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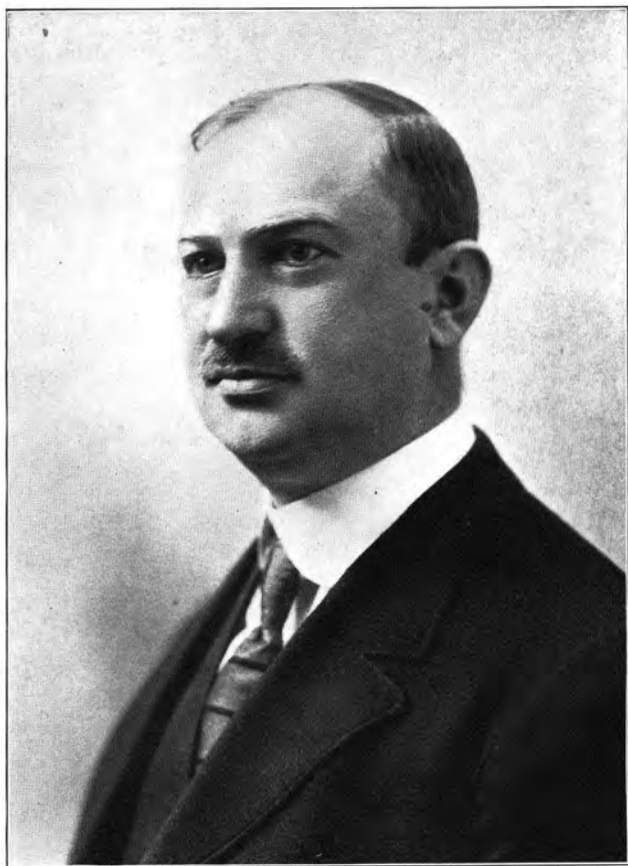
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EDWARD W. WHEELER,
Grand Master,
1920-21.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1920

Special Communication

MASONIC HALL, WATERVILLE, }
June 10, 1920. }

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was opened in ample form, in the lodge room of Waterville Lodge, No. 33, at Waterville, at three o'clock, in the afternoon, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Boston Avenue Grammar School Building, then being constructed in the town of Winslow.

PRESENT

M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE, P. G. M.,	<i>as</i> Grand Master
R. W. EDMAND P. WILLIAMS,	<i>as</i> Deputy Grand Master
Bro. WILLARD R. JONES,	<i>as</i> Senior Grand Warden
Bro. GEORGE W. HOXIE,	<i>as</i> Junior Grand Warden
Bro. FRANK W. NOBLE,	<i>as</i> Grand Treasurer
R. W. CHARLES B. DAVIS,	Grand Secretary
Rev. Bro. CHARLES A. KNICKERBOCKER,	<i>as</i> Grand Chaplain
Wor. HAROLD L. PEPPER,	<i>as</i> Grand Marshal
Wor. ANSON O. LIBBY,	<i>as</i> Grand Senior Deacon
R. W. FRANKLIN WALKER,	<i>as</i> Grand Junior Deacon
Bro. BRADFORD S. WALL,	<i>as</i> Grand Senior Steward
Bro. HAROLD A. MARSHALL,	<i>as</i> Grand Junior Steward
R. W. HARRY S. GRINDALL,	<i>as</i> Grand Standard Bearer
Bro. ALFRED W. BRILL,	<i>as</i> Grand Tyler

The Grand Lodge proceeded, headed by a local band, and escorted by about one hundred members of Waterville Lodge, No. 33, to the site of the new

building, and the ceremonies of laying the corner stone was carried out in due and ancient form by Past Grand Master BODGE, 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 Waterville Lodge, and was closed in due form.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1921

One Hundred and Second Annual Communication

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 3, 1921. }

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,	M. W. Grand Master,	Brunswick
ALBERT M. SPEAR,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Gardiner
JOHN J. MARR,	" Senior Grand Warden,	Island Falls
LEE M. SMITH,	" Junior Grand Warden,	Norway
ALBRO E. CHASE,	" Grand Treasurer,	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" Grand Secretary,	Portland
CONVERS E. LEACH,	" Cor. Grand Secretary,	Portland
REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	W. Grand Chaplain,	Bath
REV. ASHLEY A. SMITH,	" " "	Bangor
REV. ARTHUR F. STRAY,	" " "	Bangor
REV. A. FRANCIS WALCH,	" " "	Augusta
HIRAM A. WEBBER,	" " 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
SURGEON S. HOAR,	" " "	Oakland
ERNEST J. RECORD,	" " Sword Bearer,	So. Paris
EDWARD K. GOULD,	" " Standard Bearer,	Rockland
WARREN C. KING,	" " Pursuivant,	Portland
WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS,	" " "	Lisbon Falls
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" " Lecturer,	Sabbatus
WALTER S. SMITH,	" " Organist,	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" " Tyler,	Portland

Also 265 delegates, representing 186 of the 206 chartered lodges, 8 of the 9 living Past Grand Masters, with 33 out of the other 39 permanent members, including 51 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. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

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. ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,

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.

REGRETS.

A letter of regret from R. W. FRANK B. ARNOLD, P. J. G. W., was read by the Grand Secretary and order placed on file.

The 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, 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:

IN GRAND LODGE,
May 3, 1921.

Your Committee on Transportation beg leave to report that correspondence was begun early in January asking for reduced rates for those attending this session, but found a condition existing which made such concessions unavailable.

While there is at present outside of New England, a prevailing convention rate, where three hundred or more tickets are sold at the several stations, of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan, the committee in Boston in charge of rates on all New England roads, absolutely refuse to make any special rate. Consequently all who are present here today have paid the regular one-way fare to reach here and will have to pay a similar amount for passage home.

While we regret this condition it cannot seem to be helped.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS,	} Committee.
WM. FREEMAN LORD,	
JAMES E. PARSONS,	

CREDENTIALS.

BRO. RALPH H. BURBANK, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
MASONIC TEMPLE, Portland May 3, 1921.

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

- 1 PORTLAND, by Edward E. Webster, M.; Peter G. Peterson, S. W.; Warren Moses, J. W.; Perley C. Dresser, Proxy.
- 2 WARREN, by Calvin B. Ober, Proxy.
- 3 LINCOLN, by William D. Patterson, M.
- 4 HANCOCK, by Dean W. Rollins, M.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by Raymond F. Shaffer, M.
- 6 AMITY, by Alfred F. Sherman, M.; Carl H. Hopkins, S. W.; Howard D. Small, Proxy.
- 7 EASTERN, by Walter S. Baltzer, S. W.
- 8 UNITED, by Harry H. Nicoll, M.; William H. Farrar, S. W.; Edwin C. Patten, J. W.; Samuel B. Furbish, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Thomas H. Hooper, M.; Melville L. Gordon, S. W.; Ralph N. Perry, Proxy.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by Charles W. Leonard, M.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by Wallace R. Tarbox, Proxy.

- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Willard Buxton Sweetser, Proxy.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by Edgar F. Corliss, M.
- 14 SOLAR, by W. Scott Shorey, Proxy.
- 15 ORIENT, by George W. Montgomery, S. W.; William C. Lenfest, Proxy.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by G. Dudley Gould, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LANDMARK, by Clark D. Chapman, M.; Irving L. Rich,
S. W.; Albert W. Moulton, J. W.; Porter A. Roberts,
Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by Arthur W. Easton, M.; Donald B. Partridge, S. W.;
Raymond H. Eastman, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by Perry Lowell, S. W.
- 20 MAINE, by Charles G. Nickerson, M.; H. Burton Voter, Proxy.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Arthur W. Driscoll, M.; Arthur E. Grose, Proxy.
- 22 YORK, by Charles H. Lucas, M.; Angier C. Merriman, Proxy.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Clarence B. Small, M.; Guy C. Bean, S. W.
- 24 PHOENIX, by Norman A. Read, M.; Ralph D. Southworth, Proxy.
- 25 TEMPLE, Arthur A. Walton, M.; H. Clair Miller, S. W.; L. Elwood
Jones, Proxy.
- 26 ————VILLAGE, not represented.
- 27 ADONIRAM, by Joseph Webster, Proxy.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by James H. Thorne, M.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by Ralph C. Chapman, Proxy.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by James B. Stevenson, Proxy.
- 31 ————UNION, not represented.
- 32 HERMON, by Harold C. Smith, J. W.; Harry E. Larrabee, Proxy.
- 33 WATERTOWN, by Willard R. Jones, M.
- 34 SOMERSET, by Leslie H. Goldsmith, M.; John H. Lancaster, Proxy.
- 35 BETHELHEM, by Melvin E. Sawtelle, M.; A. Francis Walch, S. W.;
John C. Arnold, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by Philip G. Hodsdon, M.; Frank L. Wellcome, J. W.; Henry
G. Rogers, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by Clayton S. Holmes, S. W.; James W. Mitchell,
Proxy.
- 38 HARMONY, by Edgar F. Carswell, Proxy.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by Carroll E. Austin, Proxy.
- 40 LYGONIA, by Willis E. Dunn, M.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by Francis E. Lane, M.
- 42 FREEDOM, by George R. Connor, M.; John Henry Smith, Proxy.
- 43 ALNA, by Warren S. Hatch, M.
- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by Claude D. Harmon, M.; Melvin B. Kittredge, S. W.;
Walter E. Dillon, J. W.; Charles M. Farrar, Proxy.
- 45 CENTRAL, by G. Weyland Jones, M.; George M. Hammond, Proxy.
- 46 ST. CROIX, by Adelbert G. Taylor, M.; Henry R. Gillis, Proxy.
- 47 DUNLAP, by Herbert E. Haley, J. W.
- 48 LAFAYETTE, by Joshua Brown, M.; Augustus H. Wilson, J. W.
- 49 MERIDIAN SPLendor, by Clyde L. Pingree, M.; Lewman B. Soper,
Proxy.

- 50 AURORA, by Benjamin S. Whitehouse, M.; Arthur F. Wisner, S. W.;
Frank A. Peterson, Proxy.
- 51 ST. JOHN'S, by John M. Burleigh, Proxy.
- 52 MOSAIC, by John T. Ayer, M.
- 53 RURAL, by Ernest C. Wyman, M.; Herman A. Faught, Proxy.
- 54 VASSALBORO, by Joseph Wall, Proxy.
- 55 ——— FRATERNAL, not represented.
- 56 ——— MOUNT MORIAH, not represented.
- 57 KING HIRAM, by John L. Delano, M.
- 58 UNITY, by Fred L. Thurston, M.; Leroy W. Gordon, S. W.
- 59 MOUNT HOPE — *Charter surrendered in 1879.*
- 60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Francis M. Beasley, M.; Henry A. Matthews,
S. W.; Geo. E. Harding, Proxy.
- 61 KING SOLOMON'S, by George H. Douglass, M.
- 62 KING DAVID'S, by James H. Peavey, M.
- 63 RICHMOND, by Harold S. Turner, Proxy.
- 64 PACIFIC, by Sylvester E. Prescott, M.; Freeman C. Hersey, Proxy.
- 65 MYSTIC, by Russell M. Douglass, M.; Arthur M. Baker, Proxy.
- 66 MECHANICS', by Everett W. Davee, M.
- 67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by J. Blaine Morrison, Proxy.
- 68 ——— MARINERS', not represented.
- 69 HOWARD, by Elvin M. Arey, M.
- 70 STANDISH, by Chester B. Shaw, Proxy.
- 71 RISING SUN, by Eathel D. Bowden, M.
- 72 PIONEER, by Carl L. Hews, Proxy.
- 73 TYRIAN, by George H. Butler, Proxy.
- 74 BRISTOL, by Joseph E. Crooker, Proxy.
- 75 PLYMOUTH, by Harvey N. Smith, M.
- 76 ARUNDEL, by Henry R. McCartney, Proxy.
- 77 TREMONT, by George H. Gilley, Proxy.
- 78 CRESCENT, by Fred L. Gardner, Proxy.
- 79 ROCKLAND, by Albert I. Mather, Proxy.
- 80 KEYSTONE, by Myrle F. Stevens, 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 William Murphy, M.
- 83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Rodney C. Warner, M.
- 84 EUREKA, by Charles H. Leach, M.
- 85 STAR IN THE WEST, by John H. Edgerley, Proxy.
- 86 TEMPLE, by Edward P. Harlow, S. W.; Earl A. Anderson, J. W.
- 87 BEVENOLENT, by Berton R. Hamlin, M.
- 88 ——— NARRAGUAGUS, not represented.
- 89 ISLAND, by Pyam E. Hatch, M.
- 90 HIRAM ABIF — *Charter revoked in 1868.*
- 91 HARWOOD, by Joseph L. Hall, M.
- 92 SILOAM, by Orrin A. Learned, M.
- 93 HOREB, by Kingsley A. Ballantyne, M.

- 94 PARIS, by George F. Eastman, Proxy.
95 CORINTHIAN, by Halver H. Whitney, M.; Howard D. Jamieson, J. W.
96 MONUMENT, by Edwin P. Henderson, J. W.
97 BETHEL, by Raymond R. Tibbetts, S. W.; Fred B. Hall, Proxy.
98 KATAHDIN, by Irton G. Finch, M.
99 ————VERNON VALLEY, not represented.
100 JEFFERSON, by Clarence E. Cole, M.; James M. Day, Proxy.
101 NEZINSCOT, by Albert T. Bradford, Proxy.
102 MARSH RIVER, by Herbert C. Ellis, M.
103 DRESDEN, by John H. Mayers, M.
104 DIRIGO, by Hubbard J. White, M.
105 ASHLAR, by Herbert C. Edwards, M.; Blaine Abbott, S. W.
106 TUSCAN, by Lester S. Caler, M.
107 DAY SPRING, by George F. Wentworth, Proxy.
108 RELIEF — *Charter recalled in 1894.*
109 MOUNT KINEO, by Joseph T. Davidson, Proxy.
110 ————MONMOUTH, not represented.
111 LIBERTY, by Olin R. Harriman, S. W.
112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by Herbert G. Sawyer, M.
113 MESSALONSKEE, by Spurgeon S. Hoar, Proxy.
114 POLAR STAR, by Chester L. Shepherd, M.; Philip A. Roberts, S. W.;
Russell L. Phinney, J. W.
115 BUXTON, by Oliver Earle, M.
116 LEBANON, by George O. Carr, Proxy.
117 GREENLEAF, by Fred B. Pike, M.; Daniel G. Chaplin, Proxy.
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Proxy.
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130 TRINITY, by Arthur Phillip Seavey, M.
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140 MOUNT DESERT, by William T. Somes, M.
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142 OCEAN, by Charles H. West, Proxy.
143 PREBLE, by Samuel O. Nicholls, Proxy
144 SEASIDE, by Alton N. Sanborn, M.
145 MOSES WEBSTER, by George Strachen, M.; Chas. E. Boman, Proxy.
146 SEBASTICOOK, by Marcellus Cain, M.; Ross S. Holt, J. W.
147 EVENING STAR, by Frederick A. Taylor, J. W.
148 FOREST, by Eugene Dicker, M.
149 ———DORIC, not represented.
150 RABBONT, by Wilbur H. Davis, M.
151 EXCELSIOR, by Isaac S. Hills, Proxy.
152 CROOKED RIVER, by Sumner J. Skillings, Proxy.
153 DELTA, by Waldo N. Seavey, Proxy.
154 MYSTIC TIE, by William H. Latham, M.
155 ANCIENT YORK, by Irving E. Wellman, J. W.; Asbury M. Blake, Proxy.
156 WILTON, by Fred E. Trefethen, Proxy.
157 CAMBRIDGE, by Relando O. Austin, Proxy.
158 ANCHOR, by Leonard E. Tibbetts, M.
159 ESOTERIC — *Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, in 1908.*
160 ———PARLAN, not represented.
161 CARRABASSET, by Fred D. Nelson, Proxy.
162 ARION, by Arthur L. Roberts, M.; Frank M. Gordon, Proxy.
163 PLEASANT RIVER, by George W. Evans, M.; Erwin G. Ryder, Proxy.
164 WEBSTER, by Frank E. Sleeper, Proxy.
165 MOLUNKUS, by Charles W. Bowers, Proxy.
166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Edward O. Brown, M.; Willis B. Crosby, Proxy.
167 ———WHITNEY, not represented.
168 COMPOSITE, by Edgar W. Ricker, M.
169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by Albert J. Durgin, Proxy.
170 CARIBOU, by Nathaniel G. Chandler, S. W.
171 ———NASKEAG, not represented.
172 PINE TREE, by Lester J. Kyle, Proxy.
173 PLEIADES, by Frank C. Bixby, M.
174 LYNDE, by Carl C. Haynes, M.
175 BASKAHEGAN, by Arthur W. Gilpatrick, M.; Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
176 PALESTINE — *Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, Sept. 23, 1895.*
177 ———RISING STAR, not represented.
178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by Webster L. Loring, S. W.
179 YORKSHIRE, by Chester A. Batchelder, M.; William B. Littlefield, Proxy.
180 HIRAM, by George H. Minott, M.; Richard E. Tuttle, S. W.; Ralph E. Green, J. W.; William H. Tanner, Proxy.

- 181 REUEL WASHBURN — *Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1882.*
 182 ——— GRANITE, not represented.
 183 DEERING, by Frank A. Farwell, M.; George F. Grant, Proxy.
 184 NAVAL, by Albert F. Billings, M.; John B. Phillips, S. W.
 185 BAR HARBOR, by Carl D. Ingalls, M.; Almon B. Hodgkins, Proxy.
 186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by Robert B. Waltman, S. W.; Walter E. Frank, Proxy.
 187 IRA BERRY, by William B. Snow, S. W.; Arthur C. Hinkley, Proxy.
 188 JONESPORT, by J. Brooks Norton, S. W.
 189 KNOX, by Harvey D. Crowley, M.
 190 SPRINGVALE, by Charles H. Ogden, Proxy.
 191 DAVIS, by Dan E. Leighton, M.
 192 WINTER HARBOR, by Stillman R. Nash, M.
 193 WASHBURN, by Fay C. Shaw, M.
 194 EUCLID, by William J. R. Jardine, M.
 195 RELIANCE, by Albert C. Turner, Proxy.
 196 BAY VIEW, by George W. Linckin, M.; Convers O. Hodgdon, Proxy.
 197 AROOSTOOK, by Troy J. Shaw, Proxy.
 198 ——— ST. ASPINQUID, not represented.
 199 BINGHAM, by Harold A. Coleman, Proxy.
 200 COLUMBIA, by Harry B. Sawyer, M.
 201 DAVID A. HOOPER, by David A. Milne, M.
 202 MOUNT BIGELOW, by William M. Viles, Proxy.
 203 MOUNT OLIVET, by Leland M. Johnston, M.
 204 MOUNT ABRAM, by Hershel P. Boynton, M.; Hartley B. Sprague, Proxy.
 205 ——— NOLLESEMIC, not represented.
 206 ISLAND FALLS, by Benjamin C. Walker, Proxy.
 207 ABNER WADE, by John B. Watson, J. W.
 208 NORTHEAST HARBOR, by L. Lawrie Holmes, M.
 209 FORT KENT, by Harry Martin, M.
 210 BAGADUCE, by Sidney Hawes, Proxy.
 211 ——— MEDUNCOOK, not represented.
 212 MCKINLEY, by Frank L. Manchester, M.
 213 ——— KEMANKEAG, not represented.
 214 LIMESTONE, by Aubrey C. Frost, Proxy.
 215 ORCHARD, by Frank H. Libby, M.

(Chartered lodges, 203; represented, 186; delegates 235).

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present;

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,	"
" EDWIN A. PORTER,	"
" CHARLES W. CROSBY,	"
" W. SCOTT SHOREY,	"
" FRANK J. COLE,	"
" ISAAC N. JONES,	"
" FRANK E. MONROE,	"
" FRED C. CHALMERS,	"
" ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	"
" FRED RAYMOND,	"
" ALBERT H. NEWBERT,	"
" WILLIS A. RICKER,	"
" WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON,	"
" 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,	"
" LEON S. HOWE,	"
" GEORGE W. HOLMES,	"
" SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS,	"
" CONVERS E. LEACH,	"
" GEORGE A. GILPATRICK,	"
" CARROLL S. DOUGLASS,	"
" WALLACE N. PRICE,	"

And Grand Officers as follows;

EDWARD W. WHEELER,	M. W. Grand Master.
ALBERT M. SPEAR,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
JOHN J. MARR,	" Senior Grand Warden
LEE M. SMITH,	" Junior Grand Warden
ALBRO E. CHASE,	" Grand Treasurer.
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" Grand Secretary.
CONVERS E. LEACH,	" Cor Grand Secretary.
EDWARD G. BUXTON,	" D. D. G. M. 2d Dist.
C. LEE STEWART,	" " 7th "
WARREN A. NICHOLS,	" " 8th "
FRED A. GRINDLE,	" " 9th "
FRED W. SEAVEY,	" " 10th "
EDMUND P. WILLIAMS,	" " 12th "

MYRON C. JEWETT,	R. W. D. D. G. M.	13th Dist.
HENRY C. UPTON,	" "	14th "
WALTER E. HINDS,	" "	15th "
NATHAN C. REDLON,	" "	17th "
CLIFFORD C. SMITH,	" "	18th "
MYRON E. SAVAGE,	" "	19th "
FRED A. BUDGE,	" "	20th "
CLARENCE E. DOW,	" "	21st "
DANA L. SMALL,	" "	22nd "
WILLIAM O. NICHOLS,	" "	23rd "
ARCHIE R. BANGS,	" "	24th "
ARTHUR L. TODD,	" "	25th "
WILSON H. CONANT,	" "	26th "
REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	W. Grand Chaplain.	
" ASHLEY A. SMITH,	" " "	
" ARTHUR F. STRAY,	" " "	
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	" " "	
HIRAM A. WEBBER,	" " Marshal.	
DAVID E. MOULTON,	" " Senior Deacon.	
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	" " Junior Deacon.	
ELMER A. DOTEN	" " Steward.	
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " "	
FRANK P. DENACO,	" " "	
SPURGEON S. HOAR,	" " "	
ERNEST J. RECORD,	" " Sword Bearer.	
EDWARD K. GOULD,	" " Standard Bearer.	
WARREN C. KING,	" " Pursuivant.	
WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS,	" " "	
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" " Lecturer.	
WALTER S. SMITH,	" " Organist.	
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" " Tyler.	

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance;

Alabama — GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL.
 Alberta — WALLACE N. PRICE.
 Arizona — ELMER A. DOTEN.
 Arkansas — SILAS B. ADAMS.
 Colorado — FRANK E. SLEEPER.
 Cuba — LEON S. HOWE.
 Connecticut — ISSAC N. JONES.
 Delaware — JAMES B. STEPHENSON.
 District of Columbia — WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON.
 Florida — FRED C. CHALMERS.
 Idaho — ALBRO E. CHASE.
 Illinois — FREDERIC O. EATON.
 Indiana — WARREN C. KING.
 Kansas — ARCHIE LEE TALBOT.

Louisiana — MILLARD M. CASWELL.
 Manitoba — ALBERT M. AMES.
 Maryland — GEORGE W. HOLMES.
 Michigan — FRED RAYMOND.
 Minnesota — SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS.
 Mississippi — ISAAC A. CLOUGH.
 Missouri — CHARLES B. DAVIS.
 Montana — SAMUEL B. FURBISH.
 Nebraska — EDWIN A. PORTER.
 New Brunswick — WILLIS A. RICKER.
 New Hampshire — HOWARD D. SMITH.
 New Jersey — ALBERT H. NEWBERT.
 New South Wales — JAMES E. PARSONS.
 New York — EDWARD W. WHEELER.
 North Carolina — CHARLES F. JOHNSON.
 North Dakota — DAVID E. MOULTON.
 Nova Scotia — JOHN H. MCGORRILL.
 Ohio — CONVERS E. LEACH.
 Oklahoma — WM. FREEMAN LORD.
 Oregon — FRANK E. MONROE.
 Panama — RALPH H. BURBANK.
 Philippine Islands — WALDO PETTENGILL.
 Prince Edward Island — EDWARD K. GOULD.
 Puerto Rico — THOMAS H. BODGE.
 Quebec — JAMES C. AYER.
 Rhode Island — FRANK J. COLE.
 Saskatchewan — ASHLEY A. SMITH.
 South Australia — LEE M. SMITH.
 South Dakota — EDWARD G. WESTON.
 Tasmania — W. SCOTT SHOREY.
 Texas — CHARLES W. CROSBY.
 Victoria — GEORGE A. GILPATRIC.
 Virginia — CHARLES F. PAINE.
 Washington — ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.
 Western Australia — FRANKLIN R. REDLON.
 West Virginia — ALBERT M. PENLEY.
 Wisconsin — EDMUND B. MALLET.

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH H. BURBANK, FRANK P. DENACO, WARREN C. KING,	} Committee.
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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

It is indeed refreshing to pause for a time in the midst of the cares and perplexities of our modern life to enter the bright and cheerful atmosphere which always surrounds the communications of this Grand Lodge; to exchange our fraternal greetings; to clasp the hands and look into the friendly faces of brothers actuated by the same ideals, pledged to the same duties and devoted alike to an important service and high endeavor; and to absorb some of that spirit of optimism and good cheer which is found in such abundant measure in all of our Masonic meetings. And there has never been a time when all of the qualities of Freemasonry were more essential for our safety and happiness than in the difficult and trying period of readjustment and reconstruction through which we are now passing.

In the aftermath of the great upheaval of the world from which we have so happily and triumphantly emerged, we find a disturbing spirit of unrest with many and varied manifestations. To all well reasoned complaints of existing industrial, economic or social conditions we should give thoughtful, intelligent and sympathetic attention. But to all of the evil tendencies and vicious influences which seek to destroy or impair the structure of our government, erected so largely through the efforts and sacrifices of our Masonic forefathers, and whose constitutional guaranties afford protection for our lives, liberties and possessions, the Masons of Maine will continue to present a determined and unyielding resistance. And it is gratifying to discern that even in the midst of contending forces of bitterness and jealousy, the institution of Masonry has gained and developed in strength and grandeur. The existence of these opposing forces should make us more fully realize our responsibility, and more earnestly endeavor to extend, by precept and example, the constructive and preserving influence of this ancient and honorable institution

whose achievements have brought into being almost every other benevolent order in the world today, and which is the greatest human agency ever devised for uniting the people of all creeds and nationalities into one common brotherhood. Let us cause the Light of Masonry to shine with greater effulgence, that its comforting and inspiring rays may penetrate all of our activities and by dispelling all dissention and misunderstanding, make brighter the pathway of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love.

At our last annual communication we observed with appropriate ceremonies the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Maine. We have met today to review the proceedings of the first year of the second century of our existence, to examine our present condition and to make plans and draw designs for the future government and welfare of the Craft.

The past year has been one of unprecedented numerical growth. From the returns received by the Grand Secretary a net gain of 2,829 in the membership of the subordinate lodges is indicated, making the total number of Masons in Maine 38,499. While I am convinced by the large percentage of rejections disclosed in the returns, and also by independent inquiry, that the brethren have, for the most part, exercised a discriminating judgment in the use of the ballot, many instances of laxity and carelessness in the preliminary investigation of candidates have come to my attention. In several cases lodges have accepted applications and conferred one or more of the degrees upon candidates who had been previously rejected by other lodges, but who had made contrary statements in their applications. In all of these cases the candidates had lived but a short time within the jurisdiction of the lodge receiving the application, and they were accepted upon insufficient information. Had the committees of inquiry of the respective lodges made adequate and proper investigation, the previous rejection of the applicants and the falsity of the statements in their applications would have been seasonably discovered. As no man who has thus committed a fraud upon the lodge and order at the threshold of his Masonic career should be permitted to continue a member of the fraternity,

I have directed the officers of the several lodges concerned to cause these members to be brought before them for trial upon appropriate charges. But suspension or expulsion alone is not an adequate remedy. As an expelled Mason is a constant menace to the institution, the admission of an unworthy member is not remedied by his subsequent expulsion. No Master should permit a committee of inquiry to sign and return its report at the same meeting at which it is referred. In every case where he is not satisfied that a thorough and diligent inquiry into the history and qualifications of the applicant has been made, he should recommit the report to the same or another committee for further consideration. The several avenues to the Temple of Masonry should be strictly guarded against the intrusion of all who would unworthily prey upon its benefits, or bring its virtues into disrepute. So earnest and deep seated are my convictions upon this subject that during my year of service as your Grand Master I have consistently refused every request for a dispensation to receive and ballot upon an application at the same communication.

Mindful of the great injustice and wrong caused by denying the benefits and privileges of Masonry to an applicant of integrity and moral worth, and the absolute necessity of withholding such benefits and privileges from all who are not fitted properly to exemplify the teachings and precepts of Masonry, the prudent and judicious use of the ballot is a matter of great concern to every conscientious Mason. Every honest and reasonable doubt should be resolved in favor of the institution. If a worthy applicant is rejected, he may be admitted to the fraternity upon a new application at a later date, when his fitness and worth have been clearly established, but the injury to the institution in the hasty and ill considered admission of a member who is not suitably qualified, is always serious and often irreparable.

NECROLOGY.

Since last we gathered here in annual communication, three of the permanent members of this Grand Lodge have been withdrawn from our fraternal fellowship to enter into eternal

communion with the Supreme Grand Master who presides over the celestial lodge above.

ERNEST P. PARLIN, Past Junior Grand Warden,
September 17, 1920.

ADELBERT MILLETT, Past Junior Grand Warden,
November 17, 1920.

WILLIAM N. HOWE, Past Senior Grand Warden,
February 21, 1921.

Through their frequent and regular attendance upon the annual communications of this Grand Lodge, these esteemed and much lamented brothers established a cordial and fraternal relationship which we shall sadly miss. Our sorrow at these constantly recurring separations is tempered by our abiding faith in the wisdom of the Divine Plan. "The bodily temple may be destroyed and pass into dissolution, but we are impressively taught that it will be raised again as a perfect dwelling place for the glorified spirit. Then the broken column shall be restored, and the weeping virgin will rejoice forever."

MASONIC RELIEF.

Of the three tenets of our profession which are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, it has been well said that Truth is the column of Wisdom, whose rays penetrate and enlighten the inmost recesses of our Lodge; Brotherly Love, the column of Strength, which binds us in the indissoluble bond of fraternal affection; and Relief, the column of Beauty, whose ornaments more precious than the lilies and pomegranates that adorned the pillars of the porch, are the widow's tear of joy and the orphan's prayer of gratitude.

To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons because of the nature of the ties that bind us together. This duty is impressed upon us at every step of our progress in Masonry. But I am constrained to believe that many of our lodges have given greater emphasis to this duty in the ritual and the ceremonies of initiation than in actual practice and performance.

The average income of the lodges of Maine is not sufficient to enable them to meet necessary and unexpected calls for

relief, while the dues of many of them are so low that they detract from the dignity of Masonry. The several lodges should establish dues which will enable them to meet their usual and ordinary expenses and provide a substantial sum each year for charitable uses. Every lodge should undertake the creation of a charity fund which would make special assessments and voluntary contributions for such purposes unnecessary. It should be constantly remembered, however, that no financial contribution by a lodge to a distressed brother or those dependent upon him can be regarded as a substitute for that personal attention and sympathetic interest in a brother's welfare which adds so much to the sentiment and joy of life.

" 'Tis the human touch in this world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
For it means much more to a sorrowing heart,
Than shelter, or bread or wine;
For shelter is gone when the night is over,
And bread lasts only a day,
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice
Live on, in the soul, alway."

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

During the year I have approved the original set of By-laws adopted by Orchard Lodge, No. 215, the last lodge to be instituted in Maine, and general revisions of the By-laws of four other lodges. I have also approved twenty-six single amendments providing in almost every case for an increase in the fees or annual dues, or both. In accordance with the practice established and followed by my predecessors, I have declined to approve amendments exempting honorary or life members from all special assessments, although allowing an exemption to such members from the regular annual dues.

DISPENSATIONS.

Eleven dispensations have been granted during the year, of which four were to enable lodges to hold special meetings in halls not their own after such halls had been properly inspected and their suitability for such use determined; and two were to ballot upon applications for the degrees at special meetings, adequate notice to the members of the lodges being required in each case. The other five were granted for the following purposes:

To Alna Lodge, No. 43, to receive and act upon the application of a party who had resided within the State of Maine for less than one year, but within the jurisdiction of the lodge for more than six months.

To Abner Wade Lodge, No. 207, to form a public procession from Masonic Hall to the Town Hall in Sangerville, on Friday evening, October 1st, and return, in connection with the public installation of its officers-elect.

To Asylum Lodge, No. 133, to elect officers at its stated meeting on October 26th, to fill vacancies caused by the declination of officers chosen at its annual meeting.

To Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, to elect officers and transact other necessary business at a special meeting held on Saturday, December 18th, instead of at the annual meeting one week later, which came on Christmas Day.

To Warren Lodge, No. 2, to hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, January 18th, the annual meeting on December 27th, having been omitted on account of diphtheria.

RULINGS AND DECISIONS.

My official correspondence with District Deputy Grand Masters, and the Masters and Secretaries of the subordinate lodges, has been very voluminous, and has covered a wide range of subjects. Most of the questions which I have been asked to decide have been answered by a reference to some provision of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, or to some decision already reported. The following rulings are the only ones I have made which could properly be classed as decisions:

Can a member of a lodge who voted upon an application, which was accepted, afterwards object to the applicant, and would such an objection be equivalent to a rejection by the lodge? Answer — Yes.

Can a lodge make a donation from its accumulated funds to a Masonic Building Association or Board of Trustees, to assist in erecting a building for the use of the lodge and other Masonic bodies? Answer — It cannot make a donation of its funds to such a corporation, but may invest in its stock or bonds.

Can a lodge levy an assessment upon its members to create

a charity fund? Answer — It may make such an assessment to pay an indebtedness already incurred, or to meeting existing calls for charity, but not to create a fund for possible future use.

Can a lodge receive and act upon an application, having previously granted a waiver of jurisdiction in favor of another lodge? Answer — A lodge may rescind its vote to waive jurisdiction over a particular candidate at any time before an application from such candidate has been received by the other lodge. It may not be done after he has been elected to receive the degrees in another lodge under a waiver already granted.

From what date is a By-law of a lodge effective? Answer — It takes effect on the date of its approval by the Grand Master.

Is it proper to examine an Entered Apprentice or a Fellowcraft, to determine his proficiency, in a lodge of Master Masons? Answer — Yes.

Upon the question whether a chapter of the Eastern Star may be permitted to display its emblems in a lodge room, I have ruled that if permission to occupy a Masonic Hall has been granted to the Eastern Star by a vote of the lodge, in accordance with the Regulation of the Grand Lodge, it would be proper for such a chapter to display its charter and emblems upon the walls while the hall is so occupied, but it would not be proper to allow an illuminated Star or any other emblem of that society to be attached to any emblem of Masonry.

A very large percentage of the questions submitted to me, and which have not required official decisions, relate to the subjects of physical disability and jurisdiction. The many inquiries regarding physical disqualification are due in part to the number of young men seeking admission to the fraternity who bears scars and wounds incurred in the service of their Country, on the fields of France.

Under the decisions made more than fifty years ago, and not since expressly reversed, a man may not be made a Mason if he has lost a hand or a foot even if the defect is supplied by artificial means. It is not easy to reconcile this arbitrary and inflexible rule with the more comprehensive statement of the law in later decisions, and it seems to be a forced con-

struction of the constitutional provision on this subject. Since these early decisions were made and approved, wonderful progress has been made in the manufacture and use of artificial limbs. As we are taught that it is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man which render him worthy to be made a Mason, we should not reject a candidate because of physical misfortune if, notwithstanding his deformity, he is actually able to receive and impart Masonic instruction and prove himself in Masonry. Much confusion and injustice can be avoided, in my judgment, by a new regulation providing that the loss of a limb or part thereof shall not be deemed a physical disqualification if such defect has been adequately supplied by artificial means.

The rather general uncertainty which apparently exists regarding residence as a basis of jurisdiction is quite unnecessary. The jurisdiction of lodges follows the legal residence of the applicant which is largely a matter of intention as disclosed by declarations and acts. While the constitution makes it necessary that an applicant shall have been personally within the jurisdiction of the lodge for six months, this does not mean that he must be physically present, without interruption, during that period. Usually the same facts which would subject a man to the payment of a poll tax in a city or town and entitle him to vote therein would establish his residence for Masonic purposes within the meaning of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

DISCIPLINE.

The records and evidence in four trials of brothers accused of unmasonic conduct have been submitted to me for examination and approval. One brother was convicted and a sentence of indefinite suspension imposed from which appeals were taken to the Grand Lodge and will be considered at this session. The other brothers were acquitted. In one of these cases, however, in which an Entered Apprentice was charged with making a false statement in his application regarding a previous rejection, believing that the verdict of the lodge was not justified by the evidence submitted, and no appeal being taken by any member of the lodge, I have exercised my constitutional power of suspension, and have transmitted the records and

papers in the case to the committee on Grievances and Appeals who will report to you the facts with their recommendation.

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES.

I have had occasion during the year to suggest the appointment of several Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Maine, and upon my recommendations commissions have been issued as follows:

New Jersey, A. H. Newbert, of Rockland.
Montana, Samuel B. Furbish, of Brunswick.
Arizona, Elmer A. Doten, of Portland.
North Dakota, David E. Moulton, of Portland.
District of Columbia, William S. Davidson of Fort Fairfield.
Alberta, Wallace N. Price, of Richmond.
South Australia, Lee M. Smith, of Norway.
Canada, Wilmer J. Dorman, of Belfast.
New Brunswick, Willis A. Ricker, of Castine.
New Zealand, John J. Marr, of Island Falls.
Prince Edward Island, Edward K. Gould, of Rockland.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

On June 26th, 1920, accompanied by Deputy Grand Master, Albert M. Spear, I was the guest of Waterville Lodge, No. 33, on the occasion of the celebration of its one hundredth anniversary. The literary program was carried out in the City Hall, which was completely filled by the members of Waterville Lodge, and its visitors, and consisted of a short address by the Grand Master, a most interesting and instructive history of the lodge by R. W. Bro. Chas. B. Davis, Grand Secretary, and a scholarly oration by Bro. Warren C. Philbrook. A sumptuous banquet followed. The great success of this celebration was due in large measure to the almost limitless energy and unbounded enthusiasm of Worshipful J. Frederick Hill, the Master of the lodge.

It was also my great pleasure to be present at the centennial observance of Hermon Lodge at Gardiner, on Friday evening, October 29th, 1920. The anniversary exercises were held in the lodge room and consisted of addresses by the Grand Master, R. W. Dist. Dep. Grand Master Goodspeed, Worship-

ful Bro. Harold E. Cook, and an historical sketch by Bro. Harry E. Larrabee, Secretary of the lodge, with pleasing vocal and instrumental selections. Deputy Grand Master Spear, an honored member of this lodge, was prevented from being present by his judicial duties. A splendid banquet preceded the literary exercises and a most delightful evening was enjoyed.

An absence from the state made it impossible for me to accept a courteous invitation to attend the semi-centennial observance of Wilton Lodge, No. 156, which occurred on September 15th, 1920.

Several different causes have made it necessary for me to decline many cordial invitations to be present at other interesting and important Masonic ceremonies and observances both within and without the state.

GEORGE R. RICH FUND.

The last will and testament of Bro. George R. Rich, late of Foxcroft, deceased, contained the following bequest to this Grand Lodge:

"To the Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.: I give and bequeath the sum of one thousand dollars, in trust, to be placed at interest and the income thereof to be used by said Lodge toward maintaining a free bed for members of the order in any hospital within its jurisdiction. This bequest shall be designated the George R. Rich fund, and if at any time the income thereof is not needed for members of the order it may be used for the support of such free bed for such persons not members of the order as the proper officials of the Grand Lodge may decide."

In behalf of the Grand Lodge of Maine, I have accepted this generous and much appreciated gift. The sum has been invested in United States Liberty bonds, and the fund will be kept distinguished and properly identified on the books and statements of the Grand Treasurer and the income applied in accordance with the expressed desire of the testator.

MASONIC TEXT BOOK.

In the last annual report of the Grand Secretary, attention was called to the conditions surrounding the Maine Masonic Text Book, otherwise known as the "Blue Book" and which

has been for years the standard authority for the monitorial work of the Maine lodges. The third and last edition of this important work is now out of print and copies are not obtainable. Much of the text of this book has become obsolete and consequently misleading because of later changes in the constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge and many important decisions have been made since the last edition was published. I recommend that provision be made for the purchase by the Grand Lodge of the electro plates and copy-right of this book, now privately owned, if the same can be obtained at a reasonable price, and that a new and revised edition be prepared and published under the direction of a competent committee.

CONTINGENT FUND.

As it is manifestly impossible for the Grand Lodge at its annual communication to anticipate and make provision for every need which may arise in the course of a year, I heartily concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee, which will be submitted to you, that a contingent fund be established and set apart to be subject to the order and control of the Grand Master, and to be used and expended upon such occasions and for such purposes as he may deem for the best interests of the Grand Lodge and the welfare of the Craft. From this fund the Grand Master should be permitted and expected to draw the amount of his expenditures for postage, telephoning, traveling expenses in attending lodge centennials and similar observances in Maine and other states as the representative of this Grand Lodge, and other necessary expenses incurred in the proper discharge of his official duties, and which at present he is obliged to defray from his private purse. If there is any fear that a Grand Master might abuse his discretion in this connection, the preliminary approval of the Finance Committee could be required. After such a fund has been once created it will only be necessary for the Grand Lodge to make such appropriations hereafter as will be sufficient to restore to the fund the amounts annually withdrawn therefrom. No financial program can be considered sound and practical which does not include some provision for unusual and unexpected requirements.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

On February twenty-first and twenty-second it was my great privilege to attend the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia, and incidentally to be the guest of Washington-Alexandria Lodge, founded by Washington, during the conferring of the Master Mason degree by the Grand Master and other officers of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. This association has been organized for the purpose of erecting near the location of the lodge over which Washington presided a suitable building in which to preserve and display the valuable collection of relics and exhibits now owned by that lodge. This building will be designed as a memorial to Washington, the Mason, and will serve as a shrine for the Masons of America. The amount necessary to carry this great enterprise to successful completion is approximately equivalent to one dollar from each Master Mason in the United States. A large part of this amount has already been secured, some states having subscribed their full quota on the basis above stated. The Grand Lodge of Maine has acquired a membership in this association but no further contribution has been made. Believing that the Masons of Maine should have a larger participation in this important and commendable undertaking, I suggest that appropriate action be taken to this end, either by the appointment of a committee to secure contributions from the several lodges, or by a pledge by the Grand Lodge of a substantial sum payable in annual instalments as may be required.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

At our last annual communication a committee was appointed to consider and report upon the future relationship of the Grand Lodge to the Masonic Service Association. This association was formed in 1918 to secure greater coordination and efficiency in providing assistance to the members of the fraternity who were serving in the American Expeditionary Forces, and also to provide a central organization through which the several Grand Lodges of the United States might engage in systematic charity on a large scale. While the particular occasion which brought this organization into

existence has passed, the association will be maintained in an effort to promote Masonic education and enlarge the service and usefulness of the order. The Masons of Maine may be expected to co-operate willingly in any rational plan to increase their knowledge and understanding of the science of Freemasonry, but will hesitate to join in any movement which will lead the order into new and dangerous paths. Freemasonry has survived through the ages and has reached its present proud estate by a close adherence to its precedents and traditions. While all Masons are taught to give loyal devotion and steadfast obedience to constituted authority, and not to countenance any disloyalty to the Country in which they live, the order takes no part in matters of legislation or questions of governmental policy. It must not be diverted from its dignified and accustomed course into fields of unmasonic controversy. We shall need to be well assured that such a result will not follow the activities of this association before we decide to join its membership.

GRAND LECTURER.

The report of the Grand Lecturer is commended to your earnest attention. His long and efficient service in this office has greatly helped to promote a better understanding and interpretation of the ritual and to bring the work of the several lodges nearer to that high standard of excellence which we all desire. The Grand Lodge is indeed fortunate in being able to retain in this important station so proficient a ritualist and such an accomplished Freemason as M. W. Bro. Sleeper. In addition to the instruction now being given I believe that some arrangement might profitably be made by which the services of the Grand Lecturer, or some other competent brother acting under his direction, could be secured by the lodges, Masonic clubs and similar bodies for lectures and talks on the various aspects of our Masonic relationship. All of our members are encouraged during their leisure hours to improve themselves in Masonry, and to this end to converse with well informed brethren who will be as ready to give, as they will be ready to receive, instruction. It is the obvious duty of the Grand Lodge to furnish assistance in every practicable manner in enabling its members to secure a better under-

standing of the history, purpose, practices and requirements of the order.

CONCLUSION.

It has only been possible within the reasonable limits of this report, to mention a few of the many matters which have come to my official attention during the year. My grateful acknowledgment of the prompt and efficient attention given by the Grand Secretary to all of the details entrusted to him, is gladly extended. The work of his department has greatly increased in the last few years, and the time is approaching when clerical assistance in his office must be provided. Moreover, the present compensation of the Grand Secretary is inadequate, in my judgment, for the extensive service which he so well performs.

The order of Freemasonry has descended to us through many centuries of splendid traditions and brilliant achievements. To the present generation it is indeed a priceless heritage. Our pride in its glorious past and in the strength and splendor of its present position furnishes abundant reason for our faith in its future. But just as no man should expect to live upon his reputation, so no institution can long endure upon the record of its past performances alone. The future of Masonry in Maine is in our hands and in the hands of those who shall come after us. Let us adopt the motto to Carry On and Carry Forward. So that this great benevolent institution, whose benefits and privileges we so highly prize, and whose associations we so richly enjoy, may continue to bless mankind, to inspire its members with higher ideals of life and service, to inculcate the lessons of charity and benevolence, and to promote a spirit of genuine brotherhood among men, and thus achieve and fulfill its great and noble mission upon the earth.

EDWARD W. WHEELER,
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 HALL, PORTLAND, May 3, 1921.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

The detail affairs of my office have been attended to as promptly as possible in all instances. During the first part of the year we were bothered considerably in getting certain supplies which perhaps caused some secretaries at the time to feel they were being personally neglected, but I trust that all now fully understand that it was all on account of conditions and unavoidable.

The most of the lodges in Maine are favored by having excellent secretaries. A letter to almost every one of them will receive immediate attention. No better illustration of this was ever furnished than when the postal card questionnaire was sent to all last winter, and all but one sent replies within a week. And no more important information was gained from that set of questions than the revelation of the in most instances, meager and inadequate pay the several secretaries receive for their work. Twenty-two, or about one in eleven of the secretaries in this state, receive, "Thank you" for the hours and hours of painstaking work which they perform. Twelve more have their dues remitted, and in one of these most generous bodies the dues are fifty cents a year. Forty-one of our 206 secretaries each receive ten dollars a year; about twenty have twenty-five dollars each; and twelve of the larger lodges pay fifty dollars each. A combination of commissions and per meeting, netting a little under \$200.00, is the extreme limit. Many people nurse the idea that a secretary's work ceases with "reading the minutes of the meeting," and their approval, and only those who have done the work know or realize the hours and hours of love's labor that every secretary must and does perform. I most earnestly recommend to every lodge in this grand jurisdiction, serious consideration of the observations I have here made.

RETURNS.

The returns came more promptly, and in better shape this year than ever before. The returns of all but eleven lodges were in the office of the Grand Secretary on or before March fifteenth, and only three secretaries were the cause of real serious delay. The most frequent error by secretaries is beginning the final tabulation with a wrong number: the next group contains those who persist in paying Grand Lodge tax on "raisings," instead of "initiations." A few still write only initials for Christian names, and some write the names of candidates so blindly that it is impossible to more than guess who the new brother is. All in all it only required forty-six letters this year to get the returns in shape to file.

TEXT BOOK.

I wish to again call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the conditions surrounding Drummond's Text Book, or our "Blue Book." As stated last year that book has always been private property and is today. The book has been out of print since last October and impossible to get one at any price. Miss Ethel Berry the owner of the copyright and the plates, has neither the means nor the inclination to undertake the printing of another edition, and even then a new edition unless revised would be of little value. Maine needs a Masonic text book and digest of laws and I trust some action to bring this about will be taken at this session.

PROCEEDINGS.

Fourteen hundred copies of the proceedings of the last annual session were printed and mailed. The printing of this book is one of the largest items of expense in running the Grand Lodge, but even with the present high cost of everything connected, I cannot see where we may rightfully lessen the number printed, unless it be to reduce the number put in storage, (about one hundred and eighty) but even that plan seems to me inadvisable.

DIPLOMAS.

I am pleased to report that the diploma situation is at last cleared, and that we now seem to be assured a complete supply as needed. A new system of keeping account of blank diplomas sent out has been adopted, which is proving to be all we hoped for it. Duplications and losses, by the new system, are pretty well safeguarded, and a complete record is constantly ready at a moment's need.

FILING.

A new system of filing correspondence in the Grand Secretary's office has also been installed during the year. By it all letters, with carbon copies of answers thereto, and other papers relating to any subject are filed in an envelope and indexed so that if needed the whole record of the case is available at a moment's notice. To install the system cost less than \$15.00, but as times goes on its worth will be inestimable.

RICH MEMORIAL.

On August 12th, I received from the executor of the estate of the late Brother George R. Rich of Foxcroft, a check for \$1,000.00, which by the terms of Brother Rich's will was given to the Grand Lodge of Maine to be invested in a permanent fund to be known as the "George R. Rich Memorial Fund," the income of which shall be used to assist toward maintaining a free bed for Masonic brethren in any Maine hospital.

Accordingly with the advise and direction of the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, I bought with the amount of the check, Second, four and one-fourth per cent. Liberty Bonds to the face value of \$1,150.00, which, with a balance of \$11.62 I turned over to the Grand Treasurer,

whose report today will show the first memorial fund, in the records of this Grand Lodge.

DEGREES BY COURTESY.

A practice which I believe to be at least a most undesirable one, which is perhaps an aftermath of wars activities, is that of conferring degrees by courtesy. It has even gone so far that lodges have initiated correspondence direct themselves with lodges in different grand jurisdictions. During the past year I have handled 134 requests for degrees by courtesy; 47 for work to be done in Maine lodges, and 87 where Maine lodges wanted it done elsewhere. Many of these requests show on the face to be absolutely unnecessary. One state, Pennsylvania, would not confer degrees by courtesy even during the war, and in several others the system is limited in one way or another. I recommend the matter have special consideration at this session.

CENTENNIAL SOUVENIR.

The souvenir book of the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of this Grand Lodge was sent out in January. The preparation of the book required a considerable amount of labor, and the results were obtained only because of the generous aid given by lodge secretaries and others. As a single illustration, more than three hundred letters were written to secure the pictures of all the Past Grand Masters. The cost of the book was about \$2.25 per copy, which kept the total expense of the celebration well within the appropriate allowance. In compliance with the vote of Grand Lodge and direction of the committee in charge distribution of the souvenir was as follows: One copy to each lodge in the state; one to each representative at the centennial dinner, and to each invited guest; one to each Grand Officer and each Permanent Member; one to to each Grand Lodge in the world with which we are in fraternal relation; one copy each to about 150 public and Masonic libraries. The edition was limited to meet these needs and was practically exhausted in supplying them.

CERTIFICATES.

I have issued during the year the four Certificates of Charter, authorized at the last session, also 1381 members' Grand Lodge Certificates. The cash received for these, together with the other financial transactions of my office will be reported upon by the proper committee.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS,

Grand Secretary,

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 3, 1921.

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

In account with ALBRO E. CHASE, Grand Treasurer.

1920.

RECEIPTS.

May 4.	Cash on hand to balance	\$20,296.87
	Dues Nineteenth Masonic District	883.60
	Dues McKinley Lodge	1.60
	Dispensations	24.00
	Interest Portland National Bank	182.04
	Charles B. Davis, certificates	1,233.39
	Grand Chapter, 3-10 office	472.74
	Grand Commandery, 2-10 office	315.16
	Corinthian Lodge, dues	2.80
		<hr/> \$23,412.20

From District Deputy Grand Masters;

Ernest L. Goodspeed,	11th District	\$674.80
Wilson N. Conant,	26th "	258.00
J. Orin Smith,	1st "	546.00
Clifford C. Smith,	18th "	253.80
Myron E. Savage,	19th "	981.80
Clarence E. Dow,	21st "	598.00
Dana L. Small,	22nd "	403.60
Edmund P. Williams,	12th "	486.20
Fred A. Gray,	6th "	934.40
Nathan C. Redlon,	17th "	2,006.80
Fred A. Grindle,	9th "	842.00
Walter E. Hinds,	15th "	456.60
C. Lee Stewart,	7th "	305.20
Archie R. Bangs,	24th "	926.40
Edward G. Buxton,	2nd "	331.20
Harry I. Lowell,	16th "	327.00
William P. Newman,	5th "	608.40
William O. Nichols,	23d "	399.20
Arthur L. Todd,	25th "	367.40
Myron C. Jewett,	13th "	475.40
Ralph S. Smith,	3rd "	425.20
Warren A. Nichols,	8th "	242.40
Fred W. Seavey,	10th "	527.00
Henry C. Upton,	14th "	632.80
		<hr/> 14,009.60

\$37,421.80

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. F. Gilpatric, D. D. G. M. 19th District.	\$ 38.92
H. S. Grendall, D. D. G. M. 12th District.	25.29
Chandler's Band, music.....	84.00
Quartette, music	25.00
Cressey & Allen, Piano	10.00
Entertainment of Guests	39.20
Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co., box	10.00
W. E. Howell, services.....	51.24
M. C. Abbott, services	15.00
Cecil Clay, stenographer	60.58
Smith & Rumery Co., tables	353.78
Trucking	46.00
Howard D. Ferris, dinner	1,562.50
Howard D. Ferris, dinner.....	30.38
Tucker Printing Co., proceedings	1,172.50
Pay Roll, 1920	3,109.90
J. A. Merrill Co., repairs	17.00
Albro E. Chase, Correspondent	300.00
F. O. Bailey & Co., shelving	32.86
W. W. McKenney, wiring	36.00
Tucker Printing Co., centennial book	2,637.96
Edward W. Wheeler, expenses	103.00
Edmund B. Mallet, expenses	18.83
Pantagraph Printing Co., lodges	70.00
Albro E. Chase, services	500.00
Frank E. Sleeper, schools	59.59
Telephone, service	72.45
Masonic Trustees, rent	1,390.00
Card Index	290.00
Cigars	87.19
Charles B. Davis, services.....	1,375.00
Tucker Printing Co., printing	296.94
Hamilton Paper Co., supplies	62.59
Office, sundry supplies	27.58
W. Corey & Co., repairs	25.25
The Three B Bindery, covers	244.50
Photographic Work	16.90
Mailing book and proceedings	119.96
Lakeside Printing Co., diplomas	1,572.08
Arthur L. Todd, D. D. G. M., expenses.	32.87
William O. Nicholls, " "	19.61
Edward G. Buxton, " "	39.35
Harry I. Lowell, " "	21.80
Archie R. Bangs, " "	8.72
C. Lee Stewart, " "	39.99
Clarence E. Dow, " "	68.18

Dana L. Small, D. D. G. M., expenses, .	\$22.00
Walter E. Hinds, " "	74.75
Edmund P. Williams, " "	32.00
Nathan C. Redlon, " "	12.86
Fred A. Grindle, " "	30.87
Ernest L. Goodspeed, " "	9.80
Wilson H. Conant, " "	10.66
J. Orin Smith, " "	74.33
Myron E. Savage, " "	35.85
Myron C. Jewett, " "	37.89
	<hr/> 16,571.36

Cash on hand to balance \$20,850.44

Returns have not been received from the *Fourth* district, and the *Twentieth* district.

I have received from Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary, to be held as the special "George R. Rich Fund," the sum of one thousand dollars now invested as follows:

Liberty Bonds 4 1-4, 1927-1942	\$1,150.00
Cash	11.62

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:

SABATTUS, April 27th, 1921.

MOST WORSHIPFUL EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of Masons in Maine.

During the year now closing I have conducted three "Schools of Instruction," and have attended to a large amount of correspondence. I have not replied in full to some of the letters of inquiry which I have received for it would have required the putting upon paper and entrusting to the mails a large portion of our ritual, or the making by me of many "decisions" regarding masonic law. To the questions concerning ritual I have replied as plainly as I felt to be permissible, and to those concerning masonic law I have suggested reference to the Grand Master.

October 13th, 1920, I held a school at Bath, which was under the joint patronage of Solar and Polar Star Lodges. There were present District

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Deputy Grand Masters from the Second, Sixth, Ninth, Twelfth, Fourteenth, and Twenty-fourth districts, and about 150 officers and brethren representing twenty-five Maine, one Massachusetts, and one Texas lodges. In obedience to your order I installed R. W. Bro. Fred A. Grindle, now of Rockland, as D. D. G. Master of the Ninth District. At this school, as also at the two others, the hospitality of our hosts was almost unbounded. Dinner was furnished to all visiting brethren, and a bountiful supper was served at six o'clock to about 150 brethren. The work in the evening will be reported by the inspecting officers.

October 21st, I held a school at Sanford, under the patronage of Preble Lodge, at which were present D. D. G. Masters from the Nineteenth and Twenty-third Districts, and about 125 brethren, representing fourteen Maine, two New Hampshire, two Massachusetts, one Pennsylvania, one Canada, and one Scotland lodges. Upon receiving from Preble Lodge an invitation to hold a school at Sanford, I at first felt that I must decline it, chiefly because of the difficulty of access to Sanford and fearing but few would attend, especially Deputies from a distance. I was assured, however, that a school was very much desired in that part of our state, and that I would be sure of a good local attendance. The result was as predicted, for the attendance was satisfactory and the "zeal" of the scholars fully compensated for any lack of numbers. Among other ways of showing its hospitality Preble Lodge gave us a very fine six o'clock supper in the large vestry of the Congregational Church. In the evening Preble Lodge worked the M. M. degree which was inspected by the Deputies present.

October 27th, a school was held at Portland, under the patronage of Atlantic Lodge, at which were present D. D. G. Masters from the First, Fifth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Fifteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-fourth, and Twenty-fifth Districts, and 278 brethren, representing forty-eight lodges in Maine and fifteen in other Grand Jurisdictions. At the evening session an official inspection was made by D. D. G. M. Redlon, assisted by all the Deputies present. At all the schools, as I think the brethren who were present will attest, the time allotted to the schools was fully occupied. At times the questions came so fast, and were so unusual, that it reminded me of my school days when the children hunted through all the books in town to find questions with which to "stick the master." I sincerely hope that my successor will have as interesting and profitable schools as have been held this year. I regret to say that no Deputies were present from the Third, Fourth, Seventh, Eighth, Tenth, Sixteenth and Twenty-sixth Districts.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. SLEEPER, *Grand Lecturer.*

The report was referred to the Committee on Doing of Grand Officers.

AMENDMENT TO STANDING REGULATION.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the following amendment to the Standing Regulations and requested its consideration without reference, which was done.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

May 3, 1921.

I propose the following amendment to the Standing Regulation concerning mileage and per diem:

Strike out from the fifth line of the Standing Regulations, page 464, proceedings 1920, the words "four and one-half cents for each mile one way."

And insert "five cents per mile each way" so that as amended the Standing Regulations will read:

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 five cents per mile each 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 three 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.

ALBRO E. CHASE.

The amendment as presented was adopted and the Grand Treasurer was instructed to make the Pay Roll for this session in accordance therewith.

U. S. MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

BRO. EDMUND B. MALLET for the special committee appointed at the 1920 session of this Grand Lodge to consider the matter of membership in the United States Masonic Service Association, presented the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

May 3, 1921.

Your committee appointed May 5th, 1920, to whom was referred all papers the Grand Secretary had received in connection with the United

States Masonic Service Association have attended to the duties assigned them and present the following report:

The papers, correspondence, etc., not being received by the Grand Secretary in time to be reviewed and reported to the Grand Lodge before the close of the 1920 communication, the Committee was continued to this communication of the Grand Lodge.

In accordance with the request of the Grand Master, the Chairman arranged for attending the meeting in Boston, June 3, 1920. The other members were detained by prior engagements.

As no instructions had been given the Committee defining their duties or power to act, the attending of the meeting was considered as one for information to be presented at this communication.

The meeting was composed of representatives from the six New England States and the Chairman of the Association, Past Grand Master George L. Schoonover, from the state of Iowa.

The several speakers dwelt upon the general plan of the Association, and gave their views upon its expected usefulness.

The member of the committee present paid close attention to all that was said and when Maine was called responded briefly.

The Association has prepared a program that they think will be useful for the fraternity in each grand jurisdiction.

After reviewing all papers submitted and fully considering the matter presented at the meeting in Boston the full committee met and consulted with Most Worshipful Grand Master Harry G. Noyes of New Hampshire, member of the Executive Commission. We would respectfully report that it does not appear advisable for the Grand Lodge of Maine to become a member of the United States Masonic Service Association.

Fraternally submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLEY,	} Committee.
THOS. H. BOUCE,	
WALDO PETTENGILL,	

The report of the committee was accepted, and the matter laid on the table for consideration later in the session.

BY-LAWS.

BRO. EDMUND B. MALLEY, for the special committee appointed at the last Annual Communication to examine the by-laws of the several subordinate lodges, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 3, 1921.

Your Committee appointed May 4th to examine and report on the subject matter of by-laws of the lodges in this jurisdiction have attended to the duty assigned them and report as follows:

We find errors in the by-laws of many lodges relating to the time in which a candidate shall present himself for initiation, whose petition has been accepted.

Section 106 of the Constitution reads as follows: A candidate for the degrees whose petition has been accepted, who does not present himself for initiation within one year from such acceptance shall forfeit all rights by reason of such acceptance and shall not be initiated except on a new petition; but any time if more than three months, such person is temporarily absent from the state shall be deducted.

A large number of lodges limit the time to six months.

Many lodges in their by-laws provide that a brother suspended for non-payment of dues reinstate himself on payment of the amount due at the time of suspension.

Section 117 reads: "A brother suspended from membership for non-payment of dues will be restored by the payment or remission of the amount due at the time of his suspension at any time within five years thereafter; but after that time he can be restored only upon his application and a two-thirds vote of the lodge, after payment or remission of the amount in arrears."

A large number of lodges in their by-laws exempt all honorary members from payment of dues and assessments. When an assessment is made it should be collected of all upon whom it is laid, or remitted by vote of the lodge.

Section 86 of the Constitution reads: "Every lodge after adopting or revising by-laws, shall send a transcript of such by-laws or revision immediately to the Grand Secretary for examination, and await the approval of the Grand Master before recording or printing."

We recommend that Section 86 be amended by striking out in the third line the words "Grand Secretary for examination, and await the approval of" and inserting after Grand Master "for his approval" so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"Section 86. Every lodge, after adopting or revising by-laws, shall send a transcript of such by-laws or revision immediately to the Grand Master for his approval before recording or printing."

Section 136 No lodge can suspend the operation of a by-law, or, at a special meeting, alter or expunge any part of the proceeding of a stated one.

Fraternally submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLET,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
ALBRO E. CHASE,		
CHAS. B. DAVIS,		

The report was accepted, and the proposed amendment was referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

RETURNS.

BRO. CHARLES B. DAVIS submitted the Report of the Committee on Returns, which was accepted as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 3, 1921.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report that returns have been properly made by all the working lodges of the State, and a study of them reveals the fact that never before has there been a year of such Masonic activity and interest. The tremendous net gain of the year ending March 1, 1920, has been exceeded by over five hundred. This activity has not been confined to any locality, or group of lodges, but extended from one end of the state to the other, and was as apparent in the small lodges in the country villages as in the larger ones of the cities.

A total of 4,645 applications are accounted for by the returns, and of this number 1,121 failed to pass the ballot, and while we do not rejoice because men's applications have been turned down, we are pleased to observe that the lodges are looking carefully to see that only the select and worthy enter our doors. Of the 206 lodges all but one received applications and in 169 of those lodges, dark ballots appeared.

Eight lodges show a combined loss of 16 in membership; seven have gained just enough new members to offset their losses, and return the same membership as a year ago. All the other have increased, several by only one or two, while Deering, No. 183, of Portland, the leader of last year, again leads the field, with 126 initiations, 129 raisings and a net gain of 121 in numbers, although having rejected 30, or almost one of every five of the applications received.

Of the 48 lodges which last year reported a membership of less than 100 each, eight, Nos. 54, 83, 99, 153, 174, 189, 208 and 209 have passed the hundred mark. Lodges No. 2, 3, 23, 43, 66, 112, 156, 194, 198, 205 and 206 have passed into the 200 group. Nos. 9, 10 and 86 have passed the 300 mark, and Nos. 81, 83 and 175 have gotten into the 400 set. Portland, No. 1, has passed into the 500 class, and Deering, No. 183, with its phenomenal gain almost hopped over 600, but stopped just inside, and is alone there. Ancient Landmark, No. 17, having passed 700 some time before the returns were made up.

The number of typewritten returns increases year by year, and more than three-fourths of them this year are so made. We again urge lodges to instruct their Secretaries to have the returns made by typewriter, even at extra lodge expense, if necessary.

The following summary shows comparison with the last four years:

	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921
Initiated	1,382	1,467	1,863	3,122	3,524
Raised	1,406	1,430	1,808	2,927	3,471
Affiliated	103	130	92	149	158
Re-instated	74	79	88	117	139
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Dimitted	159	157	120	186	220
Died	629	608	769	623	593
Suspended	2	0	1	1	1
Expelled	1	3	2	2	0
Susp. from membership..	266	270	163	97	122
Deprived of membership..	8	3	0	1	5
Number of members.....	31,385	32,456	33,386	35,670	38,499
Rejected	311	372	414	811	1,121

The net gain in membership is 2,829, or 13.99 per cent., and 545 more than last year.

The death rate has been 15.27, a decrease from last year.

The average lodge membership has increased from 175.7 to 186.8.

The accompanying abstract of the returns will show the work of the several lodges in detail.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS, }
JAMES C. AYER, } *Committee.*

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1921.

