited without permission of the commanding officer. A Grand Lodge, without asking the privilege to visit one of its own lodges under its own jurisdiction, cannot do it.

A commission on Masonic Unity was provided for.

“It is expressly declared that the appointment of the Commission on Masonic Unity is for the sole purpose of producing a unity of purpose, aims, fraternal relations and essential procedure in Masonic matters among the several Masonic governments of the world, and does not refer to a unity in or exchange of form of organization or government of any body of Masons, nor to a centralization of government or authority in any body.”

The regulation, “which provides that no lodge shall in any pretense make more than five new brethren in one day unless by dispensation. This, however, refers to initiation and not to advancement,” was repealed.

Bro. William W. Clarke submitted the Report of Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges.

Maine for 1917 has fraternal mention. We quote:

"Said Chase, reviewing Kentucky: 'Nor do we understand the following: Moved, that when the Grand Lodge adjourns tomorrow that it adjourn *sine die*.'

"The matter, when understood, is simple enough. The Communications of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky are not limited. The representatives, of whom there are several hundred, are paid mileage and *per diem*, and it takes a long time to pay them all. Usually, on the morning of the second day's session, the motion referred to, or a similar one, is adopted. This fixes a period to the Communication, and in the afternoon the Grand Treasurer commences 'paying off.' He knows, because of the adoption of the motion, the number of days for which each representative must be paid for attendance on Grand Lodge."

Under Minnesota we read:

"We do not, of course, pretend to know the *lex scripta* of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, but we have never been able to understand why a Lodge U. D. can *make* a Mason, but cannot affiliate one already made; why it can create, but cannot assimilate; why it can do the greater thing, but not the lesser. What is the reason for such a law?"

In Maine a lodge U. D. is an assemblage of Masons allowed by the Grand Master under a dispensation which under the constitution is limited to certain powers.

The petitioners for the dispensation still remain members of their respective lodges, and do not file demits until the constitution of the Lodge and if the Grand Lodge does not grant a charter then the dispensation ceases to act and the petitioners are still members of the original lodge. Not being a duly constituted lodge then, we do not allow affiliations by a lodge U. D., for one reason, because if a charter is not granted, we would make an unaffiliated brother of the brother who joined by demit.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. William Henry Meffert, Grand Master in 1881, who died April 10, 1917; of M. W. Bro. James William Hopper, Grand Master in 1886, who died May 8, 1917; and of M. W. Bro. Howard Royal French, Grand Master in 1883, who died September 11, 1917.

LOUISIANA, 1918.

One Hundred and Seventh Annual Grand Communication.

Number of lodges 238; number of members 19,387. Cash on hand \$9,413.72; other funds \$53,274.83.

One hundred and seventy-seven lodges were represented; nine Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John W. Armstrong, alludes to the war; passes to the mention of the dead of his own and foreign jurisdictions.

He reports the constitution of two lodges; the institution under dispensation of four lodges; and then:

"The situation at Alexandria was such that it was imperative another lodge should be located at this place to take care of the enormous amount of work entailed on account of conferring degrees as a courtesy to lodges in this state and of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, of those who were elected to receive these degrees by their respective lodges and are now located at Camp Beauregard.

"The feeling in Oliver Lodge was against the establishment of another lodge at this time, but they realized that something had to be done to assist the lodge, as they had so much work of their own it was nearly impossible for them to do any more courtesy work, and this class of work increasing. The problem was solved by the granting of a dispensation for a Lodge, U. D., with power to do only courtesy degree work. This dispensation has been granted to Liberty Lodge, U. D., the same to continue until December 31, 1918, with the hope that by this time the war will be over or that a charter will be asked for. I have granted this dispensation without cost from the Grand Lodge, and Oliver Lodge, No. 84, is to maintain same without cost to the Grand Lodge."

He devotes a few paragraphs to a Masonic Rest Room where "the soldier-Masons could go upon arrival in Alexandria and get such information as they wished on different subjects, have a quiet place to go to write their letters, read, leave instructions as to notifying relatives or friends. This Masonic Rest Room was placed in charge of a competent brother, who gives it his entire attention, instructs the newly-made Master Masons who have not had an opportunity to learn the lectures of the degrees before assembling at the camp."

He issued some official circular letters which had to deal with Chain letters, Red Cross drive, Second Liberty loan and Hooverizing.

He reported twenty-nine of his decisions, which appear to harmonize with local law and are not against the general principles of Masonry. To show that "Ancient Charges" are responsible for injustice in some cases we quote:

"If a young man born outside the bonds of wedlock, who had lived from the cradle up a moral and to all appearances a Christian life, can we accept his petition for the degrees of Freemasonry, it being assumed that the parents afterwards were united in the holy bonds of marriage, and lived and endeavored to lead good Christian lives, and reared a family in a creditable manner.

"I ruled: That inasmuch as this Grand Lodge is working under the Ancient Charges, we cannot accept any but those who are descended from honest parents, and one that is born out of wedlock is not descended from honest parents."

He reported, in detail—eleven pages—the degrees conferred by courtesy—but does not always tell whether or not the requests were granted. However, it is to be presumed that in cases the request was granted.

He very fully states the conditions which he had to meet in a disciplinary way in four lodges.

Five corner-stones were laid; six Masonic Temples were dedicated; dispensations were issued for many purposes; several official visitations were made. There were required only eighty-seven pages of printed proceedings for the address.

"The sum of two hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated in favor of the War Camp Community Recreation Fund and a like sum toward the erection of the monument to the memory of our late Grand Master, Alfred Cheesman."

From the Report of the Committee on Work we quote:

"The reports indicate a noticeable lack of interest in the visits of the Grand Lecturers and attendance upon their calls to the officers of the lodges. They also show an average proficiency on the part of the officers that is so poor as to seem to your committee to be pitiable.

"While we recognize that the work is only the earthen vessel in which the treasure of Masonic symbolism is hidden, still we are impressed that the proceedings of lodges and the conferring of degrees should be done in a duly dignified manner and with practical uniformity, and we believe that measures should be taken to reinforce the work now being done by the Grand Lecturers."

The Grand Lodge decided upon the minority Report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence "that when a man is legitimate by birth or under the laws of the state, he is 'born of honest parents' as required by the ancient rules and regulations."

Bro. Herman C. Duncan presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under France he writes:

"The Grand Lodge has 136 Lodges on its Register. The Grand Orient a larger number.

"The Grand Orient Lodges works in the French Rite, the Grand Lodge in the Scottish Rite. There is entire harmony between the two bodies. The officers of the Grand Orient above referred to recommend that we recognize the Grand Lodge.

"As we understand the situation, there is no fundamental difference between the two bodies in the matter of ethics, or philosophy. Recognition might well be extended to both of them, or denied, as the wisdom of the Grand Lodge may determine.

"But when we reach the practical question of intercourse between us and one or both of the French Grand Bodies we are confronted with our edict requiring that recognition of a Grand Lodge in any territory involves the consideration of all lodges in such territory not rendering it allegiance nor holding their warrants from it shall be held to be in insubordination and clandestine or spurious.

"To grant the request of the Grand Lodge of France then would involve a declaration that the Lodges on the Registry of the Grand Orient are clandestine or spurious. This is a position the Grand Lodge of Louisiana has never taken, and we presume never desires to take. For many years we were in amicable relations with the Grand Orient. It was when the Grand Orient invaded our jurisdiction and warranted a

lodge in the city of New Orleans that we felt constrained to declare an edict of non-intercourse. But we have never said that its lodges were clandestine. On the contrary we have said in Edict 129 that a member of one of its lodges seeking affiliation with a Louisiana Lodge must not be treated as one who has been clandestinely made, reinitiated. He must sever his connection with and obedience to his lodge and the Grand Orient by regular dimission, 'after which an application for affiliation would be regular and could be entertained.' In other words he must do as every other man must do who seeks affiliation with one of our lodges, sever his connection with the old love before he attempts to put on the new.

"To recognize either the Grand Orient of France or the Grand Lodge of France at this time involves the declaration that the lodges of the other are clandestine. To recognize both of those bodies would violate the spirit of another edict which embodies the doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction in a recognized Grand Lodge."

M. W. Bro. Charles Francis Buck, Grand Master 1887 to 1893, died January 19, 1918.

MANITOBA, 1917.

The Forty-second Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 77; number of members 7,393. Cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer \$2,838.03; in Trust funds \$38,392.00.

Ten of the Past Grand Masters were present. Seventy lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry E. Bletcher, is, for the greater part, taken up with the consideration of the loss by death of the Canadian Forces in the War.

He speaks of the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Dominion of Canada on July 1, 1917; the need of close connection between the Board of General Purposes and Committees; reports his presence at all, seven in number, of the district meetings, and the making of twelve official visits to lodges.

He concludes with a lengthy discussion, "the future relationship of Masonry to the public."

The system of District Deputy Grand Masters prevails in this jurisdiction and their reports state conditions of their respective lodges as they found them.

It was voted "that the sum of \$300.00 be placed at the disposal of the Grand Master for the purpose of paying the travelling expenses of Officers of Grand Lodge whom he may wish to accompany him on his official visits, or commission to do special work on his behalf."

And also "that the travelling expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters be not borne by this Grand Lodge."

If this means that the District Deputy Grand Masters shall not be paid by the Grand Lodge their expenses to inspect the lodges at least once a year we regret the action.

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A special communication was held for the purpose of dedicating a monument to the memory of R. W. Jeremy Gridley, Grand Master 1755-1767. The Grand Master delivered the address.

At the Quarterly Communication in June the M. W. Grand Master delivered an address, from which we quote:

"I have long been of the opinion that many of our lodges are altogether too large, and that better Masonic and equally good financial results would be obtained if there were more lodges, with smaller membership. You may be interested to learn that the average membership of lodges in Massachusetts is higher than in any other jurisdiction in America with the single exception of the District of Columbia, which being compact and having no country lodges is really not comparable.

"It is hard to say that there is any fixed number of members which should not be exceeded. Conditions vary in different places. It is, however, always true that where the membership is so large that each member present can not know all the others, and where only a very small percentage of the members can ever have the opportunity of serving the lodge in official capacities, the interest of the members lessens, and each individual member feels less responsibility for the welfare of the lodge and for the exercise of the duties and responsibilities of Masonry as well. It is a practically universal rule that the smaller the membership the larger percentage of members attend the meetings."

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

The Grand Master presented—

"A chronological compilation of all the real known facts of Masonry in America prior to the middle of the eighteenth century with references to the original evidence, most of which I have personally examined. Now and then are also included, for convenience of the student, references to certain things which even some of our best historians and their readers have swallowed with much consequent ptomaine poisoning.

"No pretension is made that this is complete. It does contain, however, everything for which the investigations of the writer have disclosed credible and authentic evidence. It is hoped that others may be stimulated to publish all possible facts of the period for which they can and do cite authority worthy of and available for examination and test as to historical accuracy."

At the Quarterly Communication in December the M. W. Grand Master in his address presents a long argument and concludes:

"When, therefore, the Grand Master is officially present at any Masonic function whatever within the limits controlled by his Grand Lodge, he is the ranking Masonic officer present, and must be received and accommodated accordingly.

"There is a clear distinction between his official and personal attendance. The Grand Master of Massachusetts cannot attend a lodge within this State, while it is open on the First, Second or Third Degree, with-

out being Grand Master, but it is possible that he could not attend a Chapter, for instance, at all. Within the Symbolic Lodge he is never shorn of his prerogatives, but he might not be able to pass the Sentinel of a Commandery, and, if he did, he could not take the chair at will. If he is entitled to enter these other bodies, it is by virtue of the practices of those bodies. When I visit Waltham Royal Arch Chapter, for instance, I do so as a humble Companion thereof, and to wear there the regalia now upon me would show a gross failure to appreciate the situation. But it is otherwise when the Grand Master *as such* is invited to attend. Then it is not the humble Brother who enters, but it is the head of the supreme Masonic body of the jurisdiction who enters in his official capacity and garb. Then no other Mason outranks him. He takes precedence over all. No matter who else is there received, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge must be received *last*. Individuality, personality has then no consideration. The Grand Master, as such, within his territorial jurisdiction and in a Masonic body rises for no man, salutes no man except at his own will and pleasure. When others rise to him, he may rise in courteous acknowledgment. When others salute him, he may return the salute."

At the Stated Communication was held the installation of the officers and the usual able and interesting remarks of many distinguished brethren.

The volume also contains the Masonic lectures delivered by R. W. Roscoe Pound, LL.D., on Masonic Jurisprudence, and one by Wor. R. Perry Bush, D.D., on The Ancient Mysteries.

MICHIGAN, 1917.

The Seventy-third Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 439; number of members 86,993. Cash balance in hands of Treasurer \$26,230.89; in the Masonic Home Fund \$31,883.98. Invested Funds \$79,000.00.

All the Past Grand Masters, seventeen in number, were present; four hundred and twenty-one lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The morning session of the first day was occupied by addresses from several distinguished brethren.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John H. Hawks, treats of the war and the part of Masonry therein.

The dead are remembered.

Three lodges were constituted; four temples dedicated; nine Masonic Halls dedicated; four corner-stones laid; dispensations issued for three new lodges; and several official visitations made.

The Grand Lecturer reported that one hundred forty-four Lodges of Instruction were held, at which there was an attendance altogether of 22,621.

Support was provided for those outside the Masonic Home—

“For the reason that under the present by-laws for the conduct of the Home, no indigent, sick or disabled member of the Masonic Fraternity, or the families of such members, are eligible to receive relief, unless such member actually becomes an inmate of the Home, and our investigation developed very thoroughly the fact that in many cases of distress reported by local lodges and resulting in the member eventually being taken into the Home, that if relief in an amount much less than would be required for caring for such person at the Home, were available to assist the local lodge in caring for such member, it would not be necessary to take such member to the Home. In other words, there are many cases of local lodges being unable to provide themselves for the care of their indigent, sick or disabled members, but who could do so, if the Masonic Home Board were authorized to make certain expenditures in such cases.”

The following by-law was adopted:

“Every lodge shall display the flag of the United States in the lodge room during all sessions of the lodge. The flag shall be suspended on a standard at the altar at the South side thereof.

There is a Craftsmen Club of the University of Michigan composed of Master Masons. They were unable to become proficient in Masonic work because they had no ritual and so the Grand Lodge made a ritual available to them.

A sinning Worshipful Master was brought before the altar in the Grand Lodge to receive the reprimand voted him as a punishment. We see no reason for printing the reprimand.

Bro. Lou B. Winsor submitted his fourteenth annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 has nearly three pages.

MINNESOTA, 1918.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 268; number of members 35,377. Cash balance \$24,397.62; Permanent Relief \$124,175.51.

Sixteen Grand Officers, nineteen Permanent Members and representatives of two hundred seven lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Albert Berg, made a business-like address. He reports the usual events of a year. He circularized the lodges on the subject of “Chain Letters.”

He granted dispensations for two new lodges. His account of the conferring degrees by courtesy is well worth the reading by many Grand Masters. Four lodges were constituted; one corner-stone laid and one Masonic Temple dedicated. Concerning visitations he says:

"A spontaneous and general understanding, without being generally discussed, came into effect at the beginning of my term to 'taboo' banquets, and during the year we have met on the level, helped ourselves at the tables of refreshments, rubbed elbows together, got better acquainted, established and promoted friendships that never could be formed by sitting stolidly at the banquet board listening to longdrawn out addresses, after witnessing the 3d given in 'full form' on 'five candidates.'"

Again we quote with approbation :

"I have been importuned, in person and by letters, to make Masons at Sight and been sounded out on the prospect for Dispensation for the establishment of a Military Lodge. I have refused all. Our Fraternity is founded upon Laws, Principles and Policies, established and promulgated by the Founders."

He devotes considerable space to the "Secrecy of the Ballot."

From the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we quote:

"In a certain lodge a man was elected, initiated and passed. It then developed that he is a citizen of Great Britian and came to this country to escape the draft in England, and also claims exemption from draft here on the ground of being an alien.

"Question. Under these circumstances can he be raised? The Grand Master decided that he could, but your committee is of the opinion that charges should be preferred against him as a slacker and a traitor had in the lodge and the lodge itself decide whether it wants such a man in its fold. We believe that no man is fit to be a Mason who is not wholeheartedly, actively and aggressively loyal and true to his country."

Bro. Irving Todd presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence. Maine for 1917 has brief mention.

MISSISSIPPI, 1918.

The One Hundredth Annual Grand Communication.

Number of lodges 382; number of members 20,775. Cash on hand \$3,183.62; Maintenance Fund \$22,895.40.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters, one hundred sixty representatives were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. G. Frederic Cullens, has an introduction to his address in part local in nature and with one paragraph devoted to the war.

He mentions the dead; tells of the work of the "Lecturing Corps"; gives "Schools of Instruction" the glad welcome for their work; tells of his visitations; reports the laying of four corner-stones; the issuance of three dispensations for new lodges; the constitution of one lodge; the arrest of the charters of five lodges, and the surrender of the charter of one lodge.

The reports of the Grand Lecturer and the District Deputy Grand Lecturers indicate increased attention of the Craft to their duties as Masons.

We quote from the "Suggestion of Error" in the Supreme Court of Mississippi:

"A Mason is one upon whom the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees have been conferred by a regularly constituted Lodge of Masons, composed of at least a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden. Anciently, there were no regularly established lodges. When it was desired to confer degrees or do other lodge work, the requisite number of Masons assembled, organized a lodge, did the work in hand and dispersed. In course of time, however, there came into existence in London four regularly established lodges. In 1717, the officers of these lodges, meaning the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Warden, met and organized the Grand Lodge of England, vesting in the Grand Lodge so organized, for themselves and their successors, all powers formerly possessed by these subordinate lodges. They received from the Grand Lodge so organized a charter or warrant constituting them subordinate lodges, deriving their power to act as such from this Grand Lodge. Their action in the premises was acquiesced in by the Masons of England generally. This Grand Lodge, and all Grand Lodges subsequently organized, are composed of the Master and Wardens of subordinate lodges in office at the time the Grand Lodge convened, together with the Past Masters of such subordinate lodges.

"After the organization of the Grand Lodge of England, no number of Masons could meet and organize a subordinate lodge without first receiving a charter or warrant for that purpose from the Grand Lodge of England. In the course of time, subordinate lodges were organized by the authority of this Grand Lodge, and it was provided that three, though not less than three, subordinate lodges could organize a Grand Lodge with the consent of the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction they existed. All Grand Lodges and Subordinate Lodges in the United States and Canada trace their origin back to the Grand Lodge of England."

Provision was made for the raising of a War Relief Fund.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi be and he is hereby authorized in his sound judgment to grant dispensations for the organization of War Lodges among the Mississippi Masons who are or may be in foreign service, such lodges to be organized as lodges are now organized under dispensation, but with no fixed domicile other than that of the unit in which it shall be organized; the membership of such lodges shall be limited to members of Mississippi Lodges. Such lodges to continue only for the period of the war, and to submit reports as other lodges report. Such lodges shall have all the rights and privileges of other lodges, but shall not entertain petitions for initiation or advancement; however, such lodges may confer degrees when regularly requested by any regular lodge not an Army Lodge. It shall not be necessary for the members of such War Lodges to demit from the lodges of which they are now members. Such lodges may be organized before their departure from this country, but shall do no work until after their departure."

The Centennial Celebration was held February 18, 1918, with music and addresses.

Throughout the volume of proceedings appear half tones of the many Past Grand Masters.

Bro. Henry C. Yawn submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 and for 1917 have fraternal mention.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Among the things that I might mention that are particularly striking in the reports that I have perused, is a thorough accord with America's position in the war, and an exhibition of patriotism and determination to stand by our President and country in this crisis. Since love of country and fellowman is one of the characteristic principles of our institution, it is but reasonable to expect that this spirit of co-operation and of patriotism would be exhibited by the Masonic world.

"I might mention, also, as stated in my last report, that there is a growing disposition to get away from the stringent physical qualifications of candidates for Masonry; the idea being that it is the internal qualifications and not the external, which furnish the best test of material. Several of the Grand Jurisdictions still hold to the doctrine of Perpetual Jurisdiction over rejected material, Mississippi being one of these, but this doctrine is being condemned by a great many of the Grand Jurisdictions, and several of them are relinquishing this doctrine."

MISSOURI, 1917.

The Ninety-seventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 639; number in membership 70,144.

Number of lodges represented 454. Of the Past Grand Masters twenty-one were present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edward Higbee, read into his address much matter pertaining to the war.

He notes the centennial celebration of Missouri Lodge, No. 1; briefly mentions visitations; devotes some space to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association; comments upon the proposed method of celebrating the Bi-Centennial of the first Grand Lodge; suggests that "every trial should be conducted before a committee or jury of disinterested brethren, whose findings should be based solely on the evidence and not on their preconceived opinions."

Six corner stones were laid; five dispensations granted for new lodges. Of his decisions we quote:

"8. The Secretary of Willard Lodge, No. 620, writes that Willard Lodge granted a member a certificate of good standing for the purpose of transferring his membership to another lodge, and that he has been elected a member thereof without having passed his examination on his proficiency on the first section of the degree of M. M. as required by Section 121, and that he is withholding his dimit until informed what to do.

"The dimit should not be granted until the member has passed a satisfactory examination on his proficiency. Section 121, G. L. By-Laws.

"Last fall a Brother Master Mason died, and the lodge was unable to conduct his funeral. His widow now desires us to hold Masonic services at his grave.

"R. W. Brother Carnahan ruled that he knew of no Masonic law that would authorize the lodge to hold funeral services as requested. That it was his understanding that the funeral services of a Masonic brother must be conducted at the time of the interment. I approved this ruling. Section 257, Grand Lodge By-Laws, authorizes a Masonic funeral service in connection with the burial of a deceased Master Mason in good standing. I find nothing in the law which would authorize the holding of funeral services over the grave of a deceased brother after his burial, nor any service adapted to such an occasion."

There were forty-seven decisions in all, and required about twenty-eight pages of the proceedings. To our mind about half of what appears could well have been omitted.

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we quote:

"The condition of the working forces in our lodges is, generally speaking, very good. In the reports of the District Lecturers to me several have mentioned the activity displayed by certain lodges that hitherto had been barely existing, and expressed their satisfaction at the change. This has been accomplished by patience and perseverance. The awakening will come, and it requires action and constant application to maintain the standard of excellence when once acquired. We can judge best by comparison, and one great factor in the upbuilding and maintenance of our work is the nearness to which our lodges are brought by the conveyances we have today. Frequent interchanges of visits are made by the entire working forces, and work is performed in a manner to bring credit to themselves and honor to the lodge which they represent. Many of the districts have organized associations and meet once or more each year. The time is spent in exemplification of the work, having a good sociable time and ending with banquets. These meetings have proven very beneficial."

The Bi-Centennial observance of the organization of the Grand Lodge of England was observed at the evening session of the second day by music and able addresses.

The report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances again appears in its full text.

From the report of the Committee on Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges we quote:

"In 1909 the Grand Lodge of Missouri refused to recognize the Grand Lodge of France for reasons fully set forth in the proceedings of that year. The Grand Orient of France is an atheistic and political body. The Grand Lodge of France is not strictly an atheistic organization, yet it is not deistic. It does not require of the petitioner a belief in Deity. God has been stricken from its ritual, yet for a petitioner who may believe in God a symbolic interpretation is permitted. The great light, the Bible, has been removed for years as a part of the furniture of the lodge. The 'Book of the Law' among the English-speaking people, among the Latin races, among the Norse, the Teuton and the Slav is the Holy Bible. This 'Book of the Law' must be a part of the furniture of a lodge, and must lie on our altars.

"Your committee holds now, as it has in the past, that a belief in

Deity and the open 'Book of the Law' on our altars is the very fundamental principle of the fraternity of Free Masons. To recognize anything else means chaos and anarchy. For this reason your committee must again deny fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of France."

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the following resolution was not adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the dues of all kinds in the jurisdiction of Missouri of our brothers enlisted in this patriotic cause, whether he be in the Army, Navy or Red Cross, be suspended during the time of this conflict, or until he shall have been honorably discharged."

Also the following recommendation, "that the petition presented for a dispensation for a military lodge be refused, and that this Grand Lodge decline to entertain or grant dispensations for military lodges in any place at this time," received a passage.

The recommendations of the Grand Master did not meet the approval of that committee, and so fell down.

Bro. C. C. Woods presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"Most of the Grand Jurisdictions report a great and growing interest in the Order and a rapid increase in membership, and, generally speaking, there is unqualified felicitation on this fact. But here and there the Grand East, while gratified with the forward movement, utters a serious warning against the campaign for members now being so extensively waged through all the land. Quality and not quantity is a sentiment which is growing in popularity, and one Grand Master emphasizes the thought by the statement that he is much more 'afraid of the white ball than of the black,' as an injury to our Order. And the opinion is growing among older and wiser Masons that it were better to stop 'making Masons,' and go to work and improve those we have made. The injunction 'never to open or close a lodge without giving a lecture or some part of a lecture in one of the degrees,' is no longer an influence with the average Master of a lodge, and so men live and die in the membership of a lodge without ever obtaining an intelligent view of the moral form and beauty thereof."

Maine for 1916 had his careful and fraternal attention.

NEBRASKA, 1917.

The Sixtieth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 270; number of members 25,044. Cash in hands of Secretary who serves as Treasurer \$34,084.11.

Eighteen of the twenty-six Past Grand Masters were present. Two hundred and forty-two lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The morning session of the first day was devoted to the patriotic feelings of those present, which culminated in adopting some resolutions,

more or less binding on the Craft in Nebraska, and the taking a collection for making hospital dressings.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Andrew H. Viele, treats of subjects connected with the war, from which we take the closing paragraph:

"Then, my brethren, let us close up our ranks and shoulder to shoulder march in solid phalanx, waging a warfare, not for conquest of greed or of gain, but of right, righteousness, and humanity."

The dead are remembered; the affairs of the Nebraska Masonic Home and of the Boys' and Girls' Home briefly presented; fourteen cornerstones were laid; three Masonic Temples were dedicated; three lodges were constituted; dispensations are reported; many other subjects of minor importance were presented.

The way and manner in which the work should be promulgated is fully described.

Of his decisions we quote:

"Can the White Shrine of Jerusalem use the lodge rooms dedicated to Masonry? Answer. Under the law as declared at the last communication of the Grand Lodge it is not lawful to permit the White Shrine to use the hall or building dedicated by the Masonic Fraternity to the uses and purposes of Masonry.

"Can a lodge vote its funds to be paid into a civic league, said league organized for charitable purposes? Answer. No."

The Grand Orator delivered an oration upon the theme, "Fraternity and Patriotism."

From the Report of the Committee on Promulgation of the Work we take enough to show the method:

"That indifferent and weak lodges be given all possible aid and encouragement so that the officers may be able to confer the degrees and give the lectures in an efficient and impressive manner; and in all cases where lodges fail, neglect, or refuse to perfect themselves in the work to the satisfaction of our Grand Custodian, that the Grand Master give prompt attention thereto and adopt such measures as will in all things aid, advance, and protect the cause of Masonry.

"Your committee would remind this Grand Lodge and the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction that the positions of Assistant Custodians were created to aid and assist the Grand Custodian so that all lodges and Masons so desiring could become proficient in the work, and that as far as possible the machinery being provided, the per diem and expense of the visitations of our Assistant Custodians should be borne by the lodges so receiving the services."

Much local legislation was presented. Some of that presented was adopted and some goes over until next year.

We do not believe that the following proposed legislation is right in theory or practice:

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"Whereas, The dues in our subordinate lodges are not uniform or equitable, and as a result many lodges are unable to adequately meet the demands made upon them, and as a result other lodges bear the burdens that should be borne by all alike, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the entire subject, including the proper amount of dues that the subordinate lodges should charge their members, be referred to a committee of three to be named by the Grand Master, of which committee Past Grand Master Evans shall be chairman.

"Said committee to report at our next annual communication."

Bro. John A. Ehrhardt submitted his second Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 has a page.

Under Quebec we read:

"The trouble with the brethren in other jurisdictions that do not maintain Masonic Homes is that they lose sight of the fact that where Homes are not maintained, the pittance usually allowed does not give the beneficiary the care and comfort of our Masonic Homes. The writer is thoroughly convinced that a Home for the aged, one separate and apart for the children, and a substantial relief fund expended by a careful committee for those of our unfortunates who can be better maintained in their own homes or in a private family, is the best system of Masonic relief yet devised."

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Manoh B. Reese, Grand Master in 1885-86, who died September 28, 1917; and the death of M. W. Bro. William E. Hill, Grand Master in 1871-73, who died December 29, 1917; and the death of M. W. Bro. Frank Henry Orcutt Young, Grand Master in 1898-99, who died December 24, 1917. M. W. Bro. Young was born in Calais, Maine, November 7, 1852.

"Bro. Young had been Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans for the past ten years, and in the discharge of the important trusts of these various offices he devoted his undivided attention, integrity, and well-known business ability. At all times he was ready to respond to the cry of need, and he never hesitated to expend large amounts of his own money in relieving the wants and distresses of those less fortunate. He has been known to travel across three states and many hundreds of miles to assist with his private funds any deserving and worthy cause or case of relief, yet he would thoroughly and conscientiously investigate each application that came to him, and when he was convinced of the worthiness of the applicant, he would see that he was amply supplied with the necessaries of life.

"Upon all great and important questions his influence was cast on the side of what he believed right. He was entrusted with many important undertakings that required diplomacy and business acumen, he was ever faithful to these trusts, and performed these duties with that painstaking care that so greatly marked his methods and endeared him to his brothers."

NEVADA, 1917.

The Fifty-third Annual Grand Communication.

Number of lodges 33; number of members 2,032. Cash in hands of Treasurer, \$3,096.74.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present. Twenty-one of the lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

When the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Alfred W. Holmes, almost at the beginning of his address spoke of the dead, the Grand Secretary called the roll, and the Grand Chaplain, having been escorted to the altar, led in prayer.

He reports his visitations; made no decisions; tells his requests to have degrees conferred by courtesy; discusses the temperance question; and recommends "that our law be changed so that two or more of our lodges may hold joint meetings for the purpose of installing their officers. I believe that a better spirit can be developed by such meetings, and that interest in lodge work will be strengthened thereby."

The Committee on Correspondence endorsed the action of the Grand Lodge of Cuba relative to the "holding of a Masonic convention at the close of the present world war for the establishment of a permanent peace and closer relations between the Masonic bodies of the world."

And also endorsed the activities of the International Bureau for Masonic affairs of Switzerland.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported the following general regulation, which was adopted:

"Every lodge within this jurisdiction has the right to assemble in joint meeting with any other Masonic lodge or lodges for the installation of officers."

We think that such legislation helps to strengthen the wrong action of the lodges expressed in the Report of the Master of Instruction, viz.:

"Business is transacted without a constitutional number of members present; waivers are granted by a mere vote of the lodge, etc."

Bro. Edward D. Vanderleith presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote one paragraph:

"The blessings of this life are derived from fellowship. Through intercourse with our kind the best is drawn out of us. We learn to forget self and to live for others. 'To know how to live for others—that is the aim of all noble souls,' so said the Attic Philosopher. So we may say that the friendship of the Brotherhood gives strength to the character. Standing shoulder to shoulder makes each stronger, and gives a new zest to duty as well as a new inspiration to all that is good."

Maine for 1916 has fraternal review. We quote:

"Our Maine brethren believe in work and in getting an early start. Freemasonry is, to them, more than an ideal art. It means life based upon high teachings, and they believe in living it, in doing their part, out in the open, in leavening the materialism and indifference of the world. To live the life of a true and faithful Mason we must be firm of faith and energetic in practice. The essence of Freemasonry may be brotherhood, but the true basic faith of the Craft is a belief in the Divine Creator, without which all else is but pretence. Unless God be with us as Masons, all labor for brotherhood is in vain."

We have received announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. William McMillan, Grand Master in 1888, who died July 21, 1917.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1917.

The Fiftieth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 39; number of members 3,806; cash in hands of treasurer \$3,657 50. Fund \$16,000.00.

Twenty-four lodges were represented. Four Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Hedley V. B. Bridges, sketches briefly the formation of the Grand Lodge. In this connection we quote:

"Once more let me emphasize, that more than upon any precept or regulation of Grand Lodge, the future welfare of Freemasonry in our jurisdiction rests with each individual brother in the careful observance of the principles of our order, in the cultivation of true fraternal spirit, in the practice of masonic charity, and in the constant endeavor by our lives to convince those whom we daily meet, and with whom we associate, that we are the better for being Masons."

The war has its mention; the dead are memorialized; quite an entertaining account of his visitations is given; corner stone was laid, and of the loss of members he says:

"One cannot but be struck with the large number of Masons that are lost to us, as far as active support is concerned, from year to year, by withdrawals and suspensions. While I have no suggestion to make, it is certainly a matter deserving the attention of Grand Lodge as well as of the different subordinate lodges. Perhaps too much responsibility is placed upon the Secretary of the lodge, and he may lack the assistance of the officers and members in helping to keep up the roll of membership."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show, in general, the condition of the several lodges.

No Report on Correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1917.

The One Hundred Twenty-eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 80; number of members 11,111. Cash in hands of Treasurer \$19,320.48.

Forty-nine lodges were represented; ten Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

At the semi-annual communication held in December, 1916, for the purpose of exemplification of the work in the three degrees sixty-five lodges were represented.

Owing to the death of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George E. Bales, the R. W. Bro. Abraham L. Garmon, Deputy Grand Master, acted as Grand Master and delivered the address.

He mentions the deaths of five of the prominent permanent members of the Grand Lodge by giving brief sketches of their life and Masonic career.

He reports the following decision of the late Grand Master:

“Question: Having sat in the New Hampshire Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32^o, with a brother of that degree, can I avouch for him as a Master Mason?”

“Answer: No.”

Many other matters appertaining to the usual duties of a Grand Master, such as granting dispensations, asking for waivers of jurisdiction, attending pleasant Masonic functions and such like.

He has a good word for the Masonic Home, which needs more money, and recommends that a “Masonic Roll of Honor” shall be established to bear the name and service of those who enlisted in the War.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters made reports of the conditions of the lodges in their districts.

The Grand Lodge of Panama was recognized.

The Constitution was so amended that the following is now the law relative to rejected petitions:

“A rejected applicant for the degrees cannot again present his petition to any lodge within twelve months of his rejection.”

As regards the decision previously quoted, the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers reported as follows:

“We do not think that the decision of M. W. Bro. Bales that a brother who has sat with another brother in the New Hampshire Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32^o, cannot avouch for such brother as a Master Mason, is correct, in view of the Masonic practice and the relations established by our Grand Lodge and existing between the various bodies of the craft in this state, and we recommend that the said decision be not approved by the Grand Lodge.”

And their views prevailed.

Bro. Harry M. Cheney submitted his eleventh Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 has generous mention.

We quote:

"He permitted one lodge to get into automobiles and go a distance of fifty miles to confer degrees. That was a great convenience to the petitioners, yet altogether too accommodating, in our humble opinion. Men go after the thing they really want and when they get it value it more highly because it cost some effort."

We quote again:

"The fact that May is the month when both New Hampshire and Maine hold their annuals makes the review of our proceedings, here found, to be always a year behind. It cannot be otherwise, unless one makes a change, and that will not be done. The habit of the years will be continued, making May a great month for the Masons of these neighboring states."

Under Montana we read:

"The use of robes and costumes was made permissible in the third degree. We once had that bug in our system, but now are entirely free from it, so much so that we count ourselves as being immune."

Under Rhode Island he says:

"The Knights Templar Christmas Observance in Rhode Island has crept into the Grand Lodge, through Commandery greetings sent to the Grand Master and the latter's response thereto. These letters are given place in the address. This is the beginning of a thing that may easily grow into a custom. We have no hesitation in expressing our feeling that this is misplaced enthusiasm. As a Templar affair the observance is beautiful and appropriate, but it has no place in our lodge life, if we desire to preserve the institution as established."

NEW JERSEY, 1917.

The One Hundred Thirtieth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 199; number of members 44,381. Cash balance \$41,887.44; invested fund, \$32,000.00.

One hundred ninety-one lodges were represented. Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William R. Meakle, in the introduction to his address, says:

"God grant that we may fulfill our destiny as Masons; make us to be big and strong and self-reliant, so that when opportunity affords we may be ready to serve mankind with all the strength and vigor and capability of men who succeed to-day to the places held by the great men of yesterday, and who would valiantly uphold the noble and inspiring tradi-

tions which are our rightful heritage, and to which we have been obligated by our forefathers."

He devotes more than the usual space given to the memory of the dead; reports the largest increase in membership in any Masonic year, and at the same time sounds the warning not to lower the standard of quality; reads a short lecture about "officers of lodges," from which we infer that somewhere in some lodge or lodges there have been mistakes made in the selection of the some who of necessity must rule and teach.

Three lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for four new lodges; two corner stones were laid; his numerous visitations scheduled; discusses the regulation concerning the residence of a petitioner for degrees.

Many other subjects, presumably of local interest, were mentioned.

From the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence we quote:

"Only comparatively few of the leaflets, pamphlets, Logenblatten, Bundesblatten or Mitteilungen usually sent us by the German Grand Lodges have been received this year, and of these careful translation has shown that existing conditions have deprived their contents of matter upon which Masonic comment could be made with propriety.

"Reference to them has been omitted from the review because of the fact that these Grand Lodges, constituents of the German Grand Lodge Diet, had jointly or severally, during 1914, 1915 and 1916, adopted and promulgated resolutions of non-intercourse with all Grand Lodges and their constituent membership of lodges, or individual Masons, of alien enemy countries."

Why the Grand Lodge should legislate upon the subject of dues for the members of a Subordinate Lodge we know not, but it did adopt the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That members of Subordinate Lodges who have paid dues for twenty-five (25) years consecutively may be exempt from future payment.

"Furthermore, that this exemption does not act as a bar for applicants to the Masonic Home."

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That nothing in the Section, Article and Resolution be construed as permitting a member of either a standing or special committee to render a bill for expenses incurred while attending social functions on invitation of the M. W. Grand Master, and that the Auditing Committee or Grand Secretary be directed to refuse to audit such bills when presented."

We quote:

"Most Worshipful Brother Josiah W. Ewan, Past Grand Master, addressed the Grand Lodge regarding the issuing of circular letters by or on behalf of candidates for office in the Grand Lodge, or by electioneering methods through Past Masters or other associations, and suggested that the Grand Lodge set its disapproval upon such methods."

Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 was looked over.

NEW MEXICO, 1917.

The Fortieth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 45; number of members 3,976. Cash in Treasury \$4,478.32; Masonic Home Fund \$10,586.57.

Thirty-five lodges were represented. Eight of the twenty-two Past Grand Masters were present.

New Mexico has not the Grand Representative system.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Alonzo B. McMillen, we quote:

"I am pleased to report that the most of our lodges, and Masonry in general, are in a flourishing condition throughout this jurisdiction, and that harmony and good will prevail."

The roll of the dead was called, both those of the jurisdiction and of other jurisdictions.

Dispensation was granted for a lodge; four printed pages are used to give the "courtesy act" due notoriety; dispensations were granted for purposes required by their laws of which some infringe upon the rights of lodges as we believe; dispensations were not always given because the applicant became a soldier.

He made many rulings and decisions, many of them by reference to the laws of the Grand Lodge. We quote:

"13. On complaint that a lodge of a sister jurisdiction had been derelict in its duty to a member of that lodge who was sojourning in this jurisdiction on account of illness and had contracted obligations which his lodge refused to pay, I ruled that this jurisdiction has no right to question the motives of the lodge of another jurisdiction, or to demand that it take any action in regard to one of its members.

"14. On account of the large number of persons in this jurisdiction who have enlisted in the navy or military service, I have had frequent requests for granting dispensations to confer degrees out of time, and while I have had no doubt that the Grand Master has the power to grant dispensation on proper showing, yet I have ruled that the policy of this Grand Lodge as expressed in section 6, article 9, of our by-laws, providing that the candidate cannot be advanced before the expiration of one lunar month should be observed, unless very strong reasons were presented for granting a dispensation, and I have therefore refused to grant dispensations except where, on account of service in the navy or military service the candidate would be so situated that the probability of being able to have the remaining degrees conferred by the courtesy of another lodge was at least extremely remote, if not impossible."

He discusses at some length subjects connected with the by-laws of

lodges, which lead him on to the by-laws of the Grand Lodge, thereby leaving him in the quicksands of the "Landmarks of Masonry" with two supports only, Mackey's Masonic Jurisprudence and Mackey's Masonic Parliamentary Law.

He argues strongly against "Electioneering," and as a remedy suggests "that the by-law be repealed or that it be so amended as to make it the duty of the Grand Master to forbid installing; or if installed, to remove any officer when it has been made to appear to the Grand Master that his election was the result of electioneering."

From his conclusion we quote:

"It behooves every citizen of this great Republic to stand by the President and his country in this great contest. If he cannot fight he can work. If he cannot work he can contribute of his means, and if he is not able, through misfortune, to perform any of these services, he can still be a patriot. There is no room for 'slackers' or traitors; all must follow the flag, so that not a star of its bright galaxy shall be dimmed or a fold of its bright colors soiled by disloyalty."

The committee disagreed with the decision of the Grand Master who decided that a New Mexico lodge could confer by courtesy the degree upon a candidate of Missouri, disqualified by the rules of New Mexico because of a physical deformity. We quote:

"We therefore hold that any member of another jurisdiction applying for the conferring of degrees in this jurisdiction by request must be able to conform to the requirements of this jurisdiction. In so holding we do not attempt to criticize or invade the right of other jurisdictions to prescribe such qualifications as they may see fit, but insist that we must, by precept and example, in conferring degrees in our subordinate lodges, conform strictly to the requirements of this jurisdiction."

Bro. John Milne submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence. Maine for 1917 has mention.

NEW YORK, 1917.

The One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 861; number of members 203,716. Cash balance in hands of Treasurer \$72,833.01.

Six Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

With a brief introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Penney, commemorates the Fraternal Dead; reports the dispensations issued; names the appointments, among which we note, "June 30th, R. W. George Flint Warren, Jr., Representative Grand Lodge of Maine."

Six dispensations were issued for new lodges.

Many subjects worthy of consideration by the Grand Lodge were recommended. We quote:

"It is time to call a halt on quantity and give more attention to quality. We should not only be more careful in the selection of new material, but we should use every effort to improve and develop that which we have. We cannot do the latter if all our time is taken up in working degrees.

"Therefore, I recommend that appropriate constitutional amendments be adopted, limiting the working of degrees to not more than twice a month, so that adequate opportunity may be allowed for the moral and spiritual education of our members."

The Redemption Fund for the debt on the New York City property has reached \$1,000,513.19.

We quote from the Report of the Judge Advocate:

"Under the present Constitution, neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge has the power to issue a dispensation for the establishment of a Military Lodge in a territory which contains a duly constituted Grand Lodge with which we are in friendly relations.

"The appointment of a committee to whom petitions for membership shall be referred before the petitions are regularly presented to the lodge is void."

The proceedings are extremely interesting because of the addresses made by visiting brethren and reports from the various Guilds, and especially that of the Grand Historian. We would like to reproduce much but to do so would require space, because mere extracts would not give a complete idea.

From the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence we quote:

"Referring to formal request of the Gran Logia Cuscattan of San Salvador for recognition, we beg to submit that its Book of Constitution and By-Laws has come to hand, we have examined same, and find form and ceremonies harmonize with our own principles and standards, and recommend that its application be granted and an exchange of Representatives be arranged.

"Referring to the request of Panama for recognition dated December 16th on March 15th, which we have under consideration, we beg to suggest this be laid over for further investigation."

Maine for 1916 has mention.

From that part of the Report having reference to Foreign Countries we quote:

"The most important item of news from the Masonic sphere in the Old World relates to the official breaking-off of fraternal relations between the three Prussian Grand Lodges and the Alpina. Of course, internal conditions within the Swiss Masonic family have been more or less upset since the beginning of the war, and many efforts to smooth over antagonistic sentiments have been made, but without success. Hence we can not marvel at the severance of the friendly ties hitherto binding the jurisdictions mentioned, and may only hope that, when a calm judgment will

regain the upper hand after the existing hatred has been fully dissipated, the broken bonds will again be joined together in a stronger chain of fraternal respect."

New York mourns the loss of its Senior Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William A. Brodie, who died May 10, 1917; of R. W. Bro. Edward M. L. Ehlers, who had been Grand Secretary for thirty-six years, and died May 28, 1917; and of M. W. Bro. George Freifeld, "one time Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York," who died November 16, 1917.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1917.

One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 437; number of members 25,910. Cash on hand \$2,182.54.

Eleven Past Grand Masters present; no summary of lodges represented made by the Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. A. B. Andrews, Jr., says:

"The past year has been one in which the active Masons throughout the State have worked unceasingly and to advantage for the Craft. In many places the local lodge is stronger and in better condition than it was a year ago. These results are due largely, if not entirely, to the energetic and unceasing work of those faithful Masons who have many years upheld the reputation and honor of our Fraternity. They have been aided by the younger members, more recently initiated, who, becoming trained in the arts and teachings of Freemasonry, are worthy co-laborers and successors to the active workers of a generation ago."

The dead are remembered.

He reports seventy-four decisions, many of which were made in accordance with the regulations of the Masonic code of North Carolina. We quote:

"The standard of the Stevenson work as the authorized work of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina is the standard as approved by and confided in the Board of Custodians and orally taught by the Grand Lecturer and his assistants throughout the State."

"Masonic emblems should not be used for advertisement. Therefore a brother running a passenger automobile for hire, which in standing on the street carries a sign 'For Hire' should not use a square and compass emblem on his machine. It is otherwise in the case of a private machine not used for hire.

"A lodge has no right to receive the petition of an Entered Apprentice, dimitted as such from a lodge in another State which issues dimits to Entered Apprentices. Our law does not issue or recognize such dimits. For such a member to receive the degrees in a North Carolina

Lodge the same must be requested by the lodge which elected him to the degrees.

"Where a white male person over twenty-one years of age resided for more than one year at the town of A, he acquires a Masonic residence there, which is not lost upon his removal to B until he has resided in the town of B for one year. If before the year had elapsed he desired to petition the lodge in the town of B, it was necessary for the lodge at B to secure the lodge at A to waive its jurisdiction in order for it to entertain the petition."

We do not agree to this last decision on general principles. North Carolina may have so legislated that a man can live in two places at one and the same time, but we hold that when a man has removed from a town for well and good, the lodge of that town loses jurisdiction over him, and the man must live in the place to which he has removed the length of time required by the local law before he can petition to the lodge in the town to which he has removed.

Four corner-stones were laid; dispensations were granted for four new lodges.

The matter of appeals by the Subordinate Lodge to sister lodges for Masonic relief for a worthy indigent brother receives great attention, and we quote a paragraph:

"However, from information which has come to this office, it is thought that the greater number of Masonic lodges do not contribute, and that the lodges contributing to these four cases are practically all the lodges that contribute to these appeals. Is that right? Does that appeal to the practical Masons as an even distribution of the burdens of Masonic relief? Look at the list of lodges; in it will be seen lodges which are here represented by active and zealous Masons, whom we believe are uninformed as to this condition. As a means of bringing this question directly before the Grand Lodge it is recommended that the Grand Lodge abolish the right of appealing to lodges, except in exceptional instances with the Grand Master's approval, and that all cases of Masonic relief, which are now handled by these appeals, be cared for by an additional *per capita* tax of 15 cents. This will distribute the burden evenly, where it belongs, and will be far less expensive to the lodges who now answer these appeals."

We quote the concluding paragraph of the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and rejoice thereat:

"The committee recommends that in the future the Grand Master do not report any decisions made by him, unless such decision involves the construction of Masonic law, and unless such decision was made by him upon an appeal as provided by law. The committee further recommends that where a decision only requires a citation of existing law or regulation, the same be not reported by the Grand Master."

Bro. Marshal D. Haywood presented his *first* Report on Foreign Correspondence. We fraternally welcome him to a seat at the "Round Table," and we congratulate him upon the Report presented to our reading.

Maine for 1916 has a page,

NORTH DAKOTA, 1917.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 113; number of members 10,668. Cash on hand \$14,292.39; in the Relief Fund \$15,818.41.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present, and the representatives of a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Owing to the absence of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Alexander B. Taylor, on account of imperative business matters, his address was read by the Deputy Grand Master.

The address has a brief introduction. The constitution of four lodges is reported; also the laying of two corner-stones, and the dedication of one new Masonic Temple.

Upon the subject of "Taxation" he said:

"It is well known to most of you that the question of taxation of Masonic property was in litigation during 1915-16, and that late in November, 1916, a unanimous decision was handed down by the Supreme Court of North Dakota, upholding our contention that property used exclusively for Masonic purposes was not subject to taxation under our statute."

We note the appointment of Edwin A. Ripley, W. Junior Grand Steward, as the Grand Representative of Maine near the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

He was obliged to issue a circular on "Chain Letters."

Many other matters of local importance are reported *in extenso*.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"That a donation of \$1,000.00 out of the General Fund be made to the National Red Cross Society, \$500.00 payable July 1, 1917, and the remaining \$500.00 April 1, 1918.

"That a donation of \$1,000.00 out of the General Fund be made to the Army Y. M. C. A., \$500.00 to be payable July 1, 1917, and \$500.00 April 1, 1918.

"That a special assessment of \$1.00 per capita be imposed annually upon the combined membership of the constituent lodges in this jurisdiction for the duration of the war; that this money be turned into the Grand Lodge Relief Fund, and that said \$1.00 be collected from each member of all constituent lodges and remitted to the Grand Lodge with the Annual Returns beginning April, 1918."

Bro. William E. Hoover presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 has generous treatment.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Thomas Louis Foulks, Grand Master in 1901-2, who died May 18, 1917; and of R. W.

Bro. Theodore F. Branch, Grand Junior Warden, who died October 16, 1916.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1917.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 73; number of members 6,927. Cash on hand \$4,783.07; Grand-Lodge Fund of Benevolence \$6,347.67.

Two Past Grand Masters and a representation from a constitutional number of lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The Grand Lodge marched to church and listened to an able sermon by the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. T. C. Mellor, from which we quote:

"Masonry cannot but uphold the hands of those who are bringing on a real peace, a lasting peace, based as it must be, and can only be, on the utter defeat of the German, who desires neither freedom for others nor democracy for himself. Masonry will stand for the right, the plumb-line manifesting that Masons and the principles of the Order, will stand for the right, give of her means for the right, give of her sons for the right. Calmly she will wait in the sure and certain hope that right will prevail."

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Donald F. Fraser, in his address devotes more than a page to the war, and of the "State of the Craft" says:

"Many of the lodges are to be commended for clearing up their books. While it may seem hard at the moment, in applying without unnecessary delay the regulations respecting non-payment of dues it is after all but dealing charitably with the delinquent brother and acting in all fairness and in the best interests of the lodge.

"The good regard for the Fraternity is everywhere apparent and the constant endeavor in lodge and individual practice should be to more firmly implant Freemasonry the outstanding exemplar of the virtues, the greatest of which is charity, remembering there is no standstill, that Masonry is as ever a progressive science."

His official visits, twelve in all, are fully reported. In answer to enquiries he ruled:

"That a clergyman could preach a sermon on Masonry without being a member of the Craft.

"That it was in order to receive an application for Freemasonry from one who had an artificial eye."

He refused to establish a Military Lodge; had his trials with "Chain Prayers"; discusses "Uniformity of Work"; has a word to say about the Freemasons' Home at Windsor.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters reported upon the condition of the lodges under their supervision.

Bro. James C. Jones presented the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 has fraternal mention.

We have received announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. William Marshall Black, Grand Master in 1909-10, who died May 9, 1917.

OHIO, 1917.

The One Hundred Eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 546; number of members 114,293. Cash on hand \$80,936.86. Emergency Fund \$5,272.66.

Five hundred eighteen lodges were represented. All the Past Grand Masters, except one, were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Joel C. Clore, notes the memorable occurrences in Free Masonry during the year, states that it has been a year of the largest increase of membership since the organization of the Grand Lodge, remarks upon the general peace and prosperity of Masonry in the jurisdiction, and then devotes a paragraph to the war.

Of the work of the District Lecturers he says:

"The good work performed by the Twenty-five District Lecturers during the past year has been a revelation to me. Each of these brethren has proven himself a Grand Master by proxy in his own District. The inspections of the lodges throughout the state have been thorough. These brethren have spread the gospel of Freemasonry wherever they have gone, have settled differences, ironed out the rough places, and have made themselves generally useful and beneficial to the Order."

Ninety-three dispensations were granted, and more than were granted were refused. We quote:

"I do not deem it wise to confer degrees out of time. I am of the opinion that much harm will be done to Freemasonry and little good to the petitioner by this method. It were better to return to the old law of requiring a man to remain an Entered Apprentice for one year before becoming a Fellow Craft, and to remain a Fellow Craft one year before becoming a Master Mason, than to resort to this unseemly hysterical method of conferring degrees wholesale, thereby destroying the Constitution, Landmarks, and Code of the Masonic Institution."

Dispensations were granted for five new lodges; four lodges were constituted; eight lodge rooms were dedicated; thirteen corner-stones laid.

He devotes one paragraph to "Military Lodges," which he does not favor, but believes that some provision should be made so that residents of Ohio in the army in detention camps could apply to lodges conveniently situated for the degrees.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

From the Report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations we quote:

"This committee has carefully considered said petition and the action of this Grand Lodge in reference to former petitions for dispensations for military lodges, and recommends that a dispensation be granted to our brethren with the Ohio Division of the United States Army for a new lodge, to be named 'Ohio Military Lodge, U. D.,' under such general rules and regulations as this Grand Lodge has heretofore adopted or may hereafter adopt, and upon the payment of the fee prescribed by this Grand Lodge."

Bro. Nelson Williams submitted his seventh Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under British Columbia he thus explains to Bro. Smith:

"Bro. Smith has never seemed especially pleased with the recognition which we are in the habit of giving to those members of our Symbolic Lodges who have been honored by official position in other Grand Masonic Bodies, such as Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery. We cannot for the life of us see why a Grand Lodge of Masons cannot properly honor any Brother Mason by officially recognizing his promotion in other branches which every Mason, unless he be an ignoramus, knows to be Masonic. We have built our foundation good and strong, and we have permitted the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, and the A. & A. Scottish Rite to build their structures upon our foundation, and we certainly know the material out of which those structures are erected, and while they are not a part of Symbolic Freemasonry, we see no objection to the introduction to our Grand Lodge of one of its own members who has become prominently identified with any of these branches of Freemasonry. In other words, we believe that the fact that a young lady is not a member of our own family should not prevent us from extending congratulations to her upon her marriage to some good fellow."

Under Indiana:

"While we like the old flag as well as any one, and would go as far to defend it as any one, we cannot resist the feeling that, from a Masonic standpoint, the flag business is being carried to extremes in some of our Grand Jurisdictions."

Under Iowa:

"While the ideal Mason is one who would be sufficiently interested in the Fraternity to desire to know all that he could learn concerning its past and present, its precepts and teachings, its ceremonials and symbolism, yet the fact remains that very few of those who kneel at the altars care very much about these things. Many of them feel that the Order itself, as it exists to-day, is all right, and they do not specially care about its origin or what it is that gives it vitality. And then there are a great many, we regret to say, who are using the symbolic degrees purely and simply as a stepping-stone to other branches of Masonry in the hope of eventually being able to wear a fez."

Maine for 1917 is reviewed. We quote, in part:

"We have great pleasure in opening the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine for its Ninety-eighth Annual Communication to see facing us a fine steel engraving of Bro. Stephen Berry, whose name is as

familiar, perhaps more so, than any other name in the American Grand Jurisdictions. He has been Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge from the time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. We notice, however, that at this Annual Communication he had concluded to lay down the Grand Secretary's pen, and was succeeded by another."

Under Quebec, discussing with Bro. Chambers the matter of Public Installations, he says:

"Under Alabama he expresses himself as opposed to the open installation of officers, and gives as his reason that the installation is Masonic work in that the admission of others than members of the Craft to a Masonic Lodge, while open for work, is a decided innovation. Is not the Masonic Lodge at work when it lays the corner-stone of a building, and is it not at work when it conducts the funeral of a brother, and are not those who are not members of the Fraternity present on such occasions? There is nothing secret in the installation of officers any more than is anything secret in the laying of a corner-stone or the conduct of a funeral. The work is all monitorial, and can be read by any one. We have always been in favor of the public installation of officers, and in Ohio it is permitted. We believe it a good thing that our wives and sweethearts should be permitted to see the inside of our lodge rooms, and to see the character of men who constitute our membership, and to hear the impressive admonitions given to our officers by the Installing Officer, and to see the Great Light upon our Altar, and to learn and know that it is ever present at our meetings. It certainly has the tendency to disabuse their minds of the idea of the goat in the ante-room, and the tomfoolery in the lodge room, and gives them a much more exalted conception of the principles and teachings of our Fraternity."

From his conclusion we quote, and bear in mind, the writer is from Ohio:

"It is quite evident to us that there is an unusual amount of hysteria prevailing in many of the Grand Jurisdictions because of the war, and we fear that it will not result in good to the Fraternity. Landmarks, usages, rules and regulations of our Ancient Craft are being set aside and ignored with a freedom and recklessness that is astonishing, to say the least. Many seem to feel that if a man wearing the uniform of a soldier should knock at our doors he should be admitted without question. Indeed, in some instances the doors have been opened and invitations extended to the boys in khaki, and we are not quite sure but that some of the lodges have gone so far as to endeavor to drive them in. We believe this is all dead wrong. We have as much respect, love and esteem for the American soldier as any person on earth, and recognize and appreciate the patriotism exhibited by him when he casts his life and fortune upon his country's altar and goes forth to battle in her behalf. But we do not believe that a soldier's uniform makes a gentleman out of any man who was not such before he donned it, and we believe that the same degree of care should be exercised, and that Masonic Rules and Regulations should be followed as closely in the case of soldiers as others. We believe their petitions should not be received in Military Lodges, or in lodges located at or near military camps, but that the petition of every applicant should be presented to and be acted upon by the lodge of his residence, and then, if he is elected, his lodge may request any lodge most convenient to him to confer the degrees."

OKLAHOMA, 1917.

The ninth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 441; number of members 29,520. Cash on hand in all funds \$53,629.62.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present. Three hundred and seventy-seven lodges were represented.

In order that confusion may not occur among the workmen the Committee on Rules and Order of Business provide a program which reads well and looks well in print.

Among the distinguished representatives of the various jurisdictions with which Oklahoma is in fellowship appeared not the representative for Maine when they were called to the East.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Arthur James Weir, began his address, and after two short paragraphs read the following:

"As Masons, let us not fall short of our whole duty to God, our country and ourselves, and guard well such splendid privileges, and stand by the colors, the greatest flag of all, the Stars and Stripes. We, the children of many lands, salute thee, symbol of beauty and grandeur and glory, emblem of what we aim to be, and what we have done."

Then fireworks began. The program prepared and adopted disappeared in the smoke of the enthusiasm and zeal of the members to adopt the following edict:

"The United States Flag: A part of the paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge, and of each of its constituent lodges, shall be a United States flag, of convenient size, which shall be spread upon the altar, and upon which shall rest the Three Great Lights of Masonry."

The Grand Master returned to his address, from which we quote:

"I find the Craft all over the state in very good condition, but there is still great room for improvement, and further effort toward more efficient work, and a better understanding of our masonic duties, particularly a more thorough knowledge of masonic law and usage."