Nos.	LODGES.	Initiated.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Re-instated.	Dimitted.	Died	Suspended	Expelled.	N. P. D.		No. Members.	Rejected.
										Suspended.	D. of Mem.		
1	Portland	70	59	4	1	1	8	0	0	3	0	502	13
2	Warren	24	22	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	209	5
3	Lincoln	30	29	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	210	5
4	Hancock	4	1	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	102	0
5	Kennebec	11	11	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	157	4
6	Amity	28	26	5	1	2	10	0	0	0	0	287	4
7	Eastern	11	10	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	182	2
8	United	11	13	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	255	4
9	Saco	43	47	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	316	34
10	Rising Virtue	66	63	2	0	1	7	0	0	1	0	343	24
11	Pythagorean	3	5	2	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	150	4
12	Cumberland	12	15	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	238	3
13	Oriental	7	6	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	220	2
14	Solar	38	47	1	0	4	3	0	0	3	0	358	9
15	Orient	9	10	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	161	3
16	St. George	17	17	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	133	2
17	Ancient Landmark	82	93	1	3	6	13	0	0	3	0	721	79
18	Oxford	11	13	3	1	1	6	1	0	0	1	232	8
19	Felicity	23	21	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	148	3
20	Maine	7	8	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	192	0
21	Oriental Star	9	8	0	0	1	5	0	0	2	0	214	7
22	York	9	13	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	173	11
23	Freeport	12	16	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	215	5
24	Phoenix	4	4	2	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	185	3
25	Temple	17	13	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	125	1
26	Village	12	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	122	1
27	Adoniram	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	0
28	Northern Star	4	2	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	127	5
29	Tranquil	67	76	5	5	4	5	0	0	1	0	509	12
30	Blazing Star	32	34	1	5	3	4	0	0	0	0	382	10
31	Union	15	13	1	2	0	2	0	0	3	0	125	1
32	Hermon	39	43	3	1	4	8	0	0	3	0	477	15
33	Waterville	65	46	5	4	2	7	0	0	4	0	569	15
34	Somerset	21	23	1	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	248	7
35	Bethelhem	29	30	0	3	2	7	0	0	2	0	419	6
36	Casco	19	18	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	221	2
37	Washington	13	14	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	181	1
38	Harmony	22	20	1	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	215	5
39	Penobscot	25	20	0	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	249	5
40	Lygonia	17	17	2	7	8	5	0	0	16	0	358	2
41	Morning Star	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	106	2
42	Freedom	4	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	116	3
43	Alna	17	14	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	206	0
44	Piscataquis	19	18	8	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	326	20
45	Central	12	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	125	7
46	St. Croix	24	26	3	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	249	5

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D ^m	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
47	Dunlap	31	37	3	0	2	11	0	0	0	0	383	27
48	Lafayette	9	10	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	148	1
49	Meridian Splendor	9	8	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	189	2
50	Aurora	51	49	2	6	6	8	0	0	4	0	466	0
51	St. John's	20	20	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	219	6
52	Mosaic	12	15	1	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	218	4
53	Rural	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	8
54	Vassalboro	7	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	101	4
55	Fraternal	5	5	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	97	1
56	Mount Moriah	8	8	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	85	0
57	King Hiram	9	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	143	1
58	Unity	13	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	69	3
59	Mt. Hope (ch. sur.)												
60	Star in the East	30	34	0	2	3	9	0	0	1	0	281	12
61	King Solomon's	14	14	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	157	3
62	King David's	2	2	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	76	0
63	Richmond	8	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	180	1
64	Pacific	3	7	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	112	0
65	Mystic	23	17	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	180	1
66	Mechanics'	23	21	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	206	5
67	Blue Mountain	6	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	138	7
68	Mariners'	4	4	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	105	0
69	Howard	28	27	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	164	2
70	Standish	20	23	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	148	6
71	Rising Sun	7	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	84	1
72	Pioneer	11	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	199	2
73	Tyrian	9	14	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	229	10
74	Bristol	8	8	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	140	2
75	Plymouth	7	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	85	0
76	Arundel	11	10	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	163	4
77	Tremont	10	11	0	3	0	2	0	0	3	0	141	0
78	Crescent	6	6	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	144	5
79	Rockland	18	18	0	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	256	0
80	Keystone	8	11	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	131	2
81	Atlantic	82	73	0	2	2	10	0	0	1	0	419	23
82	St. Paul's	10	10	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	198	1
83	St. Andrew's	71	67	1	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	407	15
84	Eureka	11	9	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	111	1
85	Star in the West	12	10	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	95	5
86	Temple	37	41	0	1	0	6	0	0	2	0	307	9
87	Benevolent	7	7	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	106	3
88	Narraguagus	7	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	117	2
89	Island	3	3	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	121	2
90	Hiram Abiff (ch. rev.)												
91	Harwood	19	22	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	209	7
92	Siloam	25	25	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	270	12
93	Horeb	48	48	0	2	5	4	0	0	0	0	281	12
94	Paris	16	16	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	164	3
95	Corinthian	16	20	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	148	5
96	Monument	38	34	4	1	5	4	0	0	0	0	394	4
97	Bethel	21	17	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	161	5
98	Katahdin	9	10	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	188	3
99	Vernon Valley	8	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	106	4
100	Jefferson	3	5	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	109	2

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
101	Nezinscot.	7	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	97	0
102	Marsh River	13	10	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	83	2
103	Dresden	15	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	78	1
104	Dirigo	2	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	6	0	84	1
105	Ashlar	35	34	0	1	0	6	0	0	3	0	430	10
106	Tuscan	28	28	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	243	6
107	Day Spring	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	86	0
108	Relief (<i>ch. rev.</i>)												
109	Mount Kineo	12	12	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	152	5
110	Monmouth	12	13	1	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	145	5
111	Liberty	8	9	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	107	6
112	Eastern Frontier	22	19	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	200	9
113	Messalonskee	4	3	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	123	2
114	Polar Star	42	43	0	1	3	9	0	0	0	0	392	5
115	Buxton	23	23	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	138	5
116	Lebanon	6	10	1	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	140	1
117	Greenleaf	8	6	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	188	1
118	Drummond	5	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	107	0
119	Pownal	7	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	121	0
120	Meduncook (<i>ch. sur.</i>)												
121	Acacia	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	101	1
122	Marine	21	22	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	278	0
123	Franklin	15	11	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	85	3
124	Olive Branch	4	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	120	0
125	Meridian	22	16	0	3	1	5	0	0	1	0	223	5
126	Timothy Chase	17	17	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	184	4
127	Presumpscot	10	13	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	153	5
128	Eggmoggin	7	7	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	140	3
129	Quantabacook	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	85	0
130	Trinity	23	23	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	280	3
131	Lookout	8	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	67	0
132	Mount Tire'm	7	7	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	81	0
133	Asylum	11	6	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	70	1
134	Trojan (<i>consol'd</i>)												
135	Riverside	18	21	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	147	4
136	Ionic (<i>ch. sur.</i>)												
137	Kenduskeag	11	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	3
138	Lewy's Island	13	14	0	0	3	2	0	0	5	0	230	11
139	Archon	13	12	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	97	0
140	Mount Desert	7	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	96	0
141	Augusta	30	27	2	3	9	4	0	0	3	0	451	15
142	Ocean	4	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	96	2
143	Preble	25	26	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	268	33
144	Seaside	3	4	0	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	287	6
145	Moses Webster	20	20	1	2	3	3	0	0	1	1	219	1
146	Sebasticook	21	19	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	0	152	6
147	Evening Star	8	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	97	2
148	Forest	21	19	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	168	5
149	Doric	5	6	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	97	0
150	Rabboni	35	29	3	0	5	7	0	0	0	0	330	16
151	Excelsior	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	49	0
152	Crooked River	6	11	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	118	1
153	Delta	12	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	104	3
154	Mystic Tie	7	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	91	4

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										S.	D.		
155	Ancient York	13	11	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	171	11
156	Wilton	20	18	3	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	204	4
157	Cambridge	13	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	144	5
158	Anchor	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	1
159	Esoteric (consol'd)												
160	Parian	8	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	125	5
161	Carrabasset	6	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	92	0
162	Arion	20	20	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	101	4
163	Pleasant River	27	23	0	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	279	20
164	Webster	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0
165	Molunkus	16	17	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	3
166	Neguemkeag	9	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	64	1
167	Whitney	8	9	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	98	2
168	Composite	17	18	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	171	4
169	Shepherd's River	6	6	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	82	0
170	Caribou	20	20	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	236	6
171	Naskeag	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	90	0
172	Pine Tree	12	11	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	144	5
173	Pleiades	6	5	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	178	1
174	Lynde	11	16	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	109	2
175	Baskahegan	20	18	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	189	4
176	Palestine (consol'd)												
177	Rising Star	5	5	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	99	0
178	Ancient Brothers'	64	70	1	1	3	6	0	0	5	0	418	24
179	Yorkshire	5	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	124	4
180	Hiram	50	60	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	478	30
181	Reuel Washburn (cont)												
182	Granite	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	102	1
183	Deering	126	129	1	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	680	30
184	Naval	75	70	2	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	370	28
185	Bar Harbor	15	12	3	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	278	1
186	Warren Phillips	62	46	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	390	12
187	Ira Berry	9	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	66	6
188	Jonesport	5	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	133	0
189	Knox	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	102	0
190	Springvale	15	21	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	222	16
191	Davis	8	8	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	132	2
192	Winter Harbor	18	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	139	0
193	Washburn	6	7	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	140	5
194	Euclid	11	11	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	202	11
195	Reliance	13	11	0	11	0	3	0	0	0	0	220	3
196	Bay View	10	10	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	142	0
197	Aroostook	12	16	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	163	5
198	St. Aspinquid	30	30	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	213	9
199	Bingham	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	228	15
200	Columbia	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	133	4
201	David A. Hooper	16	15	1	6	0	3	0	0	0	0	171	0
202	Mount Bigelow	9	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	96	1
203	Mount Olivet	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	1
204	Mount Abram	11	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	3
205	Nollesemic	17	16	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	211	14
206	Island Falls	18	18	3	1	4	1	0	0	3	0	204	9
207	Abner Wade	12	12	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	117	0
208	Northeast Harbor	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	108	0

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
209	Fort Kent.....	7	12	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	105	1
210	Bagaduce.....	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	72	0
211	Meduncook.....	5	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	55	0
212	McKinley.....	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	0
213	Kemankeag.....	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	1
214	Limestone.....	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	3
215	Orchard.....	16	12	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	71	11
		3524	3471	158	139	220	593	1	0	122	5	38,499	1121

GRIEVANCES.

The Grand Secretary presented the following matters, and all papers and correspondence connected with each case, were received and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

Oxford Lodge, No. 18 vs Merton L. Kimball,
Mt. Abram Lodge, No. 204 vs Northern Star Lodge, No. 28,
Granite Lodge, No. 182 vs Joseph W. Chesley.

WILLIAM N. HOWE.

BRO. FRANKLIN R. REDLON presented the following memorial, which was accepted, and ordered printed in the proceedings, and a page inscribed to R. W. Bro. Howe's memory:

- WILLIAM NATHAN HOWE.

To speak of our friends who have gone before is usually a matter of figures, and events; in their lives, which are generally well known, and already are a matter of record. As a friend, I have been asked to prepare a memorial on Right Worshipful Brother William Nathan Howe, Past Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, who died February 13th, 1921, after a lingering and painful illness which he bore with his usual courage and fortitude. To many, the name will bring to the mind the slow-moving rather stooped figure, of the last few years; but to many others of us, it will recall the quick, active figure; the dark-haired, well-groomed, energetic young man, of twenty years ago, when he was the center of every group, the one upon whom everyone called when anything was to be done quickly and well; who was always ready with his council and advice — this is the friend we like to recall.

Our friend was born in Portland, lived here practically all his life, and always held responsible business positions, and there has never been raised in all these years the slightest question of his integrity; so that his life was

as an open book to many of us, and it is a fact, that there was more of helpfulness, and generosity exhibited in his life than in many others who made more pretensions.

Early in his career, he became connected with the Fraternity, where his ability and talent immediately commanded the attention of his brethren; so that, without effort on his part, he passed through all the subordinate offices of the York Rite, became Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine, and was, at the time of his death, M. Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Maine, Royal and Select Masters. He had a long and faithful service in the A. & A. Scottish Rite, and was a thirty-third degree Mason. He was also connected with many other clubs and societies, in all of which he was a prominent member.

In the Masonic Bodies, besides being an active worker, he gave freely of his time and thought to its history, and was an authority upon the laws and customs of the Fraternity; a man whose opinion and advice was accepted and could be relied upon. Such a man, this Grand Body is called upon to mourn, and his many friends have expressed to his wife and son their deep sympathy in their loss. From a somewhat close intimacy, extending over a long period of years, it is significant that I never heard him engage in any religious discussion, one way or the other, that he had his own idea on this subject I am sure, and I firmly believe it might be summed up in the words of another:

"If we're good fellows here, we'll be good fellows there."

He did his duty as he saw it from day to day, and trusted that his good deeds exceeded his mistakes.

Brother Howe was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, a firm friend, a good husband and father, and a good Mason. He will be greatly missed by many whom he so firmly bound to him by his generous, manly, and lovable qualities.

ERNEST P. PARLIN.

BRO. CYRUS N. BLANCHARD presented the following, which was accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings, and a page inscribed to R. W. Bro. Parlin's memory:

ERNEST PARKHURST PARLIN.

Since we last met in annual communication, the Grim Reaper has again invaded our ranks and cut the brittle thread of life of one more member of this Grand Lodge. Right Worshipful Ernest Parkhurst Parlin, Past Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, died at South Paris, Maine, October 17th, 1920. He was born in Weld, Maine, March 2nd, 1871. After attending the schools of his native town, at the age of sixteen, he became a clerk in a drug store at Farmington. After becoming a registered druggist he was located at Madison and Sabattus, for several years, and was for a

time located at South Paris, and for fourteen years conducted a drug store in Wilton, where by his close attention to business and his unfailing courtesy he built up a large and prosperous business.

He was made a Master Mason in Euclid Lodge, No. 194, at Madison, January 7th, 1895, where he remained a member until 1906, when he took a dimit and joined Wilton Lodge, No. 156, and was elected its Master in 1909. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Oxford Chapter, No. 29, March 14th, 1900, and was dimitted and became a member of Franklin Chapter, No. 44, at Farmington, September 12th, 1911. He received the Council degrees in Oxford Council, December 7th, 1900, and afterwards was dimitted and joined Jephthah Council, Farmington, June 5th, 1914. He was Knighted in Pilgrim Commandery, Farmington, April 19th, 1907. He was also a member of Kora Temple, Mystic Shrine. He was elected Grand Junior Warden of this Grand Lodge at the annual communication in 1912.

The other organizations to which he belonged, were the Order of the Eastern Star, of which he was Past Worthy Patron, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

He was a member of the Congregationalist Church and was actively concerned in the conduct of its affairs.

That he was an active and zealous mason is sufficiently evidenced by the fact that he was a constant attendant at the annual communications this Grand Lodge until the spring of 1920, when failing health made it impossible for him to attend. His knowledge of the ritual was accurate and comprehensive and he was always willing to assist when called upon, but with more pleasure do we recall his readiness to perform those kindly and fraternal acts which lie outside the circle of prescribed duties, showing that the principles of Freemasonry were deeply engraved on his heart and ever manifest in his daily life.

As a citizen he was alert to the public interest and ready to aid in every good cause and his uniform courtesy and sterling integrity made him friends wherever he went.

He was twice married. First to Edith W. Gilman in 1897, who died in 1898. His second marriage was to Sarah Blake in 1900, who survives him. Of this union three children were born, all dying in infancy.

ADELBERT MILLETT.

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 Millett.

ADELBERT MILLETT.

The invisible hand of Death has again beckoned from our midst a beloved brother. R. W. Adelbert Millett, Past Junior Grand Warden, died at his home in Belfast, November 17, 1920, after a short illness. By his death

the Grand Lodge has lost a most earnest and conscientious worker, and the community in which he so long resided a most respected citizen.

Brother Millett was born in Auburn, Maine, March 28, 1858, a decedent from a family of old New England stock. He was educated at Hebron and Bridgton academies, and then entered Dartmouth Medical College where he was graduated with the degree of M. D., and later took a post graduate course at the New York Hospital. He was ever a great student, but was particularly well-read in matters concerning his own profession.

For many years he practiced in Searsmont, and some fifteen years ago moved to the near-by city of Belfast, where he continued his profession, at the same time taking an active interest in the welfare of the city, serving in municipal positions, and one term represented the city in the State Legislature. He was one of the surgical staff of the Waldo County Hospital, and was a member and past officer in both the Maine Medical Association and the Waldo County Medical Association.

Brother Millett was an active member of the North Congregational Church, and had been for several years a deacon and also the clerk of the society. Always kind-hearted and sympathetic with those with whom he was associated, he enjoyed the warm friendship and love of all who best knew him.

Brother Millett was initiated in Quantabacook Lodge, No. 128, at Searsmont, and at once took an active interest in Masonry, and was ever a devoted student of the craft. He served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 1892. On his removal to Belfast he dimitted and affiliated with Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, where he continued in active membership until his death. He was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1901, serving one year.

He was a member of Corinthian Chapter, King Solomon's Council and Palestine Commandery at Belfast, also of the Scottish Rite bodies at Rockland and of Maine Consistory.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution, as submitted by Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, and recorded on page 453 of the Proceedings of 1920, was entertained by the Grand Lodge and referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution:

APPOINTMENT.

M. W. Grand Master Wheeler appointed M. W. Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS to fill the vacancy in the Committee of Amendments to the Constitution.

REFRESHMENT.

At 11.40 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock.

FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 3, 1921. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock.

Most Worshipful HARRY E. NOYES, Grand Master of Masons of New Hampshire, was introduced and accorded the Grand Honors of Masonry.

Most Worshipful Brother NOYES spoke to the brethren for about forty minutes confining his remarks to the aims, purposes and work of the United States Masonic Service Association. He commanded the closest attention of every brother present, and at his conclusion was greeted with most generous applause.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

BRO. SILAS B. ADAMS, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M.,
PORTLAND, MAINE, May 3, 1921.

Your Committee on Amendments to the Constitution to which was referred a proposed amendment to the Constitution reading as follows:

"*Moved*, to amend Section 109 of the Constituion 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 therefor, or permit the fees or any part thereof to be remitted directly or indirectly.

And by striking from the third, fourth and fifth lines the clause "but clergymen approbated by competent authority to preach the gospel, may be initiated, crafted and raised without any fee whatever."

Has given the matter due consideration and unanimously recommend its adoption at this session.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. ADAMS,	} Committee.
W. FREEMAN LORD,	
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	

The report of the Committee was accepted.

The Grand Lodge then voted on the adoption of the proposed amendments: Amendment "A," relative to increasing the minimum fee was adopted by a vote of 91 to 77. Amendment "B" received a much larger majority.

GREETINGS.

The Grand Secretary read the following letter of greetings which was ordered on file.

PORTLAND, ME., May 3, 1921.

HON. CHARLES B. DAVIS, Portland, Maine,

Grand Secretary, Masonic Grand Lodge.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellow, of Maine, extends cordial greetings to the Grand Lodge of Masons, assembled in annual convention.

We heartily congratulate you upon your honorable record and your continued prosperity.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES R. TOWNSEND,

Grand Secretary I. O. O. F.

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

Permanent Members present, 1 each,	40
Grand Officers present, 1 each,	38
186 lodges represented (3 votes each),	558
Total number of votes,	636

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

EDWARD W. WHEELER,	M. W. Grand Master,	Brunswick
ALBERT M. SPEAR,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Gardiner
JOHN M. BURLEIGH,	" Senior Grand Warden,	South Berwick
ALLEN L. CURTIS,	" Junior Grand Warden,	Belfast
ALBRO E. CHASE,	" Grand Treasurer,	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS	" Grand Secretary,	Portland

Committee of Finance — EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport, ELMER A. DOTEN, Portland, WALDO PETTENGILL, Rumford.

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.

HISTORY.

Bro. FRED C. CHALMERS, for the Committee on History, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 3, 1921.

Your Committee on History report they have received a history of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, bound in cloth of 200 pages, excellently prepared by R. W. James B. Stevenson; also a history of Hancock Lodge, No. 4, paper bound of 33 pages.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED C. CHALMERS,	} Committee.
WALDO PETTENGILL,	
CONVERS E. LEACH,	

The report was accepted.

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, preseted the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 3, 1921.

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, to whom were referred the address of the Grand Master, the Reports of the D. D. Grand Masters, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer, after considering the same report as follows:

We observe with extreme satisfaction the consistent refusal of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to receive and ballot upon any application at the same communication.

We think the several dispensations granted were all within the province of the prerogatives of the Grand Master, and in conformity with the law and practice except that granted to Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, "to elect officers and transact other necessary business at a special meeting held on Saturday, December 18th, instead of at the annual meeting one week later, which would come on Christmas Day." We believe the possibility of no quorum cannot be forecasted, and no dispensation should issue with that the consideration. If a failure of a quorum is an established fact the contingency may then be cared for by a dispensation.

The recommendation of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary relating to the acquisition of the electro plates and copyright of the Maine Masonic Text Book, and issue of a new and revised edition, should receive immediate favorable consideration.

We recommend the advisability of the creation of a contingent fund be referred to the Finance Committee.

We recommend the matter of further contributions to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association be referred to a special committee.

The report of the Grand Lecturer is commended to your careful perusal. We also advise the recommendation of the Grand Master that "the Grand Lodge furnish assistance in every practicable manner in enabling its members to secure a better understanding of the history, purpose, practices and requirements of the order," be carried into effective operation by the adoption by the lodges of a plan of study and lectures.

We recommend the Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit to the executor of the will and through him to the family the appreciation of the Grand Lodge of Maine of the generous bequest of our late Brother George R. Rich.

The decisions of the Grand Master we refer to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We recommend his report of visitations and observances with the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and the report of the Grand Secretary on returns be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

We recommend the consideration of degrees by courtesy be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
ASHLEY A. SMITH,		
FRANK E. SLEEPER,		

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

FINANCE.

BRO. EDMUND B. MALLET reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 3, 1921.

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;

May, 6, 1920.	Cash on hand	\$20,296.87
	Cash receipts for years 1920-21	17,124.93
	Total	\$37,421.80
	The expenditures have been	\$16,571.36
	Cash on hand	20,850.44
		<hr/> \$37,421.80

The amount of the invested fund to the credit of the Charity Fund is \$79,157.73.

We recommend that there be paid

To Grand Treasurer for year ending May, 1922, including cost of bond	\$ 500.00
To the Grand Secretary for year ending May, 1922	1,800.00
To the Grand Lecturer for year ending May 3, 1921	100.00
To Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence for year ending May 3, 1921	300.00
For a Contingent Fund for the use of the Grand Master	500.00
To the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, each year for four years	500.00

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLET,	}	<i>Committee on Finance.</i>
ELMER A. DOTEN,		

The report of the committee was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

Requests of Certificates of Charter were received and it was voted that Certificates be issued to the following lodges:

Maine, No. 20, Farmington.

Hermon, No. 32, Gardiner.

Atlantic, No. 81, Portland.

Baskahegan, No. 175, Danforth.

PUBLICATION

BRO. MILLARD M. CASWELL, for the Committee on Publication, reported that no business had been presented to them. The report was accepted.

RULING BY THE GRAND MASTER.

The M. W. Grand Master ruled that the Amendment to the Constitution establishing the minimum fees for the degrees at Thirty Dollars, would take effect at the close of this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge; that all candidates whose applications had been received by lodges at that time, and all candidates who had received one or more degrees at that time, should pay the former fees, but all candidates whose applications were received by lodges thereafter must pay the increased fees for their degrees.

AT REFRESHMENT.

At 4.50 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock Wednesday.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Wednesday, May 4, 1921. }

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 4, 1921.

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.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. ARNOLD,
 CHARLES M. FARRAR, } Committee.
 EDWARD K. GOULD,

Report accepted and schedule ordered to be paid.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF WORK.

M. W. Grand Master WHEELER called to the East M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, who, after some remarks, invited Wor. ALFRED E. ASTLE, Master of Monument Lodge, No. 96, of Houlton, to assume the East, and with the officers of his lodge confer the Master Mason degree, which was done.

The Grand Lecturer resumed the East, and after brief comment and approval of the manner the work had been performed, surrendered the place to the Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. ISAAC A. CLOUGH it was by rising unanimously

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to the officers of Monument Lodge for the beautiful and correct rendering of the ritual in the work of the afternoon.

The Grand Master expressed his obligation to the officers of Monument Lodge for their attendance and assistance.

EXCUSES.

The following representatives present 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.

CHESTER L. SHEPARD, W. M., Polar Star, No. 114.

RUSSELL L. PHINNEY, J. W., Polar Star, No. 114.

EDWARD O. BROWN, W. M., Neguemkeag, No. 166.

AT REFRESHMENT.

At 5.10 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 5, 1921. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock.

AMENDMENT.

On motion of Bro. ALBRO E. CHASE, it was

Voted, That the action of this Grand Lodge at its session on Tuesday, regarding amendment to by-laws, be rescinded.

It was then voted that the proposed amendment as recommended by the special committee on By-laws, be entertained by the Grand Lodge, and it was further voted that the same be referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

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 — DECISIONS.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions of the Grand Master, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

May 5, 1921.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to which was referred the decisions of the Grand Master have given them due consideration and recommend that the same be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE,

THOS. H. BODGE,

} Committee.

The report was accepted.

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.

UNITED STATES MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

On motion of Bro. ALBRO E. CHASE, the report of the special committee on United States Masonic Service Association, presented Tuesday forenoon and laid upon the table, was taken up. After a lengthy discussion it was voted that the report of the committee be accepted and their recommendation adopted.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Bro. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, ME., May 5, 1921.

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 matter of appeal of Merton L. Kimball from the decision of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, at Norway, made on the sixteenth day of July A. D. 1920, whereby said Kimball was, by vote of the lodge "Indefinitely Suspended," the case also showing an appeal from one of the officers of the lodge on the ground that the punishment was inadequate; we find that

a motion for expulsion at time of the trial was by vote of the lodge defeated by a majority ballot.

In view of all the evidence submitted to your Committee, both documentary and oral, we recommend the passage of the following;

Resolved, That the action of Oxford Lodge be amended and reversed in this particular, and that MERTON L. KIMBALL be expelled from all rights and privileges of Masonry.

(In this case Bro. Holmes of the committee did not sit, the action emanating from his home lodge, and Bro. Harry E. Larrabee was appointed by the Grand Master to sit in his place).

In the matter of Joseph W. Chesley who had received the E. A. degree in Granite Lodge, No. 182, at West Paris, Maine, we find that after receiving this degree charges were preferred for his having made application to Granite Lodge within five years after having been rejected by Island Pond Lodge, No. 44, of Vermont, having stated in his application that he had never been rejected by any lodge. At a hearing before Granite Lodge on said charges, he was by vote of the lodge adjudged "Not Guilty," and no appeal was ever taken by any one.

Later, the action of the Lodge having been communicated to the Grand Master, he was by order of the Grand Master suspended until his status should be determined by this Grand Lodge.

We commend the action of the Grand Master in this cautionary action, but feel that the Lodge, and especially the Committee of Inquiry should be censured for laxity in investigation.

We therefore, recommend the passage of the following;

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Master be ratified and approved; and that JOSEPH W. CHESLEY be suspended from the rights and benefits of Masonry for the term of one year.

In matter of a controversy between Mt. Abram Lodge, No. 204, at Kingfield, and Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, at North Anson, over alleged invasion of jurisdiction, each by the other, it would seem that a pleasant misunderstanding has arisen; Northern Star claiming that when they voted consent to the forming of the new lodge at Kingfield, it was with the understanding and restriction that Northern Star was to hold jurisdiction to the Carrabasset River westerly. Mt. Abram claims jurisdiction half way between the respective lodges.

No specific charge is made by either against the other, and we can see no reason why the case is here.

We therefore recommend that both lodges be admonished and warned to govern themselves by the constitution which provides jurisdiction half way by the nearest traveled road from the residence of the candidate.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,
ALBERT M. PENLEY,
GEO. W. HOLMES,
Not sitting in Kimball case.
HARRY E. LARRABEE,
Sitting in Kimball case only.

Committee on
Grievances
and
Appeals.

In the matter of Merton L. Kimball, it was voted that the report of the committee be accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

In the matter of Joseph W. Chesley, it was voted that the case be returned to Granite Lodge with instructions for that lodge to proceed with a new trial to result in a verdict according to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

In the matter of Mt. Abram Lodge vs. Northern Star Lodge, the report of the committee was accepted and the recommendation was adopted.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

BRO. FRANK E. MONROE reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, ME., May 5, 1921.

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 increase in membership for the past year has been the greatest in the history of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

From the reports of those District Deputies, who have attended the Masonic Schools of Instruction and conventions, we are, more than ever, convinced that such meetings are not only beneficial but are almost indispensable for the correct rendering of ritual and floor work, and we trust that District Deputies and officers of all lodges will attend at least one School of Instruction each year. No District Deputy should receive a re-appointment who fails to attend a school.

We notice that some District Deputies find time to attend public installations, but fail to make an official visitation for inspection of the work. We feel that this practice should be discouraged.

We commend the custom of the lodges in retaining a good secretary and trust that they will be suitably rewarded financially, as much of the prosperity of the lodges depends upon the faithful work of the secretaries.

We would recommend that Schools of Instruction be held as soon after September 1st as possible, to this end we would suggest that the lodges desiring such schools communicate with the Grand Lecturer as soon after annual session of the Grand Lodge as possible.

Faternally submitted,

EDWIN A. PORTER,	} Committee.
FRANK E. MONROE,	
ISSAC A. CLOUGH,	

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following newly commissioned Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, presented their credentials and were given most cordial greeting as the representatives of those Grand Jurisdictions:

- Bro. ELMER A. DOTEN, Arizona.
- Bro. WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, District of Columbia.
- Bro. ALBERT H. NEWBERT, New Jersey.
- Bro. JOHN J. MARR, New Zealand.
- Bro. DAVID E. MOULTON, North Dakota.
- Bro. EDWARD K. GOULD, Prince Edward Island.

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, Junior Past Grand Master, as Grand Marshal, who presented 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.

CONVERS E. LEACH,	R. W. Cor. Grand Secretary,	Portland
ANDREW J. BECK,	" D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.	Washburn
EDWARD G. BUXTON,	" " 2nd "	Eastport
EDGAR A. WORCESTER,	" " 3rd "	Jonesport
NORRIS L. HEATH,	" " 4th "	Penobscot
CHARLES W. HAYES,	" " 5th "	Foxcroft
ALVOID E. CUSHMAN,	" " 6th "	Bangor
ARTHUR H. NORTON,	" " 7th "	Liberty
WARREN A. NICHOLS,	" " 8th "	Belfast
FRED A. GRINDLE,	" " 9th "	Vinalhaven
WILBUR G. KNOWLTON,	" " 10th "	Damariscotta
ERNEST L. GOODSPEED,	" " 11th "	Gardiner
EDWARD G. PALMER,	" " 12th "	Kent's Hill

MYRON C. JEWETT,	R. W. D. D. G. M.,	13th Dist.	Solon
JOHN L. MERRILL,	" "	14th "	Durham
HENRY C. KNAPP,	" "	15th "	Farmington
CLARENCE H. PRIDE,	" "	16th "	East Waterford
JOSEPH B. MANCHESTER,	" "	17th "	North Gorham
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
GEORGE H. SMITH,	" "	23rd "	Waterboro
ARCHIE R. BANGS,	" "	24th "	Sabattus
ARTHUR L. TODD,	" "	25th "	Patten
GERALD A. PEABODY,	" "	26th "	Rumford
REV. WILLIAM H. FULTZ,	W. Grand Chaplain,		Portland
" DAVID L. WILSON,	" "	"	Bath
" I. JAMES MERRY,	" "	"	Cornish
" ASHLEY A. SMITH,	" "	"	Bangor
" JOHN M. BEILER,	" "	"	Machias
" ARTHUR F. STRAY,	" "	"	Auburn
" ROBERT J. BRUCE,	" "	"	Portland
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	" "	"	Angusta
" JAMES C. GREGORY,	" "	"	Presque Isle
HIRAM A. WEBBER,	" "	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 presented 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, CHARLES W. CROSBY.

TEXT BOOK.

On motion of Bro. ALBRO E. CHASE, it was

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be a committee of one to purchase the copyright, electrotypes, etc., of some Masonic Text Book, with power to act.

It was further

Voted, That a committee to be selected by the Grand Master, prepare a revision of the Text Book and Digest of Maine Masonic law.

The Grand Master later announced his appointment of said committee as follows: Brothers ALBRO E. CHASE, ALBERT M. SPEAR, FRANK E. SLEEPER, CHARLES B. DAVIS and THOMAS H. BODGE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Brother W. SCOTT SHOREY, 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 12.20 the Grand Lodge was closed.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine will be held at Masonic Temple, Portland, on Tuesday, May 2, 1922, at 9 o'clock A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND

MASONIC TEMPLE,

Tuesday, May 3, 1921.

The Trustees met in the Grand Lodge Office at 5 P. M.

Present — EDWARD W. WHEELER, *President*,
 CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*,
 LEE M. SMITH,
 ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,
 HOWARD D. SMITH,
 FRANK E. SLEEPER,
 EDMUND B. MALLET,
 EDWARD G. WESTON.

The Gand Treasurer's Report was presented, as follows:

PORTLAND, ME., May 3, 1921.

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
1 " 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	200.00
14 " First National Bank	1,400.00	112.00
18 " Casco Mercantile Trust Co.	1,800.00	180.00

	Fund	Income
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	240.00
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	60.00
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
Fourth Liberty Loan.	7,000.00	297.50
Mortgage on Real Estate (Moody) ....	.....	604.17
Deposit Augusta Savings Bank	1,000.00	40.40
Deposit Skowhegan Savings Bank	1,000.00	40.40
Deposit Waterville Savings Bank	1,000.00	40.40
Deposit Bath Savings Institution	1,000.00	40.40
Deposit Gardiner Savings Institution.	1,000.00	40.40
Deposit Brunswick Savings Institution.	1,000.00	40.40
Deposit Maine Savings Bank	1,300.00	52.52
Deposit Portland Savings Bank	1,500.00	60.60
Deposit Fidelity Trust Co.	2,000.00	80.80
Deposit Belfast Savings Bank	757.62	.....
Deposit Chapman National Bank, Savings Department,	767.67	.....
Deposit Portland National Bank, Savings Department,	932.44
Interest Union Safe Deposit & Tr. Co.	248.98
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	\$79,157.73	\$4,345.74

CASH ACCOUNT

1920.

RECEIPTS

May 1. To balance, cash on hand	\$5,380.65	
" Mortgage Note Paid	5,000.00	
" Income on Investments	4,345.47	
	<hr/>	\$14,726.12

1920.

DISBURSEMENTS

May	By paid beneficiaries	\$4,319.00
"	" U. S. Liberty Bonds	5,800.55
"	" accrued interest on same	32.23
"	" beneficiaries returned	221.00
1921.		
May 1.	" cash on hand to balance	4,353.34
		<hr/> \$14,726.12

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *Treasurer.*

Bro. EDMUND B. MALLET reported that he had examined the securities and had found them all correct as stated, whereupon the report was accepted.

The Secretary presented 76 applications for relief, which were referred to a committee of three.

Adjourned to Wednesday at one o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, May 4, 1921.

Met in Grand Lodge Office at 1.00 P. M.

Present — EDWARD W. WHEELER, *President*,
 CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*,
 LEE M. SMITH,
 HOWARD D. SMITH,
 EDMUND B. MALLET,
 ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,
 EDWARD G. WESTON.

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

Voted, That one represent eighteen dollars.

Voted, That \$3,366.00 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 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
1921

EDWARD W. WHEELER, Grand Master,	Ex-Officio
ALBERT M. SPEAR, Deputy Grand Master,	"
JOHN M. BURLEIGH, Senior Grand Warden,	"
ALLEN L. CURTIS, Junior Grand Warden,	"
CHARLES B. DAVIS, Rec. Grand Secretary,	"
HOWARD D. SMITH, elected May 6, 1919, for three years,	
FRANK E. SLEEPER, " " " " " "	"
EDMUND B. MALLET, " " 4, 1920, " " "	"
ASHLEY A. SMITH, " " " " " "	"
ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, " " 3, 1921, " " "	"
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).

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).

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 five cents per mile each 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 three 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 1921, p. 35).

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).

(Part Fourth, Article VI, Page 36 of the Constitution).

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 therefor, 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." (1921, p. 48).

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters.

FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

On Thursday, October 7th, I made my first official visit to Caribou Lodge, No. 170, and found this lodge in a flourishing condition. Work was done on three candidates in the Master Mason degree in a most exemplary manner. This is the first term as Worshipful Master Ray C. Gary, and he is one of the most painstaking and competent masters that I have seen in any of our lodges. This was a stated meeting and the business of the evening was done in a way worthy of the highest commendation. At the close of the evening a banquet was served.

On Tuesday, October 12th, I made my official visit to Limestone Lodge, No. 214. Dennis F. Getchell as Master is serving his second term. This was a stated meeting and I was present at the opening and closing exercises and inspected the regular business of the lodge. All was done in a correct and proper manner. Work at this meeting was done in the E. A. degree, and I have never seen the ritual more closely followed. Although this is the first work this lodge has done since the summer vacation the officers all took their parts most efficiently. This lodge occupies quarters in a home of its own and it has one of the prettiest and best appointed lodge rooms for masonic purposes to be found in the First Masonic District.

October 15th, I made my official visit to Aroostook Lodge, No. 197. Work was done on one candidate in the Master Mason degree. Worshipful Master Malcolm T. Berry, is serving his second term and is a most competent and efficient officer. He also has a corps of officers acting with him who take great interest in the work of the lodge and in its prosperity. This lodge is considering building a new home and locating it in Mars Hill village instead of the village of Blaine, where their present quarters are situated. An oyster stew was served after the meeting.

On October 27th, I attended a School of Instruction at Portland. This was held by Grand Lecturer Frank E. Sleeper, and was well attended. The work was very thoroughly reviewed and the school was of great interest and profit. The District Deputies and visiting guests were entertained at lunch by Portland Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Land Mark, No. 17, and Atlantic, No. 81, Portland. In the evening Atlantic Lodge exemplified upon one candidate the work in the Master Mason degree, in a very able manner. The work was inspected by D. D. G. M. Nathan C. Redlon of the Seventeenth Masonic District, assisted by the other District Deputies present. After the work a banquet was served by the three lodges named.

On Wednesday evening, November 3rd, I made my official visit to Washburn Lodge, No. 193. There was work on one candidate in both the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees. The work in both was done with a high degree of excellence. Brother Edward M. Haines, the secretary, is a painstaking and able officer and from him the District Deputy never fails to receive the Grand Lodge returns of this lodge on the first day of each March.

On Wednesday evening, November 17th, I made my official visit to Monument Lodge, No. 96. A large number of members were present. I was received in form and work was done on one candidate in the Master Mason degree. Alfred E. Astles is the Master of this lodge with the able assistance of his efficient officers the work was done in a manner unsurpassed. Every officer in the lodge was arrayed in evening suit and with white gloves and aprons, presented a very dignified and attractive appearance. There were present as visitors R. W. John H. Marr, Senior Grand Warden, of Island Falls, also R. W. Leon S. Howe, Past Junior Grand Warden, of Presque Isle. After the work all adjourned to the dining room where a fine supper was served.

On Monday evening, November 22nd, I made my official visit to Trinity Lodge, No. 130. This is my home lodge and I attend nearly all of the stated meetings. There was work on two candidates in the Master Mason degree. The work went smoothly and the dramatic part is worthy of special commendation. After the work a banquet was served. The work of this lodge would be improved by more closely following the ritual. This lodge has a very capable and efficient secretary, whose records are models of accuracy and neatness. From him I received on March 1st, the first return to reach me for the Grand Lodge.

On Wednesday evening, November 24th, I made my official visit to Eastern Frontier Lodge, No. 112. This is one of our large and strong lodges and it is doing a large amount of good work. It is the custom in this lodge to have the Master work the M. M. degree, the S. W. work the F. C., and the J. W. work the E. A. I was received without form and inspected work in the E. A. degree on two candidates. This was done by the J. W., Herbert G. Sawyer, and cannot be too highly commended. The W. M. worked in the South. W. M., George H. Foss, occupied the East during the opening, closing and business part of the meeting, and all was done in a very satisfactory manner. This lodge has a Secretary in William N. Gould, who cannot be excelled. His records are neat and accurate. There were about thirty present and after the lodge a banquet was served in the dining room.

On Wednesday evening, January 19th, I attended the joint installation of Trinity Lodge, No. 130, and of Lunar Chapter, O. E. S., No. 26. This was a special installation and I officiated in installing the officers of Trinity Lodge. After the installation a banquet was served. On this same evening I was invited to install the officers of Washburn Lodge and of Eastern Frontier Lodge, and regret that I could not accept both of these kind invitations.

Perhaps I have enjoyed no visitation more than that made to my own lodge on the evening of Monday, March 21st, when with the assistance of an orchestra of six pieces, made up of members of this lodge, the Master Mason degree was worked by our new Master, Philip Seavey, upon four candidates. This was done with much dignity and refinement, demonstrating that Wor. Brother Seavey has aroused the right sort of interest in Trinity Lodge, and that he is destined to make a high record in his first official year.

I have been received with the utmost courtesy by every lodge that I have visited and have always been generously entertained and made to feel the strong impulse of the fraternal feeling.

And now I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of this second appointment, and I desire also to express to the officers and members of all lodges in the First District my great obligation for their generous support and kind co-operation.

Fraternally yours,

J. ORIN SMITH, *D. D. G. M., 1st District*,
Presque Isle, March 25, 1921.

SECOND DISTRICT.

EASTPORT, March 28, 1921.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

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 Second Masonic District.

I was appointed D. D. G. M. of the Second District by M. W. Edward W. Wheeler, G. M., and installed as such by M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, P. G. M., at the annual session of the Grand Lodge in Portland, May, 1920.

My first official act was to call a convention of the lodges of the district at Pembroke, June 24, 1920, by invitation of Crescent Lodge, No. 78. At 2.30 P. M. a special communication of Crescent Lodge was duly opened in the Master Mason degree, after which labor was suspended in that degree and opened in appropriate degrees, while the E. A. degree was conferred by St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, the F. C. degree by Lewy's Island Lodge, No. 138, and the M. M. degree by Crescent Lodge, No. 78. The work in all the degrees was of a high order of excellence, and called for but very few criticisms or corrections by the committee selected to observe the work and note errors. This convention was very successful and profitable to all the lodges in the district. There were more than three hundred brethren present, including visitors from other districts, and from Massachusetts, Minnesota, Michigan and New Brunswick. A banquet was served at six o'clock, and Crescent Lodge is to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which it entertained so many visitors.

On October 13th, I attended the School of Instruction held in Bath by P. G. M. Frank E. Sleeper. The several degrees were carefully rehearsed

and I have no doubt that every brother received a great deal of benefit from the instructions of the Grand Lecturer.

On November 2nd, I officially visited St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, Calais, and witnessed the work of the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was conferred in a manner which I feel sure will have a lasting impression on the candidate. It is evident that the officers make a close study of the ritual, and I am pleased to report that they maintained the high standard of efficiency for which St. Croix lodge is noted.

On February 10th, 1921, I officially visited Washington Lodge, No. 37, in Lubec. Accompanied by about twenty members of Eastern Lodge, No. 7, I went to Lubec in a motor boat returning to Eastport after the meeting. I was officially received, supported by six Past Masters and P. D. D. G. M. Wheeler C. Hawkes, and given the Grand Honors. I witnessed the work in the F. C. degree on three candidates. The work was well done and the ritualistic work of the officers is of high standard and equal to any in this district. A lobster supper was enjoyed after the meeting.

On March 2nd, I made an official visit to Lewy's Island Lodge, No. 138, at Princeton. This was a stated communication and the work of the M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate. I am pleased to report that the work was done in a most commendable manner. Refreshments, and a social hour were enjoyed after the meeting.

On March 7th, I officially inspected Eastern Lodge, No. 7, at Eastport, my home lodge. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate in a most impressive manner, strictly in keeping with their reputation as ritualists. A banquet was served after the meeting.

On March 9th, I officially visited Crescent Lodge, No. 78, in Pembroke. The work was in the E. A. degree. This lodge is doing excellent work and its affairs in general are in first class condition.

I cannot praise too highly the work of the several lodges in the Second District due in a measure to our practice of holding a district convention each year on or near St. John's day, June 24th.

Each officer has made a special effort to attain a very high degree of efficiency. The records of the several lodges show that the secretaries have faithfully performed their duties, and the lodges are in a very good financial condition; dues well collected and in each case the records are carefully arranged.

The attendance at the meetings have been very satisfactory and I have received all the courtesies and honors due to a representative of the Grand Lodge.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have so ably assisted me in my work and helped to make our convention and my visits so successful and full of pleasure.

I especially wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred upon me by appointing me as your District Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally yours,

EDWARD G. BUXTON, *D. D. G. M. 2nd District.*

THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

On January 17th, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Lookout Lodge, No. 131, of Cutler. The installation was public, and in spite of extreme cold and bad traveling, the lodge room was filled to overflowing with enthusiastic brethren and friends. After the installation ceremonies, a splendid banquet was served and a social hour was enjoyed. I have not been able to witness work in this lodge, but I have no doubt that, under the able leadership of Brother C. G. Aldrich, the same excellent standard has been maintained, as in the past.

I made my official visit to Narraguagus Lodge, No. 88, of Cherryfield, on March 28th. My reception was most cordial. Work was exemplified in F. C. degree in a most dignified and impressive manner. The officers are well versed in the knowledge of our art and I found very few suggestions necessary. The records are neatly and correctly kept and the dues are well collected. The lodge is prosperous and I understand expects to have a new hall in the not distant future.

On March 29th, I inspected work in F. C. degree in Pleiades Lodge, No. 173, of Millbridge. I was very much pleased with the effective and splendid manner in which the work was done. The lodge has every reason to be proud of its capable corps of officers. The two or three suggestions made were well received. Excellent refreshments were served after the work.

I visited Jonesport Lodge, No. 188, of Jonesport, on March 30th, and inspected work in the M. M. degree. It was of a high order of excellence and worthy of the best traditions of this fine lodge. Many of the officers are young men, full of energy and enthusiasm and eager to learn the good things Masonry can teach them, consequently, they received my message in the same friendly spirit in which it was given. After work a delicious banquet was served.

I completed a very pleasant week of inspection by visiting Tuscan Lodge, No. 106, of Addison, on March 31st. My welcome here was most cordial. As it has been my good fortune to visit this lodge several times in the past, I met many friends, so that I felt very much at home. The work was in the E. A. degree and was very creditably done. There has been a large number of initiates during the last two years and the lodge is in a prosperous condition. After work, refreshments were served.

My official visit to Harwood Lodge, No. 91, of Machias, was made on April 25th. The E. A. degree was conferred upon two candidates. The ritual was closely followed and the floor work was particularly good. They have a splendid hall and are doing a great deal of work. With their capable corps of young officers, the outlook for a prosperous future is encouraging.

On April 26th, I installed the officers of my home lodge, Warren Lodge, No. 2, of East Machias. The installation has been postponed from time to time, owing to the illness of the Master elect, Harry F. Hall. I was assisted by Brother Francis L. Talbot as Grand Marshal, and Brother William P. Magee as Grand Chaplain. As I have attended practically every meeting of the lodge during the year, I have made no official visit of inspection, but have, at different times, made such suggestions as seemed advisable. Our lodge is in a prosperous condition and is rapidly paying the debt on its hall.

The past few years have been usually prosperous for the lodges in this district, Masonry has gone forward by leaps and bounds. The large number of applicants seems to indicate that men are coming to recognize that our order has been exerting a potent influence for good in the strenuous years just past, and will be as mighty a power for right in the difficult years of readjustment which lie ahead. Good masonry postulates good citizenship and as such is making a strong appeal to the sturdy manhood of this district.

In conclusion, I wish to express to the brethren my sincere appreciation of the many courtesies which they have shown me and particularly do I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred on me by my appointment. I shall long remember with pleasure my all too brief term of office.

Fraternally yours,

RALPH S. SMITH, *D. D. G. M., 3rd District.*
East Machias, Me., April 28, 1921.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M. Scott made no visits and submits no report.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine

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

In August, I inspected Composite Lodge, at LaGrange. The work was in the Master Mason degree and very ably presented on five candidates, by W. M. Harry A. Fowles, P. D. D. G. M., so there was very little to criticize. A splendid banquet was served after the work.

In October, I attended the School of Instruction held in Portland, by M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, and received very profitable instruction. After a delicious banquet, work was exemplified by Atlantic Lodge in an excellent manner.

My second inspection was of Doric Lodge, in Monson. The work was performed on two candidates by W. M. Davidson who showed marked improvement over his work of the previous year. The records are very

neatly kept by Bro. Walter C. Jackson, and for a small lodge, Doric Lodge is indeed prospering. After the work, fine refreshments were served.

During this same month, I visited Mt. Kineo Lodge, at Guilford. The work was very ably presented in the M. M. degree by W. M. R. W. Davis. This is Bro. Davis' second year and his ritual work is nearly letter perfect. The records are efficiently kept by Bro. Davidson. The dues are well collected and the lodge is in a good financial condition.

I visited my own lodge at Milo where the work was exemplified in the M. M. degree by W. M. George P. Aiken, few criticisms being necessary. The records are neatly and correctly kept and dues unusually well collected by R. W. P. G. S. W., Frank E. Monroe.

I installed the officers of Piscataquis Lodge, in February. The attendance was very good for a private installation.

March 21st, I officially inspected Pleasant River Lodge, at Brownville, in the F. C. and M. M. degrees. It was very well presented by Bro. W. G. Evans. Very few suggestions were necessary. An oyster supper was served at the close of the work.

March 25th, I visited for the first time Abner Wade Lodge, at Sangerville. I witnessed the conferring of the M. M. degree on three candidates. The work by the officers was very good and showed much preparation. After the closing, a cold meat supper was enjoyed and a social hour of stories and song spent. In my opinion, it would be well if more lodges would have these informal "sings" occasionally.

On March 29th, I visited Columbia Lodge, at Greenville. The work was in the E. A. degree and as the lodge room was very cold, the Worshipful Master thought it best to omit the lectures and give them at some other time. With my consent he did this. Columbia Lodge is a small lodge but very conservative in its selection of members. Light refreshments were served.

I planned to visit Penobscot Lodge, at Dexter, on April 18th, but was ill of rheumatic fever and requested P. M. Ralph A. Leonard, of Piscataquis Lodge, to make the visitation for me. He reported the lodge to be in excellent condition and flourishing. The work was on four candidates in the F. C. degree and performed extraordinarily well by their Senior Warden.

I requested P. D. D. G. M. Whittredge to inspect Mosaic Lodge, on April 21st. He reported the officers doing very good work. The books of Secretary Crocker are kept in his usual neat and correct manner. The dues are well collected and the lodge is in a prosperous condition. The members are showing great interest and the meetings are well attended.

Without exception the visits to the several lodges have been more than pleasing. I wish to thank the officers and members for all the attentions and courtesies which they have shown me.

I am not unmindful, Most Worshipful, of the great honor you have conferred upon me and I most sincerely thank you.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. NEWMAN, D. D. G. M., 5th District.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

HERMON, April 25, 1921.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in May, 1920, I was re-appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District.

June 26th, I paid my official visit to Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137. Kenduskeag, on which occasion work was exemplified in the M. M. degree. The work was well done, only a few errors being made.

November 17th, I visited officially Benevolent Lodge, Carmel, reviewing the conferring of the M. M. degree, good work on the part of the officers, harmony and earnestness were manifest.

January 20th, 1921, I installed the officers of Olive Branch Lodge, Charleston, inspected their work and examined the records. The officers filled their respective stations worthy and records well kept.

February 28th, I sat in the Star of the East Lodge, Old Town, on my official visit, and saw the M. M. degree conferred with only a few errors.

March 19th, I made my official visit to Mystic Lodge, Hampden. This lodge conferred the E. A. degree in good form. Its records are carefully kept.

April 1st, I inspected Howard Lodge, No. 69, at Winterport. The F. C. and M. M. degrees being correctly conferred. The records are well kept.

April 8th, I officially visited St. Andrews Lodge, No. 65, of Bangor. A very fine banquet was served at 6.00 P. M. and then the officers worked the F. C. degree. The work was as near perfect as could be done.

April 11th, I officially visited Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, of Bangor. On this occasion the E. A. degree was exemplified. The work being near perfection.

April 13th, I started for Orono to make official visit to Mechanics' Lodge, No. 66, but owing to the condition of the roads I missed the car and could not get there.

Lynde Lodge, No. 174, Hermon, of which I am a member, has been attended by me regularly. On January 15th, I installed the officers and can report its affairs are in good condition.

The work in the lodges within my jurisdiction is on the whole excellent.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you for my reappointment, also to thank the officers and members of the several lodges for the very kind and cordial reception tendered me when on my visits.

Fraternally yours,

FRED A. GRAY, D. D. G. M., 6th M. D.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

CLINTON, ME., March 28, 1921.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh District.

I was installed in Grand Lodge by Bro. Sleepe, Thursday, May 6, 1920.

June 18th, I installed the officers of Central Lodge, of China, assisted by Wor. Brother John A. Woodsum, as Grand Marshal. A fine lunch was served, which was much enjoyed by all.

I installed the officers of Sebacicook Lodge, No. 146, Clinton, Thursday, January 20th, assisted by Jewell Mudgett as Grand Marshal. A lunch was served and a social hour was much enjoyed.

October 21st, I inspected the work of Unity Lodge, of Thorndike. The E. A. degree was conferred by the new officers for the first time; they performed it almost letter perfect and in a very impressive manner. The records are well kept by H. M. Harmon who succeeds A. W. Ward, who served as Secretary for twenty-one years. A chicken supper was served by the Eastern Star, after the meeting.

November 6th, I visited Quantabacook Lodge, of Searsmont. There was no available candidate, so the work was discussed, and I found the officers well posted. The records are well kept by Allen Maddocks. A fine banquet was served.

December 22nd, I visited Central Lodge, of China. The E. A. degree was conferred on two candidates. The work was done in a very impressive way and would have been a credit to older working officers. The ritual was closely followed. Records are well kept by Geo. Hammond. A fine oyster supper was served.

February 22nd, I visited Star in the West Lodge, of Unity. Two candidates were passed to the degree of F. C. and one raised to the M. M. degree, in a very fine manner. The records are well kept by L. W. Tozier. An oyster stew was much enjoyed.

March 17th, I visited Marsh River Lodge, of Brooks. The F. C. and M. M. degrees were conferred and the work of both was remarkably well done, and the ritual closely followed. Records well kept by Elmer Roberts. A baked bean supper was served.

March 24th, I visited Sebacicook Lodge, my home lodge. The M. M. degree was worked upon two candidates. The Grand Lodge instructions were closely followed. Records are well kept by Bro. P. L. Cotton. An oyster stew was well enjoyed.

Being unable to visit Liberty Lodge, at my request P. D. D. G. M. Willis Greely kindly consented to take my place and reports the lodge is in a flourishing condition, that the officers are well posted and following the ritual closely in their work.

I am pleased to report that the lodges in this district are gaining fast in membership; the work of the officers in all is impressive and dignified. There has been a large attendance at each inspection. The dues are well collected and financial condition is good.

The visits to the lodges has been of great pleasure to me. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the officers and brethren for the attention and courtesy shown me on all occasions. I thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of the appointment.

Fraternally yours,

C. LEE STEWART, D. D. G. M., 7th District,

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Eighth Masonic District.

All of the seven lodges in the district have had candidates except Excelsior, No. 151, at Northport. The largest number initiated was in Timothy Chase, No. 126, at Belfast, their total being seventeen, with a total number for the district of thirty-seven. The total membership of the seven lodges is 842.

October 29th, 1920, I publicly installed the officers of Pownal Lodge, No. 119, at Stockton Springs. I was assisted by Worshipful Brother Charles A. Bruce of Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, who acted as Grand Marshal.

On November 9th, I installed the officers of Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, at Belfast. The ceremonies were conducted in regular session of the lodge, with a fairly good attendance of brethren. I was assisted by Worshipful Brother Allen L. Curtis as Grand Marshal, and Worshipful Brother Charles A. Bruce as Grand Chaplain.

November 18th, I installed the officers of Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126, at Belfast. This, too, was a private installation, with a good attendance of the brethren.

December 21st, I installed the officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 151, at Northport. The exercises were public, with a small attendance of brethren and their friends.

January 19th, I made an official visit to Mariners' Lodge, No. 68, at Searsport, and witnessed work in the Master Mason degree, which was very creditably performed.

January 21st, I publicly installed the officers of King David's Lodge, No. 62, at Lincolnville.

March 16th, I officially visited Island Lodge, No. 89, at Islesboro, when the work of the Master Mason degree was presented for my approval.

March 21st, I made an official visit to Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, at Belfast. I was received in full form and accorded all the honors as being the official representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine. Worshipful Brother Morris L. Slugg, acted as my Grand Marshal, and Worshipful Allan L. Curtis as Grand Chaplain. Work was presented in the Master Mason degree, which was rendered in a most impressive manner.

March 28th, I went to Northport to make an official visit to Excelsior Lodge No. 151. This is the one inactive lodge in the district, and on the night of my visit the Master, both Deacons, both Stewards, the Secretary and Tyler were all absent, and with only a very small attendance of the brethren, the lodge was not opened.

On March 14th, my home lodge, Timothy Chase, No. 126, was inspected by Rt. Wor. Allan L. Curtis, Past D. D. G. M., at my request. Work was presented in the Master Mason degree in a manner which met with his most hearty approval.

Fraternally submitted

WARREN A. NICHOLS

D. D. G. M., 8th Masonic District.

NINTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I herewith submit my first report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Ninth Masonic District.

I was appointed October 1st, 1920, to fill a vacancy caused by declination of Wor. Bro. Leroy G. Cunningham, of Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 203, Washington. I at once notified all the lodges in the district of my appointment, and asking them to arrange a date for an official visit as soon as convenient.

October 13th, I attended a School of Instruction at Bath, presided over by M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, who at your request, installed me as D. D. G. M. The school was exceptionally instructive and was of great help to me in later making my several visitations. For the generous hospitality extended by Solar and Polar Star Lodges I wish to express my thanks.

October 25th, I made my first official visit, to Meduncook Lodge, No. 211, Friendship. Because of the death of Waterville L. Thompson, Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Robert L. Thompson presided at this meeting. There being no regular candidate the M. M. degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner. A few minor errors appeared and I trust my remarks calling attention to them were received in the same kindly spirit in which they were given. Refreshments were served at the proper time. The lodge is in good financial condition and dues well collected. The books in the hands of Wor. Bro. Brown, are neatly and correctly kept. After the close of the lodge, in the presence of several Past Masters from St. George and Orient Lodges, I conferred the Past Master degree on Wor. Bros. Robert L. Thompson, Eugene H. Brown, Austin B. Cook and Wilbur A. Morse, of Meduncook Lodge. Wor. Bro. Osbourn F. Sumner, of Orient Lodge, assisted me as Marshal.

October 30th, accompanied by several brethren from the two Rockland lodges, I made an official visit to Knox Lodge, No. 189, So. Thomaston. On arriving at their hall we found the lodge room well filled with members and visitors. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree on three candidates, and was performed in a dignified and painstaking manner. This lodge owns its building. I found the dues well collected and a good balance in treasury. The secretary's books in the hands of R. W. Bro. Clark, are models of excellence. After the meeting a fine banquet was served by the ladies of the O. E. S., where sociability and good fellowship was enjoyed. I wish to acknowledge appreciation to Bro. Harry Hanscom for transportation.

November 1st, I officially visited St. George Lodge, No. 16, Warren. I was present at two meetings of this lodge previous to my appointment as Deputy, and witnessed their work, so expected to see nothing but the very best and I was not disappointed. The work was in the M. M. degree on two candidates. A large number of brethren were present, also many visitors from Friendship and Thomaston. I was pleased to meet Past

Deputies Gould and Hall and many distinguished Past Masters. This lodge is in good financial condition with dues well collected and books O. K. A fine lunch was served at close of lodge.

November 4th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Asa P. St. Clare and three other brethren of Aurora Lodge, I made an official visit to Union Lodge, No. 31. This meeting was called expecially for my convenience as they had no work on hand at this time. We were met by R. W. Bro. Fred C. Malay on our arrival and he with the officers gave us such a hearty welcome that we were soon made to feel at home. The F. C. degree was exemplified in a splendid manner. This lodge owns its hall which is commodious and very convenient for lodge purposes. The secretary, Chas. M. Lucas, informed me that the dues were well collected and a good surplus in treasury, and as he had held the office for over twenty-five years I concluded his books needed very little attention from me. At the close a baked bean supper was enjoyed. After supper we discussed many points of the ritual in the three degrees which I trust was helpful to all, as I know it was to myself. I wish to thank Bro. Geo. St. Clare for transportation furnished me for this enjoyable visit.

November 6th, was the date given me to visit Eureka Lodge, No. 84, Tenant's Harbor. I had made arrangements with Wor. Bro. Oscar E. Starett for transportation and I accordingly met him in Thomaston, and with five other brethren from St. George Lodge, with his fine car and good roads, we arrived at Tenants Harbor very quickly. We were met at the hall by Wor. Bro. Humphry and a large number of brethren whose faces looked so familiar I soon learned they were mostly visitors from Thomaston and Warren. The lodge being opened, I was introduced and saluted with the Grand Honors as the representative of the Grand Lodge and invited to preside for which honor I expressed my appreciation. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree on one candidate, which was performed in a dignified and proper manner. The esoteric part by the Master deserves special mention, as I was unable to detect a word over which we might disagree. The Secretary was unavoidably absent but I found his books in proper condition, and the finances satisfactory. The lodge owns its building which is roomy and convenient. After the meeting about seventy-five Masons sat down to a bountiful supper. I hope I may have the privilege of meeting with this lodge again.

November 12th, was the date given me by Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 203, to officially visit them. We arrived in good season and found quite a large number of brethren present. The work of the M. M. degree on one candidate which was very creditably performed, few slips or errors being noted. The Secretary was absent but I was informed the lodge is in a prosperous condition. With a few more furnishings this lodge will be in condition to do first-class work. As all are aware this lodge was burned out a few years ago and lost everything except jewels and charter, with no insurance. I think the brethren are to be commended for their zeal and perserverance. After the close of lodge supper was served, after which, with the assistance of Wor. Bro. Oscar E. Starett as Marshal, I conferred the Past Masters

degree on Leland M. Johnston and Leroy G. Cunningham, of Mount Olivet Lodge and Nelson Moore of St. George Lodge.

November 15th, by invitation of the W. M. Frank D. Rowe, I publicly installed the officers of St. George Lodge, No. 16, Rev. Bro. H. B. Hutchings and Wor. Bro. N. B. Eastman kindly assisting as Grand Chaplain and Grand Marshal, respectively. The lodge room was filled to capacity with members and invited guests. The ceremonies were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music of an excellent quality. After the installation there were very interesting remarks by several of the brethren. At close a procession was formed and we marched to the banquet hall where we found the tables loaded with good things to eat to which we all did ample justice. At a late hour we took car for Rockland. For the many courtesies and kindly expressions of good fellowship extended to myself and wife, I wish to thank one and all.

December 30th, by invitation of Union Lodge, No. 31, I installed their officers. The hall was filled with brethren, their ladies and invited guests. I was ably assisted by Rev. Bro. Charles F. Smith as Grand Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. Fred M. Lucas as Grand Marshal. Wor. Bro. Irville E. Luce with his family orchestra furnished excellent music for the occasion. At the close a bountiful supper was served. I wish to thank Union Lodge for their very courteous reception and entertainment.

January 11th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Rockland Lodge, No. 79, assisted by Wor. Bro. Charles R. Crowley as Grand Chaplain, and R. W. Bro. Albert H. Newbert as Grand Marshal. I predict a prosperous year for this lodge as the Master, Simeon M. Duncan, is a zealous worker and has a fine corps of officers to support him.

February 8th, found me with my home lodge, Moses Webster, No. 145. It was their stated communication and there was a large attendance of members and a few visitors present. There were nine applications accepted and five received and referred, the largest amount of business in that line at one meeting since I was made a Mason in 1884. The work was the M. M. degree on two candidates which was fully up to the standard usually done in this lodge. The Secretary's books are in first-class condition, the record book being loose leafed and type written. Although the Secretary, Bro. Freeman L. Roberts, in in Augusta this winter as a member of the Legislator, he has a very efficient substitute in Wor. Bro. L. W. Sanborn. I know it is not the custom for a Deputy to officially visit his own lodge, but as I have been in Rockland for more than a year I felt it my duty and also a great privilege to make them at least one visit. The very courteous reception extended to me by the Master and brethren of my lodge I shall long remember.

February 9th, I made my official visit to Aurora Lodge, No. 50. As I had been a regular attendant of this lodge the past year I felt more like a member than visitor. The lodge was called to order and at the proper time the Worshipful Master directed the Marshal to retire and escort your Deputy and his suite to the lodge room. The ceremony was carried

out in full detail for which I tried to express to the W. M. and lodge my appreciation. Three candidates were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in a very dignified and impressive manner. R. W. Bro. A. H. Newbert, Secretary, had his books ready for inspection and I consider them models, the record book being loose leafed and typewritten. Bro. Newbert is not only a first-class secretary but is looked upon as the best authority on the ritual of any one in this district. The Masonic fraternity in Rockland have one of the best arranged temples in the state and are striving to reduce the debt on same as fast as possible and are meeting with splendid success. After the close of lodge, about one hundred sat down to an oyster supper which was enjoyed by all.

February 21st, accompanied by several brethren from Rockland, I made my official visit to St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, Rockport. The arrangements called for supper at six o'clock and shortly after that hour over one hundred Masons sat down to a most sumptuous banquet which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. I had the honor and pleasure of having on my suite when received five Past District Deputy Grand Masters and ten Past Masters. It being the stated communication, the regular business was transacted after which three candidates were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Taking the work as a whole, I think it was the nearest to the ritual of any lodge I have visited thus far. The Secretary, Wor. Bro. Bowers, is doing good work and I should judge from what he tells me that this lodge is in the best condition in the way of quarters and finance of any lodge in the district, as they own their building, beautifully furnished, and five or six hundred dollars to the good. Interesting remarks were made by several of the visitors and members and at a late hour the lodge closed.

March 1st, I visited Orient Lodge, No. 15, Thomaston. I was little late for the six o'clock banquet but had the pleasure of dining with the sisters of the Eastern Star, who had served the supper. The hall was well filled with members and visitors. This being the stated meeting the lodge was duly opened and I was introduced and saluted in the customary manner. After the regular business was transacted, two candidates were given the M. M. degree. The ritual work of the Master and other officers was very carefully and impressively rendered. Although they were nearly all new to their offices, they showed that they had given a proper amount of time and study in perfecting themselves in their several parts. I found the books of Bro. Elliott, the Secretary, to be very neatly kept and the financial standing good. The Master, Bro. Watts, seemed very anxious to get the work as nearly perfect as possible and asked questions before and after the work on some little points of which he was not positive which showed the proper disposition to assure success.

March 25th, I officially visited Amity Lodge, No. 6, Camden. At 6.30 a bountiful supper was served to more than 150 brethren with plenty of music to enliven the occasion. I was received with full masonic ceremonies with several Past Masters on my suite. The lodge being opened in the M. M. degree two candidates were presented to the S. W. and examined in the F. C. degree which is the custom in this lodge and I wish might

be adopted in all lodges. The M. M. degree was conferred in the correct and dignified manner for which this lodge has so long maintained its reputation. The Secretary, M. T. Crawford, exhibited his books for my inspection, which I found to be very neatly and correctly kept. This was the largest meeting I have attended during my work, and the kindly and fraternal spirit manifested by the Worshipful Master and brethren I shall not soon forget.

April 5th, I was present at the stated communication of Rockland Lodge, No. 79. After the regular business was suspended in the M. M. degree and two candidates were initiated in a very creditable manner. This was the first time the officers had worked the E. A. degree since being installed, but it looks now as if they would have work right along for some time. R. W. Bro. A. I. Mather is still secretary. He also was the first secretary to send me his returns. I wish to thank the Worshipful Master and brethren of Rockland Lodge for the many courtesies extended to me since I have been in their city.

In conclusion, would say I have had the privilege of visiting every lodge in this district, have found my duties to be very pleasant and congenial. I have made many new acquaintances and have been courteously and hospitably received by all the lodges. And to you, Most Worshipful, I wish to extend my sincere thanks for the honor of my appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED A. GRINDLE, D. D. G. M., 9th District.

Rockland, April 7, 1921.

TENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor to submit to you my second report as D. D. Grand Master of the Tenth District.

On January 3rd, I installed the officers of my own lodge, Anchor, No. 158, assisted by Wor. Bro. E. P. Gamage as Grand Marshal, and Bro. F. W. Kelsey as Grand Chaplain.

On January 18th, I installed the officers of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 61, of Waldoboro, assisted by Bro. W. G. Labe as Grand Marshal, and Arthur M. Chute as Grand Chaplain.

On February 4th, I made my official visit to Seaside Lodge, No. 144, at Boothbay Harbor. The work was in the M. M. degree and was done in a very satisfactory manner.

On February 10th, I visited Bay View Lodge, No. 196, at East Boothbay. The work was the M. M. degree and was as nearly perfect as could be. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

On March 17th, I visited Riverside Lodge, No. 135, at Jefferson. The work was in the M. M. degree, and was rendered in a very creditable manner.

On March 18th, I visited King Solomon's Lodge, No. 61, at Waldoboro, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This lodge does good work.

On April 22nd, I inspected Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, at Wiscasset, when the M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates. R. W. Bro. Edward E. Leighton took the East and raised the first candidate, his son, and it is needless to say that it was done in a most satisfactory manner. The other candidate was raised by the Worshipful Master, and as he has had thirty candidates during the year, it was done very nicely as might be expected.

On April 23rd, I inspected Alna Lodge, No. 43, at Damariscotta. The work was in the F. C. degree and was done in a very satisfactory manner. This lodge has some very promising young officers, and we may expect good reports from there in the future.

On April 25th, I visited Bristol Lodge, No. 74, at Bristol. The work was in the F. C. degree. This lodge is having a lot of work and is doing it in very good shape.

I have attended all the meetings of my own lodge, Anchor, No. 158, and while we have not had very much work, we are trying to make a steady improvement.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers and members of all the lodges in the district for the courteous manner in which I have been received. The lodges of the district are all in a prosperous condition and the past year has been the best year in its history.

And to you, Most Worshipful, to extend my sincere thanks for my appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED W. SEAVEY,

D. D. G. M., 10th Masonic District.

ELVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

October 11th, 1920, I installed the officers of Monmouth Lodge, No. 110, at a special communication, being assisted by Harry H. Cochrane as Grand Chaplain and Wor. Millard E. Day as Grand Marshal. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served, and a social time enjoyed.

October 19th, I visited Augusta Lodge of Augusta, and witnessed the M. M. degree on two candidates. It was done in a very creditable manner, the ritual being closely followed and the floor work excellently done. The records are well kept and dues largely collected. At the close of the work a fine banquet was served and speeches appropriate to the occasion were made.

October 25th, I made my official visit to Dirigo Lodge, No. 104. As it was a stated communication the regular business was transacted, after which I installed the officers, being assisted by Wor. Bro. Leavitt as Grand Marshal, and Bro. Pierce as Grand Chaplain. The M. M. degree was then conferred on one candidate by the new officers in a very creditable

manner. We then repaired to the dining room, where a fine supper was enjoyed. The records are still neatly kept by Wor. Bro. Sproul, and the dues are well collected.

October 27th, I attended the School of Instruction, at Portland, where I gained much valuable information. In the evening Atlantic Lodge worked the M. M. degree in a very fine manner, and at the request of Rt. Wor. D. D. Redlon, I assisted in criticizing the work. A lunch was served at six o'clock and a fine banquet was served and a social time enjoyed after the work.

November 15th, I made my official visit to Bethlehem Lodge. One candidate was raised. There was a good attendance and the work was well done with only a few mistakes. The records were correctly kept. At the close of the work a fine supper was served.

November 22nd, I installed the officers of Bethlehem Lodge at a special communication, being assisted by Wor. Bro. Arnold as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Bro. Libby as Grand Chaplain. At the close of the meeting light refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

November 30th, I made my official visit to Hermon Lodge, No. 32. Two candidates were raised to the degree of Master Mason. There was a very large attendance and the work was performed in a nearly perfect manner, the floor work being excellent and the ritual closely followed. Previous to the work an excellent supper was served by the Eastern Star Club. The records are well kept and the dues well collected and Wor. Bro. Larrabee as Secretary has certainly performed his duty efficiently and faithfully as he has done for the last ten years.