He issued dispensations for the election and installation of officers, and for conferring degrees without regard to statutory time.

Eight corner-stones were laid; four lodges were constituted; the charters of two lodges were restored; one charter was arrested; seventy-nine lodges were visited; dispensations granted for three new lodges. He interpreted one masonic law as follows:

"In a case where a man had been made a mason forty-five or six years ago in Iowa, but had never affiliated with any lodge since then and had entirely forgotten the work he received, petitioned a lodge for the degrees, I held that his petition could not be received."

Of which the Committee on Law and Usage say:

"We recommend that 'interpretations of masonic law,' reported by

the Grand Master, except that mentioned in the second paragraph, be approved, and that that mentioned in the second paragraph be approved, with the understanding that the Grand Master was not informed that the membership of the petitioner could not be shown from the record of the Grand Lodge of Iowa."

A large amount of business local in character was transacted.

Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Montana he says:

"Why not abandon the five year business and agree that when a rejected applicant moves out of the jurisdiction where he was rejected it has lost jurisdiction over the applicant. The Oklahoma Scribe is of opinion that the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge only reaches as far as the confines of the state. This perpetual or five year jurisdiction over rejected material is a claim that cannot be enforced, and why not abandon it? The Oklahoma Grand Lodge, however, adheres to the five year limit."

Perhaps the claim over rejected material for any length of time cannot be enforced, but if any Grand Lodge should countenance the procedure by which the rejected candidate could, within the limit, be initiated by one of its lodges, it would become *non grata* to the Grand Lodge under which the rejected material formerly lived, and the rejected material might find some difficulty if ever he returned to his former jurisdiction.

Maine for 1916 is reviewed.

We have received announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Leo Edmund Bennett, Grand Master in 1892, and Grand Treasurer at time of his death, who died May 28, 1917.

OREGON, 1917.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 142; number in membership 15,207. Cash on hand \$9,633.23; General Fund \$71,083.33.

Twenty-one Past Grand Masters were present. No summary of lodges represented made by the Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

After the Grand Lodge was opened "The Flag Episode" happened. There were some other preliminaries before the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Will Moore, was delivered.

In the introduction he speaks of the condition of the lodges, and says among other things:

"I would ask the officers of the various lodges to put forth an extra effort to collect the dues from those who are delinquent and to bring

those who have been dropped, back into the Order, and to urge that the full spirit of friendship and brotherly love to be shown them. For may they not be likened unto the one for whom the Great Divine Master sought, even though the ninety and nine were safe within the shelter of the fold?"

One lodge was constituted; three lodges were instituted; two corner-stones were laid; special dispensations waiving the statutory time were granted.

We quote:

"In conformity with the resolution adopted at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, authorizing me to issue a call for a Conference of the Grand Masters of the various Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, to be held in Portland, I addressed a letter to each of the forty-eight Grand Masters, asking if it would be agreeable and convenient for them to be represented at such a Conference. Fourteen Grand Masters approved the call for a Conference and accepted the invitation to be present either in person or by proxy; six stated that they or their jurisdictions did not approve of the plan, and declined to be represented; ten stated that their Grand Lodges would meet before the date of the proposed Conference, but promised that they would refer my letter to their successor and to their Grand Lodge while in session; six favored the plan of holding a Conference, but stated they would not be able to be present; three apparently tried to dodge the question; and nine did not so much as acknowledge receipt of my letter.

"Not thinking it advisable to call the Conference unless at least one-half of the Grand Jurisdictions would be represented, I, with much regret, withdrew the call."

We quote again:

"From the large number of complaints which have been made to me regarding the unmasonic use of the ballot, I feel it my duty to repeat the recommendation made by Bro. P. G. M. Bristol, that you revive and confirm that ancient privilege of the Grand Master, to set aside or declare invalid a ballot which for any unmasonic reasons, prevents deserving material from participating in Masonic affairs."

Form of "Flag Ceremony" to be used by every lodge was adopted.

Through its Committee on Jurisprudence the Grand Lodge reaffirmed its belief in the creation of a National Grand Lodge.

Visitations were interchanged with the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, which was in session.

Legislation looking to "the founding, maintaining and operating of a Masonic Home" was started.

It was decided that under the laws of Oregon "honorary life membership" was not allowable.

Bro. David P. Mason submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence. Maine for 1916 has most fraternal mention.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon laments the loss of its Senior Past Grand

Master, M. W. Bro. William Thomas Wright, Grand Master in 1883, who died December 11, 1917.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1917.

A steel portrait of R. W. Bro. Israel Israel, Grand Master in 1803-1805, graces the proceedings.

Pennsylvania has its Quarterly Communication, at which time the accumulated business is transacted. Their great financial interests need attention, the particular manner which governs its action upon petitions for initiation and membership require observance. Sometimes outside matters like the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and chain letters creep in.

The R. W. Grand Master says:

"Grand Lodge in 1880 in saying that, in inquiring upon a petition for initiation and membership, the question of residence should receive the most careful attention, and that a full and searching inquiry must be made as to the standing and character of the petitioner and his fitness to be made a Mason, decided: 'This inquiry, to be effectual, must be made at his home and of those who know him.'

"The above quoted decision of Grand Lodge has been by many interpreted to mean the domicile or the municipality in which the petitioner lives. I do not so understand this ruling. The inquiry should be made at the actual home of the petitioner. The home is the unit of society, and it should not be ignored by committees of inquiry.

"It is ordered that hereafter at least one member of the Committee of Inquiry appointed by a lodge shall visit the actual home of the petitioner, and that the committee, in making its report, shall certify that at least one of its members has visited the home of the petitioner, naming the member who did so visit the home."

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was recognized.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"*Be It Resolved*, That we, in Grand Lodge assembled, for and on behalf of ourselves and our one hundred and thirty thousand Brethren, Freemasons in Pennsylvania, do hereby solemnly pledge to the Government of the United States of America our unwavering loyalty and support, with our lives, if need be, our every energy, and our worldly goods, to the end that justice and right may prevail, and peace, permanent peace, may be established:

"*And Be It Further Resolved*, That we earnestly request each and every member of this jurisdiction to make a voluntary contribution of *not less than two* (\$2) dollars to establish a fund to be known as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania War Relief Fund, to be under the control of a committee consisting of the elective Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters, for the relief of the members of this jurisdiction in active service, their wives, widows and orphans, and such others as may be in need, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by said committee."

At the Annual Communication the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. Louis

A. Watres, delivered his address, in which he set forth the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, reported his visitations, passed upon the question of physical qualification as well as he was able, touched upon the improper use of the blackball, and reported the constitution of five new lodges.

Under "war conditions" he says:

"The Grand Master, after a full consultation with the Committee on Landmarks, declined to receive petitions for what are known as 'regimental' or 'army' lodges. A warrant such as those suggested would to all intents and purposes be a warrant for a foreign lodge. No such warrant has been granted by our Grand Lodge since February 6, 1832. Under our proceedings we are obliged to have definite information concerning petitioners, and our Ahiman Rezon provides that, to be a member of any of our lodges, one must be a resident of our state for at least one year."

We further quote:

"Our Ancient Charges, so replete with contemplative thought, admonish us to 'walk uprightly in our several stations,' to cherish justice, to subordinate our passions to reason, and to discard prejudices. They point out to us unerringly the value of temperance and discretion in the moderation of our desires, and the priceless benefits of amiable and virtuous living. The entire superstructure of Freemasonry rests upon Holy Writ, which guides us in the path of truth and points out the whole duty of man.

"Our landmarks are sacred and must be strictly adhered to. Unflinching fidelity to them makes us better men and truer Masons, alert to see and to interpret the truths for which our symbols stand. We must have a care, however, not to hold as landmarks individual opinions uttered in times past, and under conditions that no longer exist. We are centuries old, but young enough to discern the dawn of the new day, whose glorious ideals are gilding the peaks of time with the advancing splendor of a mighty modern crusade for Justice and Humanity. We have a new era with its opulent promise of fulfilment as an exemplification of the fundamental teachings of Freemasonry based upon the Divine Word.

"We are an honorable as well as an ancient Fraternity, and therefore it is that every true Mason keeps inviolate his obligations in spirit and letter, despises veneer, detests low thought, abhors impure speech, and disdains dissimulation in conversation and conduct. The real Mason, not with long and somber face, but with smiling countenance radiant with hope, looks for the true things in life, admires knightliness, and lives as seeing Him who is invisible."

Bro. Thomas F. Penman submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Colorado we read:

"The Masonic Temple at Colorado Springs was assessed for taxes at approximately \$800. Believing that under the law the property was exempt from taxation, payment was refused and contested in the courts. The lower court decided in favor of the Masons; but an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, where it is now pending. We had the same experience in Pennsylvania, except that we did not go to law with it. The Masonic Temple was free from taxes for many years, when all at

once the authorities assessed the property for taxes to the amount of about \$27,000; and upon consulting legal counsel we paid it. The general rule of law is, that religious and public eleemosynary institutions are exempt from taxes; but the properties of societies, like the Masons, do not come within the exempt class. Unless Colorado has some state law different from the general rule, we do not see how the tax collector is to be denied. In some jurisdictions the state law has been construed to exempt masonic properties. Perhaps the law of Colorado may be so construed."

Under England we quote:

"It may be here remarked, however, that evidences are not wanting to show that Freemasonry 'made in Germany' holds the same contempt for Freemasonry in all the countries at war with Germany—which includes the United States—and many years will undoubtedly elapse before the breach is healed. All we can say is, that if German Freemasonry has done no more to develop moral refinement in its adherents than the much boasted 'Kultur' of Germany has done to develop humaneness in her statesmen and soldiers, we can dispense with their society until a different breed of Masons may claim our consideration. However, recognition of the German Grand Lodges is not a problem for Pennsylvania to solve at present, for our Grand Lodge gives no masonic recognition to them."

Maine for 1917 has fraternal mention.

His conclusion is devoted to "Masonry and the War," from which we excerpt one paragraph:

"The amazing thing about the war is that the enlightened nations now at war with Germany did not realize how close at hand it was, and did not adequately prepare to meet it. The public utterances of the Kaiser, in hundreds of speeches, were unmistakable notice that he was preparing for conquest. The nation was known to be permeated with the philosophy of Nietzsche, Treitschke and Bernhardt, which taught that war is the natural occupation of mankind; that it 'hallows every cause'; that might makes right; that the individual exists for the state; that Germanism was destined to dominate the politics and commerce of the world."

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1917.

The Fifth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 38; number of members 1,839. Cash in hands of Treasurer \$4,103.28.

Three Past Grand Masters were present; all the lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William H. Taylor, in his address tells of the splendid results in Masonic circles for the year.

All the lodges were visited; one lodge was constituted; no decisions required; dispensations were issued for thirty-one lodges; attention is called to the practice of lodges in the states conferring degrees upon the

residents of the Islands who are temporarily sojourning in the states; several recommendations were presented.

The Grand Orator delivered the annual oration: Subject, "The Practical Nature of Our Craft." We quote one paragraph:

"Every institution for the betterment of man must have the unequivocal support of every single member thereof, if it be effective in its enterprise. It will be weak by degrees as the units are weak or indifferent or even vicious, and unless it succeed in purging itself of this weak or indifferent or vicious element it must of necessity be a sick organization in which, with the insidiousness of the bacteria of disease, these faults will continue to multiply by imperceptible proportions until they consume its vital parts, leaving the husk or shell to be blown hither and thither by every wind of heaven."

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not concur with the recommendations of the Grand Master, except in substituting the word "substantially" for "literally" in the requirements of a candidate to conform to the requirements of the degrees, and their views prevailed.

The following was added to the Uniform Code of By-Laws:

"No member shall solicit for himself, or for any other member of any lodge any elective or appointive office in a lodge; nor shall any electioneering, canvassing, or soliciting of votes, or support, for any member be allowed. Nominations of candidates for office shall not be made. A violation of this section shall be deemed unmasonic conduct, and shall subject the offender to such discipline as the lodge may determine. This section shall be read in open lodge by the Master at the stated meetings of October, November and December of each year."

From the remarks of the Grand Secretary in re the Report of the Committee on Charters we quote:

"We will take into our fold twenty-seven lodges, most of the members of which heretofore were under the Grand Oriente Español. They have now been brought into regular affiliation with our Grand Lodge by the means acknowledged as proper and correct. You are nearly all in full possession of a true conception of the splendid heart Masonry represented by the members of these lodges, many of whom were Masons before some of us were born and their sterling attachment to the principles of our Institution, and the work of their lodges, has in truth glorified Masonry, the which we have observed approvingly during the years of Americanism in these Islands."

The next day thirty-one lodges were constituted by the Grand Master in the presence of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Walter W. Weber presented his first Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

We welcome him and from his introduction we quote of the facts as they appear to him from reading the several proceedings:

"The Grand Master is a creation of the Grand Lodge, having only such powers as are delegated to him by that body. Any attempt to misuse those powers or to exceed his authority has met with objection on the part of the Grand Lodge, and in many instances his decisions have

been reversed. Apparently 'the law's the thing' and must be scrupulously obeyed.

"At the present time there is but one Scottish lodge the lodge at Cebu having returned its charter to Scotland, and it is quite likely—in fact almost certain—that the remaining lodge will come into the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands within a reasonable period. In the meantime we have accepted the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland which reserved the rights of the Scottish lodges in this territory which were chartered prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. Very pleasant and harmonious relations exist between the Scottish lodge and the lodges under the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands."

In view of what we have already written under Idaho we quote:

"We go even further than Delaware by allowing a Warden to confer the Master Mason's degree. No harm is done, and inasmuch as the Wardens are compelled to become proficient in certain degrees before being installed, why not allow them to display their ability and proficiency?"

Maine for 1916 has mention. By the way in the list of Grand Representatives, page 73, the name of the Brother who represents Maine is Waldo "Pettengill" not "Petingil."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1917.

The Forty-second Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 15; number of members 881. Cash in hands of Treasurer \$516.55; Benevolent Fund \$5,199.59.

Eight of the eighteen Past Grand Masters were present; fourteen lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. A. Stirling MacKay, we quote:

"In these days, large with opportunity, let it be everything to each of us what we do and how we do it, and be ever found in the path of duty, regardless of reward and applause, and always as in the sight of Him who gave the strength and opportunity to do our part. Let us dedicate our lives, our talents, our means, everything we are, everything we have, in this great struggle for world freedom. We welcome the entrance of the United States into this great struggle, and a new element of union and strength has come into the cordial relationships that have existed for one hundred years between Great Britain, Canada, and the United States."

He reports generous contribution by the lodges to the Prince Edward Island Protestant Orphanage; the dedication of a Hall; the dispensations granted; his visitations to all the lodges save one.

We quote from the proceedings:

"*Resolved*, That a letter of congratulation be sent to Bro. Harry C. Green, who has attained the great age of a full Hundred Years, a circumstance unique in our history, and seldom recorded in Sister Jurisdictions."

No Report on Correspondence.

QUEBEC, 1917.

The Forty-seventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 66; number of members 8,491. Cash in hands of Treasurer \$3,913.44; other funds, \$92,693.94.

Six of the eleven Past Grand Masters were present.

Sixty-two lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edward A. Evans, in his address tells of his official-visits; of the customs, still continued, by lodges of attendance on divine services as lodges; reports his dispensations; mentions the dead; comments upon the war, and in his conclusion says:

"Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the year; no contentious questions have been brought before me, and, as will be seen from the various other reports that will be placed before you, our financial and numerical progress has been steady and progressive."

The District Deputy Grand Masters reported the condition of the lodges in their districts.

Quite a bit of local business was done.

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented his twenty-eighth Report on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction, which treats learnedly upon a few subjects, we quote:

"Upon nothing of interest to members of the Craft is there apparently more misconception, and certainly upon no masonic subject is there more diversity of opinion than in regard to the proper understanding of 'The Universality of Freemasonry.' Some contend that wherever there are men possessing a knowledge of the allegory and symbolism of the Craft, there true Freemasonry is necessarily to be found; forgetful altogether of the fact that there is more in our Fraternity than the mere modes of recognition, and that there are certain essentials without which no body or association of men, no matter how beautiful their system of morality may be, can rightfully claim to be legitimate Freemasons, or members of a just, perfect and regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Masonry, like every other human institution worthy of maintenance, has its own system of government and well established rules of membership, to which implicit obedience is required. As the ties which bind together the members of this Fraternity are sacred and indissoluble, and as not every brother is sufficiently capable and competent to judge for himself of the legitimacy of those beyond his own jurisdiction who claim to be Freemasons, it is but right to impress upon our younger and less informed Brethren that not all who can pronounce the Masonic Shibboleth are just and regular members of the Fraternity, or are entitled to their fraternal recognition as such. Therefore does each properly constituted Grand Lodge, to which every member of each of its subor-

dinate lodges owes fidelity and obedience, prescribe what Masons are worthy of such confidence, so far as the regularity of their initiation and Grand Lodge government is concerned. For while it is perfectly true that Freemasonry is dispersed over every portion of the habitable globe—so far as the presence in every land of individual Freemasons of genuine origin is concerned—the teachings of the Craft are nowhere to be understood as implying that the governing Grand Orient or Grand Lodge of so-called Masonry is in every land an integral portion of legitimate Freemasonry and worthy of universal recognition. On the contrary, there are Grand Bodies of this kind which our own and other Grand Lodges have not found entitled to their recognition; while governing bodies of a similar character, which, like the Grand Orient of France, enjoyed, at one time, fraternal recognition from many of the leading Grand Lodges of the world, have forfeited and been deprived of such privileges by reason of their departure from the essential principles and teachings of the Craft.

“One can fully sympathize with the feeling of regret, often expressed, that it should be impossible to associate as Masons with all who have desired fraternity, and even with those who have sought it where no masonic light is to be found. Let none, however, imagine that it is any part of our system of morality to seek to deter its initiates from loving sympathy and fraternity with any fellow-being, Mason or profane. Our object is to be serviceable to all, and our creed ‘The Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man.’ Our teaching is to do good unto all men, and especially—but not exclusively—to those who are of the household of faith. When we have fully learned to view in every child of Adam a brother of the dust, and to practice as well as to believe in and to preach of our duty towards our neighbor, shall we most fully and most fittingly have given practical expression to our belief in the universality of our Freemasonry—a practical Freemasonry of service, both to Him whose Fatherhood we profess with our lips, and to those whose brotherhood is co-extensive with the human race.”

Maine for 1916 has fraternal mention.

RHODE ISLAND, 1917.

The One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 37; number of members 9,832. Cash on hand, \$5,614.10.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present, Thirty-five lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

At the semi-annual communication held in November, 1916, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the standing order in regard to physical qualifications was made to read as follows: “No man who is unable to perform every part of the work in the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry is eligible to receive those degrees; but an applicant, physically defective, who can by artificial means, controlled by himself, perform all the requirements of the work, shall be eligible;” but it did not go through.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

Memorials to M. W. Bro. Newton Darling Arnold, Grand Master in 1884, who died August 13, 1916, and to R. W. Bro. Ara Hildredth, Junior Grand Warden in 1861-64, who died October 18, 1916, were read.

At the annual communication the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Wilbur A. Scott, read his address. In it he remembers the dead, reports his dispensations. Of his decisions we quote:

"I held that a member of a Subordinate Lodge objecting to the passing of a candidate, as provided for in Article VII, Section 18, of the Constitution, must present with his objection information or charges susceptible of investigation, and that on refusal to do so, the objection might properly be ignored."

He reports very fully his visitations and the courtesies extended to him as Grand Master. He devotes one paragraph to "chain letters."

Of the "Grand Master's Conference," desired by the Grand Lodge of Oregon, he says:

"While I believe that all Grand Jurisdictions must have appreciated the generosity of the Grand Lodge of Oregon in offering its hospitality and the sincerity of its motives, it is evident that there is a very general feeling that the benefits of such conferences are not commensurate with their cost. Many jurisdictions doubtless feel that the real purpose of the proponents of similar conferences in the past has been a desire to establish a General Grand Lodge, a project which has been consistently disapproved and opposed by this and other neighboring Grand Jurisdictions whenever it has been presented for consideration."

No Report on Correspondence.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Elisha Hunt Rhodes, Grand Master in 1893-1894, who died January 14, 1917.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1917.

The Eleventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 122; number in membership 7,618. Cash on hand \$4,923.24; Benevolent Fund \$21,762.56.

Four Past Grand Masters were present; one hundred three lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was not present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John Hawkins Anderson, in the introduction to his address devotes space to the consideration of the war and the problems for Masons at home.

Seven lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for ten lodges and for other purposes, and of his rulings we quote:

"It is not permissible for a Brother from a Grand Lodge not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan to either visit or affiliate with a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction."

The several District Deputy Grand Masters presented detailed reports of the condition of the lodges in their respective districts.

The Honor Roll shows over one thousand brethren from the Province who are in the war.

Considering the Report of Committee on Grievances and Appeals we read:

"Whereupon a discussion arose as to whether Grand Lodge had the power to 'modify or change a decision or sentence' of a constituent lodge where no appeal was made from same, and the M. W. the Grand Master ruled that the action was out of order."

A Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented.
Maine for 1916 is mentioned.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1917.

The One Hundred Eighty-first Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 272; number of members 18,064. Cash on hand \$26,608.82; Masonic Relief Fund \$128,108.03.

Eight Past Grand Masters were present; two hundred fifty lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. R. A. Cooper, in his address touched lightly upon many topics of importance to his jurisdiction.

Two lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for six new lodges; two corner-stones were laid; degrees conferred by courtesy reported in detail; announced thirty-seven general decisions, of which none are at variance with the commonly accepted practice.

Nearly all the District Deputy Grand Masters reported the condition of the lodges under their supervision.

No business of general interest was transacted unless it be their generous donation of \$20,000 for each call of Liberty Bonds up to \$100,000.

Bro. J. L. Michie submitted his eighth Annual Review of Proceedings. Maine for 1917 has a page.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1917.

The Forty-third Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 143; number of members 12,226. Cash on hand \$12,727.62; Grand Charity Fund \$32,499.78.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present; one hundred sixteen lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James Roane, in his address says:

"The masonic year just closed has not been marked by any event of unusual significance in our jurisdiction. There has been a substantial increase in our membership; and the Grand Lecturer, who comes into closer personal contact with the brethren than any other member of this body, assures me that he has everywhere noted greater enthusiasm and better masonic work in the various subordinate lodges than ever before."

Dispensations were issued for four new lodges; one lodge was constituted; one corner-stone laid, and one new hall dedicated; dispensations for the usual reasons were granted. We quote one, outside of the usual:

"A special dispensation was granted to Milbank Lodge, No. 20, to confer the degrees in Masonry upon Victor Solmonson, who had been duly elected to receive the same, but who prior to his initiation lost one of his legs between the knee and ankle. An artificial leg enabled him to conform to the forms prescribed."

We quote one decision:

"Q.—What is the proper method of receiving a petition for the degrees in Masonry?"

"A—A petition for the degrees in Masonry should in all cases be filled out on one of the blank forms supplied by the Grand Secretary, and recommended by two Master Masons who are members of the lodge to which such petition is presented. The Secretary reads the petition in open lodge at a stated communication, and thus brings it before the lodge. Some member arises in his place and under the due guard and sign of a Master Mason says: 'Worshipful Master, I move that the petition be received and referred to a committee on investigation.' The Worshipful Master then says: 'Is there a second to the motion?' If the motion is seconded in due form, the Worshipful Master then puts the motion to the lodge, and if it carries, appoints a committee of three on investigation.

"Until the Worshipful Master puts the duly seconded motion before the lodge, and it prevails, the petition has not been *received*; it has merely been presented to the lodge. In other words, a petition is not received until it has been duly presented and accepted by unanimous ballot on duly seconded motion:—the ballot in this case being by the usual voting sign of a Mason."

He calls particular attention to the fact that a lodge of Masons does not hold "meetings," but "communications." He discusses quite fully the laws of South Dakota relative to limits and physical qualifications of petitioners for the degrees of Masonry. Concerning physical qualification the Committee on Jurisprudence said:

"Your committee respectfully urges that Landmark Eighteen be interpreted to mean that competency to conform literally, with his own natural members, to all the requirements of the ceremonies of the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, and to receive and impart instruction therein, fulfills the requirements for physical perfection in the candidate."

The Grand Lodge of Panama was recognized.

A large amount of business entirely local in character was transacted.

Bro. S. A. Brown presented the Report on Correspondence. Maine for 1916 has nearly two pages in his most interesting report.

For nineteen years M. W. Bro. Samuel Augustine Brown faithfully performed the duties of Committee on Correspondence. His reports were entertaining, instructive and learned. We shall miss his inspiring words. He died suddenly February 5, 1918. He was Grand Master in 1909.

TENNESSEE, 1918.

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 456; number of members 30,256. Cash on hand \$45,996.02.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present. Four hundred and eight lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Jno. T. Peeler, in his address devotes the opening paragraph to a mention of the war.

Four lodges were constituted; four corner-stones laid; one masonic hall dedicated; many cases of degrees conferred by courtesy reported; dispensations granted and refused announced.

Fifty-eight "Official Rulings" were made, all of which were local in their nature and the most of them were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, while others suffered slight changes by the Committee.

We congratulate the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, for the Grand Master said "our Grand Lodge does not owe a cent on our Grand Lodge Home, and our Freemasons Hall is free from all indebtedness."

When Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, called a conference of the various fraternal organizations of the United States, there was called a conference of the Grand Masters who were present. We quote:

"Questions of vital interest to our fraternity were discussed, among them was the question of our present relation with the Masonic Lodges in France. This question is of much importance, owing to the fact that many of our brethren from the various Grand Jurisdictions in the United States have been called into the service of our country, and some of them have been sent and others will be sent to France if the war continues. The Grand Master of Tennessee, at that conference, stated on the floor of the conference that he understood that one of the Grand Bodies of France had opened wide its doors to American Masons, and he made the following motion:

"That the Chairman and Secretary of this conference memorialize the French Grand Bodies of Masons, through M. W. Lurtin R. Ginn, Past Grand Master, District of Columbia, now in France, to restore the Holy Bible to their altars and to require of its candidates a belief in God, thereby making it possible for American Grand Lodges to recognize French Masonry and to resume fraternal relations."

"This motion was unanimously adopted. Thereupon the following resolution was sent by Hon. James W. Witten, Grand Master of the District of Columbia, as chairman of the conference, attested by Hon. Walter L. Stockwell, Past Grand Master of North Dakota, who was Secretary of the conference:

"*Resolved*, That we, the Grand Masters of Masons of California, Utah, North Dakota, Texas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, New York, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut and the District of Columbia, in conference assembled, in the City of Washington, on December 13, 1917, voting in our own proper persons, and through our accredited representatives, send the Most Worshipful Brother Lurtin R. Ginn, Past Grand Masters of Masons of the District of Columbia, and through him to the Masons of France, and commission him as our ambassador to express to them our very great regret that conditions are such as to preclude some of our American Grand Lodges from holding full Masonic intercourse with their Grand Bodies, and we fully empower and urge him to use all proper means within his power to bring about such changes as will permit the closest affiliation and co-operation between the Masons of France and the Masons of the United States."

Bro. H. A. Chambers presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"In some Grand Jurisdictions, sentiment in favor of the recognition of the Grand Orient of France is being developed on the ground that, notwithstanding the fundamental objections heretofore prevailing in ordinary times, such recognition now would be of benefit to American Masons in our army during the present extraordinary time of war.

"England has withdrawn for the period of the war from resident Masons of enemy countries the right or privilege of lodge visitation.

"The Grand Lodges of Germany have decided not to recognize Masons of enemy countries.

"It may be that these official actions may prevent individual Masons, though loyal as they ought to be, and it is their duty to be, to their own countries, from acting according to the fundamental principles of the order in their personal relations with Masons of enemy countries. Our understanding is that individual action with Masons of opposing parties did much and needed good without any injury whatever to either belligerent during the Confederate war in the United States."

Maine for 1917 is mentioned.

TEXAS, 1917,

The Eighty-second Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 893; number of members 71,366. Cash on hand \$17,145.70.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present. Four hundred lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Many distinguished Masons were received and welcomed.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank C. Jones, is devoted mainly to the war.

He reports in detail the many masonic matters which required his attention, and probably were of interest to the Craft in Texas.

Five lodges were constituted; one hundred thirty-one cases of physical qualification were passed upon; twenty-three pages were required to report the conferring of degrees by courtesy; ten pages to the subject of conferring the degrees out of time; dispensations were granted for three new lodges.

Of his decisions we quote:

"That while the purpose of the Eastern Star ladies was commendable, that under the laws of our Grand Lodge a lodge room cannot be used for the purpose of a public entertainment to raise money. The meetings of chapters of the Eastern Star in our lodge rooms which are permitted refer to business or social meetings confined to the families of Masons, and cannot be construed to mean meetings of this character held for public entertainment and for the purpose of raising money, to which the profane are admitted.

"Plain white aprons or white lamb skin aprons are the proper aprons to be used, and white lamb skin aprons with blue binding or any other embellishment will not be allowed in Blue Lodges under Texas jurisdiction.

"Question—A. F. C. having had two protests lodged against his receiving the Master's degree, for how many years is he prevented from advancing?

"Held—A protest is equivalent to a black ball, and having received two protests he is stopped for two years just as if two black balls had been cast."

The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:

"Each lodge shall pay annually as a contribution to the Grand Lodge the sum of 50 cents for each member, \$1.00 for each degree conferred, \$2.00 for each dispensation for degrees, and the further sum of \$1.00 additional for each member, to be used for the support and maintenance of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, which amounts shall be forwarded and paid with its returns to the Grand Lodge."

The Committee on Jurisprudence say:

"In Decision No. 8 the Grand Master held 'that it is left to the sound discretion of the Worshipful Master of the lodge as to whether or not Masonic burial should be accorded to a suspended Mason.' That decision cannot be sustained, there being no edict, resolution or other Masonic authority upon which to base the decision. None but a Mason in good standing is entitled to Masonic burial, and the only instance in which any discretion is lodged in the Worshipful Master is in the case of a dimitted Mason, as provided in Article 432, Masonic Laws 1908."

Dispensations for Army Lodges were authorized.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas hereby extends fraternal greetings to the Grand Loge de France, and hereby recognizes the same and welcomes it among the Grand Lodges of the world, and that the usual representatives be exchanged between the two bodies."

Bro. John L. Terrell presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence. His health prevented him from doing all that he intended. We hope that he has recovered from his illness.

Maine was not reached before the illness overtook him.

The Grand Lodge of Texas mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Archibald William Campbell, Grand Master in 1904-05, who died April 1, 1917.

UTAH, 1918.

The Forty-seventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 20; number of members 2,717. Cash on hand \$4,439.26; Charity Fund \$6,496.44.

Twelve Past Grand Masters were present. All the lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles Fred Jennings, with but one brief paragraph for an introduction to his address, renders the account of his official labors which were much the same as those of his station in other Grand Lodges. All but two of the lodges were visited by him.

Of Military Lodges he says:

"The question of the propriety and advisability of authorizing the organization of a Military Lodge came up during the past year, particularly in connection with Masons who had enlisted in the 145th Field Artillery, which Regiment, as you are aware, was organized in this state, and is composed almost wholly of Utah men.

"I took up the subject with a number of our Past Grand Masters, and other members of the Grand Lodge, and it was the almost unanimous conclusion that it was not advisable to perfect such an organization."

The Committee on Correspondence presented a valuable report on "War Activities in the Various Jurisdictions."

A further report was made on the Request of the Grand Lodge of France for recognition, and the following recommendations were presented:

"First—That all Utah Masons in France be given permission to hold Masonic intercourse with the members of the lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of France and to visit such lodges.

"Second—That the matter of establishing fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of France be placed in the hands of such Committee as

may be designated by Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master, and that such Committee report, with recommendations, at the next Annual Communication."

The first was adopted; the second was referred to a Committee to report upon at the next Annual Communication.

Bro. S. H. Goodwin presented the Report on Correspondence.

Discussing a decision of the Grand Master of Idaho when he was asked "Can a member of the Mormon church petition for and receive the degrees of Masonry in this jurisdiction," Bro. Goodwin writes:

"The brother knows, or might have known, that the president of the L. D. S. church is held by every true follower to be prophet, seer and revelator—in a real and vital sense, as the mouthpiece of God. His position in the Mormon church is like that of the Pope in relation to the Catholic church. It follows, as a matter of course, that his words, influence and example have more weight with his people than those of any other living person. If he advocates, or lives in accordance with, certain well-known and declared principles of the Mormon faith, that fact of itself will go farther than any other influence, in shaping the ideals, beliefs and practices of his people. If he lives in strict accord with the laws of his state and country, that fact will have a decisive influence. If he continuously and openly lives in violation of the laws of the state and country, that fact of itself will wield a greater power among his people, than all the purely academic instruction that can be given. Why? Because, we repeat, to his people, he is the leader who stands nearest to God, and, on occasion, is the very mouthpiece of the Most High.

"When the G. M. of Idaho wrote that decision, did he not know that the president of the Mormon church had four families and that he had testified, under oath, that many children had been born to him since the Manifesto? Did our Brother not know that the president testified at the same time, that he was living in violation of the laws of his church, country and God, and further, that he expected to continue doing so—that he was willing to take his chances with the laws of the state, as he expressed it? Did not the G. M. of Idaho know that at the same time, other officials of the Mormon church, who were, and are, maintaining similar relations with several families, gave similar testimony? Did he not know that one of the fundamental principles of the L. D. S. faith is absolute obedience to the priesthood? That upon this, is made to hinge practically all that is worth while, to the devout Mormon? With our Brother, which speaks louder—the things we say, on occasion, or the things we do, as a matter of habit, faith and life? Can our Brother point to any Methodist, Baptist or Presbyterian leader with any power at all commensurate with that of the president of the Mormon church? And does he know of any leader, in any one of these denominations, even with the comparatively insignificant power such leader wields, whose attitude toward the laws of his state and country is at all like that of the Mormon leader, or who has testified to the world—and made good that testimony—that he intends to continue disregarding them? Yet he put the adherents of the one, and the other, on precisely the same footing? Has our Brother ever happened to read the 132d Section of Doctrines and Covenants? Does he know that the book in which that chapter appears is at least equal in authority—as a guide—with the Bible, and that it is always named as one of the accepted and adopted books of the Mormon faith? Did he somewhere get the impression that this was 'dead matter?' Does he not know that repeated references are made to this book, and not infrequent references to the particular chapter named, in the literature pro-

vided for the young people and children of the church, and that this literature is in use in the Sunday School and young people's organizations? Does the G. M. of Idaho think that the facts here suggested have anything to do with the lives of the L. D. S.? It is not our purpose to discuss this question; we simply desired to draw attention to some matters which at once occurred to us when we read that decision, with its interesting comparison. In view of these, and other facts of similar import, we may be pardoned, perhaps, if we still hold that the G. M. did not speak advisedly."

Maine for 1917 is fraternally reviewed.

We quote:

"And the Reviewer asks, anent the appointment of a committee to investigate clandestinism: 'Investigate what?' Why, its status, especially before the law, to ascertain if this fraudulent usurper may not be induced to cease covering its nakedness with the respectable clothing of Masonry."

VERMONT, 1917.

One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Communication

Number of lodges 103; number of members 14,533. Cash on hand \$3,534.93; Charity Fund \$5,005.27.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present; sixty-seven lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry H. Ross, in the introduction to his address presented the condition of Masonry (in a wonderful taking way) as it appeared from the point of view of an able masonic student, a Christian gentleman, and a defender of the "right of self-government, for true democracy, for the right to live and die free men, answerable under law only to our consciences and to our God."

"Under the topic, "Condition of the Craft," he says:

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Maine for 1917 is fraternally reviewed.

We quote:

"And the Reviewer asks, anent the appointment of a committee to investigate clandestinism: 'Investigate what?' Why, its status, especially before the law, to ascertain if this fraudulent usurper may not be induced to cease covering its nakedness with the respectable clothing of Masonry."

VERMONT, 1917.

One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 103; number of members 14,533. Cash on hand \$3,534.93; Charity Fund \$5,005.27.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present; sixty-seven lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

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He discusses in an able manner the question of a "Grand Lodge Charity Fund."

Bro. Charles H. Darling presented the Report on Correspondence. He says:

"It is the practice of the Grand Master in this jurisdiction to report to the Grand Lodge annually something of his work, together with any other matters that are of interest to or pertain to the order within this jurisdiction, including discussion of any subject that he may deem of interest to the Craft. It has seemed to me that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence might also properly present a paper to the Grand Lodge in turn informing the Masons of this jurisdiction something of what is going on in other jurisdictions. To be read, which is the great desideratum, a paper must be of readable length, that is, of such length that the average member will or can read it in one sitting. Should I continue on the committee for a time, it is my purpose to write a series of papers on the general subject of the 'Progress of Masonry During the Year,' basing the paper upon the material found in the proceedings of other grand jurisdictions during that year. Such a paper can be divided into subjects and made to comply strictly with the direction of the Grand Lodge at its last session."

Anent the action of the Grand Lodge of England in adopting the following resolution:

"That in order to prevent the peace and harmony of the Craft being disturbed it is necessary that all brethren of German, Austrian, Hungarian or Turkish birth should not during the continuance of the war attend any meeting of the Grand Lodge, or of a Provincial or District Grand Lodge, or of a private lodge, or any other masonic meeting, and that such brethren be, and they are hereby required by Grand Lodge to abstain from such attendance, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of every lodge."

He says:

"So far as Vermont is concerned it is not necessary for us to become particularly excited about it, as we are not in fraternal relations with any of the Grand Lodges of any of the Central Powers. On the other hand, practically all of the foreign Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal relations are within the British dominions."

VIRGINIA, 1917.

One Hundred Thirty-ninth Grand Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 319; number of members 26,027. Cash on hand \$14,131.32.

Ten Past Grand Masters were present; many lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James Alston Cabell, gives a business like address. Three new lodges were constituted; permission was given to lay twenty-seven corner-stones; seventy-seven lodges were personally visited.

Of physical qualifications he says:

"From the moment a candidate is brought to light he becomes a brother, to whom and from whom certain obligations are due, from which neither he nor the Craft can voluntarily and without cause absolve themselves. He is liable to trial and punishment for offenses committed by him. At each step, indeed, the lodge must be satisfied of the worthiness and qualification of the candidate; but these are moral and not physical requisites.

"I recommend that the question of physical qualifications of candidates be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, for the purpose of submitting to the Grand Lodge a resolution which will make our requirements more nearly in accord with present conditions."

Of his decisions we quote one:

"A lodge cannot, by a by-law, or otherwise, exempt any class of members, nor any particular member, from the payment of dues. The exceptions permitted by the Digest are in the nature of compensation for services."

Some little friction with West Virginia arose because of the conferring of degrees of Masonry in Virginia upon one who was alleged to have been rejected in West Virginia, which holds to a three years' jurisdiction over material rejected.

The Committee on Grand Officers in their report say:

"Ritualistic conditions in this Grand Jurisdiction are all that could be desired, except in a few isolated cases. A perusal of these reports, as well as the reports from fifty District Deputy Grand Masters, indicates that peace and harmony prevail in this Grand Jurisdiction."

Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Commenting upon troubles in Kentucky he says:

"For a long time many thoughtful Masons have realized that there is growing among Masons a danger of schism which, compared with that which so sorely tried Ohio many years ago, would make their troubles look like child's play. Ohio got into trouble by taking sides between rival claimants for regularity in Scottish Rite affairs, and the fact that she took the right side did not save her years of discord and contention with clandestinism. Virginia was asked to take sides, and this writer,

who was present, well remembers that our Grand Lodge wisely said, 'We know nothing whatever officially of any organization but our own, whether or not it calls itself masonic.' The result was peace till this day.

"There is to-day a restless element in Masonry looking for trouble, and county courthouse experience teaches that such people always find it. Rome has always attacked us, and will continue, hoping that we will strike back. Unnecessary defense acknowledges vulnerability, is a confession of weakness. Humorous contemptuousness is the best of weapons—certainly far better than any controversy. If any organized body of Masons CAN FIND NO OTHER MISSION THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL CONTROVERSY, IT WOULD BE BEST TO CLOSE ITS DOORS.

"Controversy and Masonry are utterly incompatible elements. If men must fight Rome, do it elsewhere, and do not degrade Masonry by using it for controversy."

Maine for 1916 has a pleasant mention for our Most Worshipful Brother Thomas H. Bodge.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Charging dues annually, in advance, for the convenience of secretaries, from which grows frequent injustice, is wrong. Requiring receipts for dues before examination is an impertinence. Marching in regalia, save for funerals and corner-stone laying and public installations, is childish vanity, or else unworthy advertising, far beneath the dignity of our hoary and venerable institution. Calling to refreshment and entertaining mixed Masons and profanes, and all other recognition of any organization not pure Masonry, is a grave, and will, some day, become a dangerous innovation. It is but a concession to woman suffrage, and that is pure politics, be our individual views what they may.

"Striving for members is unmasonic. All degree work, and little or no social life, or instructive features, is a sad mistake. But, perhaps, worse and most destructive of all, is permitting our peace-loving institution, which is in its very essence the antithesis of controversy, to be drawn into religious contention. We have our work to do in the world, and have no mission to fight or contend with anybody. That we are sometimes attacked to-day by the Roman church, as we have been for centuries, is no excuse whatever. Wordy defense is confession of weak vulnerability, and *just that is what Rome wants*. Their fulminations have never hurt us in all the ages, and, if we only have the sense to leave them to beat the air, they never will. If on earth there ever was a set of people who could afford to smile in silence at any and all attacks, we are just those people. What we choose to do as individuals is another story.

"Our fathers had none of these mistakes in their Masonry. These, and some others, are modern innovations, and should be rigorously weeded out. Let us keep our Masonry pure and simple; do what we can for our fellow-man, especially those of our household, and let other organizations do as they will."

We have received announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Henry Knox Field, who was elected Grand Master at the Annual Communication in February, 1917, and died July 31, 1917.

WASHINGTON, 1917.

The Sixtieth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 203; number of members 22,573. Cash on hand \$15,242.98.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present; one hundred and ninety-one lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Geo. R. Malcolm, thought it best to apologize for his falling from the high position which he had hoped to assume in the performance of his duties.

He reports in detail the dispensations, among which were four for new lodges; three corner-stones laid; one Masonic Temple dedicated; seven lodges constituted; made the following decisions:

"Held—A Master Mason, dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues, shall not be entitled to the rights and privileges of Masonry while under that status.

"Held—A profane, working on a steamer plying between ports on Puget Sound, is not a sea-faring man."

Of which the Committee on Jurisprudence said that the first decision be not approved and his second decision is too broad:

"Without the actual facts as passed upon by the Grand Master at hand, we believe that where a man actually lives on ship or boat engaged in navigation, whether on fresh or salt water, he should be classed as a sea-faring man, as the United States Government recognizes him as such."

Of the Standard Work he says:

"In my opinion, the present system of instruction is not satisfactory.

"There are many lodges in this jurisdiction that need instruction, but do not ask for it. If we are desirous of having the lodges proficient in the work we must adopt a method of reaching the lodges that fail to ask for instruction.

"I would recommend that the Grand Lecturer be put on a salary of \$1,800.00 a year and expenses, and that he act under the immediate supervision of the Grand Master; the idea being to have him visit and instruct, especially, the smaller and younger lodges."

Army Lodges were not approved. Appearance in public in Masonic clothing "for the purpose of participating in demonstration of a patriotic nature" was not allowed.

Bro. Ralph C. McAllister submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 has mention. We quote:

"When our own father left Maine a great many years ago, one of his most intimate friends was named Eastman. It was with some interest then, that we read of the inspection of Delta Lodge in our father's old

home town by a District Deputy named Eastman, and that the lodge was represented in Grand Lodge by Bro. McAllister."

Under Michigan, commenting upon the failure of lodges to reimburse foreign lodges for relief, he says:

"Just the minute it becomes our *duty* to extend relief it passes into the realms of insurance; and if we admit that we are bounden to that duty, then we shall find some insurance departments jacking us up to maintain our ability. The procuring of authority at once shows that it is a voluntary matter. The writer hopes to see the day when no Masonic Lodge will acknowledge any claim that is not limited by the obligation, which is individual, and when no 'demand for reimbursement' will ever be made, the reimbursement being as voluntary as the giving."

WEST VIRGINIA, 1917.

The Fifty-third Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 151; number of members 20,711. Cash on hand \$191.08.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present; one hundred thirty-seven lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles E. Carrigan, in the introduction to his address devotes a paragraph or two to the conditions of affairs in the world; then passes to the consideration of the dead; reports his dispensations; reports the laying of seven corner-stones and the dedication of two Masonic Halls; tells of his visitations.

He briefly mentions the conferring of degrees by courtesy; commends the labors of the District Deputy Grand Masters; reports twenty-three decisions, of which we quote:

"A number of citizens, some of them Masons, purchase real estate and lay out a cemetery. Later it is proposed to turn the entire property over to the Masonic Lodge and Odd Fellow Lodge in said locality on condition that the two lodges assume joint ownership and be responsible for all expense connected therewith. Can a masonic lodge, as a lodge, enter into any such arrangement?"

"*Held:* A masonic lodge is not permitted to hold joint ownership of property with any other than masonic lodge, or allow its funds to be used jointly with the funds of other lodges in any such business transactions.

"Can the American flag be spread over the altar of the lodge during the lodge work while the regular decoration of the altar are there?"

"*Held:* No. As to the proper place for the flag in the lodge room no provision is made in the ritual. However, no possible objection can be made to making a display of the American flag in the lodge room. But the one particular place it should not be is upon the altar. The teachings of our Order clearly and explicitly define just what the decorations of a masonic altar are. These and nothing else should be there dis-

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"I notice that the Grand Lecturer states he has the Ritual completed and ready to turn over to the Deputy Lecturers. I suppose he refers to a *cipher*. Brethren, it is none of my business to butt in, but I am going to do it, any way. Such innovations are dangerous, as they have been frequently tried and abandoned. In most of our Grand jurisdictions they are positively prohibited. In West Virginia a Mason would be expelled, *volens volens*, if he was caught with one of those things about his clothes. According to our law, the place to carry masonic secrets is in one's head, and not in his pocket."

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"I am aware of the fact that clubs are becoming a fad, and a great many Grand Lodges are allowing so-called Masonic Clubs to be organized. I cannot but feel that it is a mistake, and will result in injury to the Fraternity. Lodges proper can introduce certain features of club life which can be made attractive and helpful, instead of organizing an outside institution to be called a 'Masonic Club.' To use the name of Masonry, or Masonic, in anything outside of Masonry itself has always seemed to me to be wrong, and should not be tolerated. Moreover, in the end, Masonic Clubs will most surely interfere with lodge attendance. Of course, I am only speaking for myself, but I feel sure I am speaking for 'the good of the Order.'"

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PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

"Much has been written the past year on the subject of physical perfection, because the tendency of nearly all Grand Lodges seems to be in the direction of waiving the old rule of a perfect man in Speculative Freemasonry. Nevertheless, I have observed that some Grand Lodges, according to my way of looking at things, are getting too 'liberal'—perhaps *progressive* is a better word. For many years I have opposed the extremists on both sides of this matter, and have adhered strictly to the rule that if a profane possesses the other essential moral qualifications, and can, without artificial aids, fulfill all the requirements of the Ritual, he should be regarded as eligible for initiation. But I have never believed, as some writers contend, that a wooden-legged man in Masonry is better material than one with a wooden-head. In many ways he might be superior, but as neither of them is eligible masonic material, this rule cannot apply. However, I am firmly convinced that the absence of certain fingers on the right hand, and all of them on the left, for that matter, should not bar one from admission.

THE LIQUOR BUSINESS.

"Grand Lodges generally are screwing down the brakes tighter and tighter on the liquor business as the years go by. The fact is, one has to be next door to a 'teetotaler' to get into a masonic lodge now-a-days; and if he has anything to do with the making or handling of 'the obnoxious,' he is likely to have no more show to get in than a one-legged man would have in a foot ball game. However, it looks to me like the manufacture and sale of the 'ardent' is on its last legs in this country anyway. Hence, it cannot be a disturber in Masonry much longer. *It seems to be doomed*, and is retreating into the shades of 'innocuous desuetude.'"

We have received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. John M. Hamilton, Grand Master in 1889, who died December 27, 1916; and of M. W. Bro. Wyndham Stokes, Grand Master in 1910, who died March 12, 1917.

WISCONSIN, 1917.

The Seventy-third Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 277; number of members 33,239. Cash on hand \$24,899.02; other Funds \$21,243.75.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present; two hundred fifty-three lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Cyrus S. Stockwell, devoted some space in his address to the introduction and then the dead are considered. The Masonic Home is mentioned.

He made six decisions which need no comment. Ninety special dispensations were granted, of which five permitted lodge to take part in loyalty demonstration, and he says:

"In respect to the granting of dispensations permitting lodges to participate in loyalty demonstration, I am not entirely sure of my ground but I have no apologies to offer."

He received and answered more than eleven hundred letters and says:

"Have answered many questions that an examination of the Constitution, Laws and Edicts would have answered readily, and have answered them by calling the inquirer's attention to the page and section on which the law could be found.

"I have been asked to do some things which I did not attempt. One enthusiastic brother went so far as to request me to use my influence to stop the war in Europe. I do not think that I found the correct answer to that request."

Three lodges were constituted; one dispensation issued for a new lodge; four Masonic Temples were dedicated; seven corner-stones were laid.

The Masonic Home required much consideration.

We quote from the proceedings:

"The Deputy Grand Master called the Grand Lodge up, when in came our beloved Grand Master Cyrus S. Stockwell, followed by Past Grand Senior Warden Cyrus D. Stockwell, and Brother Cyrus G. Stockwell—three generations of the Stockwell family, all Master Masons. Brother Cyrus G. Stockwell was clothed in the uniform of a soldier of the United States. The Grand Lodge organist was not present but the brethren sang two verses of 'America,' without accompaniment, which made the 'welkin ring.'

"The three (grandfather, father and grandson) were conducted to the East and accorded the Grand Honors, after which they were cordially welcomed by the Deputy Grand Master, and now it was incumbent upon the three generations to reply. The grandfather (the Grand Master) was unable to respond. The father was visibly affected. He, too, stood mute, and it was from the third generation, the young soldier, Brother Cyrus G. Stockwell, that we waited breathlessly for a word. He, too, felt the great responsibility. After but a moment for thought the young soldier brother said in substance, 'If I am permitted to come home again and be a citizen instead of a soldier, it will be the ideal of my life to do my full duty as a Mason to God and humanity.'"

The Grand Master:

"Q. Question: Is it a proper use of the lodge funds to donate a sum for the equipment of boy scouts?"

"A. Answer: No. The funds of the lodge are designed primarily for the legitimate expenses of the lodge and for the practice of Masonic charity. Although the Grand Lodge does not assume to control the lodge in its expenditures, the diversion of its funds to other than Masonic purposes would have a tendency to cause dissension in the lodge."

The Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Decision number 1 is not approved. The lodge has the legal right to control its own funds so far as the disposition of such funds does not impair its ability to discharge its duty to the Craft. Nevertheless the funds of the lodge are designed primarily to meet the legitimate expenses of the lodge and the practice of Masonic charity."

There is supposed to be a difference between "Twiddledum and Twiddledee."

Memorials with portraits were presented for three Past Grand Senior Wardens, one Past Grand Junior Warden, one Grand Chaplain, and one Grand Pursuivant who died during the past year.

Bro. Aldro Jenks presented his twentieth Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arkansas we read:

"A resolution was adopted requiring that the American Flag be displayed at each session of the Grand Lodge, and that all Subordinate Lodges be directed to secure and display an American Flag, in the hall, at all meetings. This is patriotism but not Masonry, and for this reason we regret to see the measure adopted. There are many things that are good in themselves that are out of place by being indulged in on certain occasions. A dirge is appropriate at a funeral but would be out of place at a wedding, and the contrary is true. Masonry would do better to adhere to its own particular field and leave sentimental displays of patriotism for more appropriate times and places."

Maine for 1916 has space in his able review.

Under North Dakota we quote:

"North Dakota has joined the ranks of those who propose to disregard the ancient landmarks and confer the degrees of the Craft upon those physically deformed, provided they can by artificial means and by any stretch of the imagination show that they are able to meet the requirements and obtain the means of subsistence. Has the desire for increased membership become so urgent in North Dakota that our brethren are willing to throw aside the teaching of the Craft, wipe out the ancient landmarks and confer the status of Masonry upon cripples? We know the old argument that has been applied over and over again that these men are morally and intellectually worthy and are only prevented by an accident of physical condition from fulfilling the requirements of the degrees. If you are going to do this why not disregard the rest of the landmark which requires that the petitioner for the degrees shall be a 'man,' and confer the privileges of the Craft upon women and young men under age? They, too, are intellectually and morally worthy, and you might as well disregard one landmark of the Craft as another when you indulge in the doctrine of expediency for the purpose of increasing lodge membership."

WYOMING, 1917.

The Forty-third Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 34; number of members 3,701. Cash on hand \$12,397.70.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present; twenty-nine lodges were represented. Grand Representatives are not of any use.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro.

Herbert J. King, is devoted to a consideration of the war and the duties of the masonic "order" under the circumstances.

Two corner-stones were laid.

He was pleased to accept the invitation of the M. W. Grand Master of Oregon to be present at a conference of the Grand Masters of the United States, but he did not go because "he received a letter from the Grand Master of Oregon stating that in view of the alarming lack of interest on the part of the majority of the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, the Grand Jurisdiction of Oregon, therefore, believed it would be wisest and more in-comport with the general feeling on the subject, to withdraw its overtures for a Grand Lodge Conference at this time."

Too bad! How dull of comprehension are Grand Masters who recognize not the importance of such conferences, and will not contribute from their own private means to pay their expenses.

Of his decisions we quote:

"In regard to age of receipts of outside jurisdictions, will say that I can find nothing covering this point, so will rule that one whose receipt is over two years past due is not entitled to visit in this jurisdiction, and will recommend to the Grand Lodge that they make it one year, believing that it is long enough for any one to be delinquent."

His dispensations are reported; his visitations detailed, and from the results of his observations he says:

"I am convinced that we will never have uniform work in this jurisdiction till this Grand Lodge can see its way to have a paid Grand Lecturer, who can at least devote part of the year in visiting and instructing our subordinate lodges."

He issued a circular letter in regard to the United States Flag, from which we quote:

"To insure uniformity in the use of the flag—

I HEREBY ORDER

every lodge in this jurisdiction to procure and display in their lodge room the FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY.

"As to its proper place in the lodge room, I recommend THE EAST, the place of authority."

Quite a large amount of local business was done, including a revision of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

More than a page is given to Maine.

ADDITIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1917.

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 34; number of members . . . Cash on hand
\$11,871.39.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present; thirty lodges were represented.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James W. Witten, in his address analyzes and discusses the membership growth in his jurisdiction for the past ten years.

No decisions were made. Many dispensations were required because "of the making of men in the uniforms of our country into Master Masons before they were ordered abroad."

Many topics of interest to his jurisdiction are mentioned. Considerable space is given to the subject of the war and coordinate matters, such as "Flag Installations," the "Red Cross," "War Homes," etc.

The Grand Lodge of Argentine was recognized, as was the Grand Lodge of France.

Bro. George W. Baird presented his eighteenth Annual Report on Correspondence.

Maine has a page in his valued report.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Many attractive and promising schemes have been presented to the Fraternity to provide relief for the sufferers of the war. The first appeal came from the Grand Lodge of France in 1914, asking assistance in their enterprise, which provided hospitals, dormitories, lunch rooms and ambulances for the relief of the Masons and their dependents, without regard to nationality. Then came the Belgian War Relief Association of the United States, headed by Cardinal Gibbons and Mrs. Logan (which was regarded as a rival of the Red Cross.) Then the Swiss Bureau of Masonic Intercourse. Then the appeal for tobacco, then for Belgian orphans (with pledges to raise them as Romanists); and for funds for the amusement of soldiers under instruction in the cantonments, and finally Mr. Michael Delahanty, who was arrested in New York on the 5th of December, 1917, confessed that the easiest graft he ever engaged in was begging for the relief of the war sufferers, and 'every person fell, and fell hard,' said Mr. Delahanty.

"The Ancient Order of Hibernians, in their congress at Washington in May last, resolved to raise a large sum of money for the relief of the families of their society who may become sufferers by this war, but they were careful to provide that the disbursement was to be made by the society, for the society and for no other, by which they continue to set us an example, by which we might profit."

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Henry K. Simpson, Grand Master in 1909, who died April 7, 1917.

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

ENGLAND.

From the reported proceedings of the Bi-centenary Celebration of the Grand Lodge of England we quote:

"The Grand Lodge of England alone can point to an unbroken record of 200 years, whether in its succession of Grand Masters, its Books of Minutes, or its Roll of Officers. The old Freemasons or Architects, with a Guild history stretching into the long past ages, kept no permanent record of their work, while it was progressing under their religious care: hence there are few authentic papers, except the old Rolls of Constitutions, of which the earliest known is the 'Regius MS.' at the British Museum of about the year 1390, and somewhat later the 'Grand Lodge No. 1,' at Freemasons' Hall, of about 1583.

"Wherever a great edifice, whether Cathedral or Castle, was desired, four or five of these travelling Architects could meet, engage on the work, and themselves plan and carry out the entire building. By their Guild Rules they also could initiate fresh workmen, as apprentices, who held for a term of years a subordinate position, and were not advanced until they had produced for inspection and approval 'a Masterpiece' executed by themselves. Such a temporary lodge usually elected the oldest Mason amongst them as the Master, and did not dissolve until the Building was completed or stopped, when the members scattered to look for other and further work. In their history it is occasionally noted that gentlemen or 'Speculative' members joined the Craft, notably Elias Ashmole in 1646 with some companions; Randle Holme in 1688; and several of like standing and repute, in some cases as an honor conferred, in others to carry on their own designs under the ægis of the Guild. When later Freemasonry dwindled down, because the Religious had no further necessity for Cathedrals, or the Nobles for Castles and Strongholds, these Speculatives had gained sufficient power to introduce a Ruling Committee (afterwards named a Grand Lodge), to govern the Craft, while the whole Institution was re-cast."

R. W. Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, F. S. A., P. G. W., after twenty-five years of service as Grand Secretary, resigned. His resignation was accepted and his salary continued to him in his retirement. However, Bro. Letchworth lived not long after his retirement, for his death was reported at the succeeding quarterly meeting.

The "chain prayers" made its appearance in England and was discountenanced.

IRELAND, 1917.

From the address of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Sir Charles A. Cameron, we quote:

"Speaking of toasts, I may mention that 'The King and the Craft' was the form given to the first toast at masonic festivities from the earliest period in this country until the reign of Queen Victoria, and as it was honored to this day in England and Scotland as well as the Colonies. When Queen Victoria ascended the throne, the fact that she was a woman and could not be a Freemason appeared to have led to the disuse of this toast, but it was not to be forgotten that none of the four Georges was a Mason. The Grand Lodge of England, whether the King was a Freemason or not, invariably gave the toast of 'The King and the Craft.'"

MEXICO, 1917.

From the Report of the Grand Secretary we quote:

"From two lodges we have received no returns, but have advice from one of the two that the report is on the way. From one lodge we received returns for the first half of the year only.

"Reviewing the returns which we have received from fourteen lodges we find that the membership of one lodge remained stationary; that four lodges showed a total increase of 30 members, and ten lodges showed a total decrease of 53 members, leaving a net decrease of 23 members, which cannot be considered as discouraging in view of the difficult conditions under which we have labored."

Bro. Wayne A. White presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Alabama we quote:

"Under the head of Quebec we read:

"Mexico—The deplorable state of Masonry in our distracted neighbor appears from the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations. They quote from a manifesto issued by Dr. Antonio de Luma and other Mexican Masons, which declares that Masonry in that country 'has reached its last stage.'

"Well we are now wondering who and where this individual is, and how he was able to get in touch with his real condition.

"Political organizations in this Republic claiming to be Masons there are in abundance, but the thing that bothers us is how it is that reviewers will take up their writings and quote them when they know absolutely nothing about such individuals. We regard it about as bootless to wage war on such matters as was Don Quixote's campaign against the wind-mills."

Maine for 1916 has mention.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1917.

We could discover no important matter in the volume before us. Therein was recorded the usual financial reports; the reports of the Inspectors of Workings, and the list of the Roll of Honor, of which the Grand Master says:

“Of our own members no less than 2,300 are on active service, and 120 will never more return, but sleep beneath the little mounds on the barren rock-strewn hill sides of Gallipoli, or the fair fields of stricken France, and to them will ever stretch the tendrils of fraternal love and grateful remembrance.”

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is presented.

Maine reviewed by “W. R. D.” has a page.

From the conclusion we quote:

“Two important items stand out as keynotes of the Proceedings reviewed:

“1st—The entry of the United States of America into the world war has somewhat changed the tone of addresses from the Grand Masters, the Orators, and the Correspondents of the various U. S. Grand Lodges; a spirit of patriotism has been evoked amongst them, the ‘Old Glory’ has been brought into Grand Lodges, and unfurled in the Grand East amidst tumultuous and thrilling enthusiasm; and the same spirit has shown itself in the Jurisdictions under British rule, although in a more chastened and quiet fashion; but in each and every one it has been demonstrated that the war being waged by the Allies for the cause of Justice and the resistance of Oppression, Brutality and Lawless Violence has been approved as being in accord with the great principals for which Freemasonry stands.

2d—The urgent need for masonic study and research, as a means of interesting and retaining our members in closer union with the Craft, is permeating the whole world, and is materializing into active work and earnest purpose, by the establishing of Study Circles and Lodges of Research in all parts.”

QUEENSLAND, DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, 1917.

The following report was adopted:

“During the working of a lodge, principally at installation, officers are frequently observed using rituals, and the Board wishes to point out that this is an improper practice, and should be abandoned.”

Anent “Chain of Prayer” we quote:

“Bro. Rev. W. J. B. Scott, D. G. Chaplain: I should like to be allowed to say that I have received a letter supposed to be from a Brother Mason in what is known as a Chain of Prayer. It is a most superstitious and disgraceful affair. You are asked to say an ancient prayer, and if you do it in eleven days a most wonderful thing is going to happen, and if you do not you are going to hell. It is a most disgraceful thing. I hope that

if any Brother gets it he will burn it at once. Such things should be dealt with summarily."

QUEENSLAND, 1917.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master we quote:

"Numerically our progress is satisfactory, making due allowance for the strenuous times we are passing through. Since the inauguration of our Grand Lodge, we have initiated, passed and raised 2,286 brethren, which is a good guide to our number, whilst financially we have also made progress, our accumulated funds being £9,000, represented by the Widows, Orphans and Aged Masons Institution funds—our justification and our pride—the Benevolent Fund and the General Fund."

"The total of Grand Lodges with whom we are in fraternal intercourse is 62, representing over 1,750,000 Masons, and that out of a total in the world of 2,000,000. So you see, brethren, that nearly 90 per cent. of the masonic world is with us; practically England and Scotland being the only ones who hold aloof."

From the address delivered by the M. W. Grand Master at the dedication of a Masonic Temple we quote:

"Knowledge, or light, is, and should always be the first aim of every Freemason, and for that purpose every Masonic Lodge should be a school of instruction, wherein the brethren are taught the true duties of brotherhood, as by the knowledge and practices of these we are led to that 'light' which we claim as the special prerogative of our Order. I fear that masonic illiteracy is far greater than we would care to believe. How many masons are there who have a clear idea of what the Craft really stands for, who realize the idealism conveyed in our degrees, and who have a proper conception of what brotherhood really means. It embraces not only the members of the Craft, but humanity at large. Being a Mason means taking upon ourselves a life work. Hence knowledge—which means intelligence—should be one of our masonic ideals."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1917.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master we quote:

"The subject of masonic instruction has had much consideration of late years, and I am glad to note the success of the group system of Lodges of Instruction in the country, in which our Grand Inspector of Lodges believes has been found the solution of the difficulty regarding instruction to country lodges. It enables lodges in convenient proximity to form themselves into groups, and then the instructors will be able to meet the collective gatherings, and give that help and instruction for which, I know, the brethren are eagerly seeking."

Commenting upon the war, he says:

"It is the duty represented by service and self-sacrifice. I want you to understand what I mean by service. Forgive me if I dwell on this for a moment, because I feel strongly. By service I mean active and

enthusiastic service, rendered in that particular way and for that particular purpose which God points out to each one of us as the purpose in which he can individually and collectively serve him and his country. By self-sacrifice I mean real self-sacrifice, not the mere giving of that which costs us nothing. I mean the giving and the doing and the helping which entails the loss of something we have been accustomed to, which involves a measure of self-sacrifice, whether that measure be great or small. It is not enough to meet the heavy taxation placed upon us by the war. It is not even enough to give of our substance, and succor those less fortunate than ourselves. Now is the time when we are called upon to spend and be spent for the good of each other, to draw closer and closer, and by an ever ready and real sympathy, by untiring kindness, to knit and hold, and be held together by hooks of steel (our metaphor for Brotherly Love), and so bring to bear on the world the great and dominating influence of a united body of men, brothers in deed, and in truth and not in word and profession alone. (Applause.)"

A Report of the Committee on the Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges was made.

Maine for 1916 has fraternal mention.

TASMANIA, 1917-1918.

We acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Twenty-sixth Annual Communication held in February, 1917; of the Twenty-seventh Annual held in February, 1918; and of the Half-yearly Communication in August, 1917.

There appears a brief Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1916 is among the Grand Lodges reviewed.

VICTORIA, 1916.

From the Report of the Grand Inspector of Workings we quote:

"The degree work of the lodges generally is very satisfactory, and the Installation Ceremony is gradually coming into line with that carried out by yourself and Grand Officers.

"It is pleasing to report that an excellent standard of work obtains, and that brethren are eager to carry out their duties in a solemn and impressive manner, and to comply with the provisions of the Book of Constitutions and conform to the Ritual.

"I desire to call the attention of Masters to the fact that candidates should show their proficiency in one degree before being taken to another by at least being able to answer the prescribed questions. There is room for improvement in this respect in some lodges."

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to remark:

"With regard to the reading of the Ritual in open lodge, I am horrified to find that this custom is adopted in these days.

"My own recollection of 30 years ago, when one had to travel miles to

receive instruction by word of mouth, and it was impossible to obtain a Ritual, is so different from the present, when Officers who wish to qualify themselves for the chair may obtain copies of the Ritual, that I cannot realize that such a practice has arisen. I trust that those brethren who are not lost to a proper sense of their responsibilities will not permit such a practice as reading the Ritual in lodge to continue, and I strongly urge that Officers who are incapable of committing the work of the degrees to memory should not be permitted to occupy the chair. I hope that this will be the last time this matter will require reference."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1917.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master we quote:

"There is no greater evidence of the bad temper of mankind than their proneness to evil speaking. Do we not frequently incline to the censorious and uncharitable side?"

"The good spoken of others we easily forget, but the evil is apt to be uppermost in our minds and ready to be used on every occasion. How easy it is to show our brotherly love by speaking well, or, at least, by not speaking ill of others. A good word is an easy obligation; not to speak ill requires only silence."

From the excellent Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence we quote.

Under Kentucky:

"The greatest security for peace is to be prepared for war, and so to those nations who now hope for peace, we can only say: Peace with Honor will come all the sooner if the enemy has arraigned against her all the Liberty-loving Nations of the World. With America at our side the end of the war is all the nearer, and we welcome to our side one who has tried all honorable means of remaining neutral, and having failed, has thrown in her lot on the side which stands for freedom of institutions and the liberty of the subjects."

Maine for 1916 is fraternally mentioned.

Under Manitoba:

"It has already been laid down by the Grand Lodge of England that candidates who are believers in a Supreme Being, but not in the Christian Religion, may be obligated on the Sacred Book of their own religion. But the V.S.L. has been one of the Three Great Lights of Freemasonry since 1760, and is therefore undoubtedly an *ancient landmark*, the absence of which would take away from our lodges the very basis of their construction. The V.S.L. is the spiritual T.B., and contains the laws under which society exists, and for this reason alone we trust it will ever remain as part of our furnishings."

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Report on Correspondence.

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likely to become a burden upon the lodge, I have granted the dispensation requested."

Four corner-stones were laid.

An amendment to the constitution was adopted by the constituent lodges and some seventeen pages of the proceedings were required to tell how it was done and by whom.

From the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence we quote:

"There is, however, a group of countries in which there are no regular Grand Lodges of Symbolic Masonry, or where, if such exist, they are under the control of the Scottish Rite Supreme Councils. Of course such Grand Lodges can not be recognized as independent, sovereign Masonic bodies, but this is no reason why in a proper case the symbolic lodges holding under them or even such Grand Lodges themselves may not be recognized as Masonic bodies simply and members of our lodges authorized to hold Masonic intercourse with them and their members authorized to visit our lodges. In other words, independence or sovereignty is not indispensable to the existence of a genuine Masonic body, and, therefore, logically should not be indispensable to its recognition as a Masonic body. Such action would offer no obstacle to the recognition of a Sovereign Grand Lodge when one should be formed."

The Grand Lodge of Chili was recognized, as was "La Grand Lodge de France," the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, the Grand Lodge "Alpina" of Switzerland.

The proposed "National Masonic Service Association" was endorsed.

Resolutions having for subject matter the call of the roll of the subordinate lodges just before final closing of Grand Lodge were adopted.

Bro. Oliver D. Street submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Canada he says:

"*York Rite.*"—It is a recent fashion, in which Brother Freed joins, to find fault with this name. It may not be historically correct, and yet it serves a useful purpose. When used it calls to mind a certain Masonic rite or rather group of rites, which is clearly distinct from the Scottish, the French, the Swedenborgian, or other rites. It is a name that is likely to continue to 'stick' at least until some one can suggest a better name."

Under Florida we read:

"Brother Wright says:

"We hold high views on the subject of the powers and prerogatives of the Grand Master and look upon him as being in many things superior to the Grand Lodge itself."

"We thought views like these belonged to a past age when it was generally taught and believed that there were Grand Masters before there were Grand Lodges. But now that we know that there never was a Grand Master who was not chosen by a Grand Lodge, that the Grand Grand Lodge is the creator and the Grand Master its creature, it is absurd to talk of Grand Master being superior to his Grand Lodge, of the creature being superior to its creator."

Under Missouri we quote:

"Grand Master ruled that he found nothing in Masonic law 'which would authorize the holding of funeral services over the grave of a deceased brother after his burial.' This is frequently done in Alabama when, because of inclement weather or other unavoidable reason, the funeral ceremony can not be held at the time of interment."

Maine for 1918 is reviewed.

Under Arizona, anent clubs, we quote:

"Grand Master Woolf oracularly declared that Masonic clubs 'properly conducted are most excellent and can produce most beneficent results, but like many other good things, if not properly handled, on right principles, may be the source of difficulties.' Aye; there's the rub. What is 'properly conducted' and what is 'on right principles'? The *lodge* should be, in addition to its other functions, a club where Masonic entertainment and instruction can be had. Other clubs furnish all the loafing facilities as well as healthful recreations required."

We have received announcement of the death of R. W. George Albur-tus Joiner, Past Grand Secretary, who died December 8, 1918.

ALBERTA, 1918.

The Thirteenth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 106; number in membership, 7,984. Cash in Treas-ury and other assets, \$24,193.49.

Four Past Grand Masters were present; eighteen lodges were repre-sented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. M. Connacher, in his address ex-tends greetings to those present, and informs us that "substantial gains have been made in membership and funds" during the year.

The dead are remembered; the visitations reported; two lodges were constituted; dispensations issued for ten new lodges, and ninety-two for other reasons, more or less plausible. Now begins the discussion of the question of physical deformity as regards returned soldiers. The old rule referring to the physical condition of petitioners for the degrees had received in some jurisdictions most liberal construction before the war. Now enters the returned soldier, more or less maimed, but with such artificial appliances as allow him to fulfill the necessary requirements in Masonry. Waiving any question about his ability to earn a livelihood, about his control of his artificial limbs, can he comply with that portion of the work which should remind him of his duty to his poor and penni-less brother? Is it the spirit of Masonry to draw a line between a candi-

date who loses a limb by an accident in a saw mill for instance, and one who loses a limb on a field of battle? Does sentiment prevail?

He made an appeal for the increase of the patriotic fund—a fund for the aid of returned disabled soldiers and their dependents—and as a result about \$15,000 was contributed. His conclusion discusses problems that may arise from the war. What he said would happily apply to the duty of each Mason as a citizen, but not to the Fraternity as an organized society.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters reported in detail the condition of the lodges in their several districts.

Because the Secretary of a lodge was so ill that he could not make the required reports to the Grand Lodge, the lodge was fined. Thereupon the lodge appealed for a remission of the fine, but the Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Committee on Appeals, who decided that the fine should not be remitted, because it was the duty of the W. M. to see that the work of the Secretary was done, and if the Secretary was ill and could not make the returns, then the W. M., if needs be, must make them himself.

\$3,512.00 was disbursed for benevolence by the Grand Lodge during the year.

It was voted "That for the purpose of securing uniformity of work in the various lodges throughout the Province Custodians of the Work be appointed."

Bro. H. Darling presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Very little comment upon the proceedings reviewed is made, but such as are made are very pertinent.

Maine for 1917 has full presentation. We quote one paragraph:

"Alberta affairs are reviewed for 1916 with favorable comment generally, an exception occurring when referring to 'Joint Installation Services.' The reviewer wonders how such could be done for Lodge or Lodges which do meet in same place. What about machinery being warped? is the drift of this mild criticism. We will only say that we in Alberta like to have the machine serve us, not vice versa. In great things it might be better to avoid this danger (?), but Installation is perhaps less important than some things. We think this is the old question of AN Institution, founded to serve and benefit and help man, becoming, later, so strong and important that man must serve it. The Institutions must be upheld at any cost, let the individual suffer. Some such institutional demands are strengthened by the claim of 'Divine appointment,' and then begins the persecution."

ARIZONA, 1918.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 25; number in membership 3,149. Cash on hand,

\$4,861.55; in the Widow and Orphans' Fund, \$4,044.16; funds, \$49,000.00.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present; nineteen lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles C. Woolf, speaks about the war and the obligations devolving upon Masonry for its prosecution and for the maintenance of the sentiments and precepts of the Institution when peace comes.

Once again, how much obligation is upon the Fraternity as a whole as an institution?

The dead are remembered; the condition of the craft is reported prosperous, with a gain in membership and in finances.

He has a grouch; he says:

"It is assumed that all of these requests (conferring of degrees by courtesy) were approved. It is, however, a lamentable fact that the Grand Masters of most of the jurisdictions in question have either carelessly or otherwise neglected to acknowledge receipt of requests. I do not know what the experience of other Grand Masters of Arizona has been in this respect, but to me it seems quite remarkable that even an acknowledgment of the receipt of these requests is not made, except in a very few instances where the jurisdiction appears to have elected a Grand Master with some idea of business affairs."

Well, let the lodges do business with each other, and not trouble Grand Masters or Grand Secretaries.

The question of visitation between members of Nogales Lodge, No. 11, and Alonzo Flores Lodge, No. 6, of Sonora, Mexico, working under a charter from the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, caused him to examine into the Masonic relations existing between Arizona and Mexico. After examination he concluded:

"It appears that Masonic affairs in Mexico, like all other things in that so-called republic, are so badly involved that it is difficult, if not impossible, to really know what is authority and what is not. In my best judgment, we would be perfectly justified, until the situation in Mexico is improved, to refuse recognition to any grand body."

Dispensations were issued for a new lodge, and for other purposes considered regular. Seven decisions were required. These were satisfactorily answered after consultation of the constitution, and appear to be in accord with general practice.

Two corner stones were laid.

Considerable space is given to the consideration of matters arising from the war, but no specific settlement was presented to any one of the subjects. But he said:

"My own judgment is that for the present at least our best course will be to let each lodge, as far as possible, keep in touch with its members who are in the service, and render to them every kind office within the power of the lodge. I do not believe it is advisable, or in the interest of

Masonry or the nation to undertake any comprehensive plan of strictly Masonic activity in immediate connection with the military establishment either at home or abroad. From all the information I have been able to get, the present facilities offered by the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A., organizations in the training camps and in foreign service, are ample to meet all of the needs that we could hope to administer. Additional organizations to perform any part of the work being done by these two associations would only be a duplication of energy and expense, and a hindrance rather than a help."

The report of the Grand Lecturer is rather interesting because of its discussing of the prevailing system of District Deputies, who ought to be appointed by the Grand Master, upon approval by the Grand Lecturer, without any reference to the Masters of lodges.

From the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we quote two sensible paragraphs:

"Let us continue to do good in the quiet, unostentatious way taught us by the fathers—providing first for those of our own household before giving all our goods to feed the poor.

"Let us not forget that when the war shall be ended (we hope soon) the call on our resources to care for our own wounded, maimed and sick will be greater than it is now, and in that day we will have to rely upon ourselves only. At present it would seem that both the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. are amply supported by a generous and charitable public."

No Report on Correspondence.

M. W. Bro. William Francis Nichols, Grand Master in 1896 and 1899, died November 15, 1917.

ARKANSAS, 1918.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 563; number in membership 23,624. Cash on hand \$3,478.42.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present. Three hundred twenty-nine lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Milton Winham, in the introduction to his address admirably and at some length sets forth the import of Masonry and the duty of the members thereof to uphold right living and right thinking.

The dead at home and abroad are remembered.

Among the list of appointed Grand Representatives we note that of "Brother Silas B. Adams of Portland to the Grand Lodge of Maine."

Under dispensations he says:

"Many of our lodges seem to have gotten the idea that every man in the draft and military service of our country, was ipso facto, good Masonic material, and that your Grand Master would, so to speak, pull the bridle off our regulations and permit the lodges to take them in."

"Courtesy Degree Work" required much correspondence, as nineteen Grand Jurisdictions had to be dealt with.

He made six decisions, of which we quote two because of their novelty:

"It does not lie in the province of any Mason, to request any lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction to make him an honorary member thereof. Honorary membership is a distinction that may be desired by all Masons, but cannot with propriety be asked for by any.

"A lodge should not accept the petition of a man who professes a belief in the existence of God, but denies the immortality of the soul; the degrees may be conferred upon him, but not having the necessary inward qualification, he cannot be made a Mason."

He made seven definite recommendations and eighteen suggestions.

The affairs of the subordinate lodges were enquired into by a set of questionnaires which elicited more or less information.

The recommendations and suggestions of the Grand Master were referred to a special committee, who are "to report its conclusions to the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage for further consideration; and after carefully considering the report of the special committee herein named, the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage will make its report to the Grand Lodge at its next session for such action as the Grand Lodge may in its wisdom deem proper."

The evening of the first day was given over to the address of the Grand Orator when the Craft were called from refreshment to labor, so that members of the Order of the Eastern Star might be present.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report of about three pages touching upon the war activities in several jurisdictions.

The committee also reported upon "Recognition of French Masonry," which report was re-committed to report at the next session.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage in their report upon the decisions of the Grand Master say:

"We disapprove of that part of the decision which indicates that a visitor has the right to demand to see the charter. We are of the opinion that a visitor has not the right to demand to see the charter, either before or after examination."

We agree with the Grand Master—Has not the visitor a right to know whether or not the lodge he is visiting is a clandestine lodge or not?

M. W. Bro. A. G. Washburn, Grand Master in 1895-96, died October 2, 1918.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1918.

The Forty-seventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 79; number in membership 7,951. Cash on hand \$1,425.92; in Charity Fund \$57,246.93.

Ten Past Grand Masters were present. Sixty-three lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Douglas Corsan, had two short paragraphs for an introduction to his address, then paid due tribute of respect to the memory of the dead. He briefly mentions the routine duties of his office, and especially commends the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

As usual the intelligent reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters occupy considerable space in the volume of proceedings.

The Grand Historian gives a brief history of twelve lodges.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That fraternal recognition of, and exchange of Representatives with, the Grand Lodges 'Zur Sonne,' of Beyreuth, and of Hungary, be withdrawn."

Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith presented another learned and entertaining Report on Foreign Correspondence.

From the introduction we quote:

"It is to be regretted that in endeavoring to 'do something' for their members, certain Grand Lodges in the United States have shown a willingness to ignore the principles upon which the Craft is established, and have allowed their sympathies to get the better of their judgment. We refer, of course, to the recognition, more or less complete, of the alleged Masonry of France.

"Some Grand Lodges, hesitating to throw their principles entirely to one side, have declined to recognize the Grand Lodge of France, and the Grand Orient, but permit their members to visit lodges belonging to these bodies, while others have offered complete recognition—and these are possibly the more consistent.

"Two main reasons are advanced for action in this direction. First, admiration of, and sympathy for, the French people in their gallant struggle for existence. Second, the idea that some advantage will accrue to members of the United States' Lodges if they are allowed to mingle Masonically with what are called French Masons.

"We have the highest regard for the French, as a nation; and too much cannot be said in praise of their bravery in the present war, but this, in our opinion, affords no justification for associating, as Masons, with those whose Masonic descent is at least doubtful, and who, if they ever had any claim to the name of Mason, deliberately put themselves outside of the Craft."

Maine for 1917 has a page.

Under Wisconsin we read:

"To repeat: Preston taught his system of work, or 'lectures,' as he termed it, in England from about the year 1765, and after the year 1772

his work received the sanction of Grand Lodge. This work was brought to America, and was modified by Webb, and so became the basis of the work of most of the Grand Lodges in the United States. At the time of the Union, in 1813, Preston was ill, and apparently was unable to take part in the proceedings leading to that desirable event. This may, or may not, have been the reason, but at the time of the Union, Hemming's work, which is said by those who know to be inferior to the Preston work, seems to have been chosen by the United Grand Lodge.

"Brother Jenks notes our criticism of the use of the term 'York Rite,' and agrees with us that the so-called York Rite did not originate at York, and that no one knows what the genuine York Rite is, or was. He thinks that although inaccurate, it is so commonly used to distinguish our method of work from the Ancient and Accepted Rite, that its use may be condoned.

"Should not, however, those who know better endeavor to correct the error rather than to perpetuate and extend it?"

M. W. Bro. Elon Ezra Chapman, Grand Master in 1902, died April 21, 1918.

CALIFORNIA, 1918.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 382; number of members 63,986. Cash on hand \$24,569.74; assets \$437,539.24.

Twelve Past Grand Masters were present. Three hundred and twenty-seven lodges were represented. California does not have the Representative system.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William R. Harvey, in the introduction to his address briefly comments on the general condition of the world's affairs, and a sort of an apology for what he may have not done, as well as for what he has done amiss.

He pays beautiful tribute of respect to the memory of the dead.

Three lodges were constituted; three corner-stones were laid; five Masonic Halls were dedicated; dispensations were issued for three lodges, and "in the most generous manner" were issued "to permit balloting upon petitions without reference to investigating committees."

Of the Condition of the Craft he says:

"Everywhere we have been blessed with peace and harmony, our gains in membership have been the largest in our history, and our influence has been felt and appreciated in a fuller measure than ever before."

He further says:

"The lodges throughout the jurisdiction are devoting an immense amount of time to the work of initiating, passing and raising Masons, but find little time to instruct or help or minister to their members. We should not be too ready to censure a member for his indifference or non-

attendance when the only opportunity offered him by his lodge is the privilege of hearing the repetition of the rituals of three degrees, and the only service he is permitted to render is that of listening to the officers recite ritualistic work. A Mason receiving the third degree should be entering upon a lifetime of study, self-improvement and service to his fellows, and his lodge is intended to be and should be the source of light and instruction and a field for serious and devoted work for the principles which our Institution inculcates and upon which it is founded. The conception that the prosperity and greatness of a lodge is measured by its large membership and its wealth is erroneous. That lodge is prosperous and great which commands the affections of its members and displays spiritual rather than material wealth. The conferring of degrees is essential and desirable, but a lodge abrogates some of its responsibilities and neglects its fairest opportunities when it devotes its entire time to the conferring of degrees and fails to unite its membership into an homogeneous spiritual and working whole."

Two lodge halls were destroyed by earthquake.

Of his decisions we quote:

"It is not a proper function of the Grand Lodge to dedicate a lodge-room which is not owned or controlled by a Masonic Lodge, but is merely a commercial premises hired to a Masonic Lodge and several fraternal societies."

A Masonic War Fund was created by him, and part of the work done with this money is given, to wit:

"At San Diego we maintain service rooms, provide social opportunities, and in the person and character of Bro. Osborn offer to our hundreds of uniformed visitors, a friend, philosopher and guide. At San Pedro we have furnished and maintained two commodious rooms in the Masonic Temple that are usually thronged with soldiers and sailors. At Vallejo we are assisting the Masonic Service Club in its efforts on behalf of our brethren. At San Francisco we opened up a fine club room on the ground floor of the Masonic Temple, which was furnished largely through the generosity of San Francisco brethren and the efforts of Brother Leo Bruck, but it became apparent that the conditions in San Francisco did not justify the operation of the club room and the same was discontinued."

From his recommendations we extract the following:

"One of the disturbing elements in the present condition of the Craft in California is the serious financial predicament of many of the lodges growing out of their investments in temples and the stock of temple associations. Unfortunately the investment of the funds of lodges in halls, temples or stock of temple associations is not always wise or prudent. Our brethren, actuated by local pride or over-enthusiasm or optimism, too often involve their lodges in ambitious projects which in the end prove to be a great burden and a handicap to the usefulness and progress of the lodge. The Masonic generation which incurs such a debt is seldom the one which pays it. The investment of lodge funds should be conservatively undertaken, and no land or stock should be bought or buildings erected without application of all prudent business tests in the examination, planning and execution of the project. The judgment of those who, uninfluenced by local conditions or the enthusiasm of the lodge members, are competent to advise, should be sought and followed. Such a course would tend to prevent the repetition of unfortunate ventures against the error of which some of our lodges are now struggling. I, therefore, rec-

commend that the following provision be added to Section 87 of the Constitution:

“No lodge shall invest any part of its funds in the stock of any corporation, nor purchase lands, nor erect any building, without the approval in writing of a majority of the members of the Finance Committee of this Grand Lodge.”

Discussing the revenue received by lodges he says:

“All reports of inspectors and lodges are not yet in hand, but a study of those already received shows that the annual dues of 131 lodges are six dollars, four lodges eight dollars, fifty-nine lodges nine dollars, four lodges ten dollars, fifty-four lodges twelve dollars, two lodges eighteen dollars, and one lodge twenty-four dollars. Of the lodges whose dues amount to six dollars per year, sixty have an available cash balance, including Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps, of less than \$500.00, thirty lodges have less than \$200.00 on hand, and three lodges show a large deficit.”

The conclusion is devoted to the condition of the world, the duty of Free Masonry and a look into the future.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Charles H. Victor, delivered an able oration on war conditions and the results.

An able report of the Committee on French Masonry was presented. The Grand Lodge of France was recognized and the following modification of principles of recognition was adopted:

“That the principles enunciated by this Grand Lodge in 1913 as tests for the recognition of other Grand Lodges, be, and the same are applicable only to Grand Lodges of English-speaking countries, and that as to the Grand Lodges and Grand Orients of other countries, each application be considered upon its merits with relation to the situation of the applicant and with a view to doing full and complete Masonic justice.”

The following amendment regarding dues was adopted:

“From and after the stated meeting of December, 1918, no lodge shall charge or collect as its annual dues from members less than nine dollars.”

After the Grand Lodge had so amended its Constitution that it could be done, a charter in the usual form was issued to Lodge Maui at Kahului, Hawaii, which had been under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but had given its consent for the change to the jurisdiction of California.

The Committee on Masonic Education suggested a plan by means of which the craft could become *intelligent* members. You may provide the best of plans, but you cannot induce the majority of the members of a lodge to attend communications which do not offer Masonic work or a supper or both.

From the report of a Committee on “Group Plan of Initiation” we quote:

“We believe that poor attendance and lack of interest are not attributable in any manner to the length of time consumed in conferring the

degrees, but rather to the absence of the effort or ability to make them duly impressive. The officer with the necessary degree of dignity and efficiency should find no difficulty in making the ritual attractive to all members who are equipped with the essential qualities of understanding and appreciation. If the ritual properly rendered does not attract members to the lodge, no other form of proper social intercourse or educational facilities will draw them away from their homes or places of amusement."

A form for instituting lodges under dispensation was adopted.

Bro. John Douglass Murphy presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, and the introduction discloses the nature of the report:

"It is very much an assemblage of matters relating to the war and war activities; and I do this without apology, as at this critical time in the world's history there is nothing really worth thinking about, talking about, living for or dying for, except such matters as in some way are instrumental in helping directly or indirectly to win this war."

CANADA, 1918.

The Sixty-third Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 463; number in membership 66,070. Cash on hand \$9,578.61; assets \$249,046.97.

Three hundred twenty-seven lodges were represented; seven Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William H. Wardrope, touches upon many circumstances affecting Masonry caused by the war.

In detail he tells of his administration of his office. Five hundred ninety-three dispensations were issued.

Of his decisions we quote:

"Two members of a committee report favorably upon a petition; the third member of the committee does not report, but is unfavorable. Ruled that the report is favorable.

"A Chaplain, not being a P. M., should not be invited to the east. No distinguished brother is entitled to a seat in the east, but he is there at the invitation of the W. M."

We also quote:

"I regret to hear that a practice has crept in of conferring a degree on more than one candidate at the same time. It has been reported to me that one lodge has conferred the second degree on five candidates at the same time. This is an absolutely wrong practice and must be discontinued. The obligation cannot be properly impressed upon a candidate if he is associated with others."

Four dispensations for new lodges were issued; four lodges were constituted; eight lodges were dedicated.

The District Deputy Grand Masters give a detailed account of the lodges in their several districts. These accounts take nearly two hundred printed pages.

Bro. A. T. Freed presented the Report on Correspondence.

Under Alabama we read:

"Lest there should be misunderstanding, let us explain that in this jurisdiction it is compulsory, after the ballot has been taken, to place the ballot box on the altar, where any member of the lodge who wishes to do so may examine it; it is not compulsory upon the Master of the lodge to invite the brethren to exercise their privilege."

Under Kentucky we read:

"Grand Master Saunders considered at some length the principle which should govern Masonic visitation in foreign jurisdictions. A Mason, he said, may lawfully visit a just and lawfully constituted lodge in a foreign jurisdiction provided there is no edict of non-intercourse between the Grand Lodge to which he owes allegiance and that in whose jurisdiction he proposes to visit. We are unable to accept that view of the matter, and hold that a Mason may properly visit only those lodges whose regularity is vouched for by the Grand Lodge to which he owes allegiance; also that a Master of a lodge in Kentucky ought to admit to his lodge only Masons hailing from jurisdictions vouched for by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. For example, we have not seen that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has declared non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. Would Brother Saunders feel free to visit a lodge under that jurisdiction?"

Maine for 1917 has fraternal mention.

COLORADO, 1918.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication.

One hundred thirteen of the one hundred thirty-two lodges were represented; number in membership, 20,245. Cash on hand \$27,425.57; assets, \$62,673.57.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In full ceremonial form, with appropriate music, was the "Reception of 'Old Glory' and the Standards of the Allied Countries."

The Grand Representatives were called to the East and welcomed by the Grand Master. To his welcome response was made by the Grand Representative for Maine, M. W. Bro. Joseph A. Davis.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. L. D. Crain (the only name except the Treasurer's in the Report of the Committee on Credentials, with initials) discusses the war situation. He proceeds to enumerate some of the transactions in his office; tells of his twenty-five official visits; reports the dispensations granted, of which he says:

"The greater per cent. of these were for the purpose of assisting soldiers to obtain the degrees before they were called to overseas duty. Our law requires the Entered Apprentice Degree to be given in the Grand Jurisdiction in which the candidate is elected. A large number of applicants were compelled to join the colors before the degrees could be conferred. Therefore, I permitted, by dispensation, the Entered Apprentice Degree to be conferred by lodges outside the jurisdiction of Colorado. Consequently, I also permitted this degree to be conferred in Colorado for foreign jurisdictions.

"Some of our lodges asked for dispensations permitting them to ballot on petitions in less time than required by our laws. Some asked to be allowed to receive a petition, refer to a committee, accept the report of the committee, ballot and confer the Entered Apprentice Degree all at the same communication. I have to confess that I am guilty of issuing a dispensation permitting this in one or two instances. However, I realized my mistake and have since required our lodges to take the constitutional time to investigate the qualifications of petitioners."

The craft are reported to be prosperous except in a few cases. Five corner-stones were laid. Dispensations were issued for two new lodges.

Under "decisions" we read:

Question: Will sitting in a chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star constitute sufficient evidence to vouch for a man as being a Master Mason?

"The Order of the Eastern Star is not a Masonic institution, and although membership in a Blue Lodge is requisite for membership in the Star, for a brother, the knowledge of this fact is only incidental to the membership of the lodge, and cannot be used as evidence, or as a basis of vouching for another."

The "Colorado Soldier Masons' War Relief Fund" is quite fully explained, as is "The Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund."

We quote in part from an edict issued by him:

"I, exercising the authority vested in me as Grand Master of Masons in Colorado, do declare the prohibition upon the right of visitation imposed by this Grand Lodge be, and the same hereby is, modified in so far as to permit our brethren to hold Masonic intercourse with the Masons of their Allies, and to visit any of their lodges.

"This edict shall remain in force during the period of the war and until peace shall be declared, or until revoked by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge."

The establishment of military lodges was not accomplished, principally because of jurisdiction over material.

In accordance with the Report of the Committee on Correspondence the Grand Lodge of Panama was recognized. In regard to Masonry in France we quote:

"Your committee approves of the action of the Grand Master taken the first day of May, 1918, in permitting brethren of this jurisdiction to hold Masonic intercourse with the Masons of the Allied countries and to visit any of their lodges.

"Your committee, believing that after the war is over and the brethren serving in France have returned to this country, a much better and fuller

opportunity will be available to obtain knowledge as to the actual workings of the Masonic lodges under the various Grand Jurisdictions in France, recommends that the question of entering into fraternal relations and exchanging representatives with the Grand Lodge of France be postponed until the next regular communication of this Grand Lodge."

We extract from the minority report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted, the following paragraphs:

"Sec. 278. *Request to or from Lodges not in this Jurisdiction.* A lodge shall not confer the degree of Entered Apprentice at the request of a lodge under the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge; nor shall it request a lodge under the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge to confer such degree."

"It is apparent that special dispensations are in conflict with, and explicitly forbidden by, the above quoted section of our Book of Constitutions.

"However, we recognize the powers and prerogatives of the Grand Master conferred by the Ancient Constitutions, and the usages and landmarks of Masonry.

"Action has been taken only by reason of extraordinary conditions. Our participation in a World War is responsible. These dispensations have been granted only in those cases where the candidate was either in or was about to enter the Military or Naval service of our country. Colorado men have not been held together as units in the military service, and our Grand Master reports the Military Lodge as not feasible.

"These dispensations, therefore, must be granted, or the young men of our communities responding to our country's call be denied the benefits of membership in our Fraternity.

"We therefore approve the action of the Grand Master in issuing these dispensations.

"Your committee, however, is of the opinion that requests for these dispensations should be made only after the election of the candidates, and the applications therefor should fully state the facts covering the emergency, including a reasonable assurance that the degrees may be conferred. Every caution should be exercised that our records be full and complete and mistakes avoided—further, that the applications be authorized by lodge action. Further, that action so taken should not be accepted as a precedent in other cases."

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Bro. Stanley C. Warner, his first appearance, whom we cordially and fraternally welcome to a seat at the table.

Maine for 1917 has about the same space given to it as is given to other jurisdictions, and probably as much as was needed..

We quote a part of his "Afterward," and we assert that he strictly adhered to it:

"We have read with great interest the Proceedings of the various Grand Lodges of Masons, which we have here attempted to review. We have selected therefrom extracts upon the principal subjects which are today of vital moment to the Craft. We have in no instance attempted to express our personal opinion upon the matters presented. We present a tabulated statement of the membership in the various Grand Jurisdictions, except in a few instances where the same is not given in their Proceedings."

CONNECTICUT, 1918.

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 110; membership 28,114. Cash on hand \$16,646.50.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present. One hundred and eight lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. L. J. Nickerson, in the introduction to his address discourses on the war. The account of his visitations is most interesting, as well as the abstracts of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

Reporting his dispensations, he says:

"Masonry is an education. The rules and regulations regarding the time between the reception of the petition and the ballot on the same and for conferring the degrees are made because it has been found that they were for the best interests of the fraternity. Haste is to be deprecated. It is only when the petition is from one who is about to depart in the service of our country, and realizing that he wants the great far-reaching and fraternal privileges of the order that I have exercised the prerogative and granted the dispensations and shortened the time which our rules and regulations so wisely prescribe."

He has a good word for the Order of the Eastern Star.

Of his decisions we quote:

"The Worshipful Master died during his term of office. The lodge desired to erect a memorial stone over his grave.

"Question: Can the lodge use its funds for such purpose?"

"Answer: The lodge has the power to use money for objects of Masonic charity. It may use its funds to bury a brother in a suitable manner, and may also erect a suitable memorial stone over the grave of a departed brother. Money for such purposes can only be expended by a lodge in the exercise of its charitable powers. To expend money to purchase such a stone when the departed brother left sufficient estate to provide for the same would not be a proper expenditure for the lodge to make. A lodge can only expend its funds for the purposes for which it can raise them. It can only raise money to defray the expenses of its own maintenance and support and for the objects of its charity. It follows then that it can only expend its funds within the limits for which it can raise them.

"The propriety of starting a Masonic tobacco fund was considered by a number of brethren and resolutions were proposed for adoption by a lodge. The resolutions provided that a fund be started to be known as the 'Masonic Tobacco Fund'; that each lodge in the state be asked to contribute a minimum of ten cents a month for each member during the war and that each lodge in sending its monthly contributions would have the privilege of naming the regiment or company to which its quota of tobacco is to be sent; that the Masonic Tobacco Fund shall be placed upon a national basis and with its yearly receipts of a million dollars will rapidly develop into one of the most popular and effective funds of the war, and will be not only a source of warm pride to our Masons but will also take a leading place in future historical accounts of the relief work done in the great war.

"Question: Can the lodge properly pass such a resolution?"

"Answer: Masonry is a science for the education and betterment of its members. There is no occasion to come out in competition with any other order or fraternal body, or make any flourish, or advertisement or attempt to gain any notoriety for the Masonic order. The great requirement of Masons to-day is that they do their full duty in providing the government with every facility to win the war we are now engaged in. All moneys belonging to lodges which can be spared should be invested in government bonds that the government may have the use of the money and the lodges at the same time have a safe and secure investment. Any ostentatious display, or movement, to create a tobacco fund would in my judgment detract from the dignity and great purposes of Masonry. While the individual Mason is at liberty to contribute, or do, whatever he sees fit to provide luxuries and comforts for soldiers in the war, the lodge as such, would have no right to dispose of its funds for any purpose not contemplated by the by-laws, rules and regulations governing expenditures of lodges. There are so many things to-day that call upon Masons and which impose upon every member of the order a sacred duty, that I do not think the creation of a tobacco fund should be encouraged. Our great duty is to aid our country to win the war and to do our duty towards those of our brethren who will be entitled to our care and help upon their return. There is no objection to a lodge presenting any suggestions or resolutions of that character before the Grand Lodge, in fact there is the place to discuss the situation in all its phases."

Discussing "The Grand Orient of France" he says:

"Much has been said and written regarding what the Grand Lodges of this Country should now do in view of the war. We may be charitable and feel deeply the necessity of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of France, but we cannot set aside a landmark of Masonry even under such conditions as now exist. A man may be a Jew, Mohammedan Christian or what he pleases so long as he believes in one God. It matters not whether the Holy Bible, the Koran or the Veda is used upon the altar, but it is the great principle that requires that every person entering the doors of Masonry must believe and must specifically state his belief in one Almighty Father. Let it be remembered that the trouble is not with the Grand Lodges of this Country but with the Grand Lodge of France. When that body replaces and re-establishes the discarded rule requiring the belief in God, it may then ask for the establishment of fraternal relations with our Grand Lodge. Until it does so and thus make its members believers in a Supreme Being it cannot expect fraternal recognition by those who do. It ought not to ask Masons with such sacred beliefs and who have taken their obligations in the name of God to enter into fraternal relations with the infidel and agnostic upon whom no obligation is binding."

The Grand Lodge of Panama and the Grand Lodge "Cuscatlan," San Salvador, Central America, was recognized.

We quote from the proceedings:

"The following resolution having been referred to your Committee on Finance, namely:

"Inasmuch as a number of lodges in this jurisdiction have remitted, or will remit, this year's dues of members who have entered, or will enter, the various branches of the military and naval service of the United States,

"*Be it resolved:* That the Grand Lodge of Connecticut remit the per capita tax of such brothers who enter the service of the Government, and whose lodge dues have been, or will be, remitted by their respective lodges by reason of such service."

"Having had the same under careful consideration and noting the conditions which confront us, we are of the opinion that the passage of such a resolution would not be for the best interests of our Grand Lodge and Masonry in Connecticut. We therefore recommend that the petitioner be given leave to withdraw said petition."

Bro. George A. Kies submitted his fifth Report on Correspondence.

Maine has fraternal recognition.

From his conclusion we quote:

"The world demoralization caused by the war has had its by-effects upon our Institution. E. G., proposals have been made that we unite generally in raising funds for meritorious objects, to be disbursed under Masonic auspices. Some Grand Lodges have adopted resolutions of loyalty and ostentatiously wired the same to the President, who has in several instances wired back a stereotyped reply of appreciation. While we are mindful of the fact that loyalty to Government and Country is a chief corner-stone of Masonry, frankly, we do not like this showy ostentation. It seems a regrettable confusion of our functions and duties as individuals with those of our organization. We believe that Masons almost to a man, and regardless of their political affiliations, are becoming more and more zealous in support of our Government in its efforts to bring the war to a successful conclusion. Further, as has always been the case, Masons have fairly crowded to the fore in volunteering for military service, etc. Hence, what need is there for ostentatiously advertising ourselves? We had better conserve our energies and resources *as an organization* for the fearful strain to which they will certainly be subjected *after* this fearful war is brought to a conclusion, when the crying need in every direction will be appalling.

"But when it comes to the *individual* Mason, we believe in his entire independence within moral limits, and that, so far as his means will allow, he should do all possible to help his Country and his fellow men, in accordance with Masonic teaching, also to 'do his bit' even behind the lines. If all Masons do this, the volume of help will be enormous and will actually count, which any number of academic resolutions adopted by Grand Lodge will not do in the slightest. Brethren, let us think deeply on these things, and not confuse our proper functions."

We join with him in the sentiments expressed.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. James McCormick, Grand Master in 1881-1882, who died June 24, 1917.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1918.

The One Hundred and Eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 30; number in membership 11,857. Cash on hand \$13,360.04.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present. Twenty-nine lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was confined to the hospital by illness. We trust that he is well recovered.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Lem. Towers, Jr., speaks of the ending of the war. The dead are remembered. The Condition of the Craft has been at its highest activity. The dispensing power of the Grand Master was liberally used. War work was carried on with regard to "Liberty Loans," "War Savings Stamps," and "United War Work Campaign."

The account of the work done to provide accommodations for the soldiers from the camps tributary to Washington when on furlough they visited Washington is mightily interesting, and it shows what Masonry in a quiet way, could and was doing. None the less interesting is the account of the housing of the large number of persons who, as war workers in the various departments of the Government, were brought to Washington. To crown all their good deeds provision was made to care for the sick and wounded soldiers. "A clasp of the hand and a kindly word would often cheer the unfortunate ones, sick, wounded and far from home, and make them feel that they were not neglected, but that some good friend was on hand to minister to them in their distress."

To do "Courtesy Work":

"I requested the Worshipful Masters' Association to arrange a schedule of lodges to hold special communications on Saturday afternoons and evenings and confer the three degrees. The schedule was interrupted by the suspension of communications in October on account of the influenza epidemic.

"Every communication was held in Masonic Temple, dispensations for this purpose being granted to the outlying lodges, which brought their charters and working paraphernalia from their regular meeting places.

"The 'Saturday War Lodges' were looked forward to by our brethren in the cantonments, who attended in large numbers. Beginning at three o'clock p. m., the three degrees were conferred upon classes ranging from fifteen to thirty-two candidates, the work often continuing until midnight, with the exception of a recess taken at about six o'clock for dinner in the banquet hall of the Temple, to which all present were invited."

The proposition to remit by the Grand Lodge to the lodges which had remitted the dues of its members, engaged in the Army and Navy of the United States, was not carried.

Bro. George W. Baird presented his nineteenth annual report.

Under France we read:

"A personal letter from the Grand Orator of the Supreme Council A. A. S. R., who is also an active member of the Grand Lodge of France, informs the writer that the '*Indépendent et Régulier* Grand Lodge' in France is not recognized nor noticed by the legitimate Masons in that Republic, and that the Rite of Adoption, which has been organized in France, is in imitation of our Eastern Star, whose ritual has been closely

imitated; that the Masonic relations between the Grand Lodge of France, the Grand Orient of France and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite are cordial. The writer understands this as precisely the kind of cordiality that exists between our Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery."

Under Iowa we quote:

"Liberty is our right to say and do what most pleases us provided it does not interfere with a like right of others. As the right, pleasure and convenience of others are interfered with by smokers, we have always thought smoking should be prohibited in a lodge room, except by unanimous consent. But we fear this cannot be brought about. Consideration for others and politeness seem no longer to be taught in the primary grades in school nor in the homes of the great American public; so how can we expect it in lodge rooms?"

Maine for 1918 has ample review.

Of course Bro. Baird discovered "The District of Columbia" indexed to appear on page 15 proceedings 1918, on page 95.

From his conclusion we quote:

"The old, old rule regulating visitation, in effect the world over save in a few jurisdictions in the United States, is that any brother who can prove himself, and coming from a lodge not interdicted, may be admitted into any lodge provided no personal objection is made. But since the Cerneaus and other mischievous fakers have made us trouble, a new rule has come into use in some American jurisdictions, *i. e.*, to forbid visitation by any brother coming from a lodge under a Grand Lodge which has not been officially recognized."

M. W. Bro. John Henry Small, Jr., Grand Master, 1899, died December 2, 1918.

FLORIDA, 1919.

The Ninetieth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 237; number in membership 14,749. Cash on hand \$24,233.26.

Six Past Grand Masters were present. A constitutional number of lodges was represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. T. Picton Warlow, with a brief introduction, passes to the mention of the dead; tells of the issuance of "approximately three hundred and fifty dispensations to confer degrees short of time"; discusses waivers of jurisdiction as between Grand Lodge jurisdictions.

Of his decisions we quote:

"I ruled that more than five candidates might receive the E. A. degree at one communication, provided not more than five receive the degree at one time. (In other words, that the ceremony might be repeated.)"

A dispensation was issued for a new lodge; one lodge was constituted; one corner stone laid; one charter was restored.

The Deputy Grand Master decided in the case of a petitioner to a lodge, "That the petition for initiation, together with the worthless check tendered in payment of initiation fee, be returned to the petitioner."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters leave much to be inferred.

The business was local.

Bro. Silas B. Wright presented another of his interesting and learned Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1918 has a page. But, Bro. Wright, you overlooked the fact that the "long series of 'whereas,' followed by the two 'resolutions'" with regard to French Masonry, were *not* adopted instead of accepted as you report. It makes no difference at this stage of the game about the action had in 1918. In a few years all this talk about French Masonry will be thrown out among the rubbish.

From his conclusion anent French situation he says:

"In all Catholic countries where Masonry existed the lodges were necessarily restricted, and in many of them absolutely controlled by the priesthood. Of course, as Masons were struggling for liberty, justice and equality, in order to accomplish the separation of the church and the state, and to loosen the hold of the church on the public system, it was essential that the former should be united, and that none should be excluded by reason of religious belief. Thus the Grand Orient stood as the nucleus around which the organization might be effected. In 1907, after thirty years of bitter strife, the division of the church and state was accomplished, and Catholicism no longer controlled France. There was another factor in the controversy, the Scottish Rite Body of Masonry, with which the Grand Orient had been in continual controversy for many years over matters of jurisdiction. The Grand Orient has always resented the accusation that they promulgated unbelief and atheism. The Scottish Rite Bodies in France have never made any change in their constitutions regarding the use of the Bible, and the same law is in force there now that was thirty to fifty years ago.

"Many of our American Masons do not understand that in Continental lodges the Bible is not upon the altar, but it is lying on the Master's pedestal, as is also the case in some of the English-speaking lodges. It has been decided in Massachusetts, after an exhaustive examination of the law and precedent, that according to the ancient regulations, it is 'the Sacred Book of the Law,' which is placed upon the altar. It will be readily understood that 'the Sacred Book of the Law' includes the Koran and the Veda as well as the Hebrew Bible, and the English Bible, known as the 'St. James Version.'"

GEORGIA, 1918.

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 662; number of members 48,746. Cash on hand \$65,245.96.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William G. England, in the introduction to his address tells us that the annual communication was postponed for about a month because of the prevalent influenza, which was so dangerous that all assemblages of any number were then tabooed.

He then devotes some periods to discussion of what has been done for the welfare of those in the service of the United States, and of what the future may require. He says:

"In no period of its history has Georgia Masonry been more in harmony, more prosperous, more constructive in thought and efforts than to-day, despite the unsettled conditions of our people, despite the sorrow and pain brought to the homes of many. Fathers, husbands, sons and brothers have crossed the waters to bare the breast to an unmerciful foe; prosperity reigns, and loyalty to country, to home, freedom and universal democracy marks the advance from day to day."

During the year the Grand Master was taken very ill, the Deputy Grand Master was across the sea in Y. M. C. A. service, the Senior Grand Warden as nearly as may be determined by the records was dead, the Junior Grand Warden was unaccounted for. As it was necessary for the business of the Grand Lodge to be transacted, the Grand Master appointed a Senior Grand Warden and Acting Grand Master to attend to the duties of the office.

We understand from the reading of the proceedings that the Deputy Grand Master and the Junior Grand Warden were in the state of Georgia at and during the time of the appointment of an "Acting Grand Master."

He makes a plea for a General Grand Lodge; discriminates between the Grand Lodge de France and the other Grand Bodies in France; reports his visitations, all of which appear to be in accord with general practice.

The Masonic Home receives his commendation, and with the assistance of others he reports a nucleus for an endowment fund of \$55,000.00 collected and safely invested.

Dispensations were issued for three new lodges; six corner-stones were laid; the uniformity of work "through the medium of a Grand Lecturer" is presented; the fees for Masonic degrees are held to be too low.

In his conclusion he discourses upon the receiving petitions and conferring degrees upon soldiers in the different training camps of Georgia.

The following recommendations of the Committee on General Welfare were adopted:

"We recommend that brethren in arrears for two or more years may be suspended without the necessity of a formal trial, restoration being secured by the method now in force.

"For many years the Grand Lodge of Georgia has labored under the expense of the payment of per diem to its Past Masters. This matter has been before the Grand Lodge many times, but your committee in the conscientious discharge of its duty feels constrained to bring it up again. We, therefore, recommend that after this year the practice of paying per diem to Past Masters be discontinued, except in cases of those serving on committees, who shall also be paid mileage. We further recommend that no committee shall consist of more than ten members."

Bro. Raymund Daniel presented the Review of Proceedings of Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

From the introduction we quote a few paragraphs:

"It has been demonstrated that the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. can best care for our brethren now, but when the struggle has ended, Masonry alone can relieve the necessities of the needy and destitute. Fully mindful of the splendid generosity of the present time, all who think of the future must realize that the greater work is coming, and that we must be prepared to fully meet and cope with the situation.

"A few Grand Jurisdictions are frowning upon the remission of dues and fees for dispensations. These Grand Bodies hold that such action forces a brother or a lodge to be an object of charity, and in some cases it is resented. Contentions are also set forth that, because a brother is in the service of his country is no reason that he should be deprived of the privilege to contribute to the support of his lodge, and in this manner assist the 'distressed worthy brother, his widow and his orphan.' The statement is also made that it will be far better for a brother to contribute while he can, and then if misfortune overtakes him, he would have been able to aid in the plan which will enable him to receive succor.

"In all the confusion there is the fixed hope that, as the Craft shall become more accustomed to the exigencies of war, will be the constant reminder that, while enlistment in the service of the nation is ever to be most highly commended, it is not intended for the dignity of our ancient institution to be lowered to serve the conveniences of applicants who had opportunities to apply before the draft, nor to repudiate laws of the past to make easy admissions into the ranks of a Fraternity so time-honored and lasting. There is every sentiment of love and reverence for our American soldiers; there is every desire to give our all for them, but the uniform of a soldier does not make him any more eligible for Masonry than he was before he donned his khaki.

"It is with genuine pleasure that one reads of the unanimous opinion of Grand Masters and Grand Lodges that Masons, as a masonic organization, should not take part in public demonstrations. The loyalty of the Craft is thoroughly portrayed, but Masonry works in the heart of man and not in blatant publicity. The Fraternity, which declined to appear in public parades at the time of the death of Brother George Washington, still holds true to its former tenets."

Maine for 1918 has fraternal mention.

IDAHO, 1918.

The Fifty-first Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 65; number of members 5,681. Cash on hand \$10,655.90; Orphan Fund \$87,655.93.

Eight Past Grand Masters were present; lodges were represented.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Sherman M. Coffin, has a brief introduction to his address. He had the usual number of decisions to answer which might have been answered by the Code and Digest.

In Georgia the Grand Master did not approve public display, but the Grand Master of Idaho reports:

"Question: On several occasions during the past year we have been invited to participate, as a body, in parades and other functions of a patriotic nature. We therefore desire your opinion as to the advisability of our turning out in a body; and if so, will it be necessary to obtain special dispensation for each such occasion?"

"Reply: Your lodge has no authority to participate in any ceremony of a public nature except such as are wholly conducted by the lodge. Your Grand Master, however, has authority to grant special dispensations, permitting a lodge to participate in public processions, and in times like the present would be more than glad to grant such dispensation to any constituent lodge to participate in patriotic parades having for their object the strengthening of the sentiment of patriotism in our people.

"I cannot grant you a general dispensation, but will be glad to grant a special one for such purpose, at any time."

He granted four dispensations, "permitting constituent lodges to act upon petitions for the degrees the same night the petition was received by the lodge," which, he says, were in direct violation of the Grand Lodge by-laws, "but are in strict accordance with the Landmarks of Masonry," and then sets out the "Landmarks." He, by all means in his power, urged "Loyalty service."

He made a few recommendations; states that he had visited a majority of the lodges and received generous entertainment.

The Grand Orator delivered an able address on "What can Masonry do for Democracy?" We quote:

"In short, I would have Masonry seek, in a practical way, to apply its teachings towards making good citizens.

"He who prophesies in this day is foolhardy. But I will say this. Great changes are coming as the result of this war. Changes in the map of the world, changes in men's views concerning government in places where no one dreamed a few years ago that any was possible. Changes in men's views as to personal responsibility in government. Many things that men have come to look upon as established forever will stand in a different light in the future. I firmly believe that all things must hereafter stand in the rays of the great searchlight of Truth to determine their utility for aiding in man's progress. And those things which do not well bear its scrutiny will be discarded—Masonry among

them, if it does not measure up. Men in future will be too much occupied with real, big things, to bother with mere talk and theories."

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the action of the Grand Master in granting permission to receive and to ballot on petitions the same night, but suggested that such action was better in the breach than in the observance.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence in their report, which was adopted, say:

"The Grand Lodge of France became an independent sovereign body in 1895, and severed its relations with the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite in 1904. The only point against the recognition of the Grand Lodge is that it does not require a belief in Deity.

"The danger in a great world crisis like the present is that men may be carried away by mere sentiment, and the Grand Lodge of Idaho, which has always closely adhered to the Ancient Landmarks be made to occupy a position that when reason rules would not be for a moment considered.

"We, your committee, therefore recommend that no action be taken at this time in reference to establishing relations with either the Grand Orient or the Grand Lodge of France."

The Grand Lodge by-laws were so amended that in case of emergency the Grand Master may, by dispensation, appoint a Past Master or Past Warden to convene the lodge; and that after two years an E. A. or F. C. who does not present himself for advancement shall be dropped from the roll.

From reading the papers of the day we think that it may have been necessary to adopt the following resolutions:

"*Be It Resolved:* That we deprecate at this present time any movement by individuals, associations, societies or leagues that in any way stand for or enunciate anything that would interfere with the present constituted and organized form of our government, or incite opposition thereto. That we denounce as traitors any person or persons who in any way hamper or interfere with our government in its present struggle with the allied nations of the world for the perpetuation of democracy.

"*Be It Further Resolved:* That we pledge our loyalty to the great trust of citizenship reposed in us by the United States of America."

Bro. George E. Knepper presented his seventeenth Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1917 has place in the report.

Writing of Wor. Bro. Stephen Berry, he says:

"Thus another grand old man has been laid upon the shelf. While the above (the election of Bro. Berry as Grand Secretary Emeritus) seems the handsome thing, yet when all the facts are considered it is not so creditable. In this jurisdiction there are 205 lodges, and the Grand Secretary for faithful service received \$700.00 a year paid in four quarterly installments of \$175.00 each. Think it over."

We (editorial we) have thought it over. It is not safe to draw conclusions unless all the facts are known. It may be the fault of the organi-

zation that all the facts are not known to the reader of reports. Of course the reader of the above quotation had no knowledge of any other source of income from the Grand Lodge to the Grand Secretary. In each jurisdiction there is, undoubtedly, many a matter unknown to the Craft as a whole. When traveling cards were first issued more than fifty years ago in the jurisdiction of Maine the Grand Secretary had for his personal use the price of the card, and as long as Bro. Berry was Grand Secretary no change was made. The amount received from traveling cards in the beginning was small, undoubtedly, but it had increased until it reached some hundreds of dollars each year. Then there were other fees which might have averaged one or two hundred dollars a year.

Maine is not parsimonious, although she may be accused of being snug.

Now Maine would like to know why the Committee on Credentials of Idaho do not mention the presence or absence of Grand Representatives at the annual communication.

We have received announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. John Kennaly, Grand Master in 1872, who died December 13, 1918, aged 85; and of M. W. Bro. William Carroll Whitwell, Grand Master in 1907, who died December 29, 1918, aged 68.

ILLINOIS, 1918.

The Seventy-ninth Annual Communication

Number of lodges 869; number in membership 67,286. Cash on hand \$32,196.05. Total assets in the treasury \$488,877.17.

Eight Past Grand Masters were present. Seven hundred and twenty-seven lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Austin H. Scrogin, is devoted to the war and to the part Masonry has taken therein.