December 27th, I made my official visit to Monmouth Lodge, No. 110. One candidate was raised. The attendance was small because it was a stormy night. The work was creditably performed, however. The records are exceptionally well kept by Bro. Randall. After the work a fine supper was served. I was delightfully entertained at the home of Bro. Deane for the night.

December 28th, I made my official visit to Kennebec Lodge, No. 5. One candidate was raised to the degree of Master Mason. The attendance was small, but the work was well done. A good supper was served before the work. Possibly if it had been served afterwards, the attendance at the work would have been larger. The records are well kept and the lodge apparently in good financial condition.

January 4th, I installed the officers of Kennebec Lodge, No. 5, at a special communication, being assisted by Wor. Bro. Towle as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Bro. Powers as Grand Chaplain.

January 11th, I installed the officers of Hermon Lodge, No. 32, at a special communication, being assisted by Wor. Bro. Dick, as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Bro. Danforth, as Grand Chaplain. At the close of the meeting light refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

February 22nd, I made my official visit to Morning Star Lodge. One candidate was raised at this stated communication. There was a very good

attendance and the work was well exemplified. The records were well kept and the interest in the lodge seemed to be good. A fine supper was served after the meeting.

March 21st, I made my official visit to Temple Lodge, No. 25. One candidate was raised at the stated communication. There was a very good attendance and the work was done in a nearly perfect manner. The lodge is prosperous both financially and in candidates. After the work an excellent supper was served.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST L. GOODSPEED, D. D. G. M., 11th District.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

SIDNEY, March 25, 1921.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

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.

On October 13th, I attended a School of Instruction at Bath, held under the direction of M. W. Bro. Sleeper. A very enthusiastic meeting was held, where much valuable information was obtained. We enjoyed the liberal hospitality of Solar Lodge, No. 14, and Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, of Bath.

On October 16th, by invitation, I installed the officers of my home lodge, at a public installation, assisted by W. Bro. Marble as Grand Marshal, and W. Bro. A. H. Bailey as Grand Chaplain. After the installation all present enjoyed a bountiful chicken supper.

On October 21st, by invitation, I installed the officers of Neguemkeag Lodge, No. 166, of Vassalboro, at a public installation, assisted by W. Bro. W. B. Crosby as Grand Marshal, and Bro. Erey as Grand Chaplain. After the installation a bountiful supper was served by the brethren of Neguemkeag Lodge.

On Tuesday evening, November 9th, I visited Asylum Lodge, No. 133, at Wayne, at a special communication, where I witnessed work in the E. A. degree, on two candidates. The work was very well done, especially the lectures by W. M. Bumford. The night being stormy, there was a small attendance. The records were well kept and the dues fairly well collected.

On November 11th, I visited Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 99, at Mt. Vernon, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on one candidate. The work was well done; but few corrections being necessary. The records were very neatly kept and dues exceptionally well collected. After the work refreshments were served.

On Thursday evening, January 6th, 1921, I visited Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54, at North Vassalboro, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, on one candidate. The work was very well done, especially the lectures by W. M. Varney. The records were neatly kept and dues fairly well

collected. The night being cold there was a small attendance. Refreshments were served after the work.

On Saturday evening, January 22nd, I inspected my home lodge, Rural No. 53, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was very well done. The records are very neatly kept, and dues well collected.

On Thursday evening, February 17th, I visited Neguemkeag Lodge, No. 166, at Vassalboro, and witnessed work in the E. A. and F. C. degrees. The lectures in both degrees were very well rendered, but the rest of the work was not as good, a number of corrections being necessary. The records were well kept, and dues about half collected. A good number were present and the lodge appeared to be in a prosperous condition.

On Monday evening, February 21st, I visited Waterville Lodge, No. 33, at Waterville, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. The work was exceptionally well done; almost letter perfect. A large number of brethren were present. The records were the finest I have ever seen; I dare say as fine and neatly kept as any in the State. The dues were entirely collected.

On Saturday evening, February 26th, I visited Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, at Readfield, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, on three candidates. The work was exceptionally well done, especially the lectures by W. M. Brown. The records are in fine order and dues well collected. There was a large attendance at this special communication. Refreshments were served after the work, and a social hour enjoyed by all.

On Saturday evening, March 5th, I visited Messalonskee Lodge, No. 113, at Oakland, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was very well done, only a few corrections being necessary to be made. The records were very neat and well kept, and dues fairly well collected. A large number of brethren were present, and a fine supper was served after the work.

I find all the lodges in the Twelfth District to be in a prosperous condition and the work very uniform. In closing I wish to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me, and I also wish to thank the officers and members of the lodges in the Twelfth District for the cordial and pleasant manner in which they have received me.

Fraternally submitted,

EDMUND P. WILLIAMS, D. D. G. M. 12th District.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have the pleasure to submit my first report, as District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth Masonic District.

The lodges of my district for the past year have been very prosperous, with a large number of candidates, and at all of the meetings that I have attended a very commendable interest in the work has been shown by the members of the various lodges.

My first official duty was to install the officers of Lebanon Lodge, No.

116, of Norridgewock, on September 21st, 1920; it being a public installation with the O. E. S. present. Refreshments were served at the close of the work, and a very enjoyable occasion was had by all.

I next installed the officers of Euclid Lodge, No. 194, of Madison, on September 28th, this installation was also public, and a fine attendance was given by the members and their various families and friends.

My next duty was to install the officers of my home lodge, Keystone, No. 80, this installation also being public, with the masons, their families, and order of Eastern Star being invited. This installation was held in the afternoon, following the elections in the morning session.

The next was the installation of the officers of Carrabasset Lodge, No. 161, of Canaan, on October 27th. Again the members of the Eastern Star were invited guests. This includes all the installation work that I have done during the year.

My first official inspection was Euclid Lodge, No. 194, on January 3rd, 1921. The M. M. degree was worked on one candidate; the work was well done, and few corrections were made or needed. The dues of the lodge are well collected and the records are neatly kept by the Secretary, Past D. D. G. M. James M. Spence. Refreshments were served at the close of the work.

On January 22nd, I inspected the work of Bingham Lodge, No. 199. The M. M. degree was conferred by Past Master Lee S. Smith as W. M., and the officers in very fine shape. The present W. M. was unable to attend owing to sickness in his family. The records are kept very commendably by Past Master Harold A. Coleman. Refreshments were served at the close of the work. This lodge is growing very rapidly, and is now one of the largest in the district.

On November 23rd, I went to Canaan to inspect Carrabasset Lodge, No. 161, but owing to a very severe snow storm, no meeting was held. Records are well kept and the lodge is in a prosperous condition.

I inspected the work of Siloam Lodge, No. 92, of Fairfield, on February 3rd; the work was rendered in the F. C. degree. This is the largest lodge in the district, having very fine apartments, also a club room. The mortgage on the building was paid in full during the past year, and the mortgage deed and notes were burned with all due ceremony.

February 4th, I visited Lebanon Lodge, No. 116, of Norridgewock, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, on one candidate. Past D. D. G. M. Ernest W. Gilman acted as W. M. for the raising, as the candidate was his son. The work was well done by a staff of young officers. There were a large number of visiting brothers from nearby lodges present. At the close an oyster stew supper was served.

On March 22nd, I inspected Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, of North Anson. Work was in the E. A. degree on a class of three candidates. Once more the work was well done by a staff of young officers. Refreshments followed the work.

The last inspection was at Somerset Lodge, No. 34, of Skowhegan, on March 28th, it being a special meeting. The M. M. degree was given

to four candidates. The attendance was large, with many visiting brothers present. They have a fine staff of officers, composed of business men of the town. A fine luncheon was served at intermission.

I have made no official inspection of the work of my home lodge, Keystone, No. 80. It has been a prosperous year and much interest is taken in the work by all the members. Young officers occupy the chairs.

August 30th, the officers of Keystone Lodge as invited guests, worked the M. M. degree on three candidates at a meeting of Bingham Lodge, No. 199, of Bingham, and on October 9th, the officers of the Bingham Lodge worked the same degree on three candidates at Solon in Keystone Lodge. An unusual amount of interest was taken by both lodges in these two meetings, and the work was well done by both lodges.

I inspected the records of all of the lodges, and all are well kept with one exception; in only one lodge in the district does the W. M. sign the records as kept by the Secretary, as required.

In closing I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred upon me, also to thank the officers and members of all the lodges for the co-operation which they at all times extended.

Fraternally submitted,

MYRON C. JEWETT, *D. D. G. M., 13th District.*

Solon, April 9, 1921.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT

BRUNSWICK, November 16, 1920.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I hereby submit my report to date as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth Masonic District, to the time of my removal from the district and resignation from the office.

On October 13th, I attended the School of Instruction at Bath, where Grand Lecturer Sleeper, in his usual entertaining and instructive way administrated true Masonic light and knowledge during the reading of the ritual by the Deputies.

At the close of the afternoon session a fine banquet was served by the Eastern Star and in the evening, I, assisted by other Deputies present, inspected the work of opening and conducting a business meeting by Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, and the conferring of the E. A. degree by Solar Lodge, No. 14, the lectures being divided between the officers of the two lodges. Few corrections or suggestions were necessary and those lodges, under the able leadership of Worshipful Brothers Baum and Hanscom, are assured the continued prosperity which their labors so justly merit.

On November 15th, I officially visited Freeport Lodge, No. 23, of Freeport, where the M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates in most creditable manner. Worshipful Brother Varney is a very accurate

ritualist and with the loyal support of his staff of efficient officers a degree of perfection is manifested in the work of which Freeport Lodge is justly proud.

This concludes the visitations to date and is submitted with sincere thanks for the honor of the appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST L. MAYBERRY, D. D. G. M., 14th District.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

BRUNSWICK, MAINE, May 3, 1921.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I submit a supplemental report of the Fourteenth Masonic District.

Appointed as District Deputy Grand Master, November 19th, 1920, to fill the vacancy created by Bro. E. B. Maybery removing from the state, I have attended to my duties and answered all calls of the district lodges.

On Monday, March 31st, I visited Richmond Lodge, No. 63. W. M. Freeman F. Wood and his able corps of officers presented the work of M. M. degree in a highly creditable manner. No corrections were needed. The attendance was large, and the lodge is having sufficient work, with candidates of good quality. Past Master Townsend of Augusta delivered a special charge which was most interesting. Previous to the communication an elaborate supper was served.

On Wednesday, March 23rd, I inspected the work of the M. M. degree in Village Lodge, No. 26, of Bowdoinham. The work was performed with earnestness and good spirit before a goodly attendance. The ritual was not closely followed but the candidate seemed deeply impressed by its lessons. The officers of this lodge are located a great distance apart, most of them a long way from the lodge room, making it hard for them to have a get-together and study masonry. I would recommend all of the officers of this lodge attending a school of instruction. At the close a fine oyster supper was partaken of.

On Monday, March 28th, I attended a special communication of Ancient York Lodge, No. 155, at Lisbon Falls. The lodge was opened, work done, and lodge closed in the E. A. degree. Too much praise cannot be said of the W. M. Harry J. Goodbout and his excellent support given by the other officers of this lodge. It was as fine work as possible and surely enjoyed by the number of brothers in large attendance. The whole work was conducted so smoothly, so harmonious, so highly interesting, that I can safely say it was the best work I ever witnessed. Before the opening a tasty lobster stew was served, made by some brother possessed of a fine culinary art.

On Tuesday, April 19th, I visited Acacia Lodge, No. 121, at Durham. It was a tiresome journey to get there and another tiresome journey to get home again, but the cordial welcome repaid it. The traveling was very bad and the attendance accordingly small. W. M. Arthur W. Taylor,

who also had a hard ride to get there, and the officers presented the work of E. A. degree in an unusually fine manner. The lectures were especially well rendered. Taking everything into consideration it is surprising how a lodge located in a scattered and strictly farming community can do such pleasing work. Lunch was served at the close.

On April 26th, I inspected United Lodge, No. 8, of Brunswick, at a special meeting. An elaborate banquet was served to more than one hundred and fifty brothers before the opening. After the opening, with much pleasure, I called the attention of the brethren to the fine portrait of our Grand Master, Edward W. Wheeler, who is a member of this lodge, which the brothers have placed upon the wall of United Lodge. This lodge has a large number of portraits of those of its members who have been prominent in masonry, both locally and in the Grand Lodge. Among them are the portraits of five brothers raised in this lodge who have attained the great honor of Grand Master. The Worshipful Master called on the Grand Master, who, though surprised at the incident of the unveiling of his portrait, made some nice remarks showing his pleasure in have such an expression of good feeling from his lodge members. The work of the evening was the M. M. degree, rendered by W. M. Harry W. Nicoll and officers. The Masters and Wardens of the other lodges of the district were especially invited to attend this communication.

All the lodges visited were found to have records neatly and well kept, and dues well collected. All lodges appear to have good interest and masonry is being well advanced. All candidates I saw worked appeared of good bearing and intelligence. Without specifying any lodge I must state there were some signs of soliciting candidates. At all visits I was most kindly received and looked after.

Fraternally,

HENRY C. UPTON, *D. D. G. M., 14th M. D.*

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth Masonic District, I submit this as my report.

On October 27th, I attend a School of Instruction, held in Masonic Temple, Portland, by M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, which was attended by a number of D. D. G. Masters. In the evening Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, worked the Master Mason degree.

On Friday evening, October 29th, I made my official visit to Davis Lodge, No. 191, at Strong. Work in M. M. degree on two candidates; very closely following ritual. The W. M. and S. W. work was especially praiseworthy. Past D. D. Charles B. Richardson, Secretary of the lodge, gave a part of the Master's lecture, very impressively, but this was his last work, for on December 23rd, he passed to the Celestial Lodge, which leaves a vacancy hard to fill, he being one of the oldest and most interested members.

On January 19th, I made my visit of inspection to Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, at Livermore Falls, which was their semi-annual communication. Intended candidates could not attend, so work was exemplified in the E. A. degree in a careful manner. Records neatly and correctly kept. I had the pleasure of meeting former D. D. G. M. Samuel S. Wood. Banquet at 6.30.

On February 18th, I made my official visit to Franklin Lodge, No. 123, at New Sharon. Work in M. M. degree on two candidates, in a pleasing and satisfactory manner. Records are still in the hands of Bro. Fred Sanders, and are correctly kept. This lodge had a large amount of work for the past year. Social hour and banquet at close.

On February 21st, I made my visit of inspection to Maine Lodge, No. 20, at Farmington. The work was in the F. C. degree on two candidates in an impressive manner. Records still in hands of Wor. Pro. George B. Cragin, one of the best secretaries in this district. Lunch at close.

On February 22nd, I officially visited Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 154, at Weld, where I witnessed work on two candidates in the M. M. degree, the ritual being correctly followed. This lodge still has Past D. D. G. M. Cliff Maxwell for its secretary, who keeps the dues well collected. Refreshments at close.

On February 23rd, I visited Wilton Lodge, No. 155. Work was performed in M. M. degree on two candidates in a very careful and correct manner. The S. D. in floor work worthy of praise. There were present Past D. D. G. Masters, Frank L. Woodcock, and Fred E. Trefethen, the latter secretary, whose records are near perfect. Lunch and sociability at close.

On March 15th, I made my official visit to Mount Bigelow Lodge, No. 202, my home lodge. Work in M. M. degree on three candidates. Work very satisfactory. Lodge in good financial condition. Banquet at close.

On March 22nd, I officially visited Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 67, at Phillips. Work in the F. C. degree. Much interest is shown by former Past Masters in the welfare of the lodge, former D. Deputy, J. Blaine Morrison, acting as J. W. for the evening.

On March 24th, I made my visit of inspection to Mount Abram Lodge, No. 204, at Kingfield. Work in M. M. degree. All of the officers are proficient in their work. Much of this work is to the credit of former D. D. Grand Master, Fred Hutchins. Banquet.

On Wednesday, April 6th, I visited Kamankeag Lodge, No. 213, at Rangeley. Work on two candidates in the E. A. degree and one in the M. M. as near the ritual as possible. Very few corrections in floor work. Lunch of steamed clams, and fixings was most thoroughly enjoyed.

In closing I wish to thank the officers and brethren of this Fifteenth District for their courtesy and hospitality, especially to Frank L. Woodcock of Wilton Lodge, and to you, Most Worshipful, for my appointment for the year.

Faternally submitted,

WALTER E. HINDS, *D. D. G. M. 15th District.*

Flagstaff, Me., April 25, 1921.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

All of the lodges have had a large amount of work the past year, and are all in a very prosperous condition.

On Tuesday, December 21st, I visited Mount Tir'em Lodge, No. 132, at Waterford. This being the annual meeting, there was a large attendance for a small lodge. There was work in the M. M. degree on two candidates, which was done in a very pleasing manner. What few corrections and suggestions I had to make were well received. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

January 13th, I made my official visit to Bethel Lodge, No. 97, at Bethel, and inspected work in the E. A. degree, performed in a manner which showed close study and careful preparation and very few corrections were necessary. The records are very neatly kept by Bro. Merrill and the dues fairly well collected. A social hour and refreshments followed.

On January 17th, I visited Granite Lodge, No. 182, at West Paris, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on one candidate. The work was done in a very pleasing manner. The records are still in the hands of Bro. Bacon, and are very neatly kept, with the dues fairly well collected. As it was a very bad night there were but few present. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

January 21st, I made my official visit to Oxford Lodge, No. 18, at Norway, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on two candidates. Oxford Lodge has always taken great pride in the excellence of its work and the manner in which the degree was rendered on the evening of my visit showed that the present officers are fully up to the lodge standard. The records are very neatly and correctly kept by Bro. Eastman and the dues collected up to date. A banquet and social hour followed.

On February 22nd, I visited Jefferson Lodge, No. 100, at Bryant's Pond. The work was in the M. M. degree and I am pleased to say that the rendition of it was so nearly perfect that no corrections were necessary. The records are still in the hands of Bro. Bowker who has been secretary for over thirty years, which is a guarantee that they are neatly and correctly kept. A banquet followed the work and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

March 17th, I visited Crooked River Lodge, No. 152, at Bolster's Mills, which is my own lodge, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree on two candidates which was done in a very able manner, showing that the officers have put in a lot of time and study. It was bad traveling and many live a long distance away there consequently was a small attendance.

I have made no official visit to Paris Lodge, No. 94, at Paris, as I have been present at nearly every meeting and many of the rehearsals, and am pleased to report the lodge in a very prosperous condition. The records are very neatly and correctly kept by P. M. Harold Fletcher.

In closing, Most Worshipful, permit me to express my sincere thanks to you for the honor of my appointment, and to the officers and brethren of the several lodges in this district for the cordial reception they have given me.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY I. LOWELL, D. D. G. M., 16th M. D.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

PORTLAND, ME., April 6, 1921.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have the honor of submitting to you my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventeenth Masonic District, and it is with the utmost pleasure that I report the condition of the lodges comprising the district. Without exception they are all in a very prosperous and flourishing condition; harmony everywhere prevails, and all are giving their best efforts toward the good of the craft.

During the past year there have been 580 members added to the list of masons in this district and the total number of members on March 1, 1921, was 4,234. Nor has quality been sacrificed to quantity. Not all who have applied have been taken in, but efforts have been made to see to it that the standard of the fraternity has been upheld.

Following is a detailed account of my activities:

Monday evening, May 25, 1920, I made my visit to Deering Lodge, No. 183, at Woodfords. The F. C. degree was presented, and was fully up to the high standard this lodge has held in the past. Deering Lodge added 126 new members to its list during the year ending March 1st, which I think is a record in this state.

Saturday evening, September 25th, I inspected Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, at North Windham. The F. C. degree was presented, and it was a pleasure to have this degree worked so closely to the ritual. The officers of this lodge are scattered over a large area but nowhere is there more zeal exhibited than here.

Thursday evening, October 21st, I visited Standish Lodge, No. 70, and the M. M. degree was worked on two candidates. There were many brethren present to enjoy the splendid work presented.

Wednesday, October 27th, I attended the School of Instruction at Portland. Dr. Sleeper conducted the school in his usual efficient, courteous and pleasing manner. Its results have been seen in this district and will be long remembered. The school was guest of the three lodges which hold meetings in Masonic Temple, viz: Portland, Ancient Land-Mark and Atlantic. Supper was served at six P. M.

Wednesday evening, October 27th, I visited Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, at Portland. As this was the evening after the School of Instruction, many of the District Deputies of other districts were present and I asked

them to do the inspecting for me, which they very kindly did. The following Deputies each inspected a part of the work and spoke to the brethren present: R. W. Bro. Smith of the First District; R. W. Bro. Newman of the Fifth District; R. W. Bro. Goodspeed of the Eleventh District; R. W. Bro. Jewett of the Thirteenth District; R. W. Bro. Dow of the Twenty-first District; R. W. Bro. Small of the Twenty-second District; R. W. Bro. Bangs of the Twenty-fourth District. The work was of a high order.

Wednesday evening, November 24th, I visited Harmony Lodge, No. 38, of Gorham. The F. C. degree was presented with commendable accuracy and impressiveness.

Wednesday evening, January 19th, 1921, I visited Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186, at Cumberland Mills. The M. M. degree was worked on three candidates in the presence of about 200, which taxed the capacity of the hall. This lodge not only presents accurate work but has developed a splendid spirit among its members.

Tuesday evening, March 15th, I visited Casco Lodge, No. 36, at Yarmouth, and was pleased to have present R. W. Bro. Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maine. The M. M. degree was worked on one candidate. I can recommend this lodge as one always ready to extend a real fraternal greeting to any brother who visits there. I made some suggestions which were kindly received.

Thursday evening, March 17th, I was unable to be present at the meeting of Temple Lodge, No. 86, at Westbrook, and at my request Wor. Bro. John A. Webber, of Deering Lodge, No. 183, visited there in my stead. He reports: "The opening of the lodge and the floor work were good, the obligation was letter perfect, and the lectures by the Junior and Senior Wardens were delivered in a very correct, pleasing and instructive manner. In fine, the entire work was presented in a very snappy yet dignified manner, and the officers were so complimented." The Masons of Westbrook have just taken over the building in which this lodge meets and adds one more to the list owning their own homes.

Tuesday evening, March 22nd, I visited Ancient Land-Mark Lodge, No. 17, at Portland. The M. M. degree was presented in the dignified, accurate, and impressive manner for which this lodge is famous. This is the largest lodge in the State, having 721 members on the returns of March 1st. The music by the lodge quartette added very much to the work.

Thursday evening, March 24th, I visited Hiram Lodge, No. 180, at South Portland. The M. M. degree was worked on two candidates. There was a large attendance, and the work was of the highest order. A quartette furnished music and was greatly enjoyed.

Tuesday evening, April 5th, I visited Portland Lodge, No. 1, at Portland. This is the oldest lodge in the State and has the added distinction of having our beloved M. W. Albro E. Chase as its secretary. It was an inspiration to us all to have him present. The work presented in this lodge was as close to the ritual as I ever have heard it given in my eighteen years association with Masonry. The hall was taxed to its utmost to

accommodate the brethren who were most enthusiastic over the character of the work.

In giving up the office of District Deputy I desire to thank the members of the Order, who have made my duties so light during the past two years. If there is anything I may be able to do for them in the future they have only to call.

At all of my visits I have been received with unfailing courtesy. Refreshments have been provided after all meetings and I feel that a real fraternal spirit pervades the Seventeenth Masonic District.

To you, Most Worshipful, I desire to express my appreciation of the confidence you showed in me by appointing me Deputy.

Very fraternally yours,

NATHAN C. REDLON, *D. D. G., M., 17th District.*

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

I have officially visited all of the lodges in the district and it is a satisfaction to me to be able to report them all in a uniformly prosperous condition.

The interest in Masonry is manifest in the good average attendance and the good work presented for inspection. The records correctly kept, finances good and plenty of work. Largest number of initiates, twelve; smallest number of initiates, three. Total number of initiates for the six lodges, forty-four.

October 27th, I attended a School of Instruction, held in Masonic Temple, Portland, by R. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer. The attendance was large and altogether was a very interesting meeting. In the evening Atlantic Lodge worked the M. M. degree for inspection.

January 13th, accompanied by P. M. Jno. G. Hamblin, of Oriental Lodge, I visited Delta Lodge, No. 153, of Lovell, and installed the officers; Past D. D. G. M. Waldo N. Seavey acting as Grand Marshal. After the installation, the E. A. degree was worked on three candidates. It being the first work the officers had done in their stations, the work was noticeably good. Refreshments and social hour.

January 17th, I visited Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, and installed the officers. No degree work. It being the roughest night of the winter, the attendance was confined to the village members, who were out in force. Refreshments and social hour after the meeting.

February 16th, I visited Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 56, Denmark, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. Several of the officers were unavoidably absent, but with the help of Past Masters present the work was creditably done. Oyster supper and social hour.

February 19th, I visited my own lodge, Oriental, No. 13, Bridgton. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate. The officers are young men and new to their stations and are working to maintain Oriental's reputation. The ritual was closely followed and work well done. Banquet and social hour.

April 22nd, I visited Greenleaf Lodge, No. 117, Cornish, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The ritual was closely followed and the work impressively done. The floor work was the best I have seen. Supper and social hour.

April 27th, in company with Richard Douglass of Oriental Lodge, I made my official visit to Shepherd's River Lodge, No. 169, Brownfield. Work in the M. M. degree was impressively done with very few mistakes appearing. Refreshments and social hour.

I wish to thank the officers and brethren of the different lodges for the many courtesies extended.

I thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted,

CLIFFORD C. SMITH, *D. D. G. M., 18th M. D.*

Bridgton, April 28, 1921.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

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 Nineteenth Masonic District.

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge, I was appointed D. D. G. M. and was installed at the same session, by the Wor. Grand Lecturer, Frank E. Sleeper, of Sabattus.

On October 19th, with several brothers from Dunlap Lodge, I visited St. Aspinquid Lodge, of York Village. The officers exemplified work of the Master Mason degree in a very creditable manner. After the work I had the pleasure of installing the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year. One of the features of the evening's work was the singing by the Masonic quartette, from Portsmouth, N. H., and I wish that more lodges in this district would use a quartette, as it adds greatly to the general impressiveness of the work. I had the pleasure of meeting several distinguished Masonic brethren, and at the close of the work, enjoyed a very fine supper.

On October 21st, I attended the School of Instruction, held at Sanford, by the Grand Lecturer, Frank E. Sleeper, and received a great deal of valuable information as to my duties. I consider these schools of great value to the brethren, in general, and to the D. D. G. M. in particular.

On October 27th, I visited Ocean Lodge, of Wells Depot, in my official capacity, for the purpose of inspecting the work of this lodge. I was accompanied by several brethren of Saco Lodge. The work of the evening the F. C. degree, was exemplified in a very fine manner. I examined the

records, and found them well kept, and the Secretary reported that the dues were well collected. This lodge is much handicapped by small quarters, and I would recommend that all encouragement and assistance possible be extended to Ocean Lodge to enable it to obtain a better masonic home. At the close of the work, we enjoyed a very fine supper.

October 29th, accompanied by several brethren of Dunlap Lodge, of Biddeford, I visited Naval Lodge, of Kittery. The M. M. degree was conferred in an exceptionally fine manner. The rendition of the ritual was almost letter perfect, the floor work was correct, and the officers delivered their speaking parts in a manner which could not help making a lasting impression on the candidate. The records are well kept, the dues well collected and the lodge is in good financial condition. There was a large attendance at this meeting, including many Past Masters and Past D. D. G. M. At the close, we sat down to one of the finest banquets it has ever been my pleasure to attend. In concluding my report on this inspection I want to say that as D. D. G. M. of the Nineteenth District, I am exceedingly proud of the work being done by Naval Lodge.

November 20th, I went to North Berwick, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Stackpole, W. M. Hooper and several other brethren of Saco Lodge, and inspected Yorkshire Lodge. Two candidates were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and the officers did the work in a very impressive manner. I have found, during my official visitations to the lodges up to date, that every lodge has some particular section of this degree, wherein they excel the average lodge. In the case of Yorkshire Lodge, the last section of the degree was especially strong, and showed much thought, and strong dramatic ability by those brethren taking the several parts. Yorkshire Lodge has a secretary who keeps his book in fine condition and the dues well in hand. This lodge has a "Watchers" or charity fund of about \$1,100.00, which shows that the true masonic spirit is alive and working in the North Berwick brethren. After making a few corrections and suggestions in regard to the work, the lodge was closed and we repaired to the banquet hall, where a fine supper was served, and the remainder of the evening was spent around the piano, singing the "old songs" and having a good social time, and it was with real regret that we were obliged to leave, and return to our homes.

On November 29th, I visited St. John's Lodge, of South Berwick. Here, as in the other lodges in this section of the district, I found them doing good work. The Master Mason degree was worked on one candidate, and proved this lodge up to the usual standard of Masonic work. The secretary has a fine set of books and performs his duties in a very capable manner. After the work, we enjoyed a very fine banquet. This lodge has a fine masonic home, and is noted for its hospitality to all visiting brethren. W. M. Butler kindly invited me to his home for the night, and entertained me with that true hospitality noted.

On December 27th, with several brethren from Saco Lodge, I visited Orchard Lodge, of Old Orchard, and inspected their records and work. Although this is one of the youngest lodges in the state, no one would

suspect it after witnessing their work. One candidate was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and the work was of such a high standard, that it did not leave much opportunity for criticisms or suggestions. The secretary's work is being done right and I am pleased to report that this new lodge is in a very prosperous condition. We were entertained royally, and I am truly sorry that, owing to the inclemency of the weather, there were not more visiting brethren present to enjoy the meeting, and also the fine refreshments, which were served, both before and after the work.

On February 17th, with fourteen brethren from Saco and Dunlap Lodges, I visited Arion Lodge of Goodwin's Mills. W. M. Roberts was unable to be present, but his place was very ably filled by Bro. Byron L. Hill, P. M., who with the other officers performed their work in a very fine manner. Five were raised to the Master Mason degree. The records are well kept, the dues carefully collected and Arion Lodge is in much better financial condition, than it has been for a great many years. At the close of the meeting I made my usual corrections or suggestions.

On the evening of February 18th, I had the pleasure of inspecting my home lodge, Saco, at Saco, and certainly enjoyed it. Although this is the second year in office, of the Master and other officers, they have not lost a particle of interest in the work, as is shown by the fact, that they held three rehearsals previous to inspection, so as to be properly prepared. They worked the Master Mason degree on one candidate in a very able manner. The ritualistic work was very good, there being but a few minor errors, and the floor work of all the officers was practically perfect. I am pleased to say that Saco Lodge has not declined from the high standard set by itself at its inspection last year. The records are well kept, and the dues very well collected, which helps keep the lodge in good financial shape. In conclusion, would state that I consider Saco Lodge, one of the best working lodges in this district, and fully capable of exemplifying work before the Grand Lodge. Previous to the meeting, about one hundred and seventy brethren enjoyed a fine roast beef supper, served by the member of Annette Chapter, U. D., Eastern Star of Saco.

February 21st, I went to Kennebunk and inspected York Lodge of that Town. The work was in the Master Mason degree, and because of lack of time and of preparation, was not up to the usual work of this lodge. The new officers had been installed but a short time, had had no rehearsals and this was the first time they worked the degree, so naturally, it was rather ragged work. The rendition of the charge by P. M. A. W. Meserve, was the one bright part of the evening's work. At the close of the meeting, I made several corrections as to the mode of working, and also some suggestions as to getting together and improving their work. I consider that York Lodge has as fine a set of officers as is needed, and all that is required is study of the ritual and proper advice from some of its Past Masters.

On March 7th, with several brethren from Dunlap and Saco Lodges, I visited Arundel Lodge of Kennebunkport. The work was in the Master Mason degree and was very intelligently rendered. Arundel Lodge has a fine secretary and its books and records are neatly kept. After the even-

ing's work, enjoyed a fine supper and also had the pleasure of meeting many distinguished brethren.

On the evening of March 10th, I went to Biddeford and inspected Dunlap Lodge, when the work in the Fellow Craft degree was performed in as able a manner as I have ever seen it. The Senior Deacon, in particular, absolutely perfect in his difficult lecture. The records are carefully kept, and the dues well collected and I would say that Dunlap Lodge is maintaining the high standard held by most of the other lodges in this district. Before the work, about two hundred brethren enjoyed a very fine supper, served by Adah Chapter, O. E. S. Would say, that at this meeting, I had the pleasure of talking with several Past D. D. G. Masters of this district, and enjoyed a fine evening socially.

In closing my report, I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for this honor, which you have conferred upon me. I have tried to perform the duties of my office faithfully, and have personally visited every lodge in my district and wish to report that all are working in harmony, and taking true masonic interest in their labors.

I also wish to thank the officers and brethren of all the lodges for their courteous receptions of me during my visitations.

Fraternally submitted,

MYRON E. SAVAGE, *D. D. G. M., 19th District.*

March 15, 1921.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

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 Twentieth Masonic District.

Not being present in Grand Lodge at the time of my appointment, I was installed by R. W. Bro. Chas. B. Davis, Grand Secretary, at Masonic Temple, Portland, while attending the session of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S.

October 19th, by invitation of P. D. D. G. M. Bro. M. L. Porter, and assisted by Bro. C. H. Higgins of Temple Lodge, No. 86, of Westbrook, as Marshal, I publicly installed the officers of Baskahegan Lodge, No. 175, at Danforth. After the installation the brethren and ladies sat down to a chicken pie supper that would be hard to surpass.

On October 26th, I attended a School of Masonic instruction, held at Portland, under the direction of M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer. The School was well attended and was very beneficial, especially to those of us who were attending for the first time. In the evening we were entertained by the three Portland lodges, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree, by Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, which was rendered in a very impressive manner.

October 30th, I officially visited Forest Lodge, No. 148, and privately installed the officers. After the installation I inspected the work in the

F. C. degree, which was performed in a very satisfactory manner with the ritual closely followed. The records in the hands of L. W. Trask are correctly kept, and the dues collected five years in advance. The members of Forest Lodge are deserving of the highest praise for the manner in which every one responded to the call for five years' dues in advance, which cleared the debt on their new hall for which they have labored so faithfully.

March 22nd, I visited Horeb Lodge, No. 93, at Lincoln. The work for the evening was the F. C. degree and was very well rendered. Wor. Master, K. A. Ballantyne, has the work very well in hand. The records are very nicely kept by Bro. H. S. Pinkham.

On April 5th, I visited Baskahegan Lodge, No. 175, and inspected the work of the M. M. degree. Worshipful A. W. Gilpatrick has a fine corps of officers and the work was performed in a very impressive manner. The records in the hands of Bro. M. L. Porter, P. D. D. G. M., are correctly kept and the dues well collected.

I have attended Pine Tree Lodge, No. 172, regularly, have made corrections when necessary and same have been accepted by the brethren in a good spirit. The records of Pine Tree Lodge became very much dilapidated after the death of our good Brother, G. W. Smith, who kept them faithfully for forty-four years; but they are now in the hands of Bro. D. C. Reynolds who deserves great praise for the manner in which he is conducting his work.

In conclusion I wish to thank the officers and brethren of the lodges of the Twentieth District for the many courtesies extended to me on all occasions; and to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred on me.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED A. BUDGE, *D. D. G. M., 20th Masonic Dist.*

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

To M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

It has been my privilege to visit all the lodge in this district, and I am now pleased to report that they are all in very good condition and without exception, are governed by officers who have the interests of their work at heart and whose work merits our commendation. Following is a detailed account of my work and visitations.

On October 27th, I attended the School of Instruction, held at Portland, under the direction of M. W. Bro. Sleeper. This meeting was both pleasant and profitable and I received much valuable information, and had the pleasure of meeting many of the Deputies from other sections of the State.

On Saturday evening, November 6th, I visited Mt. Desert Lodge, No. 140, of Mount Desert, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was done in a very favorable manner and at its close

the necessary corrections were made. The books of this lodge are correctly kept by Bro. Burton Fernald, and the dues are well collected.

On Monday evening, November 8th, I inspected the work of Felicity Lodge, No. 19, of Bucksport. W. Bro. Archie L. White, with his officers, presented work in the M. M. degree. This work was done very impressively and reflected much credit on those in charge. This lodge has had a most prosperous and satisfactory year.

Tuesday evening, November 9th, I visited Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, at Orland. Unfortunately, we had a very bad storm on that evening and consequently not a large meeting. The work was in the M. M. degree and was carried out in a most pleasing manner. The candidates examination was passed exceptionally well. The brethren of this lodge greeted me very courteously, and at the close of the work a banquet was served and a social hour enjoyed.

Friday evening, November 19th, I visited David A. Hooper Lodge, No. 201, at West Sullivan. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree and was done in a very accurate manner by W. Bro. Clarence W. Havey and his corps of officers. The work of this lodge was as accurate as any I have witnessed. All of its officers seem to take great pride in the performance of their several duties according to a strict interpretation of the ritual. Past D. D. G. M. Edwin F. Clapham is secretary, and his books are kept in a very careful and painstaking manner. Refreshments were served after the work and a social hour was enjoyed.

Wednesday evening, December 1st, I paid my official visitation to Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, at Winter Harbor. I inspected the work of the F. C. degree as presented by the officers of the evening. Bro. Frank E. Weston is secretary of this lodge and I find his books in satisfactory condition.

Tuesday evening, December 14th, I made my visitation to Northeast Harbor Lodge, No. 208, at Northeast Harbor. W. M. William S. Holmes received me in a very courteous manner and the lodge presented work in the M. M. degree. The work of this lodge was performed in an accurate and satisfactory manner. The books, in the hand of Bro. Alvah Reed, are accurately kept and the dues well collected.

Thursday evening, December 16th, I visited Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, at Ellsworth, and inspected their work. The M. M. degree was worked in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. George S. Ober. This lodge is in its usual prosperous condition. The books are kept by Bro. Harry E. Rowe and show the lodge to be in excellent condition both financially and numerically. A banquet was served at six p. m. with an unusually large attendance.

Tuesday evening, December 21st, I made my official visitation to McKinley Lodge, No. 212, at McKinley. Here, I had the unusual experience of having work presented for inspection in the E. A., F. C., and M. M. degrees on different candidates. The work in all the degrees was exceptionally well done. At the close of the work a banquet was served and a very pleasant time enjoyed. The books of this lodge are carefully kept and its work merits great commendation.

On Thursday evening, December 30th, I met with the brethren of Tremont Lodge, No. 77, at Southwest Harbor. The M. M. degree was worked in a satisfactory manner. Some corrections in the work were made and great interest was shown by the officers to some suggestions which were offered whereby their work would be benefited in the coming year. The books of this lodge are in the hands of Bro. William R. Keene who has been a painstaking secretary in this lodge for a long period of time.

Wednesday evening, January 12th, acting on an invitation received from Winter Harbor Lodge, I visited that place and had the pleasure of installing the officers at a public installation held jointly with the Eastern Star. At this time I was most cordially received by the brethren of Winter Harbor Lodge, who made every arrangement possible for my comfort and convenience. A large number were present at the installation and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Having had the privilege of frequent visits to my own lodge, I have made no official visitation to Bar Harbor Lodge. I am pleased to say that this lodge has an efficient staff of officers, and is doing excellent work. The books are kept by Bro. C. F. Came in an accurate manner.

This, Most Worshipful, comprises the record of my work for the year. On all occasions I have been received most cordially by the officers and members of the different lodges in this District, and any corrections which seemed necessary to be made were received in the same spirit in which they were given and, in all cases, the actual work has been performed on actual candidates. This work, on the whole, is worthy of praise and reflects much credit on the officers in charge.

Faternally submitted,

CLARENCE E. DOW, *D. D. G. M., 21st District.*

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

To EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

My first official visit was at Meridian Splendor Lodge, No. 49, at Newport, on the evening of September 23rd. This was also the date of our annual District Meeting, held in connection with my visit. There was a very large attendance. The Master Mason degree was conferred upon one candidate by Worshipful Master Alfred H. McCorrison and his associate officers in a correct and very impressive manner. The records in the hands of Past Master Lewman B. Soper, are correctly and neatly kept, with the dues closely collected.

September 27th, I officially visited Cambridge Lodge, No. 157, at Cambridge. I was accompanied on this visit by Brothers Harvey Smith,

Senior Warden, Charles Davis, Junior Warden, and John Hubbard, of my home lodge. The Master Mason degree was conferred in a manner which reflected much care and study, and left few errors for my correction. The records of the lodge are correctly kept, and the dues fairly well collected.

On December 23rd, I received an invitation to install the officers of Cambridge Lodge on the evening of January 6th, the ceremonies to be held jointly with the local chapter of the Eastern Star, but as I had already engaged to install the officers of Meridian Splendor Lodge, No. 49, at Newport, on that date, I wrote the Secretary suggesting another, but my letter must have gone astray, as I received no further communication.

October 27th, I attended a School of Instruction, held under the direction of Grand Lecturer Frank E. Sleeper, in Masonic Temple, Portland, and received much benefit therefrom. I was accompanied by Harvey Smith, Worshipful Master, Hanson Cookson, Junior Warden, and Herbert Clark, Secretary of my home lodge, who took that splendid opportunity to learn of the Grand Lecturer direct. In the evening the work of the Master Mason degree was performed by Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, when the several Deputies in attendance each had a section of the work assigned to him for inspection. The work, however, was so nearly perfect very few corrections could be offered.

October 26th, I installed the officers in my home lodge, Plymouth, No. 75, at Plymouth. I was assisted by Worshipful Brother Wineford Downs as Grand Marshal, and Brother Will Linscott as Grand Chaplain. The installation was public and there were about one hundred present. A fine banquet was served after the meeting.

On November 6th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Archon Lodge, No. 139, at East Dixmont, assisted by Brother Boyd as Grand Marshal. This installation, too, was public and a large number was present. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

December 13th, I officially visited Meridian Lodge, No. 125, at Pittsfield, when the Master Mason degree was conferred in a very impressive manner on three candidates by Past Master Connor, acting as Master. This lodge mourns the death of its presiding Master, Worshipful Brother Tyler, who was taken ill very shortly after his installation, and never attended his lodge again. He died November 13, 1920, and by his death Meridian Lodge loses one of its most faithful members and efficient workers.

On January 6th, 1921, I installed the officers of Meridian Splendor Lodge, No. 49, at Newport, assisted by Worshipful Brother Harvey Smith, acting as Grand Marshal. I was accompanied by several brethren of my home lodge. There was a large attendance, and after the installation ceremonies were concluded all repaired to the banquet room where a nice supper was served, and a social hour enjoyed.

January 5th, I installed the officers of Corinthian Lodge, No. 95, at Hartland, assisted by Worshipful Brother Harvey Smith as Grand Marshal. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

January 22nd, I visited Parian Lodge, No. 160, at Corinna, when the

Master Mason degree was conferred on one candidate. Worshipful Master Redman worked at great disadvantage because of the absence of several of the regular officers. The records are neatly written in approvable form, and the dues well collected. A supper was served after the meeting.

February 16th, I officially visited Pacific Lodge, No. 64, at Exeter. There was work in the Master Mason degree on two candidates, which was done in approvable manner. The Secretary has the dues closely collected. A banquet was served after the meeting.

I have not made an official visit in my home lodge, Plymouth, No. 75, because I have been present as a member at nearly every meeting, and have offered corrections and suggestions from time to time. Neither did I make official visit to Archon Lodge, at East Dixmont, because of the short distance to my home I have attended nearly all its meetings as a welcome visitor. Both these lodges, I am pleased to report, are in flourishing condition, and have had work at nearly every meeting.

In conclusion I wish to say after having visited every lodge in the district, that I fully appreciate the kind and fraternally spirit in which I have everywhere been received, and wish to thank the officers and brethren for all courtesies shown me as a humble representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine. And to you, Most Worshipful, I would express my most sincere thanks for the honor that you have conferred upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

DANA L. SMALL, D. D. G. M., 22nd District,
Plymouth, Me., April 5, 1921.

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

SANFORD, ME., April 4, 1921.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

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. I have visited and inspected the work of all the lodges in the district and found them in a healthy condition, the records are faithfully kept and the dues for the most part well collected. Owing to the fact that most of lodges in this district are difficult to reach in winter I made my visits early.

On Tuesday evening, September 21st, I visited Adoniram Lodge, No. 27. Witnessed work in the E. A. degree, which was done in a very satisfactory manner.

Wednesday evening, September 22nd, I inspected the work of Day Spring Lodge, No. 107. The M. M. degree was presented in an impressive manner. Some suggestions were made, which were received in the proper spirit.

Thursday evening, September 23rd, I visited Drummond Lodge, No. 118. The M. M. degree was presented for inspection. On the whole the work was good. A part of the second section was not what it should be. Attention was called to the part in question and corrections made which

were kindly received. There was a large number of visiting brethren present.

Monday evening, September 27th, I inspected the work of Buxton Lodge, No. 115. The M. M. degree was conferred in a correct and impressive manner.

Friday, October 22nd, attended School of Instruction held with my home lodge. It was a most instructive and profitable session. In the evening inspected the work with Rt. Wor. Fred B. Rand, acting Grand Marshal. The M. M. degree was presented in a very satisfactory manner. About 200 present.

Tuesday, October 26th, inspected the work of Springvale Lodge, No. 190. Rt. Wor. Fred B. Rand, acting as Grand Marshal. The M. M. degree was presented in a dignified and impressive manner.

Wednesday evening, October 27th, I visited Freedom Lodge, No. 42. The lodge having no candidate, work in the E. A. degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner.

Wednesday evening, December 14th, I visited Fraternal Lodge, No. 55. It was a very stormy night and the candidate did not appear. No work was presented. I examined the books, records, etc., and arranged for a visit to inspect work later.

Wednesday evening, January 5th, assisted by Rt. Wor. Joseph Leckenby as Grand Marshal, and Rt. Wor. Fred B. Rand as Grand Chaplain, I installed the officers of Preble Lodge, No. 143.

Tuesday evening, January 18th, I installed the officers of Springvale Lodge, No. 190, assisted by Rt. Wor. Fred B. Rand as Grand Marshal, and Rt. Wor. Joseph Leckenby as Grand Chaplain. A fine banquet was served previous to the installation.

Wednesday, March 23rd, I inspected the work of Fraternal Lodge, No. 55. The M. M. degree was presented in a correct and impressive manner. I wish to express my appreciation of the courtesies extended my by Wor. Bro. Hobbs and Bro. Frank Day of Fraternal Lodge. Refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed at the close of the work.

All the lodges are in a prosperous condition and nearly all have made gains in membership.

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred upon me, and also to thank the officers and brethren of the various lodges for the many courtesies extended to me.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM O. NICHOLLS, D. D. G. M., 23rd District

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Allow me to submit for your consideration, a report of my activities as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-Fourth Masonic District.

Although I was present during the first day of the Annual Communica-

tion of the Grand Lodge in May of 1920, my school duties would not permit me to be present for installation into the office to which you so kindly appointed me. At your request M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper installed me into office at the regular communication of Webster Lodge, No. 164, on May 27, 1920, Bro. Fred W. Walker acting as Grand Marshal.

October 13th, I accompanied our Grand Lecturer, M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, to Bath where, under his direction, a very enjoyable and beneficial School of Instruction was held. The two lodges of Bath, Solar and Polar Star, where the hosts of the day and evening and I cannot speak too highly of the courteous treatment which the Deputies received while there. In the evening I was present at the inspection of the two lodges by R. W. Bro. Maybery of that district. The work of the evening was a business meeting and the presentation of the Entered Apprentice degree, each being performed in a very creditable manner. The kindness of two brethren made it possible for M. W. Bro. Sleeper and myself to be present at this evening ceremony, by bringing us to Lewiston by automobile. Otherwise we should have been obliged to miss a most enjoyable banquet and a very pleasant evening.

October 27th, I attended the School of Instruction held at Portland by our Grand Lecturer and took active part in the work of the school. This school was largely attended and great benefit was received. The treatment extended to the deputies was most courteous and hospitable. In the evening I was present at the inspection of Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, by R. W. Bro. Redlon of the Seventeenth District, with the assistance of the several deputies present. The work in the Master Mason degree was performed in a highly creditable manner. At the invitation of R. W. Redlon I commented on the lectures of this degree. These lectures were delivered in an extremely instructive and impressive way.

November 3rd, at the invitation of W. Bro. John W. Hackett, I inspected the work of Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, at Auburn. I was present at the opening of the lodge which was perfectly done. The work of the evening was in the Master Mason degree. From the reputation which this lodge has in this district I was prepared for excellent work but the work of that evening far surpassed my expectations. The ritual was perfectly rendered, in a way which showed that the officers of this lodge are determined not to allow the prestige which Tranquil Lodge enjoys in this district, to be impaired. In fact, I have never witnessed a more perfect, more impressive performance. This lodge has enjoyed an exceedingly prosperous year and the work of the officers reflected the large amount of practice which they have had. At the close of the work pleasing and satisfying refreshments were furnished and a social hour enjoyed.

November 17th, I officially inspected the work of Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, at Lewiston, at its regular communication. Wor. Bro. Sharp presided. The very important ceremony of opening the lodge was executed in a very impressive and satisfactory way. I was gratified at the efficient manner in which the business of the evening was conducted. After a

rather lengthy business meeting the M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate in a creditable manner. What few corrections and suggestions I was obliged to make were received in a kindly way. Rabboni Lodge has an enviable position among the lodges of this district, and I am sure that the officers are striving to maintain this position. The records of the lodge are in the hands of Bro. Edwin L. Goss and show the results of painstaking care which he has exerted during his service as secretary. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition, the dues well collected and the interest of its members excellent. Owing to the lateness of the hour I was unable to partake of the refreshments which the lodge had provided.

December 13th, I was invited by W. Bro. Edwards to inspect the work of Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, at Lewiston. R. W. Bro. George Hall kindly acted as Grand Marshal and I was officially received, according to the manner prescribed in the Blue Book. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate in the usual impressive and dignified way, for which this lodge is noted. Indeed, impressiveness together with the correct rendition of the ritual is characteristic of Ashlar Lodge. The work of the officers was for the most part perfect, few mistakes were mentioned and commented upon. These mistakes were due, not to ignorance of the correct rendition of the ritual but to a "momentary lapse" so commonly experienced under emotional stress. The great dignity of the work, the well executed floorwork, the excellent music contributed to make this an evening long to be remembered by me and the numerous brethren and visitors present.

January 13th, I had the pleasure of installing the officers elect and appointed, of Webster Lodge, No. 164. W. Bro. F. J. Atwood acted as Grand Chaplain and W. Bro. A. L. Bangs as Grand Marshal. I considered it a great honor as well as a pleasure to install M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper into his office of Treasurer of Webster Lodge, the office which he has held for thirty-three consecutive years. This was a public installation, the first which the lodge has held for several years. Consequently much interest was shown by the large number of brethren and visitors present. Excellent music was rendered by the Temple Quartet of Lewiston, during the ceremony of installation. Later in the evening a fine programme was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

February 3rd, at the invitation of W. Bro. Hackett, I installed the officers elect and appointed of Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, assisted by W. Bro. Arthur Stray, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and W. Bro. Hackett as Grand Marshal. After their installation, the newly installed officers work the M. M. degree in a very creditable manner.

February 14th, I inspected the work of Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, at Auburn. W. Bro. Anson Libby presided. I was officially received into the lodge, W. Bro. Simpson acting as Grand Marshal. I had the pleasant opportunity of seeing the Master Mason degree worked in an exceptionally fine manner before a large assembly of Past Masters, brethren and visitors. The rendition of the ritual was very nearly perfect, the floorwork was good and a very good impression must have been made upon

the candidate. This lodge too, has enjoyed an exceptionally prosperous year. The splendid work of the officers and the interest manifested by the brethren proved to my own satisfaction that all have the best interests of the order at heart.

February 17th, I officially inspected the work of Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, at Mechanic Falls. I was officially received, W. Bro. Lamb acting as Grand Marshal. There was a fair number present. This was a stated communication and I had the opportunity of observing the routine business, after which the M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates. I was obliged to make a rather large number of corrections and suggestions in connection with the work, all of which were received in the spirit in which they were made. The interest of the officers and brethren is of the best, the lodge has had a prosperous year but the work of the officers suffers from the lack of the practice needed to perfect themselves in the ritual. After the lodge closed a fine oyster stew was served.

February 19th, in company with a number of the brethren from Lewiston and Auburn I officially visited Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, at New Gloucester. This lodge has long been noted for its hospitality and impressiveness of work. The fact that there were present, that evening representatives from thirty lodges, shows that it is still living up to its reputation. I made my official entry, W. Bro. Hackett acting as Grand Marshal. This was a stated communication and the business of the evening was executed in a very commendable manner. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree on two candidates. Considering the fact that this was the first time that the officers had had the opportunity to work this degree a creditable showing was made. The personnel of the officers is good, the interest showed by the brethren excellent. Although many inaccuracies were noted in the ritual a splendid impression was made on the candidates. I made such corrections as seemed to me most essential and I am sure that the officers, under the able direction of R. W. Bro. Chipman will show great improvement in their work during the year.

March 19th, in my official capacity I visited Nezinscot Lodge, No. 101, at Turner. With the assistance of R. W. Bro. Bradford acting as Grand Marshal, I was officially received, and after the routine business of the evening was completed, the Entered Apprentice degree was worked on one candidate. This degree was worked at my request and I know from the correct and impressive manner in which the officers performed their work that no candidate can take his degrees in this lodge without being deeply impressed with the seriousness and high dignity of Masonry. The work of the ritual was very nearly perfect. The excellent work of the officers, together with the cordiality of the brethren assembled made my visit exceedingly pleasant. After the lodge closed we all went to the banquet room, where refreshments were served and a good talk enjoyed.

With one exception when away on official business, I have been present at every stated and special communication of Webster Lodge, No. 164, my home lodge, and without having made any official visitation I can vouch for the work of this lodge. The officers, while for the most part

young, are well versed in the ritual and have the inspiration necessary to keep their work on a high plane. While our candidates have not been numerous I can report that the lodge is in a flourishing condition.

I have issued Past Master's diplomas to the following Past Masters: Scott W. Higgins, Webster, 164; John W. Hackett, Tranquil, 27; Harvey M. Norton, Ancient Brothers', 178; Myron B. Strout, Tyrian, 73.

Finally, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor which you have conferred upon me and to express through you, to the several lodges comprising this district my appreciation of the courtesy with which I have been received. I wish to inform you that the records of all the lodges are well kept by their respective secretaries. The lodges are, with no exception in a most prosperous condition; the usual high excellence of work has suffered no diminution and all are working toward that state of perfection, in ritual, impressiveness and usefulness which should be the goal of our order.

Fraternally submitted,

ARCHIE R. BANGS, D. D. G. M., 24th District.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

During the year just finished I have visited every lodge in my district and have found the work to be well done, the interest excellent, the lodges prosperous, and the records well kept. The entire membership of the lodges in this district is 1,057, an increase of 72 members over the year preceding. There were 78 candidates initiated during the year which is only four less than the previous year.

I attended the School of Instruction, held at Portland, on October 26th, by R. W. Brother Frank E. Sleeper, at which I received valuable assistance. In the evening I was present at the official inspection of Atlantic Lodge and enjoyed the excellent manner in which the work was exemplified.

On February 3rd, accompanied by W. M. Irton Finch of Katahdin Lodge, I made my official visit to Nollesemic Lodge, No. 205, at Millinockett, and witnessed the exemplification of the M. M. degree upon one candidate. The floor work was excellent and the degree was worked in a very pleasing manner. The officers are interested and desire to do their work well, so the few corrections made were received in a very pleasant manner. At the close of the lodge, refreshments were served, after which all gathered around the piano and enjoyed singing the popular songs and old favorites. When the time came to go home all present joined hands in a circle about the altar and slowly marched around singing "Auld Lang Syne." This is the regular form of parting in this lodge and the spirit of fraternity and good fellowship impressed me greatly.

My second visit was on February 16th, when I inspected Island Falls Lodge, No. 206, at Island Falls. This is the home lodge of Right Worshipful John Marr, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine, who was present that evening. As might be expected under these conditions the lodge is making excellent progress. One candidate was initiated into the E. A. degree, and several applications were received. The officers were new in their positions and as might be expected under such circumstances some nervousness was felt, and many little mistakes occurred, which would not have been made if an official visitor had not been present. Under these conditions it seemed necessary to make only a few corrections of such mistakes which might result from errors in understanding the ritual. These corrections were received in a spirit of good fellowship and an eagerness was shown to do the work correctly which was especially commendable. The work was performed in an impressive manner and could not fail to give the candidate the proper view of masonry in its deepest and truest sense. My visit was very pleasant and I was greatly pleased with the interest and enthusiasm shown. At the close of the lodge we adjourned to the dining room where excellent refreshments were served.

By invitation of the Worshipful Master, I inspected my home lodge, Molunkus, No. 165, at Sherman Mills, on the evening of March 22nd. On this visit I was accompanied by Past D. D. G. M. Fred Bailey, of Katahdin Lodge. The M. M. degree was worked upon one candidate in a very impressive and creditable manner. A large attendance was present and but few corrections were necessary. All of the officers of this lodge are striving to make the work letter perfect and the interest is excellent. Needless to say I received a hearty welcome from my brethren and friends and everything possible was done to make my visit pleasant. After the meeting we adjourned to the dining room where refreshments were served and good fellowship prevailed. After refreshments plans were made and committees appointed for the formation of a Masonic club.

As I was to visit Pioneer Lodge in Ashland on the regular meeting of April 13th, Fort Kent Lodge, No. 209, arranged a special meeting for my benefit on April 12th. In spite of the condition of the roads a goodly number of the members was present and the F. C. degree was worked in a creditable and pleasing manner. I had often heard of the Fort Kent hospitality and found from my experience that it had not been rated too highly. Good fellowship prevailed and the officers and brethren exerted themselves to the utmost to make my visit pleasant. Although a stranger to all the members, the cordial attention given me made me feel at home and whenever possible I shall avail myself of the pleasure of renewing the fraternal relations accorded me by the youngest lodge in my district. Very few corrections in their work were made and these were received in a fraternal spirit. At the close of the lodge refreshments were enjoyed.

On April 13th, I made my official visit to Pioneer Lodge, No. 72, at Ashland. The attendance was good and the interest shown in the work by both officers and brethren was especially commendable. One candi-

date was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, in which the ritual was very closely followed. The work was done in a serious and impressive manner and the entire lodge seemed to be in harmony with the masonic spirit of this degree. Very few corrections were made and they were received in a friendly manner. At the close of the lodge, excellent refreshments were served and fraternal associations were enjoyed. The cordial spirit with which I was received by the members of this lodge once more testified to the strength of the masonic chain and made me feel at home even though a stranger to all present.

As I have lived in Patten during the past year and have been a regular attendant at Katahdin Lodge, No. 98, I did not consider it necessary to set apart a special night upon which to make an official visit. This lodge has received me not as a visitor but as if I was one of its members, and the fraternal treatment shown me has rendered my interest in Katahdin Lodge second only to that of my own lodge. All of the work has been well done and the officers have been very anxious that I should make corrections whenever mistakes occur. At each meeting the officers take up the few mistakes which occur and endeavor to aid each other in obtaining ritualistic work which is letter perfect. The masonic hall is now free from debt, the lodge is prosperous and a great interest is shown.

In conclusion, I wish to express to the officers and members of the several lodges in my district, the deep appreciation which I feel for the many courtesies and the kindly treatment accorded me in my work. It has been a great pleasure to meet with the brethren in fraternal associations and I have realized more deeply than ever before that to be a Mason means to be a friend to all mankind.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you for the honor and confidence you have shown in appointing me as your representative in this district, and I trust my report will meet with your approval.

Respectfully and Fraternaly submitted.

ARTHUR L. TODD, *D. D. G. M., 25th District.*

Patten, April 27th, 1921.

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

BUCKFIELD, March 16th, 1921.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

On account of sickness in my family, I was unable to attend a School for Masonic Instruction.

February 3rd, by invitation, I paid my official visit to Whitney Lodge, Canton, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree which was conferred in a very creditable manner, and could not fail to have impressed the candi-

date. A few corrections were made, and suggestions offered. The Secretary's desk is presided over by Bro. W. A. Lucas who has all matters pertaining to that office in good order. A banquet was served after the work.

On February 16th, I made my official visit to Blazing Star Lodge at Rumford. The F. C. degree was conferred on one candidate, which was done in a pleasing manner, the ritual being followed nearly letter perfect, the work of all the officers showed a high standard of efficiency. Few corrections could be made. The records of the Secretary, Bro. Walter O. Raynes, are neatly kept, and dues are well collected. The attendance at this meeting was large. Refreshments were served at the close.

On February 22nd, I made my official visit to King Hiram Lodge, Dixfield, when the M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates. The work was performed in a dignified and impressive manner. There is keen interest on the part of all officers taken in the work and the ritual is followed very closely. Bro. H. O. Watson the new secretary has all matters in good form, and the dues well collected. The attendance at this meeting was large. Refreshments were served after the lodge closed, and a very pleasant hour passed.

I did not deem it necessary to pay an official visit to my home lodge, Evening Star, of Buckfield, having attended every stated communication, and by invitation of Bro. C. H. Tuttle, Worshipful Master, have made corrections and offered suggestions relative to the work, and I am pleased to report this lodge is in a very healthy and prosperous condition. Many of the officers are young in masonry, but all desire to render the work efficiently and in the right spirit. Bro. Arthur L. Newton, the present Secretary, who has performed the duties of that office for many years is about to leave the State, and will be greatly missed by the brethren of this lodge.

I cannot say too much in praise of the work of the several lodges in this district. The records show them all to be in a healthy and prosperous condition.

In closing my report I take this opportunity to thank those who have 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 District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-sixth District.

Fraternally yours,

W. H. CONANT, *D. D. G. M., 26th District.*

Officers of the Grand Lodge 1921

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WALTER S. SMITH,	"	" Organist,	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	"	" Tyler,	Portland

Towns in Maine where Masonic Lodges are Located.