Two corner-stones were laid; seven Masonic Temples were dedicated; eleven lodges were constituted; seven lodges were instituted; Grand Representatives appointed, and we read "Brother William R. G. Estes having died, Frederic O. Eaton was appointed on December 29, 1917, to represent Illinois near the Grand Lodge of Maine."

Many dispensations were issued, among which were seven for new lodges.

It seems that some lodges had circularized other lodges, without the

consent of the Grand Master, in regard to the condition of Masonry between Illinois and France, to which act the Grand Master calls attention, saying:

"It is not my purpose here to condemn what was done, through the great patriotic impulse of the war, so much as to call attention of lodges to the rule of this grand body against indiscriminate outbursts and appeals to move lodges to unconsidered and often pernicious action."

Many subjects relative to the questions arising from the war are discussed by him.

Six of the nine lodges working in the German language accepted willingly and cheerfully the proposal to work in the English language. An edict was promulgated requiring all lodges to work in the English language after August, 1918, and then one lodge refused and its charter was arrested.

The Fraternal Conference at Washington and the New York Conference are mentioned.

The Grand Lodge refused to adopt an amendment to its code which would control the expenditures of lodges for refreshments or social entertainment; and also refused to strike out of the code the law prohibiting smoking in the lodge room.

The most part of the business done was local in its character.

Bro. Delmar D. Darrah presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

He devotes space to many subjects of great interest to the Mason of this day and date. We give in full that under the subject of "Dispensations":

"One thing which has impressed the writer more than any other in the review of various proceedings, is the utter senselessness of the dispensation habit, which seems to have fastened itself on all Grand Lodges. A dispensation is merely the means whereby a Grand Master permits himself to violate the law and to escape without censure. What is the sense of having constitutions and by-laws if their provisions are to be made subject to the will and caprice of one man.

"If laws are good why not live up to them? If they are bad, then repeal them and get them off the statute book. Where is the consistency in enacting a law forbidding a lodge to do a certain thing and then investing a Grand Master with the power to set aside that law and permit the lodge to do the prohibited thing. If the dispensation habit continues to grow in proportion to its present day development, Freemasonry will wake up some morning and find itself in a ridiculous predicament. It is most refreshing to note that in two or three Grand Jurisdictions, Grand Masters refused to take advantage of the dispensation privilege, giving as a reason that they believed the laws enacted to be good and could see no reason for their being set aside to the detriment of the best interests of the fraternity."

Under Georgia we read:

"It looks very much to the writer that to permit any discussion as to the merits or demerits of candidates prior to the ballot would mean interminable trouble. There can be no objection to a statement which might positively identify the petitioner, but for a brother to get up and harangue the lodge, urging the election of the petitioner, is not in keeping with the usages of Freemasonry."

Under Iowa we quote:

"Masonic research is all right, but it always carries with it a vague suspicion that there is some great secret or historical fact concerning Freemasonry which may yet be upturned, and in this respect brethren are being misled, and any paper, document or lecture which either directly or indirectly connects Freemasonry with old time circumstances or events in an attempt to establish an antiquity which does not belong to it, should be promptly suppressed."

Maine for 1918 was not reviewed because the proceedings had not been received.

Under North Carolina we read:

"A good many Masons have a mistaken idea concerning patriotism. To be patriotic it is not necessary to be flying flags, marching in street parades and hallooing on the slightest provocation. The world is full of people who fight with their mouths and lay down their lives in their minds, but the real patriot is the man who goes quietly about his business, putting service to his country above all else, doing everything which his government asks of him to the best of his ability, and when the time comes, should it be necessary, shoulders his rifle and goes over the top. When the present war is over there is going to be a new standard of patriotism established, and like charity it will not be of the tinkling symbol and the sounding brass variety."

Commenting upon requiring candidates to have a knowledge of the third degree he says under Wisconsin:

"There is absolutely no argument in favor of requiring candidates to pass an examination in the catechism of the third degree more than to make the candidate's progress through Masonry a little more burdensome and to exploit the pet projects of Grand Lecturers. The catechism as now required from candidates are entirely too long and as a result the examinations passed in nearly every lodge are far from satisfactory. Some of the keenest and brightest men in the business world have found it next to impossible to master the long array of irrelevant matter which they are required to learn in their Masonic progress. This whole question ought to be solved by the preparation of short, concise catechisms embodying those essentials which every Mason ought to know. It should then follow that every candidate be made to master these, and pass a satisfactory examination thereon. Every Masonic lodge should be penalized which attempts to smuggle through candidates improperly instructed, and every master who conducts an examination behind the ante-room door ought to be deposed from office.

"There are some things in our Masonic system, that every Mason should know. For instance, how many Masons are acquainted with the five points of fellowship, wherein is to be found a declaration of Masonic duty. Every newly raised Master Mason ought to be made to learn these and be brought to a realization of his relationship with his Masonic

brethren. Such instruction is far more desirable than much that is now required."

We have received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Monroe C. Crawford, Grand Master in 1891-1893, who died March 9, 1919. He was the Senior Past Grand Master.

INDIANA, 1918.

The Ninety-seventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 562; number in membership 82,368. Cash on hand \$19,444.07. Masonic Home Fund \$41,609.03.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present. Five hundred and forty-nine lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Elba L. Branigin, is filled with patriotism to the Federal and State Governments.

During the year nine corner-stones were laid; two Masonic Temples were dedicated. He says: "It has been my pleasure and privilege to attend many Masonic gatherings during the year."

And among the list we find this account, and wonder where the "Masonic" came in:

"Upon the occasion of the visit of the Imperial Potentate, A. A. O. N. M. S., to the Murat Temple, on Friday, March 29, 1918, the Grand Master was honored by an invitation to attend a luncheon in honor of the distinguished guest, and was shown many courtesies as the representative of this Grand Body."

Four lodges were constituted.

The remission of dues to soldiers and sailors is briefly mentioned with approval.

The action of the Grand Lodge with regard to the demand made by the Collector of Internal Revenue of Indiana for the payment of a tax upon dues and fees, and the result is reported. He suggests changes in the General Regulations touching the subjects of dispensations for conferring degrees and of appearing in public on other than Masonic occasions.

He devotes space to the consideration of the Conference held in Washington, which we quote, as it clearly sets forth, to our mind, at least, the object of the Conference:

"The Conference was called for the purpose of discussing the manner in which such organizations can be of service to the Government in the

war. The principal address was given by Secretary McAdoo in a review of the financial situation and in an appeal to all fraternal societies to lend their organizations to the aid of the Government in promoting a propaganda for the education of the American people in the support of the Treasury Department's plans for financing the war. It was urged that all the societies represented co-operate with the Treasury Department in the placing of and subscribing for the securities of the Government in the several Liberty Loan campaigns; to make each of the organizations and all subordinate bodies connected therewith schools for the education of their members in the necessity for industry and thrift, and agencies for the distribution and sale of Thrift Stamps and War Savings Certificates. It was deemed of special importance to reach through certain of the organizations represented all people who do not speak English and who do not read English papers. No special line of procedure was mapped out, but each organization was left free to choose that plan of work best calculated to bring support to the Government."

The New York Conference of Grand Masters is fully reported.

A plea for "War Relief" is presented, for "Freemasonry in Indiana, however, must be prepared to supplement governmental agencies and civilian relief, and be ready to do its full duty for its own boys who are making the supreme sacrifice upon the altar of their country's service."

The conclusion is worthy the consideration of every Mason:

"In conclusion, my brethren, I bid you be of good courage. Let us not lose heart because the skies are lowering, the burdens heavy, to-morrow's path uncertain. God will in his own good time 'make the wrath of man to praise him; the remainder of wrath he will turn away.' Already, in these times that try men's souls, we see the dawning light of a new day; a day when throughout America a new love of country shall inspire every breast; a day when petty differences in party and sect and creed shall be forgotten; a day when the trowel shall be the symbolic sign of a fellowship as universal as human brotherhood.

"Neither shall we listen to the false prophets who would turn Masonry from its time-honored traditions. Some would say that Masonry is antiquated and out of date; that while it has had an ancient and honorable history, it has failed to adjust itself to modern conditions; that by reason of its numbers and influence Masonry should organize its forces and marshal its cohorts in the front line of every battle for social and political reform; that it should espouse the cause of equal suffrage, of prison reform, of the eight-hour law, and other measures of social and industrial justice.

"Be not misled, my brethren, Masonry has not failed in its mission to mankind, and second only to the Christian church it stands as the highest influence in our day and generation for the uplift of humanity. Masonry stands forth the friend of every movement leading to social betterment; it never becomes an agency for social reform. Masonry is a mainstay and support of good government; it never suffers itself to become the duly constituted arm of authority. Like the public school and the church of Jesus Christ, it is a school for the education of the citizen, but it is not an agency of civil government or social reform. The best flower and fruitage of American Democracy springs from the soil of Freemasonry, vitalized by the Great Light of our Order.

"Masonry is a progressive science adapting itself to new occasions and new duties. But since human nature remains always the same, and the principles of human conduct are unchanging; since the Truth of

God is everlasting and eternal, so Masonry, founded on universal principles of human thought and action, and guided by the Truth as revealed in the Great Light, the same yesterday, to-day and forever, will stand by the Ancient Landmarks until the eternal purposes of God are revealed. As we have faith in a divine Father, let us likewise have faith in the universal social experience of mankind. And if we remain steadfast in such faith, 'always abounding in the work of the Lord,' we shall worthily run the race that is set before us, and help to advance the day 'when the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the tops of the mountains.'⁷

A Dispensation for a Military Lodge was granted, but "The existence of said lodge under dispensation shall cease and determine when said cantonment at Camp Shelby is abandoned; and at the close of the war; or at such time as this Grand Lodge may determine, or the Grand Master be authorized to withdraw this dispensation and permission."

The proposition to amend the general regulations as to the time limit between the receiving of a petition of a candidate and the balloting thereon was defeated.

The Committee on Jurisprudence in their report quoted the action of the Grand Lodge upon the question of appearing in public on other than Masonic occasions, which had denied all such requests, and recommended adherence to "its time honored traditions."

The following action "Relative to Masonic Intercourse in Foreign Jurisdictions" was had:

Resolved: That any member in good standing of a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Indiana is hereby permitted to visit and hold Masonic intercourse with any lodge or member of a lodge operating under the Grand Lodge of the country in which said lodge is located.

CONVERSELY: All members of foreign lodges are accorded the same privilege of visiting and holding Masonic intercourse with any lodge or member of lodge in Indiana. This permission to be in force during the period of the war or until such time as the Grand Lodge may be officially recognized."

The following amendment was adopted:

PROVIDED ALSO, That the Grand Master may, with the consent of the Committee on Jurisprudence, allow lodges to receive petitions and ballot upon such petitions of those who are not physically perfect, but who can substantially conform to the ceremonies of the Order."

Upon the Report of Committee on Jurisprudence the Grand Lodge declined as a Grand Lodge to "endorse the proposed bill to be introduced into the Legislature, relating to the teaching of the English language only, in the primary public schools."

The same committee likewise reported "that the adoption of a Flag ceremony in Masonic Lodges would be an innovation in the body of Masonry which we have no right to make and which would be a useless thing and a matter supererogation," which report was adopted.

In the appendix is to be found the brief by Judge Frank E. Gavin, filed with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Relative to the Construction of Section 701, War Tax Law.

Bro. Elmer F. Gay presented his fifth Annual Review of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges F. and A. M.

Maine for 1917 has a page.

IOWA, 1918.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 529; number in membership 59,508. Cash on hand \$65,991.77.

Twelve Past Grand Masters were present. Three hundred and seventy-six lodges were represented. The Grand Representative system is not in vogue.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John W. Barry, in his address, speaking of the growth of Masonry in Iowa, says:

"From 1900 to 1918, the population increased but five per cent. against a 102 per cent. for Masonry—in 1900 there were thirteen Masons to the thousand of total population, and in 1918 there are twenty-six."

He devotes considerable space to Masonry in France and recommends recognition of two of the French Grand Bodies.

He discusses the physical qualifications of membership.

The issuance of dispensations troubled him and he had to argue himself into a position to issue them and succeeded to that extent that he was willing to issue a dispensation in two cases to a lodge to work on Sunday, because "in each case there were brothers who had received part of their degrees only and were under overseas orders, and the only time available for the work was Sunday."

He decided "that the Code does not require the commercial business of a lodge to be done at stated meetings only, and that when proper notice is given the business is strictly legal in meeting all requirements of the Code."

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge "prohibits the receiving of a petition for the degrees except at a stated communication and prohibits the voting on the same except at a stated communication following," and "further provides that no prerogative of the Grand Master can avail to defeat the provision."

Therefore when the Grand Master had requests to issue dispensations to set aside the provisions of the Constitution he said *no*.

A wise law, a wise Grand Master, who concludes the paragraph on the subject by saying:

"No doubt there have been instances where the section worked a temporary hardship—but on the whole, I believe it is better to make Masons in the ordinary way even in these extraordinary times."

He is favorable to the system of District Deputy Grand Master, which system Maine would not be willing to relinquish.

We quote the following paragraph, not because we believe it, but because it shows the tendency of the times to take responsibility from the individual Mason, and to place upon the lodge treasury the expense of the sick, the destitute, and the beggar:

"There are scores of lodges in which the chronic condition of the treasury is like the cupboard of old Mother Hubbard—empty. The only way they can buy a scuttle of coal for the widow or a pair of shoes for the orphan is for the Master to make a collection box of his hat, but be it said to the credit of the individual, the hat never comes back empty, proving that the trouble is not with the individual, but with the organization. It is my sincere, earnest prayer that you may recognize that our 60,000 members of to-day require a better organization than the 29,000 of eighteen years ago, and that you will make provision accordingly. Let us now redeem these implied obligations."

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Recognition of Grand Bodies the following recommendations were adopted:

"1. That the action taken by this Grand Lodge in 1870 and in 1878, by which fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France were severed and forbidden, be and is hereby repealed.

"2. That the Grand Lodge of Iowa is hereby declared to be in fraternal accord and relation with the Grand Orient of France, and also with the Grand Lodge of France."

The expulsion of a brother for "deliberately, intentionally and wilfully refusing to salute the United States flag, then and there displayed, after he had been ordered by the Deputy Grand Master, then presiding, to so salute said flag, although the said accused did at all times understand and comprehend the order to salute said flag, and was at all times physically and mentally able to comply with said order," upon appeal, was affirmed. It was held that the offence was "unmasonic conduct."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the Grand Master was in error in granting a dispensation allowing a petition to be withdrawn after the same was referred to a committee. So likewise did they disapprove the dispensations granted for Sunday work, saying, "however patriotic his purpose in so doing, he has no power to suspend any of our laws by the use of special dispensation except where expressly authorized by law."

Bro. Louis Black presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence. Maine for 1917 is reviewed.

We quote:

"The annual report of Grand Secretary Berry was submitted, and laid

on the table. We are not told why this was done, and are wholly at a loss to understand it.

"Such action would not be permitted in an Iowa lodge, where a motion to lay on the table is not tolerated. In Iowa all motions must be disposed of when made, or the matter referred, or discussion and action on the matter postponed to a definite date."

This has been the customary usage for years. The procedure in regard to the Grand Secretary's report [and the Grand Treasurer's report] is as follows: The morning of the communication of the first day the reports are made and "laid on the table." The election of officers is held the afternoon of the first day, and law requires that the Committee on Finance shall report upon the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer before the election is held. So the reports are "laid on the table" until after the report of the Committee of Finance, and after that is adopted the reports of the two officers are "taken from the table" and disposed of.

We have received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. John W. Barry, Grand Master in 1917, who died December 1, 1918, the Junior Past Grand Master; and of M. W. Bro. Philo J. Martin, Grand Master in 1908, who died February 15, 1919.

KANSAS, 1919.

The Sixty-third Annual Communication.

417 lodges; number in membership, 51,202. Cash on hand, \$31,312.43.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present; 290 lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William I. Stuart, we quote:

"In this trying time it is well for the Masonic Craft of this Grand Jurisdiction and throughout the world to pause and make self-inquiry as to the manner in which they have met the responsibilities and duties resting upon them, not merely as members of the Craft, but as men and citizens of the country in which they live. No doubt there have been some members of our Ancient Fraternity who have failed to measure up to the fullest extent of their responsibilities; but, as a whole, it is my unqualified opinion that the Masonic Fraternity has met the stupendous issues involved, and those who were not of military age and have stayed at home have performed unselfishly and ungrudgingly the great labors and duties devolving upon them, and have uncomplainingly made the sacrifices that were necessary to be made that human freedom and liberty might be preserved throughout the world."

Two lodges were constituted; dispensation for a new lodge was issued; approximately 700 special dispensations were issued on account of those who were to join the colors; two corner-stones were laid; two

Masonic Temples were dedicated; the warrant of the constitution of thirty-three lodges were suspended because of infraction of Masonic law.

The new Masonic Home was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies.

From a special report of the Committee on Correspondence concerning French Masonry we quote:

"It is evident from investigations that there is a real problem as to the importance of certain religious elements in Speculative Masonry which never has been determined with such precision as to be clearly recognized by all Masonic bodies as primary and fundamental."

"Since Masonry is a distinct institution with a definite plan and fixed program for the ages, her foundations must be unchangeable in their nature, inexhaustible in their resources, and susceptible of universal application, and she sits a queen without a rival in her realm because she possesses these elements.

"On a throne of Theistic truth, with a God-given law in her hands and a divine purpose in her heart to establish friendship, morality and brotherly love, she is secure against all assault until the heavens fall.

"Those primary elements of a race-religion and a world-service are the secrets of her vitality and the guarantee of her eternity."

The report concludes:

"We add no moral, we offer no advice, but, prompted by our love, we do hope that the same spirit which has lifted France to the admiration of the world on account of her loyalty, her integrity and her faith, will do the same for Masonry within her borders, so that the glorious day may soon come when we can recognize some one of her Grand Lodges as sovereign, supreme, and entitled to recognition in America, as well as in the rest of the Masonic world. May the GOD whom we as Masons reverence and revere hasten the day!"

We quote from the introduction to the Report on Correspondence:

"The seventeenth annual review of Proceedings and Correspondence Report, prepared by M. W. Matthew Murray Miller, is herewith presented. It is with a deep sense of sorrow that to some one else is necessarily delegated the duty of presenting this report, owing to the death of our distinguished chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. How emblematic of an unfinished life is the broken column! And how close is that thought to a consideration of this report, which, nearing completion, was suddenly terminated at the command of the Grim Messenger of Death, and remains a monument to his work—a broken column.

"The report, with the exception of a very few Grand Jurisdictions remaining to be reviewed, had been finished, and the completed report includes a review of the Proceedings received in time for this report from the Masonic Grand Lodges in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Kansas."

Maine for 1918 appears in the report.

M. W. Bro. Matthew Murray Miller, Grand Master in 1885, and for many years chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, died November 29, 1918. For many years we have read his reports, and have learned to rely upon his knowledge of Masonic matters, which he always presented in a brotherly manner.

LOUISIANA, 1919.

The One Hundred and Eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, ; number in membership, 20,588. Cash on hand, \$3,008.55; other funds, \$67,335.41.

Six Past Grand Masters were present; 163 lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George A. Treadwell, briefly alludes to the close of active war, and then tells of the situation at Camp Beauregard arising from the recall of the dispensation for a lodge there to assist in conferring degrees on material temporarily sojourning in that camp. He finally arranged the matter between two lodges, and reports that one lodge conferred 363 degrees by courtesy, and the other 64.

Three lodges were constituted; eight dispensations were granted for eight lodges; three hundred and seventy-three dispensations waiving the usual routine of time in cases of those in the service of the United States were granted before August 1, 1918, at which time he issued a letter stating that no more such dispensations would be issued.

He allowed his patriotism to prevail, and granted a dispensation to a lodge to participate in a parade with other organizations. He refused dispensations to lodges to receive petitions from profanes not yet twenty-one years of age.

Twenty-three decisions, mostly of local interest, were reported.

A form of petition uniform throughout the state was prepared. War work in its several functions was administered.

He devotes much space to the conference that was held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz and the Grand Lodge of Yucatan were recognized.

The permanent Widows' and Orphans' Relief Fund had reached the sum provided for, and by the action of the Grand Lodge the method of raising money for the fund was to be continued until the fund reaches \$150,000.

Legislation was local in character except the following:

"The Grand Lodge of Louisiana holds that it has exclusive jurisdiction over *bona fide* residents of the state of Louisiana, and when any such who have received any of the degrees of Masonry depart permanently from the state, it claims no jurisdiction over them; and on the other hand, considers that any citizen coming to this state, no matter from where, and under what conditions, who has acquired a residence and general qualifications required for membership in our lodges, he falls within our jurisdiction without regard to what the laws, or usages of the jurisdiction from which he hails may be in this respect, is in full force and effect, and that previous edicts in conflict therewith are repealed and no longer in force."

Bro. Herman C. Duncan presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Kentucky we read:

"We hold that the Grand Lodge alone controls intercourse with all foreign powers, and affirmative action of recognition is necessary before a Louisiana Mason can visit a lodge of a foreign jurisdiction.

"Who is the best judge of the character of a foreign body—the individual Mason or the Grand Lodge?"

"Again, is it not true that international law provides that an essential element of sovereignty is the control of foreign relations?"

"Is it not also true that the notion that the individual citizen, and not the government, is the final judge of foreign relations is a notion of the anarchist?"

Maine for 1918 has mention, but the word *not* was omitted from the following sentence, "The Grand Lodge of France was recognized."

Under Philippine Islands we read:

"Some Grand Lodges have passed resolutions authorizing their members to visit lodges of the Grand Lodge of France, and have stated that they did not thereby recognize it. But if I should go into a man's house in a social way, do I not thereby recognize him socially? And if I go into the place masonically, do I not recognize him masonically? It seems to us that to go to a man's house and say to him, I do not recognize you as a Mason, but should like to have a little masonic intercourse with you is of questionable propriety. It seems to us that it would be much better to go to the man saying, My Brother, I have come to enjoy your hospitality."

MANITOBA, 1918.

The Forty-third Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 77; number of members 7,600. Cash on hand, \$1,801.58; invested fund, \$67,779.50.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Percy E. Kellett, in the introduction to his address devotes a few paragraphs to the war, and the duty of Free Masonry in such a war as this.

The Bi-Centenary appeal for the Benevolent Fund met with great whole-hearted response from the Manitoba Masons, even if one Master felt disturbed enough in his mind to be a "knocker," for which position he received his due punishment by removal from his station by the Grand Master.

He discusses at full extent "Physical Qualifications," with especial reference to injuries caused by the war.

He attended several district meetings, and his criticism is:

"District meetings should be planned to be of distinct educational value to those attending. A definite plan of subjects for discussion should be mapped out so as to guard against mere drifting. The District Deputy Grand Master calling the meeting should arrange this program, and it might be most effectively done by allotting a subject to one brother from each of the lodges in the district. Brethren should not attend these meetings as mere sponges wanting to absorb what they can, and contribute nothing in return. The meetings can be most valuable only if all come prepared to do their share in making them so."

He devotes much space to the questions of the hour. We quote one paragraph to indicate his thoughts:

"If our lodges were open for the discussion of subjects that will arise affecting the social welfare of the people, it seems to me, a great deal of good could, directly and indirectly, be done. This would make every lodge a thought center of educational value to its members. The course laid down should be merely educational. Care should be taken that no resolutions were even presented, certainly not passed, that could be construed in any way to interfere with freedom of thought and action among our members. No lodge should be allowed to subject its members to a definite course for definite social or political action. The discussions should simply be to the end that the members through bearing the pro and con could become better informed and better able to carry out their social duties to the betterment of mankind.

"Should we not, then, change our customs somewhat, and allow freedom of discussion in the important years that are to come? What better and what saner force could educate for tolerance, patriotism and good citizenship? This, it seems to me, is a powerful instrument. Freemasonry should seize upon it to fulfil her mission in building character, and in teaching duty to God, to country, to neighbor and to self. In this common meeting ground, rich and poor, employer and employee, conservative and radical, all classes and conditions of our brethren, could harmonize and educate one the other. The Fraternity affords ideal auspices in such a situation as we are facing. Her stability, dignity and repute are almost a guarantee of proper administration."

The District Deputy Grand Masters presented interesting reports of the condition of the lodges in their respective districts.

The Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Rev. Thomas G. Bethell, delivered an address upon "Leadership of Lodges."

Bro. A. L. Crossen made a Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, in which he touched upon the salient points in many jurisdictions.

The jurisdiction mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Master in 1906, Grand Treasurer for twenty-one years, who died May 30, 1918.

MARYLAND, 1917.

The One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Communication.

The principal events of this communication were the installation of

General Thomas J. Shryock for the thirty-third time as Grand Master, the presentation to the Grand Lodge of Maryland of a handsome bronze bust of General George Washington as a Mason in Masonic regalia, and which had been in the family of General Shryock for many years, by M. W. Bro. Shryock.

The usual committees made their reports of their doings.

Bro. Henry Branch submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Georgia we read:

"One of the decisions 'held that the party (already initiated) cannot advance until he has learned to read and write.' This was approved by the committee and endorsed by the Grand Lodge. On what grounds? A workman that needeth not to be ashamed of his work, and whose character has already been endorsed, whose obligation has been piously assumed, is now an outcast, not on the grounds of immorality or idiocy nor lack of intelligence. Is this a landmark?"

Under Montana we read:

"A decision that a lodge cannot accept an invitation to attend Easter services because it is not a Masonic occasion raises a serious question. Why not a Masonic occasion? If the resurrection of the dead is not a tenet of the Masonic creed, we are of all men most miserable. What is meant by 'raising?' Alas, poor Hiram!"

MARYLAND, 1918.

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Communication.

At the Semi-annual Communication in May the several officers made their reports.

One thousand dollars was donated to the American Red Cross Society.

Five hundred dollars was donated to the United Patriotic Home for Orphans and Homeless Children of Baltimore.

One hundred dollars was donated to Brother Edouard Quartier la Tente to aid him in alleviating the distress and suffering caused by the war.

At the Annual Communication in November the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles C. Homer, Jr., made a short address in which he informs us that it was not considered expedient to modify the restriction in regard to the Grand Orient or Grand Lodge of France.

Of the condition of Masonry he says:

"The influx of new members has been beyond precedent in all of the lodges of this state, and in addition to the work upon our own candidates we have done courtesy work for 257 candidates from other states. Not one penny has been charged by any of the lodges in Maryland for doing such courtesy work. During the same interval we have requested other jurisdictions to confer the degrees upon 73 candidates from this state."

Elaborate reports were made by the Committee of Grievance and their findings were upheld.

Bro. Henry Branch again submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1918 is reviewed.

Under Oklahoma we read:

"The recognition of the Grand Orient and Grand Lodge of France was referred to a committee, and on their report referred to the Grand Master, 'after much discussion.' Evidently the brethren are not yet ready. Why not meet the question fairly? Masonry lowers its standard when it begins to dicker and quibble. If the Supreme Architect of the Universe is their God, and they are willing to say so, this ends the matter; if not, what standing can they have, even with the Deist?"

The most touching part of the proceedings relates to the life, death and memorial services of M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, who for thirty-three years had been Grand Master and who died February 3, 1918.

"Maryland Masonry has given him every honor within her gift, and in return he has given us his life. During his long service he never quite outgrew the nervousness he felt when he first presided over that august body—the Grand Lodge.

"His sterling moral traits, his high sense of honor and duty, his unflinching devotion to the exalted ideals of life, his readiness to be of service to his fellow-men and the public welfare, his open-handed and generous charity, his close friendship and unexcelled loyalty—every trait of his splendid character turned the slightest contact with him into an inspiration, and proclaimed his life as a man and a Mason to be an exemplification of the sublime teachings of the Fraternity and of the genuine truths underlying the Masonic doctrine."

MASSACHUSETTS, 1917.

The account of the stately proceedings of a Deputy Grand Lodge at Cristobal, Canal Zone, for the purpose of establishing Masonry in the Canal Zone is given, but the reason for the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in so doing is not given.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Leon M. Abbott, delivered at the Quarterly Meeting in March, we quote:

"I shall not attend, in my official capacity as Grand Master, any tiled meeting of the so-called higher bodies or appendant orders in Masonry. It does not seem to me that I ought to attend officially any Masonic meeting held behind tiled doors which I or my officers would not be able to attend if only Blue Lodge Masons. I believe you will agree that this position is logical and consistent. It certainly cannot be said to be inspired by any personal hostility to the higher-degree bodies, in several of which I am at present, or have been in the past, an officer. These appendant orders occupy a most important place in the Masonic world, but my concerns as Grand Master are with the Grand Lodge and the lodges under its jurisdiction."

In summing up the report of the minister plenipotentiary to the Isthmus of Panama he says:

"The prominent features of the report are the installation of R. W. Bro. Herbert A. White as District Grand Master on January 31, 1917, at Cristobal, the delivery of a dispensation for a new lodge to be known as Isthmian Lodge and located at Paraiso, the conducting of Lodges of Instruction and Exemplification, the inquiry regarding the newly organized Grand Lodge of Panama, and the negotiation of the terms of a proposed treaty with them."

At the Quarterly Meeting in June the M. W. Grand Master in his address says:

"During the past few weeks I have granted an unusually large number of dispensations shortening the time between the conferring of the degrees. In practically every instance the reason given for the request for dispensation has been that the candidate has entered the military or naval service of his country. In no case, however, has a candidate been allowed to receive his Master Mason Degree upon the same day as the conferring upon him of the Fellow Craft Degree."

M. W. Bro. Charles T. Gallagher at this meeting delivered an exhaustive and most interesting address at the exercises in the celebration of the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of England.

From the report of M. W. Bro. Charles T. Gallagher on Masonry in France we quote the concluding paragraph:

"Thus, while the flags of our two nations float side by side with that of England in the common cause of civilization, let us extend to the brethren of the Grand Lodge of France our expressions of good will and, by sending a copy of this memorial, say to them that whenever they can adopt in their Grand Lodge the spirit herein expressed as a part of their Masonic principles, and embody in their Constitution a belief in Deity or a recognition of the Supreme Being in all their obligations, we shall hail with delight the opportunity to be first to extend to them the right hand of fellowship, and enter into fraternal and official relations with them as one of the Masonic powers of the world."

At the Quarterly Communication in September the M. W. Grand Master in his address says:

"I have not, however, in a single instance waived the requirement of the Constitutions that a candidate proposed at a regular monthly communication must stand over before being balloted for until the next regular monthly communication. This requirement is so important and basic of quality in membership that in my judgment it ought never to be set aside. Masonry knows no distinction among men. It is our duty, as it is our pleasure, to support the National Government and all legally constituted authorities in this grave world-crisis. Every sacrifice in every avenue of effort that is necessary to carry forward the war to a successful issue should and will be cheerfully made. The spirit of true patriotism is given emphasis by every loyal Mason.

"Commending to the utmost enlistment in the military or naval service of the country does not mean that we should lower the dignity of our Institution to serve the convenience of applicants, nor set aside sacred traditions and time-honored laws to make admission to its ranks of easier accomplishment."

By an Amendment to the Constitution it was provided that "officers and men of the United States army and navy and of the merchant marine, having no definite Masonic residence, may apply for the degrees in any lodge having jurisdiction over their posts, stations, or regular ports of call without regard to the requirement of six months previous continuous residence."

Discussing the question of the appearance of lodges in parades the M. W. Grand Master says:

"Any such participation is entirely opposed to the long established rules and usages of the Fraternity. It is one of the oldest and best established principles of our conduct that we participate publicly in nothing that is not strictly Masonic.

"In the closing days of 1799 and the opening days of 1800, when our country was in mourning for the death of George Washington, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts refused Masonic participation in commemorative processions which were held in great numbers."

There are two hundred and sixty-seven lodges in the jurisdiction with a membership of 75,685.

The proceedings are full of general interest to the Masonic reader. Among the articles is one by Emery B. Gibbs, entitled "The Anti-Masonic Movement."

MICHIGAN, 1918.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 437; number in membership 91,854. Cash on hand, \$21,958.37; general fund, \$164,200.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present. Four hundred eleven lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present. There was an address of welcome from the Mayor of the city in which the Grand Lodge met. The records show that the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form; that the Mayor was introduced under the title of "Mr.," and now we find ourselves looking at this matter with the same troubled anxiety that we have when we are looking at the picture in the paper, and underneath the picture we read, "What is wrong in the picture?"

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Louis H. Fead, we quote:

"Masonry is not a mere secret society, where men meet together only to perform ritualistic work, to display their histrionic abilities, to engage in social converse with each other, to learn the simple precepts of right living, to form precious friendships, or even to find the opportunity for the exercise of generosity, charity and brotherly love, laudable as these things are. It is an institution whose principles are world old, whose birth is lost in the dim mists of the past, whose precepts are founded

upon verity, whose purpose is universal, and whose whole system is designed to teach the science of the perfect individual life."

Four lodges were constituted; four corner-stones were laid; seven Masonic temples were dedicated; visitations are reported; dispensations were issued for two new lodges; several letters involving many subjects of importance to the Craft were sent to the lodges in order to lighten the duties of the Grand Master, to increase Masonic knowledge, and to meet the many questions of the hour.

Of his decisions we quote:

"The Grand Master has no authority to grant a dispensation to a Military Lodge. Only Grand Lodge can change the usual jurisdictional rules and authorize a roving jurisdiction.

"Charges may be withdrawn upon unanimous consent of the lodge by secret ballot."

From his experience during the year he presented the following propositions:

"1. Does an article, appearing in a lodge bulletin, criticising or condemning the official acts or policies of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master or any other Grand Officer, constitute unmasonic conduct?"

"2. Does an article, appearing in a lodge bulletin, criticising or condemning any law of Grand Lodge, in terms disrespectful of Grand Lodge, or urging its violation, constitute unmasonic conduct?"

"3. Is a fair and respectful discussion of a law, proposed for amendment or enactment, in a lodge bulletin, unmasonic conduct?"

"4. Does respectful discussion or criticism of Grand Lodge, its officers, laws and policies, or of any lodge, its officers, by-laws or policies, relative to official Masonic acts, by a Mason holding membership in a Michigan lodge, or subject to the laws of this Grand Jurisdiction, in any periodical or paper, liable to come into the hands of the profane, constitute unmasonic conduct?"

We again quote:

"Two requests were made of me to grant dispensations to form Military Lodges to make Masons in the field generally or of Michigan men only. The requests were refused because, under our law, the Grand Master cannot establish a lodge with a roving jurisdiction."

The address required about one hundred and ten pages of the proceedings to exploit the functions of the Grand Master.

We quote from the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence relative to jurisdiction:

"Your committee is of the opinion that if an invasion occurred, as soon as the invasion was discovered no further degrees should be conferred by Lodge A. If there was a claimed invasion, the question of jurisdiction should be determined before any further degrees were conferred. If it were determined that Lodge A. had invaded the jurisdiction of Lodge B., then Lodge B. could not withdraw or disclaim jurisdiction, because such action would be a legal equivalent to waiving territorial jurisdiction, which a lodge cannot do.

"The two degrees already conferred would be valid degrees, but the candidate would have to petition for advancement in Lodge B., and

Lodge A. should pay to Lodge B. the fees received for the two degrees already conferred.

"We have also examined the questions on the subject of Lodge Bulletins submitted for the consideration of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of establishing a guide for the future, and we recommend that all of the questions but No. 3 be answered in the affirmative, and that No. 3 be answered in the negative."

We note the suspension of rules so that tellers, as instructed, could cast the unanimous vote for several officers. But we want none of that business in a Masonic body. If the candidate is the *unanimous* selection of all who are entitled to vote, let one only cast a vote, and the rest refrain from voting.

We read in regard to German lodges:

"Two lodges in this jurisdiction were by their charters authorized to work in the German language. Both have voluntarily ceased to work in that language, and propose hereafter to conduct their work and ceremonies in the language of this country. We commend their good taste and good judgment, and recommend that their action be approved. We further recommend that hereafter no lodge be permitted to work or conduct its ceremonies in any but the English language."

How about allowing lodges, who work in other languages, to continue to work in any language except the English?

A very large amount of business, mostly local in character, was done.

Bro. Lou B. Winsor submitted his fifteenth annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine has a review. The action relative to our late Grand Secretary is quoted.

MINNESOTA, 1919.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 270; number of members 36,976. Cash on hand \$27,031.20; Relief Fund \$127,848.57.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present; two hundred and four lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William N. Kendrick, required some fifty printed pages to tell what had happened in and out of Minnesota during his year. His belief in the potentiality of Masonry is great.

In the matter of dispensations to hurry up the work on candidates who were expecting to enter the U. S. Service he says:

"I adopted the policy of requiring all petitions to take the regular course and then if the elected petitioner was unable to obtain his degrees at home to approve a request from the lodge to have his degrees conferred wherever he was stationed."

Dispensations were granted for two new lodges, but refused for an army lodge; two lodges were constituted; one corner-stone was laid.

He commends the idea of "Masonic Research" and urges that "a little energy and some money" be put to the accomplishment of the plan.

He assisted Mr. Hoover, Food Administrator of the United States, in the conservation of food by lodges, and further shows his loyalty to the Government in the following words:

"Our questionnaire for the committee on petitions contains no question as to the candidate's loyalty. I have made the statement that if I found a disloyal member of the Craft in Minnesota, I would remove him from all of the rights and privileges of Masonry until the Annual Communication, and turn his case over to the Grand Lodge, and I know what you would do with him."

How far reaching and powerful is the power of a Grand Master. It is even beyond the strength of a Court Martial.

The mode of conferring the degrees in one lodge, at least, caused friction.

He discusses at length the question of "Physical Qualifications." We quote the introductory paragraph as an example of "*argumentum ad hominem*":

"To-day, are pouring back from the battle fields of France, thousands of young Americans looking forward with a great hope to the future, expecting, as they have a right to expect, the best of treatment at our hands. Over a quarter of a million of our boys have been wounded in a greater or less degree. Among these are many who would doubtless wish to enter the Masonic Fraternity. After all the attendant hardship, suffering and sacrifice of the war, after their glorious victory in behalf of civilization and right, are they to be debarred from the privileges of the Fraternity on account of some slight wound which has affected them neither mentally nor in their capacity to earn their own livelihood? Is the operation of our present law debarring them to be a sample of the gratitude with which we are to meet them? Is the slacker who sat at home in comfort and safety, and in one way or another evaded his duty in this crisis, to be held in higher regard by the Masonic Fraternity than the Man who offered his life to uphold his country's honor? I for one say 'NO.'"

He devotes much space to the Masonry of France, and finds that the Grand Lodge of Minnesota is in an anomalous position:

"If the requirement of the declaration in the belief in the existence of a Supreme Being and the presence of the Bible upon the altar is the only obstacle to our entry into fraternal relations with the Masonry of France, then to be consistent, we must to-day do either one of two things; sever fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium or immediately enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Orient and Grand Lodge of France."

We quote from the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"We recommend that the action of the Acting Grand Master refusing dispensation to install a Chaplain not a member of the requesting lodge be approved."

Fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, the Grand Lodge of France, and the Grand Orient of Italy were accorded.

Bro. Irving Todd presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1918 appears in the Report.

From his conclusion we quote:

"The entrance of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts into the Isthmus of Panama marks a new era so far as the Western Hemisphere is concerned, with an effect upon Freemasonry that can hardly be determined at the present writing. The brethren of that jurisdiction saw the opportunity, and immediately availed themselves of the great addition to their field of labor. That it is legitimate cannot be successfully questioned, but that it was just the right thing to do is a question open to the future. Right now it savors somewhat of Scottish thrift, of which we have had several notable examples in the past, and are not particularly anxious for more of them."

The Proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association appear in the Report, and we note the deaths of Bro. James M. Bowler, who was born in Penobscot, Maine; of Bro. Giles William Merrill, born in Falmouth, Maine, in 1829, one of the signers of the call and founder of the Association, and who received his degrees in Casco Lodge, No. 36, of Yarmouth; of Bro. Ozias Whitman, born in Buckfield, Maine, in 1848, who received his degrees in Oxford Lodge, Norway.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. William Hayes Laird, Grand Master in 1913, who died October 3, 1918; and of M. W. Bro. Edward White Durant, Grand Master in 1878, who died December 9, 1918.

MISSOURI, 1918.

The Ninety-eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 643; number in membership, 74,201. Cash on hand, \$45,050.36.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present; four hundred eighty-six lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Clark, in his address of the Condition of the Fraternity, says:

"The activities of the Craft have been much accelerated rather than retarded by the demands that have been made upon it. This fact must give us concern, mixed with our satisfaction, for many of these have received the degrees without any preparation, and in many cases I fear without much investigation.

"To the experienced Freemason grave dangers to the Craft will arise from this rapid Masonic advancement."

Dispensations were issued for two new lodges; one charter was arrested; of dispensations for conferring degrees in less than statutory time he says:

"In many states such dispensations are granted, but in accordance with the decision of the Grand Lodge of Missouri at its last annual communication, I have refused all such requests, but in most instances have signified my willingness to assist them in any way possible to get the degrees in the jurisdictions in which they were located."

He devotes much space to Masonry in France. We quote:

"The history of the Fraternity in France is confused and somewhat difficult to follow. Originally the French Freemasonry and the English Freemasonry seem to have been identical. Neither of them required a Bible to be upon their altars. Later the English speaking lodges adopted the Holy Bible as one of the Great Lights, and soon after the French Freemasonry followed their example. This innovation seems to have brought upon them many troubles, and the lodge struggled for many years under various forms of oppression.

"We must remember that they were working in a Catholic country, and that this religion has always been inimical to Freemasonry. The Catholics claimed that it was forbidden to have the Bible in an unconsecrated building, which they considered a Masonic hall to be, and the brethren were compelled by this long-time enemy of Freemasonry to evade in every way possible domiciliary visits and penalties for having violated this canon of the church.

"Furthermore, the Jews who were numbered in the membership claimed that if Masonry were entirely Christian, then the Jews could have no part or parcel in it. That the Christian Bible contained things which they did not believe, and it was proper that the Jewish Bible be placed upon its altar."

The New York Conference is briefly presented.

We quote from the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"The decision of the Grand Master that young men who are in the army should have the privilege of petitioning their home lodges in cases where they have no intention of permanently removing from the state, and are only absent temporarily serving their country, having been referred to your committee—your committee believes that the decision is in accordance with masonic law, and recommends that the decision of the Grand Master be approved."

The Grand Lodge of Panama was recognized.

In regard to the Grand Bodies in France we quote from the Report of the Committee:

"Because our country is an ally of France in this great war does not constitute a reason or justification for the recognition of irregular Freemasonry. This war is a national struggle for the principles of Democracy as against Autocracy, and a philosophy of life that is the father of barbarity. This war is not a masonic war. We, as Freemasons, are heart and soul in this war to assist France to save and maintain her national existence, and not to propagate Freemasonry by the recognition of irregular organizations that once were masonic.

"There is no more reason for the recognition of the Grand Orient or the Grand Lodge of France than for the Methodists, Presbyterians, or any other church to throw aside its creed, and admit men of no faith or belief, merely because members of such a church, as patriots, are with France in her struggle.

"Your committee cannot conceive of such a paradoxical condition of recognizing as masonic, because of the war, an organization that we would not and could not recognize in times of peace. War cannot make masonic irregularities regular, neither can it place its seal of legality upon illegality.

"Your committee holds now, as it has in the past, that a belief in Deity and the 'Open Book of the Law' on our altars is the very fundamental principle of the Fraternity of Freemasons. To recognize anything else means chaos and anarchy. For this reason your committee must again deny recognition to the Grand Lodge of France and the Grand Orient."

The Grand Lodge appropriated money enough to take care of fifty fatherless children of France for one year.

Bro. C. C. Woods presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

He does not favor military lodges; favors territorial jurisdiction.

Maine for 1918 has two pages in his excellent Report.

NEBRASKA, 1918.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 270; number of members 26,585. Cash on hand, \$33,243.98.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present; two hundred and twenty lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent, and he lives in Omaha, where the communication was held.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frederic L. Temple, is devoted to the conditions arising from the war.

He was present at six central schools which he commends and advises the continuation, but thinks results obtained are not in proportion to the time and money expended, because of the apathy and indifference of the officers of lodges who do not attend.

He says:

"In order to harmonize the work and only hold formal schools where needed, I believe we should inaugurate a system of careful inspection and rigid investigation. This can be accomplished by the Grand Custodian and the Assistant Custodians in one day, by holding three sessions. If the conditions are such that the interests of Masonry are suffering by reason of non-proficiency of the officers and their inability to comply with the law, the same should be reported to the Grand Master, with such recommendations as each particular case demands. This will concentrate the work where it is needed, and stop the useless waste of effort, time, and money expended where not needed, as under the pres-

ent system, leaving the matter of expense of these formal inspections to be governed by the condition of the lodges, and the will and pleasure of the Grand Master."

Two corner-stones were laid; five dispensations were issued for new lodges; one lodge was instituted; dispensations to confer degrees out of time were granted to those in the service of the government.

He approved the contribution by lodges out of lodge funds to the aid of the Red Cross.

He ordered that every Masonic lodge in Nebraska should display the American flag in its lodge room.

The Grand Secretary has trouble to get the required returns from the lodges:

"More than one hundred letters were necessary to get information to straighten out errors made by Secretaries in their returns this year."

Here is a new one:

"*Resolved*, That the incoming Grand Master be requested to submit his appointments to the Grand Lodge as soon as possible after his election, which shall be at least one hour prior to installation, so that due inquiry and consideration may be had."

There was a Committee on Dues to Lodges, who recommended some drastic regulations in regard to delinquent members which would not prevail in Maine.

"We quote:

"If dues are not paid within three years from date of suspension, reinstatement shall not be had except on approval of the Grand Lodge. All such applications shall be accompanied by a statement showing the financial and physical condition of each applicant and of his immediate family, and lodges are charged to carefully inquire into and ascertain all the facts in connection therewith, so that as far as possible we may arrive at a full understanding whether or not they are likely to become a charge on the Fraternity."

The fees for the degrees were fixed at not less than \$40.00.

Propositions that the dues on all lodges be not less than four dollars per annum in addition to Grand Lodge dues, and that a lodge shall not have more than four hundred members, went over to the next annual communication.

It would seem that the lodges in Nebraska were not able to manage their own financial affairs.

The following law was adopted:

"Procedure in Foreign Lodge.—Where a lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction has conferred or shall confer degrees at the request of a Nebraska lodge, the procedure followed by such lodge will be held lawful if in accordance with our law, or if in accordance with its own Grand Lodge law."

The Grand Lodge of Panama was refused recognition.
 A large amount of business, local in character, was done.
 Owing to expense there is no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Notice has been received of the death of M. W. Bro. James Pierce Alcom Black, Grand Master in 1893, who died November 12, 1918.

NEVADA, 1918.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Communication.

* Number of lodges 23; number in membership 2,079. Cash on hand \$1,424.85.

Seventeen lodges were represented; two Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

When the Grand Representatives were introduced by the Grand Orator he concluded his remarks as follows:

"The call, my brother representatives, for a universality in the fullest sense of the term has been sounded. Let us hope that Nevada and other jurisdictions will follow the lead so gloriously set by Louisiana and her sisters."

There was also a flag presentation and a Reading of the Honor Roll.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Lindsay, reports his "courtesy" requests received and referred, among which was one for the M. M. Degree to be conferred "by competent American or English Lodge, somewhere in France."

Under the heading of Grand Representatives we read:

"On December 31, 1917, I appointed Bro. Ralph W. Moore, of Hampden, Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Maine."

Four corner-stones were laid; one Masonic Temple was dedicated; visitations were reported; decisions were not required.

The Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama and the Grand Lodge of France were recognized.

Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth presented the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

Under Idaho we read:

"We strongly believe that a Mason should affiliate and become of worth as a worker in the place of his residence. A sojourner sees no necessity for individual effort, and of course shirks all personal responsibility. A lodge has many burdens to carry and paying into its treasury a paltry sum as annual dues is the very least of a member's responsibility. Service is a duty incumbent upon each member and when a Mason, in a

Fraternity whose purpose is to lead others along the lines of higher life, thought and action and in every way to be of use to all mankind, shirks individual effort and all personal responsibility, you can safely count on that Mason being in Masonry for what he thought Masonry would do for him in a selfish way, and not for what he wants to do to bring happiness to others."

Maine for 1917 is reviewed.

Notice has been received of the death of M. W. Bro. Enoch Strother, Grand Master in 1896, who died July 17, 1918; of the death of W. Bro. James Garfield Gault, Grand Sword Bearer, who died November 20, 1918; of the death of W. Bro. W. Adolph Jacobs, Grand Tyler, who died December 23, 1918; of the death of M. W. Bro. Alfred Warren Holmes, Grand Master in 1916, who died March 15, 1919; and of R. W. Bro. George Warren Keith, Grand Junior Warden in 1888, who died May 5, 1919.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1918.

The proceedings at the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary, January 22, 1918, are printed in the proceedings.

The Fifty-first Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 39; number in membership 3,898.

Five Grand Masters were present; twenty lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Daniel Clifford Clark, in his address commemorates the dead, mentions the laying of a corner-stone, gives an account of his visitations, and recommends that the office of Grand Secretary be permanently placed in the Masonic Temple.

The District Deputy Grand Masters presented interesting and instructive reports.

No Report on Correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1918.

The exemplification of the work was given at the semi-annual communication in Lancaster.

The One Hundred Twenty-ninth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 80; number in membership 11,284.

Fifty-one lodges were represented; ten Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Abraham L. Garmon, in his address makes us a short introduction, pays due respect to the dead, mentions in

detail the dispensations granted, reports the cases of degrees conferred by courtesy, gives us briefly an account of the various routine matters, tells of the various conferences held by the Grand Masters during the year, and concludes by expressing thanks to the various officers who have been of assistance during the year.

The District Deputy Grand Masters report upon the condition of the lodges in their respective districts.

Bro. Harry M. Cheney presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1917 is fraternally mentioned.

NEW JERSEY, 1918.

The One Hundred Thirty-first Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 205; number in membership 47,481. Cash on hand, \$30,180.25. Other funds, \$164,500.00.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present; two hundred lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William M. Thompson, is devoted to the conditions arising from the war and to the prosperous condition of Masonry in his jurisdiction.

Six lodges were constituted; a dispensation was granted for a new lodge; two corner-stones were laid; the visitations abroad and at home are reported.

The Masonic Home is commended, but he says:

“The sum of thirty cents now paid by the lodges for each of the members in good standing for the maintenance of the Home will not be sufficient to meet the expenses incurred by the larger scope of work now contemplated and the equipment incident thereto. I therefore recommend that the sum to be paid by the lodges for each of their members in good standing for the maintenance of the Home be raised to fifty cents.”

One hundred twenty-four requests for permission to receive and act upon petitions from applicants possessing visible physical defects were passed upon by him.

The question of “waiver” is discussed by him. He says:

“The complaint is based on the fact that one vote in the negative prevents a candidate’s election to membership, while it takes a majority vote to prevent the lodge in the locality where he is not known from getting a waiver to make him.”

This is not the practice in Maine. A request for waiver takes the same course as a petition for the degrees, and after the waiver is granted, then the petitioner has to pass the ballot.

Of the granting of dispensations we quote:

"Numerous requests have reached me to issue dispensations to allow lodges to act on petitions as soon as they were received, or in less than the four weeks prescribed by our law. Needless to say, these I refused, as I did those to make Masons under twenty-one years of age, and to confer degrees on more than five candidates at one time, or in classes.

"Notwithstanding the fact that some of our sister jurisdictions have sanctioned and are practicing these innovations, I cannot reconcile myself to the belief that it is necessary to obliterate the landmarks, throw down our traditions, and ignore the immemorial usages and customs of our fraternity, even in war times, in order to be true Americans and loyal to our country."

The appearance of lodges in regalia on the occasion of parades with other fraternal and patriotic societies was not allowed.

The Grand Lodge of France, the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, and the Grand Lodge of Panama were recognized. The interdict laid against the Grand Orient of France was rescinded.

It was voted that the English language should be the only language used in the lodges in the jurisdiction.

Quite a large amount of business was presented for consideration and action.

Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs again submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine has a page in his interesting report.

NEW MEXICO, 1918.

The Forty-first Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 46; number in membership 4,338. Cash on hand \$4,966.61.

The proceedings tell us that this communication was held (or started) on October 14, 1918, but owing to health conditions there was not a constitutional number of lodges present, so the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment subject to the call of the Grand Master. We assume that by some provision of law of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, less than a constitutional number of lodges can adjourn the Grand Lodge.

However, it was not until December that "the Grand Lodge resumed its labors," when there were present four Past Grand Masters, and the representatives from sixteen lodges. New Mexico does not have the Grand Representative system.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Richard M. Thome, devotes the introduction to his address to consideration of the war, then passes to the fraternal consideration of the dead.

The requests to confer degrees by courtesy are given in detail.

Dispensations were required and were granted for most every conceivable case that might arise, making Masons at sight only being excepted.

Of his decisions we quote:

"Is it required by Masonic law that all Masons be buried east and west?"

"Answer. I know of no such law.

Dispensations were issued for three lodges.

Many matters of interest to his jurisdiction were presented by him.

The Grand Master, because of illness, was out of the state for more than two months, during which time the Deputy Grand Master took charge of affairs and had but one difficulty, viz:

"That Deming Lodge, No. 12, was demanding one-half of the regular fee for degrees conferred by request of foreign jurisdictions. I notified this lodge that such action might establish a harmful precedent, inasmuch as other jurisdictions would be fully entitled to make like charges, when called upon by our lodges."

From the Report of the Committee on Accounts we quote:

"Your committee recommends the payment of this bill after eliminating the item of \$22.75 representing time lost by such representative. Your committee considers that to approve an item representing lost time by a member attending Grand Lodge would create a dangerous precedent not in the best interest of Masonry."

Bro. John Milne submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence:

Maine for 1918 is recognized by the quoting of the report of the special committee on the resolutions relative to the Grand Lodge of France.

Under Nebraska we read:

"It is remarkable, to say the least, the sudden efforts on the part of some Grand Lodges and Grand Orients to gain recognition at this time, when such efforts have been dormant for many years. It gives rise to the suspicion that advantage is being taken of American sympathy. This may seem unkind, but we do not note any change in their declaration of principles."

From his conclusion we quote:

"The topics of most interest in the past year have been Military Lodges, War Relief and recognition of the Grand Lodge of France.

"Referring to all other oaths, obligations or affirmations of whatever race or sect, we find that all such were binding only when taken on what the affiant held most sacred—on what was to him the outward, visible evidence of his inward belief. Hence while the Bible is not the *only* Great Light, the 'sacred volume of the law' of each belief is the Great Light and essential to the completion of any obligation.

"In this matter of recognition there are extremes—one jurisdiction seems to be willing to recognize all Grand Bodies, who have the name 'Masonic' attached. Others decline to recognize any whose ancestry comes through the Scottish Rite. Both are extremists."

NEW YORK, 1918.

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 867; number in membership, 211,293. Cash on hand, \$68,451.00.

Six Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Penney, in his address pays due tribute of respect to the dead; reports the dispensations granted; tells of the several ceremonial functions performed; announces dispensations for five new lodges, and for Sea and Field Lodge, No. 1.

While the Grand Lodge was at refreshment there was an address in behalf of Belgium by Miss Silvercruys, a Belgian young lady, who depicted the troubles of that land in most thrilling language.

Rules for the organization and management of the War Relief fund were adopted.

The Grand Lodge of Panama was recognized.

The Report of the Grand Historian comprises a large amount of labor, and is full of occult wisdom.

Bro. Wm. Sherer again presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine has mention.

We have received announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, Senior Past Grand Master, who died October 26, 1918; and of Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, at one time President of the United States, who died January 6, 1919.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1918.

The One Hundred Thirty-first Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 440; number of members 27,257. Cash on hand, \$6,343.78.

Ten Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Claude L. Pridgen, devotes some pages to an introduction more or less personal, and says:

"In spite of the drafting of a huge army, in which our great state has, as usual, overdone her part, in spite of the Liberty Bonds, the Red Cross and the Hooverizing, the work of Masonry in our Grand Jurisdiction has progressed as, probably, it never has before. A number of new lodges have been organized, and the older ones are fast becoming

steady, safe and sure. In almost every line of endeavor we have had the smile of the Supreme Architect upon our labors and have prospered."

The dead have fraternal mention; considerable space is given to the subject of "Foreign Correspondence;" a special dispensation to establish an Army Lodge to be confined in its activities to applications from North Carolinians was granted; other matters of local interest were presented.

Dispensations were issued for five new lodges.

We quote:

"I have refused the request from other Grand Jurisdictions and from our own brethren that I issue an edict that each subordinate lodge shall display the flag upon its altar. I am absolutely sure that nowhere on earth would that glorious banner be more welcome, more honored and protected, but there are several reasons for my refusal of this request. In the first place, it would be improper at such a time as this to place anything above the flag for which we are sacrificing all that we hold so dear. In the second place, it is hardly necessary to explain to any good Mason that it would not be convenient, expedient, or proper to place the flag above the usual jewels that are required to be displayed upon our altar in a legal lodge. In the third place, I would not so offend the Americanism, nor insult the patriotism, of the Master of any lodge in my Grand Jurisdiction. Surely they will love and honor and protect their flag, and the flag of their fathers, but such an edict to *compel* them to do so would be a reflection upon their Americanism, and cast official doubt upon their patriotism.

"I have also, at the risk of being criticised, refused all requests to allow lodges to join in public parades. I feel that those who made such requests lost sight, in their enthusiasm of the moment, of the real function of a Masonic Lodge."

Of his many decisions we quote:

"A Master-elect, or any other officer, can be installed by proxy, but should be made acquainted with the obligation of the office, and consent thereto in person before performing official acts."

To which we do not assent.

"A candidate must be a *bona fide* resident continuously for twelve months in the jurisdiction of a lodge, regardless of his age, before he can petition for the degrees, unless waiver of jurisdiction has been first obtained from the lodge in whose territory he last resided continuously for twelve months. He must be twenty-one years of age at time of initiation."

But how can he get a waiver of jurisdiction from the lodge where he last resided when he lost his residence at the time of removal?

The business of the communication was entirely local in character.

Bro. Marshall Delancey Haywood submitted the Report of Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1917 is reviewed.

We have to announce a heavy loss by death since our last report, four Past Grand Masters, a Grand Treasurer and a Grand Tyler. M. W.

Bro. Hezekiah A. Gudger, Grand Master 1891-2, died September 22, 1917; M. W. Bro. John Nichols, Grand Master 1872-3, who died September 28, 1917; M. W. Bro. Charles H. Robinson, Grand Master 1887-8, who died November 6, 1917; M. W. Bro. Francis M. Winchester, Grand Master 1913, who died November 11, 1913; R. W. Bro. Leo D. Heartt, Grand Treasurer 1905-17, who died December 13, 1917, and R. W. Bro. Robert Henry Bradley, Grand Tyler 1886-1918, who died May 17, 1918.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1918.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 116; number in membership 11,233. Cash on hand \$10,252.88; Relief Fund \$22,926.15.

Twelve Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William T. Reynolds, in his address thus speaks of his special dispensations:

"It has seemed to us that anything which could be done to extend to these young men who were desirous of receiving the benefits of Masonry, the same should be done. It has been the usual practice to require proficiency in the lectures, but in two or three instances we have permitted more than the one degree to be conferred on the same evening. We recognize in doing so we have departed from usual practice, but these are very unusual times in which we are living, and we believe that our action will be justified in your sight.

"Two dispensations have been issued to reduce the age in case of young men, sons of Master Masons, who were in the service and home on furlough for a time insufficient to permit them to reach their twenty-first birthday. The petitions of these young men were received regularly under our by-law governing a Lewis, and following the precedent already set by at least two Grand Lodges, New York and Alabama, we deemed it conforming to the spirit, if not the letter, of the law to permit these young men to receive their degrees while home on furlough."

Dispensations were issued for three new lodges, and for one military lodge; one corner-stone was laid; two Masonic Temples were dedicated; the several conferences, held in different sections of the United States, were recognized; many other matters of importance to the jurisdiction have mention, but especial attention is given to those which arose out of the war.

"The usual routine of the Grand Lodge was suspended and the Grand Master, assisted by a team made up entirely of Grand Lodge Officers, conferred the Master Mason degree."

From the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we quote:

"We disapprove of the action of any lodge in the remission of fees for degrees, and that such lodges as may have done so be ordered to secure the payment of the fee prescribed by our laws."

French Masonry was continued as a matter to be disposed of at the next annual communication.

The following legislation was adopted:

"In relation to the so-called Grotto, no Master Mason within the jurisdiction of North Dakota may apply for or receive the degrees offered or conferred by the so-called Grotto or the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm."

Lodges hereafter must be represented at the annual communication or pay a fine of ten dollars for such failure unless good cause for absence is shown.

Bro. Grant S. Hager presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Maine for 1917 has mention.

Writing of the action of the Grand Lodge in regard to our late Bro. Berry he says:

"We are struck with the modesty of this man. In his own report, which barely covers a page of the proceedings, he says: 'In 1856, when I first had the honor of serving the Grand Lodge, the number of lodges was 85, with 3,211 members. The increase has not been rapid, but with ten times the number of members the work is much increased.' We can hardly credit such length of service. We have personally been a member of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota for a quarter of a century. We have regarded this time as entitling us to be considered a veteran, but compared with more than sixty years, we realize that we are still very, very young in point of service, and feel rejuvenated accordingly."

By the way, Maine subscribed \$500, not \$100, to the George Washington Memorial Association.

Under South Carolina, anent Masonic Homes, he says:

"They undoubtedly have a carefully supervised system, but after reviewing the proceedings of so many jurisdictions which are maintaining splendid homes for the aged and indigent, as well as the orphans, we confess that we lean to the Masonic and sentimental idea of caring for dependents."

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill, Grand Master 1908-9, who died March 1, 1919.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1918.

The Fifty-third Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 74; number in membership 7,124. Cash on hand, \$5,160.88.

Three Past Grand Masters were present; fifty-five lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Donald F. Fraser, is mainly devoted to the Canadian soldiers and sailors.

The Halifax disaster has mention. Of the state of the Craft he says:

"A careful survey will find in the great majority of our lodges an increased interest in the work. There is a tendency to greater vigilance in the instruction of the candidates, and the new material is being selected with very great care. I would impress upon the lodges the necessity of fully instructing all new members in the different lectures so that our brethren may be accounted skilled and proficient craftsmen."

He tells pleasantly of his visitations. He says that the financial support of the Masonic Home needs strengthening.

He ruled that a lodge can "receive a petition from a returned soldier who had his leg amputated just above the ankle, which does not interfere with his bending the knee."

At the time of the Halifax disaster seventeen Masons were killed, and forty-eight immediate members of Masons' families. For the aid of one hundred and forty-five individual cases \$11,073.42 were expended.

In his report the Grand Lecturer asserts that two things are necessary to uniformity of work:

"1st. That it be obligatory on the Grand Lecturer to instruct the officers of each lodge every year in administration, floor movement and ceremonies, in opening, closing and conferring of degrees. At present according to the Constitution the Grand Lecturer has no authority to interfere in any way with the Rites and Ceremonies practiced in any lodge, however much they may differ from the authorized work, unless he be specially invited by the Master or the lodge to do so.

"2d. That it is essentially necessary to uniformity of work that there be a Ritual published by this Grand Lodge which would be available to the officers of Subordinate Lodges to supplement the work of the Grand Lecturer.

"The Grand Lecturer to communicate the work from 'mouth to ear.' The Ritual to be an 'aid to memory.'"

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Thomas Mowbray, owing to very poor state of health, was retired, with a salary of \$75.00 per month.

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve the decision of the Grand Master relative to a soldier candidate with an amputated leg, saying:

"Your committee regret that they cannot concur in this Decision. The ancient Landmarks, former rulings in this Jurisdiction, approved of by Grand Lodge forbid."

But the Grand Lodge concurred with the committee, and then "The Grand Master ruled that the candidate referred to, having received his First Degree, is entitled to take his Second and Third Degrees. No dissension."

We do not have a clear understanding of the above action.

Legislation pertaining to the establishment of "Custodians of the Work" and the defining of their duties was had.

Bro. James C. Jones presented his third Report on Correspondence.

Under California, anent "Military Lodges," he says:

"In our opinion it would be quite sufficient for the Masons of a Battalion to unite together and have social gatherings, etc., thus binding them closer to one another, but we very much doubt the wisdom of giving them all the powers which are given to our subordinate lodges."

Maine for 1917 has well chosen quotations from its proceedings.

The Grand Lodge has lost by death M. W. Bro. Luther B. Archibald, Grand Master in 1902, who died February 10, 1918, and M. W. Bro. Thomas B. Flint, Grand Master in 1897-9, who died April 7, 1919.

OHIO, 1918.

The One Hundred Ninth Annual Grand Communication ought to have been held on October 23, 1918, but owing to the prevalence of Influenza less than a quorum was present and so the Grand Lodge session was adjourned from day to day until November 26, 1918, when it was decided that no danger would arise from the assemblage of many individuals.

Number of lodges 554; number in membership 122,343. Balance General Fund \$98,103.58.

Twenty-two Past Grand Masters were present. Four hundred sixty-five lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry M. Hagelbarger, touches upon the close of the war, and the part Masonry has performed.

He mentions the several routine duties which fall to the lot of a Grand Master, and says:

"The telegraph, telephone, and personal interviews in addition to correspondence were resorted to, urging that dispensations be granted to lodges to confer degrees upon candidates who were about to be sent to army training camps, or about to leave for the battlefields in Europe, but in every instance the request was refused, the position being taken that under the rule of the Grand Lodge no permission could be granted."

Dispensations were issued for three new lodges; six lodges were constituted; eight Masonic Temples were dedicated; five corner-stones were laid.

He tells of the erection of a building at Camp Sherman for the welfare of the soldiers, The Scioto Lodge, located at Chillicothe, where the Camp

has conferred by courtesy six hundred degrees on soldier candidates for lodges inside and outside of the jurisdiction of Ohio.

He makes mention of the Washington Conference, and the New York Conference; that the two lodges which had been working in the German language voluntarily ceased to use that language in the work and to use the English language.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Speaking for 122,000 Masons in this grand old Buckeye State, we pledge to the Government of the United States in this critical period of its history our loyal support, to the end that the victory which our gallant armies together with those of our brave allies have achieved, may be permanent; that all governments of earth may be of the people, by the people, and for the people, and that righteousness may be victorious."

A proposed amendment having reference to the per capita tax provoked quite a discussion as the management of the Masonic Home was involved, but at the end the proposition to increase the per capita tax was adopted.

The introduction to the Report of the Committee on Grievances reads as follows:

"The matters that are referred to the Committee on Grievances consist of violations of Masonic law, and the offences are usually committed on account of the officers of the lodge not being familiar with the Code and decisions as approved by the Grand Lodge. In other words, the failure of the Master and Wardens of a lodge to thoroughly investigate and become familiar with the rules laid down by this Grand Body for the government of the Subordinate Lodges."

One lodge conferred the degrees for a less sum than the Code prescribed, because "there seemed to be a desire among the people in that vicinity to join some order and that some other societies in that section were admitting members for less than twenty-five dollars, and that the lodge felt that in order to hold its own and get some new members it was best to make a cut in the fee," so they placed Masonry on the bargain counter.

The committee recommended the arrest of the charter of the lodge.

Several lodges had violated the procedure required in regard to the conferring degrees and it was voted that these lodges be reprimanded.

A way is generally found by which a difficulty arising in the proceedings may be overcome. Here is one way by which an absent Grand Master may be installed.

The Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence reported:

"The committee came to this unanimous conclusion: that the Grand Lodge is supreme, omnipotent in Masonry, I might say, and there are no restrictions upon it except those in the Constitution, voluntarily placed upon the Grand Lodge by itself. We must obey our own Constitution. We find that it provides that the Grand Master shall not occupy his offi-

cial station until he has been installed, but there are no provisions about the method of installation, and we see no reason why the Grand Lodge can not waive all the ceremonies of installation, and by its own action declare the Grand Master duly installed.

"I therefore move, M. W. Grand Master, that this Grand Lodge hereby waive all the ceremonies of installation and declare the M. W. Grand Master-elect, Bro. Kinsey, duly installed."

Read the way Maine did this year. It is true that the absent Grand Master-elect was ill in bed within fifteen minutes ride of the Masonic Temple where the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was being held.

Bro. Nelson Williams submitted his eighth Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Alabama we read:

"We are also with him in opposition to the incorporation of Subordinate Lodges. We can think of no good whatever that may come from such incorporation, and believe we can see where it may become very embarrassing. In the great Cerneau fight in Ohio we are quite sure that the incorporation of our lodges would have been much to our disadvantage.

"He is against the remission of dues on account of age, and we are with him on this proposition, as we believe that every Mason should pay dues as long as he is able to do so, and when the time comes that he can not conveniently pay his dues, his brethren should be not only pleased, but anxious to remit them."

Under Connecticut we quote:

"We very much fear that Grand Masters have simply shut their eyes to all Masonic law and precedent, in the thought that they were doing something nice or good for our soldiers who are defending our country. The granting of such dispensations carries with it the idea that soldiers are made out of better material than the ordinary applicant.

"In other words, it is thought to be wise to investigate carefully, and take plenty of time in doing it if the applicant is an ordinary citizen, but if he happens to be a soldier, then the time may be shortened and less investigation had.

"We believe this is dead wrong, for it must not be forgotten that in the present war every soldier has been drafted, and the criminals as well as honest people have been drafted, and the placing of a soldier's uniform upon a criminal, or a man who has no conception of moral obligation, and of right and wrong, does not make him a suitable applicant for Freemasonry."

Maine for 1918 has fraternal review.

Under Mississippi we find ourselves in agreement with him:

"Freemasonry is universal, and while every Mason should be patriotic and loyal to country, and while it is appropriate to have the American Flag displayed in the lodge rooms, we do not believe that it should be used as a covering for a Masonic altar. But this is simply a little more of the hysteria which is prevailing in this country, as Old Glory is being used everywhere in all sorts of positions, situations, and ceremonials as a vent for pent-up patriotism."

Under South Dakota we read, anent Freemasonry:

"We are wondering how it can have entire jurisdiction over the three degrees, when there is another Grand Lodge in France, recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, which is conferring the three degrees. And besides this, there is the Grand Orient of France, which, if we understand it, also exercises some jurisdiction or control over the symbolic degrees."

But, Bro. Williams, are we not told that all these bodies exist in France in harmony because they do not "practice the art" as do we in America, inasmuch as jurisdictional territory is not known.

When we reach the conclusion we read his "farewell." We are sorry, because we found his ideas to be truly masonic, and expressed in fitting language.

We have received announcement of the death of R. W. Bro. Ralph Reamer Rickley, Grand Treasurer from 1894 to the time of his death, January 16, 1919.

OKLAHOMA, 1918.

The Tenth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 438; number of members 32,335. Cash on hand, \$51,516.67.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present; three hundred twenty-five lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel Wilson Hogan, pays due respect to the memory of the dead, reports the proceedings of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada; announces the laying of four corner-stones, and the dedication of two Masonic Temples.

Dispensations were issued for six new lodges; six lodges were constituted; the visitations are mentioned. The interpretations of masonic law appear to be in accord with usual practice. There were four cases of consolidation of lodges, and three lodges surrendered their charters. Many recommendations are presented.

There was considerable legislation relating to War Relief of one kind and of another, all looking to the benefit of the soldier.

We quote from the Report of the Custodians of the Work:

"We, the Custodians of the Work, to whom was referred the resolution providing that the second degree and the first section of the third degree may be conferred on not more than five candidates at the same time, beg leave to report that we do not believe the same should be engrafted into our law, but should be left as it is now within the discretion of the Grand Master to grant said rights by a special dispensation, when the best interests of Masonry, in his judgment, may require it."

Changes were made in many of their laws.

The following resolution was adopted:

“Resolved, That no representative of a constituent lodge in attendance upon an annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall absent himself from any session thereof, except to attend meetings of committees unless excused by order of the Grand Master, under penalty of forfeiting his mileage and per diem.”

Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey presented his seventh Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1917 has brief mention.

From his conclusion we quote:

“This writer is in favor of constituent lodges in Oklahoma to keep an Honor Roll of members who are in the army, and to keep in touch with them through some committee or brother by writing them now and then, but our brethren who are on the firing line have no time to devote to Masonry such as visiting lodges, etc. They have other fish to fry, and the skillet is hot.

“Our soldiers are not off on a picnic excursion, and left to their own free will to ride on the Merry-go-round or ride on the Ferris Wheel. They are under strict orders, and not permitted a large part of the time to talk above a whisper. And if back in camps, they are kept as busy as a bird on the wing. Could not go to a lodge without leave of absence, and this probably a difficult thing to secure. This writer was kept in the guard house all night in the civil war for not having a pass, and being outside the line getting some guber peas. But constituent lodges can help their soldier members by suspending the collection or remitting dues while in the army.”

The Grand Lodge laments the death of M. W. Bro. James Boyd Morrow, Grand Master in 1907, who died July 15, 1917, and of M. W. Bro. Patrick Joseph Byrne, Grand Master in 1879, who died April 10, 1918.

OREGON, 1918.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 144; number in membership 15,851. Cash on hand \$15,443.96; Funds \$79,083.33.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present; lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Weston G. Shellenbarger, in his address begins without much ado the happenings during his year of office.

Three deaths occurred among the Past Grand Masters; two lodges were constituted; three lodges were instituted; funds were solicited for many charitable causes; dispensations for the soldiers were required. He says:

"I have always been opposed to the granting of dispensations for conferring of the degrees in less than the lawful time, except in very rare cases; but when requests for waiving the statutory time between degrees for any of the boys who were enlisted in their Country's Service were properly presented to me, I have invariably granted the favor."

Of his decisions we quote the following:

"A petitioner not being a resident cannot make application without a waiver from the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides, unless he shall have petitioned that lodge and been rejected. He could then apply for affiliation to any lodge within the Grand Jurisdiction."

What has become of the old theory, that one holding a dimit was free of the craft?

He made a few visitations; was not in favor of Military Lodges, but prefers Masonic Clubs; favors an "Emergency War Fund"; tells more or less about the results at the so-called Masonic Conferences; has a very warm sentiment for French Masons, as well as those of Italy and Serbia.

A representative of the United States Government appeared and asked the Grand Lodge to assist him in getting four automobile trucks in order to train at once in round numbers 43,000 men in the line of auto mechanics.

The question of Masonic Home took up the attention of the Grand Lodge for the greater part of two days and created more or less confusion among the workmen.

The fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of Oregon and the Grand Lodge of France was renewed.

Blanks to be used in the "Conferring of Degrees" by courtesy were adopted.

The Grand Lodge of Panama was recognized.

Apropos of the truck business the Grand Lodge voted \$2,500 to purchase the trucks.

Bro. David P. Mason submitted his eighth Annual Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1917 has fraternal mention.

We have received announcement of the deaths of M. W. Septimus Stoven Spencer, Grand Master in 1913, who died July 15, 1918; of M. W. Bro. Thomas Gray, Grand Master in 1904, who died August 24, 1918; of M. W. Frank A. Moore, Grand Master in 1892, who, born in Ellsworth, Maine, died September 25, 1918; and of M. W. Bro. Thomas McClelland Baldwin, Grand Master in 1911, who died January 14, 1919.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1918.

Number of lodges 507; number in membership 131,913. The balance sheet at close of fiscal year of all funds showed a balance of \$4,894,134.04.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at its quarterly and annual meetings are given with that simplicity that becomes an old and wealthy institution. No time is lost in attending to the business of the meeting, and if subjects are discussed, as probably they are, the final result only is recorded. The reports of the committees are concise and facts clearly stated, but appertain to the jurisdiction.

At the annual communication in December the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James B. Krause, in his address remembers the dead; reports the constitution of one lodge: announces the dispensations; tells of his visitations; of his decisions we quote:

"Refused to grant waiver of jurisdiction over youth under age who is in the service, and whose petition for initiation and membership was presented to a lodge near the camp at which he was stationed in another jurisdiction.

"Refused to permit a lodge to have an address on 'War Conditions' delivered at its stated meeting. Suggested, however, that such address might be delivered during the social hour of the lodge.

"Decided that lodge funds could not be expended for wrist watches for presentation to members in the service. Medal or other tokens, however, are authorized as a proper expenditure of the funds of the lodge during the war."

We further quote:

"The German lodges, fully appreciating that for better administration of the affairs of Grand Lodge the minutes, reports, notices and correspondence should be in the English language, have or are about to conform to such regulations by voluntary action."

Bro. Thomas F. Penman submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, which in the interests of economy was restricted to brief reviews, which we very much regret.

He thus summarizes the position of Bro. Block, of Iowa, on French Masonry:

"The conclusion of Bro. Block's paper is a plea for French Masonry. The gist of his argument is: whether or not they have removed the Bible from their altars, whether or not they require the candidate to declare a belief in God, they have magnified the spirit and practice of Brotherhood to a sublime degree, and, therefore, they are Deists or Theists, consciously or unconsciously; for, he says, 'You cannot fill the world with the Brotherhood of Man without, by the same act, establishing the Fatherhood of God, for the two cannot exist apart.' It is a new line of reasoning in behalf of the recognition of French Masonry by the American Grand Lodges. At this time and place we prefer not to discuss it, but leave the merits and logic of Brother Block's plea to our readers. It is probable that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will soon take up the

question of French Masonry, and we will not anticipate its discussion and decision on the question."

Maine for 1918 has a page. We regret to have made the slip in reporting that the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico had been recognized by Pennsylvania, when it was not so.

From his conclusion we quote:

"But the day of reconstruction, readjustment, rehabilitation is at hand; and Masonry, that played no insignificant role in winning the war, is mightily concerned in its aftermath. Tens of thousands of our young brethren have taken the extreme hazard; many of them are now sleeping beneath the shell-torn soil of France; many of them are returning to us maimed and crippled and unable to resume the normal activities of life; many dependents of all of these heroes are facing the dark hours of want and discomfort. It is said that republics are ungrateful; but there are signs of a new era in which the great American heart is to be adequately responsive to the claims for appreciation and justice of the nation's defenders. Let us see to it that they are not forgotten."

And again:

"Our impulse was to break all barriers and join hands with them, forgetting or setting aside even the fundamental differences that have hitherto kept us apart, the bed-rock supports of American Masonry.

"We have no criticism to make of those Grand Lodges which yielded to that impulse; they are answerable only to themselves. But as for Masonry in Pennsylvania, in the humble opinion of this writer, the question may be disposed of in a few words. As a patriotic American and a lover of France, we yield to no one in admiration of her wonderful heroism and sacrifices; we cheerfully acknowledge the strong ties of friendship that now bind the two countries together; we gratefully acknowledge the honest endeavor of the French Masons to have a watchful and brotherly care over our Mason soldier boys; we are convinced that French Masons have been unfaltering in their loyalty to France and her Allies. But to meet them in our temples, about our sacred altars, is another question. We may be on terms of sincere friendship with a man without permitting him to obtrude his theories or philosophy of life upon us—terrestrial or eternal.

"No one alleges that French Masons are all atheists or materialists; or that a great portion of them are such. But that some of them are, and that no one is excluded on that account, is not denied. Here is where our paths diverge. *No Pennsylvania Master Mason can sit in a French working Lodge without violating his obligation*, so long as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania maintains its present Constitution and Ritual."

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1918.

The Sixth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 43; number in membership 2,894. Cash on hand \$11,761 98.

Three Past Grand Masters were present; forty-one lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

R. W. Bro. Manuel L. Quezon, Deputy Grand Master, read the address

of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William H. Taylor, who was absent because of illness and of whom the R. W. Deputy Grand Master said:

"Brother Taylor deserves the undying gratitude not only of Masonry in the Philippines, but of the country in general, for his work as a Mason has benefitted not Masonry alone, but our community at large. During his term as Grand Master, and due to his ability and energy, the most important Masonic event ever recorded in these Islands took place, an event which has given vigorous life to Masonry and has insured its complete triumph. I refer to the unification of our Masonic Bodies. United under the banner of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, we shall bring Masonic light to every corner of the Archipelago and the principles of justice, equality and brotherhood of men, will in due course reign supreme over here."

From the introduction to the address we learn that the M. W. Grand Master is convalescing in the United States, for he notes his reception at several Masonic functions and comments upon the war.

He reports the constitution of four lodges; the visitations are reported; no decisions were made; the celebration of the Bi-centennial of the Grand Lodge of England is mentioned; and a table showing the genealogy of the Grand Lodge is given.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Seldom has such a situation arisen, as exists with us where adepts in both Anglo-Saxon and Latin Masonry have been united in the same Grand Lodge. It is our duty therefore to give to the world the benefit of our knowledge and to bring both the members of the Anglo-Saxon and those of the Latin Lodges of the world to a realization of the sincerity of the adherence of the other to our common ideals. We know under what difficulties our Brethren of Latin Masonry labors, especially those located in certain countries, as most of them are, where powerful influences are constantly working for their hindrance and suppression and where even their official mail seldom if ever reaches them. We appreciate this and it is our duty to make use of our knowledge and opportunity to give due evidence of this fact in our meetings and Masonic publications: for we, like our Latin Masonic friends, must preforce practice militant Masonry. Let us therefore rise to our opportunity and perform our duty by taking our rightful place in the front ranks of the Grand Lodges of the world, and so help make the Universality of Masonry an accomplished fact. Our sister Grand Lodges do, and will continue, to appreciate our efforts along this line. And when this great day 'Desideratum' has been obtained, as it will be, then will the Masonic World rise up and call us blessed."

The R. W. Senior Grand Warden and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, both of whom had little service as M. W. Grand Master, made reports of their doings, which were mostly of the routine nature.

Considerable discussion was had over the disposition of the cash balance, which was finally voted in a fund to be known as the "Widows' and Orphans' Home and School Fund."

Each lodge was requested to appoint a Committee on Masonic Study and "to devote one hour of each stated meeting of the year, excepting

the months of April, May and June, for the purpose of carrying out some particular part of the outline of Masonic study."

Authority was granted to members of the lodges of the Philippines to visit *all* the lodges in France, the Grand Orients of Italy and Belgium and the Grand Lodge of Alpina, "even though said Grand Bodies have not as yet recognized this Grand Lodge."

Well, under that state of circumstances, viz: non-recognition of Grand Bodies—what was to hinder the visitation or why was there any need to grant "authority" to visit?

The Grand Lodge of Panama was recognized.

Bro. Newton C. Comfort submitted his second Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

From the introduction we quote:

"In examining the Proceedings we are struck with the vast amount of real good the fraternity is quietly doing, and the establishment of large and larger institutions for the care and sweet comfort of our infirm and the tender solicitude and splendid educational culture of the orphan and the dependent. This is a day of institutions and our fraternity, whether caring for its own in homes or in institutions is not one whit lacking in doing its duty, and the task is only limited by the natural limitations of available funds and opportunity."

Maine for 1917 has its full share of space.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1918.

The Forty-third Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 15; number of members 919. Cash on hand \$388.45. Funds \$5,597.35.

Ten Past Grand Masters were present; fifteen lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Benjamin Rogers, in the introduction to his address says:

"While I grieve that I cannot meet you bearing in my hand the olive branch of peace, I rejoice that I am able to greet you with the joyful assurance that prosperity, peace and harmony prevail in Masonic circles throughout the entire jurisdiction. It is true that since last we assembled in annual communication the unprecedented world war has continued on such a scale of colossal magnitude and with such cruel murderous methods on the part of our foe that our intelligence is benumbed."

He devotes much space to commendation of those who have or are serving in the war.

He gives an account of his visitations; states that lodge work is becoming more and more uniform; reports the condition of the Craft as very

satisfactory; made one decision which was upheld; granted a few dispensations "within the time" limit; and makes several recommendations.

From the Report of the Grand Lecturer we quote:

"In some lodges too much reliance is placed on a degree team, composed of Past Masters, to put on the work. This is truly unfortunate as although having a degree team may be the easiest way to get the work done, it is a death-blow to the efficiency and usefulness of a lodge—its tendency being to dampen the ardour of the young officers, and discourage the development of their talents. Every member who accepts office should be given to understand that it is his bounden duty to perform all the requirements of that office, for if he does not get up the work he will never take the pains to study out its meaning so as to be benefitted thereby. On the other hand the more a craftsman learns about Masonry the keener he becomes to acquire additional knowledge. (The efficiency of some lodges is greatly retarded by old Past Masters retaining a death-grip on the principal parts of the lodge work.)"

The following recommendations received passage:

"That the Union Jack be displayed in the Lodge-room at every Session of this Grand Lodge.

"That every Subordinate Lodge be required to procure a Flag of the Empire for display in the 'East' at every communication.

"That a special Per Capita Tax of 25 cents be imposed for this year, so that this Grand Lodge may be in a position to do essential and effective work as occasion may arise."

No Report on Correspondence.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Neil MacKelvie, Grand Master in 1889, who died March 6, 1918.

QUEBEC, 1918.

The Forty-eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 66; number in membership 8,861. Cash on hand \$2,905.92; Permanent Fund, \$14,134.27.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present; sixty-three lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The somewhat lengthy introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. Walter Williamson, is devoted to questions of importance to Masonry arising from the war.

Full appreciation of the services of the dead are rendered.

The usual and some unusual dispensations were granted; official visitations are reported; church services were thrice attended; discusses physical qualifications, and says of the condition of the Craft:

"From the various officers' reports it will be gathered that, both numerically and financially, we have prospered exceedingly, the number of

initiations and net gain being exceeded once only in our history, while our revenues continue to expand, and we have largely exceeded any previous year. The outlook for the current year is excellent, a large number having already knocked at our portals since January 1st. Thus we have every reason to feel gratified at our present position and the future welfare of the Order in this Province."

The District Deputy Grand Masters' reports as presented were read.

From the proceedings we quote:

"Your committee has had placed before it the following letter from Mr. Goodkowsky, addressed to R. W. Bro. W. C. Hagar, Grand Secretary:

"I hereby make formal application for reinstatement as a member of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M."

"As this Grand Lodge has already ruled, on the complaint of the then M. W. the Grand Master of the G. L. of Maine, declaring the whole proceeding null and void, and as beyond the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, there can be no question of 'reinstatement,' nor can this Grand Lodge, with any degree of courtesy to the Sister Grand Lodge, re-open the matter, except at the request of the G. L. of Maine; nor until that G. L. should express a desire that we should take into consideration a request from Mr. Goodkowsky would we be justified in doing so.

"Your committee therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to reply to Mr. Goodkowsky's letter, that this Grand Lodge cannot consider the matter without the special concurrence of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Maine."

For the thirtieth time Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. The preface to his report discusses "Masonry and the War," "German Masons in England," "the General Grand Lodge Absurdity," "Masonic Homes," "Complaints of Non-attendance," and the "Mission of Freemasonry."

We quote:

"Now and again we read in the addresses of Grand Masters and in the reflections of Grand Lodge reviewers suggestions that Masons should band themselves as an organization for carrying out some great moral or social reform for the general benefit of mankind, forgetful of the fact that the most powerful influence for good that the Craft can exert is that proceeding from the personal character and efforts of the individual Mason."

Under California, anent French Masonry, we quote:

"Canadian, British and American people, and their respective troops, are now drawn very close to the brave people, and to the gallant troops of their martial ally, France, but we have yet to learn that the Masonry of France has shown any disposition to remedy its departure from the principles of Freemasonry which led to the inhibition in question. Such being the case, there is absolutely no justification whatever for subordinating our masonic principles to our common alliance in war and commerce, or to sacrifice to the latter all our protests against the godless system of so-called Masonry as practiced in so many countries of continental Europe. Almost everybody is well aware of the fact that there are a number of self-styled rival and warring Grand Bodies in France, each claiming to be masonic, some claiming to have a copy of the Divine

Law upon their altars, and others refusing to have anything of the kind. The resolution of the Grand Lodge of California makes no distinction between lodges or Masons working under any of the rival bodies. Is it to be assumed that the Grand Lodge of California no longer regards our first Great Light as essential to the regularity of Masonry?"

Maine for 1917 has full recognition. Bro. Chambers reviews most pleasantly his association with the Masons of Maine, as the subject is brought to his notice by the retirement of our late R. W. Bro. Stephen Berry from the office of Grand Secretary. We regret to have to add that our Emeritus Grand Secretary Berry left us for the better land the first of February, 1919.

Commenting on masonic charity he says, with which statement we agree:

"Of course, in cases where a lodge is requested by another lodge to look after and incur expenses on its behalf in providing relief for one of its members, it may reasonably ask to be reimbursed for what it has expended as an agent of the other. But we fear that in too many cases brethren are too apt to forget the lesson taught by the box of fraternal assistance, and endeavor to cast upon the lodge the duty of every brother to individually, cheerfully practice that virtue which he has accepted as binding upon himself."

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of R. W. Bro. Will H. Whyte, Grand Secretary 1902-1917, who died September 19, 1917.

RHODE ISLAND, 1918.

The One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 37; number in membership 10,283. Cash on hand \$24,634.37.

The proceedings also contain the doings at a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, held June 24, 1917, in commemoration of the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Formation of the First Grand Lodge of Masons at London, June 24th, A. L. 5717.

The proceedings consisted of an address by the Grand Master, an historical address by the Grand Lecturer, and an address of the Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England.

At the Semi-annual Communication the Committee on Jurisprudence reported:

"Section 14 provides that no subordinate lodge shall receive a petition . . . from an applicant who has not resided within the state for the period of one year and within the jurisdiction of the lodge . . . for the period of six months . . . unless such petitioner shall belong to the United States Army or Navy."

"In our opinion the design and effect of this provision is to enable a

member of the United States Army or Navy to choose his Masonic residence and to prefer his petition to any lodge within the state. Thereby that lodge acquires jurisdiction, the petitioner having by preferring his petition thereto elected his Masonic residence."

A Masonic War Board was created and to furnish funds for their work an assessment of two dollars per capita was levied upon the subordinate lodges.

Masons under the jurisdiction of Rhode Island were permitted to hold Masonic communication with the Masons of France.

At the Annual Communication the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Herbert Ambrose Rice, in the introduction to his address speaks of the war and the deaths caused by it, mentions the prosperity of the Fraternity, reports the numerous dispensations required for conferring degrees upon candidates in the military or naval service, and for other purposes.

Nearly every subject which could be brought to the attention of a Grand Master was brought before him and he tells what treatment each received at his hands.

All these matters are of paramount interest to the Craft in Rhode Island and furnish material for thought and consideration in other jurisdictions should occasion require.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported on "French Masonry" the following:

"*Resolved*, That action taken by this Grand Lodge in November, 1874, relative to withdrawal of fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France be and hereby is rescinded so as to prepare the way for a more suitable and fraternal intercourse; be it further

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge extend to the Grand Orient of France fraternal felicitation and arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives; be it further

"*Resolved*, That the request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of France be and is acceded to and that an exchange of Grand Representatives be requested."

A revised Constitution, General Regulations, Standing Orders and Decisions were adopted.

No Report on Correspondence.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1918.

The Twelfth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 139; number in membership 8,286. Cash on hand \$15,417.62.

Six Past Grand Masters were present; ninety-eight lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

With a brief introduction the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James Mc-

Cauley, recalls to memory the dead; discourses on "Benevolence and Charity"; reminds us that "fifty years have elapsed since the Act of Confederation by which seven Canadian Provinces were united in one Dominion"; dilates upon the Fall of Jerusalem December 18, 1917, from the hands of the Turks; recounts the Halifax disaster; and gives a few short paragraphs to the war.

One lodge refused to make contribution to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund.

Dispensations were granted for seven new lodges; four lodges were constituted; a district meeting was held in each district.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters made interesting reports of the condition of the several lodges in their respective districts.

Of these reports the Committee on Condition of Masonry say:

"Most of the District Deputy Grand Masters in their reports appear to have laid rather too much emphasis on the ability of the individual officers of the lodges to confer degrees, and while we recognize the great importance of this phase of Masonic work, we believe fuller reports should be presented as to the progress which lodges are making along the lines of Masonic Research, the study of the symbolism and underlying principles of the Craft in the extension of Masonic Relief, and the creating of a truly Masonic Spirit throughout the various districts."

From the Report of the Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence we quote:

"Your committee is aware of the unusual effort made by the Grand Master to visit subordinate lodges, but we repeat what has been said often before, that we do not think there is any bounden duty on the part of the Grand Master to visit all the subordinate lodges or any great portion of them, but we cannot but commend the zeal of any Grand Master who devotes his time to such a task. While we commend this zeal on the part of Grand Masters, your committee holds the opinion that to maintain the dignity of the office, it is necessary that the Grand Master's instructions should be given to subordinate lodges by other officers of the Grand Lodge and by paying such visits and carrying out such instructions given by him as are in his opinion in the best interests of Masonry."

No Report on Correspondence.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1918.

The Forty-fourth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 147; number in membership 12,908; cash on hand, \$11,328.57; Grand Charity Fund, \$46,235.59.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present; one hundred two lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Fred H. Rugg, announces the constitution of four lodges; the dedication of one Masonic

Temple; a dispensation for a new lodge; the making of a few visitations; the issuance of dispensations, saying:

"I have in all cases refused to grant dispensations to shorten the time between the introduction of a petition and a ballot on the same, believing that the members of the lodge petitioned should have reasonable time to learn of the presentation of any petition, and deeming four weeks none too long a time for the investigation of the character of any petitioner."

His decisions appear to be in accord with usual masonic practice. He was inclined to favor "Army Lodges," and of the several conferences held in 1918 he says:

"I was not able to attend any of them, and sometimes have doubted the expediency of such efforts, believing that each Grand Jurisdiction, being in direct touch with its own lodges, could better decide all matters relative to its own members and their dependents than a larger body could do."

The Grand Lodge of France was recognized.

Among other resolutions adopted were the following:

"Resolved, that we fully appreciate the work and endeavors of our sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star in their labor of love, and wish them God speed.

"Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby extended to Mrs. S. A. Brown for the donation to this Grand Lodge of the extensive library of our late Brother S. A. Brown, and that we express to her our full appreciation."

The Correspondence Report was started by M. W. Bro. Samuel A. Brown, who died suddenly, February 4, 1918. He had not finished the report, but Maine is found in the report and has fraternal mention.

We have received notice of the death of W. Bro. Frederick Alexander Fowler, Grand Tyler 1910-1919, who died January 25, 1919.

TENNESSEE, 1919.

One Hundred Fifth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 453; number in membership 31,434. Cash on hand \$46,788.96.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present; four hundred and two lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. S. C. Brown, in the introduction to his address hails the return of peace. He says:

"The most wonderful victory for liberty ever recorded has been engraved upon the scroll of Time. The longest battle lines ever known

have saluted the dove of peace, law has been substituted for war, right for might. Righteousness and justice live. Tyranny and autocracy are dead. Our Declaration of Independence of 1776 has been proclaimed in new Liberty Halls of the nations. They now understand that 'all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.'

Two lodges were constituted; one corner stone laid; notes briefly the several Masonic conferences; reports the dispensations granted; and of special dispensations for soldiers he says:

"I replied in each instance that such dispensations could not be granted, that the Masonic law must be observed, usually quoting or citing them the authorities. The fact that some other Grand Jurisdictions granted such privileges, through their Grand Masters, doubtless caused many Tennessee Masons to think that we could do the same on account of the war."

Of his official rulings we quote:

"A brother took his dimit and went West, never affiliating with any lodge, and has worn out his dimit carrying it. Can we issue him a duplicate?"

"Held, yes. Let it show the original date and that it is a duplicate. This by the action of the lodge."

"In 1915 a brother was granted a dimit and moved to Texas. He never received it. What should be done."

"Held, that a duplicate should be issued, giving the date of the original and showing that it is a duplicate. This by the action of the lodge."

The number of requests for courtesy work, to be done upon soldiers in camp, for the year was 388.

Speaking of Military Lodges he says:

"As to Military Lodges, I am of the opinion that we should look with disfavor upon them. There seems to be a haste and a spirit not in consonance with established usage and Masonic law which leads to confusion in conferring of degrees and is destructive of Masonic regularity."

Under his recommendations he says about the District Lecture System:

"I am led to believe that the subordinate lodges are slow in reaching the standard expected of them through the District Lecture system. I do not believe that sufficient attention is given the law requiring instruction, and that where instruction is undertaken the per cent. of attendance is far below what it should be."

From his conclusion we quote:

"It has been a busy year and one of great vicissitudes at large. During the year we have seen tyranny and autocracy dethroned, and in our own beloved country we have seen dethroned a king that has no conscience, a king that once held sway with a cruel and grasping hand—King Alcohol, alias John Barleycorn, who has been banished from our realm and ere long, from the present outlook, will find not where to lay his head in either hemisphere."

"But there remains another tyrant that will have to die if good govern-

ment survives. His unruly and vicious hand is now red with blood across the seas and our people are not free from his propaganda. Anarchy must perish. The flag of civilization and the red flag of Bolshevism cannot both float in God's pure air. Freemasonry true its traditions will be with the old ship of state. Bolshevism must die."

Provision for the printing in advance the Address of the Grand Master and the Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary was made.

The Committee on Jurisprudence failed to sustain the Grand Master in granting dispensation to a lodge to hold its stated meeting at an hour different from that provided in the by-laws of the lodge. Nor did they approve of a dispensation allowing the election of a Senior Warden to fill the vacancy caused by death. The committee followed the practice in Maine.

The committee disapproved:

"The Grand Master was asked if a Quaker desiring to join a Masonic Lodge might be permitted to 'affirm,' and also if a candidate, having conscientious scruples against swearing, might be permitted by affirmation to confirm his obligation.

"In the first place, both queries should have been referred to the Board of Custodians, as all questions pertaining to changes in ritual should take that course, nor should they be answered by the Grand Master.

"The Grand Lodge has also held:

"The Grand Master has no power to allow a lodge to change any part of the ritual in order to suit the religious views of a profane who wishes to become a Mason."

From the report of the committee it is evident that waiver of jurisdiction does not require a secret ballot, which is contrary to the practice in Maine.

We quote in full a case arising from the *military service*:

"A South Carolina Lodge was requested, as a courtesy, to teach a Tennessee Fellow Craft Mason the lecture of that degree, to hear its recitation in open lodge, and to certify to the Tennessee Lodge the brother's proficiency that he might come up for election for the third degree. Before this request was met the brother, who was in military service, was transferred to New York, where the third degree was conferred upon him by a New York Lodge, although authority therefor had not been given. Later, this irregularity was healed by the Grand Master, and thereupon the question came up as to the regularity of the brother's membership as a Tennessee Master Mason. It appears the Secretary of the Tennessee Lodge placed his name upon the lodge roll accompanied by the following note:

"As Brother _____ is now a Master Mason, though irregularly made, the Secretary has taken him upon the roll of the membership of this lodge and so reported to the Grand Master."

"The lodge subsequently approved this minute, presumably by *viva voce* vote, as minutes are ordinarily approved.

"The comment of your committee upon the proceeding is not directed against the action of the Grand Master, for the power to heal is so securely vested in that high office as to be beyond all legislation. It directs, however, the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that membership in a lodge may be decided by the lodge alone and in one form

only, *i. e.*, by secret ballot. It necessarily follows, the irregularity in making having been healed, the brother became an unattached Master Mason and the lodge should have proceeded to ballot upon his application for membership in the regular way. It also follows that membership in the particular lodge was not perfected by the record made by the Secretary upon his Minute Book."

To heal certain acts of the Grand Master, which the Committee on Jurisprudence decided were unlawful, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge hereby authorizes the Board of Control to receive into the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home the dependents of the deceased Master Masons mentioned in the three cases covered by the Report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence."

Tennessee still continues to print all the details of the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

From the Report of the Special Committee on French Masonry we quote:

"In view of the facts just stated and the vital importance of this great question, which affects so many Masons, and in the judgment of your committee, the recognition of French Masonry as it is now constituted, would be to surrender the very principles for which this Grand Body stands. We would respectfully recommend that this Most Worshipful Grand Body again refer this question to a committee composed of the incoming Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

"Hoping that the insurmountable barriers, which now separate this Grand Body and the Grand Orient of France may be removed before this committee is called upon to make its report."

In the consideration of the proposition "hereafter to give to an 'objection' the force and effect of a black ball, but no more," the committee say:

"An examination of the law of forty-five Grand Jurisdictions shows that the rule now prevailing in Tennessee applies in five of them. In twenty-five the nature of an objection must be made known to the Lodge, and must thereupon be justified and sustained by the vote of the Lodge, the required majority being usually two-thirds. In twelve Grand Jurisdictions the law is as now proposed for Tennessee. In the others not mentioned the rule varies, but with all is less restrictive than with us"

The Constitution of the "Masonic Service Commission" was ratified, and one thousand dollars was appropriated to meet any calls that might be made on the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

Bro. H. A. Chambers presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. From the introduction we quote:

"This great war, like other wars have done, has stimulated among men the desire to become Masons. This is particularly true in the United States, in which, as shown by the selections quoted in the following reviews and in the statistical table appended to this report, the membership has increased nearly one hundred thousand during the last year.

"As connected with the great war, we have noted the impulsive, sentimental and natural movements growing out of our war alliances for the

recognition of French Masons, as now, and for a long time past, constituted. Some of the Grand Lodges have openly recognized the French organizations; others have postponed present formal recognition, and yet have authorized visitation by members in France; but most of them, while expressing desire for the coming of suitable conditions, have declined official recognition, or unofficial visitation and association, until such time as French Masonry declares and adopts the fundamental principles of the Fraternity in such manner as to leave no ground for doubt or reason for argument or explanation."

Maine for 1918 is reviewed.

Commenting upon the reported death of M. W. Bro. Augustus B. Farnham, we quote:

"In the battle of Five Forks, Va., on April 1, 1865, he received a bullet in his left lung, fell and lay all night on the field, and carried the bullet to his death."

"The writer hereof—a captain in the Confederate Army—was wounded in that same battle, and carries the scar on his head to this day."

We have received announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Brandon, who was elected to the office of Grand Master at the annual communication in January, 1919, and died in February, 1919.

TEXAS, 1918.

The Eighty-third Grand Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 890; number in membership 77,600. Cash on hand, \$19,778.10.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present; two hundred eighty-nine lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John R. Arnold, we quote:

"In 1913 you directed that address should be printed and only part thereof read to you. Were the usual details of the tens of thousands of communications passing over the Grand Master's desk in 1918 incorporated in this report they would fill volumes, the cost of printing which, before and after this Grand Lodge, would doubtless maintain in our splendid orphanage more than one child whose father committed no greater offence than to be unfortunate enough to die while suspended for non-payment of lodge dues. Herein lies another symbolic use of the compasses to circumscribe our desires and keep this report in due bounds."

And then it takes some two pages to describe the task to handle the affairs of the office and to make ready for the printer.

He goes into "fraternal relations" quite fully. He says:

"When one must keep within the regulations of his own jurisdiction and at the same time avoid violation of the regulations of scores of Grand Jurisdictions, a more difficult task is encountered. The limits of this report will not admit the volume of those transactions which, so far, have preserved fraternal relations with every Grand Jurisdiction, though succeeding Grand Masters may have much to do with what has been done to adjust claims of invasion of jurisdiction."

Four new lodges were chartered, and charters restored to three lodges; eight lodges are reported as 'demised'; six corner-stones were laid; one hall was dedicated. Permission was refused "for lodges to open for work on Sunday, or publicly to appear on Sunday for other than burial purposes." Also "to meet in theatres and buildings not used for masonic purposes."

He declined to give permission to a lodge of Oklahoma to make a *pilgrimage* into Texas, there to work the Entered Apprentice degree upon a candidate of the Oklahoma Lodge, but permission was granted to that jurisdiction to establish a military lodge in Texas.

"Invasion of Jurisdiction" and the Illegally Conferring of Degrees, nearly all arising from trying to accommodate soldiers, required a good deal of attention, and in the address requires some twenty-two pages of explanation and argument.

The proceedings at the Conference held in Cedar Rapids were approved and endorsed, and financial assistance pledged.

Considerable attention was given to the subject of Masonic Research. Quite a large amount of local business was transacted.

Bro. James D. Crenshaw presented the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Maine for 1918 has generous mention.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. John P. Bell, Grand Master in 1906, who died April 3, 1918.

UTAH, 1919.

The Forty-eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 20; number in membership 2,841. Cash on hand, \$3,818.08.

Ten Past Grand Masters were present; seventeen lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Herbert R. Macmillan, welcomes the end of the war.

He reports his visitations, of which he says:

"In making the visitations a new plan of procedure was carried out in following the plan proposed by me on the night of my installation. The

lodges were requested to turn the time over to the Grand Lodge. No work was exemplified. Instead written addresses prepared by the Grand Lodge officers on specially assigned subjects were read. The change was refreshing, and in this manner many subjects of interest to the Craft were discussed."

The dispensations issued were few; waivers of the regular time were granted the soldier; the status of a suspended or expelled Mason after restoration to Masonry by the Grand Lodge caused him to set up and take notice.

The Masonic Service Association of the United States received commendation. The needs of the future are well presented:

"Money is needed. Time is demanded. Personal sacrifice is required. In the calming, readjusting and reconstruction period which we now face, Masonry can find lots to do. It can send its messages of good cheer, its counsel of advice, its reassuring voice of calmness, its influence for law and order into every part of the world. It must help provide the money which will be required for the emergency. We face new times and new conditions, heretofore unknown to us—never before dealt with by mankind. We must meet them with lion hearts, but charitable conduct. We must not falter. We must keep our heads. Our courage must never flag. We cannot afford to be selfish. Our aim must be for the greatest general good."

The Grand Lodge of France was recognized, but the Grand Orient of Italy was denied recognition.

The requests for conferring degrees by courtesy must "pass through the hands of the Grand Secretary or Grand Master, the better to determine the regularity of the lodges asking such courtesy."

The Grand Lodge decided "that neither the person who is required to constantly use crutches, nor the person whose foot has been amputated, and who makes use of an artificial limb, is qualified to be received into Masonry."

Bro. S. H. Goodwin presented the Report on Correspondence.

From the Foreword we quote:

"In seeking to vitalize its principles by red-blood service, our Fraternity may find it necessary to part with some of its familiar trappings, and to slough off some of the excrescences which developed in times when no compelling need gripped the world's heartstrings. To say that these things must not be: that changes must not come; or that there must be no real readjustments to meet new conditions, would be of a piece with the action of our government had it insisted on arming our soldiers in France with the flintlocks of the Revolution, or have sent battleships of the type of the old 'Constitution,' or of the 'Chesapeake,' to run down the submarines of the Hun!"

Maine for 1918 has a place in his valued report.

His report deals very fully with French Masonry.

We have received announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Louis Cohn, Grand Master in 1871, who died July 2, 1918; and of R. W. Bro.

Louis Leroy Baker, Deputy Grand Master in 1918, who died October 27, 1918.

VERMONT, 1918.

The One Hundred Twenty-fifth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 103; number in membership 14,887. Cash on hand, \$2,834.46.

Eight Past Grand Masters were present; sixty-eight lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. David A. Elliott, in the introduction to his address gives a cordial welcome to the veterans of the Fraternity and to those who appear for perhaps the first time, then gives a full page to a description of the scenes of war and a call to aid the government in all ways to a winning of it.

The dead are remembered; the condition of the Craft is reported to be generally in a healthy and flourishing condition; the dispensations, numbering eighty-four, are reported, of which sixty-six were to ballot on petitions without waiting the required time. Many other subjects of local importance are mentioned.

The mileage rate was increased two cents; the salary of the Grand Secretary was increased two hundred dollars, and that of the Grand Treasurer seventy-five dollars; and the per capita tax was increased from twenty to twenty-five cents.

In his address the Grand Master said:

"A matter of importance demanding the attention of the Grand Lodge has arisen. A resident of Vermont in attendance at a military training camp in an adjoining jurisdiction, petitioned a lodge in that jurisdiction for the degrees. Without asking for a waiver of jurisdiction, the lodge proceeded to confer the degrees upon him."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which the matter was referred, report:

"As the law in the New York jurisdiction provides that any person serving in the Army or Navy of the United States is eligible to admission in that jurisdiction without further inquiry as to residence, we do not feel it is our duty to proceed further with this case."

The Report of the Grand Lecturer and those of the District Deputy Grand Masters appear in the appendix.

Bro. Charles H. Darling presented his second Report on Foreign Correspondence in topical form, and from the introduction we quote:

"Turning to the work of the year the subject most universally discussed throughout the jurisdictions has been the Great War. The subject which has brought out the most research and history has been the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England.

The subject of the greatest amount of masonic activity has been the masonic homes as usual."

From the body of the report we quote :

"The movement for a Supreme Grand Lodge again seems to be passing away. The proposed Oregon meeting was abandoned, and nothing looking in that direction is now known to be upon the carpet.

"I can understand how some jurisdictional questions could be better settled by one central body, or that many rules of masonic law and practice could be made more uniform by such a body, but the demand for a general Grand Lodge is based upon an erroneous conception of the real masonic organization and work."

The Senior Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Park Davis, Grand Master in 1871-73, a resident at the time of his death of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he had resided for more than thirty years, died August 20, 1917.

VIRGINIA, 1918.

The One Hundred and Fortieth Grand Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 324; number in membership 27,141. Cash on hand \$536.43, but the net assets are reported as \$207,389.18.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Earnest Lee Cunningham, who occupied that position because of the death of M. W. Bro. Henry Knox Field, who died in office (the fourth time in the history of the Grand Lodge of such an happening) in his address feelingly remembers the dead; reports dispensation for one new lodge; the laying of six corner-stone; the issuance of dispensations for other purposes; and of the requirements for a Grand Master he says:

"Observation covering a period of about six months has convinced me that the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia should be an expert in mechanics and building operations, be versed in both civil and Masonic law, should be a financier and also a peace-maker, and should be thoroughly equipped to master the problems arising out of the conduct of a home caring for children. He should have ability to make a pretty good speech without notice. He should know how to refuse a request and yet so phrase the words denying the request that the brother whose request is denied is convinced that he is actually being done a favor. He should combine in one man the best qualities of an executive officer of a corporation as well as having his heart responsive to sentiment and filled to overflowing with the true spirit of fraternity."

Discussing Military Lodges he says:

"I would strongly resent any Military Lodges coming into this Grand Jurisdiction and conferring degrees either on a man from Virginia or not.

The facilities for obtaining degrees are so great now that no worthy man need be kept out. In addition to this, no Grand Master would refuse to grant dispensations to those who are either in, or ready to go in, the military service of the country, that would expedite the conferring of the degrees upon them."

Of his recommendations we quote:

"Some hold that the Masonic residence of a petitioner should be determined by where he votes, others where his family lives, others his intentions, while others have held that his domicile should be the determining factor. The word 'reside' is capable of all the interpretations that are given above. The man who is trained in civil law naturally, in determining what is meant by 'reside,' turns to what the Court has determined in the matter, while the man who is not trained in the law looks at it from another standpoint. I think that all speculations concerning this important subject would be obviated if Section No. 215 were amended to read as follows, 'The petitioner must have resided for the one year last past in the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he applies, and he shall be deemed to reside where he has his domicile.' I recommend the above change."

We quote:

"I was requested by Hopewell Lodge U. D. of Hopewell, Virginia, for permission to display the United States Flag and a Service Flag in their lodge room. I could see no objection to the flag of our country being displayed in a Masonic Lodge room, so I accordingly granted permission, but at the same time cautioned them that the flag should not be used in any part of the ceremonies, either at the opening or closing of the lodge, or the initiatory parts of the work."

The committee on recognition of the Grand Lodge of France say:

"Your committee might go on to quote more and say more, but we of Virginia Masonry DO believe in GOD, we ARE deists and not atheists, and cannot recognize as Freemasons those who do not require a direct and positive belief in the Mason's God as a fundamental, the first and chief fundamental of any claim as Freemasons."

From the Report of the Committee on Grand Master's Address we quote:

"We do not think any lodge should be exempted from the payment of Grand Lodge dues for any member for any reason, and do not concur in the recommendation of our Grand Master that this should be done in cases where the lodge exempts brethren in military service from payment of dues."

Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1917 has more than a page in his interesting report.

Under New South Wales, discussing public processions of Masons, he says:

"We need no display and the less we say and do to attract profane attention the more our dignity will be respected. The Shrine and Grotto do us great harm, because the world mistakenly thinks they are Masonic, as they are not. With us a dispensation to wear regalia is not required

on funeral occasions, and except corner-stone layings it should not be worn publicly. Public installations and parading to church are vanity and display too childish for grown men and too undignified for Masons."

M. W. Bro. Henry Knox Field, elected Grand Master in February, 1917, died July 31, 1917.

WASHINGTON, 1918.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 209; number in membership 23,900. Cash on hand \$9,828.91.

Nineteen Past Grand Masters were present; all but twenty of the lodges were represented; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

An account of the "Flag Ceremony," together with patriotic addresses from two of the brethren, is read before we come to the proceedings proper, and then we run up against an "address of welcome" and the response thereto. Then "the Grand Marshal arranged at the altar all members of the Fraternity who were present and wearing the uniform of the United States Army or Navy; they were greeted by the Grand Lodge with a thundering roar of applause, and then tendered the Grand Honors."

After the performance of all the above exercises the Grand Lodge called off until two o'clock in the afternoon, when the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George Lawler, delivered his address.

He tells of the result of his labors to save money (\$2,500) by making a change in the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge.

His visits are mentioned; dispensations were granted for three new lodges, but a dispensation for an Army Lodge was denied; permission for a lodge to change its place of meeting to the Odd Fellows Hall "because the doors contained wickets or peepholes" was refused.

We presume that the proposed hall could not be properly tyled, for doors with "wickets or peepholes" are no objection if rooms are tyled.

Neither did he allow a lodge "to attend church service clothed as Masons or opened as a Lodge of Masons."

And still very wisely he did not permit a lodge "to enter a 'Masonic Float' in a public parade of the local Red Cross."

The dispensations are fully reported; two lodges in Alaska, and four others in Washington were constituted; two corner-stones were laid.

The condition of French Masonry receives a little enlightenment from two letters published. The Grand Master says:

"The mere fact that the Grand Orient of France, or the Mother Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite claims to be masonic, does not make either of them so. By their fruits shall they be judged. Democracy is an immovable landmark of Masonry."

Considerable space of the address is devoted to the war.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a quite lengthy report on French Masonry, and closed with the recommendation to adopt the resolutions adopted by California, of which we quote:

"*Resolved*, That a special committee of five members of this Grand Lodge be appointed by the Grand Master to report at the next annual communication some plan whereby, if possible, the breach between French and Anglo-Saxon Masonry may be healed without the sacrifice on either side of any essential principle or matter of conscience."

It was decided that it was not expedient to establish the District Deputy Grand Master system.

Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1917 has a page.

Under South Dakota we read:

"It is a little bit diverting to note how strenuous some of these Grand Lodges are in granting concurrent jurisdiction near their state lines in their opposition to a National Grand Lodge. They fall all over themselves to declare they will never yield up their sovereignty, and then fall all over themselves to do so. In our opinion, the convenience of individuals and the making of an easy process for them to become Masons are not consonant with the established customs of the Fraternity. If a man does not care enough for Masonry to be somewhat inconvenienced to get into the Fraternity, he is not likely to be so zealous afterward that he will be of much advantage to the Craft."

In the conclusion he writes upon French Masonry, and we quote the two concluding paragraphs:

"Our government is spending millions of dollars and sending thousands of men to teach and remind our soldier boys the very thing that we are asked to waive when we set aside the thing which separates us officially from French Masonry.

"We have in our own land to-day a Masonry which asks not that we set aside this fundamental belief, but is just as zealous and just as earnest as we in its promulgation and in its teaching. A Masonry which traces its origin as legitimately as we, and a Masonry whose men are fighting in this battle shoulder to shoulder with the men from our lodges and from France—parts of the same army, shedding their blood just as freely as white Americans. But we are holding out no olive branch to them. Shall it be said of us that a white skin on a Mason is more of a landmark make a belief in God?"

We have received announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Joseph A. Kuhn, Grand Master in 1882, who died October 4, 1918; and of M. W. Bro. Robert Lee Sebastian, Grand Master in 1915, who died December 14, 1918.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1918.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 151; number in membership 21,657. Cash on hand \$2,680.07.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

This communication by the constitution was started November 13th, but owing to the Spanish Influenza was called off until December.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles S. Angel, devotes the introduction to his address to thoughts arising from the close of the war.

The dispensations granted are given in detail, some ten pages; so likewise are there thirteen pages devoted to a detailed account of the degrees given by courtesy.

We quote:

"During the year I have had many requests for lodges to turn out in regalia to take part in patriotic celebrations; some for celebration on the Fourth of July, others for the Second and Third Liberty Loan, and still others for patriotic celebrations in commemoration of our entrance into the war, but owing to our Masonic laws and approved decisions, I courteously refused all requests of this kind."

Two corner-stones were laid; two new Masonic Temples were dedicated; twenty-three decisions were made.

We quote the two following and we cannot make them agree, for, as we read, one says a lodge cannot control its dues and the other says it can:

"A resolution offered in a lodge to amend by-laws to provide that any member who pays \$100 in advance as dues shall be exempted from the payment of further dues during his natural life and shall receive a life certificate effective as long as he is a member of said lodge.

"Held—That our laws do not make any provision for life membership and the resolution would be unconstitutional.

"Can a lodge exempt its members while in military service?"

"Held—Yes. All Subordinate Lodges have the right to exempt their members from payment of dues while in military service."

Not all of the District Deputy Grand Masters made report of their visitations.

A location for the proposed Masonic Home was selected.

Bro. George W. Atkinson submitted his twenty-seventh Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arizona, anent Masonic Clubs, we quote:

"I have never been able to understand why everything carried on in a Club could not be done equally well in a lodge. If the Club is engaged in research work, that can and ought to be done in an open lodge. If the purpose is to frolic, that ought not to be allowed anywhere. As I see it club meetings will weaken, and ultimately destroy lodge meetings. As I understand it, nothing is allowable under the name of Masonry, ex-

cept Masonry itself. Is a Masonic Club a Masonic institution? If not, what is it, and what's it for? If it is for social Masonic purposes, why not hold the meetings at the regular sessions and pull off the stunts under the head 'Good of the Order?'"

Maine for 1918 has more than its usual recognition.

The following quotation from his report is not quite right:

"This Grand Lodge in 1870 cut off her fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France. This year she rescinded that act; consequently all Masons from the State of Maine, now in France, can fraternize with French Masons."

In 1918 Maine did not rescind the act by which fraternal relations with France was cut off, but referred the matter to a committee who reported in 1919, and the result was that Maine is in the same position that she was in 1870.