Location.	Lodge.	District.
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

CASTINE,	Hancock, 4,	4
CHARLESTON,	Olive Branch, 124,	6
CHERRYFIELD,	Narraguagus, 88,	3
CHINA,	Central, 45,	7
CLINTON,	Sebasticoock, 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
DURNHAM,	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

KENNEBUNK,	York, 22,	19
KENNEBUNKPORT,	Arundel, 76,	19
KINGFIELD,	Mount Abram, 204,	15
KITTERY,	Naval, 184,	19
LAGRANGE,	Composite, 168,	5
LEWISTON,	Ashlar, 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
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
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,	Kamankeag, 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,	Eggemoggin, 128,	4
SHERMAN MILLS,	Molunkus, 165,	25
SIDNEY,	Rural, 53,	12
SKOWHEGAN,	Somerset, 34,	13
SPRINGFIELD,	Forest, 148,	20
SPRINGVALE,	Springvale, 190,	23
OLON,	Keystone, 80,	13
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, 18),	9
SOUTHWEST HARBOR,	Tremont, 77,	21
STANDISH,	Standish, 70,	17
STONINGTON,	Reliance, 195,	4
STOCKTON SPRINGS,	Pownal, 119,	8
STRONG,	Davis, 191,	15
TENANT'S 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
VINALHAVEN,	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,	Wilcon, 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, 1921

DISTRICT

- Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. George E. Merrow, M.; Harold C. Mountain, S. W.; J. B. Watson, J. W.; S. W. Dexter, S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, September. 5
- Acacia, 121, Durham. Arthur W. Taylor, M.; G. Warren Douglass, S. W.; Albert C. Bowie, J. W.; Ralph P. Stackpole, (R. F. D. 1, Auburn) S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 14
- Adoniram, 27, Limington. William H. McKenney, M.; Ralph L. Weston, S. W.; Fred E. Randall, J. W.; Harry L. Maxim, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election December. 23
- Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Warren S. Hatch, M.; Ray K. Knowlton, S. W.; Stephen F. Richards, J. W.; Wilbur G. Knowlton, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Amity, 6, Camden. Alfred F. Sherman, M.; Carl C. Hopkins, S. W.; Merle F. Hunt, J. W.; Melzer T. Crawford, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Leonard E. Tibbetts, M.; Daniel G. Berry, S. W.; Harlan McFarland, J. W.; John A. Turner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 10
- Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. Anson L. Libby, M.; Webster L. Loring, S. W.; George J. Unsworth, J. W.; Lee R. Ward, S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. 24
- Ancient Landmark, 17, Portland. Clark D. Chapman, M.; Irving L. Rich, S. W.; Albert W. Moulton, J. W.; Arthur J. Floyd, (138 Beacon Street), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Harry J. Goodbout, M.; Irving E. Wellman, S. W.; Walton H. Smith, 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. Burnis M. Bridgham (Hampden Highlands, R. F. D. No. 1), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Alexander L. Roberts (West Kennebunk, R. F. D.), M.; Hermon R. Walker, S. W.; Louis E. Tibbetts, J. W.; Frank M. Gordon (Biddeford, R. F. D. 4), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 19

- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. George R. Fenderson (Mars Hill), M.; Troy I. Shaw, S. W.; Nelson E. Dority, J. W.; Fay B. Ramsay (Mars Hill), S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, November. 1
- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. Alexander Burr, M.; Abner Boothby, S. W.; Frank H. Morrill, 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.; Luther M. Norris, 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. Roy K. Small, M.; D. Sanders Patterson, S. W.; Lester M. Hart, J. W.; Bert P. Stuart, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Benjamin S. Whitehouse, M.; Arthur F. Wisner, S. W.; Judson I. Crouse, 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.; James B. Gray, J. W.; Edward W. Perkins, S. Meeting third Saturday; election, December. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Carl D. Ingalls, M.; Benjamin L. Hadley, S. W.; E. Malcolm Brewer, 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.; Harry A. Farmer, J. W.; H. Elmer Fernald, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Burton R. Hamlin, M.; Charles L. Loring, S. W.; I. A. Call, J. W.; Everett F. Robinson, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, October. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. Edward P. Lyon, M.; Raymond R. Tibbetts, S. W.; Thomas I. Brown, J. W.; Fred B. Merrill, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. Melvin E. Sawtelle, M.; A. Francis Welch, S. W.; Charles F. Meigs, J. W.; Pearle E. Fuller (72 Green St.) S. Meeting first Monday; election, November. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. Columbus S. Baker, M.; Leon S. Robinson, S. W.; Harry Cummings, J. W.; Harold A. Coleman, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. Carleton A. Dennis, M.; Alden Goodrich, S. W.; William A. Clough, 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. Frank E. Gorham, M.; Melvin M. Tukey, S. W.; Joseph D. Sproule, 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.; Ralph E. Bailey, J. W.; Pliny A. Crockett (Hollis Center, R. F. D. No. 2), S. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, January. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Ralph W. Bailey, M.; Harold L. Sawyer, S. W.; Everett F. Austin, J. W.; Stanwood I. Mower (R. F. D. Dexter), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Edgar W. Russ, M.; Nathaniel G. Chandler, S. W.; Wilbur P. Roberts, J. W.; Waldo O. Lowney, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. Fred C. Dunlap, M.; Abel P. Gleason, S. W.; Moses Ames, J. W.; Alpheus Nason, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. Phillip G. Hodsdon (Yarmouthville), M.; Edward M. Johnson, S. W.; Frank L. Wellcome, J. W.; Henry G. Rogers, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. George W. Jones, M.; Scott W. Lewis, S. W.; Robert A. Fletcher, J. W.; George M. Hammond (Albion), S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Harry B. Sawyer, M.; Orville C. Harvey, S. W.; William J. Walsh, J. W.; Eugene W. Vaughn, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 5
- Composite, 168, Lagrange. Edgar W. Ricker, M.; Arthur C. Herrick, S. W.; Fred E. Hathorn, J. W.; Benjamin F. Crehore, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Halver H. Whitney, M.; John L. Getchell, S. W.; Howard D. Jamison, J. W.; Bert H. Moulton, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. James A. Gould, M.; Thomas J. Abernethy, S. W.; Herbert H. Best, 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.; William W. Chute, J. W.; Edward A. Wright, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Harry T. Merrill, M.; Roy M. Loring, S. W.; Charles L. Peaco, J. W.; Lewis E. Jordan (R. F. D.), S. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. William Milne, M.; Onias Springer, S. W.; Albert Jewett, J. W.; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21

- Davis, 191, Strong. Dean E. Leighton, M.; Ralph H. Starbird, S. W.; Charles E. Richards, 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.; Robert W. Kingman, S. W.; Oliver F. Hammond, J. W.; John L. Carleton, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. Frank A. Farwell, M.; Ernest N. Cunningham, S. W.; George F. Scribner, J. W.; Francis E. Chase (Box 974), S. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. Eugene H. Woodbury, M.; William C. Brooks, S. W.; Herman W. Merrill, J. W.; Seth F. Heald, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. Hubbard J. White, M.; Archibald B. Morrison, S. W.; Earl R. Nelson, J. W.; Orren F. Sproul, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. Charles W. Morrill, M.; Fred Jarvis, 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.; Leslie A. Bailey, S. W.; Owen D. Blenn, J. W.; Norris S. Lord, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10
- Drummond, 118, Parsonfield. Alfred H. Milliken, M.; Charles L. Weeman, S. W.; Harrison F. Doe, J. W.; Albert R. Leavitt (Limerick, R. F. D. 2), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. Robert O. Jordan, M.; Walter R. Fall, S. W.; Herbert E. Haley, J. W.; Clarence B. Rumery (Masonic Bldg.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 19
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. Emery A. Dow, M.; Walter S. Baltzer, S. W.; Edward L. Wadsworth, J. W.; Wheeler C. Hawkes (Box 312), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. Herbert G. Sawyer, M.; Bedford A. W. Boyd, S. W.; Charles E. Stevens, 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. William J. R. Jardine, M.; Chesley Sawyer, S. W.; Orion Moody, J. W.; James M. Spence, S. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Charles H. Locke, M.; Frank Robinson, S. W.; Henry Robinson, J. W.; Elmer E. Allen, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Charles H. Tuttle, M.; Ralph A. Pierce, S. W.; Frederick A. Taylor, J. W.; James E. Warren, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 26

- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Rollo Watkins, M.; Charles Herrick, S. W.; Clyde Handers, J. W.; Fred R. Mitchell, S. Meeting first Wednesday in each month; election, November. 8
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. Harvey R. Emery, M.; Perry H. Lowell S. W.; George H. Blodget, J. W.; Walter B. Smith, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Eugene Decker, M.; Percy L. Chase, S. W.; Asa H. Stanley, J. W.; Ralph Scribner, Acting S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. Guilford L. Perkins, M.; Harry Martin, S. W.; George R. Bradford, 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. Herman J. Seaward, M.; John Tebbetts, S. W.; Freeman Trafton, J. W.; Lucius M. Perkins, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23
- Freedom, 42, Limerick. George R. Conover, M.; Martin Johnson, S. W.; Ralph E. Furlong, J. W.; George A. Carpenter, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Clarence B. Small, M.; Guy C. Bean, S. W.; Walter V. Cole, J. W.; Fred E. Ward, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. Howard L. McKeen, M.; Edwin R. Berry, 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. Fred B. Pike, M.; Harry Meloan, S. W.; Irving P. Halman, J. W.; Francis A. Norton, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. D. W. Rollins, M.; Arthur G. Thombs, S. W.; Gustintine L. Wardwell, J. W.; Arthur W. Patterson, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. Ira C. Alden, M.; John W. Knight, S. W.; Charles C. Shaw, J. W.; Charles E. Cobb, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Joseph L. Hall, M.; Otis W. Means, S. W.; Isaac W. Heaton, J. W.; Albert S. Allan, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Heron, 32, Gardiner. Henry Merrill, M.; Allen Clark, S. W.; Harold C. Smith, J. W.; Harry E. Larrabee, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. George H. Minott, M.; Richard E. Tuttle, S. W.; Ralph E. Green, 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. Elvin M. Arey, M.; Hubert Hall, S. W.; Frank E. Downs, J. W.; Ellery Bowden, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Forrest E. Grindle, M.; William B. Snow, S. W.; Pearl S. Emerson, J. W.; Arthur C. Hinckley, S. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro. Pyam E. Hatch, M.; Linwood L. Pendleton, S. W.; Horace W. Sprague, J. W.; Elmer L. Pendleton, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. Seth T. Cambell, M.; Winfield H. Craig, S. W.; William F. Edwards, J. W.; John J. Marr, S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Clarence E. Cole, M.; Clarence J. Perham, S. W.; Leslie D. Bryant, J. W.; James L. Bowker, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. John H. Moulton, M.; Ira Norton, S. W.; James Williams, J. W.; Edgar A. Worcester, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Irton Finch, M.; Harry Watson, S. W.; Charles R. Robbins, J. W.; Ralph Miles, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 25
- Kemankeag, 213, Rangeley. Henry C. Riddle, M.; Harrison B. Amber, S. W.; Howard H. Herrick, J. W.; Charles L. Harnden, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 15
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Walter N. Bachelder, M.; Arthur S. Tracy, S. W.; Daniel W. Brown, J. W.; F. Ernest Harvey, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Raymond M. Shaffer, M.; Norman W. Gray, S. W.; Samuel B. Grimes, 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.; Walter W. Kowles, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. James A. Peavey, M.; Edgar L. Clark, S. W.; William Law, 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.; Parker M. Cooper, J. W.; Harold V. Watson, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 26
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. George H. Douglass, M.; Jesse V. Benner, S. W.; Lewis B. Lovejoy, J. W.; Clinton E. Matthews, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10

- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Harvey D. Crowley, M.; Maynard W. Curtis, S. W.; Parris A. Rackliffe, J. W.; Winfield S. Clarke, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Joshua Brown, M.; Fred E. Tingley, S. W.; Augustus H. Wilson, J. W.; Costello Weston, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Orlando C. Woodman, M.; Charles H. Emmons, S. W.; Phillip E. Thissell, J. W.; Ernest W. Gilman, S. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. Charles H. Swan, M.; William Williams, S. W.; Ernest E. Pike, 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. Albert H. Damon, M.; George P. Hamilton, S. W.; Edward F. Foster, J. W.; Aubrey C. Frost, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 1
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. William D. Patterson, M.; Frank B. Adams, S. W.; Benjamin H. Adams, J. W.; Charles S. Sewell, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. Caleb G. Aldrich, M.; Donald C. Randall, S. W.; Fred G. Dennison, J. W.; Lucius E. Gardner, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Willis E. Dunn, M.; Leon E. Rowe, S. W.; Walter J. Joy, J. W.; Harry E. Rowe, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Carl C. Haynes (Bangor R. F. D. 2), M.; Norman S. Clement, S. W.; Charles E. Young, J. W.; Charles B. Cox (Bangor, R. F. D. 3), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Frank L. Manchester, M.; Wilder H. Dolliver, S. W.; Jay L. Robbins, J. W.; Eugene M. Stanley, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. Charles G. Nickerson, M.; John H. Gilkey, S. W.; Harry L. Goodwin, 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. George R. Wilson, M.; Harry Merrithew, S. W.; Donald W. Vaughan, J. W.; Benjamin F. Colcord, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 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. Everett W. Davee, M.; Elmer R. Tobey, S. W.; Thomas S. Powers, J. W.; Archer L. Grover, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, 211, Friendship. Robert L. Thompson, M.; Hartswell Davis, S. W.; Lew. J. Wallace, J. W.; Eugene H. Brown, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 9
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. William R. Hurd, M.; Frank W. Fuller, S. W.; J. Earle Sinclair, J. W.; Walter M. Prilay, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22
- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. Clyde L. Pingree, M.; Charles E. Sheridan, S. W.; Charles R. Young, 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. Oramel W. Sides, M.; Carey A. Dickinson, S. W.; Benjamin James, 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.; Willard E. Day, J. W.; Otis G. Randall, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Murdock B. McKay, M.; Thomas B. Packard, S. W.; Edwin P. Henderson, J. W.; Hazen R. Nevers, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Francis E. Lane, M.; Weston R. Allen, S. W.; Delmar R. Small, J. W.; Roscoe S. Bosworth (R. F. D. 18), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Foxcroft. John T. Ayer, M.; Harold M. Hayes, S. W.; Arthur D. Fowles, J. W.; Eugene W. Crocker, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinalhaven. George Strachan, M.; Ambrose A. Peterson, S. W.; Edward A. Smalley, 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. Percival B. Parsons, M.; William H. Blackwell, S. W.; F. Elmer Blackwell, J. W.; Walter E. Hinds, S. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. William T. Somes, M.; Arthur Bunker, S. W.; Richard Allen, J. W.; John W. Carter, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. Charles S. Bennett, M.; Eugene E. Ross, S. W.; John A. McSorley, J. W.; Joseph T. Davidson, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Leon A. Jack, M.; Leon H. Ingalls, S. W.; Fred C. Alexander, J. W.; Augustus S. Colby, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18

- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. Leland M. Johnston, M.; Charles Finn, S. W.; Charles Crinnell, J. W.; William S. Johnston, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. Walter W. Fillebrown, M.; George L. Kimball, S. W.; Guy E. Dudley, J. W.; Clarence H. Pride (East Waterford), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 16
- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Russell M. Douglass, M.; Nathan W. Cole, S. W.; Harry B. Greeley, J. W.; William H. Tribou, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. W. Harris Latham, M.; Frederick B. Whitin, S. W.; Thomas S. Schofield, J. W.; Cleff Maxwell, S. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. Bela T. Wass, M.; Frank E. Patten, S. W.; Lincoln A. Haycock, J. W.; William F. Campbell, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Nuskeag, 171, Brooklin. Fred A. Stewart, M.; Haskell S. Powers, S. W.; Prin A. Allen, J. W.; Willie F. Cousins, (East Brooklin,) S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Albert F. Billings, M.; John B. Phillips, S. W.; Frank E. Getchell, J. W.; Walter L. Lutts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. Edward O. Brown, M.; Philip R. Brown, S. W.; Vernon C. Sampson, J. W.; Leonard A. Gilbert, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Charles H. Pratt, M.; Donald C. Prince, S. W.; Thomas B. Dunn, J. W.; Royal W. Bradford, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. Thomas Robertson, M.; George H. Ferguson, S. W.; Charles Currier, J. W.; Joseph R. Nickless, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. L. Lawrie Holmes, M.; H. Mardell Savage, S. W.; Frank W. Perkins, J. W.; Alvah L. Reed, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. James H. Thorne, M.; Everett R. Sawyer, S. W.; Horace S. Bickford, J. W.; Charles J. Holway, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. Archie S. Wormwood, M.; Frank L. Keene, S. W.; William F. Colby, J. W.; George A. Tilton, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Edward C. Robinson, M.; Fred H. Burton, S. W.; Amariah C. Debec, J. W.; Horace E. Mitchell, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Orchard, 215, Old Orchard. Frank H. Libby, M.; Alfred Swinborn, S. W.; Fred O. Watkins, J. W.; Wilbur G. Rumery, S. Meeting second Monday; election, September. 19

- Orient, 15, Thomaston. J. Emerson Watts, M.; George W. Montgomery, S. W.; Frank A. Beverage, J. W.; Arthur J. Elliott, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. Edgar F. Collins, M.; William H. Wood, 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. Arthur W. Driscoll, M.; Raymond W. Allen, S. W.; Charles A. Libby, J. W.; William H. McKenney, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. Arthur W. Easton, M.; Donald B. Partridge, S. W.; William A. Lewis, J. W.; Raymond H. Eastman, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. Sylvester E. Prescott, M.; Arthur J. Trefethen, S. W.; Charles F. D. Marsh, J. W.; Byron B. Buswell, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Farian, 160, Corinna. Charles W. Redman, M.; Norman F. Burrill, S. W.; Roy D. Pearson, J. W.; Clarence A. Rogers S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. Shuman T. Oliver, M.; Irving O. Barrows, S. W.; William L. Frothingham, J. W.; Harold C. Fletcher, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Charles E. Stower, M.; Willis D. Austin, S. W.; William Knapp, 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. Norman A. Read, M.; Raymond B. Dyer, S. W.; Lawriston A. Nichols, J. W.; Fuller C. Wentworth, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Fine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. John C. Handy, M.; Warren S. Coombs, S. W.; Carroll F. Shedd, J. W.; Don C. Reynolds, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Hugh B. Bartlett, M.; Harry S. Tweedie, S. W.; Maurice Bartlett, J. W.; Harry S. McGowan, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Fiscataquis, 44, Milo. Claud D. Harmon, M.; Melvin B. Kittredge, S. W.; Walter E. Dillon, J. W.; Frank E. Monroe, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, February. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. George W. Evans, M.; Bertrand E. McClain, 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.; George M. Jackson, S. W.; Harvey A. Wallace, J. W.; A. Lincoln Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Harvey N. Smith, M.; Charles H. Davis, S. W.; Hanson G. Cookson, J. W.; Herbert E. Clark, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22

- Polar Star, 114, Bath. William F. Hanscom, M.; Chester L. Shepherd, S. W.; Walter E. Chase, Jr., J. W.; Lucius M. Lemont (923 Middle St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. Edward B. Webster, M.; Peter G. Peterson, S. W.; Warren Moses, J. W.; Albro E. Chase, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, June. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Robert Andrews, M.; Ray Littlefield, S. W.; Percy Kneeland, J. W.; Lincoln A. Gardner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. John Whiteside, M.; Frank E. Flemming, S. W.; Fred L. Gowen, J. W.; John Wright, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. Fred R. Crockett, M.; Robert N. Toms, S. W.; Orville V. Haskell, 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.; Hugh W. Hastings, J. W.; Tobias L. Eastman, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. George W. Butler, M.; Orrin A. Tibbetts, S. W.; James A. Robbins, J. W.; Allen L. Maddocks, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. Wilbur H. Davis, M.; Frank I. Hall, S. W.; Ernest F. Lever, J. W.; Edwin L. Goss, (41 Main St.), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, January. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. Manard L. Gray, M.; Percy T. Clark, S. W.; Frank L. Webb, J. W.; Elmer W. Calley, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Freeman F. Wood, M.; Dover L. Southworth, S. W.; Roy N. Patch, 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.; Eugene H. Gulford, J. W.; Albert P. Leach (So. Penobscot), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Ethal D. Bowden, M.; Louis G. Hubbard, S. W.; Oscar R. Saunders, J. W.; Seth R. Hutchins, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. Charles W. Leonard, M.; Ira W. Barker, S. W.; Leo W. Pratt, J. W.; Alvoid E. Cushman (18 Chatham St.), S. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Joseph E. Odioine, M.; Henry P. Bond, S. W.; Danford D. Drake, J. W.; Carl J. Longren, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, second Wednesday in December. 10
- Rockland, 79, Rockland. Simon M. Duncan, M.; Israel Snow, Jr., S. W.; Harry F. Smith, J. W.; Albert I. Mather, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9

- Rural, 53, Sidney. Ernest C. Wyman, M.; Sanford A. Philbrook, S. W.; George M. Ellis, 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. Rodney C. Warner, M.; Harry H. Rich, S. W.; Harvey E. Knowles, J. W.; Carroll A. Weeks (299 Essex St.), S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6
- St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. Howard C. Goodwin, M.; Maurice H. Grover, S. W.; John H. Strong, J. W.; Samuel H. Junkins, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- St. Croix, 46, Calais. Adelbert G. Taylor, M.; Harold H. Murchie, S. W.; Thomas F. Marshal, J. W.; Isaac N. Jones, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- St. George, 16, Warren. William H. Robinson, M.; John K. Connell, S. W.; Alvah S. Simmons, J. W.; William L. Lawry, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- St. John's, 51, South Berwick. Herbert L. Butler, M.; Harry E. Adlington, S. W.; John O. Foss, J. W.; Wallace N. Flanders, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19
- St. Paul's, 82, Rockport. William M. Murphy, M.; E. Steward Orbeton, S. W.; John W. Buzzell, J. W.; Edwin H. Bowers, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Alton N. Sanborn, M.; Percy W. Coombs, S. W.; Cecil A. Dow, J. W.; Edward J. Hutchinson, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Sebasticook, 146, Clinton. Marcellus Cain, M.; Frank D. Spinney, S. W.; Ross S. Holt, 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.; Frank W. Harmon, S. W.; Francis H. Moulton, J. W.; Jesse S. Rowe, S. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Orrin A. Learned, M.; James F. Aikens, S. W.; Walter C. Woodman, J. W.; George M. Chapman, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Wm. A. Staples, M.; Harvey E. Thompson, S. W.; Francis G. Cooke, J. W.; Albert L. Strout (11 Oak St.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. Leslie W. Goldsmith, M.; Edwin P. Whiting, S. W.; Leslie E. Jacobs, J. W.; John H. Lancaster, S. Meeting second Monday; election, June. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Claude L. Jellison, M.; C. Harold Ogden, S. W.; Howard L. Richardson, J. W.; Arthur E. Horne, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. Elmer R. Higgins, M.; Fred E. Cole, S. W.; Horace G. Buzzell, J. W.; George E. Bazier, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17

- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. Francis M. Beasley, M.; Harry A. Matthews, S. W.; Ernest M. Cummings, J. W.; Edward A. Merrill, S. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Henry Foster, M.; C. Y. Graffam, S. W.; Claude W. Mussey, J. W.; Lloyd W. Tozier, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Arthur A. Walton, M.; H. Clair Miller, S. W.; Wilson Schwartz, J. W.; L. Elwood Jones, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. George K. Jordan, M.; Edward P. Harlow, S. W.; Earl A. Anderson, J. W.; Harry L. Lowell, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Ralph A. Bramhall, M.; Milton C. Stevenson, S. W.; Harold Ladd, J. W.; Charles E. Johnson, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, October. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. John N. Tibbetts, M.; L. Kenneth Green, S. W.; Arthur A. Abbott, J. W.; Irving M. Curtis, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Eugene S. Thurston, M.; Sim H. Mayo, S. W.; John Carroll, J. W.; William R. Keene (Manset), S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. A. Phillip Seavey, M.; Otis B. Stevens, S. W.; Carl A. Weick, 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. Burbank E. Strout, M.; Ernest M. Davenport, S. W.; Lawrence O. Merrill, J. W.; Lewin Jefferies, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Charles C. McFarland, M.; William C. Gleason, S. W.; Leroy G. Williams, 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. Fred L. Thurston, M.; Leroy W. Gordon, S. W.; Gaunce R. Hunter, J. W.; Howard N. Harmon, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. Albert N. Harvey, M.; George Haverly, S. W.; Carl B. Lord, J. W.; Herbert H. Scott, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Fred W. Foss, 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. Albert Henderson, M.; Horace J. Whiting, S. W.; Edward B. Sprague, 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. Ralph H. Hutchinson, M.; Robert B. Waltman, S. W.; H. Pearl Hawkes, J. W.; Almon N. Waterhouse, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Fay C. Shaw, M.; Wallace P. Worth, S. W.; Amos P. Bagley, 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. Willard R. Jones, M.; George W. Hoxie, S. W.; Harry E. Green, J. W.; Chas. Leroy Jones, S. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. Fred W. Walker, M.; George W. Wood, S. W.; Lloyd B. Scott, 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.; Alphonso F. Russell, Jr., J. W.; William A. Lucas, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 26
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. James W. Monroe, M.; Lester V. North, S. W.; Joseph W. Perkins, J. W.; Fred E. Trefethen, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. Stillman R. Nash, M.; Carleton H. Smallidge, S. W.; Myron Whitney, J. W.; Frank E. Weston, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 21
- York, 22, Kennebunk. Chas. H. Lucas, M.; Joseph T. Cole, S. W.; Howard C. Wakefield, J. W.; Albert W. Meserve, 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 — ANDREW J. BECK, Washburn.

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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 — EDGAR A. WORCESTER, Jonesport.

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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 — MORRIS L. HEATH, Penobscot.

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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 — CHARLES W. HAYES, 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 — ALVORD E. CUSHMAN, Bangor.
(18 Chatham Street).

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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 — ARTHUR H. NORTON, Liberty.

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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 — FRED A. GRINDLE, Vinalhaven.
(37 Spring Street, 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, 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 — WILBUR G. KNOWLTON, Damariscotta.

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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 — EDWARD G. PALMER, Kent's Hill.

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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, Binham. |

DISTRICT No. 14.

District Deputy Grand Master — JOHN L. MERRILL, Durham.
(46 High Street, Lewiston).

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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 — HENRY E. KNAPP, West Farmington.

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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 — CLARENCE H. PRIDE, East Waterford.

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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 — JOSEPH B. MANCHESTER, North Gorham.

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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 — GEORGE H. SMITH, Waterboro.

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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.

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.

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 — GERALD A. PEABODY, Rumford.

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,

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Portland, Maine.

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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
17 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
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,	Lincolnville,	June 16, 1849	Jan. 13, 1850
63 Richmond,	Richmond,	Jan. 1, 1850	May 10, 1850
64 Pacific,	Exeter,	Oct. 22, 1850	May 12, 1851
65 Mystic,	Hampden,	Mch. 1, 1851	May 12, 1851
66 Mechanics',	Orono,	Mch. 3, 1851	May 12, 1851
67 Blue Mountain,	Phillips,	July 12, 1850	May 10, 1852
68 Mariners',	Searsport,	Oct. 23, 1851	May 10, 1853
69 Howard,	Winterport,	Nov. 28, 1851	May 6, 1853
70 Standish,	Standish,	June 10, 1852	May 10, 1853
71 Rising Sun,	Orland,	Oct. 18, 1852	May 10, 1853
72 Pioneer,	Ashland,	Oct. 26, 1852	May 5, 1854
73 Tyrian,	Mechanic Falls,	Jan. 21, 1853	May 10, 1853
74 Bristol,	Bristol,	Mch. 1, 1853	May 5, 1854
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 Kineo,	Guilford,	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 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 Seabastcook,	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,	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 Nolleseme,	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.

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 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. McGorrrill, 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 ox, 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

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TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. M. William N. Howe

Senior Grand Warden in 1907

Born in Portland, Me., May 6, 1852

Died in Portland, Me., February 13, 1921

AGED 68 YEARS, 9 MONTHS, 7 DAYS

"When I am dead, if men can say,
'He helped the world upon its way;
With all his faults of word and deed
Mankind did have some little need
Of what he gave'—then in my grave
No greater honor shall I crave."

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. M. Adelbert Millett

Junior Grand Warden in 1901

Born in Auburn, Me., March 28, 1858

Died in Belfast, Me., November 17, 1920

AGED 61 YEARS, 4 MONTHS, 11 DAYS

" Thus star by star declines
Till all have passed away,
As morning high and higher shines
To pure and perfect day;
Nor sink these stars in empty night
They hide themselves in heaven's own light."

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TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. M. Ernest H. Harlin

Junior Grand Warden in 1912

Born in Weld, Me., March 2, 1871

Died in South Paris, Me., October 17, 1920

AGED 49 YEARS, 7 MONTHS, 15 DAYS

"We know when moons shall wane,
When Summer birds shall cross the sea,
When Autumn's hue shall tinge the golden grain;
But who shall teach us when to look for thee,
O, Death?"

Brethren Died During the Year

From March 1, 1920, to March 1, 1921

Those marked * were returned as buried with Masonic rites.

1 Portland, Portland. Andrew Brown, March 20; Stephen Hutchinson, April 30; Harry P. Sawyer, in France, date unknown; Frank I. Moore, July 16; Daniel F. Nash, October 27; George E. Dow, January 17; George H. Barrell, February 25; William N. Howe, *February 13.

2 Warren, East Machias. Austin N. Stuart, March 15; Lorenzo A. Robinson, June 4; D. Lyman Wormwood, March 24; Charles E. Cox, July 15; Judson Hall, September 3; Alvin A. Demmons, January 14.

3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. Herman B. Dodge, October 26; Roy W. Weed, July 4; Algenon A. Shortwell, February 13.

4 Hancock, Castine. Rowland B. Brown, July 4; Frank W. Bowden, September 17; George Weeks, January 1.

5 Kennebec, Hallowell. John H. Lord (date unknown); Oscar S. Smith, March 20.

6 Amity, Camden. Marshal P. Glover, 1920; Arthur R. Hartford, April 21; Winfred C. Rogers, April 23; Robert J. Bird, May 14; George A. Crawford, July 13; W. Maxey Robbins, September 28; Jesse H. Ogier, November 1; Edward R. Ogier, November 21; Hiram A. Campbell, December 31; Charles R. Chapin, January 2.

7 Eastern, Eastport. William H. Holmes, * May 25; Frederick E. Nutt, * August 1.

8 United, Brunswick. Roscoe W. Fletcher, * August 18; Albert B. Pratt, April 20; John A. Merrill, January 2.

9 Saco, Saco. John K. McAuley, June 16; Guy M. Wakefield, January 16.

10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Charles G. White, May 7; Charles York, June 26; Willard L. Bragg, July 19; William W. Fellows, August 8; Fred L. McLaughlin, August 16; William H. Thompson, September 22; Frederick H. Parkhurst, January 31.

11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. Francis E. Evans, June 5; Norman R. Jewett, February 5; Charles T. Ladd, February 22; Isaac C. Shaw, in the West, date unknown; Leon O. Giles, in Mass., in 1918; George H. Walker, May 11.

12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. Allen H. Jordan, * July 8; Walter W. White, * December 26.

13 Oriental, Bridgton. Wilbert F. Richardson, October 20; Harry W. Scatchard, November 12; Thomas Humphries, January 3; Frank Staley, February 11.

14 Solar, Bath. Charles H. Mason, June 21; Harry W. Kimball, August 9; Leonard H. Gibson, October 11.

15 Orient, Thomaston. Edward C. Andrews, March 12; J. P. Cilley, April 6; Charles W. Washburn, July 20; Edward C. Rollins, August 14; Otis Sidensparker, September 8; William A. Newcomb, February 18.

16 Saint George, Warren. William F. Weston, May 26; Dennis E. Hosmer, June 22; Alton Spear, October 11; Warren Moses, January 25.

17 Ancient Landmark, Portland. Llewellyn M. Bickford, March 22; Edward H. Merrill, April 7; James A. Martin, May 27; Burton T. Lamb, June 7; Stephen W. McLaughlin, June 13; Charles G. Richards, June 28; George W. Babb, August 16; James Miller, August 30; Jeremiah W. Tabor, September 5; Frederick H. Gerrish, September 8; Charles J. Perkins, August 16; David Pratt, January 13; Fred L. Saunders, January 31.

18 Oxford, Norway. Frank L. Cook,* May 2; John S. McDonald, May 4; Joseph W. Hunting,* June 1; Samuel J. Record,* June 12; Stephen G. Hatch,* September 17; William E. Bumpus, January 11.

19 Felicity, Bucksport. Charles B. Cohoon, September 8; Theodore M. Lewis, unknown; Charles Bullock, January 12.

20 Maine, Farmington. Charles H. Dill, June 13; Fred G. Paine, September 18.

21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. Eugene Wormwell, March 12; Cyrus T. Reed, July 14; William B. Goodwin, November 15; Carl H. Reynolds, January 2; Asa G. Timberlake, February 1.

22 York, Kennebunk. Frederick A. Small, April 23.

24 Phoenix, Belfast. George H. Erskine, November 12, 1919; Charles E. Johnson, April 13; Adelbert Millett, November 17; Charles F. Shaw,* July 12; Cyrus E. Tibbetts,* July 19; Royal W. Warren,* August 8; Lewis Wincapaw, unknown.

25 Temple, Winthrop. Moses G. Thompson, February 7, 1920; Harry R. Jackson,* April 15; Charles W. Shaw, July 27; Levi D. French,* December 15; Newell Strout, January 13.

28 Northern Star, North Anson. Eugene W. Kenniston, March 2; Clarence Mantor, October 2; A. E. Beal, September 15.

29 Tranquil, Auburn. Ether S. Paul, June 1; Lewis A. Butterfield, June 20; Clarence W. Hanscom, July 13; James M. Woodman, October 15; Charles Andrews, January 3.

30 Blazing Star, Rumford. William F. Stevens, April 21; David W. Brown, May 21; Willard I. White, June 9; Charles H. McKenzie, July 22.

31 Union, Union. Ellis L. Skinner; Lincoln C. Jackson. (Secretary furnishes no dates).

32 Hermon, Gardiner. Charles F. Lunt, March 6; Andrew J. Erskine, March 21; Rufus E. Donnell, May 16; Frank B. Ridley, September 16; John T. Richards, October 16; William Rollins, October 24; Eugene Coburn, December 6; Samuel B. Meady, February 20.

33 Waterville, Waterville. Parker D. Hansell, April 1; Frank E. Brown, August 3; Frank E. Drake, September 18; William J. White, November 16; Dana U. Clement, November 18; Josiah D. Hayden,* February 21; Perham S. Heald,* February 24.

34 Somerset, Skowhegan. S. Niles Blanchard, November 3; Thomas H. Anderson, October 26.

35 Bethlehem, Augusta. Oliver B. Quimby, May 6, 1919; Otis W. Kimball, April 19; Fred H. Cowan, April 27; Emelius T. Bascome, May 25; Amos W. Wright, June 10; Frederick M. Hayes, June 20; William B. Trask, February 10.

36 Casco, Yarmouth. Charles S. Barbour, May 19; Woodbury B. Welch, July 15; Ira M. Fields, August 24; Benjamin Loring, January 24.

37 Washington, Lubec. Ahira Calkins, October 1; Albert H. Myers, February 20.

38 Harmony, Gorham. Gardiner M. Parker, April 21; Prescott Keyes, June 1; Thomas Simms, August 27; Asa F. Abbott, November 18; Theodore Shackford, November 30; William C. Toutloff, January 22; John C. Clement, February 15.

39 Penobscot, Dexter. Menza L. Oliver, March 3; Jacob Mason, July 28; Wesley H. Judkins, October 6; Joseph H. Larrabee, December 14; David W. McCrillis, November 20; G. M. Twombly, December 27.

40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. John H. Carter, July ; Lucillius A. Emery, August 26; Frank W. Billington, December 1; Oscar A. Tompkins, December 9; Howard W. Dunn, Jr., December 28.

41 Morning Star, Litchfield. James W. Starbird, April 2; Charles E. Chase, August.

42 Freedom, Limington. Walter H. Severance, (no date given).

43 Alna, Damariscotta. Harvey E. Winslow, March 1; Henry C. Coffin, May 7.

44 Piscataquis, Milo. James L. Bishop, April 16; Amos P. Morse,* April 30; Alanson M. Warren, February 2.

45 Central, China. John C. Chalmers; Theron E. Doe. (Secretary gives no dates).

46 St. Croix, Calais. Frank T. Crafts, June 7; Frank V. Lee,* September 6.

47 Dunlap, Biddeford.* Charles Walker, February 23, 1918; Charles H. Bonser, February 28, 1918; Clement A. Wakefield, April 25; Horace B. Clark, May 9; Frank S. Warren, June 28; John F. Goldwithe, October 4; George F. Kenniston, November 19; Christopher C. Gilpatric, December 30; Leroy Smith, January 3; William H. Stewart, February 8; Winthrop Bradbury, February 21.

48 Lafayette, Readfield. Samuel B. Millett, June, 1920; Bertram E. Leighton, September 14.

49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. Calvin S. Gray, May 14; George W. Stuart, August; Alfred W. Littlefield,* November; Fred W. Davis, November; Henry H. Rich, January 1; Stephen Hilton, February 16; George A. Sanborn,* February 20.

50 Aurora, Rockland. Alfred Murry, May 16; George A. Tolman, June 4; William G. Butman, June 24; Angus W. Beaton, October 15; Nathaniel C. Matthews, January 30; Alfred I. Achorn, December, 1920; Wellington G. Ginghi, February 2; Leonard H. Snow, February 7.

51 St. John's, South Berwick.

52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. Joseph S. Waite, March 11; George T. Flanders, May 8; John F. Arnold, December 31.

54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. William Carlender, January 22.

55 Fraternal, Alfred. Edwin P. Ferguson, March 3; John M. Akers, May 17.

56 Mount Moriah, Albert F. Trumbull, October 18; John C. Richardson, December 3; Daniel B. Jackson, December 11.

57 King Hiram, Dixfield. George W. Dockham, April 21; Rufus H. Douglass, May 21.

58 Unity, Thorndike. Alonzo H. Higgins, October 1; Ezra M. Hamilton, July 10.

60 Star in the East, Old Town. Darius E. Towle,* March 11; Joseph H. Fitzgerald,* March 12; George W. Horn,* June 17; Horace M. Dickey,* June 29; Fred C. Barton,* July 4; Jonas D. Wedgwood, July 16; Alexander McKay,* August 19; Howard A. Lancaster,* November 18; Luther C. Spencer,* December 21.

61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. Thomas F. Sproul,* April 2; John E. White,* April 8; Edwin L. Benner,* January 28; Dudley Farrington,* May 20.

62 King David's, Lincolnville. Robert W. Sylvester, unknown; Percy B. Cross, May 6; Edwin M. Coleman, July 13.

63 Richmond, Richmond. Guilford S. McFee,* May 19; Charles D. Newell, September 16; Noble Maxwell, October 11, 1919.

64 Pacific, Exeter. John L. Abbott, (no date given); James B. Fisher, May 13; Fred O. Hurd, September 10; George F. Jewett, October 21; Stillman J. Ridlon, May 19; Almer M. Paul, January 20.

65 Mystic, Hampden. Amasa W. Gould, March 5; William R. Kelley, April 11; David S. Jewett, October 7.

66 Mechanics', Orono. James H. Webster, March 6; Frank W. Vinal, October 15.

67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. Sidney G. Haley, December 20.

68 Mariners', Searsport. James N. Pendleton, May 1; Mial Sargent, April 16; James E. Wentworth, September 4.

69 Howard, Winterport. Willis P. Tripp,* October 18; Fred G. Atwood,* October 27; Joshua E. Crockett,* January 5.

- 70 Standish, Standish. Wilmer N. Mason, March 3; Henry B. Hartford, October 24; Albert E. Fuller, February 1.
- 71 Rising Sun, Orland. Alfred Staples, January 30.
- 72 Pioneer, Ashland. Norman W. Kirk, May 21; Seth S. Thornton, July 17; Henry W. Dunn, August 2.
- 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. Ezra F. Bailey, April 20; David R. Greenwood, July 23; George E. Keene, September 28; Everett L. Haggett, October 7; William M. Tibbie, February 20.
- 74 Bristol, Bristol. Everett A. Wentworth, March 20; Warren P. Farrell, May 4.
- 75 Plymouth, Plymouth. Samuel A. Parkhurst, April 12.
- 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Joseph H. Benson, March 1; Thomas P. Baker, December 8.
- 77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor. Edgar Robbins,* March 11; Alvah E. Foss,* February 20.
- 78 Crescent, Pembroke. Walter W. Leighton, September 16; Iva B. Sprague, September 18; Mathias V. Bridges, January 1, 1920.
- 79 Rockland, Rockland. William H. Smith, November 20; Joseph H. Clark, December 15; William F. Norcross, December 30.
- 80 Keystone, Solon. Frank T. Farrin, June 20; John Loudfoot, November 12; Corydon Felker, June 5; Nicholas W. Murphy, August 7.
- 81 Atlantic, Portland. Seth M. Milliken, March 5; Alfred B. Winslow, April 23; Edward B. Marston, *June 6; William P. Pratt,* July 31; Harry S. Ayers,* August 20; John W. Courtland, August 16; James E. Leighton,* October 5; Charles C. Bedlow, October 29; Charles H. Harbolt, November 21; Robinson Williams, December 11.
- 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. William H. Thorndike, February 16, 1920; David Talbot, May 24; Joseph W. Ellis, October 16; Benjamin F. Brewster, October 26; Charles J. Gregory, February 24; Edward E. Metcalf, February 25; Fred W. Andrews, February 26.
- 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. Henry W. Hawkins, April 2; Howard L. Watson, June 23; John M. Ward, November 27; Edward A. Larsen, December 22; William C. Miller, December 29; Henry R. Staples, January 25; Melville H. Andrews, February 24; Wilfred E. Mansur, February 27.
- 85 Star in the West, Unity. Asa Sawyer, April 10; Rufus E. Stone, October 20.
- 86 Temple, Westbrook. Albert H. Adams, April 25; Everett E. Reade, August 26; LaRue F. Coffin, August 30; Albion F. Coffin, September 20; Charles E. Willis, November 2; George W. Norton, October 22.
- 87 Benevolent, Carmel. Allen C. L. Bartlett; Charles H. Blagden; Charles A. Sheldon. (Secretary furnishes no dates).
- 89 Island, Islesboro. Edwin F. Preble, October 9; Charles E. Quimby, May 5; Conrad Beckett, June 7, 1919.

91 Harwood, Machias. Charles E. Inglee, April 4; Hamlin N. Small, October 16; William P. Berry, January 12.

92 Siloam, Fairfield. Melrose Cotton, March 11; Fred R. Davis, April 30; Stephen A. Nye, August 9.

93 Horeb, Lincoln. Frank P. Bradeen, April 10; Hugo Clark, August 5; Alexander L. Matthews, September 3; George W. Stevens, November 8.

94 Paris, South Paris. James S. Wright, March 26; Fletcher A. Parlin, December 26.

95 Corinthian, Hartland. Allen W. Webber, Mary 5; Chester Chase, February 26.

96 Monument, Houlton. William H. Jordan,* April 8; Murray T. Pearson,* June 29; John A. Laughton,* October 23; Charles S. Green,* February 7.

97 Bethel, Bethel. Samuel K. Estes. (Date not given).

98 Katahdin, Patten. Charles A. Carpenter, January 23.

99 Vernon Valley, Mount Vernon. Lewis B. Griffin, April 7.

100 Jefferson, Bryants Pond. Edgar Whitman,* June 24; Irvin S. Thompson,* April 23.

101 Nezinscot, Turner. William A. Downing, April 4; James H. Donham, April 16.

102 Marsh River, Brooks. Joseph Ellis, February 27; C. W. Pierce, April 22; I. S. Staples, April 17, 1918.

103 Dresden, Dresden Mills. George Killam, March 27; George H. Moody, March 9.

104 Dirigo, Weeks Mills. W. Hisler Wright, October 29.

105 Ashlar, Lewiston. Horace A. Cole, March 3; Charles E. Scrimgeour, September 17; Charles Stewart, February 21; Walter H. Brown, December 31; Stephen M. Bennett, January; Walter W. Sanborn, August 16.

106 Tuscan, Addison. Horace M. Leighton, November 16; Augustus N. Look, May 25; Edward D. Kelley, January 26.

109 Mount Kineo, Guilford. Olin D. Crockett, March 17; George C. Brown, July 13; Otis Martin, July 18.

110 Monmouth, Monmouth. Benjamin Ellis, April 23; Wilbur A. Maxwell, May 18; William W. Drake, June 12; J. Henry Gilman, October 12; Herbert B. Blake, December 16; William N. Prescott, January 11.

111 Liberty, Liberty. John C. Sherman, April 26; Charles N. Cram, November 8; Thomas P. Mathews, July 27; Ezekiel Rowell, September 17; Charles S. Perry, November 19; Charles W. Bagley, February 22.

112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. Charles E. Hoit, Sr., September 28; Sidney B. Blanchard, December 1.

113 Messalonskee, Oakland. Wellington Ellis, July 22; Charles A. Stevens, February 18.

114 Polar Star, Bath. Albert K. Hilgendorf, lost at sea; Benjamin F. Jewett, July 5; Isaiah S. Coombs, July 9; Timothy B. Wetherbee, September 10; Cleveland M. Oliver, September 18; Eugene A. Mitchell, November 23; Charles B. Harington, December 18; Frank M. Harnden, December 25; Fred A. Willis, January 23.

115 Buxton, West Buxton. Elvin A. Soule, December 2.

116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. William R. Whitney, * July 29; Fred G. Danferth, * November 20; Henry M. Walker, * April 20; Alden B. Dunton, * January 10; Harry L. Kilgore, February 14.

117 Greenleaf, Cornish. Aaron Burnell, March 30; Arthur Wadsworth, November 22; John W. Randall, January 24.

119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. Charles W. Ames, September; Edward C. Simpson, January 12.

121 Acacia, Durham. Benjamin I. Small, (no date given); Ralph E. Williams, February 28.

122 Marine, Deer Isle. Charles H. Greenlaw, July 3; Thomas Eaton, September 5; Edward G. Haskell, November 21; Charles H. M. Pressey, January 30.

123 Franklin, New Sharon. David H. Currier, November 27.

124 Olive Branch, Charleston. George R. Rich, April; Leroy S. Barney, July. (Secretary furnishes no other dates).

125 Meridian, Pittsfield. Amos M. Powers, in the West, date unknown; Ezra K. Wingate, May 15; William R. Pushor, June 18; Clarence Tyler, November 13; James M. Chalmers, February 27.

126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. David P. Flanders, July 9; Augustus D. Hayes, August 7; Albert C. Burgess, November 25.

127 Presumpscot, North Windham. John H. Hayden, * February 25.

128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. Frank W. Eaton, May 17; Henry F. Byard, June 14; Joseph H. Lancaster, December 9; John F. Gray, * February 25.

129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. Joseph S. Mahoney, December 20.

130 Trinity, Presque Isle. William McCarthy, September 8; Clair P. Randall, October 15.

131 Lookout, Cutler. George Cheyney, October 29; Charles B. Thurlow, January 17; Andrew J. Dennison, February 25.

132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. Hiram F. Holt, June 20; Augustus G. Moen, October 15; George A. Miller, January 10.

133 Asylum, Wayne. Frank M. Hubbard, December 7; Russell L. Gould, September 29; James A. Ridley, February 22.

135 Riverside, Jefferson. Fred A. Johnson, August; Everett N. Weeks, February 13.

138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. Josiah James, April 28; James Swan, September 4.

- 139 Archon, East Dixmont. Edwin L. Curtis, * January 4.
- 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. Walter J. Richardson, November 27.
- 141 Augusta, Augusta. Leonard V. Clark, June 11; Edward A. Perkins, May; Alonzo E. Chadbourne, September 10; William F. Livingstone, January 10.
- 142 Ocean, Wells Depot. Solomon E. Randall, September 18; Edwin Gray, December 19.
- 143 Preble, Sanford. Edgar J. Wentworth, * November 17.
- 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. Thaddeus L. Montgomery, * May 4; Alonzo R. Nickerson, May 14; Freeman Groves, * July 29.
- 145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Henry G. Johnson, March 5; Alden C. Cooper, * May 12; Timothy L. Smith, * July 11.
- 146 Sebastieok, Clinton. Cephas M. Rolfe, * May 29; Walter H. Stinson, * June 30.
- 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. Newell M. Varney, * July 7; Cyrus B. Heald, February 14.
- 148 Forest, Springfield. Orie A. McKenney, September 18; Lysander W. Trask, December 15.
- 149 Doric, Monson. Charles W. Gerrish, April 23; Edwin R. Haynes, December 21; George H. Bray, January 25; Albert F. Jackson, * February 16.
- 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. William D. Pennell, April 6; Charles J. Gammon, April 13; Alvin J. Gardner, September 6; Wallace H. White, September 19; Charles J. F. Ellicott, October 12; Orlando P. Moseley, December 18; Henry A. Coombs, February 14.
- 151 Excelsior, Northport. Charles N. Bird, July 28.
- 152 Crooked River, Brownfield. Josiah C. Maxfield, April 19; Henry E. Jellison, November 24; Gilman Nutting, December 9; Robert E. Brackett, February 16.
- 153 Delta, Lovell. Arthur W. Mason, February 10.
- 154 Mystic Tie, Weld. Charles H. Noyes, * September 20.
- 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. George B. Sherey, * June 18; William A. Hollis, * October 29; Fenton Haigh, September 20.
- 156 Wilton, Wilton. Fred W. Sawyer, * May 3; Abiel H. Jones, * May 29; Horace L. Parsons, August 5; Ernest P. Parlin, September 17; Henry R. Dascomb, September 23; Augustus R. Savage, * October 15.
- 157 Cambridge, Cambridge. G. Willard Chadburne, February 15.
- 160 Parian, Corinna. Orville H. Knowles, March 28.
- 161 Carrabasset, Canaan. Ezra Kelley, September 24; William Lunt, January 2.
- 162 Arion, Goodwins Mills. Edwin R. Roberts, March; Hubbard G. Day, March. (Secretary furnishes no other dates).

- 166 Neguemekeag, Vassalboro. James S. Emery, January 6.
- 167 Whitney, Canton. Orland Irish,* July 16; A. Montelle Briggs, September 10; William H. Dyer, September 28; Charles H. Berry, December 17.
- 168 Composite, Lagrange. Daniel Cameron, March 9; Seth L. Lancaster, July 28; Hugh M. Cole, January 15.
- 170 Caribou, Caribou. Charles H. Ricker, October 1; William B. Hayes, November 29.
- 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. Reuben C. Stewart, March 13; Reuben C. Bridges, August 12.
- 173 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. Danville S. Chadbourne,* June 28; Samuel J. Clukey,* November 16.
- 174 Pleiades, Millbridge. Justin A. Walling, March 2; Herbert L. Hopkins, February 20; John E. Mitchell, May 25.
- 174 Lynde, Hermon. Frank O. Prescott, November 25.
- 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. Henry W. Longfellow,* August 13; Augustus O. Fish, June 1.
- 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. Isaiah W. Bowden, April 11; Fred Dunbar, August 23; Dudley C. Bridges, September 9; Calvin Leach, September 14; Roy F. Leach, January 19.
- 178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. W. Frank Monroe, March 8; Jonathan L. Flagg, May 7; Wallace W. Merrow,* June 6; Fred G. Jones,* August 25; Frank L. Lowell,* September 6; Herbert L. Gurney,* February 2.
- 180 Hiram, South Portland. Harrison Hedden,* June 9; Frederick W. Morrill,* July 1; Frank S. Tucker,* July 13; Archie H. Downs,* July 13; Edward M. Whitney, September 21; Clarence A. Fickett, February 8.
- 182 Granite, West Paris. Augustus S. Dunham, February 6.
- 183 Deering, Portland. Charles Beeler,* May 17; Charles T. Fiske, June 11; Marshal T. Leighton,* June 20; William Gateley, August 8; Oliver A. Lowell, October 19; August G. Schlotterbeck, January 3; Albert C. Bragg, February 14.
- 184 Naval, Kittery. Victor H. Chase, May 9; Granville O. Berry, November 29; Herbert E. Weare, November 29.
- 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. Frank Sprett,* March 27; Coryadon A. Richardson,* April 8; Arthur M. Higgins,* October 10.
- 186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Felix Barrett, April; Albert W. Shaw, December; Earl C. Berry, October; Lester J. Allen, November; Eben L. Hulet, April. (Secretary gives no other data).
- 187 Ira Berry, Blue Hill. Thomas J. Wescott, December 4.
- 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. Edwin C. Brown, April 4.
- 190 Springvale, Springvale. Samuel F. Felker,* February 17.

191 Davis, Strong. Dana E. Gray, July 16, 1918; Howard A. Clifford, March 14; William H. Hamlin, * September 18; Fred W. Look, * December 5; Charles B. Richardson, * December 23.

192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. Charles L. Crabtree, October 26.

193 Washburn, Washburn. Howard W. Holt, * July 29; Parker M. Smith, * February 3.

194 Euclid, Madison. George W. Williams, March 24; Anthony G. Sawyer, September 14; James R. Emery, October 6; Richard Creamer, February 1.

195 Reliance, Stonington. Archie E. Redman, August 28; Charles H. S. Webb, September 2; Maurice A. Allen, October 28.

196 Bay View, East Boothbay. Charles O. Emerson, May 20; Carl Olson, May 22; John E. Blake, January 31.

198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. George E. Blaisdell, November 27.

201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Oscar L. Crabtree, March 20; Thomas W. Bragdon, July 6; Nathan S. Bunker, October 15.

206 Island Falls, Island Falls. Frederick F. Bigelow, September 24.

209 Fort Kent, Fort Kent. Amaziah G. Fenlason, February 8.

210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. Samuel Blake, * January 24.

211 Meduncook, Friendship. Waterville L. Thompson, June 18; Samuel S. Poland, September 15.

214 Limestone, Limestone. Beecher L. Ward, January 19.

215 Orchard, Old Orchard. George Stuart, August 23.

Grand Lodges and

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.
Alabama, Dec. 1, 1920,	Percy B. Dixon, Mobile.
Alberta, June 9, 1920,	J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Pincher Creek.
Arizona, Feb. 10, 1920,	Henry H. Grove, Nogales.
Arkansas, Nov. 16, 1920,	W. W. Magee, Piggott.
Belgium, Jan. 29, 1919,	Charles Magnette, Brussels.
British Columbia, June 17, 1920,	M. L. Gimmett, Merritt.
California, Oct. 17, 1920,	George F. Rodden, San Francisco.
Canada, July 21, 1920,	Fred W. Harcourt, Toronto.
Colorado, Sept. 21, 1920,	Haslett P. Burke, Sterling.
Connecticut, Feb. 2, 1921,	Charles W. Cramer, Hartford.
Cuba, March 28, 1921,	Enrique L. Simani, Havana.
Delaware, October 6, 1920,	William J. Highfield, Wilmington.
Dist. Columbia, Dec. 15, 1920,	Charles J. O'Neil, Washington.
England, June 24, 1920,	Duke of Connaught.
Florida, Jan. 21, 1921,	Charles H. Ketchum, Key West.
Georgia, Oct. 26, 1920,	Charles L. Bass, Atlanta.
Idaho, Sept. 14, 1920,	I. Edgar Meek, Caldwell.
Illinois, Oct. 12, 1920,	Daniel G. Fitzgerald, Normal.
Indiana, May 25, 1920,	Richard H. Schweitzer, Knightstown.
Iowa, June 8, 1920,	Jesse A. West, Des Moines.
Ireland, Dec. 27, 1920,	Earl of Donoughmore.
Kansas, Feb. 16, 1920,	Ben S. Paulen, Fredonia.
Kentucky, Oct. 19, 1920,	Fred Acker, Paducah.
Louisiana, Feb. 13, 1921,	Hollace H. Bain, Shreveport.
Maine, May 3, 1921,	Edward W. Wheeler, Brunswick.
Manitoba, June 9, 1920,	Albert J. Hatcher, Brandon.
Maryland, Nov. 17, 1920,	Warren S. Seipp, Baltimore.
Massachusetts, Dec. 8, 1920,	Arthur D. Prince, Lowell.
Michigan, May 25, 1920,	Ira A. Beck, Battle Creek.
Minnesota, Jan. 19, 1921,	Frederick E. Jenkins, Faribault.
Mississippi, Feb. 22, 1921,	John H. Johnson, Akerman.
Missouri, Sept. 21, 1920,	William F. Johnson, Boonville.
Montana, Aug. 18, 1920,	Robert J. Hathaway, Glendive.
Nebraska, June 8, 1920,	Joseph B. Fradenburg, Omaha.
Nevada, June 9, 1920,	Harry H. Atkinson, Tonopah.
New Brunswick, Apr. 22, 1919,	Daniel C. Clark, St. John.
New Hampshire, May 19, 1920,	Harry G. Noyes, Gorham.
New Jersey, April 21, 1920,	Cooper H. Prickett, Trenton.
New Mexico, Feb. 21, 1921,	Francis E. Lester, Mesilla Park.
N. South Wales, June 23, 1920,	William Thompson.
New York, May 4, 1912,	Robert H. Robinson, New York.

Addresses of Grand Officers

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Fay Hempstead, Little Rock.	D. H. Bowers, El Dorado.
George Petre, Brussels.	None.
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GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.
New Zealand, May 3, 1920,	Thomas Rose, Dunedin.
North Carolina, Jan. 20, 1920,	James C. Braswell, Whitakers.
North Dakota, June 15, 1920,	Allan V. Haig, Devils Lake.
Nova Scotia, July 9, 1920,	George D. Macdougall, New Glasgow.
Ohio, Oct. 20, 1920,	John R. Flotron, Dayton.
Oklahoma, Feb. 24, 1920,	Frank A. Derr, Guthrie.
Oregon, June 16, 1920,	William J. Kerr, Corvallis.
Panama, Feb. 21, 1920,	Guillermo Andreve, Panama.
Pennsylvania, Dec. 4, 1918,	James B. Krause, Philadelphia.
Peru, March 24, 1919,	Alberto Baroni, Lima.
Phillipine Islands, Jan. 27, 1920,	Rafael Palma, Manila.
Porto Rico, March 21, 1921,	W. F. Lippitt, San Juan.
P. E. Island, June 23, 1920,	William S. Stewart, Charlottetown.
Quebec, Feb. 9, 1921,	Charles McBurney, Lachute.
Rhode Island, May 17, 1920,	James E. Batty, Pawtucket.
Saskatchewan, June 16, 1920,	Justice E. L. Elwood, Regina.
Scotland, Feb. 4, 1920,	R. King Stewart, Murdostoun.
South Australia, April 21, 1920,	Arthur William Piper.
South Carolina, Dec. 9, 1920,	S. T. Lanham, Spartanburg.
South Dakota, June 8, 1920,	John H. McCord, Pierre.
Tasmania, Feb. 14, 1921,	C. E. Davies, Hobart.
Tennessee, Jan. 28, 1920,	T. W. Peace, Madisonville.
Texas, Dec. 20, 1920,	Andrew L. Randell, Sherman.
Utah, Jan. 20, 1920,	James L. Catron, Salt Lake City.
Vermont, June 9, 1920,	Archie S. Harriman, Middlebury.
Victoria, Dec. 27, 1919,	Frederick T. Hickford, Melbourne.
Virginia, Feb. 8, 1921,	John S. Bottoimore, Fazwell.
Washington, June 10, 1920,	James H. Begg, Seattle.
West Virginia, Nov. 10, 1920,	Adraian C. Nadenbousch, Martinsburg.
West Australia, April 20, 1920,	Sir William Ellison-Macartney, Perth.
Wisconsin, June 8, 1920,	C. E. Shaffer, Madison.
Wyoming Sept. 8, 1920,	William O. Wilson, Casper.

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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.
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Charles James Barrow, Melbourne.	David Meadowcroft, Melbourne.
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Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma.	Ralph C. McAllaster, Seattle.
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J. D. Stevelson, Perth.	J. D. Stevenson, Peth.
William W. Perry, Milwaukee.	Aldro Jenks, Dodgeville.
Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper.	Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper.

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- Alabama — CHARLES H. WINSTON, R. F. D. 2, Geiger.
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North Carolina — M. DELANCEY HEYWOOD, Raleigh.
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Quebec — PETER W. A. BURKET, Montreal.
Rhode Island — ARTHUR A. RHODES, Pawtuxet.
Saskatchewan — ANDREW H. GORDON, Grenfell.
South Australia — FRANK SMITH.
South Carolina — CLAUDE F. SAWYER, Aiken.
South Dakota — SAMUEL H. JUMPER, Aberdeen.
Tasmania — THOMAS DAVEY.
Tennessee — NATHAN S. WOODWARD, Knoxville.
Texas — STEPHEN M. BRADLEY, Denton.
Utah — ELMER ELLSWORTH CORFMAN, Salt Lake City.
Vermont —
Victoria — W. C. J. SAYER.
Virginia — CHARLES A. NESBITT, Richmond.
Washington — THOMAS E. SKAGGS, Olympiah.
Western Australia — C. E. HEAZELWOOD, Perth.
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- Alabama — GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, Pittsfield.
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Arkansas — SILAS B. ADAMS, Portland.
Belgium —
British Columbia —
Canada — WILMER J. DORMAN, Belfast.
Colorado — FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabattus.
Cuba — LEON S. HOWE, Presque Isle.
Connecticut — ISAAC N. JONES, Calais.
Delaware — JAMES B. STEVENSON, Rumford.
District of Columbia — WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, Fort Fairfield.
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 — SAMUEL B. FURBISH, Brunswick.
Nebraska — EDWIN A. PORTER, Pittsfield.
Nevada — RALPH W. MOORE, Hampden.
New Brunswick — WILLIS A. RICKER, Castine.
New Hampshire — HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.
New Jersey — ALBERT H. NEWBERT, Rockland.
New South Wales — JAMES E. PARSONS, Ellsworth.
New York — EDWARD W. WHEELER, Brunswick.
New Zealand — JOHN J. MARR, Island Falls.
North Carolina — CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Portland.
North Dakota — DAVID E. MOULTON, Portland.
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 PETTINGILL, Rumford.
Prince Edward Island — EDWARD K. GOULD, Rockland.
Puerto Rico — THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.
Quebec — JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
Rhode Island — FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
Saskatchewan — ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.
South Australia — LEE M. SMITH, Norway.
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.
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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 — 1921

Lodges enrolled.....	215
" extinct	9
" working	206
" represented at communication, 1921	186
Number of representatives	266
Lodges to make returns	206
Making returns in time	206
Initiated	3,524
Raised	3,471
Affiliated	158
Re-instated	139
Error 1920 returns	2
Total increase	3,770
Demitted	220
Died	593
Suspended	1
Expelled	0
Lost membership by non-payment of dues	122
Deprived of membership for non-payment of dues	5
Total decrease	941
Net increase	2,829
Members March 1, 1920	35,670
Members March 1, 1921	38,499
Grand Lodge Receipts	\$16,124.93
" " Disbursements	\$16,571.36
Amount of Charity Fund	\$79,157.73
George R. Rich Fund	\$1,161.62
Income of Charity Fund	\$4,345.74

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Grand Lodge of Maine

1921

Special Communication

MASONIC HALL, BATH, }
June 18, 1921. }

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maine was opened in ample form, in Masonic Hall, Bath, at two o'clock, in the afternoon, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple, then being constructed in the City of Bath.

PRESENT

M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,	Grand Master
R. W. HENRY C. UPTON,	<i>as</i> Deputy Grand Master
R. W. JOHN M. BURLEIGH,	Senior Grand Warden
W. WALTER S. GLIDDEN,	<i>as</i> Junior Grand Warden
M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,	<i>as</i> Grand Treasurer
R. W. CHARLES B. DAVIS,	Grand Secretary
R. W. HIRAM A. WEBBER,	Grand Marshal
W. DAVID L. WILSON,	Grand Chaplain
W. WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS,	<i>as</i> Grand Senior Deacon
R. W. JOHN L. MERRILL,	<i>as</i> Grand Junior Deacon
W. SPURGEON S. HOAR,	Grand Senior Steward
W. ARTHUR W. TAYLOR,	<i>as</i> Grand Junior Steward
W. ARTHUR P. SAMPSON,	<i>as</i> Grand Sword Bearer
W. WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	Grand Tyler

The Grand Lodge proceeded, headed by a local band, and escorted by Solar Lodge, No. 14, Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, Montgomery and St. Bernard R. A. Chapter, No. 2, and Dunlap Commandery, No. 5, K. T., 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 WHEELER. with the assistance of the brethren. A scholarly oration was delivered after the ceremony by Worshipful and Rev. Brother HENRY E. DUNACK, of Augusta. At the conclusion the Grand Lodge was escorted back to Masonic Hall and was closed in due form.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1921

Special Communication

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
July 27, 1921. }

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maine was opened in ample form, in Masonic Temple, Portland, at eleven o'clock, in the forenoon, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Gould Memorial School Building, then being constructed as an addition to the equipment of the the Maine State School for Boys, in the City of South Portland.

PRESENT.

M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,	Grand Master
R. W. CONVERS E. LEACH,	<i>as</i> Deputy Grand Master
W. CHARLES J. DUNN,	<i>as</i> Senior Grand Warden
W. ARTHUR R. GOULD,	<i>as</i> Junior Grand Warden
M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,	<i>as</i> Grand Treasurer
R. W. CHARLES B. DAVIS,	Grand Secretary
W. DAVID L. WILSON,	Grand Chaplain
W. I. JAMES MERRY,	Grand Chaplain
W. E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	<i>as</i> Grand Marshal
R. W. JOSEPH B. MANCHESTER,	<i>as</i> Grand Senior Deacon
W. WILLARD W. KNIGHT,	<i>as</i> Grand Junior Deacon
W. WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	Grand Tyler

The Grand Lodge proceeded by autos to the State School where a lunch was served with interesting speaking, after which the procession was formed and marched to the site of the new building, which will be used as a day school for the boys, where the

ceremonies of laying the corner stone were carried out by Grand Master WHEELER with the assistance of the brethren. At the conclusion the Grand Lodge returned to Masonic Temple, Portland, and was closed in due form.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1921

Special Communication

READFIELD, }
September 10, 1921. }

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maine was opened in ample form, in the Methodist Chapel in Readfield, at three o'clock, in the afternoon, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Building, then being constructed in the town of Readfield, by Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, to replace the one destroyed by fire, caused by a lightning bolt, on the night of June 11, 1921, about one hour after the lodge had closed a stated communication.

PRESENT

M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,
R. W. CHARLES W. CROSBY,
M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,
R. W. EDWARD G. PALMER,
M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,
R. W. CHARLES B. DAVIS,
W. A. FRANCIS WALCH,
W. JOHN H. MERRILL,
W. JOHN S. P. H. WILSON,
R. W. LEON A. TEBBETTS,
R. W. GEORGE C. LIBBY,
W. WINSLOW E. HOWELL,

Grand Master
as Deputy Grand Master
as Senior Grand Warden
as Junior Grand Warden
as Grand Treasurer
Grand Secretary
Grand Chaplain
as Grand Senior Deacon
as Grand Junior Deacon
as Grand Senior Steward
as Grand Junior Steward
Grand Tyler

Headed by Dennis' Band, of Augusta, Bro. Frank E. Dennis, Leader, which organization had donated its services, and escorted by about eighty members

of Lafayette Lodge, the Grand Lodge marched to the site of the new building where the ceremonies of laying the corner stone were carried out by Grand Master WHEELER with the assistance of the brethren. A most instructive oration was delivered by Rev. Brother A. Francis Walch, Grand Chaplain. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the Grand Lodge returned to the Methodist Chapel, and was closed in due form.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1921

Special Communication

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Sunday, September 11, 1921. }

A Special Communication of Sorrow of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maine was held for the purpose of conducting the funeral services of our beloved Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, ALBRO ELMORE CHASE, who died at his home in Vaughan Street, Portland, on Thursday, September 8, 1921.

PRESENT

M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,	Grand Master
R. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. JOHN M. BURLEIGH,	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. ALLEN L. CURTIS,	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. CHARLES B. DAVIS,	Grand Secretary
W. DAVID L. WILSON,	Grand Chaplain
W. ROBERT J. BRUCE,	Grand Chaplain
W. DAVID E. MOULTON,	Grand Senior Deacon
W. E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	Grand Junior Deacon
R. W. JOSEPH B. MANCHESTER,	D. D. G. M. 17th District
W. ELMER A. DOTEN,	Grand Steward
W. RALPH H. BURBANK,	Grand Steward
W. WARREN C. KING,	Grand Pursuivant
W. WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS,	Grand Pursuivant
W. WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	Grand Tyler
M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER,	Past Grand Master
M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,	Past Grand Master
M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,	Past Grand Master
M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,	Past Grand Master
R. W. ALBERT M. PENLEY,	Past Senior Grand Warden
R. W. W. SCOTT SHOREY,	Past Senior Grand Warden

R. W. ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	Past Senior Grand Warden
R. W. FRED C. CHALMERS,	Past Senior Grand Warden
R. W. HOWARD D. SMITH,	Past Junior Grand Warden
R. W. WILLIAM FREEMAN LORD,	Past Junior Grand Warden
R. W. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	Past Junior Grand Warden
R. W. GEORGE W. HOLMES,	Past Junior Grand Warden
R. W. MILLARD M. CASWELL,	Past Junior Grand Warden

Together with more than three hundred brethren, including Past Grand Commanders THOMAS P. SHAW, CLAYTON J. FARRINGTON, FREDERICK C. THAYER, HARRY R. VIRGIN, WARREN C. PHILBROOK, J. FREDERICK HILL and WILMER J. DORMAN, and WILLIAM C. MASON, Deputy for Maine of the A. A. S. Rite.

The casket containing the remains of M. W. Brother CHASE lay in state in Corinthian Hall, under a guard of honor of Portland Lodge, No. 1, from twelve to two o'clock. At that hour, after a prayer service and Scripture reading by Rev. H. Stiles Bradley, of the State Street Congregational Church, the Lodge burial service was performed by Grand Master WHEELER, assisted by Rev. Brother David L. Wilson Grand Chaplain.

Under escort of Portland Lodge, No. 1, Worshipful Peter G. Peterson, Master, the remains were borne to Evergreen Cemetery for interment in the family lot.

The Grand Lodge then returned to Masonic Temple and was closed in due form.

Attest:



Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1921

Special Communication

MASONIC HALL, CASTINE, }
October 25, 1921. }

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maine was opened in ample form, in the lodge room of Hancock Lodge, No. 4, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of dedicating to Masonic uses the new Masonic Hall which had been reconstructed in the town of Castine.

PRESENT

M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,
R. W. NORRIS L. HEATH,
R. W. WILLIS A. RICKER,
W. WILLIAM J. PATTERSON,
W. ARTHUR W. PATTERSON,
W. WILLIAM A. WALKER,
W. MELVIN A. WARDWELL,
W. GEORGE B. RICHARDSON,

Grand Master
as Senior Grand Warden
as Junior Grand Warden
as Grand Treasurer
as Grand Secretary
as Grand Chaplain
as Grand Marshal
as Grand Tyler

The Hall, a gift to the lodge by Brother Cyrus Leach, was dedicated to Masonic uses by Grand Master WHEELER with the assistance of the brethren, and at the conclusion of the ceremonies the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

Attest: ARTHUR W. PATTERSON,
as Grand Secretary.

A true copy of the minutes.

Attest:



Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Maine 1922

Special Communication

MASONIC TEMPLE, BATH, }
March 1, 1922. }

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maine was opened in ample form, in the New Masonic Temple, Bath, at eight o'clock, in the evening, for the purpose of dedicating to Masonic uses the new Masonic Hall in the Temple which had been constructed in the City of Bath.

PRESENT

M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,
R. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,
W. DAVID E. MOULTON,
R. W. CONVERS E. LEACH,
M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,
R. W. CHARLES B. DAVIS,
W. DAVID L. WILSON,
W. HIRAM A. WEBBER,
W. WALTER S. GLIDDEN,
W. E. MURRAY GRAHAM,
W. WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS,
R. W. W. SCOTT SHOREY,
W. N. GRANTZ JACKSON,

Grand Master
Deputy Grand Master
as Senior Grand Warden
as Junior Grand Warden
Grand Treasurer
Grand Secretary
Grand Chaplain
Grand Marshal
as Grand Senior Deacon
Grand Junior Deacon
as Grand Senior Steward
as Grand Junior Steward
as Grand Tyler

The ceremony of dedicating the hall to Masonic uses was carried out in conformity to the long established customs as practiced in this Grand Jurisdiction, and after a most eloquent and instructive address by the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Maine 1922

Special Communication

MASONIC HALL, READFIELD, }
March 9, 1922. }

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maine, was opened in Masonic Hall, for the purpose of dedicating the Hall in the new Masonic Building that had been constructed by Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, in the town of Readfield.

PRESENT

M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE, P. G. M.,	<i>as</i> Grand Master
R. W. CHARLES W. CROSBY,	<i>as</i> Deputy Grand Master
W. SPURGEON S. HOAR,	<i>as</i> Senior Grand Warden
R. W. EDWARD G. PALMER,	<i>as</i> Junior Grand Warden
M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,	Grand Treasurer
R. W. CHARLES B. DAVIS,	Grand Secretary
W. A. FRANCIS WALCH,	Grand Chaplain
R. W. LEON O. TEBBETTS,	<i>as</i> Grand Marshal
W. J. PUTNAM STEVENS,	<i>as</i> Grand Senior Deacon
W. E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	Grand Junior Deacon
W. FRED J. BROWN,	<i>as</i> Grand Senior Steward
W. ELMER E. PEACOCK,	<i>as</i> Grand Junior Steward
W. WINFIELD L. PACKARD,	<i>as</i> Grand Tyler

The ceremony of dedicating the hall to Masonic uses was carried out in conformity to the long established forms and usages of this Grand Jurisdiction by Past Grand Master BODGE, with the assistance of the brethren, after which the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

Attest:



Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1922

One Hundred and Third Annual Communication

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 2, 1922. }

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,	M. W. Grand Master,	Brunswick
ALBERT M. SPEAR,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Augusta
JOHN M. BURLEIGH,	" Senior Grand Warden, South Berwick	
ALLEN L. CURTIS,	" Junior Grand Warden	Belfast
EDMUND B. MALLET,	" Grand Treasurer,	Freeport
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" Grand Secretary,	Portland
CONVERS E. LEACH,	" Cor. Grand Secretary,	Portland
REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	W. Grand Chaplain,	Bath
REV. ASHLEY A. SMITH,	" " "	Bangor
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	" " "	Cornish
REV. A. FRANCIS WALCH,	" " "	Augusta
HIRAM A. WEBBER,	" " Marshal,	Brunswick
DAVID E. MOULTON,	" " Senior Deacon,	Portland
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	" " Junior Deacon,	Portland
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " Steward	Biddeford
FRANK P. DENACO,	" " "	Bangor
ERNEST J. RECORD,	" " Sword Bearer,	So. Paris
EDWARD K. GOULD,	" " Standard Bearer,	Rockland
WARREN C. KING,	" " Pursuivant,	Portland
WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS,	" " "	Lisbon Falls
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" " Lecturer,	Sabbatus
WALTER S. SMITH,	" " Organist,	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" " Tyler,	Portland

Also 269 delegates, representing 190 of the 206 chartered lodges, 7 of the 8 living Past Grand Masters, with 33 out of the other 41 permanent

members, including 48 of the 56 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. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

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 J. COLE,

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

On motion of Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS,

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 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, 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:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 2, 1922.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Transportation beg leave to report that for the first time since the railroads of the country were taken over by the Government as a war measure, have we been able to arrange for a reduced round

trip fare to members and representatives attending the Grand Lodge sessions.

As usual correspondence was commenced about January 1st, and we found the heads of the passenger departments of every railroad operating in Maine ready to offer round trip tickets good from May 1st to 5th, for one and one-half regular fare. This announcement was sent to the lodges and members in the regular notice of the Annual Communication, about the first of February.

On April 6th, your committee received another letter from the General Passenger Agent of the Bangor & Aroostook road, in which a further concession was voluntarily made, offering round trip tickets over that line for fare and one-third. It was then too late to circulate notice of this further reduction to all the lodges and interested members in that section of the state, but we realized the fact that the new rate would apply on all tickets sold and that those who applied would receive the benefit, and we trust that you have all done so.

The thanks of this Grand Lodge should be extended to the management of the several railroads for the courtesies which they have extended.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS,	} Committee.
WM. FREEMAN LORD,	
JAMES E. PARSONS,	

CREDENTIALS.

BRO. RALPH H. BURBANK, for the Committee on Credentials, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 2, 1922.

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

- 1 PORTLAND, by Peter G. Peterson, M.; Warren Moses, S. W.; Edwin L. Lynch, J. W.; Edward E. Webster, Proxy.
- 2 WARREN, by Harry M. Gardner, Proxy.
- 3 LINCOLN, by William D. Patterson, Proxy.
- 4 HANCOCK, by Arthur G. Thombs, M.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by Norman Gray, M.
- 6 AMITY, by Carl H. Hopkins, M.; Howard D. Small, Proxy.
- 7 EASTERN, by Edward L. Wadsworth, M.; John R. Holmes, Proxy.
- 8 UNITED, by William H. Farrar, M.; Harry C. Upton, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Melville L. Gordon, M.; Archibald F. Houston, S. W.; Thomas H. Hooper, Proxy.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by Ira W. Barker, M.; Sina W. Ewer, Proxy.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by Norman C. Thurlow, M.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by W. B. Sweetsir, J. W.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by William H. Foster, Proxy.