We quote again anent the Grand Lodge of Panama:

"I wish I could feel that the lodges of Panama which constituted the Grand Lodge, 'were regularly constituted lodges.' They were chartered by the Grand Orient of Colombia and Venezuela, which Bodies but few, if any, of our American Lodges ever recognized as legitimate Masonic organizations. How, then, my learned Brother Chase, could arrive at the conclusion he reached, really puzzles me. Still, I can see the importance of planting Symbolic Masonry in Central and South America, which cannot be done, without, indirectly, at least, recognizing the Grand Orients of those countries, which American Masonry has hitherto refused to do. Symbolic Masonry, somehow and in some way, should be planted in Central and South America, and it appears that the only way it can be done is by waiving some of the long-time principles of the Fraternity that for many generations, not to say centuries, have been regarded as fundamental. I am free to say, however, it looks to me now that our American Grand Lodges, or the bulk of them, are drifting in that direction, and the Grand Lodge of Panama is going to be pretty generally recognized. Whether it be best for the Order, in the long run, I am not, at this time, going to commit myself, because I need more light and thought than I now possess."

Do we not understand that there were three symbolic lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, who had the right to form a Grand Lodge? And is not the Canal Zone a part and parcel of the United States?

It would appear that there was as much reason for the constitution of a Grand Lodge in the Canal Zone under the American System of Masonry as there was in the constitution of a Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands under the American System. The recognition of the Grand Orients per se does not necessarily follow.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Thomas Perry Jacobs, Grand Master in 1913, who died October 30, 1918.

WISCONSIN, 1918.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 280; number in membership 34,877. Cash on hand \$18,793.99.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Willard S. Griswold, is given to a thoughtful presentation of questions arising from the war.

His decisions are almost first in his address. We quote:

“Question. The Worshipful Master, Junior Warden, Secretary and Senior Deacon have all enlisted in the army. Should elections and appointments be made to fill their unexpired terms?”

“Answer. No. There is no vacancy in the offices of Worshipful Master and Junior Warden, as a vacancy in those offices can only happen by death or final judgment of suspension or expulsion. The same is true of Secretary and Senior Deacon. There being no vacancies in any of said offices, there are no unexpired terms to fill. The Senior Warden assumes the duties of Worshipful Master, and fills the stations of Junior Warden, Secretary and Senior Deacon by pro tempore appointment during the absence of the regular officers who had been elected or appointed to those positions.”

If the masonic law of Wisconsin says that the vacancies in the office of Secretary and Senior Deacon cannot be filled in the way prescribed by the Grand Master, we have nothing to say. But we believe that a vacancy in the office of the station officer cannot be filled permanently, but must be filled temporarily until the next election for lodge officers. We also hold that the office of Secretary can be filled by an election at any such time as the regulations provide if there is a vacancy; so likewise the office of Senior Deacon if an elective officer, and if it is an appointed office, then, of course, it is or ought to be under the control of the Master.

Four hundred and thirteen dispensations were issued, of which all but about twenty arose from the “exigencies of the war.”

Dispensations were issued for two new lodges; three lodges were constituted; two corner-stones were laid; one temple was dedicated.

He mentions his endeavors to assist in all patriotic movements, his attendance at Mr. McAdoo's soiree, and the Conference of the Grand Masters at Washington, D. C. From his report about the latter we quote:

“I believe that a National Masonic Council of Defense and a huge war fund would accomplish little more, compared with what is now being done, than to advertise Freemasonry and its achievements in the public press—a thing which cheapens it, and which it neither needs nor desires. I believe that this and every other Grand Jurisdiction is amply competent to manage its own affairs and to measure up to the high standard of

the responsibilities of this hour without help or interference from any other source."

The Committee on Masonic Research report the result of their labors "to promote a more thorough knowledge of Masonry." Everything is all ready, and all that is needed is the fire to make the pot boil.

The Grand Lodge appropriated \$365 for the care of dependent children of France.

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence we quote:

"We heartily endorse the opinion expressed by the Grand Master of the necessity of adhering rigidly to the ancient landmarks of the Craft; that among these and as most important of all is a belief in God as the Creator and Ruler of the Universe, and the Holy Book of the Law as the first Great Light in Masonry; that anything that calls itself Freemasonry, and does not build on this sure foundation, is not Masonry in fact, and can never be recognized by us as such.

"We do not approve of the recommendation of the Grand Master that an additional tax of one dollar per capita be levied for raising a war relief fund. Our present rate of taxation aggregates \$2.10 per capita annually, of which amount \$1.60 is set apart for charitable uses and purposes that will be available for the relief of our brethren who may be incapacitated by the misfortunes of war."

Bro. Aldro Jenks presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Colorado, anent "Military Lodges," he says:

"We regret to observe that a regulation was adopted permitting the Grand Master, in his discretion, to establish Military Lodges. Patriotic reasons strongly suggest this course, but experience has shown that Military Lodges are a fruitful source of trouble after the occasion which called them into existence has departed. Most Grand Jurisdictions object on this score; there is a still further reason, and that is that ordinarily they are established in territory that is already under the jurisdiction of some other legitimate Grand Lodge, and constitute an invasion of its jurisdiction and territory."

Maine for 1917 has fraternal mention. We quote:

"As a rejoinder Bro. Chase asks us:

"If the lodge was not incorporated, how could a voluntary society be haled into court?"

"This may be a poser to Bro. Chase, but if we were an attorney desiring the records, we would issue a subpoena to the Secretary or other officer having charge of the records, commanding him to produce them in court, and if he failed to do so, proceed to punish him for contempt of court."

But before the issuance of the subpoena, suit against the lodge must have been brought, must it not?

Under South Dakota, anent dimits, he says:

"We think as members are free to come into the Fraternity of their own free will and accord, so they should be free to retire if they see fit.

If the sublime teachings of Freemasonry are not sufficiently attractive to hold them, it simply indicates that the brother was never a Mason in his heart. We are better off without his membership and payment of dues."

From his conclusion we quote :

"If the French Freemasons desire to fraternize with us, they can readily do so by restoring the Bible to its proper place, and requiring a belief in Deity as a prerequisite for initiation. Then as French Freemasonry is descended from that of Great Britain, it would be comparatively easy to grant full fellowship."

WYOMING, 1918.

The Forty-fourth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 34; number in membership 4,087. Cash on hand \$13,846.20.

Twelve Past Grand Masters were present; twenty-three lodges were represented. The Representative System has no standing.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. T. Blake Kennedy, speaks, in his introduction, in a general way of the advance made by Masonry in Wyoming and of its influence.

The dead are remembered; the dispensations on account of the war are tabulated which is all sufficient; two corner-stones were laid; his visitations are reported.

The proper time to receive the flag within the lodge now meets our attention :

"*Question.* Is it proper to use the signs in the flag ceremony before the lodge is regularly declared opened?"

"*Answer.* I am of the opinion that the proper place for the flag ceremony should be immediately after the regular opening of the lodge instead of in the midst of the opening ceremony for the reason that it is a business in itself and of supreme importance and entitled to take precedence as such over all other forms of business as soon as the lodge is ready and prepared to transact business which could not rightfully be done until the lodge itself is opened in due form. However, I find that the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge authorizes that the ceremony shall be a part of the opening ceremony. Under these circumstances it will be impossible for me to carry my ideas into effect in changing the place in the lodge proceedings for receiving the flag. As to the signs being given before the lodge is opened I am inclined to think that this is not material and is not in itself a violation of Masonic usages and customs for the reason that at the time the lodge is already tired and purged; and if it were a violation of Masonic usages and customs then every lodge violates it upon each occasion as it is given by the Senior Deacon after the arrangement of the altar before the lodge is declared open by the Master. If it can be given at this point then there would be no logical reason why it could not be given at a previous point in the opening ceremony, after, of course, the lodge has been purged and properly tiled."

The following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*, By the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Wyoming, that Masons holding membership in its lodges, until otherwise ordered, are privileged to visit lodges of the Grand Lodge of the Orient of France, and to hold Masonic intercourse with their members, and that lodges holden under this Grand Lodge are authorized to admit as visitors Masons who are members of lodges holden under said Grand Lodge of France, whose lodges are situated in France."

We do not understand just what is meant by "the Grand Lodge of the Orient of France."

The Grand Lodge endorsed the scheme of a copyrighted emblem to be used universally as a legal emblem and adopted means for its use.

With all the buttons and insignia already prepared by jewellers for the use of those who care to use them there would seem to be no reason why any legislation need be had about a 'legal' emblem. Some Masons may prefer to wear no emblem, some may prefer only one emblem, and some may choose more than one.

Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Under District of Columbia we read:

"Many attractive and promising schemes have been presented to the fraternity to provide relief for the sufferers of the war. The first appeal came from the Grand Lodge of France in 1914, asking assistance in their enterprise, which provided hospitals, dormitories, lunch rooms and ambulances for the relief of the Masons and their dependents, without regard to nationality. Then came the Belgian War Relief Association of the United States, headed by Cardinal Gibbons and Mrs. Logan (which was regarded as a rival of the Red Cross). Then the Swiss Bureau of Masonic Intercourse. Then the appeal for tobacco, then for Belgian orphans (with pledges to raise them as Romanists); and for funds for the amusement of soldiers under instruction in the cantonments, and finally Mr. Michael Delahanty, who was arrested in New York on the 5th of December, 1917, confessed that the easiest graft he ever engaged in was begging for the relief of the war sufferers, and 'every person fell, and fell hard,' said Mr. Delahanty."

Maine for 1917 has review.

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

CUBA, 1918.

The proceedings are in Spanish with the Grand Master's Address and other papers printed in English as an appendix.

From the address of the Grand Master we quote:

"It is true that in our times Masonry has acquired a positive guarantee for the common opinion of our people, we have at present 113 lodges; from

which at least forty own their halls. The Grand Lodge own too her Masonic Temple and a cash balance of \$21,300 which, together with the value of the present temple after it is sold, will be applied to the acquisition of a lot and the commencement of the new building well located, to which end all our efforts have always tendered. We possess a library containing already 4,880 volumes. We have, in accordance with previous resolution of the Grand Lodge, most decently fitted our halls, the archives and the different offices in great need of it. We have not let go by every opportunity to have our influence exerted in the public at large. We have held different public festivities that brought a true conviction to outsiders of what are and signify the principles practiced and always defended by our Institution. We have been generous with every needed person who has knocked at our doors. We have tried to help our brothers and have paid attention to all who believed us sufficiently strong and well prepared to realize any good deed.

"This condition of affairs oblige us to be careful, more yet than what we are to-day, in the admission of new members into our lodges, we must by all means stop the entrance into our midst of those rotten elements of society, who get rich from graft, as a most natural thing, or behave themselves in society in a hypocrit and pernicious manner, they must not come in covered with the artificial mantle of honorability with which they pretend to disguise their wickedness, as they disturb and injure everything by their malignant contact. It is most necessary for us to understand the great responsibility bearing upon us if by momentaneous wickedness or feebleness of our own we pay no attention to their defects and admit them among us. We have but to follow the advices of our Lord Jesus not receiving in the Temple the traders of conscience and duty; let them wander weighted by their sins, may they atone for their faults outside of our Institution which is the most practical, honorable and altruistic of all human institutions."

In his report the Grand Secretary says:

"At the beginning of the present year we numbered 106 lodges and although we expected that the number of lodges should diminish during the course of the year, as consequence of the abnormal condition of the country we have pleasure to note that it has not been so, on the contrary, seven new lodges have been added, with an encouraging membership."

The membership numbers 8,776.

From the report of the Chairman on Correspondence we quote:

"We have left for the last place, purposely, something very nearly related to us. Formerly, when we only inserted our official documents in Spanish, the American brothers asked for them in English. Last year we published them not only in English but in French too. Now while some brothers acknowledge them and have for us consoling and friendly phrases many of the others charged with the reporting of foreign doings only excuse themselves by saying that they did not receive them, or that they have arrived to late to look them over. We must be convinced that always large fishes swallow the smaller ones?"

ENGLAND, 1918.

From the several quarterly communications we select the following paragraphs:

“The board, having taken into consideration the serious effect on the staff in the Grand Secretary’s office which may result from the operation of the latest Military Service Act, recommends that such clerks as may be called up shall receive from Grand Lodge a sum equivalent, with the military allowances of all kinds granted to them, to their present salary, with a promise of welcome back to their places in Freemasons’ Hall when their period of service terminates.”

The proposition provoked quite a discussion.

We quote from the Report of the Board of General Purposes :

“In regard to the admission of brethren from the various Grand Lodge Jurisdictions in the United States as joining members of lodges in this country, as well as to the initiation of American citizens temporarily resident in England, the board is constrained to ask that special caution be exercised lest the masonic laws strictly enforced in America be innocently violated. As to the former class, it has to be borne in mind that, in the majority of the United States’ Jurisdictions, the constitutions do not allow membership of two lodges at the same time, and, therefore, election to an English lodge would disqualify an American brother from participating in the Masonry of his own land. Concerning the latter, the board would point out that, in the United States, each Grand Lodge has sole jurisdiction over the residents within the State or Territory in which such Grand Lodge is established. According to American procedure, an English lodge, before it could initiate a citizen of the United States, should have a waiver of jurisdiction from the American lodge located at his place of legal residence, whether he be soldier, sailor, or civilian, such waiver to be obtained by correspondence between the United Grand Lodge of England and the American Grand Lodge within whose jurisdiction the American citizen in question legally resides. Any such American citizen made a Mason in a foreign Grand Lodge, while a temporary sojourner away from home, would not be recognized by a lodge in the United States as having been legally ‘made,’ unless under the condition of waiver previously stated ; and the board expresses the earnest hope that English lodges will not act in any case without previous communication of all the circumstances to the Grand Secretary.”

New forms for admission to membership in accordance with new rules are given.

MEXICO, 1918.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master in his address mentions fraternally the dead ; reports the dispensations ; announces the following ruling :

“I do hereby RULE, that, after sixty days from date of this ruling, no sojourning Mason will be permitted the privilege of visitation in any lodge, in this jurisdiction, unless he has in his possession documents proving that he is in good standing in his lodge.”

The number of members is 1,031, a loss of 100 during the year, principally caused by the loss of two lodges.

Bro. Wayne A. White submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1917 has full notice.

From his conclusion we quote:

"At last we have reached the journey's end and our work is done for a few days. This has been the pleasantest journey around through the various Grand Jurisdictions that we have had, for we seem to be gaining friends each year and that is why it is all so very interesting. We are now going to take a turn out through Arizona and New Mexico hoping that it will bring that which seems to be beyond our reach here in this climate, and we trust that five or six months sojourn in that part of the great U. S. will bring relief and good health. It is our desire that we continue our work while on this trip so that it will not feel so long, so we will still have pleasure of being among our dear friends, the Knights of the Round Table."

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1918.

From the proceedings we quote, anent the "Chain Prayer":

"This Chain Prayer reminds one of the custom of the ignorant but pious people of Thibet, who paste a few thousand written prayers within a revolving barrel, and consider them duly recited when they have turned the barrel once or twice. Moreover, the appeal to that little vein of superstition by the veiled threat of dire calamity to any individual breaking the chain is utterly unworthy of anyone professing adherence to our great and Heavenly-inspired system of morality."

Discussing "Qualifications" we read:

"The laws of Freemasonry are of two kinds—local and universal. The former, enacted by each Grand Lodge for the government of its members, to be varied or repealed at the pleasure of the bodies who originally framed them, while the laws universal are those Ancient Landmarks which are irrevocable and not to be altered or departed from by any Grand Lodge. This question of what may constitute physical defect, moreover, is absolutely the prerogative of the Grand Master alone, and in this jurisdiction the interpretation laid down in 1901 has always been adopted 'that unless the candidate be fully able to comply with our ritual observances, giving and receiving the signs, etc., he cannot be admitted to the Craft.'"

Bro. S. Scott Young submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1917 and 1918 has full recognition.

It is hard to determine what of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales would be of interest to our readers, if any there are.

To the brethren of that jurisdiction the matters presented are given in such manner as to inform them of the condition of the Masonic Fraternity, and so far as we can judge the jurisdiction is prosperous, happy and contented, with only a few disturbing features which are masonically managed.

NEW ZEALAND, 1918.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Communication.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master we quote:

"The establishment of the masonic hutments would give an opportunity to show in a small way their idea of practical Freemasonry, and would afford between the New Zealand brethren and the brethren at the front a living, practical link, and show that the thoughts of those who remained at home were ever with those who were enduring hardships and suffering for their sakes. He commended the hutment scheme to the consideration of members of the Craft as one of the best movements to which they could devote their attention at the present time."

These "hutments" were under the control of the New Zealand Y. M. C. A., and were the gift of the Masonic Fraternity.

Rules were adopted for the management of the "Special (war) Benevolent Fund." The fund has passed the £10,000 mark first proposed.

Anent the war we quote:

"Nearly 70,000 men have now left our shores to fight in this terrible war, and another 10,000 are in the training camps, whilst there is no slackening in our efforts, no hesitation in our resolve. New Zealand will do her part to the full extent of her power in maintaining the cause of right and justice, truth and honor."

The question of a permanent location for the Grand Lodge provoked considerable discussion, so also did the consideration of "French Masonry," which was referred to the Board of General Purposes to "ascertain the policy of other Grand Lodges."

PANAMA, 1918.

We acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Panama for 1917-1918.

These proceedings are in the Spanish language, except that part which tells of the presence of R. W. Bro. Herbert A. White, representing the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

There is a Report on Correspondence in which Maine has mention.

QUEENSLAND, 1918.

We have read the proceedings and while they are of undoubted interest to the Craft of that jurisdiction we find nothing of general interest.

As yet the differences with the District Grand Lodges of England and Scotland have not been adjusted.

SCOTLAND, 1918.

The proceedings at the several quarterly meetings of the Grand Lodge have been examined, but we find nothing therein that needs to be brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1918.

From the address of the Grand Master we quote:

"I have abandoned the attempt to create a Masonic War Fund, although it was a personal disappointment to me, and I should have rejoiced greatly had it been possible to carry out this scheme. The Board of General Purposes has decided to build four Cottage Homes on the Kingston Terrace site, and the work will be put in hand immediately. These homes will, I feel sure, be quiet resting places for members of the Craft, for brothers incapacitated by wounds, or by widows and children of those who have given their lives for the Empire. We hope to build, I think it is four cottages, at once, and then it will be for the Grand Lodge to find the money to complete the scheme on the site which we owe to the generosity of the late Bro. Gray.

"Brethren, our masonic life is uneventful during this time of war strife. Our activities are of necessity cramped so far as material development is concerned. But there comes to every one of us a stern discipline to strengthen and develop our characters, enrich our lives and destroy our selfishness, to bring out all that is highest and best to make us worthy citizens of that Great Empire that stands for civilization."

There is a Report of the Committee on the Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges.

Under Florida, anent Masonic Homes, we quote:

"The address puts the argument in favor of Masonic Homes with great eloquency and force. With us in South Australia the contrary view expressed so strongly by our late Grand Master, Bro. Sir S. J. Way, has until recently met with general approval. 'I am advancing in years myself,' said he, 'and if ever I should have to fall back on Masonic Charity, which do you think I would appreciate most, the Charity which enabled me to enjoy the home I had lived in for so long, surrounded by those who loved me and were prepared to put up with my shortcomings, or on the Charity which would place me in a cottage, one of many others, where I would be surrounded by a number of other short-tempered, querulous old gentlemen like myself?'"

Maine for 1917 has a page.

TASMANIA, 1918.

From the address of the Grand Master we excerpt the following paragraphs:

"The introduction into our ceremony of a specially prepared supplication to the Most High, and the beautifully appropriate hymn referring to

our brave soldiers and the Allies, and all those doing service at the front, has been gladly accepted in all our lodges, and the innovation has been much appreciated.

"There can be no doubt that numerically large lodges lessen their influence through limiting the opportunities for the qualifying of their members for Grand Lodge. How to overcome such difficulties is a matter which cannot fail to engage the earnest consideration of all concerned. Whether it would be prudent to fix the maximum membership in each lodge, and to limit the number of initiations at all ceremonies, and to considerably extend the time of probation, demand our most serious thought. While there can naturally be no wish to discourage the introduction into our ranks of eligible men, we should be more circumspect, with this knowledge before us, in the admission of new members. When a lodge has reached a certain maximum of membership the question arises whether a daughter lodge might not be created by it under its own auspices. This might be a solution. The idea also is gaining ground as to the desirableness of forming a new lodge to embrace civil and military, literary and professional men—a Research Lodge. Such are to be found in most of the metropolitan cities of Australia. There is no doubt, however, that before very long something will have to be done to relieve the present congestion, and to afford openings for enthusiastic and desirable brethren.

"The accumulation of funds in the private lodges, while desirable for a time in new and struggling ones, should not be encouraged in well established lodges. The fees of members should only be necessary to pay the regular current expenses and provide a small reserve for emergencies. All surplus funds should, I think, be paid to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. Every lodge has representation on this board, and has a controlling influence. The increased revenue to the Benevolent Fund which would in this way result would materially enhance its importance, and justify the extension of its operations on such liberal lines as I have referred. This suggestion will, I hope, have the sympathetic and practical support of the members of all flourishing city lodges."

There is a Foreign Correspondence, and Maine is among the jurisdictions that receive fraternal notice.

VICTORIA, 1918.

From the address of the Grand Master we quote:

"A Freemason, as a peaceable subject of the civil powers, should never be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the nation in which he resides. He should on no account, while taking advantage of the institutions of the country in which he resides, seek to undermine them by seditious utterances or disloyal actions. He must uphold the interest of his community and zealously promote the prosperity of his nation. This present struggle appears to be a conflict between internal nationalism and loose cosmopolitanism, and peace of any enduring character can only be realized satisfactorily, when there is complete reconciliation between those two opposing opinions.

"The permanency of our Order depends absolutely on the honesty and the moral character of the members composing it, hence the necessity for the completest scrutiny, the closest consideration, and the amplest enquiry into all those candidates who seek to enter the threshold of our Order.

If Masonry loses the character of honesty, then it will cease to exist as an Institution deserving of our esteem, regard and consideration."

Concerning the "Conferring of Degrees" we quote:

"CONFERRING DEGREES.

"Not more than one degree to be conferred on the same day.

"GROUPING CANDIDATES.

"If there be more than one Candidate for any Degree, the procedure shall be:—

"FIRST DEGREE.—Two Candidates (but not more) may be taken together up to the end of the Ob., when in the judgment of the Master such should be deemed necessary.

"SECOND DEGREE.—Not more than two Candidates to be taken together up to the end of the Ob.

"THIRD DEGREE.—Not more than two Candidates to be taken together up to the end of the Ob. The candidates to be raised separately (all other candidates being out of the room) and the ceremony continued with only one candidate up to the reference to the b . . m . . star. The candidates may then be taken together."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1918.

The M. W. Grand Master in his address says:

"Nothing now remains for me to do before I hand over the Office of Grand Master to my successor, excepting to tell you, as I have often done, what a happy time I have had as Grand Master during the fourteen years I have been in the Chair. In that time I have seen great changes, the number of members has arisen from 3,348 to 4,277. Lodges on the Roll from 69 to 98, and I am told that I have signed 5,000 Master Mason Certificates.

"During this period the General Fund has increased from £2,011 to £6,082; the Fund of Benevolence from £1,527 to £6,939; and the W. O. & A. F. Fund has come into existence and has £11,664 to its credit—a total increase of over £21,000.

From the Report of the Grand Inspector of Workings we quote:

"In regard to the general procedure matters are not quite so satisfactory, and many of the lodges, in my opinion, should adopt some system to avoid the unnecessary delays which take place, principally in the earlier proceedings. Lodges are opened late, lengthy discussions are permitted, visitors are admitted singly or in small numbers, with long intervals between, and prior to the retirement of the candidate, with the result that when the announcement is given it is very late, and the tendency is then to rush the ceremony. This could be obviated to a great extent by the Master arranging his proceedings in a systematic manner, by completing his ordinary business prior to receiving visitors, who could be admitted whilst the candidate is being P, thereby filling in what is otherwise a blank interval."

There is a Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1917 has mention. We quote:

"On the subject of candidates for admission we quote the following:—

"I wish to repeat what has been said by so many of my predecessors,

that great care be taken in the admission of new members, to carefully examine a man before he becomes a Mason, if he is accepted that he may not injure our Order, and if he is injured by rejection that it is for a good and sufficient cause.

"We notice frequently in addresses by Grand Masters across the water that reference is made to this matter—sometimes in very forcible language, sometimes merely as a note of warning—but we do not find that any direct action is ever taken to put matters on a better footing. The large number of suspensions from membership in some jurisdictions would be obviated if the subject was legislated for and the number of candidates per year limited. It is difficult to say whether the cause is the desire of lodges for work or for revenue purposes, but the result is unsatisfactory, as evidenced by the repeated references to the danger."

Under New Mexico we read:

"The practice of touting for votes or practically electioneering in the lodge, comes in for some severe condemnation, and rightly so. Anything which savors of an attempt at the formation of 'cabal' amongst members is to be greatly deplored. It is without the power of any body of Freemasons to meet together to outline any policy that concerns their lodge, except on the floor of the lodge to which every member has been summoned. This practice is not entirely non-existent in our own jurisdiction, and as elsewhere, is found to lead to almost certain trouble amongst the brethren. The practice is pernicious, harmful, unbrotherly, and should not for one moment be tolerated."

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Report on Correspondence

1920

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of the State of Maine:*

The Committee on Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report:

ALABAMA, 1919.

The Ninety-ninth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 558; number in membership, 37,217; cash on hand, \$20,821.33.

Three hundred eighty-nine lodges were represented; six Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent. M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert S. Teague, in the introduction to his address discusses the great unrest arising from the basis of the World's war to the basis of peace, and intimates that Masonry has not in the past done its whole duty for the betterment of the world, and ought now to be actively engaged in making "our Ideals become the World's Ideals."

The Grand Master decided:

"When a Master Mason's daughter marries a profane she loses rights as a daughter of a Master Mason and the death of her husband does not restore said rights."

but the Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve it saying:

"There may be circumstances under which the daughter of a Master Mason may lose her Masonic relation for certain purposes when she marries a profane, but we do not see that any general rule can be laid down as to when she does, or does not, lose this relation."

Eight dispensations were issued for new lodges; three lodges reinstated; and dispensations were granted for many purposes, among which were two "permitting a Past Master of the lodge to open same during the absence of the Master and both wardens." The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the act was an error but that the Grand Master evidently meant to *deputize* the Past Master which would have been the correct method. Four corner stones were laid. The Masonic Home was reported to be "full to overflowing" and another cottage is needed for the accommodation of those who require assistance.

"The M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama declared its faith in order to emphasize the excellence and glory of Masonry, and to protest against any propoganda that God and the precepts of the Holy Bible, our First Great Light, are not essential to Masonry."

This was done because in some Masonic jurisdictions it was held

"1st. That a belief in God is not essential to membership in the Order.

"2nd. That the Holy Bible displayed on Masonic altars as the First Great Light in Masonry is used simply as a symbol and that its precepts have no Masonic recognition."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a most interesting and exhaustive report on Foreign Masonry.

Bro. Oliver D. Speed presented another of his delightful reports on foreign correspondence.

Maine for 1919 has a page. Under Nevada, we read:

"It is not the religion of the Catholic that Freemasonry condemns. It is the meddling of the Catholic hierarchy with politics that we disapprove and personally we would disapprove this as promptly and fight it as vigorously in our own church as in any other."

We have received announcement of the deaths of M. W. Bro. John Hollis Bankhead, Grand Master, 1883-1885, who died March 1, 1920, and of M. W. Bro. Hugh S. O. Mallory, 1907-1908, who died March 10, 1920.

ALBERTA, 1919.

The Fourteenth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 108; number in membership, 8,546.

Five Past Grand Masters were present; ninety-two lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Hiram Darling, in the introduction to his address devotes a paragraph to the unsettled conditions of the world.

We quote:

"In the 'Reconstructive processes' we hear and read of so often now, we will find no need for any change in our objectives of Brotherhood, Relief and Truth. These are complete in their comprehensiveness, and they are eternal verities. They are principles, and principles are eternal. Our methods of operation, of expression, of internal economy may be found less serviceable than of old, may be rearranged, and fitted to new and broader ideas of today, but that is all. Such adjustments will be of minor importance and must of necessity come to any and every institution."

He granted one hundred dispensations all of which we assume were within his rights or he would not have granted them.

Five dispensations were issued for new lodges.

The several District Deputy Grand Wardens made full reports of the condition of the Craft in their several districts.

From the report of the Committee on Masonry, we quote:

"The average attendance in the lodges throughout this jurisdiction does not show any appreciable increase over last year. While we appre-

ciate the fact that the past four years have brought forth problems which have seriously affected the attendance in our Lodges we would suggest that the Master and Officers of each Lodge renew their efforts to make the Lodges of so much interest that the average attendance will be greatly increased this year. We would like to recommend that our Lodges take a more active interest in local charities which are not necessarily confined to the Craft.

"We would direct the attention of all Masters and Past Masters of our jurisdiction to clause 151 of the Constitution which provides that no brother shall be installed Master of a Lodge unless the examining Board reports in writing that he can confer the three degrees of Masonry and is familiar with the duties of Master of a Lodge."

When the Grand Lodge was at refreshment a memorial service in the memory of the Brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta who died for the King and country was held. The wives and relatives of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge were in attendance.

A large amount of business was done.

Bro. H. Darling presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine does not appear to have been received.

ARIZONA, 1919.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 26; number in membership, 3,366.

Cash on hand, \$4,287.15. Total amount of all funds, \$62,858.46.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present; twenty lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edwin A. Hughes, was absent because of illness but his address was delivered.

After the tribute of respect to the dead, he says:

"The general condition of Masonry in Arizona continues to be prosperous and the gain in membership is still rapid."

One lodge was constituted.

He decided

"That if a dimitted Mason is eligible for affiliation before recognition is granted to his Grand Lodge, he is eligible after such recognition is withdrawn."

"That a Lodge cannot receive a petition for the degrees, unless the applicant is twenty-one years old *at the time of the presentation of the petition.*"

The Masonic Home Endowment Fund did not increase during the year as much as it was expected.

A skeleton or outline was presented by the Committee on History to enable lodges to prepare their history.

The Masonic Service Association of the United States was endorsed, so likewise was the Masonic Overseas Mission.

The Committee on Jurisprudence expressed its opinion as follows:

"Your committee has duly considered and given weight to 'this war business' to 'unexpected and undreamt-of circumstances,' but we do

not believe that even 'war conditions,' or 'flu conditions,' or any of the other 'hysterical' conditions which have been affecting our several communities, justify us in setting at naught the positive prohibitions of the Constitution or violating what we consider the ancient landmarks.

"Considering the number and variety of the applications presented, and the pressure brought to bear upon the Grand Master, your Committee recommends that all his dispensations be approved, and he be complimented for the refusals made by him."

No report on Correspondence.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Joseph B. Creamer, Grand Master in 1897, who died September 8, 1919; and of M. W. Bro. Artemus L. Grow, Grand Master in 1895, who died September 19, 1918.

ARKANSAS, 1919.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 556; number in membership, 25 574. Cash on hand, \$7,967.80.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present; four hundred thirteen lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother G. W. Wells, in his address does not allow us to misunderstand his position as to the duty the Masonic Fraternity owes the world to maintain the Constitution of the United States and their free institutions.

Two corner stones were laid; many dispensations were granted because of the prevailing epidemic and two dispensations were issued for lodges.

Of his decisions we quote:

"It is not lawful for a Subordinate Lodge under this Grand Jurisdiction to, in any manner (by resolution or otherwise), provide a sick or death benefit fund. Masonry is purely a fraternal society and is not to be considered a benefit or insurance organization."

We also quote a peculiar case:

"A member of the Fraternity was expelled by one of our Lodges, and while under this sentence of expulsion, he died. His sons, likewise members of the Lodge, in erecting a monument over his grave caused Masonic emblems to be carved upon the stone, knowing their father stood expelled at the time of his death."

He issued a circular letter warning members of lodges against signing a petition for the restoration of the "liquor traffic," because it would be a violation of the law of Arkansas.

He sets forth the province of the Masonic Service Association; commends the Masonic Home and the School of Instruction.

The Grand Secretary gives a full account of the fire which destroyed the Masonic Temple at Little Rock.

It was decided

"That in the absence of the three principal officers of the Lodge, any Past Master in good standing and a member of the Lodge, may officiate as Master for the purpose of a Masonic funeral."

The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage reported as follows:

This Committee thinks it a grave offense for the two sons, knowing their father was expelled and not a Mason, to wilfully erect a monument over his grave indicating that he was a Mason in good standing. The Lodge should prefer charges against the two sons and, if the facts are as they have been stated to the Committee, a severe penalty should be inflicted."

From the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, we quote:

"Ours is no ostentatious profession. Others may march by us with flying banners, waving pennons and sound of martial music, which for a moment may please and captivate the populace, but eternity is the life-time of our principles, and with slow and measured tread they are gradually winning the best part of mankind into our universal brotherhood. When this is fully consummated, 'Then peace on earth shall hold its easy sway, and the man, his fellowman, forget to slay.'"

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Nathaniel P. Richmond, Grand Master in 1894, who died June 28, 1918.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1919.

The Forty-eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 78; number in membership, 7,963. Cash on hand, \$5,698.37

Twelve Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

With a brief introduction to a short address, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John Shaw, commemorates the dead; mentions dispensations, among which was one for a new lodge; makes a few rulings regarding physical disability, and reports his official visitations.

The District Deputy Grand Master system prevails, and the reports of those officers are filled with interesting matter.

We quote from the proceedings:

"The undersigned respectfully requests the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to rule as to whether certain matter referring to certain degrees, and more especially to those degrees as Masonic, not recognized by the Grand Lodge of B. C., or the Royal Arch Chapter, may properly be admitted into the archives of Grand Lodge, as in this connection certain excellent memorials of departed Grand Brethren now submitted by the Grand Historian to Grand Lodge.

"The Grand Master rules that the Grand Historian was quite in order."

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the following was adopted:

"It having been established that Germany and Austria began the terrible war now about to be brought to a victorious close by the signing by Germany of a peace dictated by the Allied Powers, and it having been proven that they, having violated every law of God and man in trying to force their will upon the world, and this Grand Lodge having severed all fraternal relationship with German and Austrian Lodges, we recommend that our membership be further advised that in all applications received

by constituent Lodges for initiation and affiliation from those of enemy alien birth, due caution be exercised by and through Freemasonry's foundation stone, the ballot."

Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1918 has two pages in his valued report.

Under Nova Scotia we read:

"Like all other Jurisdictions, Nova Scotia finds its Masonic Home an expensive method of caring for its needy Brethren. A *per capita* assessment of fifty cents is levied for its support, but this has never produced sufficient for its maintenance, and the Grand Lodge has annually voted the sum of one thousand dollars towards it. Even this, apparently, is not enough, and the Grand Master intimates that it will be necessary to find other sources of revenue."

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. James Stark, Grand Master in 1914, who died November 21, 1918; and of M. W. Bro. Sibree Clarke, Grand Master in 1893, who died May, 1919.

CALIFORNIA, 1919.

The Seventieth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 381; number in membership, 67,890. Cash on hand, \$6,264.08.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present; three hundred fifty-eight lodges were represented.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Bradford Webster, in the introduction to his address, tells of conditions arising from the war, we quote:

"The fact that other organizations, such as the Knights of Columbus, were doing good and efficient work in a limited way, and securing unlimited advertising thereby, seemed to me no good reason for spending time, effort and money to duplicate the noble and efficient work already initiated and splendidly carried on by the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A. and the Salvation Army. I therefore declined an invitation to participate in a conference of Grand Masters held in Iowa early in the present year, and which had for its object the organization of an Overseas Mission to carry on distinctively Masonic service overseas.

"I believe then, and I still believe, that the same time, energy and expense lavished on this abortive attempt to do something distinctively Masonic among our boys overseas, might better and more efficiently have been employed in the service of those agencies already established."

Four lodges were constituted; two lodges were instituted; four corner stones were laid.

We quote:

"I declined invitations to lay the cornerstones of Methodist churches, believing it to be well settled by our law and practice that the Grand Lodge should officiate only for buildings strictly Masonic, or of a public nature and therefore we could not participate in a denominational or sectarian function."

He thought the rule for physical requirement was too rigid and in cases of ruling upon the question of physical requirement he substituted the word "substantially" for "literally,"

"so an applicant who had lost his left hand or arm or either foot or leg below the knee, especially where the loss had been supplied by an artificial limb, was not by reason of such loss ineligible."

We quote his conclusion:

"In conclusion, then, it seems that so far as we can make a general recommendation, it should be along the line of emphasizing the social and fraternal features of our Order. If we can once get the great mass of the brotherhood to realize that there is nothing more important than the recognition of the common bonds of humanity, that the doctrine of brotherhood means in very fact just, what it says, that we are all, descendants of one Almighty Father that we are linked together, in fact as well as in name, by an indissoluble tie of sincere affection, I venture the prediction that we will see the Masonic Order take its rightful place as a dynamic force in the Nation, and in the life of the people, and that it will command recognition not alone for its professions, not alone for the beauty of its doctrines, but deservedly for its solid, practical accomplishment in all constructive policies and endeavors for the uplift and unity of Humanity."

Elaborate services were held in commemoration of the dead.

The several charitable organizations with their detailed reports show the immense amount of good that they are doing; as well as the work and money required to finance them.

The following legislation was had:

"Lodges must collect from each petitioner the sum of \$20.00 for the benefit of the Homes. Secretaries should be advised by their Masters to collect this fee from all petitioners after the December stated meeting."

It was formally decided:

"That a subordinate Lodge may in its discretion appropriate from its funds any amount for the purchase of a Past Master's jewel for its retiring Master and for floral pieces for a deceased brother."

It was also voted that lodges were permitted to expend twenty per cent. of their previous year's revenue for social purposes.

We quote:

"The Grand Lecturer stated that many requests had been suggested that some revision of the ritual be made, if possible so to do without making material changes, to the end that degree work may be less burdensome on officers of lodges, and he moved that the subject be referred to the Ritual Committee with directions to shorten the work if it may be done without loss of the dignity and effectiveness that distinguishes the present ritual, and without adding new matter, and to submit the results of such revision to the Grand Master and the other elective Grand Lodge officers for approval. It was so ordered."

Bro. Jesse M. Whited presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence. His report is served in the topical form with quotations from several jurisdictions upon the subject matter of the topic.

We quote one topic:

"The proposition of the recognition of French Masonry raised the question as to the place and function of the Holy Bible in a lodge room.

" If Masonry is to unite men of every country, sect and opinion, it would seem reasonable that a belief in the Holy Bible in any shape or form other than a symbol, cannot or should not be insisted upon."

Of General Conferences, he says:

" There has been and is a growing tendency in all Jurisdictions to ' get together.' The Bogie of a National Grand Lodge of course will always haunt some, and selfishness and petty jealousy will continue to have their place in any movements looking towards the uniting of the Craft into a National organization. We do not believe, on this account that there will ever be a General Grand Lodge.

" As the American Colonies surrendered part of their rights without any harm, to make a great Nation, we believe that Grand Lodges could well follow the example. Might we inquire if the Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite, the General Grand Chapters, and the Grand Encampment have worked any great hardship in their respective organizations? "

Under " War " we quote:

" Military Lodges were established by the following Grand Lodges:

" Kentucky: W. A. Colson Lodge U. D., July 29, 1917. J. N. Saunders, Army Lodge, September 25, 1917.

" Montana: Montana Army Lodge No. 1, U. D., September 8, 1917.

" New York: Sea and Field Lodges at: New York Paris, Bonne, Marseilles, Coblenz.

" North Dakota: North Dakota Military Lodge, No. 2.

" South Carolina: Army Lodge A, with 113th Field Artillery, U. S. A."

M. W. Bro. William Sewall Wells, Grand Master in 1901, died January 23, 1919.

CANADA, 1919.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 455; number in membership, 72,029. Cash on hand, \$4,513.21. Assets, \$178,398.70.

Three hundred eighty-seven lodges were represented; seven Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William H. Wardrope was unable on account of illness to be present.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master pays due tribute of respect to the memory of the dead.

Dispensations were issued for thirteen new lodges; nine lodge rooms were consecrated and dedicated; 458 dispensations were issued for various purposes.

Under the heading " Rulings and Decisions," we read:

" I would like to call the attention of the brethren to the fact that men seeking public office have addressed letters to the brethren to support them because they are Masons. This is a great breach of Masonic conduct and should be frowned down by the Masons wherever it is attempted. We teach principles. We are not a political society."

The Grand Lodge of Canada makes use of the system of District Deputy Grand Masters who submitted detailed reports of their work.

From the Report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry, we quote:

"Masonry whose condition and status we are considering, is something more than a secret society (though secrecy is an element in esoteric work) more than ritualism (though the ritual simple in its dignity and quaint and rhythmic in expression is a factor); more than symbolism (though symbolic teaching is significant and transfigures the commonplace); more than philosophy (though it speculatively teaches how to live wisely and well); more than religion (but not greater than religion, yet discerning the divinity in humanity); more than mere landmarks (though these have their defining, historical and traditional place); more even than brotherhood (for as in the Pythagorean days, it is educational and intellectual as well as social and fraternal); more than constructive and practical philanthropy (though love crowns all); yet it is all of these together with that something more of which language is inadequate to express the subtle mystery, even to those few choice spirits who seek to penetrate to the heart of its often subconscious power, and the span of life too brief to enable those who endeavor, to attain the ideal perfection of that living organism, whose countersign is 'manhood,' whose inspiration is the Godhead — that Masonic edifice of which love and truth form base and spire — *Nisi Dominus frustra.*"

Bro. A. T. Freed submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1918 has a page.

Under "Masonry in France," we read:

"The plain fact, however, is that an acknowledgement of the existence of a Supreme Being, and a declaration of dependence upon him has always been in the English work. The very oldest English Masonic manuscript begins with an invocation to 'The might of the Father of Kings, with the wisdom of his glorious Son, through the grace of the goodness of the Holy Ghost.' In some form that recognition of a steady dependence on Divine Providence lasted till the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, when the distinctively christian character of the invocation was abandoned, so that Jews and even Mohammendans might become Masons. But the solemn recognition of the fatherhood of God has never been abandoned.

"So, too, it is practically certain that in England the candidate has always been obligated on the Volume of the Sacred Law. One of the old manuscripts tells us that 'the manner of taking an oath at the making of Freemasons' was as follows: 'Then one of the elders holds out a book, and he or they that are to be sworn shall place his or their hands upon it, and the following precepts shall be read.'

"The Harleian manuscript contains the following form of the old obligation: 'There is several words and signs of a free Mason to be revealed to you, wch as you will ans: before God at the great and terrible day of Judgmt yu keep secrett & not to reveal the same to any in the hears of any pson but to the Mrs and fellows of the said society of free Masons, so help me God xt.'

"If there are such things as landmarks in Masonry a recognition of the Great Architect of the Universe and the presence in the lodge of the Sacred Laws are landmarks than which none are more ancient. In abandoning them French Freemasons abandoned the very essentials of the order. And if they abandon the essentials of Freemasonry they must not complain if they are no longer recognized as Freemasons. If they wish to be again recognized let them return to the ancient faith and practice.

"The present, beyond most times, is a time for prudent counsel and steady nerves. Masons should not be swept from their feet by floods of wild sentiment. There is no reason for abandonment of any Masonic principle, least of all for the abandonment of the foundation principles of the craft. The declaration of English-speaking Masonry is that neither

'a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine' can be a member of the order. French Masonry changed its ritual in order that such persons may be accepted. So long as they hold to that practice it is better that they should be allowed to go their own way and keep their own company."

We note the deaths of M. W. Bro. Sydney A. Luke, Grand Master in 1915, who died November 23, 1918; and of R. W. Bro. Ralph L. Gunn, Grand Secretary, who died October 3, 1918.

COLORADO, 1919.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 132; number in membership, 21,257. Cash on hand, \$28,122.54; Assets, \$38,090.00.

One hundred thirteen lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Clarence M. Kellogg, devotes the introduction to his address to the consideration of the present condition of the world's affairs, we quote:

"The 'Ancient Landmarks' which long ago were set forth and promulgated on account of their fundamental conception of right living and right thinking, form the basis upon which may be recognized an Institution that will continue to merit and demand the esteem of all well-thinking people. As an Institution, we stand for equal rights to all persons, based upon an abiding belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe, to whom all shall be accountable, and in the earnest hope and belief that the principles to which we are pledged shall live and that we recognize that great light in Masonry — the Bible — the greatest gift of God to man.

"Four of the twenty-five Landmarks of Free Masonry that have always been respected and upheld in our Jurisdiction are the grounds for these statements and they read as follows:

"No. 19. 'That every Mason must believe in the existence of God as the Grand Architect of the Universe.'

"No. 20. 'That every Mason must believe in a resurrection to a future life.'

"No. 21. 'That a book of the Law of God must constitute an indispensable part of the furnishings of every Lodge.'

"No. 22. 'That all men in the sight of God are equal and meet in the Lodge on one common level.'"

Four corner stones were laid; dispensations were issued for two new lodges; no official decisions were required.

He had no use for "The Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm," and therefore the following admonition was issued:

"All Master Masons are, therefore, requested and admonished not to support or become a member of this organization known as the 'Grotto,' or 'The Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm,' until such time as the Grand Lodge can take action thereon."

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we learn:

"Forty-three Masters can deliver the burial service in full from memory; twenty-two can deliver it in part; and sixty-one have not committed to memory any part of it.

"Ninety-seven Senior Deacons are able to deliver their lectures; nine can give them in part; and twenty are unable to give any part of them.

"Eighty-nine lodges comply with the law which requires that every newly-made Master Mason be examined in open lodge; twenty-one lodges partly comply with the law; and sixteen lodges ignore it."

The Committee on Correspondence presented an able report on Masonry in Maine. No recommendations accompanied the report and its considerations was postponed until the next Annual Communication.

R. W. Bro. Edward P. Hufferd, Grand Orator, delivered an oration on the "Universality of Masonry."

The Committee on Jurisprudence commenting upon the dispensations of the M. W. Grand Master, say:

"Your Committee believes that the time has arrived when a strict adherence to the restrictions imposed by the Book of Constitutions, should be observed."

Bro. S. C. Warner presented the Report on Correspondence. Maine for 1918 has mention.

M. W. Bro. Clarence M. Kellogg, Grand Master in 1918-1919, died October 27, 1919, a few days after the closing of the Grand Lodge.

CONNECTICUT, 1919.

The One Hundred and thirty-first Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 111; number in membership, 29,417. Cash on hand \$11,770.95; in the building fund, \$46,714.97.

One hundred ten lodges were represented; nine Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William F. English, in the introduction to his address sums up certain facts as follows:

"The greatest military power of the ages, after decades of purposeful preparation, setting forth to conquer and loot the world, with methods scientifically dehumanized of truth, honor, justice and humanity, is now being asphixiated by its own poison gas of Bolshevism which it let loose to destroy Russia, is shorn of former territorial plunder, threatened with the loss of regions it has long exploited, reduced to military impotence, its proud fleet surrendered without the firing of a shot, and is begging bread of the very nations it set out to destroy. Justice will require that the chief conspirators against the peace of the world shall duly suffer the penalty of their enormous crimes."

The dead are remembered; one lodge was constituted; the reports of the District Deputies were summarized; dispensations for Sunday "work" were refused.

He decided that contributions to the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. were proper when "within the bounds of reason and prudence."

We quote in full the other decision:

"*Question.*—A. B. coming into this State from another after residence here three and one-half months applied to one of our lodges for initiation.

His petition was received, balloted upon, and he was rejected. Subsequently he has several times applied for admission to other lodges and the first mentioned lodge has in each case refused release of jurisdiction. What is the status of A. B.?

"*Answer.*— If the facts are correctly stated the lodge to which A. B. first made application had no right to receive its petition because he had no legal residence in their jurisdiction. Therefore, their action and all subsequent proceedings based thereupon are null and void. A. B. must be considered as though he had never applied for the degrees of Masonry."

He recommends that an increase of

"Our per capita at this time from \$1.25 to \$1.50 allowing \$1.00 for the support of the Home and 50 cents for Grand Lodge expense, and I would so recommend."

The Deputy Grand Master in his report says:

"Our lodges confer the degrees in ample form on every candidate. In many lodges the work has become appalling. Midnight closing means dwindling attendance, inferior officers and hurried work. Why not have one hold the horns of the goat and the rest gain wisdom thereby."

Bro. George A. Kies presented his sixth Annual Report on Correspondence. Under Indiana commenting upon the "Flag Ceremony," he says:

"We further query as to the utility of any ceremony at all. While we believe in the Masonic propriety of displaying the Flag in lodge rooms and even in individual salutes to the same, we believe ostentatious ceremony is, if anything, a detraction. The invariable past record of Masonry is enough to show that, before 'ceremony' was thought of, it has been a general and effective stimulus in inspiring volunteers to loyal service."

Maine for 1918 has a page.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Addresses of Grand Masters generally breathe a spirit of patriotism and justice entirely in consonance with the teachings and tenets of our Fraternity. As in times past, Masons by the thousands have eagerly placed their services in all capacities at the disposal of the government, for military and naval service. And thousands of others who were incapacitated for active service by reason of age, etc., have irrespective of political party considerations, given whole-hearted support to war activities, by their voice and by liberal contributions to the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and other effective organizations who worked for the aid and comfort of our brave boys in khaki.

"At the same time, some Masons complain because we have not done more as an organization. We believe this criticism to be short-sighted. The very nature and teachings of the Fraternity tacitly forbid all ostentation. Let others do what they will, but let Masons be content with a quiet sense of duty *individually* performed. The rest will take care of itself.

"The worldwide upheaval and demoralization has affected the Fraternity in many ways, some good and others bad. But now all signs point to a gradual calming down of hysteria, and return to paths of peace, quiet and industry."

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Randolph B. Chapman, Grand Master in 1911, who died July 13, 1919.

DELAWARE, 1917.

The One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 22; number in membership, 3,907. Cash on hand, \$4,986.54.

All the lodges were represented. Ten Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Stuart J. Horn, in his address remembers the dead; reports official visitations to twenty of the lodges; announces the laying of one corner stone; reports his dispensations; comments upon the war, and for the use of the flag, says:

"I received a communication from one Lodge asking my opinion as to the propriety of draping the Altar with the American Flag.

"I replied that to me it seemed decidedly unwise and improper for an emblem so sacred to be used for such decorative purposes. That the three great lights alone should rest upon the Altar and the flag of our country be displayed upon its staff in an upright position in the East, on the right of the Master."

"A map showing the jurisdiction of the several lodges, also descriptions of the boundary lines of the said jurisdictions have been prepared and were submitted."

M. W. Bro. James H. Rite, Grand Master in 1898, died January 2, 1917.

DELAWARE, 1918.

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 22; number in membership, 4,167. Cash on hand, \$5,282.31.

Nineteen lodges were represented; thirteen Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George B. Hynson, in his address says:

"Examining the history of American Masonry, particularly the period of its renaissance—the Revolutionary period—studying its ritual and its symbolism, we can only conclude that patriotism is one of the very foundation stones of the edifice, and that this patriotism, like the other doctrines of our order, means little unless it is translated into deeds. In reading our history, and remembering our ritual, I have felt that nobody is worthy of our membership who is not sufficiently impressed with our institutions to desire citizenship. Therefore, may I issue the following

DECREE

"That from this date (May 1, 1918) no petition for membership shall be received by any lodge in this jurisdiction from one who is not a citizen of the United States."

He recommended:

"That the Committee on Work be instructed to go over the work carefully, not with the idea of general revision, but to correct minor defects, and present their report orally to the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge."

From his conclusion we quote:

"Masonry is not an end, but a means. A creed is but an expression of our faith. When the mind becomes satisfied with the form, we miss the essence. The symbolism of Masonry is only the ladder on which our souls may climb. Our symbols are meaningless until they are translated; and there are no words in which to express them; they require to be interpreted into deeds and impulses. If our Masonry is real, we cannot confine it to the lodge room nor to intercourse among the brethren. It concerns the greatest truths that have been conceived by the brain of man. These truths, when they come to influence our lives, affect our relations with all men."

M. W. Bro. William W. Black, Grand Master in 1899, died October 16, 1917.

DELAWARE, 1919.

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 22; number in membership, 4,381. Cash on hand, \$4,277.48.

All the lodges were represented; fourteen Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. A. Victor Hughes, tells of his official visitations to twenty-one of the lodges and to the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Maryland.

He gives a full account of the Masonic Service Association of the United States; treats of many subjects of interest to the craft of his jurisdiction; and recommends a change in the form of the petition of a candidate.

Quite a little bit of local business was transacted.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1919.

One Hundred and Ninth Annual Report.

Number of lodges, 30; number in membership, 13,723.

At the first stated communication held March 8, 1919:

"The work of 'purging' a lodge preparatory to opening on the Master Mason degree, the ceremony of the reception of the Grand Master, and the esoteric portions of the work of the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason were then exemplified."

At the second stated communication held May 14, 1919, approval of the Masonic Service Association of the United States was given.

The Grand Master called attention to a drive for contributions to the Salvation Army soon to be opened. The Grand Lodge contributed \$100.00.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Joseph H. Milans, at the annual communication in December, read his address. He very fully set forth his reasonings in the decisions which he was called upon to make.

He mentioned many matters of local importance.

Discussing Collective Test Ballot, he says:

"If, while preserving all those safeguards surrounding the most important matter of balloting, we can discover some way of saving the time con-

sumed in, say, eight, ten or more ballots, it would be a big step in the right direction. For your thought I offer the proposition that where an excessive number of petitions are to be balloted on, the Master may have them all carefully read and then take a test ballot on all of said petitions collectively. If a brother is opposed to the admission of any one of said petitioners, he may indicate his desire for separate ballots through the medium of the blackball or cube, whereupon the Master will present each petition for ballot. If, however, the ballot is clear, the same shall be regarded as effective and applicable to each petitioner, and the Master shall declare each of them duly elected. Perfect order in the lodge and clear and definite instruction from the Master will insure against error, and the brethren will soon become accustomed to, and I believe be more satisfied with, this suggested course than in the adhering to the prevailing plan, against which there could have been no objection save for the almost overwhelming number of petitions."

At the communication held December 27, 1919, the views of the Grand Master relative to collective ballot were sustained.

Bro. George W. Baird presented his twentieth Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1919 has fraternal mention.

GEORGIA, 1919.

The One Hundred Thirty-third Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 637; number in membership, 55,060. Cash on hand, \$72,048.23.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present. Two lodges were not represented.

In the introduction to his address, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert J. Travis, gives the following as one reason for the great increase in membership:

"It may be that in this day of change and decay, when so many time-honored institutions are assailed or destroyed, our young men turn naturally to that institution which has existed from time immemorial, either consciously or without definite reasoning, feeling intuitively that our Craft should not have endured through all these ages unless founded upon sound principles of truth. And as ships seek a haven in a storm, so perhaps these, our new found brethren, have come to this great fraternity feeling that today they need its guiding hand and its protecting shield."

The difficulties of the "Overseas Mission" is very fully set forth.

He discusses "World Conditions," commends the "Masonic Service Association," and urges an increase in the Endowment Fund for the Masonic Home.

A new doctrine for those who dimit from their lodges, is recommended:

"I recommend that all dimits shall be of force for one year from date and if the holder of such dimit does not affiliate with some lawful Lodge within said time, his dimit becomes void and he can only again become a Mason by petition for restoration to the Lodge issuing the dimit."

What becomes of the old saying "Once a Mason, always a Mason?"

A full account of his visitations and official functions is given.

He made one hundred and twenty-nine written opinions but reports only fifteen. We quote from them:

"Where a candidate for the Masonic Degrees can not articulate his words with sufficient distinctness to make his meaning clear to a stranger of ordinary intelligence, he is ineligible to receive the degrees."

From the very interesting report of Bro. Raymond Daniel, who attended the Peace Jubilee of the United Grand Lodge of England, we quote:

"The fundamental plan of English Masonic organization allows the most social and fraternal condition. All lodges are small in membership and are formed according to the occupations and professions of its members. Lawyers, professors, etc., are members of lodges of such professions, and it results in the banding together of congenial brethren. There is one instance where the members of a golf club near London also constitute a Lodge that meets in the golf club building. A Mason may belong to any number of lodges and again the spirit of fellowship is demonstrated. Dual membership is not banned.

"The Lodges seldom meet more than once a month, some not nearly so often. Meetings, for the most part, are held in restaurants, fitted up with private Lodge rooms. It was my pleasure to attend a meeting of Farringdon Without Lodge in a restaurant where twenty other Lodges usually meet. The meetings are always followed by refreshments. Lodges generally meet at 5.30 in the afternoon, with the dinner following at about 7.30 P. M. Members pay for their meal, and for their invited guests. On account of the small sized meeting places, a visitor generally has received an invitation before attending. There is an atmosphere of home in the Lodge meetings, and the spirit of fellowship and congeniality is evidenced on all sides."

We also excerpt from his Report on French Masonry:

SUMMARY OF FRENCH MASONRY.

"The Grand Orient of France prohibits the mention of God and the use of the book of the law of God in its organization. It allows the invasion of jurisdictions. It permits the discussion of politics.

"The Grand Lodge of France claims to perform in the name of the Grand Architect of the Universe. But this formula is disregarded at the will of Lodges. The book of the law of God is not required in the Lodges, although it is not prohibited and some Lodges display it. The Grand Lodge permits the discussion of political subjects. The Grand Lodge of France emanated from a Scottish Rite organization and, in the opinion of your chairman, cannot be regarded as legitimate.

"In preceding reports your chairman set forth the contentions of the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of France, that the attitude toward the belief in God was to insure liberty of conscience and that the Bible was absent on account of the fight of ecclesiasticism.

"The French Grand Bodies are undoubtedly sincere in these contentions, but we Masons of Georgia hold to certain requirements, among them that:

Each Grand Lodge applying for recognition to the Grand Lodge of Georgia must prove legitimate descent.

It must definitely and openly express in its declaration of principles its belief in one God, and that this belief is the essential landmark of the Craft.

It must have as a part of the furniture of its Lodges, the Volume of the Sacred Law, on which its initiates must be obligated.

It must have full, free and independent control of the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry within its territorial jurisdiction, and must not be controlled by or subservient to any other so-called superior Masonic organization.

" At such a time as this, when God has blessed our cause, your chairman cannot help but feel that Georgia Masonry should and must turn more proudly and closely to her God and His Word — not a camouflaged Deity, not a God in whom Masons may or may not believe, but in a realistic, personal Father — a living, supreme, triumphant God.

" There are some who contend that Masonry is not a religious institution. Their conviction may be well taken, but your chairman reiterates that no organization can accomplish the best purposes or attain to the highest ideals, unless it is established upon the fundamental foundation of a belief in our Fathers' and our Mothers' God, as revealed in His Word.

" This belief is brought home to your chairman in a peculiarly powerful way. As I write these lines in a far-away Paris hotel, a Y. M. C. A. woman war-worker, in a room across the hall, is singing the psalm of Georgia Masonry — the stirring old hymn with which we open our Georgia Grand Lodge:

How firm a foundation,
Ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith
In His excellent word!

" There was a time, while our soldier boys were in France, that we naturally desired for them to have every protection, including the possible assistance of French Masons; but above the sentiment, breathes and lives the knowledge that allegiance to God and the Bible cannot, must not, be shaken, at all costs.

" It is the opinion of your chairman that it is better to risk Georgia Masonry with a demanded and granted belief in God and His law, than French Masonry, which at best gives but a weak and undetermined opinion.