- 14 SOLAR, by Harry E. Thompson, M.; Francis G. Cook, S. W.; Henry G. Shaw, J. W.
- 15 ORIENT, by William B. Matthews, Proxy.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by William H. Robinson, M.; G. Dudley Gould, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LANDMARK, by Irving L. Rich, M.; Albert W. Moulton, S. W.; David F. Drew, J. W.; Clark D. Chapman, Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by Donald B. Patridge, M.
- 19 FELICITY, by Walter B. Smith, Proxy.
- 20 MAINE, by John H. Gilkey, M.; H. Burton Voter, Proxy.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Arthur W. Driscoll, M.; Arthur E. Grose, Proxy.
- 22 YORK, by Howard C. Wakefield, S. W.; George E. Larrabee, J. W.; Harold H. Bourne, Proxy.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Guy C. Bean, M.; Walter V. Cole, S. W.; Fred A. Taylor, J. W.; Clarence B. Small, Proxy.
- 24 PHOENIX, by Norman A. Read, J. W.
- 25 TEMPLE, by Arthur A. Walton, M.
- 26 VILLAGE, by Henry E. Cornish, Proxy.
- 27 ADONIRAM, by William A. Small, M.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by Wilbur C. Simmons, Proxy.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by Arthur A. Abbott, S. W.; Louis E. Flanders, Proxy.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by Wm. A. Clough, S. W.; Fred O. Eaton, Proxy.
- 31 UNION, by Walter E. Burgess, M.; Ralph B. Lewis, Proxy.
- 32 HERMON, by Allen Clark, M.; Harold C. Smith, S. W.; Harry E. Larrabee, Proxy.
- 33 WATERTOWN, by George W. Hoxie, M.; Harry E. Green, S. W.; Harry S. Grindall, Proxy.
- 34 SOMERSET, by Edwin P. Whiting, M.; Leslie E. Jacobs, S. W.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by A. Francis Walch, M.; Chas. F. Meigs, S. W.; John C. Arnold, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by William H. Rowe, M.; Elmer P. Hatch, J. W.; Henry R. Rogers, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by Clayton S. Holmes, M.
- 38 HARMONY, by Edgar F. Carswell, Proxy.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by Joseph P. Rand, J. W.; H. Leroy Haskell, Proxy.
- 40 LYGONIA, by Leon E. Rowe, M.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by Weston R. Allen, S. W.; W. Leslie Maloon, Proxy.
- 42 FREEDOM, by Glenn C. Libby, Proxy.
- 43 ALNA, by Stephen F. Richards, S. W.
- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by Melvin B. Kittredge, M.; Walter E. Dillon, S. W.; Haron W. Day, J. W.; Charles M. Farrar, Proxy.
- 45 CENTRAL, by G. Wayland Jones, M.
- 46 ST. CROIX, by Henry R. Gillis, Proxy.
- 47 DUNLAP, by Herbert A. Haley, S. W.; William K. Sias, Proxy.
- 48 LAFAYETTE, by Fred Tingley, M.; Augustus H. Wilson, Proxy.
- 49 MERIDIAN SPLendor, by Charles E. Sheridan, M.; Lewman B. Soper, Proxy.

- 50 AURORA, by Arthur F. Wisner, M.; Frank A. Peterson, Proxy.
- 51 ST. JOHN'S, by James W. Hobbs, Proxy.
- 52 MOSAIC, by Edward D. Emery, Proxy.
- 53 RURAL, by Sanford A. Philbrook, M.; George M. Ellis, S. W.
- 54 VASSALBORO, by Joseph Wall, Proxy.
- 55 FRATERNAL, by Grover C. Downs, Proxy.
- 56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Harold L. McIntire, Proxy.
- 57 KING HIRAM, by Eben N. Hutchinson, M.; John M. Holland, Proxy.
- 58 UNITY, by Frederic L. Thurston, M.
- 59 MOUNT HOPE — *Charter surrendered in 1879.*
- 60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Henry A. Matthews, M.
- 61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Thomas L. Richards, M.
- 62 KING DAVID'S, by James H. Peavey, M.
- 63 RICHMOND, by Dover L. Southard, M.; Harry S. Jordan, Proxy.
- 64 PACIFIC, by Sylvester E. Prescott, M.; Freeman C. Hersey, Proxy.
- 65 MYSTIC, by Nathan W. Cole, M.
- 66 MECHANICS', by Elmer R. Tobey, M.
- 67 ———BLUE MOUNTAIN, not represented.
- 68 MARINERS', by Geo. R. Wilson, Proxy.
- 69 HOWARD, by Hubert Hall, Proxy.
- 70 STANDISH, by Henry M. Storah, Proxy.
- 71 RISING SUN, by Eathal D. Bowden, M.
- 72 PIONEER, by Carl L. Hews, Proxy.
- 73 TYRIAN, by Geo. H. Butler, Proxy.
- 74 BRISTOL, by Vinal D. Kelsey, Proxy.
- 75 PLYMOUTH, by Charles H. Davis, M.
- 76 ARUNDEL, by Frank H. Morrill, S. W.; Geo. N. Stevens, Proxy.
- 77 TREMONT, by Sim H. Mayo, M.
- 78 CRESCENT, by Fred L. Gardner, Proxy.
- 79 ROCKLAND, by Harry F. Smith, M.
- 80 KEYSTONE, by Eldred C. Heald, Proxy.
- 81 ATLANTIC, by Willard W. Knight, M.; Lowell H. Woodbury, S. W.;
Herbert I. Low, Proxy.
- 82 ST. PAUL'S, by William E. Murphy, Proxy.
- 83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Rodney C. Warner, Proxy.
- 84 EUREKA, by Frank F. Robinson, S. W.
- 85 ———STAR IN THE WEST, not represented.
- 86 TEMPLE, by Edward P. Harlow, M.
- 87 BENEVOLENT, by Charles L. Loring, M.
- 88 NARRAGUAGUS, by Bela T. Wass, M.
- 89 ISLAND, by Lloyd R. Pendleton, J. W.
- 90 HIRAM ABIF — *Charter revoked in 1868.*
- 91 HARWOOD, by Joseph L. Hall, M.
- 92 SILOAM, by James F. Atkins, M.
- 93 HOREB, by Clarence H. Staples, M.
- 94 PARIS, by Irving O. Barrows, M.; Ernest J. Record, Proxy.
- 95 CORINTHIAN, by John L. Getchell, M.

- 96 MONUMENT, by Thomas P. Packard, M.
- 97 BETHEL, by Raymond R. Tibbetts, M.
- 98 KATAHDIN, by Harry H. Watson, M.
- 99 ————VERNON VALLEY, not represented.
- 100 JEFFERSON, by Clarence E. Cole, M.; James M. Day, Proxy.
- 101 NEZINSCOT, by Charles H. Pratt, M.; Albert T. Bradford, Proxy.
- 102 MARSH RIVER, by Everett L. Cilley, M.
- 103 ————DRESDEN, not represented.
- 104 DIRIGO, by Joseph A. Banks, Proxy.
- 105 ASHLAR, by Blaine Abbott, M.; Arthur H. Field, J. W.; Edward E. Stetson, Jr., Proxy.
- 106 TUSCAN, by William A. Cleaves, M.
- 107 DAY SPRING, by Mahlon W. Staples, Proxy.
- 108 RELIEF — *Charter recalled in 1894.*
- 109 MOUNT KINEO, by Eugene E. Ross, M.
- 110 MONMOUTH, by Millard E. Day, Proxy.
- 111 LIBERTY, by Olin R. Harriman, M.; Oren W. Ripley, Proxy.
- 112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by Herbert G. Sawyer, M.
- 113 MESSALONSKEE, by Harry H. Hatfield, M.; Arthur M. Greeley, S. W.
- 114 POLAR STAR, by Philip A. Roberts, M.
- 115 ————BUXTON, not represented.
- 116 ————LEBANON, not represented.
- 117 GREENLEAF, by Daniel G. Chaplin, Proxy.
- 118 DRUMMOND, by Harrison F. Doe, M.
- 119 POWNAL, by Robert Andrews, M.
- 120 MEDUNCOOK — *Charter surrendered in 1834.*
- 121 ACACIA, by George W. Douglas, M.
- 122 MARINE, by George L. Beck, Proxy.
- 123 FRANKLIN, by Maurice A. Dunn, M.
- 124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Fred H. Burton, M.
- 125 MERIDIAN, by Frank W. Fuller, M.; John F. Webendorfer, Proxy.
- 126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Charles O'Connell, Proxy.
- 127 PRESUMPSCOT, Fred R. Crockett, M.; Robert N. Toms, S. W.; Orville V. Haskell, J. W.; John C. Nichols, Proxy.
- 128 EGGEMOGGIN, by Eugene P. Clapp, Proxy.
- 129 QUANTABACOOK, by Ernest S. Wing, Proxy.
- 130 TRINITY, by A. Philip Seavey, Proxy.
- 131 LOOKOUT, by Charles E. Maker, M.
- 132 MOUNT TIR'EM, George L. Kimball, M.; Guy E. Dudley, S. W.
- 133 ASYLUM, by Fred N. Parcher, M.
- 134 TROJAN — *Consolidated with Star in the East, No. 85, in 1888.*
- 135 RIVERSIDE, by H. Prescott Bond, M.
- 136 IONIC — *Charter surrendered in 1882.*
- 137 KENDUSKEAG, by F. Ernest Harvey, Proxy.
- 138 LEWY'S ISLAND, by Harry C. McDowell, M.
- 139 ARCHON, by John W. Goodwin, M.; Amos W. Knowlton, Proxy.
- 140 MOUNT DESERT, by Arthur L. Bunker, M.

- 141 AUGUSTA, by David S. Patterson, M.; William F. Leavitt, Proxy.
- 142 OCEAN, by Charles H. West, Proxy.
- 143 PREBLE, by Frank E. Fleming, M.; Samuel J. Mitchell, Proxy.
- 144 SEASIDE, by Percy W. Coombs, M.
- 145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Claes E. Boman, Proxy.
- 146 SEBASTICOOK, by Cecil Goodrich, Proxy.
- 147 EVENING STAR, by Frederick A. Taylor, M.; Augustus F. Cloutier, Proxy.
- 148 FOREST, by Asa H. Stanley, S. W.
- 149 DORIC, by Fred Jarvis, M.; William R. Hughes, Proxy.
- 150 RABONNI, by Frank I. Hall, M.
- 151 ———EXCELSIOR, not represented.
- 152 CROOKED RIVER, by Ernest L. Gay, M.
- 153 DELTA, by Waldo N. Seavy, Proxy.
- 154 MYSTIC TIE, by Frederick B. Whitin, M.; Carl B. Skolfield, Proxy.
- 155 ANCIENT YORK, by Asbury M. Blake, Proxy.
- 156 WILTON, by James N. Munroe, M.; Fred E. Trefethen, Proxy.
- 157 ———CAMBRIDGE, not represented.
- 158 ANCHOR, by John A. Turner, Proxy.
- 159 ESOTERIC — *Consolidated with Lygenia*, No. 40, 1908.
- 160 PARIAN, by Norman F. Burrill, M.; Roy D. Peason, S. W.; Clarence A. Rogers, Proxy.
- 161 CARRABASSET, by Fred C. Dunlap, M.
- 162 ARION, by Ralph J. Pollard, Proxy.
- 163 PLEASANT RIVER, by Harold V. Harshaw, M.; Erwin G. Ryder, Proxy.
- 164 WEBSTER, by George W. Wood, M.; Frank E. Sleeper, Proxy.
- 165 MOLUNKUS, by Benjamin E. James, S. W.
- 166 NEGUENKEAG, by Philip R. Brown, M.
- 167 ———WHITNEY, not represented.
- 168 COMPOSITE, by Arthur C. Herrick, M.
- 169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by Frank W. Harmon, M.
- 170 CARIBOU, by Lawrence A. Hutchison, S. W.
- 171 ———NASKEAG, not represented.
- 172 PINE TREE, by Carroll F. Shedd, S. W.
- 173 PLEIADES, by George M. Jackson, S. W.
- 174 LYNDE, by Norman S. Clement, M.
- 175 BASKAHÉGAN, by Guy P. Rowe, M.; Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
- 176 PALESTINE — *Consolidated with Dunlap*, No. 47, in 1895.
- 177 ———RISING STAR, not represented.
- 178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by Webster L. Loring, M.
- 179 YORKSHIRE, by H. Edwin Hayes, M.
- 180 HIRAM, by Richard E. Tuttle, M.; Ralph E. Greene, S. W.; William H. Tanner, Proxy.
- 181 RUEL WASHBURN — *Consolidated with Oriental Star*, No. 21, in 1882.
- 182 GRANITE, by Edwin R. Berry, M.; Ralph A. Bacon, Proxy.
- 183 DEERING, by Ernest N. Cunningham, M.; George F. Scribner, S. W.; Hollis G. Monson, J. W.; George F. Grant, Proxy.

- 184 NAVAL, by John B. Phillips, M.
 185 BAR HARBOR, Benjamin L. Hadley, M.; Edgar J. Trussell, Proxy.
 186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by Robert B. Waltman, M.
 187 IRA BERRY, by William B. Snow, M.; Arthur C. Hinkley, Proxy.
 188 JONESPORT, by Ira B. Norton, S. W.
 189 KNOX, by Charles R. Crowley, Proxy.
 190 SPRINGVALE, by C. Harold Ogden, M.
 191 DAVIS, by Dan E. Leighton, M.
 192 WINTER HARBOR, by Stillman R. Nash, M.
 193 WASHBURN, by Frank L. Carver, J. W.
 194 EUCLID, by Chesley A. Sawyer, M.
 195 ————RELIANCE, not represented.
 196 BAY VIEW, by Converse O. Hodgdon, Proxy.
 197 AROOSTOOK, by Fay B. Ramsay, Proxy.
 198 ————ST. ASPINQUID, not represented.
 199 BINGHAM, by Leon C. Robinson, M.
 200 COLUMBIA, by Russell S. Taylor, J. W.
 201 DAVID A. HOOPER, by Edwin F. Chaplain, Proxy.
 202 MOUNT BIGELOW, by Danville C. Durrell, Proxy.
 203 MOUNT OLIVET, by Charles L. Finn, M.
 204 MOUNT ABRAM, by Fred Hutchins, Proxy.
 205 ————NOLLESEMIC, not represented.
 206 ISLAND FALLS, by Winfield H. Craig, M.
 207 ABNER WADE, by John B. Watson, S. W.
 208 ————NORTHEAST HARBOR, not represented.
 209 ————FORT KENT, not represented.
 210 BAGADUCE, by Charles H. Babbidge, Proxy.
 211 MEDUNCOOK, by Hubert L. Simmons, Proxy.
 212 MCKINLEY, Frank L. Manchester, M.
 213 ————KEMANKEAG, not represented.
 214 ————LIMESTONE, not represented.
 215 ORCHARD, by W. Warren Hamm, Proxy.
 (Chartered lodges, 206; represented, 190; delegates, 209).

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present:

M. W.	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	P. G. M.
"	CHARLES F. JOHNSON,	"
"	EDMUND B. MALLETT,	"
"	ASHLEY A. SMITH,	"
"	THOMAS H. BODGE,	"
"	WALDO PETTENGILL,	"
"	SILAS B. ADAMS,	"
R. W.	ALBERT M. PENLEY,	P. S. G. W.
"	JAMES E. PARSONS,	"
"	EDWIN A. PORTER,	"
"	CHARLES W. CROSBY,	"
"	W. SCOTT SHOREY,	"

R. W. FRANK J. COLE,	P. S. G. W.
" ISAAC N. JONES,	"
" FRANK E. MONROE,	"
" FRED C. CHALMERS,	"
" ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	"
" FRED RAYMOND,	"
" ALBERT H. NEWBERT,	"
" WILLIS A. RICKER,	"
" WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON,	"
" JOHN J. MARR,	"
" 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,	"
" FRANK B. ARNOLD,	"
" CARROLL S. DOUGLASS,	"
" WALLACE N. PRICE,	"
" LEE M. SMITH,	"

And Grand Officers as follows:

EDWARD W. WHEELER,	M. W. Grand Master.
ALBERT M. SPEAR,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
JOHN M. BURLEIGH,	" Senior Grand Warden
ALLEN L. CURTIS,	" Junior Grand Warden
EDMUND B. MALLET,	Grand Treasurer.
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	Grand Secretary.
ANDREW J. BECK,	" D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.
EDWARD G. BUXTON,	" " 2nd "
EDGAR A. WORCESTER,	" " 3rd "
NORRIS L. HEATH,	" " 4th "
CHARLES W. HAYES,	" " 5th "
ALVOID E. CUSHMAN,	" " 6th "
ARTHUR H. NORTON,	" " 7th "
FRED A. GRINDLE,	" " 9th "
EDWARD G. PALMER,	" " 12th "
MYRON C. JEWETT,	" " 13th "

JOHN E. MERRILL,	R. W. D. D. G. M.	14th Dist.
HENRY E. KNAPP,	" "	15th "
CLARENCE H. PRIDE,	" "	16th "
JOSEPH B. MANCHESTER,	" "	17th "
CLIFFORD C. SMITH,	" "	18th "
FRED A. BUDGE,	" "	20th "
CLARENCE E. DOW,	" "	21st "
GEORGE H. SMITH,	" "	23rd "
GERALD A. PEABODY,	" "	26th "
REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	W. Grand Chaplain	
" I. JAMES MERRY,	" "	"
" ASHLEY A. SMITH,	" "	"
" ROBERT J. BRUCE,	" "	"
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	" "	"
HIRAM A. WEBBER,	" "	Marshal
DAVID E. MOULTON,	" "	Senior Deacon
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	" "	Junior Deacon
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" "	Steward
FRANK P. DENACO,	" "	"
ERNEST J. RECORD,	" "	Sword Bearer
EDWARD K. GOULD,	" "	Standard Bearer
WARREN C. KING,	" "	Pursuivant.
WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS,	" "	"
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" "	Lecturer.
WALTER S. SMITH,	" "	Organist.
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" "	Tyler.

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance:

Alabama — GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL.
 Alberta — WALLACE N. PRICE.
 Arkansas — SILAS B. ADAMS.
 Colorado — FRANK E. SLEEPER.
 Connecticut — ISAAC N. JONES.
 District of Columbia — WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON.
 Florida — FRED C. CHALMERS.
 Illinois — FREDERIC O. EATON.
 Indiana — WARREN C. KING.
 Kansas — ARCHIE LEE TALBOT.
 Louisiana — MILLARD M. CAWELL.
 Manitoba — ALBERT M. AMES.
 Maryland — GEORGE W. HOLMES.
 Michigan — FRED RAYMOND.
 Minnesota — SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS.
 Mississippi — ISAAC A. CLOUGH.
 Missouri — CHARLES B. DAVIS.
 Montana — SAMUEL B. FURBISH.

Nebraska — EDWIN A. PORTER.
Nevada — RALPH W. MOORE.
New Brunswick — WILLIS A. RICKER.
New Hampshire — HOWARD D. SMITH.
New Jersey — ALBERT H. NEWBERT.
New South Wales — JAMES E. PARSONS.
New York — EDWARD W. WHEELER.
New Zealand — JOHN J. MARR.
North Carolina — CHARLES F. JOHNSON.
North Dakota — DAVID E. MOULTON.
Nova Scotia — JOHN H. MCGORRILL.
Ohio — CONVERS E. LEACH.
Oklahoma — WM. FREEMAN LORD.
Oregon — FRANK E. MONROE.
Panama — RALPH H. BURBANK.
Peru — FRANK B. ARNOLD.
Philippine Islands — WALDO PETTENGILL.
Prince Edward Island — EDWARD K. GOULD.
Porto Rico — THOMAS H. BODGE.
Quebec — JAMES C. AYER.
Rhode Island — FRANK J. COLE.
Saskatchewan — ASHLEY A. SMITH.
South Australia — LEE M. SMITH.
South Dakota — EDWARD G. WESTON.
Tasmania — W. SCOTT SHOREY.
Texas — CHARLES W. CROSBY.
Virginia — CHARLES F. PAINE.
Washington — ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.
Western Australia — FRANKLIN R. REDLON.
West Virginia — ALBERT M. PENLEY.
Wisconsin — EDMUND B. MALLET.

Fraternally submitted,

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

The Grand Lodge meets in a period of continued industrial depression and social unrest. While peaceful relations among all nations have been restored and are now fully enjoyed, dangerous domestic difficulties have developed. Defiance of law and disregard to the personal and property rights of the individual have grown to an alarming extent since last we met. From available statistics it is estimated that the volume of crime has increased forty-five per cent. in the last twelve months. The daily press has become a chronicle of criminal activities, the continuance of which threatens the security of private rights and the stability of organized society. The prompt suppression of these evil and criminal tendencies has become the imperative duty of the hour.

We are all inclined to boast of our liberties, but are apt to ignore the responsibilities which such liberties impose. Liberty which is the freedom and privilege of the individual, is granted and secured to us by law. Without this protection which the law affords, the primitive doctrine that might makes right would hold an undisputed sway.

The Masonic fraternity seeks no control over the processes of government and the enforcement of the law, and, as an organization, it takes no part in the solution of industrial and social problems except through the influence of its teachings upon the character and conduct of its members. The primary purposes of Masonry are to enlighten the mind, arouse the conscience and stimulate the noble and generous impulses of the human heart. It seeks to promote the best type of manhood and citizenship based upon the practice of brotherly love and the Golden Rule. When these results have been accomplished, the mission of Masonry has been achieved.

But the vicious and criminal influences which surround us strike at the very foundation of every institution which seeks to promote a spirit of genuine brotherhood among men. All of the precepts of the Order, all of the principles upon which

it is founded and all of the ideals which as Masons we cherish are defiantly challenged by the forces of wickedness and crime. To preserve respect for the majesty of the law and to aid in its observance are duties devolving upon all men, but especially upon Masons because of the tenets of our profession and the character of the obligations to which we are solemnly committed.

But it would be improper to use the time allowed for this report to make an extended review of social and economic conditions or to discuss the philosophy or tenets of Freemasonry. We must direct our thoughts to the practical and immediate questions which we have met to consider.

We have now arrived at an important halting place in the erection of our Masonic edifice where we are called upon by our Constitution to review the advancement which has been made and to prepare for the future progress of the work.

The great wave of Masonic revival which swept over the world during and immediately following the recent war has now slightly receded, due in large measure to the cessation of industrial activity and extensive unemployment. Our net gain in membership the past year has been 2,179 compared with 2,829 reported for the previous year. The present membership is 40,677. Of the 3,780 applications which have been received 2,717 or seventy-two per cent. have been accepted and 1,065 or twenty-eight per cent. have been rejected.

Moral perfection on the part of those seeking to unite with us can not be expected, but we must be well assured that all who gain admission to our sanctuaries are suitably qualified to uphold the lofty aims and exalted purposes of this ancient and honorable institution. While the large percentage of rejections above noted might indicate that a proper care had been exercised in the use of the ballot, continued instances of laxity and carelessness on the part of investigating committees have come to my attention. In several cases applications have been accepted and degrees conferred upon persons over whom the lodges had no jurisdiction or who had been previously rejected by other lodges, but who had made contrary statements in their applications. Failure to read the application and ignorance of its contents were pleaded in

defense in two cases where charges of obtaining the degrees fraudulently had been made, and this excuse was accepted by the lodge in each case.

In order to insure greater care and a more diligent inquiry on the part of investigating committees, I believe that some form of a questionnaire should be prepared under the direction of the Grand Lodge and furnished to the lodges in this jurisdiction, to be used in connection with the regular application blanks whenever it may be deemed advisable. The answer of the applicant should be required to the question whether he has ever before applied to any other lodge for the degrees, even though it is covered in the application. Answers should also be required to such other questions as will enable the committee to make an intelligent and thorough inquiry regarding his past history and moral qualifications.

But while we must not lower the high moral standard we have established, I am more than ever convinced that some modification may properly be made in our ancient decisions and regulations regarding physical disqualifications, which are more appropriate for operative than speculative Masonry and justify the suspicion that we give greater emphasis to the external than the internal qualifications of an applicant.

NECROLOGY.

We have met in the shadow of a great sorrow and bereavement. We miss the familiar presence of one upon whom for a third of a century the officers and members of this Grand Lodge have depended for inspiration and guidance. Our Grand Treasurer, Most Worshipful Albro E. Chase, on the eighth day of September last answered the summons which we must all sooner or later obey, closed his final earthly account and entered that celestial abode where the sun is always at its meridian height and the Craft have been called to their everlasting refreshment. Because of their long and intimate association, I have asked our Grand Secretary to prepare a memorial of the life and Masonic service of our esteemed and lamented Grand Treasurer, which will be read at this meeting and entered in the record of the proceedings.

APPOINTMENTS.

To fill the vacancies caused by the death of M. W. Bro. Chase I appointed M. W. Edmund B. Mallet as Grand Treasurer, M. W. Ashley A. Smith as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and R. W. Charles B. Davis as a member of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. Fred C. Tolman was appointed a member of the Finance Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of M. W. Bro. Mallet as Grand Treasurer. Upon his removal from the district, R. W. Arthur L. Todd submitted his resignation as District Deputy Grand Master for the twenty-fifth district and Charles W. Bowers of Molunkus Lodge of Sherman Mills was named as his successor

APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS.

During the year I have examined and approved amendments to the By-laws of fifty lodges, of which forty provided merely for an increase of fees to meet the requirement adopted by the Grand Lodge last year and ten were general revisions of existing By-laws. I have suggested changes in several instances to avoid a possible conflict with the spirit and purpose of our Constitutional provisions, which have been cheerfully and readily adopted. In accordance with a precedent adopted by my predecessors and followed by me last year, I have continued to decline approval to By-laws exempting honorary members from all special assessments. While it is proper to relieve such members from contributing to the usual and ordinary expenses of the lodge, they should not be made exempt from special assessments for Masonic relief, if assessments for such a purpose should become necessary or advisable, or to enable the lodge to perform such other duty within its jurisdiction as the objects of the fraternity and the general welfare of the Craft may require. Such members should be included or excluded in the levy of special assessments as the lodge may determine in each case, having in mind the object to be attained.

DISPENSATIONS.

Twenty-one dispensations have been granted, of which seven were to enable lodges to hold special meetings in halls

not their own after such halls had been properly inspected and their suitability for such use determined, and three were to ballot upon applications for the degrees at special meetings, adequate notice to the members of the lodges being required in each case. The other eleven were granted for the following purposes:

To Baskahegan Lodge, No. 175, to elect officers and transact other necessary business at its stated communication on September 6, 1921, no quorum having been present at its annual meeting in August.

To Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, to appear in public in regalia on Thursday, September 15, 1921, in connection with the observance of its centennial.

To Casco Lodge, No. 36, to form a procession from the Masonic Hall to the First Parish Church and return on Tuesday, October 11, 1921, on the occasion of the centennial celebration of said lodge.

To Liberty Lodge, No. 111, to elect officers at its stated meeting on October 15, 1921, no quorum having been present at its annual meeting in September.

To Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, to hold its stated meeting on October 19th instead of October 20, 1921, on account of the District Meeting and School of Instruction at Ellsworth on the latter date.

To Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, to elect officers at a special meeting to be held on Wednesday evening, November 16, 1921, an election at the regular meeting on November 9th having been prevented by weather conditions.

To Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 56, to ballot on applications and transact other necessary business at a special meeting on Saturday, January 21, 1922, the stated meeting on January 11th having been omitted on account of a storm.

To Tremont Lodge, No. 77, to take action at a stated meeting of said lodge on April 6, 1922, upon a proposition to authorize the temporary use of its hall by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, whose lodge rooms had been destroyed by fire.

To Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 99, to elect and install a

Master at a communication of said lodge on Tuesday, December 13, 1921, to fill a vacancy caused by the declination of the Master elected at the annual meeting.

To St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, to receive and ballot upon an application of an applicant who had resided within the jurisdiction of the lodge less than the required time.

To Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, to receive and act upon a petition for the degrees of an applicant residing within its jurisdiction who had received the degrees therein irregularly and who desired to be healed.

No dispensations have been granted during my two years of service to receive and ballot upon an application at the same communication. I have also refused to grant dispensations for so-called Lodges of Instruction. While I consider it the obvious duty of the Grand Lodge to furnish every proper assistance to enable members of the Order to secure greater proficiency in Masonry, I do not believe that lodges should be created by dispensation for limited and special purposes.

RULINGS AND DECISIONS.

While the requests for opinions and instructions received during the year have been unusually voluminous, the following are all which could properly be classed as decisions:

Question. Is it proper for a lodge to hold a public joint installation with a chapter of the Eastern Star?

Answer. No. It is not proper for a Masonic lodge to have a joint installation with any non-Masonic society.

Question. May a lodge accept a gift of a Holy Bible to be owned and used in common with a chapter of the Eastern Star?

Answer. It is not absolutely necessary for a lodge to own the Bible kept and used in its lodge room. But, while the use and ownership of a Bible in common with a non-Masonic society is not forbidden, it is not to be encouraged, as each lodge should be the sole owner of its essential furniture.

Question. Must an application for restoration to membership, of a member suspended for more than five years, be

made on a regular application blank and may it be voted on at the meeting when it is presented?

Answer. No particular form of application is required for restoration to membership, but the request, when presented, should take the same course as an ordinary application for membership and laid over for action at the next stated meeting.

Question. Must special notice of a meeting of a lodge for the trial of charges against a member be sent by mail or otherwise communicated to each member of the lodge?

Answer. No. An announcement of the Master at a stated meeting of the lodge and a request for the attendance of the members, constitutes a sufficient notice.

Question. If only one negative ballot appears on the first ballot upon an application and through oversight the Master declares the application rejected, the error not being discovered until after the lodge is closed, can a second ballot be taken upon the application at the next stated meeting?

Answer. No. The record of rejection is final.

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appoint Thomas E. Skaggs as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Washington and Richard E. Bird as our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Kansas, these appointments being made upon the recommendation of the Grand Masters of these states.

Upon my recommendation Hiram A. Webber, of Brunswick, was commissioned as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho near the Grand Lodge of Maine, vice Albro E. Chase, deceased.

DISCIPLINE.

The records and evidence in five trials of brothers accused of unmasonic conduct have been submitted to me for examination and approval. One trial resulted in an acquittal, while the charges were sustained in the other four. Two of these four brothers were expelled by the votes of their respective lodges and the other two were suspended for definite periods.

Appeals to the Grand Lodge were taken in two cases and I have also received an appeal from the refusal of a Master to submit charges to the lodge. These matters have been referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, who will report thereon at this session.

CEREMONIES AND VISITATIONS.

It has been my great pleasure to be the guest of several of the lodges on occasions of great interest and significance, among the most important of which were the centennial celebrations of Somerset Lodge, No. 34, of Skowhegan, Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, of Augusta, and Casco Lodge, No. 36, of Yarmouth. I regret that the proper limitations of this report prevent a detailed account of these most interesting observances. While I have visited several other lodges on special occasions, it has been impossible to accept all of the very cordial invitations I have received.

Special communications of the Grand Lodge have been held during the year for the following purposes:

June 17th, at Bath, to lay the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple.

July 27th, at South Portland, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Gould Memorial School at the State School for Boys.

September 10th, at Readfield, to lay the corner-stone of the New Masonic Hall.

September 11th, at Portland, to conduct the funeral services for Past Grand Master Albro E. Chase.

October 25th, at Castine, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Hancock Lodge, No. 4.

March 1st, at Bath, for the purpose of dedicating the hall in the new Masonic Temple.

March 19th, at Readfield, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall.

Other halls have been constructed or remodelled and are now awaiting formal dedication. All of these lodges are entitled to the congratulations of the Craft upon the possession and enjoyment of such convenient, commodious and well-appointed homes.

While adequate provision has been made in each of these cases for the proper maintenance of the building so constructed or acquired, there is some danger, in my opinion, that the ambition of a lodge and the excessive zeal and enthusiasm of its members may cause it to assume too heavy a burden. As a proper safeguard in this connection, I suggest that the Grand Lodge carefully consider the adoption of a regulation providing for the preliminary examination and approval by the Grand Master of the plans and contracts for all new buildings to be erected by or in behalf of the lodges in this jurisdiction.

DEGREES BY COURTESY.

From the information I have received through the District Deputies and otherwise, it appears that many of our lodges have conferred degrees by request upon candidates elected to receive them in other lodges in this state. This has resulted through ignorance of our Masonic law. Degrees by courtesy are permitted only between lodges in different Grand jurisdictions. By the standing regulations of this Grand Lodge, with which the Master of every lodge should be familiar, a lodge may not confer a degree at the request of another lodge in this jurisdiction, except after accepting the candidate in the usual way and receiving its regular fees, the requesting lodge having waived jurisdiction. A candidate receiving the degrees in violation of this regulation has no standing in any lodge and is not entitled to recognition as a Mason. Having received the degrees irregularly, he must file a new petition with the lodge having jurisdiction; the lodge must obtain a dispensation therefor, and then proceed in the same manner as with an ordinary petition and if the candidate is accepted he must be re-obligated in all the degrees. This statement of the law is made for the benefit and guidance of the Masters and Wardens of the subordinate lodges here assembled and in the hope that the embarrassing consequences of the irregular and improper conferring of degrees may hereafter be avoided.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

In my address last year I called attention to the effort being made by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association to erect a suitable memorial to Washington, the Mason, near the location of the lodge of Masons in Alexandria which he founded, and which will serve as a shrine for the Masons of America. Contributions are asked from each state on the basis of one dollar for each Master Mason. Many states have already contributed their full quota. This Grand Lodge has pledged the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, of which one thousand dollars has already been paid. Believing that the Masons of Maine should have an opportunity of making individual contributions to this cause, I have appointed a committee consisting of Past Grand Masters, Edmund B. Mallet, Thomas H. Bodge and Silas B. Adams to take charge of the interests of the association in this jurisdiction.

CONCLUSION.

We are approaching the hour when I am to surrender the emblem of my temporary authority as your Grand Master to my esteemed and distinguished successor. I would be suppressing the natural impulses of my heart if I did not express to you my grateful appreciation of the great honor you have conferred upon me. But greater than the distinction of official station or title has been the privilege and opportunity of a more extended association and fellowship with the members of the Craft. The courtesy and kindness which have been so generously extended to me during my term of service will remain among the cherished possessions of my memory until the all-devouring scythe of Time shall cut the brittle thread of life.

As we now cross the threshold of a new year of Masonic activity and service, under the direction of a more accomplished Grand Master, shall we not pledge ourselves anew to the tenets of our profession, bearing ever in remembrance that through the daily acts of its members the character of the fraternity is determined and its reputation established.

"Yesterday's gone — it was only a dream;
Of the past — there is naught — but remembrance.
Tomorrow's a vision thrown on hope's screen,
A Will-o'-the-Wisp, a mere semblance.
Why mourn and grieve over yesterday's ills,
And paint Memory's pictures with Sorrow?
Why worry and fret — for worrying kills —
Over things that won't happen tomorrow?
Yesterday's gone — it has never returned —
Peace to its ashes, and calm;
Tomorrow no human has ever discerned,
Still hope, truth, and faith are its balm.

This moment is all that I have as my own,
To use well, or waste, as I may;
But I know that my future depends alone
On the way that I live today.
This moment my past and my future I form;
I may make them whatever I choose,
By the deeds and the acts that I now perform,
By the words and the thought that I use.
So I fear not the future, nor mourn o'er the past
For I do all I'm able today,
Living each present moment as though 'twere my last;
Perhaps it is! Who knows? Who shall say?"

Inspired by this thought let us continue to labor whether we see the sun ascending or descending and patiently await the will and pleasure of the Supreme Grand Master. Each one of us has his work to perform and his burden to bear until the working tools drop from our nerveless grasp, and the bells of Heaven shall toll the Vesper hour of Life's Eternity.

EDWARD W. WHEELER,
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 HALL,
PORTLAND, May 2, 1922.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

The detail affairs of my office have received, I trust, proper attention. My correspondence with the secretaries of the lodges of the state has been most cordially and courteously attended to in most instances. I, again, express my appreciation of the excellent corps of the secretaries serving the several lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. Every one, I believe, is anxious to do his work correctly, though some, because of lack of time or overcrowding of other business engagements, oft-times are inclined to push by, unattended, the little details which go to make up the complete and perfect work of the local secretary. As a concrete illustration of what I mean by this, Section 89 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge says, that, "immediately after the installation of the officers of a lodge, the Secretary shall return to the Grand Secretary the names and addresses of the Master, Wardens, and Secretary." But as a matter of fact, during the past year, only twenty-seven of the two hundred and six secretaries so reported. As a result in no less than seventeen instances, I sent blanks for the returns to old secretaries who had weeks, or even months, before, given the work of the office he had been holding over to another. I hope that the lodge representatives here today will on return to their respective lodges call the attention of their secretaries to this part of my report.

MEMBERSHIP.

The total membership on March 1, 1922, was 40,677 with a net increase of 2,179 as against 2,829 last year. This in the face of different business conditions, and the increased minimum fees adopted one year ago, and affecting, as it did, nearly forty per cent. of our lodges, is truly remarkable. It is a significant fact, too, that the returns from the small country lodges affected by the new fees, show in total a larger percentage of increase than the city lodges where the fees were already well above the minimum. As on last year, the largest fees charged for the degrees in any Maine lodge is \$60.00.

RETURNS.

Returns were received from all the lodges, a much larger number of them on time than ever before, but I am sorry to have to say that more trifling errors occurred than usual. Only three lodge returns seriously delayed the final tabulations and two of those instances were excusable. One was where the secretary was out of the state and when he found he would not be back in time, wrote me explaining the situation, adding that it was the first time in thirty years as secretary he had failed to have his returns in by March 15th. The second was Tyrian, No. 73, where the secretary died very suddenly on February 13th. I did not learn of his death until advised by D. D. G. M. Bangs of that district, who asked for a set of blanks, which were sent, and who then went to Mechanic Falls and personally attended

to the work of compiling the returns. The third was No. 151, where several letters were written to the former secretary asking for the delinquent returns which were finally received from the new secretary nearly a month late and then were incorrectly made, nor has the exact membership of the lodge been fully established, though a large amount of correspondence has already been passed. Secretaries, I find, often have odd notions concerning the accuracies of returns, such as commencing tabulations with "number returned last year 205 should have been 207" without any explanation as to why the two members should be dropped. Some do not even supply the "should have been," and begin the figures to suit their own ideas and convenience. More correspondence. In all some over sixty letters have been written this year.

CARD INDEX. *

The work on the card index has been carried on during the year by a clerk devoting part of her time to the work, and is now beginning to be in shape for some practical use. The cards showing the membership of individual lodges are completed to date, and referred to almost daily. The cards with the personal record of living and deceased members to the number of over 75,000 have been made, but as no filing cabinets have been provided are not available in the least for reference at the present time. I recommend that a suitable appropriation be made to carry on the work on these personal record cards (I hope this year to completion), also for a suitable filing arrangement. I have blue prints for designs for these, and estimate of cost, which I will furnish to the proper committee.

LODGE HISTORIES.

In this connection I would also say that the histories of the lodges that have been written from time to time and furnished to the Grand Lodge are stored in the fireproof vault in the Grand Secretary's office but are not, nor have they ever been, arranged for ready reference. I recommend an appropriation of \$44.00 to purchase suitable filing envelopes in which these histories may be arranged in dust-proof containers, numbered consecutively, so that the history of any lodge would be at one's finger tips at any time.

DEGREES BY COURTESY.

The number of requests to have degrees conferred by courtesy by lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions was about the same as last year, some over eighty. Sometimes I think the privilege of this sort of work is beginning to be abused, as for instance, when one lodge requested to have degrees conferred in foreign jurisdictions on eleven of its candidates. It seems unreasonable, too, for a lodge in Cumberland County to ask to have the degrees conferred by a lodge in Boston, only three hours' ride away and with trains running as frequently as they do.

TEXT BOOK.

According to a resolution adopted in 1921, I was directed to purchase the copyright of a Monitor, meaning, of course, the Drummond Text Book. I accordingly undertook that commission and in July purchased

of Miss Ethel Berry the copyright, electrotypes, etc., of the book, receiving a legal bill of sale giving complete right and title. The consideration paid was \$500.00.

FINANCIAL.

I have made 1,008 Grand Lodge Certificates, ten of which were unbound. My account of the cash that I have received for these, together with the other financial transactions of my office, has been examined by the Finance Committee who will report thereon.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS, *Grand Secretary.*

GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report as follows:

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

In account with Albro E. Chase, late Grand Treasurer:

Money in his hands, May 3, 1921	\$20,850.44
Receipts by Albro E. Chase	876.07
Total	\$21,726.51
Disbursements	7,591.82
Balance account to new Grand Treasurer, Edmund B. Mallet. .	\$14,134.69

IN GRAND LODGE, May 2, 1922.

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

In account with EDMUND B. MALLET, Grand Treasurer.

1921.

RECEIPTS.

Oct. 1. Cash on hand to balance	\$14,134.69
Dispensation	3.00
Interest, Portland National Bank.....	63.32
Chas. B. Davis, fees of office.....	905.92
Cash in Office	192.40
Chas. B. Davis, Grand Secretary	423.29
	<hr/> \$15,722.62

From District Deputy Grand Masters:

Edward G. Palmer,	12th District..	\$429.40
Andrew J. Beck,	1st " ..	558.60
Edgar A. Worcester,	3rd " ..	364.00
Edward G. Buxton,	2nd " ..	310.40
Myron E. Savage,	19th " ..	815.80
Chas. W. Bowers,	25th " ..	351.60

Joseph B. Manchester,	17th District,	\$ 1,751.40
Gerald A. Peabody,	26th "	224.60
Myron C. Jewett,	13th "	463.60
Clarence H. Pride,	16th "	300.20
Clarence E. Dow,	21st "	569.20
Wilbur G. Knowlton,	10th "	482.60
George H. Smith,	23rd "	384.80
Arthur H. Norton,	7th "	222.40
Fred A. Grindle,	9th "	831.60
Chas. W. Hayes,	5th "	567.80
Archie R. Bangs,	24th "	766.40
John E. Merrill,	14th "	684.80
Dana L. Small,	22nd "	362.40
Alvoid E. Cushman,	6th "	901.20
Ernest L. Goodspeed,	11th "	667.80
Henry E. Knapp,	15th "	426.80
Norris L. Heath,	4th "	342.00
Fred A. Budge,	20th "	314.80
Clifford C. Smith,	18th "	232.80
Warren A. Nichols,	8th "	238.40
		<hr/> \$13,565.40
		<hr/> \$29,288.02

DISBURSEMENTS.

Tucker Printing Co.	\$1,348.08
J. L. Brackett, repairs trunks	30.00
Eastman Bros. & Bancroft, gloves	6.00
Masonic Trustees to Jan. 1, 1922	754.32
A. Wallace, flowers for A. E. C.	10.00
Chas. B. Davis, salary to May	1,200.00
Walter S. Smith, organ service	5.00
New England Telephone Co.	54.21
J. A. Merrill Co., repair aprons	19.00
Mercie L. Hills, labor on cards	351.80
Edward W. Wheeler, contingent fund.	214.45
Dalton Machine Co., stand, etc.	10.90
Smith & Sale, certificate covers	170.00
Thos. H. Bodge, Foreign Correspondence.	100.00
Chas. B. Davis, Foreign Correspondence.	100.00
Convers E. Leach, Foreign Correspondence	100.00
N. E. Redlon Co., shelves	30.00
Jensen & Rosenblad, painting G. M. room	27.00
American Bank Note Co., P. M. diplomas	105.00
Anderson, Adams Co., insurance, library .	180.00
Walter Corey Co., furnishings, G. M. room	32.46

A. H. Willis, repairs, G. M. room	\$ 4.50
W. W. McKenney, repairs G. M. room ..	12.04
Arthur Johnston, repairs G. M. room. . .	10.73
George Washington Memorial	500.00
Frank E. Sleeper, expenses Schools In- struction	145.74
Lakeside Printing Co., 2,250 diplomas . .	459.00
Edmund B. Mallet, salary Oct. 1 to May 1	291.90
Hamilton Paper Co., cards	1.50
Warren A. Nichols, D. D. G. M., expenses.	5.00
Edward G. Buxton, " "	27.07
J. B. Manchester, " "	39.86
Norris L. Heath, " "	9.75
Alvoid E. Cushman, " "	6.29
Arthur H. Norton, " "	42.02
Fred A. Grindle, " "	20.24
Ernest L. Goodspeed, " "	8.54
Edward G. Palmer, " "	28.55
Myron C. Jewett, " "	38.36
J. E. Merrill, " "	15.81
Henry E. Knapp, " "	42.52
Clarence H. Pride, " "	21.50
Clifford C. Smith, " "	29.30
Myron E. Savage, " "	32.95
Fred E. Budge, " "	30.28
Clarence E. Dow, " "	58.61
Archie R. Bangs, " "	12.94
Chas. W. Bowers, " "	37.55
Gerald A. Peabody, " "	14.22
M. C. Abbott, acct. funeral	12.00
C. B. Davis, office incidentals	26.36
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	\$6,833.35
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	\$22,454.67
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THE GEORGE R. RICH FUND.

Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds	\$1,150.00
Deposit in Union Safe Deposit and Trust Company	84.92
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	\$1,234.92

Fraternally submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLET,

Grand Treasurer.

Referred to the Committee of Finance.

GRAND LECTURER.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, was presented as follows:

SABATTUS, April 1, 1922.

MOST WORSHIPFUL EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of Masons in Maine:

During the year now nearly ended four Schools for Masonic Instruction have been held in this Grand Jurisdiction.

September 21, 1921, I conducted a School at Rumford, under the patronage of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, at which were District Deputy Grand Masters from the Fifteenth, Sixteenth, and Twenty-sixth Districts, and about 200 brethren, representing twenty-seven lodges in Maine and three in Scotland. At noon a lunch was furnished by Blazing Star Lodge to all visiting brethren, and at 6.30 p. m. a banquet was served to all visiting brethren and members of Blazing Star Lodge. In the evening the Master Masons degree was worked on two candidates by the officers of the lodge and inspected by the Deputies present.

October 14th, I conducted a School at Houlton, under the patronage of Monument Lodge, No. 96. There were present Deputies from the First and Twentieth District, and about 125 brethren, representing sixteen lodges in Maine, three in Massachusetts, two in New Brunswick, and one in New York. In the evening work was performed in the Master Masons degree by the officers of the lodge, and inspected by the Deputies.

October 20th, I was to have been at Ellsworth, but the serious illness of my wife prevented me from going there to hold a School. Fortunately I was able to send in my stead my friend and neighbor, Rt. Wor. Bro. Bangs, Deputy of the Twenty-fourth District, whose report to me is herewith presented.

SABATTUS, October 27, 1921.

TO M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER,

Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

In accordance with your instructions I held a Masonic School of Instruction at Ellsworth, October 20, 1921. This School was held under the auspices of Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, and Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185.

Your inability to be present was regretted by all and particularly by those who have so long been associated with you in Masonry. The School, however was conducted in a manner as nearly characteristic of your usual procedure as was possible.

There were present Deputies from the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Twenty-first and Twenty-fourth Districts, and I have only words of commendation for the efficient manner in which these Deputies recited the ritual. It showed that the districts which those Deputies represent are to be congratulated for having such masters of the ritual.

There were present about 125 officers and brethren from the nearby towns, representing twenty-five Maine lodges. These brethren showed their interest in the work by a very ready supply of questions which your representative and the Deputies endeavored to answer. Seldom have I

seen such interest shown as at this School. In the morning we studied the E. A. degree; F. C. and M. M. degrees were studied in the afternoon, all three degrees having been taken up in a very thorough manner. In the evening the work of Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, in the M. M. degree was inspected by R. W. Clarence E. Dow of the Twenty-first District, assisted by the several Deputies present.

The hospitality of the two lodges responsible for this School was showed not only by the encouraging interest of the brethren in the work of the School itself but also by the very bountiful banquet served just before the work of the evening. I think that every brother present did full justice to this feature, and I am sure that my own appreciation was shared by all.

In closing allow me to say that everyone present expressed the pleasure and the benefit derived from this very successful School.

Fraternally submitted,

ARCHIE R. BANGS, *D. D. G. M., 24th Masonic District.*

November 8th, I conducted a School at Brunswick, under the patronage of United Lodge, No. 8, at which were present the Deputies from the Seventh, Tenth, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-sixth Districts, and about 150 brethren, representing twenty lodges in Maine, one in Massachusetts, and one in Illinois. The unavoidable absence of our Grand Master was very much regretted by all present. A fine banquet was served at 6.30 o'clock, and was an appropriate introduction to the work in the Fellow Craft degree which soon followed for inspection by the many Deputies present.

I am glad to report that all the Schools this year have been well attended, that interest in the work and zeal in acquiring accuracy in the ritual continue unabated, and that brotherly hospitality and good-fellowship were everywhere apparent.

I regret to be obliged to say that the Deputies from the Eighth, Ninth, Eleventh, Nineteenth, Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Twenty-fifth Districts did not attend either of the Schools this year.

Since beginning today the preparation of this report my memory has many times taken me back to those days, so many, many years ago, when I first became Grand Lecturer. Then, only a few brethren were at all proficient in the ritual, and the ritual as then used, varied greatly in the various sections of our state. It answered its purpose, but often caused great inconvenience and disappointment. But today I find practically no difference in work or ritual in the east, west, south or north of our state.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. SLEEPER, *Grand Lecturer.*

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

GRIEVANCES.

The Grand Secretary presented the following matters, and all papers and correspondence con-

nected with each case, which were received and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

Delta Lodge, No. 153, vs. Ralph W. Charles.
 St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, vs. Erskine C. York.
 Deering Lodge, No. 183, vs. Benjamin J. Cobb.
 St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, vs. Robert B. Stewart.
 Appeal for restoration of Lewis W. Chesley.

ALBRO E. CHASE.

Bro. CHAS B. DAVIS, presented the following memorial, which was accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings, and a page inscribed to M. W. Bro. Chase's memory:

ALBRO ELMORE CHASE,

Born in Paris, Maine, October 9, 1844.

Died in Portland, Maine, September 8, 1922.

Such are the letters chiseled on a piece of granite, on a family lot out in Evergreen Cemetery, and thus speaks the clay only; that of the physical man which must die. But our great Order teaches us all, that we believe in immortality.

We believe in the immaculate Jesus who died that we might live better prepared for eternal existence by the example of His spotless life, and in His words that have come down to us through the centuries and which are as vivid at this moment as in the beginning: "He that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live, and he that liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

"Somewhere I read, in an old book whose name
 Is gone from me; I read that when the days
 Of man are counted, and his business done,
 There comes up the shore at evening with the tide,
 To the place where he sits, a boat —
 And in the boat, from the place where he sits he sees,
 Dim in the dusk, dim and yet so familiar,
 The faces of his friends long dead; and knows
 They come for him, brought in upon the tide,
 To take him where men go at set of day.
 Then rising, with his hands in theirs, he takes,
 Between them his last steps, that are the first
 Of the new life — and with the ebb they pass,
 Their shaken sail grown small upon the moon."

Thus we believe, aye, more, we *know*, in our consciousness that our beloved Brother, Companion, Friend, did *not* die; but as he had lived and

always labored full knightly with his armor on, he passed through the gateway we call death, into a larger, fuller, more perfect life beyond; and that with serene faith he approached the silent stream and upon the farther shore was greeted by hosts of friends, watchful for his coming.

What is our human life, when it shall come to its earthly end? It may leave a light which shall illuminate the pathway of those who are left as a blessing in the years to come. It may leave only a flickering one which goes out with the end as the light from a falling star.

Happy indeed is he, who by a life of devotion to duty and high purpose, whose sun has set, shall have left behind for the consolation of those who mourn, a light and glow which shall long linger, whose unerring footsteps shall have left footprints upon the sands which may serve as safe guide to others who travel life's troublous and uncertain pathway.

We treasure as a consolation and satisfaction, yes, as an inspiration, that Albro Elmore Chase did not live in vain. In every walk of life whether as an educator who moulded the character of youth; who made valuable and useful men of boys, who still sound his praise; whether as a private citizen of his city and state always to be found fighting on the side of right and justice; or whether as the acknowledged leader of one or another of the great fraternal organizations which he loved to serve because of the great moral and religious principles which those institutions endeavor to inculcate; he was ever true to himself, to his fellow men and to his God.

What more to be desired, attained, or what more in human life is worth striving for?

Hardly necessary to even mention his life's activities, either civil or fraternal, so well are they known to everyone before us.

Born on a farm in the rugged hills of Oxford County; educated in the common schools, Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard College, he fitted for the law and was admitted to practice, but became a teacher and for over thirty years was the Principal of the Portland High School, his life's vocation, and from which position he retired in 1906, afterward devoting almost his entire time to Masonic work.

His Masonic career began May 13, 1868, when he was initiated into Portland Lodge, No. 1, and after that was there hardly a position in the entire order, of responsibility or honor, that he did not attain and worthy fulfill. Grand Master in 1889 and 1890; Grand High Priest in 1897 and 1898; Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1904; Grand Commander in 1896; Commander-in-Chief of Maine Consistory 1895 to 1902; Honorary 33rd Degree in 1888; Active 33rd for Maine since 1905; Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine in 1914; Grand Treasurer of all the Grand Bodies of the York Rite since 1914; Secretary for over ten years of seven local bodies; writer of the Correspondence Report of the Grand Lodge since 1901, and that of the Grand Council since 1894.

In other fraternal orders, too, he was an active member. He was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, I. O. O. F.; Past Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment, and Treasurer of that body at his death; Past Grand Sachem of the I. O. Red Men.

He was faithful to all, but found time to devote to the work of the Christian Church, and was a member of the High Street Congregational Society until its consolidation with another church a little over a year ago.

We who watched day by day the insidious progress of a malignant disease during the last few years of his life, marveled at the superhuman fortitude and uncomplaining submission he ever exhibited. Such was the man. Blessed be his memory.

RETURNS.

BRO. CHARLES B. DAVIS submitted the Report of the Committee on Returns, which was accepted as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 2, 1922.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report that they have examined carefully the returns sent in from all the 206 chartered lodges, and find in them much that we believe will be of interest to the craft in general in this state. Some over 160 of the returns are typewritten, making it possible to correctly determine the spelling of proper names, and we again urge that all the lodges of the state insist that their secretaries have their returns, at least the copy for the Grand Lodge files, made typewritten, even at additional lodge expense if necessary.

The returns show that the tremendous volume of work that has flooded our lodges during the past three or four years has receded but slightly, neither has the increased minimum fees as established one year ago apparently effected the work of the smaller lodges as was suggested at the time. Only one lodge in the whole state reports having had no work at all during the year, that one Bagaduce, No. 210, at North Brooksville. Five contented themselves with one candidate each, while the largest amount of work reported by any was in Deering, No. 183, at Portland which raised 106. The other Portland lodges all show large relative gains, Portland, No. 1, having gained 56, Ancient Landmark 61, Atlantic 59, and Hiram, at South Portland, 47. This however, does not show any inclination by these lodges to rival each other in amount of work, since the total number of rejections by the five lodges number 171, fairly well divided.

Twelve lodges report a combined loss of 28. These are Nos. 7, 24, 28, 100, 107, 128, 138, 169, 194, 197, 203 and 210, but it may be noted that they are not confined to rural districts alone where the change of fees might be accounted as the cause, but two are city lodges and one in a large and prosperous manufacturing town. Large death lists and suspensions for nonpayment of dues seems alone responsible for the overlapping losses in these lodges. Seven lodges, Nos. 21, 42, 55, 67, 119, 129 and 158, report the same membership as in 1921.

Lodges have changed their rank in membership as follows: Of the forty which reported a membership of less than one hundred one year ago, seven

now number their roll with three figures, viz: Nos. 101, 142, 147, 161, 167, 177 and 202. Five have passed two hundred, Nos. 49, 72, 82, 144 and 175. The same number has passed into the three hundred list, Nos. 6, 20, 60, 93 and 130. Four have passed four hundred, Nos. 14, 96, 184 and 186. Two now exceed five hundred members, Nos. 50 and 180. Waterville, No. 33, exceeds six hundred and is alone in that column, while Deering, No. 183, with its net gain of nearly one hundred passed into the seven hundred class with Ancient Landmark, No. 17, and lacked only seven of taking rank as the largest lodge in the state, a position for many years held by Landmark.

The ratio of rejections this year follows very closely that of a year ago. Of the 3,780 applications for the degrees received 1,063, or a fraction over 28 per cent. were rejected. Several of the lodges report more rejections than elections. This condition is indeed encouraging, not because it is a pleasure to see men desiring Masonry refused admission, but to demonstrate that our Maine lodges are still determined to maintain the high standard of the character of its membership.

The net gain in membership is 2,179, or 650 less than the peak attained in the 1921 returns.

The death rate has been 1.55, a very slight increase over that of last year.

The average lodge membership has increased from 186.8 to 197.4.

The accompanying abstract of the returns will show the work of the several lodges in detail.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES B. DAVIS,
CHARLES W. CROSBY, } *Committee.*

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

	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922
Initiated	1,467	1,863	3,122	3,524	2,718
Raised	1,430	1,808	2,927	3,471	2,856
Affiliated	130	92	149	158	150
Re-instated	79	88	117	139	79
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Dimitted	157	120	186	220	168
Died	608	769	623	593	600
Suspended	0	1	1	1	0
Expelled	3	2	2	0	2
Susp. from membership..	270	163	97	122	106
Deprived of membership..	3	0	1	5	1
Number of members	32,456	33,386	35,670	38,499	40,677
Rejected	372	414	811	1,121	1,065

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1922

Nos.	Lodges.	Initiated.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Re-instated.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended.	Expelled.	N. P. D.		No. Members.	Rejected.
										Suspended.	D. of Mem.		
1	Portland	50	62	1	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	559	14
2	Warren	11	13	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	219	3
3	Lincoln	8	10	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	213	5
4	Hancock	7	8	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	105	0
5	Kennebec	11	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	166	2
6	Amity	17	20	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	305	14
7	Eastern	2	4	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	181	0
8	United	26	22	0	1	1	3	0	0	4	0	270	9
9	Saco	23	21	2	3	1	6	0	0	0	0	335	25
10	Rising Virtue	59	47	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	391	38
11	Pythagorean	4	4	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	152	3
12	Cumberland	9	11	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	243	5
13	Oriental	6	7	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	223	3
14	Solar	47	47	1	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	402	13
15	Orient	7	6	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	162	1
16	St. George	9	9	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	141	3
17	Ancient Landmark..	72	69	2	1	2	9	0	0	0	0	782	65
18	Oxford	9	11	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	241	7
19	Felicity	22	20	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	167	4
20	Maine	12	11	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	202	1
21	Oriental Star	10	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	214	6
22	York	15	11	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	183	8
23	Freeport	6	6	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	218	8
24	Phoenix	5	6	0	1	3	9	0	0	0	0	180	9
25	Temple	20	20	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	143	1
26	Village	3	8	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	131	0
27	Adoniram	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	84	0
28	Northern Star	7	8	0	0	1	6	0	0	2	0	126	2
29	Tranquil	32	26	2	2	2	10	0	0	0	0	527	13
30	Blazing Star	16	19	1	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	396	14
31	Union	7	9	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	133	3
32	Hermon	29	27	1	1	3	5	0	0	2	0	496	13
33	Waterville	36	52	3	3	0	6	0	0	3	0	618	32
34	Somerset	20	17	10	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	271	6
35	Bethlehem	17	16	2	0	1	8	0	0	5	0	423	8
36	Casco	12	16	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	235	4
37	Washington	5	8	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	181	0
38	Harmony	14	21	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	235	7
39	Penobscot	12	17	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	261	7
40	Lygonia	22	21	2	2	1	7	0	0	0	0	375	1
41	Morning Star	5	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	107	4
42	Freedom	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	116	5
43	Alna	8	10	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	215	3
44	Piscataquis	11	12	1	0	1	7	0	0	1	0	330	17
45	Central	5	7	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	130	0
46	St. Croix	28	28	1	0	1	4	0	0	2	0	271	3
47	Dunlap	15	18	2	2	4	5	0	0	0	0	396	17
48	Lafayette	7	6	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	154	1
49	Meridian Splendor..	12	14	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	200	3
50	Aurora	60	61	1	1	2	10	0	0	17	0	500	3

Nos.	Lodgers.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
51	St. John's	12	15	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	230	6
52	Mosaic	17	16	1	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	226	8
53	Rural	5	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	96	1
54	Vassalboro	6	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	105	1
55	Fraternal	9	5	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	97	3
56	Mount Moriah	9	7	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	89	2
57	King Hiram	10	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	153	3
58	Unity	9	9	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	76	2
59	Mt. Hope (<i>ch. sur.</i>)												
60	Star in the East	25	26	2	1	1	4	0	0	3	0	302	15
61	King Solomon's	9	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	163	0
62	King David's	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	1
63	Richmond	10	9	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	185	2
64	Pacific	9	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	118	2
65	Mystic	15	13	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	188	4
66	Mechanics'	23	26	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	232	4
67	Blue Mountain	1	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	138	1
68	Mariners'	5	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	110	0
69	Howard	14	14	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	177	2
70	Standish	11	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	152	2
71	Rising Sun	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	86	1
72	Pioneer	9	11	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	207	6
73	Tyrian	9	9	3	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	237	3
74	Bristol	22	22	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	164	1
75	Plymouth	7	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	88	1
76	Arundel	9	8	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	171	7
77	Tremont	15	11	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	158	1
78	Crescent	12	11	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	151	3
79	Rockland	8	9	1	2	1	8	0	0	0	0	259	0
80	Keystone	11	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	139	2
81	Atlantic	52	71	1	2	2	12	0	0	1	0	478	14
82	St. Paul's	23	21	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	213	4
83	St. Andrew's	71	70	0	2	1	9	0	0	0	0	469	38
84	Eureka	13	16	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	123	1
85	Star in the West	4	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	98	0
86	Temple	26	23	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	330	5
87	Benevolent	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	107	1
88	Narraguagus	6	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	120	2
89	Island	5	6	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	122	0
90	Hiram Abiff (<i>ch. rev.</i>)												
91	Harwood	10	10	1	0	1	9	0	0	0	0	210	1
92	Siloam	12	11	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	273	12
93	Horeb	25	25	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	301	3
94	Paris	8	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	168	7
95	Corinthian	12	10	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	157	5
96	Monument	33	41	3	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	430	7
97	Bethel	16	19	2	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	177	6
98	Kathadin	10	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	194	1
99	Vernon Valley	10	7	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	109	3
100	Jefferson	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	108	3
101	Nezinscot	8	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	103	0
102	Marsh River	9	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	92	3
103	Dresden	7	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	1
104	Dirigo	10	9	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	92	2
105	Ashlar	35	32	1	0	5	7	0	0	0	0	451	8
106	Tuscan	7	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	245	0

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
107	Day Spring	2	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	84	0
108	Relief (<i>ch. rev.</i>)												
109	Mount Kineo	7	8	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	156	2
110	Monmouth	13	13	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	158	3
111	Liberty	4	6	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	108	0
112	Eastern Frontier	18	18	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	211	7
113	Messalonskee	3	4	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	127	0
114	Polar Star	36	34	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	417	4
115	Buxton	16	19	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	155	2
116	Lebanon	7	7	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	144	1
117	Greenleaf	6	8	1	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	190	0
118	Drummond	4	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	108	1
119	Pownal	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	121	1
120	Meduncook (<i>ch. sur.</i>)												
121	Acacia	7	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	106	0
122	Marine	18	17	2	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	291	1
123	Franklin	11	14	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	99	5
124	Olive Branch	8	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	126	1
125	Meridian	11	16	1	0	2	7	0	0	1	0	230	4
126	Timothy Chase	8	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	189	2
127	Presumpscot	9	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	160	1
128	Eggemoggin	4	4	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	138	0
129	Quantabacook	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	85	1
130	Trinity	26	25	3	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	303	9
131	Lookout	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0
132	Mount Tire'm.	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	0
133	Asylum	9	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	79	1
134	Trojan (<i>consol'd</i>)												
135	Riverside	9	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	154	1
136	Ionic (<i>ch. sur.</i>)												
137	Kenduskeag	4	6	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	118	0
138	Lewy's Island	7	6	1	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	229	3
139	Archon	6	9	0	1	2	6	0	0	4	0	95	1
140	Mount Desert	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	95	1
141	Augusta	23	29	3	1	4	7	0	0	0	0	473	10
142	Ocean	6	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	101	2
143	Preble	32	33	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	297	23
144	Seaside	19	18	0	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	300	4
145	Moses Webster	21	18	0	0	2	3	0	0	2	0	230	0
146	Sebasticook	3	4	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	153	2
147	Evening Star	6	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	104	2
148	Forest	13	18	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	185	7
149	Doric	7	6	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	98	2
150	Rabboni	23	33	1	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	357	11
151	Excelsior	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0
152	Crooked River	13	14	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	133	2
153	Delta	6	9	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	110	1
154	Mystic Tie	7	6	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	93	0
155	Ancient York	16	17	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	185	8
156	Wilton	14	14	2	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	214	1
157	Cambridge	6	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	146	0
158	Anchor	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	82	0
159	Esoteric (<i>consol'd</i>)												
160	Parian	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	126	1
161	Carrabassett	11	11	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	100	4
162	Arion	9	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	106	2

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
163	Pleasant River	17	19	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	299	23
164	Webster	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	73	1
165	Molunkus	9	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	158	4
166	Neguemkeag	3	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	73	2
167	Whitney	5	4	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	100	0
168	Composite	10	11	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	183	2
169	Shepherd's River . . .	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	80	0
170	Caribou	21	21	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	251	13
171	Naskeag	4	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	93	0
172	Pine Tree	11	10	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	155	1
173	Pleiades	9	10	0	1	0	5	0	0	4	0	180	0
174	Lynde	9	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	116	5
175	Baskahegan	24	18	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	204	2
176	Palestine (consol'd) . .												
177	Rising Star	10	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	108	0
178	Ancient Brothers' . . .	21	20	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	431	14
179	Yorkshire	8	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	126	4
180	Hiram	63	61	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	531	34
181	Reuel Washburn (con.) .												
182	Granite	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	101	4
183	Deering	90	106	1	1	2	9	0	0	0	1	776	44
184	Naval	38	45	1	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	428	17
185	Bar Harbor	15	16	3	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	293	2
186	Warren Phillips	11	25	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	413	13
187	Ira Berry	3	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	68	3
188	Jonesport	11	12	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	142	2
189	Knox	10	10	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	109	2
190	Springvale	9	10	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	233	13
191	Davis	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	135	3
192	Winter Harbor	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	140	1
193	Washburn	11	11	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	150	1
194	Euclid	7	5	0	0	1	2	0	0	6	0	198	8
195	Reliance	14	16	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	234	0
196	Bay View	5	5	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	145	0
197	Aroostook	3	6	1	0	0	3	0	0	7	0	160	8
198	St. Aspinquid	26	22	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	231	9
199	Bingham	8	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	237	9
200	Columbia	13	9	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	138	11
201	David A. Hooper	10	11	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	178	1
202	Mount Bigelow	5	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	102	2
203	Mount Olivet	2	4	1	1	3	4	0	0	5	0	101	3
204	Mount Abram	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	127	1
205	Nolleseme	23	22	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	232	17
206	Island Falls	10	11	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	208	11
207	Abner Wade	10	9	0	0	4	1	0	0	3	0	118	0
208	Northeast Harbor	12	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	121	1
209	Fort Kent	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	2
210	Bagaduce	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	71	0
211	Meduncook	7	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	61	0
212	McKinley	10	9	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	113	0
213	Kemankeag	8	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	4
214	Limestone	9	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	78	4
215	Orchard	10	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	77	10
		2718	2857	150	81	167	630	0	2	106	1	40,678	1066

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

BRO. ASHLEY A. SMITH presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, in print, and asked that it be printed with the Proceedings in order that it may be read by as many of the brethren of the state as possible, and in the meetings of the lodges when no degree work was waiting, so that all the brethren may obtain better understanding of our inter-state relations, and the Grand Lodge so voted. (*See Appendix*).

LAFAYETTE LODGE, No. 48.

The following was presented by Bro. FRED E. TINGLEY, Master of Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, at Readfield, and was referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters:

READFIELD, May 2, 1922.

Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, asks for a copy of its Charter, to replace the original which was burned in the fire of June 11, 1921, which destroyed its hall and all its contents.

FRED E. TINGLEY, *Worshipful Master*.

Also the following which was referred to the Committee of Finance.

Lafayette Lodge also requests that the Grand Lodge remit the dues of that lodge for 1922, in consequence of the loss sustained in the fire of June 11, 1921.

FRED E. TINGLEY, *Worshipful Master*.

CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

Requests of Certificates of Charter were received and it was voted that Certificates be issued to the following lodges:

Vassalboro, No. 54, North Vassalboro.

Northeast Harbor, No. 208, Northeast Harbor.

REFRESHMENT.

At 12.10 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock.

FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 2, 1922. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock.

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION.

A Memorial signed by duly authorized committees of Temple Lodge, No. 86, and Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186, both of Westbrook, requesting concurrent jurisdiction by both lodges over all residents of the City of Westbrook, was received, entertained by the Grand Lodge and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

FINANCE.

BRO. WALDO PETTENGILL for the Committee of Finance presented the following report.

MASONIC TEMPLE,
PORTLAND, ME., May 2, 1922.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Finance have examined and approved the bills against the Grand Lodge and have certified them for payment by the Grand Treasurer. We have examined the records of the Grand Lodge and find them correctly kept to date and that the accounts of the Grand Secretary are correct.

The books of the Grand Treasurer have been examined and have been found correct. For the detailed account of his receipts and expenditures for the Grand Lodge we refer you to the report of the Grand Treasurer which has been presented.

A summary of the business is as follows:

Balance May 3, 1921	\$20,850.44
Amount collected by Albro E. Chase.....	876.07
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Total	\$21,726.51
Payments by Albro E. Chase.....	7,591.82
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Balance to account of new Treasurer.....	\$14,134.69

Amount charged to Edmund B. Mallet.....	\$14,134.69
Receipts to May 1, 1922	15,153.33
Total	\$29,288.02
Payments to May 1, 1922	6,833.35
Balance on hand	\$22,454.67

The amount of the invested fund to the credit of the Charity Fund is \$77,428.79.

We recommend that \$5,000, par value, of the bonds now in the Grand Treasurer's hands be transferred to the Charity Fund.

We recommend that there be paid the following sums:

To the Grand Treasurer for the year ending May 1, 1923, including cost of Bond	\$ 500.00
To the Grand Secretary for year ending May 1, 1923.....	1,800.00
To the Grand Lecturer for year ending May 1, 1922	100.00
To the Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence for year ending May 1, 1922	300.00
For Contingent Fund for use of Grand Master	500.00

Fraternally submitted,

WALDO PETTENGILL,	} Committee
FRED C. TOLMAN,	

on Finance.

The Committee further reported:

Report of Finance Committee upon recommendation of Grand Secretary:

First: We recommend that the sum of \$600.00 be appropriated for suitable filing cases for the safety of the personal record cards.

Second: We recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated for the proper filing of Lodge Histories now in the keeping of the Grand Lodge.

Third: We recommend that the dues of Lafayette Lodge for the year 1922, be remitted; and that a copy of their charter be furnished by the Grand Secretary free of charge, that the reason of the Lodge suffered in the loss of their hall by fire.

Fraternally submitted,

WALDO PETTENGILL,	} Committee.
FRED C. TOLMAN,	

The report was accepted, and the recommendations in both sections were adopted.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

BRO. EDMUND B. MALLETT for the Committee on The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, made an oral report which was accepted.

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

BRO. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, presented the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 2, 1922.

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, to whom were referred the Address of the M. W. Grand Master, the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Secretary and the Grand Lecturer, after necessarily brief consideration, report:

We observe with much satisfaction that for two years the Grand Master has refused permission to receive, refer and ballot upon petitions for the degrees at the same communication; but we cannot fail to regret the apparent necessity to permit balloting in three instances at special communications, even though notices were mailed to all members.

The several dispensations appear in accord with our laws and practice, except that to Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, to hold a stated on a date earlier than that named in the By-laws of that Lodge; as at this distance it would seem the probability of no quorum because of a "District Meeting" in a distant town, was too remote to warrant setting aside the plain provisions of the By-laws of a lodge.

We recommend the Rulings and Decisions of the Grand Master be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The remarks of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary under "Degrees by Courtesy" are commended to the careful consideration of the officers of all lodges, but particularly to the Masters and Secretaries.

We recommend the matters mentioned under "Ceremonies" and "Visitations" in the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Grand Lecturer, be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

We are heartily in accord with the recommendations in relation to the adoption of a form of questionnaire to be used in connection with or incorporated as a part of the petition for the degrees, and advise the same be referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

We commend the action of the Grand Secretary in securing possession and full title to the copyright, electro plates, etc., of the Maine Masonic Text Book.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,	} Committee.
ASHLEY A. SMITH,	
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

MAINE MASONIC TEXT BOOK.

BRO. FRANK E. SLEEPER for the special committee on Revision of the Maine Masonic Text Book, reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, ME., May 2, 1922.

Report of the Committee selected by the Grand Master to prepare a revision of the Text Book and Digest of the Maine Masonic Law.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE was made chairman of this committee. BRO. CHASE was never derelict nor even tardy in the performance of any Masonic duty, large or small.

No member of our fraternity was wiser in counsel or more constant in service; nor could any brother be more highly cherished and esteemed; but it is common knowledge that during the last year of his official life, it was only his relentless fortitude and pluck that enabled him to engage in the discharge of any of his official duties.

Accordingly it is not a surprise that he did not call the committee together for the purposes of organization or work. In consequence nothing has been done by the committee, yet the work to be accomplished is very important, as the burial service is more or less desultory and many provisions of the Text Book and the Digest have been modified or become obsolete.

The remaining members of the committee therefore recommend that the committee be continued for the accomplishment of the work suggested in the motion for revision.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. SPEAR,	} Committee.
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	
CHAS. B. DAVIS,	
THOS. H. BODGE,	

The report was accepted, and the recommendation was adopted.

ELECTION.

The hour of election (3 o'clock) having arrived, the Grand Master 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

Permanent Members present, 1 each,	39
Grand Officers present, 1 each,	41
188 lodges represented (3 votes each),	574
Total number of votes,	654

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

ALBERT M. SPEAR,	M. W. Grand Master,	Augusta
DAVID E. MOULTON,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Portland
LEWMAN B. SOPER,	" Senior Grand Warden,	Newport
CHARLES M. FARRAR,	" Junior Grand Warden,	Milo
EDMUND B. MALLET,	" Grand Treasurer,	Freeport
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" Grand Secretary,	Portland

Committee on Finance — WALDO PETTENGILL, Rumford; FRED C. TOLMAN, Portland; HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, Portland.

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

Trustee of the Charity Fund for one year — SILAS B. ADAMS, Portland.

And they were severally declared elected, and the committees thanked and discharged.

AT REFRESHMENT.

At 5.10 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Wednesday, May 3, 1922. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock.

REPRESENTATIVES SEATED.

For good reasons shown;—two having missed train connection on account of Daylight Saving

Time; one governing his action by an item in his local newspaper that the Grand Lodge met on May 3rd; and the other on account of a letter containing proxy blank being missent,—the Grand Lodge voted to seat the following members and representatives, and that they be added to the Pay Roll:

CHARLES F. PAINE, P. J. G. W.
CLARENCE E. DOW, D. D. G. M., 21st District.
CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 12.
ORCHARD LODGE, No. 215.

EXCUSES.

The following representatives presented sufficient good reasons for non-attendance for the remainder of the Communication, and they were excused at close of the afternoon session, and the Grand Treasurer authorized to pay them mileage and per diem.

GEORGE W. HOXIE, Waterville, No. 33.
FRED TINGLEY, Lafayette, No. 48.
HUBERT HALL, Howard, No. 69.
IRVING O. BARROWS, Paris, No. 94.
FRANK I. HALL, Rabboli, No. 150.
PHILIP R. BROWN, Neguemkeag, No. 166.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF WORK.

M. W. Grand Master WHEELER called to the East M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, who, after some remarks invited Wor. MELVIN B. KITTREDGE, Master of Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44, of Milo, to assume the East, and with the officers of his lodge confer the Master Mason degree, which was done.

The Grand Lecturer resumed the East, and after brief comment and approval of the manner in which the work had been performed, surrendered the place to the Grand Master.

THANKS.

On motion of Bro. SLEEPER it was by rising unanimously

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to the officers of Piscataquis Lodge for the beautiful and correct rendering of the ritual in the work of the afternoon.

The Grand Master expressed his obligation to the officers of Piscataquis Lodge for their attendance and assistance.

The Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge in a most eloquent appeal regarding the proper decorum that should be observed by all lodges in the work of the degrees, especially the Master Mason degree.

PAY ROLL.

Bro. JOHN C. ARNOLD reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 3, 1922.

To the W. 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.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. ARNOLD,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
CHARLES M. FARRAR,		
EDWARD K. GOULD,		

Report accepted and schedule ordered to be paid.

AT REFRESHMENT.

At 5.30 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 4, 1922. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

BRO. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, for the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 4, 1922.

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 matter of appeal of Harrison T. Burr from the ruling of the Worshipful Master of St. Andrews Lodge, No. 83, of Bangor, refusing to entertain certain written charges of un-masonic conduct against one Robert B. Stewart, filed with the Secretary of said lodge; we recommend that the appeal be sustained, and that the Master of that lodge be instructed to proceed with a trial upon said charges in the regular constitutional order.

In the matter of appeal of Charles A. Cavanaugh, a member of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, of Rockport, wherein one Erskine C. York was by vote of said lodge, on the thirteenth day of March, 1922, after due trial, suspended for the term of one year, we recommend the passage of the following: That the appeal be sustained, that the action of said lodge be amended and reversed; and that said Erskine C. York be expelled from all the rights and benefits of masonry.

In the matter of Delta Lodge, No. 153, of Lovell, whereby one Ralph G. Charles, a member of said lodge was on the day of 192 , by unanimous vote expelled from said lodge, we recommend the passage of the following: That the action of Delta Lodge be ratified and confirmed, and that said Ralph G. Charles be expelled from all the rights and benefits of masonry.

In matter of Deering Lodge, No. 183, of Portland, whereby one Benjamin J. Cobb, a member of said lodge was on the twenty-fifth day of March, 1922, after a very lengthy and full hearing, by vote of the lodge, suspended for the term of one year, and after several ballots had been taken as to larger penalties. The stenographic report of this trial is very voluminous, covering several pages, and we have examined it carefully, and from the full report of the evidence we feel that the punishment is inadequate for such an offence, and taking further into consideration the attitude of the alleged offender, we recommend that the action and vote of said lodge be amended in this particular; and that Benjamin J. Cobb be suspended from

all the rights and benefits of masonry for the term of five years from the date of his said trial.

In matter of Joseph W. Chesley, whose application had been received by Granite Lodge, No. 182, of West Paris, within five years after having been rejected by Island Pond Lodge, No. 44, of Vermont, and given the E. A. degree; and whose case was before this Grand Lodge one year ago; the said Chesley having been by order of the Grand Master suspended for one year to await the action of this Grand Lodge; it was recommended last year that the action of the Grand Master be ratified and approved; and the Grand Lodge voted to amend the report by returning the case to Granite Lodge with instructions to proceed with a trial to result in a verdict according to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine; we find, as we found one year ago, that said Chesley had been once tried by the lodge, and found "not guilty." We also find this year that no action on the case has been taken by Granite Lodge within the past year.

Mr. Chesley has now appealed to the Grand Master for further recognition, stating that at the time he filled out his application to Granite Lodge, he did so in the utmost good faith, and honestly understanding and believing the rejection mentioned in the application, referred to Granite Lodge only. In view of his alleged honest motive, (though an error not to be passed over lightly as a rule) we recommend that the matter be re-committed and left in the hands of the committee for further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	} <i>Committee on</i>	
GEO. W. HOLMES,		} <i>Grievances</i>
ALBERT M. PENLEY,			} and Appeals.

The report was accepted, and a separate vote taken on each recommendation, and in each case the recommendation as made by the Committee was sustained and adopted.

JURISPRUDENCE — DECISIONS.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions of the Grand Master, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE,
PORTLAND, May 4, 1922.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Master, have considered the same and find all in accord with the established masonic law of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,	} <i>Committee.</i>
CHAS. B. DAVIS,	

The report was accepted.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

BRO. ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, for the Committee on Dispensations and Charters reported:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 4, 1922.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters have carefully considered the question of the jurisdiction of Temple Lodge, No. 86, and Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186, both of Westbrook, as per the following Memorial which was referred to this Committee:

To the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.:

By virtue of a so-called gentlemen's agreement entered into on the fifteenth day of December, A. D. 1921, between duly authorized committees representing Temple Lodge No. 86, F. & A. M., and Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186, both of Westbrook, Maine, a resolution was adopted by both of said lodges providing for concurrent jurisdiction by the said lodges in the City of Westbrook. The said agreement further provided that a request be made of the Grand Lodge at its session to be held on the first Tuesday of May, A. D. 1922, that the action hereinbefore mentioned be confirmed by said Grand Lodge, and become a part of its record.

In conformity with this action the duly authorized committees representing the lodges herein mentioned, respectfully request that the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Maine, will take such action as may be necessary in the case.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the members of the said committees have hereunto subscribed our names in behalf of the lodges represented by us, this second day of May, A. D. 1922.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 86, F. & A. M.,

By ARTHUR W. RICKER,
FRED W. BABB,
HARRY L. LOWELL.

WARREN PHILLIPS LODGE, No. 186, F. & A. M.,

By C. OMER PORTER,
A. N. WATERHOUSE,
R. B. WALTMAN.

We recommend that the resolution adopted by both of said lodges, by duly authorized committees, on the fifteen day of December, 1921, providing for concurrent jurisdiction of said lodges in the City of Westbrook, be approved by the Grand Lodge and be the established jurisdiction of said lodges.

We further recommend that the statements signed by the representatives of said lodges be entered in full on the records of the Grand Lodge as a part of the report of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters to the end that the action of said lodges on the question of their jurisdiction shall be preserved.

In the matter of a duplicate charter for Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, at Readfield, to replace the original which was burned with the hall of that lodge on June 11, 1921, we recommend that the Grand Secretary be and hereby is, directed to supply to said Lafayette Lodge an attested copy of its charter, and that the Grand Master's dispensation by which that lodge has been working since June 11th, be continued in force until the said copy of charter is delivered.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The reported was accepted and the recommendations were adopted:

PUBLICATION.

Bro. MILLARD M. CASWELL, for the Committee on Publication, reported that no business had been presented to them. The report was accepted.

HISTORY.

Bro. FRED C. CHALMERS, for the Committee on History, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 4, 1922.

Your Committee on History have attended to their duties, and report that no histories have been presented.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED C. CHALMERS,	} Committee.
WALDO PETTENGILL,	
CONVERS E. LEACH,	

The report was accepted.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

Bro. EDWIN A. PORTER, for the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 4, 1922.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

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.

We notice that joint installations have been held with other than Masonic bodies the past year. We feel that the practice should not be continued.

The reports show that Schools of Instructions were held with large attendance and undoubtedly were of great benefit to the craft.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWIN A. PORTER,	} Committee.
FRANK E. MONROE,	
ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	

The report was accepted.

STANDING REGULATIONS ADOPTED.

BRO. HOWARD D. SMITH, presented the following as a Standing Regulation of this Grand Lodge, and moved its consideration without reference; which was done:

IN GRAND LODGE,
May 4, 1922.

Be it Voted, That the following Standing Regulation be adopted:

"No building shall be purchased, erected or extensively reconstructed at the expense, in whole or in part, of any lodge in this jurisdiction until the plans of the same, and terms, and conditions of its construction or acquisition shall have been approved by the Grand Master.

A short discussion followed after which the Grand Lodge voted, and by a very large majority the resolution was adopted as a Standing Regulation.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

BRO. LEE M. SMITH, presented his credentials as the newly appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Australia near this Grand Lodge, was most cordially greeted as such, and requested to convey to the Grand Lodge of South Australia the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge.

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. EDWARD W. WHEELER, retiring Grand Master, as Grand Marshal, who presented his successor, ALBERT M. SPEAR, Grand Master elect, who was duly installed into office, prayer being offered by Rev. A. FRANCIS WALCH, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master then announced the following:

APPOINTMENTS.

CONVERS E. LEACH,	R. W. Cor. Grand Secretary,	Portland
WILLIAM N. GOULD,	" D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,	Fort Fairfield
JAMES ABERNETHY,	" " 2nd "	West Pembroke
EDGAR A. WORCESTER,	" " 3rd "	Jonesport
NORRIS L. HEATH,	" " 4th "	Orland
CHARLES W. HAYES,	" " 5th "	Foxcroft
ALVOID E. CUSHMAN,	" " 6th "	Bangor
ARTHUR H. NORTON,	" " 7th "	Liberty
GEORGE R. WILSON,	" " 8th "	Searsport
RALPH B. LEWIS,	" " 9th "	Union
GEORGE A. COWAN,	" " 10th "	Damariscotta
JOHN C. ARNOLD,	" " 11th "	Augusta
EDWARD G. PALMER,	" " 12th "	Kent's Hill
HAROLD A. COLEMAN,	" " 13th "	Bingham
JOHN E. MERRILL,	" " 14th "	Durham
HENRY E. KNAPP,	" " 15th "	West Farmington
CLARENCE H. PRIDE,	" " 16th "	East Waterford
JOSEPH B. MANCHESTER,	" " 17th "	North Gorham
L. MURRAY WATKINS,	" " 18th "	Cornish
HAROLD B. BOURNE,	" " 19th "	Kennebunk
RAYMOND HAMM,	" " 20th "	Springfield
HARRY E. ROWE,	" " 21st "	Ellsworth
FRED C. ELDRIDGE,	" " 22nd "	Cambridge
GEORGE H. SMITH,	" " 23rd "	Waterboro
JOHN S. P. H. WILSON,	" " 24th "	Auburn
CHARLES H. BOWERS,	" " 25th "	Sherman Mills
GERALD A. PEABODY,	" " 26th "	Rumford
REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	W. Grand Chaplain,	Bath
" I. JAMES MERRY,	" " "	Cornish
" ASHLEY A. SMITH,	" " "	Bangor
" JOHN M. BEILER,	" " "	Machias
" ARTHUR F. STRAY,	" " "	Auburn
" ROBERT J. BRUCE,	" " "	Portland
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	" " "	Augusta
" JAMES C. GREGORY,	" " "	Presque Isle

HARRY E. LARRABEE,	W. Grand Marshal	Gardiner
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	" " Senior Deacon	Portland
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" " Junior Deacon	Portland
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " Steward,	Biddeford
FRANK P. DENACO,	" " "	Bangor
LESTER M. ANDREWS,	" " "	Oakland
FRED C. TOLMAN,	" " "	Portland
ERNEST J. RECORD,	" " Sword Bearer	South Paris
EDWARD K. GOULD,	" " Standard Bearer,	Rockland
WARREN C. KING,	" " Pursuivant,	Portland
WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS,	" " "	Lisbon Falls
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, WHEELER and WALCH.

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.

THOMAS H. BODGE, EDWARD W. WHEELER, SILAS B. ADAMS.

On Foreign Correspondence.

ASHLEY A. SMITH, FRANK J. COLE, WALLACE N. PRICE.

On Condition of the Fraternity.

EDWIN A. PORTER, FRANK E. MONROE, ISAAC A. CLOUGH.

On Library.

GRAND MASTER, WILLIS A. RICKER, LEE M. SMITH.

On Transportation.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, WM. FREEMAN LORD, JAMES E. PARSONS.

On Returns.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, JAMES C. AYER, CHARLES W. CROSBY.

He also announced the appointment as a member of the Committee on Revision of the Text Book, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. W. Bro. CHASE, M. W. Bro. EDWARD W. WHEELER.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

BRO. FRANK E. SLEEPER, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 4, 1922.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to which were referred the matters of a Questionnaire and Physical Qualifications would recommend:

First: The adoption of a Standing Regulation "in addition to the information required by Section 101, of the Constitution, a Questionnaire be also filed for permanent preservation; the form to be approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and supplied by the Grand Secretary."

Second: That the matter of Physical Qualifications be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence with instructions to report at the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. SLEEPER, }
W. FREEMAN LORD, } *Committee.*

The report was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

STANDING REGULATION ADOPTED.

The following Standing Regulation was submitted to the Grand Lodge without reference, and was adopted by practically a unanimous vote:

"*Be it Resolved*, That, in addition to the information required by Section 101 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, a questionnaire be also filed for permanent preservation with the application of each petitioner; the form of said questionnaire to be approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and supplied to the lodges by the Grand Secretary."

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 12.10 the Grand Lodge was closed.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine will be held at Masonic Temple, Portland, on Tuesday, May 1, 1923, at 9 o'clock A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND

MASONIC TEMPLE,
Tuesday, May 2, 1922.

The Trustees met in the Grand Lodge Office at 5 P. M.

Present — EDWARD W. WHEELER, *President*,
CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*,
ASHLEY A. SMITH,
SILAS B. ADAMS,
ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,
HOWARD D. SMITH,
FRANK E. SLEEPER,
EDMUND B. MALLET,
EDWARD G. WESTON.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was presented as follows:

PORTLAND, ME., May 2, 1922.

*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	\$ 140.00
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 " Staudish 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
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	200.00
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 "	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
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	240.00
1 "	St. Joseph Water Co.	1,000.00	50.00
1 "	Muncie Water Works Co.	1,000.00	50.00
1 "	York County Water Co.	500.00	25.00
1 "	Denver City Tramway Co.	500.00	30.00
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
	Town of Rumford	1,000.00	55.00
1 "	Third Liberty Loan	1,000.00	42.50
9 "	Fourth Liberty Loan	9,000.00	297.50
	Deposit Augusta Savings Bank	1,000.00	40.40
	Deposit Skowhegan Savings Bank	1,000.00	40.40
	Deposit Waterville Savings Bank	1,000.00	40.40
	Deposit 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
	Deposit Portland Savings Bank	1,500.00	
	Deposit Fidelity Trust Co.	2,122.40	
	Deposit Belfast Savings Bank	757.62	
	Deposit Chapman National Bank,		
	Savings Department	798.67	
	Deposit Portland National Bank,		
	Savings Department	989.50	
	Interest Union Safe Deposit & Tr. Co.		211.21
	Town of Everett, Mass., Matured		20.00
	Northern Pacific Railway Co., Matured		40.00
		\$77,428.79	\$3,457.13

1921.

RECEIPTS.

May 1.	To balance cash on hand	\$4,353.34	
	" Income on Investments	3,457.13	
	" Sagadahoc Light & Power Co. Bonds,		
	Matured	2,000.00	
	" Town of Everett Bonds, Matured	1,000.00	
	" Northern Pacific Railway Co., Matured	2,000.00	
			\$12,810.47

1921.

DISBURSEMENTS.

May 1.	By paid beneficiaries.....	\$4,058.00
	" paid Town of Rumford, Bond and Accrued Interest	1,028.76
	" paid Fourth Liberty Loan, Bonds and Accrued Interest.....	1,772.82
1922		
May 1.	" Cash on Hand to balance	5,950.89
		<hr/> \$12,810.47

Fraternally submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLET, *Treasurer.*

BRO. EDWARD W. WHEELER reported that he had examined the securities and had found them all correct as stated, whereupon the report was accepted.

The Secretary presented 85 applications for relief, which were referred to a committee of two.

Adjourned to Wednesday at one o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, May 3, 1922.

Met in Grand Lodge Office at 1.00 P. M.

Present — EDWARD W. WHEELER, *President*,
 CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*,
 HOWARD D. SMITH,
 EDMUND B. MALLET,
 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 \$3,111.00 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 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
1922

ALBERT M. SPEAR, Grand Master,	Ex-Officio
DAVID E. MOULTON, Deputy Grand Master,	"
LEWMAN B. SOPER, Senior Grand Warden,	"
CHARLES M. FARRAR, Junior Grand Warden,	"
CHARLES B. DAVIS, Rec. Grand Secretary,	"
SILAS B. ADAMS,	elected May 2, 1922, for one year.
ASHLEY A. SMITH,	" " 4, 1920, for three years.
ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	" " 3, 1921 " " "
EDWARD G. WESTON,	" " 3, 1921, " " "
HOWARD D. SMITH,	" " 2, 1922, " " "
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" " 2, 1922, " " "

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).

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).

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 five cents per mile each 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 three 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 1921, p. 35).

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 paid at three dollars. (1920, p. 451).

Resolved, That, in addition to the information required by Section 101 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, a questionnaire be also filed for permanent preservation with the application of each petitioner; the form of said questionnaire to be approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and supplied to the lodges by the Grand Secretary. (1922, p. 243).

Resolved, No building shall be purchased, erected or extensively reconstructed at the expense, in whole or in part, of any lodge in this jurisdiction until the plans of the same, and the terms and conditions of its construction or acquisition, shall have been approved by the Grand Master. (1922, p. 239.)

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).

(Part Fourth, Article VI, Page 36 of the Constitution).

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 therefor, 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." (1921, p. 48).

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine;

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

October 14th, I attended the School of Instruction, at Houlton, held by Grand Lecturer, Frank E. Sleeper, where I gained much valuable information, regarding the ritual work and as to my duties. There was a large attendance and all of the brethren showed much interest, and I am sure received much benefit out of the School as conducted by Brother Sleeper. In the evening, I inspected Monument Lodge, No. 96, where I was received in form. Work was exemplified upon one candidate in the M. M. degree. There was a large number of brethren present and I surely enjoyed a very pleasant evening. After the work I made comments on the same, being assisted by R. W. Fred A Budge, D. D. G. M. of the Twentieth District. The lodge also listened to very interesting and instructive remarks by the Grand Lecturer, Frank E. Sleeper. I cannot speak too highly of the work of Monument Lodge, all of the officers rendering their parts in a very capable manner, and in a way deserving of the highest praise. The new officers were in the chairs, but their work showed them to be thoroughly familiar with the ritual. I was particularly impressed with the charge rendered by the Chaplain. A delicious chicken stew supper was served in the banquet hall after the work, after which a social hour was enjoyed by all.

December 16th, I made my official visit to Aroostook Lodge, No. 197, at Blaine, where I inspected work in the F. C. degree, on one candidate. This was a stated communication, and I also witnessed the transaction of the business of the lodge. I found the records were kept in a very efficient manner, and that the dues were well collected. The work was rendered very creditably, only a few mistakes being made. The Master, George R. Fenderson, is serving his second term, and is a very competent and efficient officer. The lecture given by the Senior Deacon deserves special mention. After the work I installed the new officers, after which we retired to the banquet hall where refreshments were served and later a social hour was enjoyed. About forty brethren were present.

Wednesday evening, December 28th, I installed the officers of Washburn Lodge, No. 193, my home lodge, having the assistance of Brother Charles L. Stoddard as Grand Marshal. This installation was public with a large attendance of the brethren and their guests. Music was furnished by Stone's Orchestra of Presque Isle. After the installation ceremonies an entertainment was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Wednesday evening, January 11th, I installed the officers of Trinity Lodge, at a public installation, having the assistance of Brother William R. Pipes as Grand Marshal. Though a stormy night a large number was present.

On Thursday evening, January 19th, I officiated in installing the officers of Eastern Frontier Lodge, having the assistance of Brother H. F. Kallock, as Grand Marshal. A large attendance of the brethren and members of the O. E. S. was present and the installation ceremonies were evidently enjoyed by all. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Wednesday evening, February 8th, I inspected the work of Eastern Frontier Lodge, No. 112. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate, Herbert G. Sawyer, W. M., who was then serving his second year, doing the work in a most creditable manner. The other officers also showed that they were familiar with the ritual and the work as a whole was certainly commendable. The records are very efficiently and neatly kept by the Secretary, Brother William N. Gould. This is one of the largest lodges in the district, having a very fine hall, also club rooms. Upon looking over the records I found that the lodge had had a very busy year, and that much interest was manifested by all of the brethren. At the close an oyster supper was served and a social hour enjoyed. About fifty brethren were present.

Tuesday evening, February 28th, I made my official visit to Trinity Lodge, No. 130, Presque Isle. This was a special meeting and work was in the F. C. degree. It is the custom in this lodge for the W. M. to work the M. M. degree, the S. W. the F. C. and the J. W. the E. A. I was received without form, and inspected the work which was done by the S. W. Carl A. Weick, and I cannot speak too highly of the ability with which he performed the same. The W. M., Otis B. Stevens, occupied the East during the opening and closing of the lodge and proved himself to be a very efficient officer. The work of all the other officers cannot be too highly commended. The books and records are in the hands of Brother Vivian E. Howe, a most faithful and competent secretary. His records are accurately and neatly kept and the dues are well collected.

Thursday evening, March 16th, I made my official visit to Caribou Lodge, No. 170, at Caribou. This was a special meeting and before the work I privately installed the officers, having the assistance of Brother Ray C. Gary as Grand Marshal. After the installation ceremonies the M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate in a most exemplary manner. Brother Edgar W. Russ, the W. M., is serving his second term in office, and again under his leadership the lodge cannot help but have a prosperous year. After the work I made some suggestions which were very kindly received. Refreshments were served.

Wednesday evening, March 22nd, I again visited Monument Lodge, No. 96, and publicly installed the officers, having the assistance of Brother Alfred E. Astle as Grand Marshal. The officers of Aroostook Chapter were installed the same same evening in a very dignified and commendable manner by D. D. G. H. P., E. A. Whittridge, of Foxcroft. About three

hundred were present and a most enjoyable evening was had. After the installation ceremonies refreshments were served.

Tuesday evening, March 28th, I made my official visit to Limestone Lodge, No. 214, at Limestone. I was received in form and witnessed work in the E. A. degree upon one candidate, which was done in a very impressive manner, the floor work being worthy of special mention. This lodge has the finest and best equipped quarters of any in the district. I can recommend this lodge as one always ready to extend a real fraternal greeting to any of the brethren who may visit them. The records are neatly kept and the dues are well collected. After the lodge was closed a lobster stew was served and a social hour enjoyed.

I have not officially visited my own lodge, Washburn, No. 193, but have attended regularly nearly all of the meetings during the past year. The officers are all young men and take a great interest in the work, and the lodge is in a very prosperous condition. Washburn Lodge mourns the death of the late Brother Edward M. Hines, who was secretary for over twenty-five years, having been a very faithful and efficient officer. The records are now in the hands of Brother Irving S. Whittaker, who deserves praise for the manner in which he is performing his duties.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, allow me to thank you for the honor of my appointment, and also to extend my thanks to the brethren whose uniform courtesy and kindness has made my official visits and my other duties a pleasure which I shall long remember.

Fraternally submitted,

ANDREW J. BECK, *D. D. G. M., 1st District.*

Washburn, April 27th.

SECOND DISTRICT.

To M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

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.

Having been reappointed District Deputy Grand Master, I was installed at the annual session of the Grand Lodge in Portland, May, 1921, by M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, in his usual fatherly manner into his official "family," together with several of my Brother District Deputy Grand Masters.

My official acts have not been arduous but very pleasant and gratifying to me. I have attended both sessions of the Grand Lodge; called and conducted a convention of the lodges in the district at Lubec, working all three degrees; visited each lodge in the district at least once, witnessing work in each instance and of all three degrees; installed the officers of one lodge; attended the funeral of a Past District Deputy Grand Master, and assisted several brethren in the interpretation of the constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge both personally and by correspondence. These duties I have tried to perform in a manner consistent with the dignity of a representative of the Grand Lodge and agreeable to the ancient

usages and customs of the order, always striving to promote the peace and harmony of the craft.

By invitation of Washington Lodge, No. 37, I called a convention of lodges in the Second Masonic District at Lubec, Maine, June 9, 1921. The convention, a special communication of Washington Lodge, No. 37, was called to order at 2.30 P. M., and duly opened by the officers of Washington Lodge, after which labor was suspended in the M. M. degree and opened in appropriate degrees, and the E. A. degree was exemplified by the officers of Crescent Lodge, No. 78; the F. C. degree by the officers of St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, and the M. M. degree by Washington Lodge, No. 37. A banquet was served at 6. o'clock by the ladies of Quoddy Light Chapter, O. E. S. At seven o'clock a lodge of Past Masters was duly opened and the degree of P. M. was conferred on seven by P. M. Emery A. Dow, of Eastern Lodge, No. 7. After each degree a forum was assumed and all parts of the degrees were fully and freely discussed in a friendly, helpful and inspiring manner.

After a few remarks by several of the brethren, the convention was closed in due form and perfect harmony. There were more than 500 brethren present, including visitors from other districts, from Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota and New Brunswick. After the meeting the brethren were invited to the Eagle Theatre to witness the moving pictures of the Maine Centennial, obtained from Augusta for the occasion by R. W. Irving W. Case, P. D. D. G. M.

On October 10th, I attended the funeral of R. W. Walter F. Bradish, D. D. G. M. in 1895-6-7. He was buried with Masonic honors by Eastern Lodge, No. 7. There was a large attendance, including Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Wheeler C. Hawkes, Irving W. Case and Henry R. Gillis.

On October 20th, I attended the School of Instruction at Ellsworth, an account of which will be in the report of the Grand Lecturer. I was very much pleased by the cordiality and hospitality shown by the lodges of Ellsworth and Bar Harbor. The school was very instructive and helpful to me and the personal contact with the several District Deputy Grand Masters was very inspiring.

On December 5th, I officially visited St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, at Calais. The work of the F. C. degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. The enthusiasm of the officers of this lodge is very great and its future prosperity is assured. The records and finances in the hands of P. S. G. W. Isaac N. Jones are exceptionally well handled.

On January 2, 1922, I installed the officers of Eastern Lodge, No. 7, assisted by R. W. Wheeler C. Hawkes, P. D. G. M. as Grand Marshal.

On January 18th, I officially visited Lewy's Island Lodge, No. 138, at Princeton. The work of the E. A. degree was exemplified in an almost perfect manner. The work of this lodge is materially assisted by the use of colored lantern slides during the lectures which makes it very impressive. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition and the attendance is good considering the condition of the roads and the distance of travel necessary for many of the brethren to attend. The records and finances under the care of Brother Theo. Morrisson, are particularly neat and well kept.

On February 1st, I officially visited Crescent Lodge, No. 78, at Pembroke. The work of the E. A. degree was exemplified in an accurate, impressive and beautiful manner. Although there was a very short notice of my visit, the attendance was large and enthusiastic. Many of the brethren came a long distance and the interest and cordiality shown was very pleasing and inspiring. I was accompanied by W. M. Edward L. Wadsworth of Eastern Lodge. The records and finances in the care of Brother Eugene C. Wilbur are in excellent condition.

On March 1st, I officially visited Washington Lodge, No. 37, at Lubec. The work of the F. C. degree was exemplified in the perfect manner usually performed by this lodge. This is truly a "live" lodge, the brethren are in perfect harmony and the officers very enthusiastic. Although the secretary P. D. D. G. M. Irving W. Case, was absent on the night of my visit, I inspected his work and found it correct in every detail. This lodge is to observe the centennary of its institution in June, and are making arrangements to celebrate the event in a manner in accordance with their usual hospitality and enthusiasm.

On April 3rd, I officially visited Eastern Lodge, No. 7. The work of the M. M. degree was exemplified in a very impressive and accurate manner. This being my home lodge, I have attended almost every communication. The records and finances under the care of P. D. D. G. M. Wheeler C. Hawkes, are a model for neatness and accuracy.

On April 3rd, I attended the funeral of R. W. Robert G. McBride, District Deputy Grand Master of the Second District in 1916-1917. He was buried at Lubec with full Masonic honors, by Washington Lodge, No. 37, escorted by St. Bernard Commandery, No. 11. There was a large attendance, including brethren from each lodge in the district, and Past District Deputy Grand Masters Wheeler C. Hawkes, Irving W. Case, William E. Mann, Henry R. Gillis and Edward G. Buxton.

At the several meetings, the convention and official visits, I have endeavored to stimulate a feeling of brotherly help and mutual assistance. Whatever discussions have taken place and whatever suggestions or criticisms I have made in regard to the ritual or any part of the work have been received with kindly feelings and thanks and I am confident that a strong feeling of brotherly love and friendship, peace and harmony pervades the entire district.

I have received all the courtesies and honors due to the position, together with the kindly assistance of many of the brethren.

It is with regret that I approach the end of my term of office. I sincerely wish for my successor as much pleasure and gain in Masonic knowledge as I have received.

To you, Most Worshipful, I am very grateful for my reappointment, and to the many brethren that have so generously assisted me, I am sincerely thankful.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD G. BUXTON, *D. D. G. M. 2nd District.*
Eastport, April 4, 1922.

THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have the privilege and honor to submit to you my first report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District.

I was appointed District Deputy at the session of the Grand Lodge in May, 1921, but as I was not in attendance, I was, by direction of the Grand Secretary, installed by W. M. John H. Moulton of my home lodge, Jonesport, No. 188.

On October 20th, I attended the School of Instruction at Ellsworth, conducted by R. W. Archie Bangs, of Sabattus. The sessions were well attended, particularly the evening, at which time Lygonia Lodge, of Ellsworth, exemplified the work of the M. M. degree in a most impressive manner. Personally, I enjoyed the school very much, and I received many helpful suggestions which have been of much benefit to me in my official visits to the lodges of the district.

On November 18th, by invitation of Harwood Lodge, No. 91, I called a convention of the lodges of the district at Machias. Unfortunately the traveling on that day was very bad, but in spite of that the attendance was very good. All the lodges of the district with the exception of Narraguagus, of Cherryfield, and Pleiades, of Milbridge, were represented by good sized delegations. At the afternoon session Tuscan Lodge, of Addison, exemplified the work of the E. A. degree, and Lookout Lodge, of Cutler, the F. C. degree. At the evening session Harwood Lodge exemplified the work of the M. M. degree for inspection. The work in each of the degrees was of a very high order, the ritual work being exceptionally good. Harwood Lodge is noted for its generous hospitality and this occasion was no exception. The members are surely to be congratulated on the efficient manner with which they entertained the visitors.

On March 15th, I officially visited Narraguagus, No. 88, at Cherryfield, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. This lodge is under the very efficient leadership of W. M. Bela T. Wass, who is very painstaking and particular to have the ritual correctly rendered. This lodge needs a new hall as the one now occupied is old and badly out of repair. I was pleased to learn that plans are being made to secure a large building, formerly a dwelling house, which can be converted into a fine commodious hall.

On March 16th, I visited Pleiades Lodge, No. 173, Milbridge, where I was cordially received. The work of the F. C. degree was exemplified in a very efficient manner. The officers are very proficient. Following the work a delicious lobster stew was served. I entertain very pleasant recollection of my visit to Pleiades Lodge.

By invitation of W. M. Harry F. Hall, I visited Warren Lodge, No. 2, of East Machias, on March 21st. The M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates in a very creditable manner. I had looked forward to my visit to Warren Lodge with a great deal of anticipation, and I was in no way

disappointed. My reception was most cordial. Warren Lodge is the second oldest lodge in the state. We all realize the antiquity of Masonry, but somehow when one stands in that beautiful hall at East Machias, and reads on their charter the name of that noble patriot, Paul Revere, who was J. G. Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts when the charter was granted Warren Lodge, it not only reminds us of our country's glorious, past history, but it also reminds us that the greatest and best men of all ages have been encouragers and promoters of the art. Such reflections should make us better Masons.

On March 22nd, I visited Lookout Lodge, No. 131, at Cutler. The road from East Machias to Cutler was in very bad condition and the trip was a hard one, but the reception accorded me atoned for all the discomforts I had endured. Although Lookout Lodge is the smallest in the district in numbers (the membership being 75), it certainly makes up for its lack in membership by interest and enthusiasm. I witnessed work in the M. M. degree. While there were some errors in the ritual, one could not but be impressed by the downright seriousness with which the officers entered into their work. I feel sure that all candidates who are initiated, passed and raised in Lookout Lodge are most favorably impressed with importance of masonry. A delicious lobster chowder was served at the close of the work.

On April 8th, I attended the stated communication of Tuscan Lodge, No. 106, at Addison. As it has been my privilege and pleasure to visit Tuscan Lodge many times I have many friends there whom it was a pleasure to meet. Following the transaction of the business which was conducted in a very efficient manner, the work of the F. C. degree was exemplified. Considering that the officers were new in their stations, and that they had had no work and but little practice since their installation, they did very creditable work. Following the work refreshments were served.

As for my home lodge, Jonesport, No. 188, I am in constant attendance at all its meetings, so have specified no special inspection night. Whenever occasion has required I have offered suggestions and made corrections. Our lodge has a very efficient corps of officers who are very proficient in the ritual work and who take pride in maintaining the high degree of efficiency for which Jonesport Lodge has long been noted.

In conclusion, I will say that I have been courteously received in all the lodges visited, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers and brethren for the many courtesies and kindnesses shown me. Such corrections and suggestions as I have seen necessary to offer have, I trust, been taken in the same spirit in which they were given. I have found the records of all the lodges of the district neatly and correctly kept by most competent secretaries, and the dues well collected. On the whole the lodges of the Third Masonic District are in a very prosperous condition.

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred upon me by appointing me your Deputy.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR A. WORCESTER, *D. D. G. M., 3rd District.*

FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have the honor of submitting this report of the Fourth Masonic district.

Owing to sickness in my home during the first of the year, and to traveling conditions through the winter, I have been unable to visit all the lodges in the district. I regret this very much.

I attended the School of Instruction at Ellsworth, and felt well paid for the effort. Was disappointed that this district was not more fully represented.

Assisted by Worshipful Brother Elijah S. Heath as Grand Marshal, I installed the officers of Rising Star, Bagaduce, and Hancock Lodges. Each of these installations was public, and each was a pleasant social meeting.

Of the eight lodges in the district I have officially visited five: Rising Star, Eggemoggin, Bagaduce, Hancock and Ira Berry. Of these Rising Star, Ira Berry and Hancock are especially fortunate in having Past Masters who retain their interest in the work, after having passed the chair, and the effect of their interest is clearly shown in the work of their respective lodges. In each lodge visited the work was creditably done, and showed conscientious effort on the part of the officers to closely follow the ritual.

The records in each instance were neatly kept, and showed a sound financial condition.

Through the generosity of Brother Cyrus M. Leach, Hancock Lodge, of Castine, now owns a home. A suitable building was purchased and remodeled to meet the needs of the lodge, and they now have comfortable and roomy quarters for all masonic purposes. The dedication of this hall was an important masonic event in this district, masons attending from many lodges in this vicinity.

Bagaduce Lodge is making some progress toward the erection of a new hall. This lodge is not strong financially, and we realize something of the difficulties under which its members are working.

On the whole I feel that I can report that this has been a prosperous year for the lodges of this district. I wish to express my appreciation of the courtesy shown to me by the brethren of the district, and to thank you for my appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

NORRIS L. HEATH, *D. D. G. M., 4th District.*

April 19, 1922.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, held at Portland in May, 1921, I was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District, composed of the following lodges:

No. 39, Penobscot, Dexter; No. 44, Piscataquis, Milo; No. 52, Mosaic, Foxcroft; No. 109, Mt. Kineo, Guilford; No. 149, Doric, Monson; No. 163, Pleasant River, Brownville; No. 168, Composite, LaGrange; No. 200, Columbia, Greenville; No. 207, Abner Wade, Sangerville.

And was duly installed by John T. Ayer, Worshipful Master of Mosaic Lodge, No. 52, specially authorized so to do.

A commission bearing date of May 26, 1921, was duly issued to me by the M. W. Grand Master, Edward W. Wheeler, and June 8th, I received the apron and jewel appertaining to said office, and the book of records of said district, together with one copy of the ritual of the P. M. degree.

On October 20th, I attended a School of Instruction at Ellsworth. The instructor was R. W. D. D. G. M. Bangs. We all received very valuable aid. After an excellent banquet furnished by Ligonias Lodge, we witnessed the conferring of the M. M. degree on an actual candidate by Ligonias Lodge, in a very excellent manner.

On request, I installed the officers of Composite Lodge at LaGrange, October 27th. The installation was private and a pleasant time was had. Bro. Harry Fowles acted as Grand Marshal in his usual able manner.

November 14th, I made official visit to Penobscot Lodge, No. 39, at Dexter. The E. A. degree was worked. According to the custom of the officers, the J. W. worked the degree. In general the officers did good work, only minor corrections being made. I recommended that the W. M. give the J. W. an intelligent and zealous worker, needed help in correcting the work by him while acting Master. A banquet was served and some talk made for the good of the order. The books were found to be neatly and accurately kept.

November 15th, I made official visit to Mt. Kineo Lodge, No. 109, at Guilford. Work in the M. M. degree. The work was almost letter perfect, and beautifully executed. The Secretary's books are correctly kept, and show the painstaking care of that official. A banquet was served after the work which was enjoyed by all. An unusual attendance was given by the brethren, all manifesting interest in the work and in the order.

November 21st, I visited officially Doric Lodge, No. 149, at Monson. No candidates. I chose to witness the opening and closing the lodge and instead of having the work exemplified, we discussed the ritualistic work. There are several brethren who regularly attend the communications, who are extremely well versed in all the work, and at no time do the craft suffer for want of proper instruction. I worked the P. M. degree on two of the Past Masters of the lodge. An enjoyable time was had, not the least of which was an excellent banquet. The books were kept in an excellent manner.

January 11th, by invitation of Mosaic Lodge, No. 52, at Foxcroft, I installed the officers. The installation was public, and entertainment was furnished by a quartette from Bangor. Although the night was stormy, about 175 brethren and visitors were present. The installation was preceded by an excellent banquet. The whole program was well carried out and one of the best times in recent years was enjoyed. I conferred the

P. M. degree on the incoming W. M. and on F. J. Smith, who had not before received it.

January 16th, in response to an invitation from Doric Lodge, No. 149, I installed its officers. The installation was public, and preceded by the installation of the officers of the chapter of the Eastern Star. A banquet was served. The proceedings were interspersed with music by local talent. I conferred the P. M. degree on the incoming W. M.

November 17th, pursuant to a cordial invitation from Columbia Lodge, No. 200, I installed its officers. The installation was private. A goodly number of the brethren were present, and the ceremonies seemed to be appreciated. An excellent banquet was served. I conferred the P. M. degree on five candidates, including the incoming W. M.

February 10th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44, at Milo. Conferred the P. M. degree on the W. M. elect and two other candidates. On the same evening, I officially visited the lodge, and witnessed the work on one candidate in F. C. degree, and on two candidates in M. M. degree. The work was very well done and the officers seemed to appreciate the corrections. I had occasion to chide some of the officers for purposely interpolating words of their own choosing. Except for this, the work was well done and the officers intelligent and alert. The books were well and neatly kept. A good banquet was served and notwithstanding the long evening, it was a very pleasant and profitable occasion.

February 23rd, I visited officially, Composite Lodge, No. 168, and witnessed the work in the E. A. degree. Although this was the first work done by the new officers, they did it nicely and seemed eager to learn the correct interpretation. Steamed clams was served, and a good time had. The secretary's books show intelligence and painstaking care. The lodge is in excellent condition.

March 13th, I paid my official visit to Abner Wade Lodge, No. 207, at Sangerville, and witnessed the work in M. M. degree, which was done in an excellent manner. Few corrections were necessary. The books are well and neatly kept. The brethren are zealous masons, and the lodge is in excellent condition.

April 10th, I officially visited Pleasant River Lodge, at Brownville, and witnessed the work in E. A. degree, which was excellently done, both as to correctness and the eloquent rendition. Only minor corrections were necessary. A large number were present including many Past Masters. I conferred the P. M. degree on some Past Masters, who had never received it. All seemed to enjoy and appreciate the general instruction which the D. D. G. M. endeavored to give the two candidates who were initiated. The books were kept in perfect condition, though the secretary was unable to be present on account of illness.

April 18th, I visited Columbia Lodge, No. 200, at Greenville, when two candidates were raised to M. M. degree. The work was well done. Although this is one of the newest lodges in the district, it is in excellent condition, both financially and as a working organization. Officers and

members are all active, and work together for the good of the craft in general and of the lodge in particular. The efficient secretary keeps the books in the best of condition. A banquet was served and a good time tendered to me.

I have not officially visited Mosaic Lodge, No. 52, I have, however, attended all its meetings during the year, and find the work excellently done.

I here desire to express my appreciation of the uniform courtesies received from all the officers, and all the members, of all the lodges in the district.

CHARLES W. HAYES, *D. D. G. M., 5th Masonic District.*

Dover-Foxcroft, April 29th.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Allow me to present for your consideration my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, held at Masonic Temple, Portland, May, 1921, I was appointed as D. D. G. M. of the Sixth Masonic District; was later installed by P. G. M. Hugh R. Chaplin; received jewel, apron, record book, etc., June 8, 1921.

On October 20, 1921, I attended the School of Instruction held at Ellsworth. On account of sickness the Grand Lecturer was unable to attend, and R. W. Bro. Archie R. Bangs, D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-fourth District, presided.

Seven D. D. G. Masters were present, also a goodly number of the brethren. Much valuable information was imparted to those who had the pleasure of being present. The courteous treatment extended to the Deputies will never be forgotten. A delicious banquet was served at 6.00 P. M. In the evening work in the Master Mason degree was performed by Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, inspected by R. W. Brother Dow of the Twenty-first District, assisted by the several Deputies present.

November 4th, I officially inspected the work of Howard Lodge, No. 69. They not having any candidate ready to receive the degrees at that time, a substitute was used. The E. A. degree was exemplified in nearly perfect manner. Much praise is due the officers for the hard work they are doing. I find the dues well collected and the records carefully kept by Brother Bowden. After the work we enjoyed a banquet and social hour.

November 9th, I inspected Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137. The weather being bad the candidate failed to appear. The M. M. degree was exemplified on one of the brethren who offered his services. Kenduskeag Lodge is working hard to keep up its reputation for good work. The few corrections which I suggested were received in the same kindly spirit in which they were given. At refreshment a delicious oyster stew was served. I

found the records neatly and correctly kept by Brother Harvey. The dues are well collected.

November 10th, I visited Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124. On account of weather conditions there was not a large number present. Two candidates received the M. M. degree, the work being done in a very impressive manner and but few corrections were necessary. At refreshment a banquet was served which was much enjoyed. The secretary was a little late, so I did not inspect his records, but am satisfied they are correctly kept. The members of Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137, were invited to attend, but weather conditions prevented anyone being there.

November 12th, I inspected Lynde Lodge, No. 174, Hermon. Three candidates received the M. M. degree. The work of the evening was nearly perfect. The officers take a great deal of pride in performing their duties and show that they have put in a great deal of study. At refreshment a banquet was enjoyed by the large number present. The dues are well collected and records carefully kept by Brother Charles B. Cox.

November 23rd, I had the pleasure of inspecting the work of Mechanics' Lodge, No. 66, of Orono. The evening was indeed a most enjoyable one. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree, and nearly perfect. Mechanics' Lodge is to be congratulated upon having such an efficient corps of officers. At refreshment a light lunch was served and a chat enjoyed by all present. It is not necessary for me to speak about the records, they being the hands of Brother Grover is sufficient proof that they are carefully and correctly kept.

December 3rd, I was invited to inspect Mystic Lodge, No. 65. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree and was performed in a very impressive and dignified manner. The few corrections which I made were, I feel sure, received in the same spirit in which they were given. The charge delivered by P. M. Joseph Hoit was splendid. By request of Brother Tribou, the secretary, I gave the books a careful inspection, and am pleased to report them in fine condition. Dues well collected. At refreshment a splendid banquet was served to a large number of members and visitors. It was indeed a most enjoyable evening.

February 20th, I had the pleasure of inspecting Star in the East Lodge, No. 60, of Old Town. At 6.30 about one hundred and thirty sat down to a most delicious banquet. The work of the evening was the F. C. degree. Not having inspected this degree before I enjoyed it very much. Very few corrections were made. I was most cordially received, not only by the present officers but by the Past Masters and members as well. The secretary was not present so could not inspect his work.

March 15th, I visited Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, Carmel. It was their stated communication. There was not any work. One application was presented. The Past Masters conducted the meeting. After the business the evening was spent in story telling and a general good time. A banquet was served which was much enjoyed by all present. The records are in the hands of Brother Robinson and are correctly and neatly kept.

March 24th, I had the pleasure of inspecting St. Andrews Lodge, No. 83.

The Master Mason degree was worked on four candidates in an exceptionally fine manner, before a large assembly of brethren. The rendition of the ritual was very nearly perfect. The floor work was good and a very good impression must have been made upon the candidates. The returns will show that St. Andrews Lodge has enjoyed a very prosperous year. A delicious banquet was served at refreshment, to about three hundred and thirty members and visitors. The records are in the care of Brother Carroll Weeks and are a model of neatness.

I have not officially inspected Rising Virtue, my own lodge, but have been present at every meeting for the last two years, and have made corrections and offered suggestions when and where I thought them necessary. We have a splendid set of officers and their work demonstrates that they are giving a great deal of time to the study of the ritual.

In closing, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me, and to express through you to the lodges in this District my appreciation of the courtesy with which I have been received.

Faternally submitted,

ALVOID E. CUSHMAN, *D. D. G. M., 6th District.*

Bangor, Me., March 29, 1922.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

My first official duty was to install the officers of Unity Lodge, No. 58, at Thorndike, on October 20th, it being a public installation with the members of the O. E. S. present. Refreshments were served at the close of the work and a very enjoyable evening was passed by all.

I next installed the officers of Quantabacook Lodge, No. 128, at Searsmont, on October 27th. This installation was also public and a large attendance of members, their families and friends. At the close of the work we listened to a short program, after which we marched to the dining room where a bountiful supper was served.

My next duty was to install the officers of my home lodge, No. 111, at Liberty, on October 29th. This installation was also public and held in conjunction with St. George's Royal Arch Chapter.

November 8th, I attended the School of Instruction held at Brunswick, by M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer. The school was well attended and was very beneficial. In the evening we witnessed work in the Fellow Craft degree by United Lodge, which was almost perfect.

February 4th, I made my official visit to Quantabacook Lodge, No. 129, at Searsmont. No work appearing, a social evening was spent. This lodge has done no work since last spring but has some in sight.

February 7th, I made my official visit to Star in the West Lodge, No. 85, at Unity. I found this lodge was doing no work at this time but a social evening was passed.

February 8th, I visited Marsh River Lodge, No. 102, at Brooks. After the lodge was opened I was invited to the East and installed the new set of officers. After the installation was over the new officers worked the Entered Apprentice and Master Mason degrees. I was very much pleased with the effective and splendid manner in which the work was done.

February 9th, I visited Unity Lodge, No. 58, at Thorndike. The work of the evening was in the Fellow Craft degree which was done in a very impressive manner.

March 8th, I visited Central Lodge, No. 45, at China. The work of the evening was the Fellow Craft and the Master Mason degrees on one candidate, which was performed in a very creditable manner.

March 9th, I visited Sebasticook Lodge, No. 146, at Clinton, and witnessed work in the Fellow Craft degree, which was done in a very satisfactory manner, with few corrections necessary.

I have not made an official visit in my home lodge, Liberty, No. 111, because I have been present at every meeting but two for the last year. The lodge is in a good condition. I have visited every lodge in the district and every lodge is in a good financial condition. The dues of all the lodges are well collected.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers and members of the several lodges in the district for the courteous manner in which I have been received when on my visits, and to you, Most Worshipful, to extend my sincere thanks for my appointment to this office.

Fraternally submitted,

ARTHUR H. NORTON, *D. D. G. M., 7th Masonic District.*

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District for the year ending May 1, 1922.

November 12th, I installed the officers of Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, at a public installation. I was assisted by Wor. Ralph D. Southworth, as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Charles A. Bruce, as Grand Chaplain.

November 16th, I installed the officers of Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126. This was a private installation and in performing the ceremony, I was assisted by Wor. Ralph D. Southworth, as Grand Marshal, and Brother Lyons as Grand Chaplain.

November 26th, I installed the officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 151, at Northport. The ceremonies were public to Masons and invited guests. I was again assisted by Wor. Brother Southworth, as Grand Marshal and

by Wor. Isaac Hills as Grand Chaplain. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

One of the most pleasant occasions of my year's work was the public installation of the officers of Island Lodge, No. 89, at Islesboro, on January 19. From the time of my arrival on the island until the close of the evening program in the small hours of the morning following, everything was done to make my visit a pleasant one. I was assisted in the work of installing by Wor. Ernest L. Sprague, as Grand Marshal, and Rev. Brother William A. Lowell, as Grand Chaplain. The installation ceremony was interspersed with a musical program rendered by local talent. Refreshments were served after the work.

March 2nd, by request of Allen L. Curtis, I inspected Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126, and witnessed work in the Master Mason degree conferred on one candidate in a very pleasing manner that reflected much credit on the ability of the officers. The floor work was almost perfect and I am pleased to say that this lodge has not declined from the high standard of efficiency that it has enjoyed for a number of years. The secretary presented his books for my inspection and I found that they are correctly kept and that the dues are very closely collected.

March 9th, I visited Mariners' Lodge, No. 68, at Searsport, and witnessed work in the Master Mason degree which was very satisfactorily done. The records are neatly and correctly kept.

March 13th, I inspected Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, and witnessed work in the Master Mason degree which was performed in a very satisfactory manner.

Fraternally submitted,

WARREN A. NICHOLS, D. D. G. M., 8th Mas. District.

NINTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

September 12, 1921, I made my first official visit to Meduncook Lodge, No. 211, Friendship. Work was exhibited in the M. M. degree on one candidate before a large number of members and visitors. Few errors noted.

September 19th, I visited St. George Lodge, No. 16, Warren. Witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate, which was performed in a correct and impressive manner. Large attendance. Refreshments at close.

September 30th, by invitation of Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 203, Washington, I publicly installed their officers. I was assisted by Bro. Overlock as Grand Chaplain, and W. Bro. Robert V. Stevenson as Grand Marshal.

October 12th, a convention of the Ninth Masonic District was held in Rockland, under the patronage of Aurora Lodge, No. 50, which provided hall and candidates for the occasion. The convention was called to order at 3.15 p. m., and St. George, No. 16, of Warren, was invited to confer the E. A. degree on one candidate. Moses Webster Lodge, No. 145, of Vinalhaven, was expected to work the F. C. degree, but owing to the dense fog and storm they were unable to make the trip across the bay, so the officers were filled by Past Masters and the degree was conferred on two candidates. The convention was then called from labor to refreshment when about 175 brethren partook of a fine supper, furnished by Golden Rod Chapter, O. E. S. At 7.30 the officers of Aurora Lodge assumed their stations and conferred the M. M. degree on two candidates after which many comments and suggestions were made by Past Deputies and brethren relative to the work of the three degrees. At a late hour the lodge and convention were declared closed.

October 15th, I made official visit to Eureka Lodge, No. 84, Tenant's Harbor. This was a special communication for conferring the E. A. degree on one candidate. The ceremony of opening and initiation was exceptionally good. Books in good order and dues well collected. Supper at close.

October 31st, I publicly installed the officers of St. George Lodge, No. 16, Warren, previous to which I conferred the Past Master's degree on the Master, William H. Robinson. A most enjoyable evening was passed with refreshments at close.

November 5th, I made an official visit to Knox Lodge, No. 189, South Thomaston. It was a stated meeting and after the regular business, four candidates were raised to the M. M. degree. The work was performed in an excellent manner. This lodge has installed electric lights and made improvements in their hall and are in a prosperous condition. Supper at close.

November 10th, found me with Union Lodge, No. 31, Union. It was their stated meeting and as there was no actual candidate the E. A. degree was exemplified in an excellent manner, every officer being proficient in his work.

January 10th, I installed the officers of Rockland Lodge, No. 79, previous to which I conferred the Past Master's degree on the Master-elect, Harry F. Smith.

January 21st, by invitation of Harvey D. Crowley, Master of Knox Lodge, No. 189, South Thomaston, I publicly installed their officers. I was very ably assisted by Bro. Gilford Butler as Grand Chaplain, and Bro. W. P. Sleeper as Grand Marshal. Supper at close of lodge concluding a very social and enjoyable evening.

March 7th, I visited Orient Lodge, No. 15, Thomaston. Supper at 6.30, after which the F. C. degree was conferred on three candidates. It was the first time the new officers had conferred this degree, and this being considered the work was very creditably done.

March 8th, I made official visit to Aurora Lodge, No. 50, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on two candidates, which was performed in a faultless manner. A delicious oyster stew was served at close.

March 14th, I attended my home lodge, Moses Webster, No. 145, Vinalhaven. I was received in full form including procession and private grand honors. The work of the evening was the M. M. degree with two candidates, which was performed in an excellent manner. At close of lodge about eighty brethren sat down to a scallop stew and a very social hour was passed.

March 28th, I visited Rockland Lodge, No. 79. The M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates in a very dignified manner. There was a good attendance of brethren but unfortunately most of the officers were absent and their places had to be substituted. Refreshments at close.

March 31st, accompanied by several brethren from Rockland, I made official visit to Amity Lodge, No. 6, Camden. A sumptuous banquet was served at 6.30 to over two hundred brethren, after which I was received in due form and witnessed the M. M. degree conferred on three candidates. The work was excellent throughout and a most enjoyable evening was past.

April 3rd, I made my last official visit which was to St. Paul's, No. 82, Rockport. The Master being indisposed was unable to be present, so his duties were performed by the Senior Warden in a most efficient manner. I was received in due form, after which the E. A. degree was conferred on one candidate, with scarcely a slip or error. Refreshments at close.

In conclusion, would say I have been privileged to make official visits to every lodge in the district except Mount Olivet, and as I installed their officers last fall I concluded that would suffice for this term. I wish to thank all the lodges for the many courtesies extended to me and the hospitable manner in which I have been received at all times. And to you, Most Worshipful, I wish to acknowledge my sincere appreciation for the honor of my second appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED A. GRINDLE, *D. D. G. M., 9th Masonic District.*

Rockland, April 4, 1922.

TENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I beg to submit my report as District Deputy of Tenth Masonic District.

November 8th, I attended the School of Instruction at Brunswick.

December 14th, I inspected the work in the M. M. degree in Dresden Lodge, No. 103.

January 9th, I inspected the work in the M. M. degree in Bristol Lodge, No. 74.

March 9th, I inspected the work in the M. M. degree in Lincoln Lodge, No. 3.

March 10th, I inspected the work in the M. M. degree in King Solomon's Lodge, No. 61.

March 24th, I inspected the work in the M. M. degree in Alna Lodge, No. 43.

March 29th, I inspected the work in the M. M. degree in Riverside Lodge, No. 135.

March 30th, I inspected the work in the M. M. degree in Bay View Lodge, No. 196.

April 5th, I inspected the work in the F. C. degree in Anchor Lodge, No. 158.

April 7th, I inspected the work in the M. M. degree in Seaside Lodge, No. 144.

In addition to the official inspections above noted, it has been my pleasure to install the officers of the following named lodges:

December 9th, Alna No. 43, Damariscotta.

December 16th, Seaside No. 144, Boothbay Harbor.

December 19th, Bristol, No. 74, Bristol.

January 18th, Riverside, No. 135, Jefferson.

January 19th, Bay View, No. 196, East Boothbay.

January 20th, King Solomon's, No. 61, Waldoboro.

Most Worshipful, permit me to add as a summary to the brief report of my activities, some of the things, facts and fancies, mostly facts, that have come under my observations:

Six out of the nine lodges in the district are officered by young men, and in almost every case working the M. M. degree for the first or second time, which leads me to remark that any sins of commission or omission in the ritual work is pardonable, not only because of a lack of experience, but through nervousness, induced by the presence of the District Deputy, and a knowledge that he has an ear open to all mistakes.

I have as your deputy, closely followed the degree work in the various lodges, and to the best of my ability have tried to correct, what seemed, standing errors, but I will say to the credit of the officers and brethren of the Tenth Masonic District, that I find them alive to the interests of the lodge they represent, and striving to perfect themselves in the Masonic ritual.

Seven out of the nine lodges in the district own their lodge home, and are very comfortably situated. I found in very lodge that the Secretary's chair was filled by a brother old in the service, and that the books and finances were in excellent shape.

Now, Most Worshipful, I would like through you to say just a few words to the brethren of the lodges in this district on the matter of elections. Every lodge in the district except one, Dresden, No. 103, elects its officers in December. Dresden Lodge elects its officers in October, and by so doing makes it possible for the D. D. G. M. to make his official visit there in the fall or early winter. I visited that lodge on December 14th, when I found the roads fairly good and the weather not too cold. And so I would recommend that the several lodges of the district consider seriously the

matter of changing the time of their election from December to September or October. Perhaps this idea is one of the fancies I spoke of, but I should like to see it carried out.

Most Worshipful, I thank you for the opportunity to serve you as D. D. G. M., and for the honor conferred. And to the brethren of the Tenth District I extend my most sincere thanks for the courteous reception given me.

Fraternally,

WILBUR G. KNOWLTON, *D. D. G. M., 10th Masonic District,*
Damariscotta, April 16, 1922.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

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.

May 23rd, I visited Bethlehem Lodge of Augusta, for the purpose of inspection and witnessed the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was done in an impressive and dignified manner, the floor work was beautiful and the ritual was almost perfectly rendered in every detail. A quartette added much to the work. The records of the lodge are excellently kept, and the dues are exceptionally well collected. After the work a delightful banquet was served. The attendance at the work and at the banquet was large, showing the interest of the lodge.

November 14th, I visited Dirigo Lodge, No. 104, for the purpose of inspection and installation. As it was a stated communication the regular business was transacted, after which work was exemplified in the M. M. degree. The work was done in a highly creditable manner. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a good attendance. After the work a fine oyster supper was served. I then installed the officers for the ensuing year, being assisted by Wor. Bro. Dick as Grand Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. Smith as Grand Marshal, both of Hermon Lodge. I found the records of Dirigo Lodge exceedingly well kept and the dues well collected.

November 30th, I visited Kennebec Lodge, No. 5, for the purpose of inspection. A delightful supper was served at 6.30. The M. M. degree was exemplified on one candidate. The work was performed in an exceptionally creditable manner, both as to ritual and floor work. The records of the lodge are well kept, the dues are well paid up and the treasury shows a very fine balance. The lodge appears to be in a highly prosperous condition and much interest is shown by the members.

December 7th, I installed the officers of Kennebec Lodge, at a special communication, being assisted by Wor. Bro. Walsh, Grand Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. Towle as Grand Marshal. A delightful banquet was served before the work and a dance followed it. The installation was public and

a very large attendance was present. A very pleasing program of reading and singing was interspersed, which added greatly to it. Music was rendered by an orchestra. Rt. Wor. Bro. A. M. Spear was present and made some very interesting and appropriate remarks.

December 12th, I made my official visit to Monmouth Lodge, No. 110. One candidate was raised. There was a large attendance and the work was exemplified in a nearly perfect manner. The records of the lodge are well kept and the dues well collected. After the work a fine chicken dinner was served. I was delightfully entertained at the home of Bro. Howard Deane.

December 13th, I made my official visit to Augusta Lodge. The M. M. degree was exemplified on one candidate. The work was done in a very impressive manner throughout. A quartette added much to the work. After the meeting a fine banquet was served. The records are well kept and the dues well collected.

December 14th, I made my official visit to Hermon Lodge, No. 32. The M. M. degree was worked on three candidates. The work was exemplified in a highly creditable manner. The records are well kept and the dues well collected. At the close of the work a fine banquet was served.

January 10th, I made my official visit to Morning Star Lodge, No. 41. It being a stated communication the regular business of the lodge was transacted previous to the work. One candidate was raised. The work was exemplified in a commendable manner, very few corrections being necessary. After the work a fine supper was served. The records are well kept and the dues well collected.

I was not able to make arrangements for an official visit to Temple Lodge, but I have satisfied myself that the lodge is in very prosperous condition and doing the same excellent work that it did last year.

I am very appreciative of the high honor which you have conferred upon me, and I am deeply thankful to all the officers and members of every lodge in the Eleventh District for their cooperation and many kindnesses to me during my term of office.

The altar fires of Masonry are burning brightly in the Eleventh District and the order is growing stronger every year.

Fraternally,

ERNEST L. GOODSPEED, *D. D. G. M., 11th M. District.*

April 15, 1922.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have the honor to submit my first report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twelfth Masonic District in as brief a form as possible.

On June 4th, I was installed in Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, assisted by R. W. Bro. C. W. Crosby of Asylum Lodge.

On September 10th, I assisted as Grand Junior Warden, in laying the corner-stone of the new hall of Lafayette Lodge, at Readfield. A large number of Masons were present to witness the ceremony which was done by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Maine. Refreshments were served in the Grange Hall after the work, followed by a few well chosen remarks.

October 11th, I witnessed work in the M. M. degree on two candidates in Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 99. The work was well done; very few corrections were necessary. This lodge has been doing a large amount of work the past year, and is financially in good standing. The record's carefully kept and dues well collected.

On October 15th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Rural Lodge, No. 53. I was assisted by R. W. Bro. C. W. Crosby as Grand Marshal, and Bro. Bailey of Rural Lodge, as Grand Chaplain. This was a public installation, a large number being present. After the installation, a fine program was rendered and then a fine banquet was served in the dining hall.

On November 1st, by invitation, I installed the officers of Asylum Lodge, No. 133, at Wayne. I was assisted by R. W. C. W. Crosby as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Costello Weston, of Lafayette Lodge, as Grand Chaplain. It was a very rainy night and a small number were present. Refreshments were served after the work and a social hour enjoyed.

November 8th, I attended the School of Instruction in Brunswick, where much information was gained by the Deputies from Grand Lecturer Sleeper, who presided in his usual interesting and instructive manner.

On November 10th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Neguemkeag Lodge, No. 166, at Vassalboro, and was again assisted by R. W. Bro. C. W. Crosby as Grand Marshal, and Bro. Costello Weston as Grand Chaplain. This was a public installation with a large number present. After the work a number of the brothers were called on for remarks, and then a fine banquet was served.

On December 13th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 99, Mount Vernon, where I was again assisted by R. W. Bro. Crosby as Grand Marshal, and by Bro. Roberts, of Vernon Valley Lodge, as Grand Chaplain. Although the roads were bad, a large number was present. Refreshments were served after the work and a social hour enjoyed by all.

January 2nd, I inspected work in the M. M. degree on one candidate in Asylum Lodge, No. 133, Wayne. I was not expecting to see extra good work in this lodge, as the officers were all new, and installed only two months previous, but in this I was happily disappointed, as the work was done in a very ably and dignified manner. Very few corrections were necessary and those only in the small words. The officers are all young men and much interested. The books are in fine condition.