" To your chairman's mind, recognition of French Masonry, as it is now constituted, would be a surrender of the very principles to which Georgia Freemasonry holds and for which Georgia Freemasonry stands."

Bro. Raymond Daniel submitted his fourth annual review of Sister Jurisdictions. From his introduction we quote:

MASONRY MEANS MORE THAN RITUAL.

" Upon a certain occasion a member of a lodge went boastingly to a brother and said:

" I do not need any instruction; I am perfect in the work, and there are about twenty members in my Lodge who are also perfect.' The Brother asked him about as follows:

" My brother, how many indigent widows and orphans of deceased Masons in the jurisdiction of your Lodge?'

" How many Masons in your Lodge who need brotherly advice and a helping hand in their weakness?'

" How many Masons buried in your cemetery whose graves are unmarked?'

" How much attention is being shown to the widows and orphans of deceased Masons?'

" To these questions the member replied, ' I don't know!'

" The Brother then said, ' Have you tried to find out? Have you given these matters any attention?'

" The member replied, ' I have not.'

" The Brother then said to him, ' Go home, my brother, and study these questions for twelve months, and you will then be in a condition to receive and appreciate the light the unwritten work is designed to impart.'"

Maine for 1919 has fraternal mention.

Bro. Daniel did not read quite aright for he says:

"Grand Lodge rescinded the resolution of 1870, whereby Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient of France was suspended."

Which is a statement contrary to fact.

IDAHO, 1919.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication.

Number of lodges 66; number in membership, 5,717. Cash on hand, \$20,646.84.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present; forty-two lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Andrew Lounsbury, died June 16, 1919.

The Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Arch Cunningham, made report of his official duties after the death of the Grand Master.

From the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, we quote:

"We believe it is the deliberate judgment of this Grand Lodge that the time limit between the reception of the petition and the ballot should never be set aside. We are strongly of the conviction that the desire to hurry men through the degrees of Masonry is born of a misguided ambition. When a man applies for the degrees of Masonry, is elected, initiated, passed and raised this period should be made one of the impressive times of his life and any short cut that detracts from the occasion is unfortunate. All such practices as shortening the time and curtailing the degree work have a tendency to commercialize the institution and cheapen it in the estimation of the candidate."

The Grand Orator, Bro. Wilbert H. Tyer, delivered an oration on "Masonry a Living Thing."

Legislation, looking to a continuance of membership, during the interval of time required to dimit from one lodge to join another was had.

Bro. George E. Knepper presented his Eighteenth Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Connecticut we read:

"After a careful reading of the report as submitted by P. G. Master Townsend Scudder of New York and considering the facts therein submitted, an apology from some one in authority at Washington is not only due us as a fraternity but more especially to those of our members who were in the service and deprived of the fraternal assistance, attention and protection planned to be given them by the Mission.

"The actual source of the opposition and intrigue to present the successful consummation of work outlined by that Mission should be investigated and the results made known in plain English."

Under Louisiana:

"It is certainly a good thing for Masonry in this country that the war was not prolonged. Had it continued Masonry would have become demoralized. The Grand Master of Louisiana says that many dispensations were granted by his predecessor waiving time before spreading the ballot and permitting the conferring of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees at the same communication, and also waiving the lectures in many cases. Three hundred and seventy-three

dispensations were granted of this unusual nature, and yet we call this Masonry."

Maine for 1918 is well reviewed, we quote:

"There is one place, however, where Brother Chase demurs. Our Jurisdiction Committee said that it was bad practice and without "Masonic authority" for any member below the rank of Warden to confer degrees. Of course "Masonic authority" as here used can readily be misunderstood. No authority has ever been granted by the Grand Lodge of Idaho to a Steward or even a Deacon to confer degrees but the custom was forming where callow youths, who had but recently completed the three degrees, would wobble about in the Master's chair. Idaho may have too great a reverence and attach to much dignity to the Oriental Chair, but it arrested an undesirable custom, that was rapidly growing up, and everybody is happy.

Under Missouri he writes:

"This French Masonry is growing tiresome. If these French Masons are so anxious to be recognized by the Grand Lodges of the United States why don't they restore the Three Great Lights? Why should this handful of so-called Masons seek to change the long established views of approximately 2,000,000 men? There can be no compromise. If the Grand Lodges of France are right the Grand Lodges of the United States are wrong."

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Andrew Lounsbury, Grand Master in 1918-19, who died June 16, 1919; of M. W. Bro. Joshua M. Cowan, Grand Master in 1903, who died August 4, 1919; of M. W. Bro. Samuel B. Connelly, Grand Master in 1869, who died March 13, 1920; and of M. W. Bro. Charles Himrod, Grand Master in 1875, who died January 26, 1920; and of M. W. Bro. Andrew Lounsbury, Grand Master in 1918, who died in office June 16, 1919.

ILLINOIS, 1919.

The Eightieth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 877; number in membership, 179,532. Cash on hand, \$97,583.72.

Eight Grand Masters were present; eight hundred fifteen lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Illinois, too, lost by death, its M. W. Grand Master, Austin H. Scrogin, while in office.

At the Annual Communication, the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Daniel G. Fitzgerald, presided and presented his annual report.

He fittingly mentions the dead; reports \$133,762.35 in the "dollar fund," raised by contribution of one dollar per member for the purpose of providing brethren in the service of the United States with comforts whether at home or abroad. He also states that there is a considerable sum of money known as the "National Defense Fund."

Discussing territorial jurisdiction, he says:

"A man in the service at any of the military stations does not become a resident of the place where he is temporarily located. Hence the lodge

within whose territory he lives retains its territorial jurisdiction. I have held that where petitions have been received by Illinois lodges without waiver of jurisdiction that the action of the lodge is void. The lodge where the man resides has not surrendered its right unless by vote it waives jurisdiction."

Of "Organizations other than Masonic," he says:

"It is not my purpose to cast any reflection on these outside organizations. They are no doubt valuable and within the scope of their activities are accomplishing much good. My purpose in calling attention to this is that Masons throughout the state may know that if they are members of these institutions that make membership in Masonry an essential qualification for admission to their body that they should not prostitute the name of Masonry by using it in connections that confer no credit upon it. The dignity and prominence of Freemasonry are often sought to be used for the purpose of building up and strengthening other organizations that in no sense can be classed as Masonic."

The labors of the year showed that two corner stones have been laid; four temples dedicated; eleven lodges instituted; eight lodges constituted.

The Committee on National Defense made an exhaustive report of their doings and submitted the following recommendations which were adopted:

"1. We recommend that inasmuch as the Soldiers and Sailors Club at Waukegan, Illinois, has been of such great value and benefit during the past year and inasmuch as the work is of a kind that in our judgment should not be discontinued, that the Soldiers and Sailors Club of the Grand Lodge of Illinois be continued at least until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

"2. That the work at Camp Grant be discontinued.

"3. That the work at Great Lakes and Fort Sheridan as well as the supervision of the affairs of the Sailors and Soldiers Club at Waukegan be placed in charge of Bro. Leroy Hill.

"4. That the Ford automobile, formerly used for welfare work at Camp Grant, be turned over to the Board of Managers for Masonic Homes."

Bro. Delmar H. Darrall presented the Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence.

Under Arkansas we read:

"Another decision which the Grand Master made and which received the approval of the Grand Lodge was to the effect that a lodge cannot accept the petition of a man who does not believe in the immortality of the soul. It is believed that in this last decision the Grand Lodge of Arkansas has departed from the original plan of Masonry which contemplated a belief in God but which left out of consideration all sectarian questions.

"A large percentage of sincere, thoughtful men do not believe in the immortality of the soul as is usually construed by the average churchman. Ask one hundred men to give you their conception or understanding of the immortality of the soul and one will be much surprised at the diversity of answers and it will be quite impossible to reconcile many of them with the narrow idea usually held by the average denomination.

"This is a question which must be left to the conscience of the individual. Our business as Masons is to live up to the moral standards and teachings of the fraternity, leaving the future to take care of itself."

Maine for 1918 has nearly two pages.

INDIANA, 1919.

One Hundred Second Annual Communication,
Number of lodges, 562; number in membership, 88,148. Cash on hand,
\$29,320.64.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present; five hundred forty-four lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas B. Bohon, devotes a paragraph or two of the introduction to his address to the conditions arising from the late war.

He pays due tribute to the memory of the dead; mentions the conferring of degrees by courtesy; reports the dedication of two halls, and the laying of two corner stones. Dispensations were issued for three new lodges. He made no new decisions. Commends the labors of the Grand Instructor and the Indiana Masonic Home.

A dispensation was issued to form an emergency lodge at Hattiesburg, Miss., for the accommodation of soldiers there encamped. The Grand Lodge of Mississippi consented to this act.

From the report of the Committee on Memorial, we quote:

"The hope of immortality is the salvation of the human race. It is the cardinal teaching of freemasonry. Without it we are but prisoners awaiting the sentence of a cruel death; worms, miserable, groveling, hopeless creatures with no justification for effort, struggle or striving for betterment and achievement. Banish the hope of heaven and you blast the fundamental law of human life and place upon the human heart the curse of eternal destruction. Destroy this great pillar of human society, law and order disappears, selfishness and greed lift their ugly forms amidst the rule of tyranny and brutal power. Chaos will spread its black cloud over a race of idiots and blind men, doomed to ignominy and despair."

A large amount of local business was transacted.

Bro. Elmer F. Gray submitted his Sixth Annual Masonic Review.

As an introduction he presents pro and con reports in the matter of recognition of the several Grand Lodges in France.

Maine for 1918 has its full share in his review.

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Lincoln D. Cravens, Grand Master in 1910, who died August 4 1919.

IOWA, 1919.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 529; number in membership, 65,154. Cash on hand,
\$72,849 57.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present; four hundred twenty-nine lodges were represented.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George L. Schoonover, presented an address which required over one hundred printed pages to unfold the beautiful thoughts arising from the consideration of what Masonry of

today requires of its membership. The ways of the past are not the ways that the present demands. We have space for the following paragraphs:

"The war has challenged our efficiency in more ways than one. Our deplorable disunity was largely responsible for the poor showing which we made in the welfare activities for which so much credit was claimed by other organizations. That some agency hostile to us was able to almost completely thwart our ambition to serve is largely our own fault; we had the numbers but not the union in which lies strength.

"Yet there was more than this at fault. The activities of the lodge are today lopsided. They take too little account of civic duty, to which we are pledged in our obligations, and concerning which our charges have so much to say. Had we been awake to our civic duties we should long since have evolved some sort of federation among our Grand Lodges, so that in time of national emergency we might have acted as a national unit. But for the war I doubt very much whether we should have been even now as near to unity of thought and action as we are."

There were three dedications; two corner stones were laid; two dispensations issued for a new lodge; one lodge was constituted.

We quote his discussion of the remission of dues to soldiers:

"Let me ask the question: 'How patriotic do you consider it is to donate the \$3.00 or \$5.00 or \$8.00 which a soldier brother would be expected to pay as dues to his lodge?' It seems to me that a great many of our brethren in the army and navy instead of regarding this as a splendid evidence of patriotism on the part of those who remain at home would, on the contrary regard it as an unwarranted assumption on the part of the lodge. Their interest in Masonry is no less than before; there would be no ground for supposing they would not want to help to 'keep the home fires burning' and have just as great a desire to help out the lodge activities as they ever had. To remit their dues is certainly a cheap form of patriotism."

The District Deputy System was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for further investigation.

From the report of the Jurisprudence Committee we quote:

"Your Grand Master held that if the lodge so chooses it may elect a blind brother to the office of Junior Warden.

"In so holding we are of the opinion that your Grand Master is clearly within the law. The blind brother being a member of the lodge in good standing is eligible to hold the office to which he is elected and it is largely within the discretion of the lodge in selecting a blind brother to fill one of its principal offices; but while your committee approve the decision of the Grand Master, yet your committee are of the opinion that if done at all, great care should be exercised in so doing and we doubt the wisdom of so doing in any event."

The Grand Lodge refused to change the law relating to the carrying of insurance by the lodge upon its property; also the law relating to residence of men serving in the regular army, and the law relative to the use of the word "Masonic" in business relations.

We quote:

"Your Grand Master recommends and commends and asks the adoption of what is known in Masonry as the 'Lewis Doctrine' and that the same be revived in this Grand Lodge by providing that the son of a Master Mason may petition for the degrees of Masonry at the age of 19, and the recognition of that age as lawful within the meaning of our law. And

further recommends that by and with the consent of the Grand Master, given in writing, the petition of a 'Lewis' may be balloted upon the same evening that it is received in emergent cases, the Grand Master to be the judge of the emergency.

"After careful reading of the proposed change in our law and having fully considered the same your committee is of the opinion that to make such radical change in our law, as it now stands, would be at this time unwise, and we do not give our approval to the change in the law as herein recommended by your Grand Master, and report that the change ought not to be made."

Bro. Louis Block presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Maine for 1918 is fraternally mentioned.

Under Virginia, he says:

"We continue to be one of those who feel that if real Masonic brotherhood cannot prevail upon the earth without a loss of sovereignty, then it is sovereignty and not brotherhood that must go. The Masonic fraternity in its last analysis exists for brotherhood. Brotherhood is after all its only excuse for being, and if the time has come when we must dispense with one of the two then it is sovereignty and not brotherhood that must be sacrificed.

"If the late war has proved anything, it has clearly established the fact that while the world cannot do without brotherhood it can very well dispense with sovereignty. We want brothers in this world and not kings, be they Masonic or otherwise. We venture to prophecy right here that a League of Nations is coming. We can no more stop it than we can stop night following the day and unless along with the League of Nations there comes a league of Masons then the Masonic fraternity is done.

"Our friends, the enemy, have a united nation wide organization. What they have succeeded in doing to us by means of it needs no repetition here."

From his "Afterword" we quote:

"There is rapidly growing in this country a fraternity which while ever protesting it has no political ambitions is none the less filling many of our civil offices with its members and making its influence widely felt in public affairs. That fraternity is pledged to the promotion of the interests of one certain church. In its eyes the state is subordinate to the church, the state is and should be merely the vassal servant and instrument of the church. Unlike the Masonic fraternity it entertains no scruples whatever about mixing in politics. It mixes, and mixes persistently. During the war it mixed to such good effect that it not only compelled you and me to choose between contributing to a war relief fund, a large part of which was to be administered by it to the glory of a sectarian church, or of appearing to be a slacker, but it also persuaded our government to deny passports to our own war relief agents until the war was over, so that it might put us before the world in the light of a charitable organization of vast pretensions and little or no performance, all the while parading itself as the only truly patriotic human brotherhood.

"Now that peace has come we need look for no cessation of effort on the part of this fraternity to enable its church to engraft itself upon the State, to fasten itself there like a leech and fatten itself upon the lifeblood of our civil government.

"Shall Masonry still keep her hands out of politics — play no part in making democracy safe for the world — have naught to do with the establishment of a brotherhood of nations?

"Perhaps, as an institution, yes.

"Nevertheless, thank God, there is no law in Masonry that prevents

us as individuals from doing our duty as men in these great crises, and that is a privilege that can never be denied us.

"While we may be denied the right as an organization to enter politics for the protection of our country, yet there is no power on earth that can prevent us from standing shoulder to shoulder as individuals, and to say to the enemies of our country seeking to prey either privately or publicly upon her sacred institutions, even as did the brave poilus to the Prussians marching on Paris — 'They shall not pass.'"

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Henry W. Rothert, Grand Master in 1875, who died January 29, 1920.

KENTUCKY, 1918.

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 594; number in membership, 49,071. Cash on hand, \$111,736.85.

Twenty-four Past Grand Masters were present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Earl W. Weathers, without any long or short introduction to his address, for which he is to be commended, at once tells of his official transactions among which was the granting of six dispensations for new lodges.

A large amount of business local in character was transacted.

Bro. William W. Clarke submitted the Report of the Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges.

Under Iowa he writes:

"Antony Sayre, the first Grand Master of the first Grand Lodge of Masons, was *not* a Master Mason, and not a single Master Mason sat in that first Grand Lodge at the time of its organization, June 24, 1717. Did he or they who with him participated in the organization of that Grand Lodge contemplate that the time would come when the very Masonry which they themselves possessed would by Grand Lodge enactment be relegated to the place of mere preparation for *degrees* above it and which then had no existence?"

Maine for 1918 has generous mention.

We quote comments on the French ambroglio:

"It is modestly suggested that the postponement of the resolution for one year may in a large measure defeat the very purpose in the mind of the brother who offered it; and in the second place if the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, on account of the invasion of whose territory the edict was laid, can now herself rescind a like edict, it appears that those Grand Lodges who followed her actions in sympathy with her, might follow her action now. It is pretty well established, we think, that the Grand Orient of 1870 is the Grand Orient of 1918."

Again we quote:

"We think he is mistaken when he says: 'The regulation' which provides that no Lodge shall in any pretense make more than five new brethren in one day unless by dispensation. This, however, refers to initiation and not to advancement' was repealed.' The regulation he refers to was enacted some years before the organization of the Grand Lodge of Ken-

tucky; in fact it is a part of the Common Law of Masonry. We do not think the Grand Lodge of Kentucky would undertake to repeal it."

He says:

"Should the Masons who participate in the formation of a Lodge U. D. be accorded consideration not given a Mason made in such a Lodge? What would be the status of a Mason made in a Lodge U. D. should the Lodge be ultimately denied a charter? Would he be an unaffiliated Mason? If so, why should the Masons who made him not share with him the same conditions?"

We reply: The Masons who participate in the formation of a lodge do not lose their membership in their home lodge until the charter is granted to the new lodge. When they file their demits from the home lodge they, with those made Masons in the Lodge U. D., become charter members of the new lodge.

Should a charter be not granted the Masons who participated in the formation of a lodge U. D. resume their membership in their old lodges, but those made Masons in the Lodge U. D. become unaffiliated Masons.

KENTUCKY, 1919.

One hundred and Nineteenth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 594; number in membership, 53,182. Cash on hand, \$128,866.69.

Nineteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. Carson Black, to his address gives a pleasing introduction. He reports no deaths among the official family, but does tell us that a law suit for damages caused by the fall of an icicle from the Temple building was pending.

He refused dispensations to hold funeral burial service over deceased Master Masons already buried.

He granted dispensations for five new lodges.

He presents the needs of the Masonic Windows and Orphans' Home, and of the old Masons' Home.

He makes a strong plea for the raising of a million dollars for the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary.

From his opinions we quote:

"An unusual request was made to open a Lodge of Master Masons 'in the open' near a 'lot of river bluffs, breaks, pits, etc.,' with 'two or three negro helpers kept at a safe distance' with assurance that they 'would not be exposed to profanes.'

"Really the novelty of a meeting on some 'high hill' or 'low valley'—as they used the terms—conferring the Master's degree receiving a 'good dinner' and having a genuine time of fellowship with my brethren was appealing to the Grand Master but such meetings—though the intention be the best possible motive—are dangerous and should not be encouraged."

The following resolution was adopted:

"That the Rev. H. R. Coleman be and he is hereby invited to visit subordinate lodges of Kentucky, giving account of his travels in various

countries investigating the various forms and ceremonies of Masons and searching for Masonic light, and to confer the Oriental Order of Masonry on brethren who may desire the same."

Has the "Oriental Order of Masonry" any relationship with the "Shrine?"

Bro. William W. Clarke made the Report of Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges.

Under Michigan we quote:

"In Kentucky an Entered Apprentice is recognized as a Mason in harmony with the ancient constitutions and is a member of the Lodge which he petitions. In the event he removes from the jurisdiction of the Lodge of which he is a member after initiation the Lodge of which he is a member may request a Lodge into the jurisdiction of which he has moved to confer the remaining degrees on him, or he may *demit* and petition such Lodge for membership.

"We strenuously object to the term 'rejected material' which is not found in the terminology of Ancient Masonry and was invented to supply a needed argument by those who some twenty-five years ago also invented the 'perpetual jurisdiction' fallacy and innovation. The doctrine, if so it may be called, that a candidate is *material* to be used in the erection of a house, is itself in contradiction of the spirit of Masonry; was not a part of Ancient Masonic symbolism; and was invented as was the term referred to above to meet an end. *Material* connotes something inanimate, soulless; as man is a living breathing, sentient, responsible entity, it is inapt and without meaning."

LOUISIANA, 1920.

One Hundred and Ninth Annual Grand Communication.

Number of lodges, 392; number in membership 23,008. Cash on hand, \$9,614.09.

Eight Grand Masters were present; one hundred forty-eight lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Rudolph Krause, in the introduction to his address touches upon the leading subjects of the year.

He reports peace and harmony throughout the jurisdiction; the conferring of degrees by courtesy. We quote:

"I granted Magnolia Lodge, No. 238, a special dispensation to open and close their lodge in the woods near said church building for the purpose of rendering the Masonic funeral service over the grave of one of their members, who had been buried at this point something like a year before."

Other jurisdictions might well criticise the occasion and the place.

He gives a very interesting story of his trip to Europe to attend the Peace Celebration.

Seven lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for seven lodges; many other dispensations were granted. He wrote fifty nine decisions.

The following legislation was had:

"Whereas: Illiteracy, ignorance and superstition are fertile conditions for the propaganda of isms that are antagonistic to our form of government and

"Whereas: Freemasonry having at all times championed the cause of education, liberty and equality; therefore be it

" *Resolved*: That this Grand Lodge proclaims its support of the cause of education in general and of our free public schools in particular, and would urge all of its members to assist to the best of their ability in the spread of light and knowledge throughout our land and country."

" And we urge all Master Masons to do all in their power to have our State and National Government to favor Free Public School education by ample appropriation for non-sectarian schools, and oppose the appropriation of public monies for any sectarian schools."

In the matter of recognition of the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of Master Masons, the following was adopted:

" It is impossible for the Grand Lodge, without violating the landmarks of the Order, to provide a secret mode of recognition by either word, signs or grips as the same would be in conflict with the established usage and customs of the fraternity. However we would call attention to the fact that there is a Rite known as ' The Wife and Daughter's Degree ' which should be taken by every Master Mason and those dependent upon him and we approve an appropriate jewel of this degree; but as a practical proposition we would recommend that the various Lodges provide a card certificate to be issued under the seal of the Lodge and signed by the Secretary, showing that the bearer is related to a Master Mason in good standing, giving names so that those entitled to our protection and assistance may use the same whenever necessary for the salutatory purpose suggested by the Memorial, further than this we do not believe a Grand Lodge could go."

Bro. Herman C. Duncan, presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence,

Under Kentucky we read:

" Do we desire a humanitarian brotherhood or do we desire a universal Masonic Brotherhood? It seems to us that the latter and not the former is what is most desirable. The latter is desirable, but it is not Masonic. We do not favor a cutting loose from the old Brotherhood, but rather its perpetuation. The time is not opportune for a discussion of these matters for the world is too much upset for a calm consideration of what is best and there is too much desire to invite to our counsel chambers the untutored enthusiast, and the man that is not a Mason and never was a Mason.

" Our own opinion is that Freemasonry has a foundation in the first Grand Lodge and that rules of its government proclaimed in 1721 is a constitution which must be supported and that those who do not adhere to the foundation principles of the ancient Craft are not to be taken as legitimate members of the Craft nor is fellowship to be held with them.

" With us adherence to the ancient charges is fundamental and essential. We have never recommended the recognition of any who do not support and maintain the principles of the Ancient charges and we hold that adherence to that platform most among other things be proven to gain admission to our Lodges."

Maine for 1919 is briefly mentioned.

From his conclusion we approvingly quote:

" A review of the several Grand Lodges is not at present a very satisfactory task for the general custom has been to put aside all philosophical discussions and devote all time at disposal to obtaining the victory in the World's War. Now that victory has perched on the starry banner it is to be hoped that the Grand Masters and others charged with the function of governing the Craft will revert to the instruction of the Craft.

As the Master of each particular Lodge is charged with instructing the Craft so specially we take it is the duty of the Grand Master to rule and govern the whole of the Craft of the jurisdiction or cause it to be done. We trust that we shall find in the future much greater attention than in the last few years to the instruction of the Craft in the moral law and its principles; in the philosophy of spiritual living."

M. W. Bro. James H. Caldwell, Past Grand Master, died July 2, 1919.

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. John Stanley Thibaut, Grand Master in 1911, who died February 12, 1920.

MANITOBA, 1919.

The Forty-fourth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 78; number in membership, 7,881. Cash on hand, \$11,959.77.

Ten Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edward T. Greenway, devotes some space in the introduction to his address to questions arising from the late war. He criticises the district meetings; discusses the choice of officers; counsels a very careful scrutiny of the candidates, and regrets that the newly made Mason has no particular guide in learning the full meaning of the system of Masonry.

He further says:

"Brethren, whatever of change the future holds for our Fraternity, and there shall be changes, I have the firm conviction that the pressing duty of the moment for you and me as individuals is to examine the brand of Masonry which we are wearing. Will it square up with or fall below the level of that fundamental principle enunciated by the Man of Galilee? In appearance nothing is more simple than the Truth which He taught as the Truth which makes men free; in reality and in practise nothing is more difficult than to extricate it from the complexities of modern life."

The several District Deputy Grand Masters made reports of the condition of the lodges in their several districts.

The Committee on Foreign Grand Bodies, in re French Masonry reported that

"The Committee are not prepared at the present time to recommend the recognition of any of these bodies. They are of opinion that there is no pressing emergency; and as there is still certain information to be gathered they ask that action be deferred for another year."

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved:—That the members of this Grand Lodge, realizing the economic advantages, and especially the social and moral advantages of the prohibition of the liquor traffic, express the hope that prohibitory regulations may be embodied in permanent legislation, and declare that they are willing to suffer the necessary limitation of personal freedom in view of the great benefits to be gained therefrom."

Bro. A. L. Crossin presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence.

This report treats of "The War," "The Masonic Service Association," "Masonry and Democracy," "Masonic Research," and other topics.

MARYLAND, 1919.

One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 119; number in membership, 21,978. Cash on hand, \$10,727.32.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles C. Homer, Jr., we quote:

"The work in the lodges has been so great that little or no social intercourse has been possible, and little has been done beyond the actual necessary Degree work. Are the new members Masons in the true sense, or are they merely members of the Fraternity? The mere hearing of the ritual and the memorizing of answers to fixed questions does not make a man a Mason. Are the new members sufficiently impressed to become students of Masonry, to learn the symbolic meanings of the Degrees, to interpret the purposes and objects of the Fraternity, to realize that a proper application of the teachings and principles of Masonry spells better citizenship and better manhood? We glory in the fact that the fathers of our country, nearly all of whom were active Masons, translated Masonic ideals, teachings and morals into the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. We are proud of the fact that the Boston Tea Party was determined upon in old St. Andrew's Lodge and that the brethren of that old lodge were willing to do and dare for the benefit of their brother man. We are proud that Washington, the father of his country, was a prominent Mason, that his life work demonstrated to all his conscientious interpretation of Masonic teachings and of Masonic lessons. We as Masons, however, cannot live upon the past — the future lies before us. A greater work is in store for us if we conscientiously measure up to our duties than anything the past has presented."

Bro. Henry Branch submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Wyoming we read:

"A Demitted Brother challenges the consideration of the Fraternity. The general ruling disfranchises a Demitted Brother; who has never violated his vows nor broken his pledges but simply has asked to be released from Lodge fellowship which means really Lodge dues. There is a weak point here in modern Masonry. It exalts Lodge membership? It seems to be the right of visitation, conditioned upon certain payments of money called Lodge dues. A non-affiliate is released from the payment of dues, and thereby loses his original right or Masonic right and privilege, at the one place on the earth where his presence may be cheering and his association inspiring. It is a privilege bought with money, after a man has been most solemnly acknowledged as a Brother, claiming affiliation with the universal Brotherhood of Freemasons, but arrested at the door of a tyled Lodge. It is a question of dollars, pure and simple, and does not commend itself to this Correspondent. But it is so ingrained that it is kicking against the pricks to question or condemn."

MASSACHUSETTS, 1919.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Leon M. Abbot, delivered at the Quarterly Communication, held March 12, 1919, we quote:

"Through the change in our Grand Constitutions adopted last December, a Master Mason who has voluntarily remained for more than one year without being affiliated with some regular Lodge has no right to visit any Lodge within this jurisdiction. Formerly such an unaffiliated Mason could visit any Lodge upon the invitation of its Worshipful Master. As the law now stands a voluntarily unaffiliated Mason is not of right entitled to any of the benefits or privileges of Masonry or to visit a Lodge if he has been unaffiliated for more than a year."

He ruled:

"Only one who has qualified and been installed as a Master can raise a candidate or occupy the Master's chair in a Lodge other than his own."

At the Quarterly Communication in December, the M. W. Grand Master in his address has this to say about Masonic Clubs:

"There is, however, in my judgment an element of danger to the Fraternity in too great a multiplying of these clubs and in the encouraging of any idea that they are to take over or become the centre of Masonic social relations. If Lodge meetings are likely to be the more looked upon as occasions only of degree conferring and Lodges as degree factories, so to speak, then the club idea becomes a distinct menace to the effectuating of the true purpose and intent of our order. If such club membership prompts a less frequent attendance at Lodge meetings or a less cordial support of Lodge work and activities, then it becomes harmful and not helpful."

The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:

"An application that has been received by a Lodge may not be withdrawn, but must go to ballot. If the ballot is favorable, the application may then be withdrawn with the consent of the Lodge, in which case the status of the applicant is the same as before the application was presented."

As usual the proceedings are full of good things for the Masonic reader.

MICHIGAN, 1919.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 439; number in membership, 96,403. Cash on hand, \$9,211.23.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present; four hundred and two lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Hugh A. McPherson, to his address made a brief introduction, then pays due tribute of respect to the dead.

Three lodges were constituted; one corner stone laid; five Masonic temples were dedicated, and his official visitations reported.

Dispensations were granted for three new lodges and many directly on account of the war were granted.

The usual space is given to an account of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. Other topics of local interest were commented upon.

The Flag Ceremonial which had been on trial for a year was adopted.

Several amendments to the Constitution were acted upon and most of them were not adopted. The minimum fee for the degrees was fixed at thirty dollars but the proposition to make the dues two dollars per year was defeated because of the inherent right of a lodge to fix the amount of its dues.

Bro. Lou B. Winsor submitted his Sixteenth Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1918 is generously treated.

MISSOURI, 1919.

The Ninety-ninth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 643; number in membership, 79,449. Cash on hand, \$47,854.46.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present; three hundred seventy-seven lodges were represented.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John W. Bingham, in his address says:

"I take pleasure in reporting (and it is deeply gratifying to me to report) these signs of material and numerical growth and prosperity, but I take far greater pleasure and gratification in stating that there is among our lodges and the whole Brotherhood a most commendable effort to carry into effect and actual practice the great moral lessons Masonry teaches and for which it stands. How good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity! Such has been our condition the past year. Nothing has taken place to check the onward advance of the Fraternity."

Dispensations have been issued for two new lodges; and for other purposes. Two corner stones were laid.

Of his decisions we quote:

"*Question:* Can a dispensation be issued to attend memorial services in full regalia in recognition of a brother killed in France?"

"*Answer:* No."

The entire ceremonies of the first degree and the second section of the second degree were exemplified.

From the Report of the Grand Lecturer we quote:

"Much of the force and beauty of the lessons intended to be taught is lost by the mechanical or parrot-like manner in which it is too frequently given. In all my instruction, I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren, the necessity of proper understanding of the work in hand that they may give the correct expression to convey the lessons to their initiates. From personal observation and the testimony of the District Lecturers to me, I am persuaded that the teaching has not been in vain and that progress is being made in that direction."

The Grand Orator delivered an able oration, subject, "Patriotism and Peace."

The following legislation was had:

"Requests from one Grand Jurisdiction to another. All requests from or to Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, from or to Lodges of another Grand Jurisdiction, to confer a degree or degrees shall be made through the Grand Master."

Bro. C. C. Woods presented his annual report on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"Naturally, the Great War has received much attention from a majority of the Grand Lodges, and while its thundering echoes are growing fainter with the passing months, its *aftermath* will long remain a matter of moment to Freemasonry. In our own land especially, and to some extent in others — thousands of young men, many of whom we fear were unprepared and unmitted, were hurried into the body of Freemasonry with no opportunity to behold 'the form and beauty thereof,' or to obtain a true appreciation of its value. This is explainable and perhaps pardonable because of the great excitement arising from existing conditions, but the fact remains that much of this unnatural influx may become a liability rather than an asset. Some of these rough ashlar — many, we hope — may be fitted for the temple, but doubtless some must be rejected and cast into the rough rubbish about the temple, while others may be at best mere drones in the Masonic hive. Freemasonry, as we understand it, was never intended to be a popular institution; and, certainly, not an insurance company, to secure men against the possibilities of war! We must hope for the best, and we are glad to know that our own Grand Lodge because of its wise conservatism will have to face this problem in less measure than many others.

"The demand for a Supreme Grand Lodge by whatever name it may be called is more insistent than ever before and although the suggestion is generally veiled by wordy arguments, yet the trend is in that direction unquestionably. The general argument is that in any great calamity, or exigency, such as the European war, we should be able to act *unitedly* as well as promptly. The idea may finally prevail, but we think — and hope not, though we would be glad if in some way, we might secure uniformity in the work and autonomy of our General Grand Lodges. For we note that there are sometimes wide divergences, not only in the ritualistic work, but in other respects. For instance some Grand Lodges — and their subordinates, of course, attend to all public ceremonies, such as laying corner stones, public installations and even *funerals*, while at *refreshment*. Think of it. This reminds us of the Puritan fathers who sometimes, after a long and dreadful (?) Sabbath allowed the children to walk to the graveyard — as a recreation!"

Maine was given a page.

MONTANA, 1918.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 106; number in membership, 12,462. Cash on hand, \$24,837.87.

Eight Past Grand Masters were present; ninety-five lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Francis D. Jones, devotes the introduction to his address to questions arising from the war at that time in progress.

Proper respect to the memories of the dead; Past Grand Masters, Sol Star, Anthony H. Barret, and Arthur C. Logan.

Six lodges were constituted; two corner stones were laid. Dispensation was issued for Army Lodge, No. 1, and for seven other lodges. His address covered all the details of the many propositions that came before him. He made twenty recommendations.

The Grand Lodge had a large amount of local business.

Bro. H. S. Hepner presented his tenth annual Report of Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1917 is fraternally remembered.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Fervent patriotism is at a fever heat and woe unto him who swerves in the least from the path of loyalty, either by word or deed; and it is right that it should be so; we firmly believe in a summary old-fashioned hanging 'bee' for anyone who partaking the benefits of, or even the hospitality of, this land of ours, acts the traitor, or spy. All hearts and souls, minds and bodies, should in an hour like this, be attuned to the staunchest loyalty, help and aid of our country; no mere favorable sentiment, but acts and deeds should tell the story.

"Grand Masters and Grand Lodges are doing all in their power to further the cause, and are preparing for the future, when our brave and victorious soldiers, marines, and all those in the other various branches of the service, come back to us tired of body and mind, and need our loving ministrations. Let us then not be parsimonious in our care for their wants but clothe them with habiliments of the best in the wardrobe of Masonry's storehouse."

MONTANA, 1919.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 113; number in membership, 13,813. Cash on hand, \$29,248.95.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present; one hundred and four lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. E. M. Hutchinson, in his address, devotes some space to the memory of the dead. Many dispensations for lodge elections were required because of the epidemic of influenza at the regular time for holding the same.

Seven lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for three new lodges, and three installations were performed.

Reference in the address is made to the same subjects as nearly every Grand Master has alluded to, such as the George Washington Memorial Association, the Masonic Home, the Cedar Rapids Conference and others.

The following proposition was defeated:

"An amendment to the Code which permitted a Lodge having in excess of 100 members the right to confer the First, Second or Third Degree upon not to exceed five candidates at the same time, the ceremony of reception in the First Degree and the entire Second Section of Third Degree to be conferred upon one candidate, only, at a time."

From the report of the work of Montana Army Lodge while in France, we quote:

"The meeting places of the Lodge was various. Several meetings were held in a school building in St. Aignan, France, until the trustees of the school entered an objection to the use of the building by Freemasons. Thereafter meetings were held in a building rented by the United States Army for an Officers' Mess. While the Lodge was meeting at Montrichard, France, three different places were utilized, viz: A cave, a mushroom canning factory and a warehouse. At Bource, France, two meetings were held in a chateau owned and occupied by an American named Wells, who very kindly gave the Lodge the use of a large room."

Bro. H. S. Hepner presented his eleventh annual Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1918 has brief mention.

From his conclusion we quote:

"The gallantry and bravery of the Belgian and French warriors in the world-war seems to have produced on the minds of the staunchest of Masonry's votaries a relaxation of the adherence to the old standards, landmarks, or whatever else you may call them, that so characterized the staid craftsmen of the old school; the impetuosity of youth, the quickening breath of loyalty and patriotism seem to have carried us from all standards, except to the symbolism of Flag of our Nation. Jurisdictions that have heretofore resented the slightest departure or variations of what we are pleased to term Masonry's landmarks, have hastened over the top into no man's land ready to combat as a visible or invisible foe anyone who dares proclaim ought against the Masonic Faith of any of our allies; the occultism of the Hindoo, the idolatry of the Chinese the fetishes of the Japanese, the black magic of the Bengalese, the ignorance and superstition of the negro, the lack of faith of others, the Bolshevism of the Russian are all to be accepted as visions of the true light of Masonry in order to make good the oft-quoted use of 'Masonry's Universality' in these hours of our rejoicing at the throttling of the tyrant who sought to rule the world; our eyes are for the moment blinded, and our intellects clouded, to see or think clearly.

"We always believed that Masonry's purpose to have it universal was to bring its beneficent light to all obscured corners of the earth; to gradually teach men and nations its resplendent lessons of Faith in an All Beneficent Being, and spread the gospel of the Fatherhood of God.

"Masonry's strength lies in her firm adherence to the tenets she established, and a mad rush through barbed wire entanglements, may mar her beauty and lessen her power.

"We do not want to be understood as opposed to recognition of French Masonry; nay, indeed, we would welcome gladly, if compliance were had with the standards of requirements we have set up after many years' consideration.

"Let us not be hypocrites, or bury our heads in the sands and fool ourselves into the notions that our real reasons are concealed, when in the frenzy of war-fellowship we conjure up reasons or arguments showing that we were mistaken in our former attitude to those who did not conform to our definite bounds.

"We confuse the handful of men comprising French Masonry with the entire nation, and believe that in the recognition of the French Bodies we take unto our arms and hearts all of war-bleeding and suffering France.

"Time will come when our heads and blood will cool and calm and we may dispassionately discuss these matters with minds attuned to the logic of good sense."

NEBRASKA, 1919.

The Sixty-second Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 274; number in membership, 28,136. Cash on hand, \$37,203.82.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present; two hundred and twenty-nine lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

"The Star Spangled Banner," under the charge of the veterans of the wars was introduced and the Grand Lodge was called to attention and the brethren were ordered to salute the Flag of our Country with the honors of Masonry.

How patriotic an action! How appreciative of the honor given it must have been the Flag!

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Ambrose C. Epperson, comments upon the many activities occasioned by the war, and upon the general condition of the world with its state of unrest.

The Nebraska Masonic Home in his judgment ought to have hospital facilities. The Children's Home requires more land, more housing room. He gives an account of the Cedar Rapids Conference.

Two corner stones were laid but he refused to lay the corner stone of a church because the day selected for the ceremony was Sunday.

He made twenty-one decisions which were in the main interpretations of the Nebraska code.

Four lodges were constituted; one lodge was instituted; his visitations are reported.

Legislation was had with reference to the promulgation of the work; the matter of insurance of their property by lodges; and the neglect of lodges in reporting delinquent dues to the lodge.

The Grand Orator delivered a learned oration, subject, "Vision."

No report on Correspondence.

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Thomas Milburn Davis, Grand Master in 1914, who died August 12, 1919.

NEVADA, 1919.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 23; number in membership, 2,078. Cash on hand, \$1,898.85.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present; nineteen lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

From the introduction of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Walter E. Pratt, we quote:

"Freemasonry is qualified to lead the thought of the times, for it is an institution builded on the foundation stones of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, cemented by that faith in God in which is our hope, and so standing four square with all the world. The strength of our fratern-

ity lies not in its numbers, nor in its accumulations or its organization, but in its system of moral instruction, and the application of these lessons to the daily affairs of life. Any plan for increasing the influence of Freemasonry which does not present the ethical teachings of the order as its most important feature must surely fail."

The dead are remembered; the requests for conferring of degrees by courtesy reported; the dispensations granted and referred are announced and his decisions given.

We quote:

"I ruled that an enemy alien was not qualified to petition for the degrees in Masonry and ordered the fee returned."

He reports very fully his official visits.

The Grand Orator delivered an oration, subject "Leave Not Thy Children a Tumbled House."

Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1918 receives more than two pages.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1919.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 39; number in membership, 3,983. Cash on hand, \$4,222.25.

Twenty lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Daniel C. Clark, devotes considerable space in his address to the results which are liable to obtain from the great upheaval in the activities of the world, the change from war industries into commercial pursuits and with other appropriate words says:

"It is to be feared that in this readjustment period, that is just before us, we will pass through strenuous days, and again I counsel you, my brethren of the Masonic Order to practice moderation and use your influence and energy to help determine our future, with the best interests of all as the primary consideration of each."

He gives a very interesting account of his official visits.

He decided that an unaffiliated Mason could not be buried by a lodge and that

"No man can become a Mason, who is not physically qualified to fulfill all the requirements of initiating, passing and raising."

Routine business required sometime for its consideration.

No report on Correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1919.

The One Hundred Thirtieth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 80; number in membership, 11,520. Cash on hand, \$11,557.95.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present; fifty-one lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Eugene S. Heald, in his address gives quite full account of the distinguished dead of his jurisdiction, reports his several dispensations; names the requests for conferring of degrees by courtesy; commends the Lodges of Instruction held in two of the districts; upholds the Masonic Home and in the conclusion says:

"In no period of its history has the Masonic fraternity of New Hampshire stood higher in the esteem of the people of the state than at the present time."

The District Deputy Grand Masters presented detailed reports of the conditions of the lodges in their several districts.

From the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, we quote:

"We respectfully suggest to the Grand Master-elect that we resume business under our constitution and that no dispensation for the conferring of our Masonic degrees in less than the time specified in our constitution be granted, unless it is for the benefit of the craft."

Bro. Harry M. Cheney presented his thirteenth successive Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The principal legislation by the Grand Lodge of Maine at its Annual Communication in 1918 is given.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Edwin Frank Jones, Grand Master in 1910, who died October 6, 1918.

NEW JERSEY, 1919.

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 207; number in membership, 49,788. Cash on hand, \$19,994.15.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present; two hundred and two lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Herbert C. Rorick, wisely devotes one short paragraph in the introduction to his address to the close of the war.

He constituted two lodges; considered 187 applications of persons having physical defects; mentions the courtesy function; tells of his visitations. The matter of French lodges conferring the degrees upon candidates in the army in France who were residents of New Jersey required considerable correspondence.

He devotes space to the "Masonic Service Association" and to "War Work."

Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs submitted the Report of Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1918 has a page in his able report.

NEW YORK, 1919.

The One Hundred and Thirty eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 872; number in membership, 220,777. Cash on hand, \$70,605.73.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William S. Farmer, reports his official acts. He issued seven dispensations for new lodges and warrants for "Sea and Field Lodges, Nos. 2, 3 and 4 for work and instruction Overseas."

The Grand Historian presented a summary account of the history of Free Masonry in the State of New York.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the War and Relief Association be and it is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to build at Utica a hospital, in accordance with the plan and scope outlined by the Grand Master in his address, and that the War and Relief Administration devise ways and means for the maintenance thereof."

It is impossible to present the transactions of such a Grand Lodge as New York which is always in the forefront of every endeavor not only to benefit Masonry but humanity as a whole. Space does not allow us to quote the stirring appeals made by brethren of the Grand Lodge in support of all the institutions supported by contributions of the Craft. While we, here in Maine, talk in thousands, in New York the talk is in millions.

New York may well be proud of its work, not only for those who went Overseas, but also for the care of those left at home. Especially their efforts for the amelioration of those who returned from abroad who were ill from disease or were suffering from the loss of limbs or were otherwise disabled.

The Report of the Masonic Overseas Mission on efforts to secure governmental permission to engage in independent war relief work abroad ought to be in the hands of every mason in America.

Bro. Wm. Sherer submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. From the introduction we quote:

"Two arguments against the recognition of Grand bodies which have eliminated the Bible and do not require candidates for initiation to declare belief in Divinity, are particularly commended to the consideration of the Brethren: One calls attention to the fact that Negro Grand Lodges are not accorded recognition, and asks the question whether it shall be said of us that the color of a man's skin is of greater concern to us than his belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe. The other reminds us that in our obligations we have declared that an atheist cannot be made a Mason and that we cannot hold Masonic intercourse with atheists, and then asks whether we have a right to violate our obligation by recognizing as Masonic a Grand body which admits atheists to membership. These two arguments place the case squarely and clearly before the Brethren.

"Now that the war is over and Masonry can take account of its mission in the world, uninfluenced by extraneous considerations, it behooves us to look well to the East and renew our loyalty to the everlasting verities

of our Craft. What a sorry thing Freemasonry would be without its Great Light, without faith in the Fatherhood of God, without belief in Immortality! The dangers to which the Brotherhood is exposed where ignorance of essentials prevails, ought to be a warning to all of us. A clear understanding of the abiding principles is of vital importance for the preservation and progress of Freemasonry."

Maine for 1918 has favorable mention.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1919.

The One Hundred Thirty-second Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 444; number in membership, 28,805. Cash on hand, \$7,441.08.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George S. Norfleet, delivered a business like address, touching upon the activities of the Craft, among which was the erection of a building at Camp Sevier for the use of the Masonic Fraternity. In this they were assisted by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. Army Lodge "A" held its meetings at this camp.

He made some forty decisions, but believing that the most of them were mere interpretations of existing law he reported only one which appears to be right under the North Carolina code. In Maine where a lodge holds jurisdiction for *five* years, the candidate would have to wait that length of time before he could apply to another lodge other than the one rejecting him.

Some of the District Deputy Grand Masters made no reports to him and he would like to find out why these officers do not work in the Masonic Vineyard.

He granted no dispensations to shorten time and each petitioner was obliged to wait the required thirty days' time.

Four new lodges were constituted; one lodge was instituted and two corner stones were laid.

He made a plea for increased revenue for the Grand Lodge. He says:

"This can only be done by one of two ways: We could increase the *per capita* tax from \$1.00 to \$1.50 and raise approximately \$15,000.00 additional, or we could amend the last clause of Section 140 of the Code and provide for the payment to the Grand Lodge of \$10.00 for each initiate in the subordinate Lodges, which would raise as much money, or probably some more.

"The minimum initiation fee is now \$15.00 and if this is raised to \$25.00 the local lodges will not suffer any financial loss, on account of the law being changed, as the candidate himself would pay the increase."

The business was of local character and considerable in amount.

Bro. Marshall D. Haywood presented the Report of Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1918 has a page.

Under Michigan we read:

"If there were just some way to weed out all the fool fables which often render ridiculous the noble Order of Masonry, it would be better for the

standing of the Fraternity. No fault should be found with the allegorical teachings included, but when orators of supposed intelligence gravely tell the gullible multitude at Masonic picnics and on other public occasions that Masonic Lodges were in operation before the Deluge, that our present Ritual has been handed down from the days of King Solomon, that there has never been a President of the United States who was not a Mason, that all Signers of the Declaration of Independence and all Generals in the Army of the Revolution were Masons, except Benedict Arnold (who by the bye, was a Mason) it is enough to make an Egyptian mummy laugh. The writer once heard a much traveled visiting Brother seriously declare in a Lodge in Raleigh that he had visited Lodges in India which had records running back six thousand years — in other words, these Lodges worked many centuries before Adam and Eve were created. Ananias and Baron Munchausen were paragons of veracity if compared with that Brother."

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Samuel H. Smith, Grand Master in 1889, who died October 27, 1918.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1919.

The Thirtieth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 116; number in membership, 11,612. Cash on hand, \$17,873.82.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of M. W. Bro. Henry G. Vich, we quote:

"Masonry was built upon the foundation stone of equality and the history of Masonry proves that equality finds its best expression in the democracy of American ideals. Masons have throughout history been leaders in thought and action. Masons must now help others to do clear thinking and face in a rational way the great problems of peace and reconstruction."

Dispensation was issued for one new lodge; three lodges were constituted; six district meetings were visited; no decisions were reported; of trials of members, he says:

"In some instances brethren have taken the attitude that Masonic charity must undertake to protect criminals even though there was no question of the fairness of the trials and the justice of the verdicts in the courts. Nothing can more seriously prejudice our great fraternity than the charge that unworthy men are protected by us.

"It is our judgment that whenever a member of the Masonic Fraternity is convicted of a crime he cuts himself off from Masonic relations just as he is cut off from civil rights, and that our laws should be so amended as to provide that the presentation to a lodge of a transcript of the information or indictment together with the sentence of the court will carry with it, after approval by the Grand Lodge, expulsion from the fraternity."

He does not believe in Honorary Life Membership.

He makes mention of the several activities arising from the World's War, and in commenting upon French Masonry, says:

"In considering this question we must remember that Latin Masonry cannot be judged by Anglo-Saxon standards. If we adopt this narrow

view we are liable to find our recognition practically confined to English-speaking Masonry. I would recommend recognition not on technical grounds but in the interests of a broader viewpoint of Masonic Fraternalism. Let us make Universality of Masonry not mere rhetoric but a reality."

From the Report of the Grand Secretary, we quote:

"The persistence of the use of foreign languages among us, is in our judgment, one of the most unfavorable conditions we face today. How are we to Americanize a great body of foreign born and foreign language speaking people if we do not insist upon the use of the English language as spoken by Americans in elementary schools of every kind and character? We do not believe that we have ever been accused of being pessimistic, but some things do give us anxiety for the future of our state and our country."

It was voted to give three days to the sessions of the Grand Lodge, "the major portion of the first day to be devoted to a General School of Instruction."

The "Grotto" was not endorsed.

From the report of the Committee on Patriotic Service, we quote:

"The idea embodied in the report of our Grand Secretary of Masonic Minute Men appeals to us as offering great possibilities in this direction. We, therefore, recommend that a corps of men, to be known as Masonic Minute Men be organized in each lodge within this grand jurisdiction to discuss matters of interest to Masons generally, to promote the interests of the order and of the nation. We suggest that the work of these Masonic Minute Men be conducted under the direction of a central committee, organized in connection with the office of the Grand Secretary, whose duty it shall be to outline a uniform monthly program for Minute Men throughout the state. We recommend that this committee publish each month a Bulletin, containing such program with references and other matters of interest to the craft generally.

"We believe that an organization such as outlined holds wonderful possibilities for the good of our nation; that it will create an added interest in Masonry and in the meetings of our various lodges; that it will become a great medium for counteracting of the propaganda designed to undermine our government, we believe and sincerely hope."

Bro. Grant S. Hager presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence. Maine for 1918 has mention.

Under Pennsylvania he writes:

"Under the head of Decisions there are five pages devoted to a rehearsal of official edicts and acts. Most of them bear no resemblance to a decision. We were struck by one which held that the funds of a lodge might not be expended in the purchase of wrist watches for its soldier members, but might, with propriety, be expended for "medals or other tokens during the war." We confess that this looks to us like a distinction without a difference. Why the funds of a lodge could not be expended for a watch to be presented to a member in service, but might be spent for some cheap token of no utility and little ornamental value, is beyond us."

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. James T. Blacklock, Grand Master in 1903-4, who died November 26, 1919.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1919.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 75; number in membership, 7,455. Cash on hand, \$7,545.39.

Three Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John Hay, devotes the introduction to his address mainly to the "League of Nations."

To the memory of the dead he pays due tribute.

His official visits were of the most pleasing character.

His rulings appear to conform with the usual practice. His dispensations are reported in full.

The needs of the Masonic Home required attention and he made strenuous efforts to place its financial position before the Craft and he succeeded in raising, in spite of handicaps, within six months, forty-three thousand dollars toward an endowment fund of one hundred fifty thousand dollars.

Bro. James C. Jones presented his fourth annual Report of Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"It is a matter of great regret to the writer that many Jurisdictions appear to be quite willing to tear down the foundations upon which the 'Altar' of Freemasonry was built by doing away with physical qualifications and also the use of one our three great lights, namely, the 'Holy Bible.' I venture to express the hope that this Jurisdiction, at least, will remain true to the principles and precepts of our noble Order."

Maine for 1918 has a page. He did not agree with the decision relative to the change of days of meeting of the Ashlar Lodge, but gives no reason for his disbelief.

OHIO, 1919.

The One Hundred Tenth Annual Grand Communication.

Number of lodges, 651; number in membership, 132,053. Cash on hand, \$202,304.56.

Twenty-three Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Isaac Kinsey, we quote:

'My Brethren, I would call your attention to the great unfought battle which at this moment is raging in full force at our very doors. The propagandist is constantly working in the dark, endeavoring to poison the minds of men against their very best friends. They would have men strike down the very props which support them, they are filling the minds of men with hatred and envy for everything that smacks of good, they would tear down and destroy the Flag of our Country.

"This battle is not to be fought with bullets or poisonous gases. It must be met on every hand with kindness, with fairness, and with generous consideration of our fellow-man. We must truly walk on the level with our Brethren, meeting out to them all that in fairness is their just due. We must live lives which would be worthy of emulation, lives of fairness and

equality. I would urge every Mason under jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge from this moment to become a warrior in the cause of justice, loyalty to his country, and kindness and fairness to his Brother."

Dispensations for six new lodges were issued; three lodges were constituted; four lodge rooms were dedicated, and one corner stone laid.

His address was short and to the point. It was decided that Ohio lodges cannot recognize dimits from Sea and Field Lodges which made Masons of the Soldiers in the United States Army serving overseas and in the Republic of France.

Membership in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was refused.

Bro. F. H. Marquis presented his First Annual Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and we regret to say his last report for he declined to serve longer.

From his introduction we quote:

"Freemasonry was 100% patriotic. It was efficient in its war work as far as was possible under the numerous, varied, and sometimes peculiar restrictions placed upon it;—hysterical, at times, in the granting of 'emergent Dispensations' and the waiving of 'physical qualifications' but unanimous in its support of all movements tending to create harmony in business and social circles during the present unrest."

Maine for 1919 has full recognition.

We quote one comment:

"The Grand Master decided that no lodge funds could be donated to the Red Cross or similar organizations, enjoining, however, upon the individual Mason his responsibility to the cry of distress. Why limit expenditures to 'purposes strictly Masonic,' which may include 'Refreshment Account' items to the point of bankruptcy?"

Under New Mexico he writes:

"If this war had continued for a year or two, I fear that we would have lost all our Ancient Landmarks, Established Customs, Regulations, Rules, Usages, or whatever you want to call them, in some of the Grand Jurisdictions. War is all that Sherman called it, and this war surely raised 'all that Sherman called it' with some of the Codes."

Under Tennessee:

"Several of the District Lecturers made no official visits, or reports, and it would appear that a complete reorganization of the District Lecturer Corps is necessary. This system is successful only where the District Lecturer takes a personal interest in each Lodge in his district and makes it his duty to see that every Lodge attains a high standard, both as to rendition and correctness of Ritual, and methods of conducting their business affairs. It is also possible that lack of proper transportation facilities may have something to do with the situation in Tennessee."

OKLAHOMA, 1919.

The Eleventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 433; number in membership, 36,200. Cash on hand, \$72,407.34.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present; two hundred sixty-six lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Joseph W. Morris, in the introduction to his address mentions the close of the war, then pays due tribute to the memory of deceased brethren; reports the laying of seven corner stones and also

"Laying the corner stone of the Dam, a one and one-half million dollar public improvement located about ten miles west of Oklahoma City."

Dispensations were issued for three new lodges; six lodges were constituted.

He interpreted the law as follows:

"That a brother suspended for non-payment of dues is not entitled to a Masonic burial.

"That dues should be collected on the first days of July, and January, from Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who had allowed four months to elapse between the conferral of the degrees.

"That in the event of the death of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, it was perfectly fitting and proper for the Worshipful Master to appoint a committee to draft suitable resolutions of respect and to spread the same upon the minutes of the lodge. Provided, the brother was in good standing at the time of his death."

He fully sets forth the purposes of the Cedar Rapids Conference. He does not advise the adoption of a key to the esoteric work.

Correspondence was had with the Grand Lodge of France but it presented no new facts.

None of the recommendations of the Grand Master were approved.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

Bro. Thomas C. Humphy presented the Report of Committee on Correspondence.

From the preface we quote:

"It appears that the recent war has turned the world upside down and over again, and Peace Conference, Centenary movements on part of religious denominations, Labor aggregations, all professing to raise the fallen, lift the poor and needy up to a higher plane, are now making herculean efforts to reach the goal."

Under Colorado we read:

"This writer has been opposed as one individual of throwing down the bars and going wild over the question of soldiers, fighting 'shoulder to shoulder' visiting lodges in France and talking masonry with members of the several Grand Jurisdictions there."

Maine for 1918 has its full share of the review.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Andrew Hardy, Grand Master in 1893, who died in September, 1918.

OREGON, 1919.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 149; number in membership, 16,607. Cash on hand, \$17,453.25.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank W. Settlemier, we quote:

" This annual communication today is one of the most important in the history of Masonry in Oregon, for we are to decide many subjects of importance to the craft in general and to decide whether Masonry is to go forward as a federated unit with its whole strength, or to go backward as the result of apparent dominating outside interests or influences. These subjects, my brethren, are for you to determine, and your sincere, intelligent and devoted attention should be focused on each and every act that will present itself to you.

" I plead, therefore, for harmony and the observance of the tenets of our faith, because the constant desire for change and new methods disturbs the principles of essential justice and right, and ultimately leads to the destruction of all fundamentals."

He further says:

" Masonry in Oregon is now the slave of form and ceremony, the creature of too much law and regulation, and the cringing instrument of self-interest. Ignorance begets imprudence, indifferences and neglect impair its vigor and the misuse and abuse of the ballot destroy its fraternity."

A truly pitiable condition if absolutely true.

Of organizations outside of lodges he says:

" If no course is taken to modify the activities that have been set in motion, the time will certainly come when an interdiction shall have to be and will be issued against the maintenance of any body whatever composed of Masons outside of the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge."

Three lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for two new lodges.

Rituals for the use of lodges to the number of four were ordered.

It was decided to proceed to construct necessary buildings for the complete establishment of a Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

A large amount of business presented at this communication was postponed until next year before final action.

Bro. David P. Mason submitted the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1918 has due acknowledgement.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1919.

Number of lodges, 508; number in membership, 136,613. Cash on hand, \$18,071.93.

One hundred twenty-five lodges were represented, but at the Quarterly Communication in December which was the time for electing officers and committees four hundred thirty-four lodges were represented.

From the address of the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. James B. Krouse, we note the constitution of five new lodges.

From his decisions we quote:

" Notwithstanding decisions of Grand Masters that Masonic Halls and Lodge Rooms cannot be used for meetings of a society known as the Eastern Star, numerous requests have been made during the past year to permit meetings of such society in such Halls and Rooms, which were every instance refused.

"Masonry can have no quarrel with those who are near and dear to it by tender ties, nor with their right to organize as they may deem meet, but they cannot thereby knock at the door of Masonry for recognition, sanction or approval. The Lodges, or those acting for them, cannot do by indirection that which is expressly prohibited. Those of our Brethren who encourage this organization, directly or indirectly, to engraft itself upon Freemasonry, are guilty of aiding and abetting an innovation upon the body of Freemasonry.