February 25th, at a special meeting, I inspected the work in the E. A. degree at Rural Lodge, No. 53, Sidney, driving there by team. I was entertained at the home of W. Bro. Philbrook over night. I was expecting to see some good work in the lodge, and was not disappointed, as nearly all the officers, with Bro. Williams, had attended the Schools of Instruction

at Rumford and Brunswick. Records in fine shape and dues all collected. Refreshments were served after the work.

March 6th, I made my official visit to Waterville Lodge, No. 33, at Waterville. I was met at the train by Bro. Jones and taken to his home for supper where I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Grindall. The books and records of this lodge were the finest I have ever seen. With a membership of 618 there was only one brother in arrears for dues. The work in the M. M. degree on one candidate was almost letter perfect. Over 200 present. A fine banquet after the work, served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

March 9th, I assisted as Grand Junior Warden at the dedication of the new Masonic Hall of Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, at Readfield. In the absence of M. W. Bro. Wheeler, M. W. Bro. Bodge acted as Grand Master. Over 200 masons were present. After the ceremony of the evening, a banquet was served in the large banquet hall and some of the finest of speeches were made.

March 22nd, I went to Vassalboro and inspected work in the M. M. degree in Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54. The work was of the very best. Records in fine shape and dues well collected. A large number present, and a chicken supper served after the work.

April 3rd, I made my official visit to Messalonskee Lodge, No. 113, Oakland, where I inspected work in the M. M. degree. I was entertained at the home of R. W. Bro. Hatfield over night. The work on one candidate was fairly well done, a few corrections necessary which were very kindly received by the officers. A large number of brethren present. A fine banquet after the work and a social hour enjoyed.

On April 6th, I made my official visit to Neguemkeag Lodge, No. 166, Vassalboro, where I witnessed work in the F. C. degree on two candidates. The work was well up to the average. A few corrections were made which were kindly received. The records are in good hands and neatly kept; dues well collected. Banquet served after the work. A good number present.

I have not made an official visit to Lafayette, No. 48, my home lodge, but have attended nearly every meeting. This lodge has only recently gotten into its new hall. A number of candidates are waiting for their degrees; only one candidate raised so far and he by the Past Masters. This lodge is financially in good condition considering the great loss it sustained by fire June 11th. The lodge now has a fine large home, and the officers are eager to do good work. The books are still in the hands of P. M. Costello Weston and are in good condition. Some few in arrears for dues.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers and members of all the lodges in the district for the very courteous manner in which I have been received. To you, Most Worshipful, I extend my sincere thanks for my appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD G. PALMER, *D. D. G. M., 12th Masonic District.*
Readfield, April 12, 1922.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I hereby submit my report for the second year as District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth Masonic District, for the year ending March 1, 1922.

My first official duty was to install the officers of Lebanon Lodge, No. 116, of Norridgewock. It was a private meeting with a good attendance.

The next was to install the officers of Euclid Lodge, No. 194, of Madison. This was a public meeting with the O. E. S. present. Refreshments at the close. A large number was present.

My next work was to install the officers of my home lodge, Keystone, No. 80, at Solon. This meeting was also public, with the O. E. S. and their families present. About two hundred were seated for the dinner. These are all of the installations I have conducted during the year.

My first inspection was at Madison, Euclid Lodge, No. 194. The work for the evening was the M. M. degree which was worked in fine manner. Few corrections were needed. The records are in the hands of Past D. D. G. M. James M. Spence and are in fine shape. Refreshments at the close.

I next visited Lebanon Lodge, No. 116, at Norridgewock. Work was exemplified in the M. M. degree in a very able manner. Lunch was served at the close.

On February 7th, I planned to visit Carrabasset Lodge, No. 161, at Canaan, but owing to the severe weather and bad roads, having quite a distance to drive with a team, I could not go. However, I had visited that lodge semi-officially on July 12, 1921, so I have called that my official visit. Work was in the M. M. degree with two candidates. A number of visitors from other lodges were present. Lunch was served at the close. I think that future D. D. G. Masters should try to arrange their visit to this lodge in the summer, as it is off the railroad a considerable distance, and winter travel there uncertain.

I inspected the work of Siloam Lodge, No. 92, at Fairfield, on February 10th, which was a special meeting, with work in the E. A. degree. Lodge was opened and closed in the E. A. degree, the work showing much improvement over last year. Lunch was served at the close.

The inspection of Bingham Lodge, No. 199, was February 11th. Work was in the M. M. degree on one candidate, and was done in good form. An oyster supper at the close.

I inspected the work of Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, at the regular meeting in March. It was a very stormy night, consequently a small attendance. Work was presented in the E. A. degree with two candidates. Lunch at close.

At a special meeting March 20th, of Somerset Lodge, No. 34, at Skowhegan, I inspected the work of that lodge in the M. M. degree. There was a very large attendance. Supper was served at the close.

I have not made any inspection of the work of Keystone Lodge, No. 80, it being my home lodge of which I am secretary, and have attended every meeting this year.

I think a little closer study of the Constitution of our M. W. Grand Lodge by the officers of the subordinate lodges would avoid some mistakes and many questions to the Grand Master, which are fully answered there.

I inspected the records of all lodges visited, and found them in good shape, and best of all the dues in most of the lodges well paid for the present year.

In closing I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of the appointment of a second term, also to the officers and brethren of all the lodges for their support and cooperation.

Fraternally yours,

MYRON C. JEWETT, *D. D. G. M., 13th District.*

Solon, Me., March 23, 1922.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

On June 18th, by invitation of Bro. L. M. Lemont, Secretary of Polar Star Lodge, in behalf of Polar Star and Solar Lodges, I attended the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple in Bath.

On November 7th, I had the pleasure of visiting Freeport Lodge, No. 23, for the purpose of inspecting work in the E. A. degree. As there was no candidate, it was necessary to use a substitute. The officers performed their work well, and showed great interest in seeking to reach a higher state of perfection. The few corrections made were received in the proper spirit. A lobster stew was much appreciated by all after the lodge was closed.

A "School of Masonic Instruction" was held November 8th, with United Lodge, No. 8, of Brunswick, as host, under the expert direction of M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer. This school was well attended by Deputies, officers and brethren, and proved most helpful to all present. United Lodge showed remarkable propensities as host of the day, and with the assistance of the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star of that town furnished a splendid banquet to all brethren present. At the close of the banquet, the lodge was opened, and assisted by several visiting Deputies I officially inspected the work of the officers of this body. The F. C. degree was rendered in a dignified and impressive manner, after which some corrections were made by the various Deputies.

At the request of W. M. Arthur W. Taylor, of Acacia Lodge, of Durham, I installed the officers-elect on the evening of December 21st, assisted by W. Bro. Ralph G. Vickery of that lodge as Marshal, and Bro. D. A. Tuttle, of Crooked River Lodge, No. 152, as Chaplain.

On January 9th, by invitation of W. M. Harry J. Goodbout, I installed the officers-elect of Ancient York Lodge, No. 155. W. Bro. Wm. H. Douglas acted as Marshal, and Bro. Fred Hall as Chaplain.

Acacia Lodge, No. 121, of Durham, my home lodge, invited me to make an official visit on March 7th. A terrific storm came on early in the evening, and consequently no meeting was held. I am able to state, however, that I have attended nearly all the communications held during the past year. The lodge is working in harmony. The officers show great interest, and their ritual and floor work is very accurate, indeed.

On March 8th, by invitation, I officially visited Village Lodge, No. 26, of Bowdoinham, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. Owing to illness, their candidate was not present, and the work was exemplified on a substitute. I was obliged to make some corrections, and offer some suggestions, which, if carried out, will tend to make their work more uniform. An excellent oyster supper was enjoyed after the work. The hospitality of these brethren cannot be improved upon by any lodge.

Upon receiving invitation from Worshipful Dover L. Southard, I visited Richmond Lodge, No. 63, in my official capacity on March 13th. The M. M. degree was most impressively worked upon one candidate. The officers of this lodge put forth an earnest endeavor to give a correct rendition of the ritual. A remarkable feature of the evening was the delivery of the lecture and charge by Wor. Bro. William Whitney, who was celebrating his sixtieth anniversary as a Master Mason. The vim, and meaning which this brother put into this part of the work would do honor to a man fifty years younger. The suggestions which I offered were well received, and I expect an increasing degree of proficiency during the year. The ladies of the Eastern Star assisted the brethren in furnishing a sumptuous banquet previous to the opening of the lodge. There was a good attendance.

On March 15th, I made my official visitation to Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, in the new Temple at Bath. The attendance was large, and the interest keen. One candidate received the M. M. degree. The work was rendered by officers who were new to their stations, and consequently lacked the confidence which practice gives. The necessary corrections were made, and I know that when these officers leave their chairs at the close of their term of office they will have attained a great degree of accuracy, because they are deeply interested in Masonry, and are of the right type to produce results. A splendid banquet followed the work.

On March 18th, by invitation of Worshipful Walton Smith, I attended a special communication of Ancient York Lodge, No. 155. The M. M. degree was presented for inspection. Although these officers had been installed but a short time, the accuracy attained, and the interest shown would do credit to officers of much longer experience. A few corrections in the wording of the ritual, and some suggestions relative to certain parts of the floor work were necessary. These were received in the true spirit of Masonic teachings. The ladies of the Eastern Star served an exceptional fine supper before the lodge was opened.

By invitation of Worshipful Harry E. Thompson of Solar Lodge, No. 14, of Bath, I visited this lodge on March 27th, and inspected work in the E. A. degree on one candidate. Solar Lodge may well feel proud of the work which its corps of officers is doing. The floor work is particularly well executed, while the impression on the candidate is plainly marked by the manner in which the officers express the wording of the ritual. This body holds its meetings in the new Temple.

The lodges of the Fourteenth District are in good condition, having made an increase in membership in every lodge, as well as maintaining a high standard in the personnel of the candidates admitted. The records of all the lodges are well, and neatly kept, while the dues are closely collected. The lodges of this District are fortunate in having this important work in the hands of brethren so well qualified for this position.

Some of the lodges should make a closer study of the ritual, while some would add to the impressiveness of the work by a greater degree of solemnity. I have not hesitated to make corrections, and offer suggestions in any lodge where needed, and I am firmly convinced that the officers of all the lodges appreciate this frankness on my part, as they have shown an ever increasing interest in learning how to improve their work in Masonry.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren throughout the District for the kindness shown me, and for the true spirit of brotherly love exemplified in all the lodges, and you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. MERRILL, *D. D. G. M., 14th District.*

Lewiston, March 31, 1922.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth District, I would submit the following report.

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 is closely followed.

September 21st, I attended a School of Instruction held at Rumford, under the auspices of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, and presided over by M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, at which there was a good attendance. Sessions were held both forenoon and afternoon, much good resulting. At 6.00 P. M. a banquet was served by Blazing Star Lodge, after which the M. M. degree was worked on one candidate by the same lodge, inspected by R. W. Gerald A. Peabody of the Twenty-sixth District, assisted by the Deputies present.

October 8th, accompanied by Bro. Almon J. Spinney, I officially visited Mount Bigelow Lodge, No. 202, at Flagstaff. The F. C. and M. M. degrees were worked on one candidate in a very credible manner, few corrections being necessary. The records are in the care of R. W. Bro. Walter E. Hinds, who has the dues fairly well collected. The lodge is in a most prosperous condition. At close of the work refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. Bro. Spinney and myself are indebted to R. W. Bro. Hinds for courteous entertainment during our stay in Flagstaff.

October 17th, I installed the officers of Maine Lodge, No. 20, at Farmington, assisted by Wor. Bro. H. Burton Voter as Grand Marshal.

On November 2nd, I went by auto, with Bro. Almon J. Spinney, to Rangeley, for the purpose of inspecting Kemankeag Lodge, No. 203. At this meeting the officers were installed by Wor. Bro. Salvador Hinkley in a very impressive manner. There being no candidate we devoted the time to reading parts of the ritual and making such corrections as were necessary. This lodge seems wide awake and in a prosperous condition. Refreshments was served after the meeting.

On December 9th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. John H. Gilkey and Kenneth E. Ramsey, of Maine Lodge, No. 20, and Harry V. Newman, of Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 154, Weld, I visited Franklin Lodge, No. 123, at New Sharon. The M. M. degree was worked on one candidate in a correct and impressive manner. There was a good attendance of visitors and brethren. The records in the care of Bro. Fred W. Saunders are correctly kept and the dues are well collected. This lodge has purchased the whole of the building in which their hall is located and they have made extensive changes. At the close of the work an oyster stew was served in the new banquet room, which was followed by social hour.

February 7th, I visited Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 154, at Weld, going by train to Wilton and from there by team. I was entertained in the fine home of Wor. Bro. Frederick B. Whitin. At this meeting the E. A. degree was worked on one candidate in a very impressive manner; the best I have witnessed. The records as kept by R. W. Bro. Cleff Maxwell are complete with dues exceptionally well collected. This lodge has the foundation built for a new hall, which is much needed. At close of work an oyster stew was served.

On February 15th, I made my official visit with Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, at Livermore Falls. As this was a special meeting and there being no regular candidate, we devoted the time to reading the ritual and making such corrections as were necessary, and I think we all received much benefit. This is the largest lodge in the district and is in a very prosperous condition. The records in charge of Bro. William H. McKenney, are kept in a careful manner with dues fairly well collected. At the close of the meeting an oyster stew was served and social hour enjoyed.

March 15th, was the date of my official visit with Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 202, Phillips. The E. A. degree was worked on one candidate. As this was the first work the new officers had done, some corrections were necessary, but I am sure they are interested and will bring the work up to

standard. The records kept by Bro. Nathaniel H. Harnden are full and carefully written up-to-date with the dues well collected. At the meeting I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Brothers Newell P. Noble and J. Blaine Morrison.

March 16th, I inspected Mount Abram Lodge, No. 204, at Kingfield. The work of the E. A. degree was performed on one candidate in a very dignified and impressive manner. At this meeting I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Fred Hutchins. The records are in fine shape and are kept by Bro. Cecil S. French who has the dues well collected.

March 17th, I visited Davis Lodge, No. 191, Strong, when the E. A. degree was presented for inspection and worked upon one candidate in a very creditable manner. The records are in the care of Bro. Percival W. Mason and are correctly and carefully kept.

On March 29th, by appointment, I visited Wilton Lodge, No. 156, at Wilton, it being a special meeting held for that purpose. There was a good attendance of brethren and visitors. The M. M. degree was worked on one candidate, the work being performed in a manner that was a credit to the officers and the lodge. I was made a mason in this lodge in 1894, and know from experience that their work is effective. The records are in the care of Wor. Bro. Harry G. Trefethen and are correctly kept.

I have not made an official visit to Maine Lodge, No. 20, at Farmington, as this is my home lodge, but having attended nearly all of its meetings during the year, I can say it is in a prosperous condition and the work being performed up to the standard in the district. The records are still in care of Wor. Bro. George B. Cragin, who has the dues all collected.

In closing, I wish to express the pleasure the work has given me. I thank the officers and brethren for the many courtesies received. I have been most cordially and fraternally received by them all, and can say that the lodges are prosperous and brethren interested for the welfare of the fraternity. And Most Worshipful Grand Master, I wish to thank you for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY E. KNAPP, *D. D. G. M., 15th Masonic District.*

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

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 for the past year.

I have personally visited, for the purpose of inspection, every lodge in the district, and it with pleasure I can report that the condition of all the lodges is most satisfactory.

On September 21, 1921, I attended the School of Instruction, held in Rumford, by M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, and received very

profitable and interesting instruction, I advise all Masters and Wardens to attend whenever possible, at least one School of Instruction during the year. We were royally entertained by Blazing Star Lodge, both during the day and evening, witnessing the excellent work of the lodge in the M. M. degree in the evening.

I made my first official visit on December 8th, to Crooked River Lodge, No. 152, at Bolster's Mills, accompanied by R. E. Pinkham of Mount Tir'em Lodge. The work was in the F. C. degree on one candidate. The ritual was very closely followed and the work was satisfactory. This lodge has elected a new secretary, Brother A. W. Weston, and without doubt the records will be neatly and correctly kept, and the dues well collected. A fine oyster supper was served after the meeting, and a social hour spent with the brethren.

December 9th, I had the pleasure of visiting Oxford Lodge, No. 18, at Norway, on the night of your visit to this lodge. I was very much pleased to listen to the able address you gave the lodge. At that time and since, many of the members of Oxford Lodge have expressed to me their gratification at the able manner with which you expounded the masonic doctrine. Such a talk given in every lodge would lead to a better understanding of the great principles of our beloved fraternity. These great truths should be brought home to the members of all lodges so that all, particularly the younger ones, would have a better appreciation of what masonry means. Oxford Lodge is the largest lodge in the Sixteenth District, and its officers and members always make a visitor feel at home. The work of this lodge is up to a high standard, and I witnessed with pleasure the E. A. degree worked on one candidate. Past D. D. G. M. Raymond H. Eastman, continues as secretary of this lodge. He has a set of records which for neatness and manner of recording them, would be hard to beat. Dues well collected. A choice banquet followed, completing a most enjoyable evening.

March 7th, I visited Jefferson Lodge, No. 100, at Bryant's Pond. This was a very stormy night and but few of the officers were present, so I excused them from exemplifying the work. This lodge has three Past District Deputy Grand Masters, and as Clarence E. Cole is serving his second year as W. M., I have no doubt the work that is coming along will be well done. Brother James L. Bowker has served this lodge for more than thirty years as secretary, his books are neatly and correctly kept, and dues well collected. A social hour was spent with the brethren after closing the lodge.

March 9th, I made my official visit to Bethel Lodge, No. 97, at Bethel. This is one of our strong lodges, and has initiated sixteen candidates the past year, the largest number of any lodge in the district. It is the custom of this lodge to have the Master work the M. M. degree, the Senior Warden work the F. C. and the Junior Warden work the E. A. The work was on one candidate in the E. A. degree and was done by the Junior Warden in a very able manner. Brother Fred B. Merrill, the secretary, is a painstaking and able officer, and from him I received on the first day of March, the

first return to reach me for the Grand Lodge. A fine oyster supper was served at the close.

March 13th, I was present at the regular meeting of Granite Lodge, at West Paris, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree, which was conferred in a pleasing and interesting manner on one candidate. This lodge has not had a large amount of work the past year, but is in hopes to have more the coming year. The records are neatly and correctly kept by P. M. Ralph A Bacon, and dues well collected. After the meeting, a fine supper was enjoyed and a social hour of stories and song spent with the brethren.

April 11th, I inspected work in the F. C. degree, on one candidate, in Paris Lodge, No. 94, of South Paris. I was very much pleased with the effective and splendid work done by this lodge. The obligation, lecture and charge being given in a very impressive manner. The lodge has every reason to be proud of its officers. The records are very nicely kept by Bro. Harold C. Fletcher, and dues well collected. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Mount Tir'em Lodge, No. 132, of Waterford, is my home lodge, and as I try to attend every meeting, I did not consider it necessary to make an official visit. Although 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. 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.

I have issued seven Past Master's diplomas to the Masters who were entitled to the same, up to April 1, 1922, and have also issued five 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.

In closing, 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 sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me by this appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

CLARENCE H. PRIDE, *D. D. G. M., 16th District.*

Waterford, April 20, 1922.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO MOST WORSHIPFUL EDWARD W. WHEELER,
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 Seventeenth Masonic District for the year ending April 1, 1922.

I have officially visited all the eleven 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 ritual, and

general instructions of the Grand Lodge have in all instances been closely adhered to. Harmony everywhere prevails, and all are giving their best efforts toward the good of the craft.

During the past year there have been added to the list of members in this District 416, and the total number of members is 4,651. Not all who have applied have been accepted and efforts have been made that the standard of the fraternity should be upheld.

At all of my visitations I have been received in form, and every courtesy shown me that is due a representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

June 20th, I officially visited Deering Lodge, No. 183, and was received with full honors, Right Worshipful Brother Edgar Carswell, Acting Grand Marshal. I witnessed a nearly perfect exemplification of the Fellow Craft degree. The floor work of this lodge is always beautiful, and both sections of the lecture given by Brother Monson, S. D., and W. M. Farwell comprised the required dignity and correctness. Brother Francis E. Chase is secretary, which is assurance that the books are well kept, both as regards accuracy and masonic procedure. I attended the banquet given to the Past Masters at 6.30 o'clock, which was enjoyed by sixty, and the lodge furnished refreshments to its members and visitors after the work.

July 27th, I attended a special communication of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the corner-stone at the State School for Boys, at South Portland. The ceremony was performed by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, assisted by the other Grand Officers.

Sunday, September 17th, I attended a special communication of the Grand Lodge at Portland, for the purpose of attending a funeral of our Grand Treasurer, Most Worshipful Albion E. Chase, which was held at Masonic Temple. The ceremony was performed by our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

September 17th, I officially visited Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, Worshipful Brother John C. Nichols, Acting Grand Marshal. This is my home lodge and the brethren were well prepared for my visit. I was accompanied by several Past Masters from our neighboring lodges, and received in due form. Work was in the E. A. degree in a very correct and dignified manner. This lodge is entitled to much credit for its good work. Its jurisdiction comprises Windham, Raymond and a part of Casco and Gray, and its officers are scattered over these four towns so rehearsals are impossible. The true Masonic spirit prevails here, and the lodge always has a large attendance. Refreshments were served after this meeting.

October 11th, I attended* the One Hundredth Anniversary of Casco Lodge, No. 36, at Yarmouth. The exercises began at three o'clock, at the Congregational Church, Worshipful Master Phillip G. Hodgdon, presiding. Williams A. Rowe, gave a fine historical address, followed by Most Worshipful Edward W. Wheeler, Grand Master. His was a masterly address and received the hearty commendation of the craft, and the large gathering of people present. At the post prandial held at the Masonic Hall, very interesting addresses were given by Most Worshipful Brother Edmund B.

Mallett, and Most Worshipful Brother Silas B. Adams. A fine banquet was served at six o'clock, followed by entertainment and dancing.

October 13th, I officially visited Standish Lodge, No. 70, Worshipful John C. Nichols, Acting Grand Marshal. Work was in the Fellow Craft degree. A very few corrections were made, and were received in the spirit in which they were given. Both sections of the lecture were given with much impressiveness, that of the Senior Deacon was rendered as correct and dignified as I ever heard it. The hall was taxed to its utmost capacity. A supper was served after the work. Worshipful Brother George E. Brazier is secretary and will be of much help to the lodge in this responsible position.

November 8th, I attended the School of Instruction, held at Brunswick. As usual the school was under the instruction of Grand Lecture, M. W. Brother Frank E. Sleeper, and it was a most instructive and enjoyable occasion. I regret to say that Casco Lodge, No. 36, was the only lodge represented from this district. The attendance was large, and great interest manifested and much benefit resulted. At 6.30 o'clock United Lodge, No. 8, served a fine banquet, and their hospitality was greatly enjoyed. In the evening the F. C. degree was exemplified by the officers of the United lodge. The Grand Lecturer and nine D. D. G. M. were given the grand honors at their admission to the lodge.

November 19th, I officially visited Harmony Lodge, No. 38, Worshipful Brother John C. Nichols, Acting Grand Marshal. I was accompanied by many brethren from the Westbrook, Deering and Portland lodges. Work was in the M. M. degree, and it certainly was a great pleasure to see it done in such a correct and dignified manner. I pointed out a few things in the work for the benefit of the members present. The officers of this lodge take a great deal of pride in doing their work, and have the support of a large attendance of Past Masters. A fine banquet was served at the close of the work.

November 22nd, I officially visited Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, Worshipful Brother Edward W. Webster, Acting Grand Marshal, and accompanied by R. W. Brothers Nathan C. Redlon, Fanning J. Burbank, and also many Worshipful brethren from the neighboring lodges. Work was in the M. M. degree, and was very impressively and correctly exemplified. This is Worshipful Brother Knight's third year in the East. He is full of zeal for the fraternity, and his work is always well done, and he has the support of an interested line of officers. The Masonic quartette added much to the pleasure of the evening and was fully appreciated by the large gathering of brethren. A fine banquet was served at the close. Worshipful Brother Almon Johnson has a record book to be proud of.

December 10th, I installed the officers of Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127. Worshipful Brother Irving Hayden, acting as Grand Marshal and Worshipful Brother Chas. S. Jordan as Grand Chaplain. A fine oyster supper was served after the ceremony.

January 12, 1922, I installed the officers of Standish Lodge, No. 70.

Brother Robert N. Toms, acting as Marshal, Worshipful Brother Joseph T. Swasey as Chaplain. A fine supper was served after the ceremony.

January 18th, I officially visited Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186. Worshipful Brother John C. Nichols, Acting Grand Marshal, and accompanied by many of the Portland and Deering Past Masters. Work was in the E. A. degree. The officers had just been installed and this was their first work. The degree was worked in a manner that called for few criticisms and much praise, and the floor work was very pleasing. Brother Almon Waterhouse is secretary and always has some well kept records to show the inspecting officer. The lodge room as well as the outer apartments were full of brethren, which showed the great interest taken in the meeting. A fine banquet was served after the work.

February 13th, I installed the officers of Deering Lodge, No. 183, assisted by Right Worshipful Brother Herbert Maxfield, as Grand Marshal, and Worshipful Brother John C. Nichols as Grand Chaplain. This lodge endeavors to make its annual meeting an interesting one, especially to its older members. A banquet, from five o'clock to seven-thirty. Reports, elections and installation of officers, also the presentation of Past Master's jewel and diploma by Most Worshipful Brother Silas B. Adams, making a very pleasant session.

February 17th, I officially visited Hiram Lodge, No. 180, of South Portland, Worshipful Brother John C. Nichols, acting as Grand Marshal. Work was in the E. A. degree, and I have never seen the work performed in a more dignified and impressive manner. Worshipful Brother Tuttle has a fine line of officers who aim to do the work letter perfect. The lodge owns its building and has a beautiful lodge room. There was a very large gathering of brethren. Refreshments at the close of the work.

February 25th, I made my official visit to Portland Lodge, No. 1, Right Worshipful Brother Herbert Maxfield, acting as Grand Marshal, and every lodge in this district was well represented on my suite. Work was in the Master Mason degree. The work was very accurate and the Worshipful Master is to be complimented on giving his nearly letter perfect, and the effort put forth by every officer to give his part with dignity is worthy of much praise. The Masonic quartette added much to the work. Brother Small who was appointed by the Worshipful Master to take up the duties left by our Most Worshipful Brother Albion E. Chase is making a fine secretary. The temple was taxed to its utmost capacity. A fine banquet was served after the work.

March 7th, I made my official visitation to Casco Lodge, No. 36, at Yarmouth, Worshipful Brother John C. Nichols, acting as Grand Marshal, and accompanied by a large number of Worshipful Brethren from Portland, and Deering lodges. I was received with full honors. Work, Entered Apprentice degree. A terrific storm was raging outside, and at the start of the work an accident occurred to the electric lights, and the work was delayed until candles were procured. This had a bad effect on us all but the candidate. This being the first work by this line of officers, the little mishap caused them to be a little nervous, but the proper dignity was shown

throughout the work. There was a very large attendance, and a fine banquet was served.

March 8th, I officially visited Temple Lodge, No. 86, at Westbrook. Work in the Fellow Craft degree. The officers had rehearsed this degree and must have been pleased with the results, as the work was nearly letter perfect. I was very interested in both sections of the lecture, and pleased to give the officers the praise which was due them. A large delegation of brethren from Deering, Portland, South Portland, Gorham, Windham and Cumberland Mills, accompanied me to the meeting. The hall was none too large on this occasion. A fine banquet was served at the close of the work by Mispah Chapter, O. E. S.

March 24th, I officially visited the Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, Worshipful Brother John C. Nichols, Acting Grand Marshal. Every lodge in this district was represented on my suite, also one Worshipful Master from Massachusetts. Work was in the Fellow Craft degree. This lodge has the reputation of doing excellent work and the manner in which the officers exemplified the degree was up to their usual standard. The ritual was very closely adhered to. It was very pleasing to me to be presented to the lodge by Worshipful Brother Joseph B. Reed, who was Worshipful Master in 1910, and is as devoted to its interests now as when he was acting as its Master. Worshipful Master Irving L. Rich has been ill much of the past year. I am pleased to report that his health is improving. All the standing room in the temple was utilized on this occasion, and a fine banquet was served after the close of the work.

April 5th, I inspected the new hall of Harmony Lodge, No. 38, at Gorham. I find this a very nice building, and it is not connected with any other building. The lodge room and apartments are situated on the third floor. The lodge room is of just proportion, an oblong square; has two entrances from the west, on each side of the Senior Warden, both entrances are angular, the one on the right of the Senior Warden is for members and visitors, and leading from tyler's room; the one on the left from the preparation room. In the East the dias is elevated on three steps and provided with a pedestal for the Worshipful Master; while on each side are seats for Grand Officers and Past Masters. The pedestal of the Senior Warden is elevated on two steps. The pedestal of the Junior Warden one step. The rooms have the necessary window coverings with proper ventilation in top. The whole building is of brick construction, and I consider it suitable and well adapted for Masonic purposes. The committee in charge of the purchasing and remodelling of this building to make it conform to masonic purposes were: Ira C. Alden, John W. Knight, Charles C. Shaw, Edgar R. Robinson, George Burnell and Mr. Hayes. They have been untiring in their efforts and at last, rewarded by producing a beautiful abiding place for Harmony Lodge.

Most Worshipful, the work of the lodges in the Seventeenth District closely follows that laid down by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. The records are correctly and neatly kept, and the dues well collected. The lodges in this district have very efficient secretaries, and many of them

have served faithfully for many years. The returns from the several lodges were promptly received by me, and in turn forwarded to the Grand Treasurer.

I highly appreciate the kindly and cordial manner in which the lodges have received me, and for the fraternal spirit in which the officers have received the corrections and suggestions made. And I wish to make mention that Most Worshipful Brother Frank E. Sleeper, and Right Worshipful Charles B. Davis, have always been ready to give me information and help in my duties.

I wish to thank the several Right Worshipful and Worshipful Brethren who have assisted in making my visitations so pleasant.

And to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in appointing me your representative in this district, and I have tried to make my work merit the confidence which you reposed.

Faternally submitted,

JOSEPH B. MANCHESTER, *D, D. G. M., 17th District.*

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighteenth Masonic District for the year just closing.

I have officially visited all the lodges in the district except one, and find them all in a very satisfactory condition. I have examined the records and find them correctly kept. Dues well collected, finances good, and the feeling of Masonic interest and goodfellowship manifest in a great many ways.

November 8th, 1921, I attended a School of Instruction, held in Brunswick, by M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer. The attendance was large and it was a very instructive and interesting meeting. In the evening United Lodge, No. 8, worked the F. C. degree for inspection and we saw some of the best work it has been my privilege to witness.

January 9th, I visited Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, Fryeburg. Assisted by P. M. Frank W. Hill as Grand Marshal, I installed the officers after which we held a short School of Instruction. Pythagorean has not had as much degree work as in some years, but the interest in Masonry is not lagging. Dues are collected closer than in any other lodge in the district.

February 8th, I started for Denmark to visit Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 56. A snowstorm and driving wind had made roads almost impassible and I returned home. Past D. D. G. M. A. S. Colby, made the inspection for me and reported work in the F. C. degree very impressively done; officers working hard to perfect themselves in the ritual; large amount of work ahead and the prospect for a busy, prosperous year.

February 9th, I made my official visit to Delta Lodge, No. 153, Lovell, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on three candidates. The work was well done, very few mistakes appearing. Records correctly kept and dues well collected. Refreshments and social hour.

March 10th, I visited Greenleaf Lodge, No. 117. Work was exemplified in the E. A. degree. Greenleaf does good work at all times and is one of our most prosperous lodges. Refreshments and social hour at close of meeting.

March 11th, I officially visited my home lodge, Oriental No. 13, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on three candidates which was very impressively performed. I have attended most of the meetings of Oriental Lodge during the past year, and the work has been uniformly good. Records correct and dues well collected.

March 15th, I visited Shepherd's River Lodge, No. 169, Brownfield, and witnessed work in F. C. degree. The ritual was closely followed. Refreshments and social hour after meeting.

In closing I wish to thank the officers and brethren, of the different lodges for the many courtesies extended to me.

I thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred on me.

Fraternally Submitted,

CLIFFORD C. SMITH, D. D. G. M., 18th Masonic District.

Bridgton, April 10, 1922.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

TO MOST WORSHIPFUL EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, May, 1921, I was reappointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Nineteenth Masonic District, and to show my appreciation of this great honor, I have endeavored to perform my duties to the utmost of my ability.

I commenced my visitations on September 28th. In company with several brethren of Dunlap Lodge, I inspected Ocean Lodge, of Wells Depot. The Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified in a very earnest manner by the officers. There were several mistakes in the ritualistic work, but taking the fact into consideration, that all of the officers live from five to ten miles from their hall, thereby having practically no opportunity for rehearsals, I consider that they are doing very good masonic work in Wells. The Secretary's books are well kept, and the dues closely collected. After the lodge was closed, we enjoyed a very good upper, and the social hour which followed, was one of the enjoyable parts of the evening.

I made my visitation to St. Aspinquid Lodge, of York Village, October 11th, in company with several brethren of Saco and Dunlap Lodges. This lodge had a most excellent meeting, working the Master Mason degree in a most impressive manner. One of the features of the work was the singing by a quartette, which added greatly to the dignity of the degree. I am pleased to remark, that my corrections and suggestions in regard to

the work, were received in the same spirit in which they were offered. The Secretary does his work properly, and I was very much pleased to learn, that since my last inspection of this lodge, they have started a Charity Fund. This is one of the duties which no lodge should neglect, because charity should be practiced, as well as taught, in masonry. After the close of the lodge, we enjoyed a fine supper, and I had the pleasure of conversing with several distinguished brethren.

On the evening of October 26th, accompanied by about thirty brethren of Dunlap and Saco lodges, I made my annual visitation to Naval Lodge, of Kittery. The records and other books are correctly kept, and I consider Brother Lutts to be one of the most efficient secretaries in the district. The M. M. degree was exemplified in a most excellent manner, leaving very little opportunity for corrections or suggestions. I think the officers of Naval Lodge are as nearly perfect as one can expect, and they also delivered their speaking parts with such expression as to bring out clearly before the candidate, all the latent beauties of the degree. I had, at this time, the pleasure of meeting a great many distinguished Masonic brethren, and of conversing with them on matters of Masonic interest. After the work, all of the brethren repaired to the banquet hall, where we enjoyed a magnificent repast, and then returned to our homes conscious of an evening well spent.

On November 25th, I was scheduled to inspect Yorkshire Lodge, of North Berwick, but circumstances over which I had no control, prevented me from going, and I deputized Worshipful Bro. Leslie L. Brackett, Past Master of Yorkshire Lodge to perform that duty for me. He reported that the officers of this lodge worked the E. A. and F. C. degree in a splendid manner, also that the secretary's books were in excellent shape, and the lodge in very good financial condition. I wish to extend my greatest thanks to Wor. Bro. Brackett for his services on this occasion.

December 12th, I visited St. John's Lodge of South Berwick, and witnessed the conferring of the M. M. degree. In regard to the work, I will say that some of the officers were good, and some were pretty far off in regard to their ritual. Also their floor work was not up to the standard in this lodge and district. I realize that part of the trouble was due to the fact that several of the officers have not been attending the meetings as they should. I spoke to them of the necessity of regular attendance, and of putting more time to perfecting their ritual. My corrections were well received, and I have no doubt that, if they all pull together, St. John's Lodge will be able to maintain its usual high standard of efficiency. I wish to report that Secretary Flanders of this lodge, has the best system of keeping books, that I have yet seen. I wish that some of the secretaries in this district could see his card index and judge for themselves if it isn't a very practical method.

On December 19th, with about thirty brethren of Saco and Dunlap lodges, I went to Old Orchard and inspected Orchard Lodge. It is always a great pleasure to visit this lodge on account of the great interest taken in the work, not only by the officers, but the brethren are always ready to assist

the Master to the utmost of their ability. This lodge worked the M. M. degree in a fine manner. The officers were particularly keen in conforming to the ritual, and their floor work was good, considering that they were handicapped by a very small hall. We enjoyed a good supper and were hospitably entertained during the evening. This should be all the more appreciated by visiting brethren, because Orchard Lodge is a young lodge, thereby not being in a position to warrant expensive entertaining, and the masonic spirit of the brethren. In summing up this inspection, I will say that it was a success from every stand point.

I visited Dunlap Lodge, of Biddeford, on March 6th, for the purpose of inspection. This lodge had no candidate to work on that evening, which was naturally a great disappointment to me. I attended the meeting, and watched the officers conduct the regular order of business, it being a stated communication.

I have visited Dunlap Lodge at other meetings, when I had the opportunity of watching their work, and can say that the work of this lodge is being kept up to its usual standard.

March 7th, with about twenty brethren from Saco and Biddeford, I went to Kennebunkport and witnessed the officers of Arundel Lodge perform work in the M. M. degree. The work was very well done. The records are kept in good form. This lodge had made a great many needed improvements in their quarters, and now have a masonic home of which they may well be proud. After the work, we enjoyed a very fine banquet and social hour.

On March 9th, I went to Goodwin's Mills, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was well done, and the brethren of Arion Lodge are to be congratulated on having such a capable set of officers. I wish to speak particularly of the interpretation of the Senior Deacon's part by Bro. Pollard, it being the most finished performance of the Senior Deacon's work, in the M. M. degree, which I have ever seen. At this meeting, I also had the great pleasure of raising my own brother to the sublime degree of M. M., a privilege which I fully appreciated. This lodge is very prosperous, and although it is one of the smallest lodges in this district, the manner in which they exemplify the work, would be a revelation to some of the lodges which have twice its membership. After the meeting, we repaired to the dining room where we enjoyed a fine lunch.

On March 13, with a large number of brethren of Saco Lodge, I went to Kennebunk and inspected York Lodge of that town. The officers worked the M. M. degree, and I could discern a very great improvement, in comparing the work with that of a year previous. This lodge has a fine set of officers, who take a great interest in their work and pride in their lodge. The records are very well kept and dues closely collected. At the close of the work, I made some corrections and suggestions which I thought might prove beneficial to the brethren. I found here, as well as elsewhere where I have visited, that my remarks were well received and would be put to use, for the good of the order.

On March 17th, I inspected my own lodge and witnessed work in the Fellow Craft degree. I am proud to be a member of this lodge, and certainly appreciated the special effort made by the officers to have a fine inspection. The ritualistic work of all the officers was above comment, and their floor work was the finest which I have had the pleasure of seeing at any of my inspections. The lecture, by the Senior Deacon, was delivered practically word perfect, and in such an impressive manner, that any candidate could clearly understand it. The officers wore dress suits for the first time in the history of Saco Lodge, and although this was an innovation, it certainly adds to the dignity of the work, and I hope it will become a regular custom of Saco Lodge. Previous to the opening of the lodge, about two hundred brethren enjoyed a most excellent banquet, served by the members of Annette Chapter, O. E. S. In finishing my remarks on this inspection, I wish to take this opportunity to say that the officers of Saco Lodge are maintaining the high standard of masonic work, which this lodge has set for itself for several years.

In concluding my report of my duties during this masonic year, I wish to state, that in addition to my regular official visitations to the different lodges, I have also visited several of them at various times, and have raised several brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and delivered some of the lectures.

I want to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges for the very kind receptions given me, and also for the attention which they have given to such corrections and suggestions as I may have made.

To you, Most Worshipful, I extend my heartiest thanks for this honor, which you have bestowed upon me, and I want you to believe that I fully appreciate it.

Yours fraternally,

MYRON E. SAVAGE, *D. D. G. M., 19th District.*

Saco, Me., April 1, 1922.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

(No report received.)

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

To M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I have the honor of submitting to you my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-first Masonic District. It is a pleasure for me to state that it has been my privilege to visit all the lodges in this district and to find them all in good condition and governed by officers who are interested in their work. Following is a detailed account of my activities.

Thursday, October 20th, I attended the School of Instruction held at Ellsworth. Dr. Sleeper being ill on that day the school was conducted by R. W. Bro. Archie R. Bangs, of Sabattus. The school was held under the patronage of Lygonia Lodge, of Ellsworth, and was well attended. Eight lodges in this district were represented by their Masters and in nearly every case by their principal officers. The results of this meeting have been apparent in the work which has been done by the lodges in their subsequent meetings, as shown by the work they have done at inspection. Supper was served at six p. m. The expense of this was borne equally by Lygonia Lodge, of Ellsworth, and Bar Harbor Lodge, of Bar Harbor. In the evening I officially inspected Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, and in this inspection, was assisted by R. W. Bro. Edward G. Buxton, of Eastport; R. W. Bro. Edgar A. Worcester, of Jonesport; R. W. Bro. Norris L. Heath, of Penobscot; R. W. Bro. Charles W. Hayes, of Foxcroft, and R. W. Bro. Alvoid E. Cushman, of Bangor. Work was presented in the M. M. degree and was of high order.

Monday evening, November 21st, I inspected the work of Felicity Lodge, No. 19, of Bucksport. W. Bro. Harvey R. Emery, with his officers, presented the work in the M. M. degree. This work was done in a creditable manner and I am pleased to report that this lodge has had a most prosperous and satisfactory year.

Tuesday evening, November 22nd, I visited Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, at Orland. This lodge had no actual candidate and it was necessary for them to exemplify the work which they did in the M. M. degree.

Tuesday evening, November 29th, I made my official visitation to Northeast Harbor Lodge, No. 208, at Northeast Harbor. The members and officers of this lodge received me in a most cordial manner and work was presented in the M. M. degree. I found the work of this lodge to be excellent and the books correctly and accurately kept.

Saturday evening, December 10th, I visited Mt. Desert Lodge, No. 140, at Mt. Desert. No candidate being available work was exemplified in the E. A. degree. I found the brethren of this lodge anxious to do their work correctly and it was a pleasure for me to make the necessary corrections.

Tuesday evening, December 20th, I made my official visitation at McKinley Lodge, No. 212, at McKinley. Work was presented in the F. C. degree and was accurately done. The records of this lodge are kept by Bro. Eugene M. Stanley and are models of neatness and accuracy.

Thursday evening, December 22nd, I officially visited David A. Hooper Lodge, No. 201, at West Sullivan. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree and, as usual with this lodge, was done in a very accurate and impressive manner. I also found that the books and records of this lodge are very carefully kept and that both officers and members take great interest in their work.

Wednesday evening, January 4, 1922, I paid my official visit to Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, and inspected the work of the E. A. degree, as exemplified. This work was well done. Following the work it was my

pleasure to install the officers and confer the P. M. degree upon two brethren who were entitled to that honor.

Thursday evening, January 26th, I had the pleasure of officially visiting Tremont Lodge, No. 77, at Southwest Harbor. The M. M. degree was worked in a very satisfactory manner. I am pleased to report with regard to this lodge that great interest is being shown by both the officers and the members in all lines of effort which make for success in any lodge of Masons. The brethren of this lodge are to be congratulated upon their present corps of officers and the cooperation of its Past Masters. I found the books and records exceptionally well kept.

On Tuesday evening, January 10th, by invitation of Northeast Harbor Lodge, I visited that place and, with the assistance of W. Bro. Arthur W. Brown, of Bar Harbor, installed their officers. This was a private installation. A large number of members were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Wednesday evening, February 2nd, by invitation, I visited Lygonia Lodge, of Ellsworth, and had the pleasure of installing their officers at a public installation. Previous to the installation a banquet was served and following it a social evening was spent.

Having had the privilege of visiting my own lodge quite frequently, I have made no official visitation of Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185. I am pleased to state that this lodge has a fine staff of officers and does excellent work.

Thursday evening, January 19th, I installed the officers of Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185. The present Master, Benjamin L. Hadley, is the son of a Past Master of this lodge, who also served as its secretary for twenty-five years.

I am also pleased to report that a Masonic building at Bar Harbor is in process of construction. This, when completed will be one of the best Masonic homes in this section.

This, Most Worshipful, completes the record of my work for the year. I have been most cordially received by the officers and members of every lodge in this district, have made such corrections in their work as seemed necessary, and these corrections have not only been well received but eagerly sought. I am pleased to report that the work throughout the district seems to have been a marked improvement over previous years and I feel that a real fraternal spirit exists in all the lodges of this district.

Fraternally submitted,

CLARENCE E. DOW, *D. D. G. M., 21st District.*

Bar Harbor, March 28, 1922.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have the honor to submit to you my second report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Twenty-second District, for the past year.

On September 27th, I officially visited Cambridge Lodge. This was the occasion of the annual District Meeting of this Masonic District, and there was a very large attendance of the brethren of the several lodges composing it. There was only standing room in the hall during most of the work, but the brethren well showed their interest by remaining until its completion. The work was done in a very instructive, correct and impressive manner. The dues of the lodge are well collected.

October 11th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Plymouth Lodge, No. 75. I was ably assisted by Brother Charles Nason as Grand Marshal and Brother Linscott as Grand Chaplin.

October 12th, by invitation, I visited Pacific Lodge, No. 64, at Exeter. The work of the M. M. degree was performed in a very pleasing manner with the ritual closely followed.

October 29th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Archon Lodge, at East Dixmont. I was assisted by Brother Reed as Grand Marshal.

On December 29th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Cambridge Lodge, at Cambridge, with the assistance of Brother Furbish as Grand Marshal. It was a bitter cold night and the long drive in the sleigh disagreeable, but the very pleasant evening amply repaid the effort. This was a public installation, and during the same evening the officers of the local chapter of the O. E. S. were installed. Later a bountiful supper was served and a pleasant social hour or more enjoyed.

On January 4th, assisted by Brother Furbish, I installed the officers of Corinthian Lodge, No. 95, at Hartland, and after the new officers has been installed into office they presented in a very capable and impressive manner for my inspection, the work of the M. M. degree.

On January 5th, I installed the officers of Meridian Splendor Lodge, No. 49, at Newport. This was a joint installation with the officers of Stevens Royal Arch Chapter, No. 28. There was a large attendance of the brethren.

Plymouth Lodge, No. 75, at Plymouth, my home lodge, I did not officially visit, but have attended every one of its meetings for the year and have offered suggestions and made corrections from time to time. I received an invitation to visit Meridian Lodge, at Pittsfield, but on the date selected I was obliged to be away from home on other business, and a later date could not be arranged. Neither was I able to make a date agreeable to both Parian Lodge at Corinna and myself, but my previous visits to both these lodges leads me to conclude that their work is being done closely to our ritual requirements.

I have made and delivered eight Past Master's diplomas to the following Past Masters: Thomas S. Dearborn, Corinthian, No. 95; Alfred H. McCarrison, Meridian Splendor, No. 49; Leroy H. Whiting, Corinthian, No. 95; Algie W. Small, Plymouth, No. 75; Clyde L. Pingree, Meridian Splendor, No. 49; William R. Hurd, Meridian, No. 125; Harvey N. Smith, Plymouth, No. 75; Charles H. Davis, Plymouth, No. 75.

Finally, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor which you have conferred upon me in appointing me as your representative in this District, and I hope and trust that my report of my endeavors will meet with your approval.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

DANA L. SMALL, *D. D. G. M., 22nd District.*

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

I have officially visited all the lodges of the district, and it is most gratifying to report them all in a prosperous condition.

On December 14th, I visited Freedom Lodge, No. 42. This was the annual meeting and owing to the volume of business in connection with election of officers there was no work presented for inspection. The business was well conducted and the records faithfully kept and the dues well collected.

On March 8th, I made my official visit to Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, at a special communication and witnessed work in the M. M. degree which was done in a creditable manner. The officers are taking a keen interest in their work and have made good progress for the short time they have been in their new positions. The records were examined and found to be correctly kept and the dues well collected, and the lodge is in a healthy condition.

On April 5th, I made my official visit to Preble Lodge, No. 143. This was the regular meeting and the work for the evening was the M. M. degree. The ritual was closely followed and the work impressively done. The business of the lodge was transacted in a business-like manner, and records are neatly and correctly kept.

On April 11th, I visited Springvale Lodge, No. 190, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on two candidates, which was done in a satisfactory manner, requiring very few suggestions. The records are very well and faithfully kept.

On April 22nd, at a special meeting, I visited Buxton Lodge, No. 115, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. This was the first work in this degree the present officers had done, but for the most part was well rendered. The records are correctly kept and the lodge is very prosperous.

On April 25th, a special meeting of Adoniram Lodge, No. 27, was called for my official visit. The work was in the M. M. degree which was well rendered and did credit to the officers in charge of the work. There was a very good attendance for the season. The records were in excellent condition and the dues very well collected.

On April 28th, I visited Drummond Lodge, No. 118. This special meeting was called on short notice for inspection. While the attendance was not large, there appeared to be a good interest in the affairs of the lodge and work is assured for the next few months at least. Work was exemplified in the E. A. degree in a satisfactory manner. The records were not present but I learned they were in most capable hands.

On April 29th, I made my official visit to Day Spring Lodge, No. 107. This meeting was also called on a short notice for my official visit. The work of the evening was the F. C. degree which was very well rendered with Wor. Bro. Doe, of Drummond, as W. M. The records are very complete and dues well collected.

In closing my report, I wish to thank the officers and brethren of the Twenty-third District for the many courtesies extended me on all visitations; and to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE H. SMITH, *D. D. G. M., 23rd District.*

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

Each of the eight lodges in this District has been officially visited by me in person and the work has been inspected. I wish to assure you, Most Worshipful, that each lodge is in a prosperous condition; that their manner of work is above criticism, and that all are working faithfully for the upbuilding of Masonry. The lodges have all showed a substantial and healthy increase in numbers and judging from the work which I have had the privilege to witness, each lodge is striving to impress upon its candidates the principles of our Order, and not simply making Masons. Proper inquiry is made into the fitness of the petitioners for the degrees and I know that no man can become a Mason who is not morally fitted for this honor. I have found the financial affairs of the lodges to be well managed and the records well kept in every case.

The following is a detailed account of my activities during the past year.

October 20th, I had the honor and pleasure of holding the Masonic School of Instruction at Ellsworth, for our Grand Lecturer, M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, who, on account of illness, was unable to attend. A full report of this School will be found in our Grand Lecturer's report.

November 3rd, I attended the School of Instruction held at Brunswick, by the Grand Lecturer. This School was well attended and very great benefit derived. In the evening I was present at the inspection of United Lodge, No. 8, by R. W. Bro. John Merrill, assisted by the several Deputies present.

November 30th, I visited Tranquil Lodge, No. 28, at Auburn, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. I was assisted by R. W. John Merrill of the Fourteenth District. W. Bro. John Hackett acted as Grand Marshal. I cannot speak too highly of this lodge, not only for the efficient manner in which the degree was worked, but also for the interest of the brethren manifest. A light lunch was served after the work and a social hour passed.

December 1st, I inspected the work of Webster Lodge, No. 164, in the M. M. degree, W. Bro. Coombs acting as Grand Marshal. R. W. Bro. Merrill kindly assisted me on this evening also. The degree was conferred upon one candidate in a manner intended to impress upon him the teachings of our Order. The officers proved themselves proficient but rather careless in the rendition of the ritual. More determined practice will result in better work. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

December 14th, I officially visited Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, at Lewiston. R. W. Bro. Merrill acted as Grand Marshal. The M. M. degree was worked on one candidate. A marked advance in the correct rendition of the ritual was noted and Rabboni Lodge deserves words of praise for the impressive manner in which the degree was conferred. The large number of brethren present added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Refreshments were enjoyed at the close of the work.

December 19th, I visited in my official capacity, Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, at Lewiston. W. Bro. Bearce acted as Grand Marshal. This was a stated meeting, and after the business was completed the officers worked the M. M. degree upon one candidate in a decidedly pleasing and satisfactory manner. The flawless rendition of the ritual, the correct floorwork and the general impression created, showed the results of the two years spent by the officers in striving to present in a most efficient manner the degrees. A generous luncheon was enjoyed by all.

February 4th, I inspected the work of Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, at New Gloucester. This was a stated meeting and the M. M. degree was worked on two candidates. This was the first time that the new officers had worked this degree, but in spite of this fact a good impression was made on the candidates. In many cases the ritual was badly distorted because of the lack of practice. I made a number of corrections and suggestions which if followed will result in considerable improvement. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

February 9th, I inspected Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, at Mechanic Falls. W. Bro. Lamb acted as Grand Marshal. I have rarely spent a more pleasant evening in the lodge room. The business of the evening was conducted with preciseness and the M. M. degree was performed by the officers in a very efficient manner. The officers of the lodge are very much interested in their work and I know that after they have had more practice they will bring credit to the lodge. What few mistakes were made in the ritual were noted and commented upon. All seemed eager to learn and their enthusiasm tended to make this an evening to which I shall look back with pleasure. An excellent banquet was served after the work.

February 11th, in company with W. Bro. Chipman, Past D. D. G. M. of this District, and several brethren, I inspected Nezinscot Lodge, No. 101, at Turner. W. Bro. Bradford, Past D. D. G. M. acted as Grand Marshal. The work of the evening was routine business and conferring the M. M. degree on one candidate. The traditional enthusiasm and interest of the brethren of this lodge was manifest and was commented on. The degree was worked in an excellent manner, and although a few mistakes were noted and commented on, yet the general impression conveyed was of the best. The lodge is to be congratulated for having so efficient a corps of officers. I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bro. Sprague, Past D. D. G. M. A fine oyster stew was served after the work.

March 6th, I made my official visitation to Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, at Auburn. W. Bro. Simpson acted as Grand Marshal. This was a special meeting and the M. M. degree was worked on one candidate in the customary efficient and pleasing manner with which this lodge works. The officers showed themselves proficient and an excellent impression was made on the candidate. Very few mistakes made in the ritual. There was a large number of the brethren present. This lodge is in an excellent condition. The officers and brethren are enthusiastic. A splendid banquet was served.

On each occasion of my official visitation to the several lodges I have been officially received according to the manner prescribed for the reception of the officers of the Grand Lodge. This custom has not been very general during the past few years but I have tried to follow out the desires of the Grand Lecturer. I have also tried so far as was in my power to emphasize some particular aspect of the work which seemed to demand attention, such as the importance of the lectures and some of the finer points of our work. The suggestions offered and the corrections made have in each case been received by the brethren in a kindly way. I have tried to the best of my ability to assist in furthering the uniformity and correct methods so essential to the welfare of our Order.

Finally, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor which you have conferred upon me and for the privilege of meeting in my duties so many brethren. I wish to extend to them through you my pleasure for the courtesies which I have received during the period I have served as the representative of the Grand Master in this District.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIE R. BANGS, *D. D. G. M., 24th Masonic District,*
Sabattus, Me., March 15, 1922.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

It is with pleasure that I submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fifth Masonic District. We of Molunkus Lodge regret my much that Right Worshipful Bro. Todd found it necessary to

resign from the honorable position to which you appointed him, as by so doing we lost a representative to this office who was not only fully competent of filling it in a manner creditable to himself and us, but in a manner worthy of the confidence reposed in him by you. In accepting the appointment in his stead which you so kindly tendered me, I have experienced a pleasure and honor which will always be a source of deep gratification to me.

I have made an official visitation to each lodge in this district and find all of the lodges in an active and prosperous condition. In all cases I have been received in a courteous and fraternal manner.

On February 23, 1922, I attended a special communication of Katahdin Lodge, No. 98, where I witnessed the exemplification of the E. A. degree with the Junior Warden, Bro. Sprague, presiding in the East. It is customary in this lodge, for the Junior Warden to work the E. A. degree, the Senior Warden the F. C., and the Master the M. M. degree. This method I think is very beneficial to a lodge, as it makes the three principal officers more confident of themselves and gives the members a change which tends to create more interest. The work, as exemplified, was all that anyone could ask for, each officer taking particular pains to see that the candidate received his first impressions of Masonry in a manner suited to the occasion. Although this was a special meeting, there was a goodly attendance, as is nearly always the case in this lodge. After closing, we repaired to the banquet hall where suitable refreshments were served and social hour spent.

On March 7th, through the courtesy of the officers, in arranging a special meeting to accommodate me, I had the pleasure of visiting Fort Kent Lodge, No. 209. Although this is the youngest lodge in our district, it enjoys the enviable reputation of being one of the most hospitable lodges in the state. The members certainly lived up to their reputation for hospitality and brotherly love, during my visit, as the reception which I received will always dwell with me as being the nearest to the truly masonic spirit of anything which I ever had the pleasure to enjoy. Although situated in a community not conducive to masonic environments, they have organized a lodge, composed of clear cut, cordial, educated members, all of whom are active workers, and with whom it is a pleasure to meet. The evening was very unfavorable for a good attendance as we had had considerable rain which made the roads impassible, so that the members living in the rural sections could not attend. We had, however, an attendance of nearly forty. W. M. Bro. Martin was unable to attend on account of sickness, which I much regret, as I would liked to have met him. He was ably substituted for by Past Master Bro. Perkins. Work was exemplified in the M. M. degree in as nearly a letter perfect manner as I ever saw, the ritual being followed closely and the lectures given in an instructive and impressive manner. After the work was finished several interesting speeches were made by members and visiting brethren. The tables were then clothed and refreshments enjoyed. The following morning on leaving, several of the members came to the train to see me off, and with hearty hand claps I left for Ashland.

That evening, March 8th, was the stated communication of Pioneer Lodge, No. 72. The same unfavorable weather conditions prevailed as on the night before, but nearly forty members attended lodge. Although no work was exemplified, there was considerable business and balloting done. This lodge has a large commodious hall of its own and has a good balance in their treasury. The officers and nearly all the members present were young in years and ambitious in their work.

On the evening of March 9th, I visited Nollesemic Lodge, No. 205, in Millinocket, where I was received very cordially. Work was exemplified in the M. M. degree, in a very creditable manner, witnessed by a large gathering of members and visiting brethren. The floor work was done with the assistance of the Marshal, which was new to me and enjoyed by all. After the work refreshments were served, songs enjoyed, and a very social hour spent.

On March 15th, I visited Island Falls Lodge, No. 206, at their stated communication. Printed notices had been sent to all the members so that at 6.30 a large gathering sat down to a banquet which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Following the banquet we were entertained at some length by speakers of note. Immediately afterward we repaired to the lodge room where work was done in the E. A. degree. Although all of the officers were new to their positions and perhaps a trifle nervous owing to this fact, the work was very well done and very few corrections found necessary. This lodge has the good fortune to have among its many active members, two Past District Deputy Grand Masters whose knowledge and willing cooperation enable this lodge to turn out work of exceptional merit.

On April 11th, at the stated communication of Molunkus Lodge, No. 165, at the invitation of the officers, I made an informal visitation. I have attended nearly all of the meetings of this, my home lodge, and did not think it necessary to make a regular visitation. I witnessed work in the E. A. degree after which I gave the members a brief review of my visitations.

I was very glad indeed to be able to report all of the lodges in this district to be in a prosperous, active condition, growing steadily in numbers, but not so fast but what careful consideration is given each application for membership.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges in this district for the sincere Masonic spirit shown and courteous treatment extended me while on my visits.

Finally, Most Worshipful, kindly accept my sincere thanks for the honor that you have conferred upon me.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. BOWERS, *D. D. G. M., 25th Masonic District.*

April 15, 1922.

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. EDWARD W. WHEELER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I herewith submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-sixth District for the year past.

On July 29th, 1921, by invitation of W. M. John L. Delano, I attended a communication of King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, at Dixfield, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, two candidates being raised by the officers of Oriental Star Lodge of Livermore Falls. Thirteen different lodges were represented at the meeting and although this was not an official visit and Oriental Star Lodge is not in this district, I wish to compliment them on the excellence and impressive rendering of the work.

On September 21st, through the kindness of M. W. Bro. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, a School of Instruction was held with Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, at Rumford. Owing to the date happening to fall at the same time as the county fairs at Farmington and Norway, there was not so large an attendance as we anticipated, but all present were there for business, and I feel that the School was of great value to Masonry in this section. There were present three D. D. G. M.'s and officers and brethren representing forty-one different lodges. The School of Instruction held forenoon and afternoon sessions, and in the evening Blazing Star Lodge worked the M. M. degree on two candidates with inspection of the work by the Deputies present from the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Twenty-sixth Districts. The work was done in an impressive manner, though with some minor errors in the rendering of the ritual.

On October 10th, by invitation of Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, of Buckfield, I installed the officers of that lodge assisted by Worshipful Bro. R. M. Woodsum of Blazing Star Lodge, as Grand Marshal. Somewhat to my surprise immediately after the installation the newly installed officers proceeded to do work in the E. A. degree, and asked for corrections, few of which were necessary, the work being the most accurate I have witnessed for a long time. The general rendition of the work was very impressive.

On November 8th, I attended the School of Instruction held at Brunswick. Nine D. D. G. M.'s were present and the meeting was very instructive. In the evening we were privileged to witness very fine work by United Lodge, No. 8, five candidates being passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. By request of R. W. John L. Merrill, D. D. G. M., of the Fourteenth District, I assisted the other D. D. G. M.'s present in the inspection of the work.

On the evening of November 9th, I installed the officers of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, of Rumford, assisted by Worshipful Bro. R. M. Woodsum as Grand Marshal.

On the evening of November 15th, by invitation of King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, of Dixfield, I installed the officers of that lodge with the assistance

of Worshipful Bro. R. M. Woodsum of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, as Grand Marshal. The meeting was well attended and a very enjoyable one.

On the evening of January 17th, 1922, I made an official visit to King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, at Dixfield. While this lodge had considerable work last year, the new officers had had no work as yet this season, and so exemplified the E. A. degree, the J. W. acting as Master, and the S. W. delivering the lecture of the degree. The work was impressively rendered but lacked the snap and accuracy that would no doubt have characterized it if there had been an actual candidate, as this lodge has an excellent reputation for work. After the work a few corrections were made, and some little time spent in an open discussion of the work which I think was of some interest and value. Wor. Bro. John L. Delano, the Junior Past Master, is now Secretary, and I believe will make a very efficient one.

On the evening of February 2nd, I made an official visit for inspection to Whitney Lodge, No. 167, at Canton. The candidate for the evening was out of town and therefore to my regret the lodge was obliged to exemplify the work in the E. A. degree with a substitute candidate. Worshipful Bro. Poor has a good staff of officers and I have no doubt they will do fine work when they have the inspiration of a real candidate, but in this case it fell short of what I am sure they are capable of doing. After the work some corrections were made. Bro. Lucas continues to act very efficiently as secretary. During my stay at Canton I was royally entertained by R. W. Bro. Russell at his home.

On the evening of February 8th, I made an official inspection of my own lodge, Blazing Star, No. 30, at Rumford. I am sure that this lodge was greatly benefitted by the School of Instruction held here last fall. The work was in the M. M. degree and was finely rendered. After the work some corrections and suggestions were made. Bro. Raynes continues very efficiently as secretary.

On March 6th, after having been twice postponed on account of an epidemic and influenza and pneumonia raging at Buckfield, I made an official inspection of Evening Star Lodge, No. 47. The officers were at a disadvantage as public meetings had been discontinued for some little time, and at the night of inspection two of the working officers were unavoidably absent. The work however was finely rendered, it being in the M. M. degree. After the work some corrections were made and there was an open discussion of the work. This lodge is favored by having several Past Masters who continue to take an active interest in the work of the lodge although not acting as officers, and the lodge shows in every respect a high standard of excellence. Bro. Warren is making a very efficient secretary.

During my visits to King Hiram, Whitney, and Evening Star Lodges, I was received with the Grand Honors, and in all of my visits I was afforded every courtesy. At each inspection I have asked the Master to designate some two of the officers to illustrate the method of examining visitors, and it has not only been interesting but instructive as well to all present. The methods of the examiners in the different lodges varied considerably

but in each case the supposed visitor received a thorough examination. I have urged on each lodge that it is quite essential to good work that some of the officers attend a School of Instruction each year.

The dues of Evening Star and Whitney Lodges are almost entirely collected. The dues of Blazing Star and King Hiram are in good condition although there are quite a number in arrears and I trust the number will be lessened during the coming year.

At all the meetings I have attended there have been fine banquets and pleasing post-prandial exercises, so I have not felt it necessary to mention them separately.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

GERALD A. PEABODY, *D. D. G. M., 26th District.*

Rumford, Me., March 23, 1922.