"Refused to sanction the renting of a room leased by a Lodge to an organization known as the 'White Shrine of Jerusalem,' notwithstanding the room was not formally dedicated to Freemasonry.

"Decided that an unnaturalized resident of this state cannot petition a Lodge in this Jurisdiction for initiation and membership and receive the degrees without a waiver of Jurisdiction from the proper authority of the country of which he is a citizen.

"Refused several requests for Lodges to wear Masonic clothing and take part in Welcome Home Parades. Advised in each case that Masons, as individuals should participate in such parades, but not as a Lodge, or in Lodge formation. Our time-honored standards must be adhered to no matter how meritorious or worthy the cause."

Bro. Thomas F. Penman presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Iowa, we read:

"He is not in harmony with what this writer last year represented to be the attitude of Pennsylvania Masonry towards French Masonry. He quoted our remarks on the subject and asked: 'Would he have us believe that our Pennsylvania Brethren care more about the matter of creed than they do about conduct when it comes to deciding this vital matter.' Our answer depends upon his definition of 'creed.' Our creed with respect to this 'vital matter' is that more than anything else that may be adduced in the regulation of human society, a firm belief in God and a superlative veneration for the Holy Bible count, and has counted, for moral rectitude. They are the keystone, the *sine qua non*, of the Masonic structure. They cannot be ignored. The Bible is pre-eminently the guide to the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. In our view of Masonry these are essentials. Pennsylvania is not prepared to depart from the faith of our fathers. We cannot entertain two fundamental standards of Masonry, one for guidance at home and another abroad, as some Grand Lodges have done. Those Grand Lodges have smothered their professions to accommodate French Masonry. It is a case of the 'tail wagging the dog.'"

Maine for 1919 has full notice.

From his conclusions we quote:

"In this connection, we believe that what is known as the 'foreign press' should be suppressed. The language of this country is the English language, and it should be one of the first duties of an immigrant who seeks a permanent home in the United States to learn the language of the country. This would be facilitated if all newspapers and periodicals for public circulation are printed in English; neither would it conflict with the Constitutional right of free speech and a free press. Likewise, elementary education in the schools of the country should be conducted in the English language exclusively. In a word, what is to be desired is that all the people shall not only read and write the language of our country, but that they shall also think in that language, to the end that as quickly as possible they may comprehend the history, the traditions and the genius of a government of the people, by the people and for the people — the purest form

of democracy in the world, and under whose flag liberty and equality have developed as under no other flag in history."

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of R. W. Bro. William Luther Gorgas, Grand Master 1912-1913, who died January 31, 1919; and of R. W. Bro. J. Henry Williams, Grand Master 1914-1915, who died October 24, 1919.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1919.

The Seventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 43; number in membership, 3,533.

Three Past Grand Masters were present; forty lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Manuel L. Quezon, sailed from the Philippine Islands, December, 1918, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Milton E. Springer, then assumed the charge of the affairs of the Grand Lodge.

In his address he briefly reported his official acts.

From the Report of the Grand Lecturer, we quote:

"Often installation services were made public ceremonies, commencing with a banquet, then the installation, followed by a ball. Public installations should be encouraged for it gives an opportunity for the families of Masons to get a brief idea of the meaning of Masonry and thereby bringing them in sympathy with the work done by their husbands and fathers. It has also done a great deal to allay superstition so prevalent in many sections of the country."

Many matters brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge were carried over to the next annual communication.

Bro. Newton C. Comfort presented the Report and Review of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1918 has a full page.

From the oration by the Grand Orator, we quote:

"However, the true progenitors of Philippine Masonry did not militate in their ranks. Who were they? They were the Filipinos in Spain in the year 1890. Many of them had come to Spain to escape persecution in their native land. Like the Pilgrim Fathers of the Mayflower, who fled from religious persecution in order to found a land of liberty, they carried with them, upon fleeing from their country, unconsciously, perhaps, the germ and beginning of our institution. They became Masons, joining the Lodge *Revolucion*, at Barcelona. Then they founded the Lodge *Solidaridad*, at Madrid. A great man protected them, the greatest Mason of Spain, Don Miguel Morayta. Do you know what was their aim and purpose? To lay the real foundation for Masonry in the Philippines.—'We desire'—one of them said—'the Lodge *Solidaridad* to become a training school for Filipino Masons who, properly equipped for the struggle, will carry the good news to the Philippines, where the soil is ready and prepared.' 'You must know'—they said to the Masons of Europe—'that yonder in Oceania, in a corner of Malaysia, there lives a young people anxious for liberty and progress, which looks to the efforts of Universal Masonry for its future.' In fact, Masons of *Solidaridad* Lodge founded the Mother Lodge *Nilad*; Masons of *Nilad* Lodge founded *balagtas*, and so on, successively. The institution spread beyond the limits of

the city; it extended to the provinces and grew rapidly. Mabini, our great Mabini, full of enthusiasm, graphically described the situation when he said, in 1893: 'The native began to acquire a taste for the exquisite manna of Masonry.' And, to be sure, he enjoyed it."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1919.

The Forty-fourth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 15; number in membership, 930. Cash on hand, \$492.70.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present; thirteen lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Laughlin M. McKinnon in his address says:

"The tremendous influence Masonry can exert on the outside world was plainly demonstrated during the war. Masonry has ever taught true patriotism and self-sacrifice both by precept and example; and in consequence the most prompt and copious responses to the call for both money and men came from those localities where Masonry was in the most flourishing condition. Masonry's great and far-reaching influence is also shown in the fact that the new religion which our brave heroes are bringing back from Flanders and France, which they call the religion of the trenches, is but a modified exposition of those tenets which Masonry has been expounding for centuries.

"There never was a time in the history of the world when the benign influence of Freemasonry was needed more than it is today. Europe is a seething pool of Anarchy, Nihilism and Socialism; even Canada and the United States are struggling in the throes of unrest.

"The principles which we as Masons profess are loudly calling on us and on the Freemasons of the world, to be unremitting in their efforts to spray the turbulent waters with the healing, soothing oil of brotherly love, relief and truth."

He officially visited every lodge, we quote:

"During my Masonic career I have never heretofore witnessed such a keen desire for knowledge and information as is being displayed by the brethren at the present time, especially as exhibited in the search and enquiry after the real meaning and intent of the Masonic rites, ceremonies and symbols. Without any controversy it is the bounden duty of this Grand Lodge to devise the ways and means by which these cravings of the craft for moral and intellectual food may be appeased."

Among his recommendations was one to enforce attendance at Masonic Funerals. A form of Masonic Burial Service was prepared, and a committee was appointed to revise it and report next year.

No Report on Correspondence.

QUEBEC, 1919.

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 66; number in membership, 9,244. Cash on hand, \$4,753.50.

Eight Past Grand Masters were present; sixty-two lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. Walter Williamson, devotes the introduction to his address to questions arising from the late war. We quote:

"Out of the re-adjustment of the world's affairs, the question presents itself with ever-increasing forces as to the place of our Order in the world, and its future obligations to humanity. The thinking men of this and other jurisdictions are persistently asking themselves whether in the great wave of change now going on we can stand serene and undisturbed, or whether we should not place ourselves in the forefront as a united body in aiding the great work of re-construction and re-adjustment, or, in other words, whether it is not our bounden duty in this grave crisis of the world's history, to aid our governments in the solution of such national problems as are entirely non-contentious and non-political.

"On the other hand, it is contended, and perhaps rightly so, that our abstention from all outside questions has been the cause of our past success up to the present day. It is a serious matter to consider and weigh carefully, and, if we are led by circumstances to extend our activities in a greater degree for humanity at large, we shall also require men of vision to guide us in the days to come."

The dispensations are reported; the visitations told; the suggestion that the entire time of the Grand Secretary be given to that office made; satisfaction at the material progress of the Craft expressed.

The District Deputy Grand Masters presented their reports.

The Committee on the Address of the Grand Master, say:

"In approving the Dispensations issued by the Grand Master, we believe it desirable to place on record our belief that no Dispensation is necessary in this Jurisdiction for the initiation of a candidate, on the ground of physical disqualification, if he is able to comply literally with all the requirements of the Ritual, and we assume that the Dispensations in this respect granted by the Grand Master were in accord with this principle, because if the candidate is unable to comply with our ceremonies, we hold that no Dispensation should issue."

Life membership received careful attention.

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers again presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence. He discusses Army Lodges and thinks that it is not consistent to believe in territorial jurisdiction and at the same time to allow the degrees to be conferred upon soldiers and sailors of another jurisdiction.

Neither does he favor the recognition of French Masonry. He says:

"Is it too much to hope, with the Grand Lodge of Missouri, already quoted, that out of the sacrifices for freedom so recently made upon the soil of France, there may be born a new Grand Lodge of France, and a new Grand Orient, which will recognize the God who gave them victory, and will replace on their altars that Book which has been the solace, comfort and stay of her own soldiers on the battlefield and in death itself?"

Maine for 1918 is among the proceedings reviewed.

RHODE ISLAND, 1919.

One hundred twenty-ninth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 37; number in membership, 10,885. Cash on hand, \$2,033.25.

Ten Past Grand Masters were present; thirty-six lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. E. Tudor Cross, in his address thus speaks of the general condition of the Craft in his jurisdiction:

"It was a source of much gratification to find that the work in our Lodges is performed with serious purpose and close conformity to our adopted ritual. In making this statement, I feel I speak with authority, as I have visited every Lodge in the jurisdiction and in most cases have witnessed one or more Degrees. Particularly would I speak a word of commendation for the Lodges in the smaller communities. The officers of these Lodges seldom have an opportunity to witness work in the larger centers and their efforts are, therefore, all the more to their credit."

He gave much attention to the workings of the Masonic War Board of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Dispensations, because necessity seemed to demand it, were freely granted. The Masonic Service Association and the George Washington Masonic National Association are highly commended.

He issued a dispensation for the formation of an Army and Navy Lodge in Coblenz, Germany, under the name of "Overseas Lodge, No. 1."

The proper ventilation of lodge rooms received his attention.

He recommended that the Grand Master's apron, generally presented to him at the close of his service as Grand Master, should be given him at the beginning of his term of service.

The procedure for the reception of the Grand Officer both "without form" and "in form" needed revision he thought.

He presented his views upon "Precedence at Masonic Functions." We quote:

"If we admit that the Symbolic Lodge is the foundation of Masonry, and that the Grand Master is the highest dignitary in the jurisdiction, then it must be evident that at all gatherings of Masons, the Grand Master, by virtue of his office, is entitled to the Post of Honor. It may happen that the Grand Master is at the same time a member or an officer in one or more of the appendant bodies. If he is present, not in his official capacity as head of the jurisdiction, he should be accorded no special recognition."

In the report of the Overseas Lodge, No. 1, Coblenz, Germany, we note that an application was received from Major Charles F. Houghton and R. L. Langford, both of Maine, but the result to these two Maine men is not given.

No Report on Correspondence.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1919.

The Thirteenth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 138; number in membership, 9,140. Cash on Hand, \$4,668.34.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert Young, we quote:

"I would call your attention, however, to the fact that while actual hostilities, so far as the Allied nations are concerned, have ceased, many grave problems which might be termed after-the-war problems are before Canada, and it is our duty, as men and Masons, but, more especially, as citizens, to render the greatest assistance we can to constituted authority in solving these problems and in bringing them to a happy conclusion. Foremost among these, I would mention the re-establishment into civil life of the men returning from overseas service. Their work at the front has unfitted many of them for their former occupations and we will be remiss in our duty if we do not assist them in every possible way to get a new and successful start in life."

Of his rulings we quote:

"The home of a member of the C. E. F., prior to his enlistment, continues to be the only home we recognize during the time he is in uniform, without regard to the various places he may be stationed in while on military service."

Dispensations were issued for five new lodges.

Of District Meetings he says:

"The meetings should be planned to be of distinct educational value to those attending. A definite plan of subjects for discussion should be made out so as to guard against mere drifting. Different subjects could be allotted to brethren from different lodges, and all should come prepared to do their share and to give as well as to receive."

Eleven lodges were constituted.

From the Report of the Committee on Conditions of Masonry, we quote:

"A good District Deputy Grand Master has it within him to make of Freemasonry a mighty power for bringing out the best in the public and private life of the members of the lodge, while on the other hand, careless selection, made for the purpose of satisfying the aspirations of individuals or lodges, is more than liable to lead to results of quite an opposite character."

No report on Correspondence.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1918.

The One Hundred and Eighty-second Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 272; number in membership, 19,636. Cash on hand, \$24,842.72.

Eight Past Grand Masters were present; two hundred thirty-one lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

To show how accurate records sometimes are, we call attention to a little matter that is of no great importance nor of great interest. In the list of Past Grand Masters reported present are eight names; in the summary it is stated in figures that 7 were present and when aprons were presented to them *nine* stood up.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William W. Wannamaker, in his address tells of things as they existed in 1918. Especially does he make a plea for French Masonry. He tells of the war work in South Carolina, the War Conference in New York.

He reported, in detail, his dispensations, covering some thirty-four pages; seven lodges were constituted.

He had a controversy with the Grand Master of Virginia over a case of conferring degrees upon war candidates.

From his opinions we quote:

"Temple Lodge, No. 86, Westbrook, Maine, waives jurisdiction over a soldier stationed at Camp Wadsworth, and Spartan Lodge asks if, with this waiver, it can entertain his application?"

"Jurisdiction of material is fixed by our Constitution and Code. * * * No waiver by another Lodge can give you jurisdiction of material nor have I authority by dispensation to grant jurisdiction."

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Maine is fraternally reviewed, we quote:

"After several preambles, not one of which bears upon the real reason why almost all Grand Lodges refuse to Fraternally Recognize the Grand Orient of France, a Brother introduced a series of Resolutions having for their purpose the Fraternal Recognition of the Grand Orient of France.

"These Resolutions were referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, who, on short notice, submitted an excellent report, which was adopted."

From his conclusion we quote:

"The War is also responsible for bringing yet another innovation into Masonic Lodges. I refer to the display of the American Flag. While 'The Flag Ceremony' is received with great enthusiasm in the Grand Lodges where it has been introduced and made a part of the opening and closing exercises, some jurisdictions are strongly against any such manifestations of patriotism in Masonic Bodies. They hold that the very nature of our obligations are such that they bind us to be true and loyal to our Country and to its Flag. Any ostentatious outward show of loyalty, they say, is sadly out of place in Masonic Assemblies, and smacks of politics, which is barred in all Masonic Bodies. Some writers affirm that the ceremony of saluting the Flag is borrowed from some of the younger Fraternal Organizations whose members are constantly trying to bring strange innovations into 'the Body of Masonry.' Well, perhaps this may be true, but does not the poet say,

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SOUTH DAKOTA, 1919.

The Forty-fifth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 148; number in membership, 13,526. Cash on hand, \$10,000.44.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present; one hundred eleven lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George A. Pettigrew, devotes the introduction to his address to thoughts arising from the close of the war.

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Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present; one hundred eleven lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George A. Pettigrew, devotes the introduction to his address to thoughts arising from the close of the war.

The formation of the Masonic Service Association is reported; the Washington Memorial Association is commended. We quote his words about the formation of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota thirty years ago:

"Congress had just passed an act dividing the Territory into two states the dividing line being on the seventh standard parallel. Discussion was entered into regarding the division of the Territorial Grand Lodge into two Grand Lodges corresponding to the two states. There was no guiding precedent but after a full and free discussion a method of procedure was agreed upon and a double line of the members was formed near the center of the lodge room facing east. At a given word those living north of the line stepped to the north side of the room and those living south of the line formed a line in the south, and all face inward. Those on the north side were designated as the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and those on the south the Grand Lodge of South Dakota. The officers for both grand bodies had been previously elected. The ceremonies were pathetic and dramatic and some time was spent with speeches of commendation and congratulation, and the parting was tender. So, in the afternoon of June 13, 1889, the Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory ceased to exist by multiplication and division into the mother Grand Lodge of South Dakota, and the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

One lodge was constituted; dispensations were issued for two new lodges' and for many other purposes.

Discussing Education in the Public Schools, he says:

"Brethren, I hope that the time will come in this fair land of ours when it will be absolutely necessary that every child between the age of six and sixteen must spend at least five hours a day in the public school. I believe that the time is coming when we should take a stand against the narrow bigotry of the parochial school. And I want to say to you that it is my belief that it is a fit subject for consideration in a Masonic Lodge, and I want to say further that it is time the Masons of every subordinate lodge in this state knew who were running the public schools in their towns. And I want to go a bit further and say that it is time the Masons of this country were considering and understanding what is being taught in the public schools."

Physical qualifications as it has been construed does not quite meet his views. He would be more liberal.

The Committee on Correspondence made a lengthy report on French Masonry, favoring the recognition of the Grand Orient of France but, finally, the whole matter was laid over for a year.

Bro. Charles L. Brockway presented the Report on Correspondence. Maine for 1918 has a page.

We congratulate Bro. Brockway upon his first effort and gladly welcome him at the round table with the wish that we may hear from him again.

TENNESSEE, 1920.

One Hundred Sixth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 446; number in membership, 33,880. Cash on hand, \$62,430.36.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present; four hundred five lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

With some fear for the future effect of the action taken as set forth in the following quotation, yet we quote from the proceedings:

"To the M. W., the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Tennessee:

"The Acting Grand Master has appeared before your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and asked its opinion and report to Grand Lodge on the following questions of law:

"The Acting Grand Master has served as such for eleven months and seven days, and has, therefore, performed the duties and carried the responsibilities of his high position for substantially the full period of service prescribed by law for our Grand Masters. In view of this term of active service, and also in view of his present stage of health, may he properly, and if the Grand Lodge so wills, be elected Grand Master in fact, and be installed to serve for the remainder of the present term ending with the close of the Grand Annual Communication now beginning, and, as such, preside?

"Your committee believes such procedure, although without precedent, within the original powers of Grand Lodge; that is to say, in the absence of a constitutional provision to the contrary, and none such there is, that the matter is within the discretion of this Grand Body, the Acting Grand Master and Grand Wardens specifically assenting thereto.

"Should Grand Lodge choose to adopt the course indicated and desired by the Acting Grand Master, your committee holds that the brother elected would, following the election and installation of his successor for the term commencing with the close of this Grand Communication, possess the full title and prerogatives of Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

"We hereby recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the office of Grand Master, now held by the Deputy Grand Master serving *ex-officio*, he and the Grand Wardens assenting thereto, be declared vacant, and that this Grand Lodge immediately proceed to fill said vacancy for the remainder of the term yet unexpired."

We do not quite understand the need of that part of the resolution which reads: "That the office of Grand Master, now held by the Deputy Grand Master serving *ex officio*, he and the Grand Wardens assenting thereto, be declared vacant."

Nor do we clearly understand the reasoning of the Committee in view of the clause of the Constitution which provides for "succession" in office.

The M. W. Grand Master elect, Bro. Thomas Steele, Jr., reports his doings. He refused the request of a Lodge to have some lodge in Germany confer degrees for it because of war conditions, and because fraternal relations did not exist. His dispensations are reported as are thirty-six decisions.

A special appeal for the assistance necessary to tide over the widows and orphans' Home for 1919 was very successful.

Bro. Henry A. Chambers presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine is most liberally treated.

TEXAS, 1919.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 891; number in membership, 83,277. Cash on hand, \$15,117.12.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present; two hundred and eighty-four lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. A. A. Ross, must have pleased his Masonic Brethren by the eloquence of the opening of his address.

The dead are fittingly remembered.

Space is required to report the cleaning up of the matters left over from last year.

He discusses the conferring of "Degrees out of Time," and his treatment of such cases.

He sent out a "Mid-Year Message" to the constituent lodges which seemed to meet "a responsive chord."

Nearly every subject brought to the surface on account of the war received his attention.

Dispensations were issued for four new lodges; six corner stones were laid.

Page after page of his address is devoted to troubles that arose in lodges, and from the acts of individual masons, and cause one, from the reading of the accounts, to think that the ballot box had not been used to good advantage when applications had been received.

His address required some one hundred twenty pages but Texas is a big state. The "War Fund" was turned over to the Orphan's Home.

Bro. James D. Crenshaw presented the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction, we quote:

"The social element, which has been so long neglected, is now claiming much attention.

"Two plans, so far, have been promulgated and are being tested. **FIRST:** The Master Club, having its domicile in close connection with the lodge room. Where this club system has been adopted, it has been enacted that the club must be closed while the lodge is open. **SECOND:** A regular meeting of the lodge at stated intervals is devoted exclusively to educational and social intercourse. Where this plan has been adopted, a few short speeches or essays on Masonic subjects have been prepared and delivered in conjunction with other social features.

"It seems to us that this latter plan would be of the most ultimate good, for it will educate the members in those subjects about which so many are now ignorant.

"Chaos usurped! Bolshevism has entered the sedate and quiet precincts of Masonry. 'Ancient Landmarks' are but a mere 'scrap of paper.' Reading literally, in some Jurisdictions a piece of a man — that is, a man with no arms and no legs — can receive the degrees, provided he is an ex-member of the A. E. F., and has artificial arms and legs that are under his control. What next?"

We have received announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Walter Acker, Grand Master in 1910, who died April 18, 1920.

UTAH, 1920.

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 20; number in membership, 3,021. Cash on hand \$5,527.17.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present; twenty lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Arthur C. Wherry, in his address mentions the dead; reports official visitations to all the lodges; reports that he decided that the Deputy Grand Master could not serve as a member of a trial commission and that minutes could not be read and approved unless regularly entered in permanent form.

The Masonic Service Association had his complete endorsement. Speaking of the condition of the Craft he says:

"Interest in Masonry throughout the jurisdiction is very gratifying, and in several cities the Brethren are making inquiry relative to procedure for instituting of Lodges, and they are organizing Masonic study clubs and will soon be prepared to enter the sisterhood of Lodges in this state. I recommend that this work should be encouraged by the Grand Lodge, for nothing can go so far toward combating the influence of spurious organizations in our state as thorough organization of our own resources, and the proper encouragement in this direction will greatly increase our membership of affiliated and active Masons, and the example and influence of our institution will be more in proportion to the merits of its principles."

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Utah recognizes and countenances, as being fitted for the honors of citizenship, only those who measure up to the full standard of 100 per cent. Americanism."

The Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland was recognized.

Bro. S. H. Goodwin made an interesting report of the Conference at Cedar Rapids.

Legislation looking to the affiliation of dimitted masons within the jurisdiction was had.

Bro. S. H. Goodwin presented the Report on Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"**SECTARIANISM.** Thoughtful, observant Craftsmen have noted the tendency on the part of not a few zealous, well intentioned Brothers to Christianize Masonry — more accurately, perhaps, to inject into the 'body of Masonry,' the virus of narrow sectarian doctrines and dogmas. Grand Masters, Correspondents, Special Committees and Grand Orators have each and all taken a hand in this work. As we sense this movement it is one that should be met by the instant, avowed and unwavering opposition of Masons everywhere.

"**GROWTH IN NUMBERS.** Practically every Grand Jurisdiction reports a year of unprecedented increase in numbers. To many, this furnishes occasion for congratulation. To us this fact affords reason for serious concern. Membership in Lodges is not synonymous with Masonry. Numbers may spell weakness rather than strength. If a testing time should come, as a testing time came in the first third of the last century, there can be no doubt but that the humiliating experiences of the Anti-Masonic period would be repeated, multiplied manifold, because of greater numbers. Button Masons can slip off their Masonry as easily as they can detach the emblem from the lapel. It behooves the leaders in our various Grand Lodges, to see to it that the conditions necessary to growth, to development, are provided, so that an experience similar to that set forth in the sixth verse of the thirteenth of Matthew may not come to blight and decimate the ranks of the Fraternity."

Under Indiana we read:

" Investigation has convinced the writer of these lines that for years English and American Masons have been hauling out of the fire, the chest-nuts of the enemy of all Masonry — and that they are keeping steadily at it. Further, that when the crucial test comes, the deed bulks so much larger and speaks so much louder than sectarian platitudes and creedal requirements, that we do not hear professions. We would a thousand times rather consort with the Masons of France, who decline to make a verbal profession of anything which would link them with an ecclesiasticism which has damned their country, than with the Masons of Germany, who, for the most part, insist on what our brother thinks essential in the way of profession of a religious belief, and, apparently, look on calmly while the bodies of women and babies from the ill-fated Lusitania float in the Irish Sea. The heroism of France in withstanding the enemies of all civilization, and which some reviewers profess so greatly to admire but count as nothing, is shared by the Masons of France. French Masons are not non-religious, but they are non-clerical, and they out to be. Masonry is not Christian though the leaders of not a few of our Grand Lodges seek to make it such, and narrowly sectarian."

Maine for 1919 is well treated.

He says he does not know why any fee is charged for dispensations for conferring degrees out of the regular time. *Answer:* Because the Grand Lodge by its Constitution requires it. He also wonders why one Lodge in Maine cannot confer degrees by courtesy for another Maine Lodge. *Answer:* Because a waiver of jurisdiction will obtain to allow the Lodge to have the jurisdiction over the candidate.

Neither does he like the dispensation "to ballot upon petitions and confer all three degrees at one meeting."

We take it for granted that Bro. Goodwin understands that the "petitions" were presented at the stated meeting previous to the balloting and would have come up regularly for balloting without any dispensation. The conferring of all three degrees, however, at one meeting according to Maine law did require a dispensation. In the concrete case mentioned had not the dispensation been granted the candidate would have sailed for France before he could have received the degrees.

Bro. Goodwin goes wild over the Grand Master's position that "it is not lawful to subscribe Lodge funds to the Red Cross or similar organizations." However, there is some difference between giving away trust funds and one's own money.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Arvis Scott Chapman, Grand Master in 1894, who died May 12, 1919; and of M. W. Bro. William Fletcher James, Grand Master in 1882, who died January 18, 1920.

VERMONT, 1919.

One Hundred Twenty-sixth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 103; number in membership, 15,174. Cash on hand, \$3,673.75.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present; sixty-eight lodges were rep-

resented. Maine by the tabulated statement of Grand Representatives appears to have no Representative near Vermont, while Maine in its table carries the name of Bro. William B. Vinton, of Brattleboro. Which table is right?

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. David A. Elliott, fittingly calls attention to the writings of Bro. Marsh O. Perkins, deceased, as worthy the consideration of all Masons who wish for knowledge of the ancient landmarks or the enacted legislation of Vermont.

Of the Condition of the Craft, he says:

"The reports of the district deputies indicate that the lodges are in a flourishing condition and that substantial progress has been made during the year that is passed. Nearly all show a healthy growth, and while there are individual cases where indifference and apathy seem to prevail, yet on the whole the future is bright with promise."

From the Report of Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, we quote:

"While we believe in the greatest love and respect for the Stars and Stripes, and believe in the greatest regard being shown to the flag we all love so well and believe in any salute that may be given in the Subordinate Lodge, we do not approve of any change in our ritual in order for its accomplishment.

"As a warning against innovation we call attention to the remarks on Thrift and Salvage made in the opening session of the Grand Lodge. The speaker was not a member of this Grand Lodge nor of any subordinate lodge in this Jurisdiction and held no official position that entitled him to speak from the Most Worshipful Grand Master's station in the East. Nor is the lodge room a market place or an advertising bureau and while we yield nothing to any man nor any body of men in the matter of patriotism, this is not the place to market the wares of either individuals or the government."

The District meetings were omitted because of the prevailing epidemic.

Bro. Charles H. Darling presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence in a topical form. The ablest report for the year. He writes upon "French Masonry" and reaches the following conclusions:

"1. That no belief in Deity or in the immortality of the soul is required of the candidate.

"2. That each of these Grand Lodges claim sovereign jurisdiction over the same territory.

"3. That the Holy Bible is not accepted as the great light of Masonry and it is not placed upon the altar.

"4. The name of Deity is not found in the ritual and no reference is made to the name in the adopted work.

"5. The Grand Orient exercises jurisdiction over a part or all of the Scottish Rite degrees.

"6. The Grand Lodge of France and the National Grand Lodge of France are directly or indirectly of Scottish Rite origin.

"The discussion generally, however, involves the question whether belief in God is fundamental in masonry and whether the French Masonry, which for a time previous to 1877 had been consistent with British Masonry, has by its course laid itself open to the charge of accepting atheists and whether it is now complying with the Landmarks of Masonry. In other words, the question involved is as to whether French Masonry as now practiced is consistent with the Anderson Constitution as adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1723, or whether it has so far departed from fundamental principles as to offend against the rule of regularity as generally adopted or applied by the English speaking Grand Lodges."

We quote again:

"When we get away from the effect of the War it will be apparent that the Grand Lodges recognizing the French Masonry at this time will have been governed more by the influences of the War than from any rules of regularity. It is no kindness either to the French people or to Masonry to depart from masonry as it exists in the United States today, and it would be far better for our institution as a whole, as well as for Masonry in France, if we adopted the course suggested by Brother Aldro Jenks, Correspondent for Wisconsin, in which he sums up the situation in the following concise statement:

"'If the French Freemasons desire to fraternize with us they can readily do so by restoring the Bible to its proper place and requiring a belief in Deity as a prerequisite for initiation.'"

VIRGINIA, 1919.

The One Hundred and Forty-first Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 319; number in membership, 28,154. Cash on hand, \$1,678.96.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Ernest Lee Cunningham, we quote:

"The Mason who studies the law of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, the Constitution, etc., of the Masonic Order has done well. The Mason who learns the Ritual not only does well, but has started upon an educational course whose worth to him in coming years will be in proportion to the zeal with which he studies, and the sacrifices made will be more than compensated for by the richness of the knowledge that he has acquired, but the Mason who practices what is taught in the Ritual and applies to his every day walk and conversation, the lessons impressed upon his mind by symbols, etc., is approaching unto the true character of a Master Mason. He learns that there are three great principles which should govern his actions if he would wear his lamb skin apron with pleasure to himself and honor to the fraternity.

"The first great principle is service. Service to his lodge and service to his country, service to his brethren and service to humanity.

"The second great principle is sacrifice, giving up pleasure that others might be made happier. Giving of your time and your money to relieve distress, and in giving service and in making sacrifices, he must of necessity suffer. Therefore, the Masons of Virginia can write their names high upon the roll of honor both in relieving distress, in ministering to the wants of suffering humanity, in doing their share in making the lives more pleasant of those of our brothers in the military service, but also in performing their full duty to their country in the hour of the Nation's peril because I can testify from actual experience during the past eighteen months that they have given the best service — have made sacrifices and undergone suffering."

He is very eloquent when he mentions "The World War."

Invasion of Jurisdiction required much of his time.

Of his decisions, we quote:

"I refused to approve a by-law which prohibited smoking in a lodge-room during the session of a Lodge. I did this because the Worshipful Master rules and governs his Lodge, and I believe that he has the power, if he so desires, to permit it, and, if he does not desire, to prohibit it.

"I decided that no member of a Lodge in Virginia could visit any Lodge that held its charter from a Grand Lodge that was not recognized by this Grand Lodge, and, further, that no Lodge in Virginia could permit any one to visit who was not a member of a Lodge holding its charter from a Grand Lodge that had been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia."

Discussing "Law and Order," he says:

"If you love your country, if you desire that justice, liberty, equality and prosperity shall dwell therein, remember that it can only do so when each respects the rights of his neighbor, and all shall conform cheerfully to the government under which they live. The duty which I call upon you to perform is to make each Masonic Lodge a center of light, out of which shall go an influence for cheerful submission to legal and constituted authority. In the days that are to come — those days of reconstruction, those days when men who have battled to free the world from the submission to military autocracy take their places back into the peaceful avocations from which they were drawn when they lay aside the uniform of the soldier to put on the dress of the citizen — let the lesson of the downfall of military autocracy, the failure of those nations to practice justice, remain with them and inspire them to be exemplars in their respective communities, to submit to constituted and legal authority and to see that justice shall prevail."

Many subjects are presented in his address but nearly all of them had a local coloring.

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Defence, we quote:

"Early in the world war an organization was started for Masonic war relief at the head of which was P. G. M. Melish, of Ohio. It seems to have sunk in the waters of oblivion without leaving a ripple.

"Behind both movements were, among the most active promoters, several well known advocates of a General Grand Lodge or supreme authority always distasteful to Virginia Masons. All these efforts of every kind contain a danger.

"Therefore in view of the fact that our soldiers neither need nor desire additional service at our hands overseas, that our civil and military authorities forbid it, and that it is best that we of Virginia do not tie our hands and pass under the yoke of any superior authority under the blue sky, your committee recommend that no action be taken save that each of us individually, as Lodges and as a Grand Lodge, determine to do our utmost to welcome, cheer, encourage and relieve, our returning soldiers and sailors, especially those of our own household. That we will try to help them to help themselves, get them work, give them the preference over others, and try to bring joy to their hearts and happiness to their lives. Also,

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge declines to become connected with the Masonic service association of the United States."

Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1918 is reviewed.

Discussing decision of the Grand Master anent Lodge jurisdiction, he says:

"Now, it seems to us that it might be called a Masonic axiom under territorial jurisdiction that at all times a profane's territory is under the jurisdiction of some Lodge. This was true, and he made application accordingly. If this Lodge elected him even after his removal it had jurisdiction over him then as material out of which to make a Mason. The only question was whether they could ballot on his petition or not?"

"If not, what could they do with a petition on hand legitimately acquired? It does seem that they had already acquired the right to ballot and, if elected, to confer the Degrees. How acquiring residence in the new Jurisdiction could improve the right of the old Lodge to accept a new petition does not appear. It looks like one of the conundrums Grand Masters must solve, and this one was not solved, as we think, as simply as it might have been."

His reasoning is pretty logical but his "Masonic Axiom" does not hold in Maine. In Maine a "profane's territory" is not at all times under the jurisdiction of some Lodge.

When a profane changes his legal residence he loses his Masonic residence and has none until he has lived the required Masonic time (six months in Maine) in his new legal residence.

To his query "If not what could they do with a petition on hand legitimately acquired?" We answer, the committee on investigation would report that the candidate had removed out of the jurisdiction.

He concludes as follows:

"None! I refuse to write one, to prevent lazy writers quoting it to shirk work, as they have done before."

Why would you be so cruel as to deprive us of the pleasure of coming in under your 'lazy writers?'"

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Philip K. Bauman, Grand Master in 1914, who died April 25, 1920.

WASHINGTON, 1919.

The Sixty-second Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 211; number in membership, 25,536. Cash on hand, \$11,133.75.

Nineteen Past Grand Masters were present; one hundred nine-seven lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Alonzo E. Emerson, in his address, has a good word for Masonic Home but thinks that

"Provision should be made both in funds and facilities to care for the reasonable needs of our financially and physically helpless members. It is probable that in the not far distant future we shall find it desirable to provide hospital facilities to take care of the cases that are now denied admission on account of physical condition, and of the members who might have to be separated from the others by reason of an outbreak of a contagious or infectious disease in the Home."

The dispensations, granted and refused, are reported; dispensations for two new lodges were issued; two lodges were constituted; the United States Public Health Service is commended; his visitations were few but remarkably pleasant.

Discussing the subject of Grand Lecturer, he says:

"It has occurred to me that better results would be obtained by making use of several Grand Lecturers, and assigning Lodges in certain parts of the State to each for instruction, thus establishing separate areas in which each Grand Lecturer would be independent, subject to the Grand

Master alone. Indeed, I feel that the duties of the offices of Grand Lecturers, as thus outlined, and those of the Custodians, could be combined with advantage, and in this manner obtain a maximum of work with a minimum of expense for time and travel. I believe this or some similar plan would result in greater interest and healthier growth and make the influence of Masonry stronger and more far-reaching."

He also says:

"There has apparently developed between the York and Scottish Rites an undignified solicitation of material, using the Lodge rooms of Masonry as a recruiting-ground, frequently not even waiting until the candidates are raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason before holding up before their eyes a picture of the beauty and desirability of their particular degrees; a proceeding that cannot but belittle our Institution in the estimation of the young and inexperienced Mason, by placing it in the apparent position of being only the entrance to Masonry instead of the complete Institution itself.

"As a member of both Rites, I trust the day will come when the officials of each will rule that no man shall be eligible to their degrees until he has been a Master Mason for a reasonable, definite length of time.

"I feel however, that Masonry itself has contributed somewhat to this undesirable condition by lessening the time required between degrees, and in other ways showing a willingness to make it easy for the candidate to get through the work.

"I believe, rather, in increasing the time between degrees, and in further limiting the number of degrees which may be conferred at one meeting, and also in absolutely prohibiting the conferring of any part of either degree on more than one at a time."

The Grand Orator delivered an oration, subject, "Masonry — Its Influence on the Government."

Five hundred dollars were appropriated for the expenses of a Committee of Research for the purpose of enlightening lodges and brethren on Masonic subjects.

Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Georgia we read:

"The Masonry which needs a General Organization through which to function, and which must always have a figure-head which is 'to receive credit,' is a new Masonry — not the Masonry of our fathers. In the volumes included in this review probably not less than ten Grand Masters have refused dispensations for parades or other ceremonies which could do nothing but advertise Masonry. We can't for the life of us, see what the General Grand Lodge could do else. We may be old fashioned, and we may be all wrong, but that is our opinion."

Maine for 1918 is in his Report.

From his conclusion, we quote:

"PHYSICAL PERFECTION is dead. Hardly a Grand Lodge but has considered or adopted some modification of that doctrine. The Grand Lodge of England, which is a fetch with some, has adopted a rule which wipes it out, and others which have not gone quite so far are apt to follow.

"Grand Lodge Recognition has been based largely on our war relations. Because we were fighting with France we have fallen over ourselves to fraternize Masonically, giving up all in many cases without even asking the Frenchman to consider the matter with us."

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Royal A. Gove, Grand Master in 1908-9, who died January 21, 1920.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1919.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 151; number in membership, 22,880. Cash on hand, \$2,711.20.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George S. Laidley, in the introduction to his address discusses some of the principles of Masonry; mentions the deaths in his own jurisdiction of distinguished Masons, five in number, and of other jurisdictions.

He reports in detail his many dispensations, as well as the degrees conferred by courtesy; gives an account of his trip to England to attend the Especial Grand Lodge of that Country.

Seven corner stones were laid. No decisions were required.

From the Report of Special Committee on Cedar Rapids Conference, we quote:

"All the matters suggested in the object of this organization have long ago been recognized as the basic principles of the Masonic fraternity. Nothing new is here suggested. What this organization would attempt to do in a national way has been done by this Grand Jurisdiction continuously since its very beginning. It is evident that nothing would be accomplished that would add to the usefulness of Masonry by the proposed organization. On the other hand, a national organization would be formed that would be cumbersome and expensive. It is the opinion of your Committee that the suggested organization may be a stepping stone to the formation of a national Grand Lodge. All during the years the independent jurisdictions have been sovereign in themselves. That sovereignty is established and recognized everywhere. And it is respectfully recommended that at this time this Grand Lodge fails to see any benefit that would accrue to itself or to Masonry in general by the formation of the proposed organization, and therefore declines to become a member thereof."

Bro. George W. Atkinson submitted his twenty-eighth annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1919 is most fraternally remembered.

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. George W. Feidt, Grand Master in 1894, who died May 11, 1919; of M. W. Bro. John H. Riley, Grand Master in 1881, who died July 27, 1919; and of M. W. Bro. Kephart D. Walker, Grand Master in 1875, who died September 11, 1919.

WISCONSIN, 1919.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 282; number in membership, 36,386. Cash on hand, \$49,558. 41.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present; two hundred sixty-five lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. David Harlowe, in the introduction to his address, devotes some space to the war conditions arising from the refusal of the authorities to allow the Masonic Fraternity to be represented as an organization in war work at home and abroad. The dead are fittingly remembered.

From his decisions we quote:

"Is a Master of a Lodge compelled to pay attention to an objection coming over the telephone?"

"Answer: No. The identity of the objector cannot be safely established by such method of communication."

Two lodges were constituted; one new Masonic Temple was dedicated; two dispensations for new lodges were granted.

He mentions the Cedar Rapids Conference which he did not attend.

He says:

"I regret to state that in some of our Lodges smoking is permitted during the conferring of degrees. In my opinion this practice derogates from the sublimity of the work which should always be exemplified with reverential dignity and witnessed with respectful decorum."

Quite a large amount of business local in character was transacted.

Bro. Aldro Jenks submitted his twenty-second Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Alabama we read:

"A resolution was adopted declaring that a roll call of all the subordinate Lodges shall be held just before closing the Grand Lodge at each Annual Communication, and the absence of delegates noted; that if all the delegates of any Lodge be absent at roll call, unless excused for good cause shown, the Lodge shall be recorded as not represented although its delegates may have registered in the registration book of the Grand Lodge. The regulation adopted is aimed at a growing evil — that of many of the members leaving before the final closing of the Grand Lodge. We have been afflicted in this manner in Wisconsin frequently. Important business affairs are liable to arise at the last moment requiring attention before the Grand Lodge is closed. Sometimes it would be difficult to find a quorum present."

Under Arkansas he writes:

"Masonry in the United States has been highly prosperous and is performing an important mission to humanity. Why the one million, nine hundred thousand Masons of the United States should voluntarily let down in the high ideals for which they have always stood to accommodate the lax religious belief of forty thousand French Masons, we cannot understand. The welfare of the Craft should be considered. France is the most notable instance we have of Masonry cutting loose from all religious beliefs and ideals, and the success of the Fraternity there is not such as to tempt other Grand Lodges to embark on a similar career. Its Masonry is older than that of the United States and still today it can barely summon forty thousand members in the entire republic while England, Ireland, Scotland and the United States, who have adhered to the faith of their fathers, have flourished and grown from very small beginnings until they now outnumber the Freemasonry of liberalism nearly one hundred to one."

Maine for 1918 is fraternally reviewed.

We take the liberty to quote his entire conclusion as in it he briefly presents the main arguments for the position which he as well as many others take in regard to French Masonry:

"The position is taken in many of the Grand Jurisdictions that have extended recognition to the Grand Orient and to the Grand Lodge of France that a belief in God and the use of the Holy Scriptures are not landmarks of the Craft. We have mentioned the matter briefly in several places in the foregoing report and desire to add the following considerations to what we have heretofore said on the subject.

"The landmarks consist of those fundamental, ancient usages and customs of the Craft that were universal in their acceptance and go back to a date so distant that their origin cannot be ascertained.

"The first printed copy of the Masonic Constitutions is that known as Andersons' Constitutions, which were published in 1723. That Constitution contained the statement, under the head concerning God and religion that:

"A Mason is obliged by his tenure, to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine."

"These Constitutions profess to state the law as it had been handed down from time immemorial.

"Since the publication of these Constitutions many manuscript copies of the old charges of Freemasonry have been discovered and brought to light. The earliest known to us is that which is known to historians as the Halliwell Manuscript and dates from the year 1388. It commenced with the following invocation:

"God alone is gracious and powerful! Thanks be to our gracious Father in heaven and on earth, and of all things that in them are, etc."

"It contains fifteen points for the Craftsman, the first of which reads:

"Most love wel God and holy churche, and his mayster and fellows."

"Another manuscript known as the Cooke Manuscript dates from early in the fifteen century and commences with an expression of thankfulness to God 'our Glorious Fader.' Another manuscript known as the Harleian MS. No. 1942, dates from early in the seventeenth century. In this we find the form of oath taken by Freemasons one hundred years at least before the Grand Lodge era. The thirty-first paragraph of that manuscript reads as follows:

"That noe person shall bee accepted a Free Mason, or know the secrets of the said Society until hee hath first taken the oath of secrecy hereafter following:

"I, A. B. Doe, in the presence of Almighty God, and my fellows, and brethren here present, promise and declare, that I will not hereafter, by any act or circumstance whatsoever, directly or indirectly, publish, discover, reveale, or make knowne any of the secrets, privileges or counsells, of the fraternity or fellowship of Freemasonry, which at this time, or any time hereafter, shall bee made knowne unto mee soe helpe mee God, and the holy contents of this booke."

"The Apprentice charge therein reads:

"I. That he shall be true to God and the holy church, etc."

And concludes:

"We do swear, so God us helpe, and holy dome, and by the contents of this book, etc."

"There can be no doubt that at that period a Freemason's obligation was taken upon the Holy Scriptures. We speak of our ceremonies of initiation as being the York Rite. The name is perhaps a misnomer except that it has been used so long that it conveys a definite idea as to the form of ritual employed, but at the period that Grand Lodges first emerged there

was an Ancient Lodge at York, England, which has enjoyed much celebrity, especially upon account of its great age and antiquity. It was in possession of several old manuscript copies of the Constitution and charges of Freemasonry. In one of these old York Manuscript Constitutions we read:

" 'Ye that be to be charged take good heede that ye may keepe these charges right well, for it is perilous and great danger for a man to forswear himself upon the wholly scripture. The first charge is that he or thou shall be a true man to God and the wholly church, etc.'

" After reciting the duties of a Mason it concludes:

" 'These charges that we have now rehearsed to you and to all others here present which belongeth to Masons, you shall well and truly keepe to your power, so help you God and by the contents of that book.'

" Time will not permit an examination of all the various manuscript Constitutions known to us but Brother Robert Freke Gould of England, probably the greatest Masonic historian the world has ever known, after an examination of all of them says in his history of Freemasonry (American Edition, Vol. 1, Page 103):

" 'The distinctly religious or Christian character of all the MSS. is indicated in many ways. One (22) displays this feature in a manner wholly its own; another styles the Invocation 'a prayer before meeting,' (18), and two of the York MSS. state it was 'ye holy scripture' on which the new members were sworn, while others were charged to be obligated by 'God's grace' or 'Divine Grace.' (31), etc.'

" I think these quotations are sufficient to show that a belief in God and the presence of the Holy Scriptures are landmarks of the Craft. Any body of men claiming to be Freemasons who renounce these have thereby ceased to be Freemasons.

" We are forced to the conclusion that of all the landmarks of Freemasonry a belief in Deity and the use of the Holy Scriptures in obligating its candidates are the most universal and best established. To remove them is to destroy the nature of the Institution."

WYOMING, 1919.

The Forty-fifth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 35; number in membership, 4,448. Cash on hand, \$9,936.46.

Twelve Past Grand Masters were present; thirty lodges were represented.

The address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George E. Brimmer was read by the Senior Grand Deacon.

He regrets that there was no existing body in Masonry which would look after the welfare of Masons generally in the event of National calamity or of war. He issued an appeal for the Masonic War Relief Association which brought \$2,443.50. Of the condition of the lodges he says:

" The lodges generally are in good condition, no matter from what angle considered. In some, existing indebtedness swamps charitable impulse and lays a deadening hand upon the social life of the lodge. Lack of knowledge relative to the gross assets and liabilities, income and expenses generally exists in the membership of the subordinate lodges. Attention to business details of the lodge is sometimes lacking. The care which is given to our own personal business fails to exist in some of the lodges."

And then submits several propositions relative to the financial affairs of lodges for consideration.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report:

" Upon the suggestion of the Grand Master that an investigation be made of the gross assets and liabilities of all subordinate Lodges, source of income, expense, title to property, insurance, and of all matters generally relating to the financial condition of said Lodges, your committee recommends that the Grand Secretary be authorized by resolution to request from each subordinate Lodge a report of its assets, property and title thereto, liabilities, and its financial condition generally, as of January 1, 1920, upon suitable blanks to be prepared and furnished by the Grand Secretary. The matter of insurance upon Lodge property is covered.

They also recommended membership in the Masonic Service Committee but were not ready to report recognition of French Masonry.

One hundred dollars was donated to the Salvation Army.

Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Maine for 1919 was fraternally reviewed.

He replies upon the subject of Masonic Emblem:

" The legislation regarding the emblem was necessary owing to the design being a copyrighted one, and the brother who owned the copyright insisted that legislation be enacted making it the official emblem of the Jurisdiction. We do not think that Maine is bothered with clandestine lodges like we are in the west and therefore it is not necessary to protect themselves from clandestine members. Many western Masons do not wear Masonic emblems on account of these conditions existing."

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS

CUBA, 1919.

The proceedings are in Spanish excepting the preamble of the Report of the Committee of Foreign Relations.

We quote:

" But it is in another phase of international affairs where American Masonry has been found wanting, showing the lack of unity to which reference is hereby previously made.

" What attitude is there to be adopted before the frank, sincere and cordial one of French Masons? In what shape were to be united the habits and traditions of the anglo saxons to the courtesy and gratefulness of the man of the world and the Masonic duties?

" Sincerely, I admit, that the climax was reached at this point. While some Grand Lodges as Louisiana, Rhode Island, Kentucky, New Jersey, California, New York, Alabama and Iowa, voluntarily acknowledged or re-established their fraternal relations with the total of French Masonry, that is, with the Grand Orient and the Grand Lodge, others would simply deal with the Grand Lodge, fearing the radicalism of the Grand Orient. Many of them simply allowed their members to visit French lodges, which constitutes a legal acknowledgement, while there were some, very few at that, that although having authorized the visits to the temples over there, have refused to admit in their midst those French Masons who happened to come to the United States. It is to be hoped that these brothers will reconsider their attitude and show less antagonism in their proceedings."

Maine has mention. We quote:

" El Informe General es como siempre exclusivamente anglo-sajon, obra del Ex Gran Maestro Chase, personalidad asaz influyente en la Gran Logia, pues lo vemos figurar como Gran Tesorero y en las Comisiones de Relaciones Exteriores y Jurisprudencia. ¡ Cuan cierto es que los buenos trabajadores ni aun en Maine abundan! "

ENGLAND, 1919.

The following Coat of Arms was allowed by the College of Arms to the United Grand Lodge of England:

" Per pale gules and quarterly azure and or dexter, on a chevron between three castles argent a pair of compasses extended of the third, sinister a cross quarterly of the fourth and vert between, in the first quarter a lion rampant an ox passant sable, in the third a man with hands elevated proper vested of the fifth the robe crimson lined with ermine, and in the fourth an eagle displayed also of the third, the whole within a bordure of the first charged with eight lions passant guardant of the third. For the Crest, on a wreath of the colours a representation of an ark supported on either side by a cherub proper with the motto over in Hebrew characters ' Holiness to the Lord,' and for the supporters, on either side a cherub proper."

A committee was appointed:

" To prepare a scheme for carrying into effect the gracious message of the M. W. Grand Master at the Especial Grand Lodge, recommending the Craft to erect a Masonic Temple worthy of the traditions of the Grand Lodge of England, and, in part, as a Memorial to those many Masons who fell in the war, and to that greater number who, having fought therein, are happily still amongst us."

We quote:

" The deep interest experienced by the whole Craft in the initiation into Freemasonry of H. R. H. The Prince of Wales, in May, 1919, has been enhanced, the Board is assured, by the subsequent entrance into our Order of H. R. H. Prince Albert. In regard to both the Royal Initiates, the Board desires to impress on Brethren generally the extreme undesirability of their Royal Highnesses being directly approached on Masonic matters by individual Lodges or members of the Craft. All such communications intended for either should be forwarded to the Grand Secretary; and the express wish declared to Grand Lodge in June last, that Rule 218 of the Book of Constitutions (which explicitly lays it down that " The Grand Master shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, except through the Grand Secretary ") should be considered to extend to the Prince of Wales, is now to be taken to include Prince Albert. The Board emphasises the necessity for strict attention being given to this wish in regard to each of these illustrious personages thus carrying into effect a rule of Masonic conduct which has been accepted throughout the history of Grand Lodge, and has been productive of advantage to the Craft."

An invitation from Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina to an International Congress of Freemasons of lodges in all Countries was declined.

IRELAND, 1919.

From the address of the Deputy Grand Master we quote:

" Although the terms of peace have been proclaimed, and have been agreed to by all the belligerent powers, yet still peace has not been actually concluded.

"The delay has also been due, to some extent at any rate, to divergencies of opinion between the European Allies and the President of the United States of America in regard to Italy and the new kingdom of the Slavs. A complication has arisen in the United States by reason of the fact that there is a Democratic President in the person of Dr. Wilson, whilst there is a Republican majority in the Senate, and a Democratic majority in the House of Representatives. The Senate has to deal with the question of war or peace, and not the House of Representatives, and the Senate is not inclined to agree with the views of the President."

He suggests that the toast instituted in 1727 to "The King and the Craft" be restored, and says:

"I may mention that it dropped out of use in the reign of Queen Victoria, because the authorities of that time were under the mistaken idea that 'The Queen' should not be associated with the Craft because she was not a Freemason. But none of the four Georges were Freemasons, yet the toast was given in Ireland during the whole of their reigns, and the practice was only given up when Queen Victoria ascended the throne, and I hope it will once more be established amongst us."

Reports from the Provincial Deputy Grand Masters show that the Fraternity has had a remarkable growth.

MEXICO — YORK GRAND LODGE.

The only information that we have received from Mexico is an open letter from Bro. Cecil C. Treston, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Relations to Bro. Oliver D. Street, of Alabama, which letter sets forth answers to certain questions proposed by Bro. Sweet as to the legitimacy of York Grand Lodge. We quote:

"Put into other words we may at once say that the York Grand Lodge is nothing more than a confederation of all the English speaking lodges in this Republic, all working harmoniously together, without the slightest desire to interfere in any manner with our Mexican Brethren, among whom are very many who are to be held in all esteem. Neither is it the wish or desire to interfere with any Grand Body, which our Mexican brethren may see fit to institute. On the contrary, as just and upright Masons we would assist them in all ways practicable.

"We are well aware that many eminent Masonic jurists contend that there should be only one Grand Lodge in any given jurisdiction, and perhaps in the case of most jurisdictions their arguments are well founded. But in this case the peculiar environments should be taken into consideration. In the Mexican Republic the Mexican lodges almost as a whole work in a Rite which we believe had its rise in Prussia, while the English speaking lodges work in the Universal Rite of Symbolic masonry, more generally known as the York Rite. The Ritual used is in nearly every state that of the State of New York. English speaking Masons find themselves alone in the York Rite, and are completely at sea when they endeavour to visit a native lodge, and find it difficult to harmonize the work they see with the Masonry to which they have been accustomed. Hence there is an imperative need for a dual arrangement in this Republic."

NEW ZEALAND, 1919.

The Grand Master in a short address says:

"When one is identified with a Craft Lodge, he is apt to think that his little institution is the beginning and the end of the activities of Masonry; but traveling about, meeting brethren, attending Masonic gatherings, and

watching the ceremonies, enables one to gain a wider and deeper insight into the operations of the Craft, and to appreciate more fully the spirit that animates members. It is gratifying to be able to report that our Order is prospering; that many Masons are filled with warm enthusiasm for the cause of Masonry, and that as an institution, existing for the betterment of mankind, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand is well and faithfully performing its part. That Masonry is a vital and edifying force in our country is in a great measure due to the devoted work performed by the executive boards, and by the eminent brethren who are in charge of districts."

Three new lodges were constituted.

The following motion prevailed:

"That the balance standing in the books of Grand Lodge to the credit of 'The Hutment Fund,' and any further contributions that may be received from Lodges and brethren for that fund, be transferred to the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund, and be applied for the benefit of the Annuity Fund."

PANAMA, 1919.

The proceedings are in Spanish. The address of the Grand Master, however, is printed in English.

We quote:

"During the masonic year embraced in this Memoir no Lodge has been established within our jurisdiction, but rather one of the constituent Lodges has been in the verge of inexistence: Restauracion Lodge, No. 4, has been in recess during some time, and is still so."

From his conclusion we quote:

"Our organization is not yet finished, and there will be required great efforts, and perseverance to carry it on. The Grand Officers that take the oath today ought to be like expert pilots, our Grand Master as a Mate and all masons of the jurisdiction as eager sailors, full of enthusiasm, of discipline and of perseverance in order to take the bark away from risks and danger that menace the navigation all along. And it is to be hoped that in their labor they may have the aid as those who are worth of seeking it from the Great Architect of the Universe deserve it."

There is a Report on Foreign Correspondence, also in Spanish. Maine is reviewed.

SCOTLAND, 1919.

The proceedings at the Quarterly Communications in August and November, 1919, have been received.

The following law was adopted:

"No Lodge shall initiate more than seven candidates on the same day, and no Lodge shall pass to the Second Degree, or raise to the Third Degree, more than seven brethren in either of said Degrees on any one day."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1919.

Routine business required the attention of those present at the Communications of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Correspondence made report.

Under California we read:

"The Grand Master's remarks on the Masonic Homes once more emphasize the fact that there are certain drawbacks to that form of Masonic charity, as was pointed out years ago by our late Grand Master."

Under Manitoba:

"No man has any claim to rights if he does not perform duties; we do not let a man continue to be a Mason and claim the privileges of Masonry unless he performs the duties of Masonry. It should be just exactly the same in citizenship."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1919.

At each of the Quarterly Meetings usual routine business was transacted.

We quote from the proceedings several paragraphs:

"Perhaps the most remarkable, and in a sense historical, gathering was that which took place on the site of King Solomon's Temple. At first, the idea seemed surrounded by too many difficulties, but the Masons who entertained it were not easily daunted, and on approaching the guardian of the site, an Arab Sheik, found, to their delight, that he was a Mason. All difficulties disappeared, a Lodge was held, one of the officiating officers being the Sheik.

"The year's work in connection with our principal Charity — the Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund — has been most praiseworthy, and it is gratifying to know that in this year of Peace the income has been a record one. The Craft all over the world seems to have responded nobly in this time of great trial and sacrifice.

"The Board has pleasure in reporting that, owing to a recent decision of the Federal High Court, it has been held that Masonic bodies are not liable to pay taxation on their incomes."

From the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, we quote:

"The haste of American Grand Lodges to recognize the Grand Lodges of France, which have hitherto been considered irregular, can only be equalled by the action of the Grand Lodge of England in going out of its way to recognize the Grand Lodge of France, which sprung up a few years ago. It reminds us of the story of the American candidate for Parliament. He started out on the Democratic ticket, but after visiting several centres found it advisable to change to the Republican side. He therefore wired the newspaper that was supporting him, asking if they could follow him in the change, to which they replied, 'It's a mighty sharp curve, but we think we can take it.'

One cannot help wondering what is lacking in Freemasonry that the loftiness of its principles, the dignity of its profession, the beauty of its ceremonial, to say nothing of the feeling of kinship which must arise from membership of the greatest family on earth, are not sufficient without calling into aid the social feature of a club, even though it be non-alcoholic and provides clean amusement. Here, in Western Australia, we have a Masonic Club, for which only Masons are eligible as members, but it is entirely distinct from the Lodges, which have neither art nor part in its management or maintenance.

The work of Masonry is silently accomplished in the hearts of men, moulding and shaping the moral life and character. She works not in the community at large, but in the innermost recesses of the heart and

soul, and we feel that, with those lessons thus placed, there can be no patriot excelling a good Mason. Masonry teaches against pomp and display; Masonry teaches against confusion and loud acclaim. It is not the one who makes the loudest noise who feels the deepest, or is the best patriot by any means, but the one who dwells on duty as exacting as necessity in the individual life, and who acts when duty calls."

"If our American brethren were likely to be as busy on the Western Front as the Australians they would not have much opportunity for making use of a Dispensation for a Military Lodge. In olden days an army usually went into winter quarters and remained there until the following spring, so that, no doubt, there were ample opportunities for holding Lodges, but in these days the movement at the Front is continuous from year's end to year's end, and it would be difficult indeed to hold Lodge meetings successfully. At the Base, or some other position far removed from the actual theatre of war, it could possibly be done, but even there the constant change in personnel would make it a difficult matter."

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