Officers of the Grand Lodge

1922

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LEWMAN B. SOPER,	" Senior Grand Warden,	Newport
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HAROLD B. BOURNE,	" " 19th "	Kennebunk
RAYMOND HAMM,	" " 20th "	Springfield
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List of Subordinate Lodges

WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

AS RETURNED MARCH 1, 1922

DISTRICT

- Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. Harold C. Mountain, M.; John B. Watson, S. W.; Fred C. Grant, J. W.; Seth W. Dexter, S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, September. 5
- Acacia, 121, Durham. G. Warren Douglass, M.; Albert C. Bowie, S. W.; William L. Merrill, J. W.; Ralph P. Stackpole, (R. F. D. 1, Auburn) S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon, election, December. 14
- Adoniram, 27, Limington. William A. Small, M.; Ralph L. Weston, S. W.; Fred E. Randall, J. W.; Harris P. Ilsley, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Ray K. Knowlton, M.; Stephen F. Richards, S. W.; Joseph T. West, J. W.; Wilbur G. Knowlton, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Amity, 6, Camden. Carl C. Hopkins, M.; Merle F. Hunt, S. W.; Harry A. Clark, J. W.; Melzer T. Crawford, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Eliot P. Brewer, M.; William N. Thrope, S. W.; Harland McFarland, J. W.; John A. Turner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 10
- Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. Webster L. Loring, M.; George J. Unsworth, S. W.; Charles J. Spearen, J. W.; Lee R. Ward, S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. 24
- Ancient Land-Mark, 17, Portland. Irving L. Rich, M.; Albert W. Moulton, S. W.; David F. Drew, J. W.; Arthur J. Floyd, (138 Beacon Street, Woodfords), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election December. 17
- Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Walton H. Smith, M.; Irving E. Wellman, S. W.; Everett H. Plummer, J. W.; Asbury M. Blake, (Lisbon), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 14
- Archon, 139, East Dixmont. John W. Goodwin (Monroe), M.; Roy L. Chadbourne (Dixmont) S. W.; George E. Littlefield, J. W.; Burnis M. Bridgham (Hampden Highlands, R. F. D. No. 1), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Hermon R. Walker, (West Kennebunk, R. F. D.), M.; Benjamin A. Goodwin, S. W.; Walter I. Smith, J. W.; Frank M. Gordon (Biddeford, R. F. D. 4), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 19
- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. George R. Fenderson (Mars Hill), M.; Troy L. Shaw, S. W.; Stetson H. Hussey, J. W.; Fay B. Ramsay (Mars Hill), S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, November. 1

- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. Abner Boothby, M.; Frank H. Morrill, S. W.; Walter E. Chick, J. W.; Byron C. Hall, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. Blaine Abbott, M.; Carroll H. Brewster, S. W.; Arthur H. Field, J. W.; Eugene E. Cates (63 Nichols St.), S. Meeting third Monday; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Fred N. Parcher, M.; Harry F. Allen, S. W.; Charles N. Libby, J. W.; Allen H. Stinchfield, S. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. Willard W. Knight, M.; Lowell H. Woodbury, S. W.; Herman C. Day, J. W.; Almon L. Johnson (Box 424), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. D. Sanders Patterson, M.; Lester M. Hart, S. W.; Frederick W. Hillman, J. W.; Bert P. Stuart, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Arthur F. Wisner, M.; Judson I. Crouse, S. W.; Edward E. O'B. Gonias, J. W.; Albert H. Newbert, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. Ernest Babson, M.; Neal F. Dow, S. W.; Truman Gray, J. W.; Edward W. Perkins, S. Meeting third Saturday; election, December. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Benjamin L. Hadley, M.; E. Malcolm Brewer, S. W.; Henry B. Charak, J. W.; Clifford F. Came, S. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. Guy P. Rowe, M.; Frank E. Trafton, S. W.; Henry H. Putnam, Jr., J. W.; Martin L. Porter, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. Norman K. Vanhorn, M.; Millard F. Blake, S. W.; Edwin F. Sawyer, J. W.; H. Elmer Fernald, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Charles L. Loring, M.; I. A. Call, S. W.; Edwin D. Cook, J. W.; Everett F. Robinson, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, October. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. Raymond R. Tibbetts, M.; Thomas L. Brown, S. W.; D. Oliver Brooks, J. W.; Fred B. Merrill, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. A. Francis Welch, M.; Charles F. Meigs, S. W.; Harold M. Stone, J. W.; Pearle E. Fuller (72 Green St.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, November. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. Leon S. Robinson, M.; Harry Cummings, S. W.; Leon W. Goodrich, J. W.; Lee C. Smith, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. Alden Goodrich, M.; William A. Clough, S. W.; Fred F. Thomas, J. W.; Walter O. Raynes, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 26
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Charles E. Toothaker, M.; Lynn S. Dennison, S. W.; Ralph H. Trecartin, J. W.; Nathaniel H. Harnden, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15

- Bristol, 74, Bristol. Frank E. Gorham, M.; Joseph D. Sproule, S. W.; Oscar K. Russell, J. W.; Edwin J. Ervine, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Alfonso F. Flint, M.; Ralph E. Bailey, S. W.; William H. Rowe, J. W.; Pliny A. Crockett (West Buxton), S. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, January. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Harold L. Sawyer, M.; Tom W. Folsom, S. W.; Andrew H. Ham, J. W.; Stanwood I. Mower (R. F. D. Dexter), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Edgar W. Russ, M.; Lawrence A. Hutchinson, S. W.; Archie L. Belyea, J. W.; Waldo O. Lowney, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. Fred C. Dunlap, M.; Abel P. Gleason, S. W.; Moses Ames, J. W.; Alpheus Nason, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. William H. Rowe, M.; Frank L. Wellcome, S. W.; Elmer P. Hatch, J. W.; Henry G. Rogers, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. George W. Jones, M.; Scott W. Lewis, S. W.; Robert A. Fletcher, J. W.; George M. Hammond (Albion), S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Orville C. Harvey, M.; Clifford B. Sawyer, S. W.; Russell S. Taylor, J. W.; Eugene W. Vaughan, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 5
- Composite, 168, Lagrange. Arthur C. Herrick, M.; Roy C. Ames, S. W.; Bela McKenzie, J. W.; Benjamin F. Crehore, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. John L. Getchell, M.; Howard D. Jamison, S. W.; Albert A. Marr, J. W.; Bert H. Moulton, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. James A. Gould, M.; Robert C. Stuok, S. W.; Harold F. Blackfoot, J. W.; Cassius G. Porter, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Ernest L. Gay, M.; William W. Chute, S. W.; Almon H. Rowe, J. W.; Albert W. Weston, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Charles L. Peaco, M.; Willard B. Sweetser, S. W.; Clarence L. McCann, J. W.; Charles H. Nelson, S. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. Onias Springer, M.; William B. Blaisdell, S. W.; William Hilgrove, J. W.; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. Dan E. Leighton, M.; Ralph H. Starbird, S. W.; George L. Burns, J. W.; Percival W. Mason, S. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15

- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. Rober W. Kingman M.; Oliver F. Hammond, S. W.; Everett E. Willey, J. W.; Thomas Bond, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. Ernest N. Cunningham, M.; George F. Scribner, S. W.; Hollis G. Monson, J. W.; Francis E. Chase (Box 974), S. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. William C. Brooks, M.; Herman W. Merrill, S. W.; James S. Plummer, J. W.; Seth F. Heald, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. Hubbard J. White, M.; Archibald B. Morrison, S. W.; Earle R. Nelson, J. W.; Orren F. Sproul, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. Fred Jarvis, M.; Roy M. Hescocock, S. W.; Eugene H. Flint, J. W.; Earle H. Jackson, S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. William R. Houdlett, M.; Owen D. Blenn, S. W.; Edward W. Goud, J. W.; Norris S. Lord, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10
- Drummond, 118, Parsonfield. Harrison F. Doe, M.; Reuben Fenderson, S. W.; Fred N. Leavitt, J. W.; Albert R. Leavitt (Limerick, R. F. D. 2), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. Walter R. Fall, M.; Herbert E. Haley, S. W.; William A. Yates, J. W.; Clarence B. Rumery (Masonic Bldg.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 19
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. Edward L. Wadsworth, M.; Ira C. Taylor, S. W.; Nelson B. Camick, J. W.; Wheeler C. Hawkes (Box 312), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. Herbert G. Sawyer, M.; Bedford A. W. Boyd, S. W.; Charles E. Stevens, J. W.; William N. Gould, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggmoggin, 128, Sedgwick. Lewis H. Lane, M.; Myron C. Carter, S. W.; Roy S. Dority, J. W.; Hermann S. Chatto, S. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. Chesley A. Sawyer, M.; Orion Moody, S. W.; Walter S. Bird, J. W.; James M. Spence, S. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Charles H. Locke, M.; Frank R. Robinson, S. W.; Earl H. Kinney J. W.; Granville N. Bachelder, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Frederick A. Taylor, M.; Ralph A. Pierce, S. W.; Lerone Damon, J. W.; James E. Warren, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 26
- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Rollo Watkins, M.; Charles Herrick, S. W.; Clyde Handers, J. W.; Fred R. Mitchell, S. Meeting first Wednesday in each month; election, November. 8

- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. Perry H. Lowell, M.; George H. Blodget, S. W.; Leland N. Lord, J. W.; Paul A. Leland, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Percy L. Chase, M.; Asa H. Stanley, S. W.; Leo Averill, J. W.; Edwin B. Cole, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. Harry Martin, M.; George R. Bradbury, S. W.; Wilbur L., Raymond, J. W.; Augustus D. Dow, S. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. Maurice A. Dunn, M.; Frank P. Hooper, S. W.; Archie H. Taylor, J. W.; Fred W. Sanders, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15
- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Leon G. Hayes, M.; Freeman Trafton, S. W.; Alvali Warren, J. W.; Herman J. Seaward, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23
- Freedom, 42, Limerick. Martin Johnson, M.; Ralph E. Furlong, S. W.; John L. Burnham, J. W.; George A. Carpenter, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Guy C. Bean, M.; Walter V. Cole, S. W.; Fred A. Taylor, J. W.; Fred E. Ward, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. Edwin R. Berry, M.; A. Elray Dean, S. W.; Manard T. Chase, J. W.; Ralph A. Bacon (Box 27), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Irving P. Holman, M.; Lincoln B. Copp, S. W.; Elwood R. Milliken, J. W.; Francis A. Norton, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. Arthur G. Thombs, M.; Gustintine L. Wardwell, S. W.; Alva Clement, J. W.; Arthur W. Patterson, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. Ira C. Alden, M.; John W. Knight, S. W.; Charles C. Shaw, J. W.; Edgar R. Robinson, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Joseph L. Hall, M.; Otis W. Means, S. W.; Isaac W. Heaton, J. W.; Albert S. Allan, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermion, 32, Gardiner. Allen Clark, M.; Harold C. Smith, S. W.; Luke Hoyle, J. W.; Harry E. Larrabee, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. Richard E. Tuttle, M.; Ralph E. Green, S. W.; Frederick W. Grimmer, J. W.; William A. Seyford, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, June. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. Clarence H. Staples, M.; Austin G. Haynes, S. W.; Ralph P. Jipson, J. W.; Henry S. Pinkham, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Monday in December. 20

- Howard, 69, Winterport. Frank E. Downs, M.; Hubert Hall, S. W.; Charles T. Sinnott, J. W.; Ellery Bowden, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. William B. Snow, M.; Pearl S. Emerson, S. W.; Walter E. Stover, J. W.; Arthur C. Hinckley, S. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro. Leslie E. Smith, M.; Horace W. Sprague, S. W.; Lloyd R. Pendleton, J. W.; Henry P. Leavitt (Prepit), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. Winfield H. Craig, M.; William F. Edwards, S. W.; Daniel D. James, J. W.; John J. Marr, S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Clarence E. Cole, M.; Clarence J. Perham, S. W.; Albert H. Russ, J. W.; James L. Bowker, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. James H. Williams, M.; Ira B. Norton, S. W.; Frank C. Smith, J. W.; Edgar A. Worcester, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Harry H. Watson, M.; Charles A. Robbins, S. W.; James C. Sprague, J. W.; Ralph Miles, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 25
- Kemankeag, 213, Rangeley. Harrison B. Amber, M.; Howard H. Herrick, S. W.; Harry V. Kimball, J. W.; Charles L. Harnden, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 15
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Daniel W. Brown, M.; Fred T. Carter, S. W.; Charles M. Cushman, J. W.; F. Ernest Harvey, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Norman W. Gray, M.; James G. Bowden, S. W.; Wallace R. Brann, J. W.; Ernest S. Currier, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Clayton E. Eames, M.; Leon M. Wyman, S. W.; Omer C. Ward, J. W.; Myron C. Jewett, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. James A. Peavey, M.; William Law, S. W.; Orrison E. French, J. W.; Fred Amborn, S. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, December. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. Eben N. Hutchinson, M.; Parker M. Cooper, S. W.; Laforest O. Collins, J. W.; John L. Delano, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 26
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. Thomas L. Richards, M.; Jessie V. Benner, S. W.; Thomas C. Ashworth, J. W.; Clinton E. Matthews, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Harvey D. Crowley, M.; Parris A. Rackliffe, S. W.; Harry L. Waterman, J. W.; Winfield S. Clarke, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9

- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Fred E. Tingley, M.; Arian H. Jones, S. W.; William H. Rohr, J. W.; Costello Weston, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Charles Condon, M.; Phillip E. Thissell, S. W.; Henry E. Hilton, J. W.; Ernest W. Gilman, S. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. Harry C. McDowell, M.; Fred A. Robbins, S. W.; Dexter F. Robbins, J. W.; Theodore Morrison (Box 121), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Olin R. Harriman, M.; Donald H. Matherson, S. W.; James J. Clement, J. W.; Willis J. Greely, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Limestone, 214, Limestone. George P. Hamilton, M.; Edward F. Foster, S. W.; George S. Osborne, J. W.; Aubrey C. Frost, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 1
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. Frank B. Adams, M.; Benjamin H. Adams, S. W.; Thomas H. Levya, J. W.; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. Charles E. Maker, M.; John A. McGuire, S. W.; Ralph M. Lord, J. W.; Lucius E. Gardner, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Leon E. Rowe, M.; Walter J. Joy, S. W.; George L. Higgins, J. W.; Harry E. Rowe, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Norman S. Clement, (Bangor, R. F. D. 2), M.; Charles E. Young, S. W.; Walter A. Rudman, J. W.; Charles B. Cox (Bangor, R. F. D. 8), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Frank L. Manchester, M.; Wilder H. Dolliver, S. W.; Jay L. Robbins, J. W.; Eugene M. Stanley, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. John H. Gilkey, M.; Harry L. Goodwin, S. W.; Kenneth A. Robbins, J. W.; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting Monday week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Leslie W. Gray, M.; Fred P. Eaton, S. W.; Maurice P. Greenlaw, J. W.; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. Donald W. Vaughan, M.; Amos Simpson, S. W.; Clarence M. Myers, J. W.; Ralph M. Moody, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. Everett L. Cilley, M.; Leroy I. Staples, S. W.; Albert J. Lowe, J. W.; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanics', 66, Orono. Elmer R. Tobey, M.; Thomas S. Powers, S. W.; Charles E. Crossland, J. W.; Archer L. Grover, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6

- Orient, 15, Thomaston. George W. Montgomery, M.; Frank A. Beverage, S. W.; Samuel H. Reed, J. W.; Arthur J. Elliott, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. Edgar F. Collins, M.; William H. Wood, 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. Arthur W. Driscoll, M.; Raymond W. Allen, S. W.; Charles A. Libby, J. W.; William H. McKenney, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. Donald B. Patridge, M.; William A. Lewis, S. W.; Edward H. Downing, J. W.; Raymond H. Eastman, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. Sylvester E. Prescott, M.; Wilson S. Smith, S. W.; Vernon B. Packard, J. W.; Byron B. Buswell, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. Norman F. Burrill, M.; Roy D. Pearson, S. W.; Orlie L. Sprague, J. W.; Clarence A. Rogers, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. Irving O. Barrows, M.; William L. Frothingham, S. W.; Albert F. Stevens, J. W.; Harold C. Fletcher, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Willis D. Austin, M.; William Knapp, S. W.; Joseph P. Rand, 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. Raymond B. Dyer, M.; Lawriston A. Nichols, S. W.; Herman H. Coombs, J. W.; Fuller C. Wentworth, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Warren S. Coombs, M.; Carroll F. Shedd, S. W.; Henry E. Haynes, J. W.; Don C. Reynolds, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Hugh B. Bartlett, M.; Maurice Bartlett, S. W.; Hermon H. Kirk, J. W.; Harry S. McGowan, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Melvin B. Kittredge, M.; Walter E. Dillon, S. W.; Aaron W. Day, J. W.; Frank E. Monroe, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, February. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Victor H. Hershaw (Brownville Junc.), M.; Harold S. Galey, S. W.; Charles H. McDonald, J. W.; Joseph G. Henderson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. Andrew P. Leighton, M.; George M. Jackson, S. W.; Harvey A. Wallace, J. W.; A. Lincoln Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Charles H. Davis, M.; Hanson G. Cookson, S. W.; Harry E. Smart, J. W.; Herbert E. Clark, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22

- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Chester L. Shepherd, M.; Philip A. Roberts, S. W.; Russell L. Phinney, J. W.; Lucius M. LeMont (923 Middle St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. Peter G. Peterson, M.; Warren Mosses, S. W.; Edwin L. Lynch, J. W.; Charles H. Small (216 Spring St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, June. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Robert Andrews, M.; Percy Kneeland, S. W.; Irving Littlefield, J. W.; Clyde Merrithew, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. Frank E. Flemming, M.; Fred L. Gowen, S. W.; Harry Siddle, J. W.; John Wright, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. Fred R. Crockett, M.; Robert N. Toms, S. W.; Orville V. Haskell, 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.; Hugh W. Hastings, J. W.; Tobias L. Eastman, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. George W. Butler, M.; Orren A. Tibbetts, S. W.; Aubrey L. Fuller, J. W.; Allen L. Maddocks, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. Frank I. Hall, M.; Ernest F. Lever, S. W.; Dyke L. Quackenbush, J. W.; Edwin L. Goss, (41 Main St.), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, January. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. Manard L. Gray, M.; Edwin A. Knowlton, S. W.; Alexander McGuffie, J. W.; Robert McGuffie, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Dover L. Southard, M.; F. Ray McKenney, S. W.; W. Wallace Gardner, J. W.; J. Franklin Harris, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Eugene H. Guilford, M.; Herbert P. Grindle, S. W.; Burton L. Wardwell, J. W.; Earl F. Sellers, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Ethel D. Bowden, M.; J. B. Clement, S. W.; Linwood A. Gray, J. W.; Howard H. Dunbar, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. Ira W. Barker, M.; Leo W. Pratt, S. W.; John W. Downes, J. W.; Alvoid E. Cushman (18 Chatham St.), S. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Henry P. Bond, M.; Danford D. Drake, S. W.; Earl A. Hodgkins, J. W.; Carl J. Longren, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, second Wednesday in December. 10
- Rockland, 79, Rockland. Harry F. Smith, M.; Anson M. Glidden, S. W.; Charles Oakes, J. W.; Albert I. Mather, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9

- Rural, 53, Sidney. Sanford A. Philbrook, M.; George M. Ellis, S. W.; William W. Cowan, J. W.; Arthur W. Hammond (R. F. D. 7, Augusta), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Saco, 9, Saco. Melville L. Gordon, M.; Archibald F. Houston, S. W.; Robert Mowat, Jr., J. W.; Elroy H. Mitchell, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19
- St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Harry H. Rich, M.; Harvey E. Knowles, S. W.; Earle R. Herbach, J. W.; Carroll A. Weeks (299 Essex St.), S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6
- St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. Howard C. Goodwin, M.; Maurice H. Grover, S. W.; John H. Strong, J. W.; Samuel H. Junkins, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- St. Croix, 46, Calais. Harold H. Murchie, M.; Thomas F. Marshall, S. W.; Thomas W. Zello, J. W.; Isaac N. Jones, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- St. George, 16, Warren. William H. Robinson, M.; John K. Connell, S. W.; Alvah S. Simmons, J. W.; Malcolm J. Hill, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- St. John's, 51, South Berwick. Charles F. Blaisdell, M.; Frederick L. Davis, S. W.; Maurice L. Hobbs, J. W.; Wallace N. Flanders, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19
- St. Paul's, 82, Rockport. E. Steward Orbeton, M.; John W. Buzzell, S. W.; Walter E. Carroll, J. W.; Edwin H. Bowers, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Percy W. Coombs, M.; Charles F. Greenleaf, S. W.; Frank Skillins, J. W.; Edward J. Hutchinson, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Sebasticook, 146, Clinton. Frank D. Spinney, M.; Ross S. Holt, S. W.; Earle Elliott, J. W.; Perley L. Cotton, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. Frank W. Harmon, M.; Chester A. Linscott, S. W.; Harry E. Durgan, J. W.; Jesse S. Rowe, (East Brownfield), S. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. James F. Aikens, M.; Walter C. Woodman, S. W.; Aleson H. Smith, J. W.; George M. Chapman, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Harvey E. Thompson, M.; Francis G. Cooke, S. W.; Henry G. Shaw, J. W.; Albert L. Strout (11 Oak St.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. Edwin P. Whiting, M.; Leslie E. Jacobs, S. W.; Gerald C. Marble, J. W.; John H. Lancaster, S. Meeting second Monday; election, June. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. C. Harold Ogden, M.; Howard L. Richardson, S. W.; Clifford Holdsworth, J. W.; Arthur E. Horne, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23

- Standish, 70, Standish. Elmer R. Higgins, M.; Fred E. Cole, S. W.; Joseph T. Swasey, J. W.; George E. Bazier, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. Harry A. Matthews, M.; Ernest M. Cummings, S. W.; Robert L. Buzzell, J. W.; Edward A. Merrill, S. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Charles Y. Gaffam, M.; Claude W. Mussey, S. W.; Carlisle P. Whitten, J. W.; Lloyd W. Tozier, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Arthur A. Walton, M.; H. Clair Miller, S. W.; Ora M. Maxim, J. W.; Linwood B. Jones, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. Edward P. Harlow, M.; Earl A. Anderson S. W.; Ralph W. Knowlton, J. W.; Harry L. Lowell, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Milton C. Stevenson, M.; Harold Ladd, S. W.; Leslie A. Follett, J. W.; Charles E. Johnson, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, October. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. L. Kenneth Green, M.; Arthur A. Abbott, S. W.; Ralph C. Chapman, J. W.; Irving M. Curtis, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Sim H. Mayo, M.; Ferdinand Reed, S. W.; Wesley Carroll, J. W.; William R. Keene (Manset), S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Otis B. Stevens, M.; Carl A. Weick, S. W.; George J. Brown, J. W.; Vivian E. Howe, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. William A. Cleaves, M.; John T. Irons, S. W.; Harry Brown, J. W.; Everett E. Kane, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. Burbank E. Strout, M.; Ernest M. Davenport, S. W.; Lawrence O. Merrill, J. W.; Windsor A. Golderman, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Walter E. Burgess, M.; William C. Gleason, S. W.; Leroy G. Williams, J. W.; Charles M. Lucas, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. William H. Farrar, M.; Edwin C. Patten, S. W.; Edgar R. Comee, J. W.; Joseph S. Stetson, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. Fred L. Thurston, M.; Elisha P. Webster, S. W.; Charles R. Bowley, J. W.; Howard N. Harmon, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. George Haverly, M.; Carl B. Lord, S. W.; Ralph Canham, J. W.; Herbert Muir, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12

- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Allston W. Tyler, M.; B. Ralph Cram, S. W.; Lawrence Hill, J. W.; Carl F. Fellows, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Albert Henderson, M.; Horace J. Whiting, S. W.; Edward B. Sprague, J. W.; Edward L. White, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. Henry F. Hall, M.; Charles C. Hall, S. W.; Charles H. Dowling, J. W.; Francis L. Talbot, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Robert B. Waltman, M.; Carroll W. Andersen, S. W.; Clifford A. Mayo, J. W.; Almon N. Waterhouse, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Harry E. Umphrey, M.; Amos P. Bagley, S. W.; Frank L. Carver, J. W.; Irving S. Whitaker, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. Charles S. Homes, M.; Herbert E. Adams, S. W.; John W. Peabody, J. W.; Irving W. Case, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. George W. Hoxie, M.; Harry E. Green, S. W.; W. Hartwell Pollard, J. W.; Chas. Leroy Jones, S. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. George W. Wood, M.; Lloyd B. Scott, S. W.; Edward H. Danforth, J. W.; Herbert L. Jordan, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. Robert W. Poor, M.; Charles L. Briggs, S. W.; Kenneth W. Sampson, J. W.; William A. Lucas, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 26
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. James W. Monroe, M.; Lester V. North, S. W.; Joseph W. Perkins, J. W.; Harry J. Trefethen, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. Stillman R. Nash, M.; Earl B. Tracy, S. W.; Rudolph Smalledge, J. W.; Hollis E. Joy, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 21
- York, 22, Kennebunk. Joseph T. Cole, M.; Howard C. Wakefield, S. W.; George E. Larrabee, J. W.; Albert W. Merserve, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. H. Edwin Hayes, M.; Ernest L. Bracey, S. W.; Forrest S. Hayes, J. W.; Chester A. Batchelder, S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 19

List of Lodges by Districts

DISTRICT No. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master — WILLIAM N. GOULD, 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 — JAMES ABERNETHY, West Pembroke.

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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 — EDGAR A. WORCESTER, Jonesport.

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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 — NORRIS L. HEATH, Orland.

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| 4 Hancock, Castine. | 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. |
| 122 Marine, Deer Isle. | 187 Ira Berry, Bluehill. |
| 128 Eggmoggin, Sedgwick. | 195 Reliance, Stonington. |
| 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. | 210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. |

DISTRICT No. 5.

District Deputy Grand Master — CHARLES W. HAYES, Dover-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 — ALVOID E. CUSHMAN, Bangor.
(18 Chatham Street).

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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 — ARTHUR H. NORTON, Liberty.

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| 45 Central, China. | 111 Liberty, Liberty. |
| 58 Unity, Thorndike. | 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. |
| 85 Star in the West, Unity. | 146 Sebasticook, Clinton. |
| 102 Marsh River, Brooks. | |

DISTRICT No. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master — GEORGE R. WILSON, Searsport.

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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 — RALPH B. LEWIS, Union.

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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 — GEORGE A. COWAN, Damariscotta.

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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 — JOHN C. ARNOLD, 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 — EDWARD G. PALMER, Kent's Hill.

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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 — HAROLD A. COLEMAN, Bingham.

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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 — JOHN L. MERRILL, Durham.
(46 High Street, Lewiston).

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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 — HENRY E. KNAPP, West Farmington.

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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 — CLARENCE H. PRIDE, East Waterford.

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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 — JOSEPH B. MANCHESTER, North Gorham.

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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 — L. MURRAY WATKINS, Cornish.

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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 — HAROLD B. BOURNE, 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 — RAYMOND HAMM, Springfield.

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| 93 Horeb, Lincoln. | 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. |
| 148 Forest, Springfield. | 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. |

DISTRICT No. 21.

District Deputy Grand Master — HARRY E. ROWE, Ellsworth.

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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 — FRED C. ELDRIDGE, Cambridge.

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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 — GEORGE H. SMITH, Waterboro,

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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 — JOHN S. P. H. WILSON, Auburn.

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 — CHARLES H. BOWERS, Sherman Mills.

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 — GERALD A. PEABODY, Rumford.

30 Blazing Star, Rumford.	147 Evening Star, Buckfield.
57 King Hiram, Dixfield.	167 Whitney, Canton.

ADDRESSES

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Freeport, Maine.

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Grand Secretary,

Portland, Maine.

REV. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Committee on Correspondence,

Bangor, Maine.

Towns in Maine where Masonic Lodges are Located

Location.	Lodge.	District.
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

CASTINE,	Hancock, 4,	4
CHARLESTON,	Olive Branch, 124,	6
CHERRYFIELD,	Narraguagus, 88,	3
CHINA,	Central, 45,	7
CLINTON,	Sebasticoock, 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
DURNHAM,	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

KENNEBUNK,	York, 22,	19
KENNEBUNKPORT,	Arundel, 76,	19
KINGFIELD,	Mount Abram, 204,	15
KITTERY,	Naval, 184,	19
LAGRANGE,	Composite, 168,	5
LEWISTON,	Ashlar, 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
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
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,	Kamankeag, 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,	Eggemoggin, 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
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, 183,	9
SOUTHWEST HARBOR,	Tremont, 77,	21
STANDISH,	Standish, 70,	17
STONINGTON,	Reliance, 195,	4
STOCKTON SPRINGS,	Pownal, 119,	8
STRONG,	Davis, 191,	15
TENANT'S 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
VINALHAVEN,	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

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 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
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,	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,	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 Kineo,	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 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

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,	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,	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 Nolleseme,	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.

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.

Permanent Members

M. W.	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	Sabattus,	P. G. M.
"	HUGH R. CHAPLIN,	Bangor,	"
"	CHARLES F. JOHNSON,	Portland,	"
"	EDMUND B. MALLET,	Freeport,	"
"	ASHLEY A. SMITH,	Bangor,	"
"	THOMAS H. BODGE,	Augusta,	"
"	WALDO PETTENGILL,	Rumford,	"
"	SILAS B. ADAMS,	Portland,	"
"	EDWARD W. WHEELER,	Brunswick,	"
R. W.	GEORGE R. SHAW,	Portland,	P. S. G. W.
"	ALBERT M. PENLEY,	Auburn,	"
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"	EDWIN A. PORTER,	Pittsfield,	"
"	CHARLES W. CROSBY,	Kent's Hill,	"
"	W. SCOTT SHOREY,	Bath,	"
"	JOHN CLAIR MINOT,	Boston, Mass.,	"
"	FRANK J. COLE,	Bangor,	"
"	ISAAC N. JONES,	Calais,	"
"	FRANK E. MONROE,	Milo,	"
"	FRED C. CHALMERS,	Bangor,	"
"	ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	Portland,	"
"	FRED RAYMOND,	Livermore Falls,	"
"	ALBERT H. NEWBERT,	Rockland,	"
"	WILLIS A. RICKER,	Castine,	"
"	WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON,	Fort Fairfield,	"
"	JOHN J. MARR,	Island Falls,	"
"	JOHN M. BURLEIGH,	South Berwick,	"
"	ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	Lewiston,	P. J. G. W.
"	HOWARD D. SMITH,	Norway,	"
"	WM. FREEMAN LORD,	Auburn,	"
"	GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL,	Pittsfield,	"
"	ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	Portland,	"
"	MILLARD M. CASWELL,	Bridgton,	"
"	FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	Portland,	"
"	JOHN H. MCGORRILL,	Deering,	"
"	JAMES C. AYER,	Cornish,	"
"	CHARLES F. PAINE,	Bar Harbor,	"
"	EDWARD G. WESTON,	Thomaston,	"
"	ALBERT M. AMES,	Stockton Springs,	"
"	LEON S. HOWE,	Presque Isle,	"
"	GEORGE W. HOLMES,	Norway,	"
"	WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY,	Lisbon,	"

R. W. SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS,	Lewiston,	P. J. G. W.
" CONVERS E. LEACH,	Portland,	"
" GEORGE A. GILPATRIC,	Kennebunk,	"
" FRANK B. ARNOLD,	Needham Heights, Mass.,	"
" RALPH W. MOORE,	Hampden,	"
" EDWIN K. SMITH,	Lewiston,	"
" CARROLL S. DOUGLASS,	Guilford,	"
" WALLACE N. PRICE,	Richmond,	"
" LEE M. SMITH,	Norway,	"
" ALLEN L. CURTIS,	Belfast,	"

Permanent Members Deceased

Past Grand Masters.

M. W. WILLIAM KING,	M. W. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,
" SIMON GREENLEAF,	" WILLIAM P. PREBLE,
" WILLIAM SWAN,	" TIMOTHY J. MURRAY,
" CHARLES FOX,	" JOHN H. LYNDE,
" SAMUEL FESSENDEN,	" DAVID CARGILL,
" ROBERT P. DUNLAP,	" ALBERT MOORE,
" NATHANIEL COFFIN,	" EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
" RUEL WASHBURN,	" CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,
" ABNER B. THOMPSON,	" MARQUIS F. KING,
" HEZEKIAH WILLIAMS,	" WILLIAM R. G. ESTES,
" THOMAS W. SMITH,	" FESSENDEN I. DAY,
" JOHN T. PAINE,	" ALBRO E. CHASE,
" ALEX'R H. PUTNEY,	" HENRY R. TAYLOR,
" JOSEPH C. STEVENS,	" HORACE H. BURBANK,
" JOHN C. HUMPHREYS,	" AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM,
" FREEMAN BRADFORD,	" JOSEPH A. LOCKE,
" TIMOTHY CHASE,	" WINFIELD S. CHOATE,
" JOHN MILLER,	" ALFRED S. KIMBALL,
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" DAVID C. MAGOUN,	" SAMUEL L. VALENTINE,
" ASAPH R. NICHOLS,	" JOHN J. BELL.

Past Senior Grand Wardens.

R. W. GEORGE THACHER,	R. W. SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE,
" JOHN J. MEGQUIER,	" JOHN B. REDMAN,
" JOEL MILLER,	" ARLINGTON B. MARSTON,
" EZRA B. FRÈNCH,	" 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,	" WILLIAM N. HOWE.

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R. W. J. W. MITCHELL,	R. W. A. M. WETHERBEE,
" REUBEN NASON,	" AUGUSTUS BAILEY,
" FRYE HALL,	" EDWIN HOWARD VOSE,
" STEPHEN WEBBER,	" CHARLES W. HANEY,
" WILLIAM SOMERBY,	" GOODWIN R. WILEY,
" THOMAS B. JOHNSTON,	" BENJAMIN AMES,
" WILLIAM KIMBALL,	" BENJAMIN L. HADLEY,
" JOHN WILLIAMS,	" GEORGE W. MCCLAIN,
" STEPHEN B. DOCKHAM,	" WILFORD J. FISHER,
" OLIVER GERRISH,	" SAMUEL G. DAVIS,
" JOSEPH COVELL,	" ALGERNON M. ROAK,
" FRANCIS J. DAY,	" SAMUEL L. MILLER,
" THOMAS K. OSGOOD,	" CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,
" JOHN W. BALLOU,	" ADELBERT MILLETT,
" MOSES TAIT,	" ERNEST P. PARLIN,
" HENRY H. DICKEY,	

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FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO 1922

GRAND MASTERS.

William King, 1820, '21*	Albert Moore, 1875, '76*
Simon Greenleaf, 1822, '23*	Edward P. Burnham, 1877, '78*
William Swan, 1824, '25*	Charles I. Collamore, 1879, '80*
Charles Fox, 1826, '27*	Marquis F. King, 1881, '82*
Samuel Fessenden, 1828, '29*	William R. G. Estes, 1883, '84*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1830, '31*	Fessenden I Day, 1885, '86*
Nathaniel Coffin, 1832-34*	Frank E. Sleeper, 1887, '88
Reuel Washburn, 1835-37*	Albro E. Chase, 1889, '90*
Abner B. Thompson, 1838-40*	Henry R. Taylor, 1891, '92*
Hezekiah Williams, 1841*	Horace H. Burbank, 1893, '94*
Thomas W. Smith, 1842-44*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1895, '96*
John T. Paine, 1845, '46*	Joseph A. Locke, 1897, '98*
Alexander H. Putney, 1847, '48*	Winfield S. Choate, 1899, 1900*
Joseph C. Stevens, 1849, '50*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1901, 1902*
John C. Humphreys, 1851, '52*	William J. Burnham, 1903*
Freeman Bradford, 1853*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1904, '05
Timothy Chase, 1854*	Charles F. Johnson, 1906, '07
John Miller, 1855*	Edmund B. Mallet, 1908, '09
Jabez True, 1856*	Ashley A. Smith, 1910, '11
Robert P. Dunlap, 1857*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1912, '13*
Hiram Chase, 1858, '59*	Thomas H. Bodge, 1914, '15
Josiah H. Drummond, 1860-62*	Waldo Pettengill, 1916, '17
William P. Preble, 1863-65*	Silas B. Adams, 1918, '19
Timothy J. Murray, 1866-68*	Edward W. Wheeler, 1920, '21
John H. Lynde, 1869-71*	Albert M. Spear, 1922
David Cargill, 1872-74*	

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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.

Elisha Harding, 1846*
 Samuel L. Valenine, 1847, '48*
 John C. Humphreys, 1849, '50*
 Freeman Bradford, 1851, '52*
 Timothy Chase, 1853*
 Jabez True, 1854, '55*
 Hiram Chase, 1856, '57*
 Josiah H. Drummond, 1858, '59*
 William P. Preble, 1860-62*
 John J. Bell, 1863*
 Timothy J. Murray, 1864, '65*
 John H. Lynde, 1866-68*
 David Cargill, 1869-71*
 Albert Moore, 1872-74*
 Edward P. Burnham, 1875, '76*
 Charles I. Collamore, 1877, '78*
 Marquis F. King, 1879, '80*
 William R. G. Estes, 1881, '82*
 Fessenden I. Day, 1883, '84*
 Frank E. Sleeper, 1885, '86

Albro E. Chase, 1887, '88*
 Henry R. Taylor, 1889, '90*
 Horace H. Burbank, 1891, '92*
 Augustus B. Farnham, 1893, '94*
 Joseph A. Locke, 1895, '96*
 Winfield S. Choate, 1897, '98*
 Alfred S. Kimball, 1899, 1900*
 William J. Burnham, 1901, '02*
 Hugh R. Chaplin, 1903
 Charles F. Johnson, 1904, '05
 Edmund B. Mallet, 1906, '07
 Ashley A. Smith, 1908, '09
 Elmer P. Spofford, 1910, '11*
 Thomas H. Bodge, 1912, '13
 Waldo Pettengill, 1914, '15
 Silas B. Adams, 1916, '17
 Edward W. Wheeler, 1918, '19
 Albert M. Spear, 1920, '21
 David E. Moulton, 1922

SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

William Swan, 1820, 1821*
 Charles Fox, 1822, '23*
 Samuel Fessenden, 1824, '25*
 George Thacher, Jr., 1826, '27*
 Robert P. Dunlap, 1828, '29*
 Amos Nourse, 1830, '31*
 John L. Megquier, 1832-34*
 Joel Miller, 1835-37*
 Thomas W. Smith, 1838-41*
 John T. Paine, 1842-44*
 Alexander H. Putney, 1845, '46*
 John C. Humphreys, 1847, '48*
 Freeman Bradford, 1849, '50*
 Timothy Chase, 1851, '52*
 Jabez True, 1853*
 Ezra B. French, 1854, '55*
 Isaac Downing, 1856*
 William Allen, 1857*
 Gustavus F. Sargent, 1858, '59*
 John J. Bell, 1860, '61*
 David Bugbee, 1862*
 Edmund Hinckley, 1863*
 Francis L. Talbot, 1864, '65*
 David Cargill, 1866-68*
 Thaddeus R. Simonton, 1869, '70*

Albert Moore, 1871*
 Edward P. Burnham, 1872-74*
 William O. Poor, 1875*
 Charles I. Collamore, 1876*
 Marquis F. King, 1877, '78*
 Sumner J. Chadbourne, 1879*
 William R. G. Estes, 1880*
 John B. Redman, 1881*
 Arlington B. Marston, 1882*
 William H. Smith, 1883*
 Frank E. Sleeper, 1884
 Joseph M. Hayes, 1885*
 Albro E. Chase, 1886*
 Horace H. Burbank, 1887*
 Leander M. Kenniston, 1888*
 Manly G. Trask, 1898*
 Daniel P. Boynton, 1890*
 George R. Shaw 1891
 Augustus B. Farnham, 1892*
 Joseph A. Locke, 1893*
 Herbert Harris, 1894*
 Winfield S. Choate, 1895*
 Albert M. Penley, 1896
 Alfred S. Kimball, 1897*
 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
 John M. Burleigh, 1921
 Lewman B. Soper, 1922

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. McGorriell, 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
 Allen L. Curtis, 1921
 Charles M. Farrer, 1922

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*
 Millard F. Hicks, October, 1904-
 April 3, 1914*

Frederick Fox, 1883-94*
 M. F. King, June 1894-1904*
 Albro E. Chase, 1914 to September, 1921*
 Edmund B. Mallet, October 1,
 1921, 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



ALBRO ELMORE CHASE

Past Grand Master

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TO THE MEMORY

OF

M. Ill. Albro F. Chase

Grand Master in 1889, 1890

Born in Paris, Me., October 9, 1844

Died in Portland, Me., September 8, 1921

"When such men as he die
Their places ye may not well supply,
Though ye among thousands try
With vain endeavor."

Brethren Died During the Year

From March 1, 1921 to March 1, 1922

Those marked * were returned as buried with Masonic rites.

1 Portland, Portland. Donald C. Leach, * March 24; Fritz H. Jordan, June 21; Charles A. Bradley, * September 3; Albro Elmore Chase, * September 8; Briceno M. Eastman, November 3; Robert B. Swift, * February 10.

2 Warren, East Machias. Willard S. Cates, * July 28; C. Hollis White, * September 1; Henry A. Andrews, * September 15; Charles H. Everett, * March 21.

3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. Noah R. Colby, December 3; William S. Damon, April 21; Alvin G. French, October 31; Luke Andrews Gorham, November 17.

4 Hancock, Castine. William Adams, unknown; Alvarado Gray, April 6; C. Fred Jones, * May 16; Charles W. Noyes, * December 20.

6 Amity, Camden. John E. McNamara, July 17; Elwin H. Libby, December 3; Frank O. Clark, December 8; George A. Thorndike, December 13.

7 Eastern, Eastport. Thomas L. Holmes, May 11; Walter F. Bradish, * October 8; Daniel E. Archibald, October 24; Frank Boomer, February 24.

8 United, Brunswick. George L. Skolfield, April 7; Fred A. Wheeler, October 13; Philip R. Goodrich, February 11.

9 Saco, Saco. Everard W. Dyer, March 22; Gilman N. Deering, April 11; Abram T. Lord, May 8; Samuel C. Gilpatric, May 14; Thomas J. Hodet, May 26; Frank A. Benson, September 15.

10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Edward T. Boyd, August 2; Albert G. Noyes, November 29.

12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. Asa P. Morrill, * June 15; Vernon C. Grant, * July 13; Charles A. Haskell, * August 25; Charles E. Robinson, * September 18; John W. Stevens, * December 23; Andrew R. Bunker, January 17.

13 Oriental, Bridgton. Daniel Wiggins, October 12, 1920; John L. Merserve, July 14; Harry A. Cook, November 16; Joseph F. Chute, October 21; Frank L. Alexander, December 14.

14 Solar, Bath. George L. Harris, April 14; John C. Stevens, May 2; James T. Greenlaw, August 10; Irving J. Perry, November 18; Joshua F. Upton, February 26.

15 Orient, Thomaston. Charles A. Benson, July 19; Osborne T. Sumner, November 11; Edmond J. Starret, January 5; Alfred B. Sampson, January 19; Charles B. Oliver, February 16.

16 St. George, Warren. Harry L. Russell, October 30; Ellis A. Starrét, January 22.

17 Ancient Landmark, Portland. Henry J. Hammett,* March 26; James Phinney Baxter, May 10; William H. Fultz,* September 19; Fred Howland, June 9; John Williamson, November 21; Robert P. Jewett, January 11; Clarence B. Stephenson, January 28; Lewis A. Goudy, February 10; Frank W. Robinson, February 16.

18 Oxford, Norway. Albert Thompson, April 24; Clifford M. Buck, June 16.

19 Felicity, Bucksport. Oscar F. Fellows, (Secretary gives no date); Edward F. Sennett, February 17.

20 Maine, Farmington. Ernest John Webster,* May 17; Jabez Currier Tarbox, December 17.

21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. Ira T. Timberlake, March 25; Ellis A. Morse, March 25; Fred F. Cooley, May 19; Herbert E. Haines, May 23; Eugene E. Allen, June 25; Ezeikel B. Bray, November 15; William J. Erskine, November 27; John Moody, November 30; Roscoe H. Thompson, December 7; L. M. Howard, date unknown.

23 Freeport, Freeport. Arthur C. Bowden, December 10; George W. Soule, January 3.

24 Phoenix, Belfast. William A. Wood, March 2; William E. Kotman, March 11; George W. Pattershall, April 24; Alvin H. Ellis,* May 6; Thomas W. Pitcher, October 29; William A. Mason, November 17; William L. West, December 22; Charles E. Deane, January 4; John W. Ferguson, January 6.

25 Temple, Winthrop. Augustus N. Berry, November 2; Levi Elwood Jones,* December 19; George W. Bates,* February 13.

26 Village, Bowdoinham. Albert M. Graves,* December 23.

27 Adoniram, Limington. Hardy H. McKenney, February 22.

28 Northern Star, North Anson. Arthur G. Knowles, date unknown; Olestin W. Savage, October 15; Jefferson Spearin, October 28; Henry Jackson, October 29; Leo C. Caswell, January 24; Columbus Marshall, February 1.

29 Tranquil, Auburn. Arthur C. Sprague, April 28; Paul A. Ames, June 18; Charles D. Hasty, June 22; James E. Larrabee, June 24; Pardon D. Allen, September 14; R. E. Hathaway, September 17; Pliny B. Barrows, October 14; Eugene W. Penley, December 9; James Elms, January 14; Howard L. Holmes, January 16.

30 Blazing Star, Rumford. Asa C. Bosworth, December 25; Peter C. Thomas, December 16; Wesley H. Woods, February 3; Arthur F. Lincoln, February 17.

32 Hermon, Gardiner. Charles E. Arthur,* March 2; Harvey E. Trask, August 11; William M. Wood,* September 13; Walter S. Kirk,* September 22; William E. Moody,* February 22.

33 Waterville, Waterville. John Max Clark,* April 14; Charles H. Alden, June 15; Llewellyn Morrill, September 11; Sylvanus H. Russell,* October 13; Harry S. Williams, November 26; Flavius O. Beal, January 13.

34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Young Stafford, January 1, 1920; Joseph H. Lancaster, August 1; Charles V. Richards, August 24; Adam Simpson, November 29; Benjamin F. Eaton, February 15.

35 Bethlehem, Augusta. Melvin S. Holway, May 23; Howard Owen, June 29; Henry S. Haskell, August 6; Frank H. Fairfield, October 5; George F. Messer, December 5; Frank L. Pond,* December 5; Ward G. Holmes, December 23; Warren L. Smith, February 5.

36 Casco, Yarmouth. Clarence E. Tryon, March 10; James B. Lord, February 15.

37 Washington, Lubec. Isaac Parker, June, 1918; J. Benjamin Smith, July, 1920; Edgar F. Wilson, October, 1920; Willie Wormell, lost at sea; J. Lambe, May 3; George M. Foster, August 18; Daniel K. Hanson, January 15.

38 Harmony, Gorham. Charles E. Cobb, July 1; James F. Greenleaf, October 12; Robert H. Smith, July 1.

39 Penobscot, Dexter. Charles M. Russell, April 28; Gordon M. Sharp, May 5; Charles E. Burgess, May 12; Charles T. Moses, September 13; Charles M. Foss, October 9.

40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. Charles E. Martin, March 24; 1920; Lawrence Silvia, February, 1921; Clifton M. Stratton, November 27; Burton B. Walker, December 23; James L. Cook, January 11; George E. Davis, January 17; Levi A. Wyman,* January 27.

41 Morning Star, Litchfield. Horace G. Williams,* January 30.

42 Freedom, Limerick. Charles Holland, December 11.

43 Alna, Damariscotta. Charles W. Stetson, July 26; Andrew W. Fuller, August 25; Charles M. Jones, February 27.

44 Piscataquis, Milo. Edward Youngblood,* March 2; Robert McD. Moser, March 16; Fred W. Parlin,* March 30; Charles D. Luce, April 8; Abner Ramsdell,* August 30; Bela B. Kimball,* November 4; Edward F. Chase, January 22.

45 Central, China. Carroll W. Abbott, Ruel W. Shorey, Fred J. Roberts (Secretary furnishes no dates).

46 St. Croix, Calais. Winfield Scott Cook,* March 21; Benjamin Gardner, August 24; Charles E. Adams,* January 24; Isaac W. Leeman,* February 27.

47 Dunlap, Biddeford. Henry P. Atkinson, April 1; Charles E. Hussey, May 28; John B. Lowell, July 11; Dayton T. Moore, September 12; Alexander Edgar, January 26.

48 Lafayette, Readfield. Gustavus Smith, April 28; John Morrill Williams, June 27.

49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. Austin I. Harvey, April 9; Marcellus P. White,* November 26.

50 Aurora, Rockland. Peter Quinlan, February 28, 1921; Charles McLeod, March 13; Hanson Gregory, Jr., June 13; Lucius E. Cobb, June 19; Giles A. Stuart, July 6; Eugene H. Rose, August 8; James E. Rhodes, September 9; Robert N. Marsh, October 28; George H. Allen,* January 26; Frederick A. Norton, February 23.

51 St. John's, South Berwick. Warren L. Cook, March 4; Chester W. McIntire, August 20; Charles E. Goodwin, May 9; Ernest R. Mussey, July 12; Charles H. Burleigh, November 22; Daniel W. Sanborn, January 8.

52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. Henry C. Prentiss, April 2; Charles V. Wilson, May 2; Elmer E. Johnson, October 23; Charles O. Paine, January 30.

53 Rural, Sidney. Gorham K. Hastings, March 18.

54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. John H. Williams, September 9; Cony S. Haskell, October 26.

55 Fraternal, Alfred. Lester Durgin, May 12; Albra F. Hill, December 20; Philip F. Lord, January 21; Charles W. Allen, January 26.

56 Mount Moriah, Denmark. Charles H. Seller,* August 6; Joseph A. Bennett, September 3; Charles E. Whidden,* October 23.

57 King Hiram, Dixfield. Adolph F. Walters, November 13; Albert S. Trask, December 18; Parker T. Bradeen, May, 1920.

58 Unity, Thorndike. Daniel W. Dodge, March 30.

60 Star in the East, Old Town. Hayman Lait, March 8; James F. Bussell,* March 11; Willis Richardson,* August 28; David Carr, November 11.

61 King Solomon's, Lincolnville. Webster Hazelwood,* April 18; Theodore S. Brown,* May 6; William E. Lemond,* February 10.

63 Richmond, Richmond. J. Clark Flagg, May 15; Warren S. Voter, May 24; George Theobald,* July 6.

64 Pacific, Exeter. Fred E. Avery, September 28; Joseph A. Clark, 1920, in California, just reported.

65 Mystic, Hampden. Edward R. Lynn, October 15; T. Howard Stevenson, November 15; Carleton E. Whitney, November 26; Frank W. Lowe, January 17; Daniel A. Dillingham, January 22; Hazen W. Jordan, February 13.

66 Mechanics', Orono. Nathaniel Wilson, July 10; Simon R. Newman, August 17; William E. Rowell, February 26.

67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. Frank H. Wilbur, June 14; Harry P. Hill, June 15; George D. Toothaker, November 20; Rufus S. Beedy, November 24.

68 Mariners', Searsport. Leander M. Sargent, August 6.

69 Howard, Winterport. Robert Farquerson,* May 3; Percy M. Hall,* June 6; Robert Taylor, November 21.

70 Standish, Standish. John N. M. Berry, January 28, 1920; Leonard O. Buzzell, June 6; Dennis W. Stanley, February 20.

71 Rising Sun, Orland. Fred M. Keyes, March 19; Vincent J. Bree-man, March 22.

72 Pioneer, Ashland. James Kelley, November 26.

73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. Fred L. Marston, Nov. 21; Winfield S. Pulsifer, February 22; Lewin Jefferies, February 13; G. F. King. February 10.

75 Plymouth, Plymouth. Walter G. Lord, May 15.

76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Lemuel S. Sennett, September 2.

77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor. Albion R. Pray, March 18.

78 Crescent, Pembroke. Frank C. Gardner, May 8; Irvin S. Frost, May 19; Aurelius A. Brown, February 17.

79 Rockland, Rockland. Charles L. Smith, March 7; James L. Smith, June 20; Clinton J. Hamilton, July 11; John J. Brix, September 6; Samuel L. Britts, September 20; Henderson E. Nash,* September 25; Daniel W. Rhodes,* November 17; Frank J. Herrick, December 13.

80 Keystone, Solon. Horace Manson, November 16; Henry G. Hodgdon, January 28.

81 Atlantic, Portland. George C. Frye, May 13; James H. Sewall, May 16; Fred E. Allen, May 19; Albert E. Sconllar, May 19; James L. Jordan,* June 9; Albert M. Wentworth,* October 9; Henry Manley Call,* October 9; John W. Estle, October 13; Samuel B. Kelsey, November 30; Elmer A. Doten,* December 21; Benjamin F. Harris, February 15; James White,* February 17.

82 St. Paul's, Rockport. Frank H. Shaw, March 13; Henry T. Tolman, June 10; Jerry E. Doak, January 17; Avery Small, February 24.

83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. Alonzo K. Rollins, July 22, 1917; George K. Ingalls, April 25, 1919; Alec C. Mayberry, February 26, 1920; Frank S. Prescott, March 22; Walter M. Lowney, April 4; Bisbee B. Merrill, April 28; Lindley W. Gilman, May 12; Isaac J. Fairfield, July 1; William C. Mason, January 19.

84 Eureka, Tennant's Harbor. Frank Farnham, June 10, Charles G. Crocker, November 23.

85 Star in the West, Unity. Aaron P. Perkins, November 25; Thomas P. Cook, February 15.

86 Temple, Westbrook. Abner L. Hawkes, November 2; David K. Jackson, December 17; Lemuel S. Lane, December 23.

87 Benevolent, Carmel. Camillus K. Johnson, January 18.

88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. Edward S. Nash, March 9; William M. Nash, September 7; Charles F. Corliss, April 18.

89 Island, Islesboro. Lincoln N. Gilley, March 4; Lorenzo R. Pendleton, May 4; Solomon D. Pendleton, May 8; Herbert P. Bates, lost at sea, unknown; William E. Garland, April 12.

91 Harwood, Machias. Ernest Anderson, August 14; William P. Barry, January 12, 1921; Fred H. Bowly, June 30; John W. Chandler, October 19; George F. Grafton, June 26; Charles E. Grossharth, April 3; Fred O. Hichborn, March 6; William L. Holmes, May 21; Alberto Longfellow, October 22.

92 Siloam, Fairfield. Albion C. Ladd, March 19; George L. Eaton, May 14; Tyng W. Fogg, June 24; George W. Toppan, August 2; James L. Flewelling, August 6; William H. Totman, February 16.

93 Horeb, Lincoln. Foster E. Ames, October 14; Joseph E. Clifford, February 14; Jonas Taylor, August 19; Charles L. Fifield, September 10.

94 Paris. South Paris. Frank L. Starbird, September 29.

95 Corinthian, Hartland. Willis Batchelder, October 6; George A. Towle, June 27.

96 Monument, Houlton. Roscoe S. French, April 13; George Albert Hall, May 31; Isaac Bagnall, July 25; Thomas S. Estabrook, October 31; George F. White, January 30.

97 Bethel, Bethel. Elmer H. Young, August 28; Seth Walker, September 22; Melvin D. Sturtevant, November 5.

98 Katahdin, Patten. James H. Beattie, March 3; Ira Barker, July 12; Burton W. Howe, February 12.

99 Vernon Valley, Mount Vernon. H. Lee Butler, January 29; Josephus Brown, February 7.

100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. Charles H. Berry, March 20; C. Lester Heath, April 29.

101 Nezinscot, Turner. Sumner S. Merrill, April 7.

102 Marsh River, Brooks. Joseph R. Littlefield, August 15.

104 Dirigo, Weeks Mills. Daniel L. Clark, July 26; Merle B. Clark, January 25.

105 Ashlar, Lewiston. John Campbell, February 13; Edward P. Cooper, January 16; Menander Dennett, January 14; Henry T. Haskell, December 14; Walter W. Parmalee, June 12; Charles E. Tenney, March 20; Spofford T. Anderson, March 1, 1922.

106 Tuscan, Addison. James W. Bridgham, June 11; Albert P. Lindsay, October 20.

107 Day Spring, West Newfield. Charles E. Libby, March 4; Simon H. Watson, May 31; Willard W. Wesley, December 6.

109 Mount Kineo, Guilford. Elijah T. Pond, April 8; David B. Welts, October 30; Frank S. Murray, December 17; Mellin F. Ellis, December 31.

110 Monmouth, Monmouth. Daniel Willard Folsom (no date given).

111 Liberty, Liberty. E. Frank Bridges, March 11; Volney Thompson, April 28; Charles B. Cushman, November 3; Charles E. Shurman, October 9.

112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. Alfred D. Sawyer, June 20; Wilmot T. Ashby, July 3; Chadbourne W. Perry, December 11.

113 Messalonskee, Oakland. Pliny Lyons, April 3; Henry E. Batchelder, May 3; Fred H. Leech, January 4.

114 Polar Star, Bath. George H. W. Barton, May 7; Carl C. Troop, June 25; Lewis B. Swett, August 19; Albert G. Winslow, September 15; Gardner G. Deering, October 23; Alfred D. Stetson, November 3; Daniel Brundage, January 6.

115 Buxton, West Buxton. Artemas Harmon, no date given; James Hillingsworth, July 24.

116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. Edward Lowe, May 27; Hiram M. Pattee, June 27; Charles H. Hussey, February 13.

117 Greenleaf, Cornish. Thurston J. Pike, April 27; John P. Fitch, May 6; James M. Haley, July 20; John Stanley, Jr., January 18; George E. Fitch, February 7.

118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. Frank H. Towne, June 16; Horatio N. Milliken, January 5.

119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. John F. Libby, September; Frank Gould, September. (The Secretary furnishes no other dates).

121 Acacia, Durham. Rivillo M. Strout, no date given, Andrew G. Fritz, March 25; David S. Bragdon, October 31.

122 Marine, Deer Isle. Thomas T. Gay, September 16; Theodore H. Thompson, May 11; George R. Sylvester, July 14.

123 Franklin, New Sharon. Herbert W. Porter, February 14.

124 Olive Branch, Charleston. Clarence T. Ripley, December 12; Fred A. Thayer,* January 23.

125 Meridian, Pittsfield. Alonzo H. Burse,* May 7; Leon L. Libby,* December 31; Francis W. Briggs, April 16; George H. Morse, October 21; William Gray, December 31; Walter W. Wingate,* July 31; William L. Fairbanks, January 10.

126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. George G. Wells, August 19; Charles F. Swift, November 5; John B. Darling, January 20.

127 Presumpscot, North Windham. Erastus A. Plummer,* April 21; Herbert C. Sanders,* January 15.

128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. David Thurston, May 6, 1920; Henry F. Byard, April 1, 1920; Alfred Robbins, April 6; Charles W. Pert, April 6; D. Merrill Means,* December 27; Herbert S. Dorrity, February 21.

129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. Frederick S. Walls, March 15; John F. Paine, January 14.

130 Trinity, Presque Isle. Sidney Graves,* April 8; Charles Walter Oak,* July 6; Arthur E. Wight,* February 1.

133 Asylum, Wayne. Peter Lane Turner, September 6.

137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. Frank A. Brown, March 15; Earle F. Carter, July 20; Ervin L. Eldridge, May 4; John F. Tolman, October 20.

138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. John L. Bates, June 19; Hiram A. Bates, August 10.

139 Archon, East Dixmont. Enoch Piper, December 19, 1920; Fairfield Emery, May 26; Willis G. Tasker, August 8; Horace Croxford, October 18; Horace H. D. Smith,* November 11; Milton L. Porter,* January 14.

140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. Benjamin Chittick, November 26.

141 Augusta, Augusta. George A. Turner, June 19; James Wright, July 5; Hazen A. Beecher, September 9; Fred J. Jones, October 24; Frank R. Partridge, October 21; Clarence A. Clark, November 21; Albert L. Wells, December 2.

143 Preble, Sanford. George H. Nowell, June 9; Benjamin C. Smith, June 23; Arthur H. Allen, December 22.

144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. Joseph Ross Kenniston, April 18; Freeman Boynton, July 29; Byron C. Matthews, November 9; Waldo S. Boyd,* November 17; Eliphalet T. Marr,* January 17.

145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Levi B. Anthony, September 21; Levi Anthony, October 17; William H. Wallace, November 26.

146 Seabasticook, Clinton. Fayette H. Church, June 26; Isaac Bingham, July 1; Rutherford B. Thompson, October 11.

- 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. J. Blake Morrision, July 5; Elmer B. Austin, December 2.
- 148 Forest, Springfield. Daniel W. Cushman, April 28.
- 149 Doric, Monson. Algernon S. Genthner, March 24; Manley L. Clark, September 21; Oscar A. Erickson, October 1; William G. Mann, October 27; Walter C. Jackson, January 29.
- 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. William S. Briggs, April 4; T. Lloyd Pratt,* May 1; John A. Bibber, June 7; Alexander Ferguson, July 27; Rodney A. Swift,* September 19; Henry E. Morrissey,* October 14; Charles Horbury,* November 13; Charles H. Osgood, February 26.
- 153 Delta, Lovell. David P. Lord, June 12; Levi McAllister, June 28.
- 154 Mystic Tie, Weld. Japhet P. Maxwell, September 2; Albert Stover, September 10.
- 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. William W. Guerrier, August 21.
- 156 Wilton, Wilton. Howard H. Farrar,* April 26; Verner A. Trefethen, August 28; Fred B. Green, September 3; Alexander F. Taylor,* September 17; John D. Furnel, December 19.
- 157 Cambridge, Cambridge. Albert W. Randall, July 13; Melvin A. Randall, January 19; Harvey H. Eastman, February 2.
- 160 Parian, Corinna. Herbert B. Cousins, August 3.
- 161 Carrabasset, Canaan. John Grover, May 1; Horace A. Nason, June 29; George F. Barrett, January 15.
- 162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. Wilbur F. Clark, March 8; Murray Moores, July 5; Alvin A. Stevens, April 21.
- 163 Pleasant River, Brownville, Edwin Moses Johnston, October 11; Levi L. Page, June 28.
- 164 Webster, Sabattus. Frank E. Marr, May 8; John F. Hist, July 25.
- 165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. William R. Burdeen, June 27.
- 166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. Victor E. Warren, April 4.
- 167 Whitney, Canton. Otis Hayford, April 26.
- 169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. Llewellyn A. Wadsworth, January 1; Isaac C. Lowell, February 11; Willis I. Hodsdon, February 27.
- 170 Caribou, Caribou. Edwin J. Fenderson, November 5; Charles E. Oak, April 15; Benjamin P. Webb, December 23.
- 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. Gardner Carter, July 18.
- 173 Pleiades, Millbridge. George W. Davis, May 7; S. Roswell Talbut, no date given; Warren L. Pray, August 22; Amos G. Gay, December 13; Frank W. Savage, no date given.
- 174 Lynde, Hermon. West D. Eaton, March 10; Shepperd M. Luce, April 18.
- 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. John Fox, December 16; Louis J. Pitts, no date given; Henry H. Putnam,* December 18; Albert L. Grant, January 10; Robert M. Ellis, February 12; Frank S. Susie, February 18.
- 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. Roscoe M. Heath, April 12; Howard J. Heath, August 7; Josiah M. Harper, December 31.

178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. Charles E. Johnson, February 12, 1921; Warren McFadden, March 8; Joseph L. Damon, April 4; Charles H. Verrill, May 15; Walter E. Dingley, November 1; S. P. Robie, November 6; Lewis E. Jacquis, * January 22; James A. Sinclair, * February 12.

179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. Charles W. Merrifield, September 28.

180 Hiram, South Portland. Fred M. Newcomb, March 19; George W. Knight, March 15; Sherman G. Willard, * December 19; George W. H. Roche, January 7; Horace F. Davis, January 16; Joseph Zang, * January 21; Austin W. Pease, February 13.

182 Granite, West Paris. James W. Ramsdell, October 1; Charles R. Hussey, February 7.

183 Deering, Portland. Henry L. Thompson, April 1; Henry W. Bodge, June 24; F. Austin Tenney, July 11; Alfred H. Mitchell, August 13; Thomas C. Quinn, September 19; John Emery Harmon, November 5; John A. Peterson, October 28; Edward F. Fassett, January 6; George E. Blake, January 29.

184 Naval, Kittery. Daniel E. Hill, March 17; William W. Locke, January 16.

185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. Alvah L. Jordan, April 13; Andrew J. Babbidge, May 13; Alfred H. Quimby, December 16; William Clark, February 4.

186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. George B. Swett, August; D. Frank Esty, December; Charles W. Titcomb, March. (Secretary furnishes no further dates).

187 Ira Berry, Blue Hill. Amos G. Stover, September 10; Simon W. Carter, January 11.

188 Jonesport, Jonesport. Zuphaniah A. Emerson, August 6, Daniel R. Dobbin, September 9; William Nilsan, January 10; Peter R. Cummings, February 11.

189 Knox, South Thomaston. Charles A. Shorey, February 24.

190 Springvale, Springvale. Louis W. Parady, July 5.

191 Davis, Strong. Charles F. Thompson, June 9.

192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. Henry J. Hovey, April 26.

193 Washburn, Washburn. Borden Blackstone, April 24; Edward M. Hinds, August 11.

194 Euclid, Madison. William H. Kennison, December 23; Charles W. Pierpont, January 30.

195 Reliance, Stonington. Greeley Small, April 24; Fred O. Joyce, August 28; Joseph Brimington, December 23.

196 Bay View, East Boothbay. Franklin F. Phillips, May; Frank Spinney, September; Gregory Campbell, October. (Secretary gives no further dates).

197 Aroostook, Blaine. Clinton B. Robinson, May 27; Elmer E. Milliken, December 13; Fleetwood H. Simonson, February 25.

198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. Albert E. Cayner, September 29; Bion I. Hutchins, August 20; Albert D. Walker, January 7; James H. Ellis, October 10.

200 Columbia, Greenville. Charles J. Robinson, October 28.

201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Howard K. Webb, August 3; John Farnsworth, September 4; Stan Wilson, January 22; Ernest A. Cranston, date not given.

202 Mount Bigelow, Flagstaff. Edgar S. Jones, *February 13.

203 Mount Olivet, Washington. David C. Shattuck, March 2; Lindley M. Staples, August 27; William F. Nash, no date given; Freeman Light, January 2.

205 Nollesemic, Millinocket. George W. Bailey, January 21; William J. Boddy, February 21.

206 Island Falls, Island Falls. Elmer E. Moulton, November 8; Cyrus Elmer Robinson, December 11.

207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. Percy H. Russell, * November 1.

210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. Franklin Farrow, November 27.

211 Meduncook, Friendship. George A. Collamore, May 24.

212 McKinley, McKinley. Edward Grindle, July 13.

214 Liemstone, Limestone. James Edgcombe, June 3; Harry N. Elgee, October 5.

Grand Lodges and

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.
Alabama, Dec. 7, 1921,	Julian F. Spearman, Armiston.
Alberta, June 8, 1921,	J. Watson Younge, Camrose.
Arizona, Feb. 18, 1922,	Louis G. Moyers, Globe.
Arkansas, Nov. 15, 1921,	Leonidas Kirby, Harrison.
Belgium, Jan. 29, 1919,	Charles Magnette, Brussels.
British Columbia, June 23, 1921,	Wallace S. Terry.
California, Oct. 11, 1921,	Samuel E. Burke, Los Angeles.
Canada, July 20, 1921,	William N. Ponton, Belleville.
Colorado, Sept. 20, 1921,	Murshal H. Van Fleet, Alamosa.
Connecticut, Feb. 1, 1922,	Frank L. Wilder, Bridgeport.
Cuba, March 28, 1921,	Enrigne Llanso.
Delaware, October 5, 1921,	George C. Williams, Wilmington.
Dist. Columbia, Dec. 21, 1921,	Charles C. Coombs, Washington.
England, June 24, 1921,	Duke of Connaught.
Florida, Jan. 17, 1922,	Charles H. Ketchum, Key West.
Georgia, Oct. 25, 1921,	Joe P. Bowdoin, Atlanta.
Idaho, Sept. 13, 1921,	Fletcher J. Jeter, Boise.
Illinois, Oct. 11, 1921,	Elmer E. Brach, Chicago.
Indiana, May 25, 1920,	Richard H. Schweitzer, Knightstown.
Iowa, June 14, 1921,	Amos N. Alberson, Washington.
Ireland, Dec. 27, 1921,	Earl of Donoughmore.
Kansas, Feb. 16, 1920,	Ben S. Paulen, Fredonia.
Kentucky, Oct. 18, 1921,	Fred W. Hardwick, Louisville.
Louisiana, Feb. 6, 1922,	Ira W. Sylvester, Alexandria.
Maine, May 2, 1922,	Albert M. Spear, Augusta.
Manitoba, June 8, 1921,	George N. Jackson, Winnipeag.
Maryland, Nov. 15, 1921,	Warren S. Seipp, Baltimore.
Massachusetts, Dec. 8, 1920,	Arthur D. Prince, Lowell.
Michigan, May 25, 1920,	Ira A. Beck, Battle Creek.
Minnesota, Jan. 18, 1922,	Herman Held, Mankato.
Mississippi, Feb. 22, 1921,	John H. Johnson, Akerman.
Missouri, Sept. 20, 1921,	O. A. Lucas, Kansas City.
Montana, Aug. 17, 1921,	Henry C. Smith, Miles City.
Nebraska, June 8, 1920,	Joseph B. Fradenburg, Omaha.
Nevada, June 9, 1920,	Harry H. Atkinson, Tonopah.
New Brunswick, Apr. 26, 1921,	J. D. B. F. MacKenzie, Chatham.
New Hampshire, May 18, 1921,	Walter G. Africa, Manchester.
New Jersey, April 20, 1921,	Ernest A. Reed, Trenton.
New Mexico, Feb. 20, 1922,	Lucius Dills, Santa Fe.
N. South Wales, June 8, 1921,	William Thompson.
New York, May 4, 1921,	Robert H. Robinson, New York.

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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.

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.
New Zealand, May 11, 1921,	Thomas Rose, Dunedin.
North Carolina, Jan. 18, 1921,	J. Bailey Owen, Henderson.
North Dakota, June 15, 1920,	Allan V. Haig, Devils Lake.
Nova Scotia, July 9, 1920,	George D. Macdougall, New Glasgow.
Ohio, Oct. 19, 1921,	Frank M. Ransbottom, Zanesville.
Oklahoma, Feb. 22, 1921,	James H. Patterson, Prague.
Oregon, June 15, 1921,	Frank S. Baillie, Portland.
Panama, Feb. 21, 1920,	Guillermo Andreve, Panama.
Pennsylvania, Dec. 27, 1921,	Abram M. Beitler, Philadelphia.
Peru, March 24, 1919,	Alberto Baroni, Lima.
Philippine Island, Jan. 27, 1920,	Rafael Palma, Manila.
Porto Rico, March 21, 1921,	W. F. Lippitt, San Juan.
P. E. Island, June 22, 1921,	John McNevin, Charlottetown.
Quebec, Feb. 9, 1921,	Charles McBurney, Lachute.
Rhode Island, May 16, 1921,	Joseph Lawton, Providence.
Saskatchewan, June 15, 1921,	G. M. Weir, Saskatoon.
Scotland, Feb. 4, 1920,	R. King Stewart, Murdostoun.
South Australia, April 20, 1921,	Arthur William Piper.
South Carolina, Dec. 9, 1920,	S. T. Lanham, Spartanburg.
South Dakota, June 11, 1921,	Wm. F. R. Whorton, Huron.
Tasmania, Feb. 25, 1922,	Henry L. D'Emden.
Tennessee, Jan. 25, 1922,	Wallace M. Taylor, Memphis.
Texas, Dec. 6, 1912,	D. F. Johnson, Brownwood.
Utah, Jan. 20, 1920,	James L. Cattron, Salt Lake City.
Vermont, June 9, 1920,	Archie S. Harriman, Middlebury.
Victoria, Dec. 27, 1919,	Frederick T. Hickford, Melbourne.
Virginia, Feb. 14, 1922,	James H. Price, Richmond.
Washington, June 14, 1921,	John Gifford, Spokane.
West Virginia, Nov. 16, 1921,	Samuel T. Spears, Elkins.
West Australia, April 19, 1921,	C. O. L. Riley, Perth.
Wisconsin, June 14, 1921,	William F. Weiler, Chippewa Falls.
Wyoming, Sept. 14, 1921,	Frank A. Holliday, Laramie.

GRAND SECRETARIES.	CHAIRMAN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.
George Barclay, Dunedin.	George Barclay, Dunedin.
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.
W. H. Strutt (Acting), 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, Casper.	Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Lodge of Maine near other Grand Lodges

- Alabama — CHARLES H. WINSTON, R. F. D. 2, Geiger.
Alberta — C. W. E. GARDINER, Macleod.
Arizona — JACOB TRIEBER, Little Rock.
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 — RICHARD E. BIRD, Chanute.
Louisiana — JOSEPH MEYERS, New Orleans.
Manitoba — ROBERT STIRTON THORNTON, Deloraine.
Maryland — I. S. SCATES, Baltimore.
Michigan — WILLIAM T. SHAW, Lansing.
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 — M. DELANCEY HEYWOOD, Raleigh.
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.
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, Pawtuxet.
Saskatchewan — ANDREW H. GORDON, Grenfell.
South Australia — FRANK SMITH.
South Carolina — CLAUDE F. SAWYER, Aiken.
South Dakota — SAMUEL H. JUMPER, Aberdeen.
Tasmania — THOMAS DAVEY.
Tennessee — NATHAN S. WOODWARD, Knoxville.
Texas — STEPHEN M. BRADLEY, Denton.
Utah — ELMER ELLSWORTH CORFMAN, Salt Lake City.
Vermont —
Victoria — W. C. J. SAYER.
Virginia — CHARLES A. NESBITT, Richmond.
Washington — THOMAS E. SKAGGS, Olympia.
Western Australia — C. E. HEAZELWOOD, Perth.
West Virginia — A. BERTRAM C. BRAY, Ronceverte.
Wisconsin — GEORGE B. WHEELER, Eau Claire.

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Alberta — WALLACE N. PRICE, Richmond.
Arizona —
Arkansas — SILAS B. ADAMS, Portland.
Belgium —
British Columbia —
Canada — WILMER J. DORMAN, Belfast.
Colorado — FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabattus.
Cuba — LEON S. HOWE, Presque Isle.
Connecticut — ISAAC N. JONES, Calais.
Delaware — JAMES B. STEVENSON, Rumford.
District of Columbia — WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, Fort Fairfield.
Florida — FRED C. CHALMERS, Bangor.
Georgia — BIAL F. BRADBURY, Norway.
Idaho — JOHN A. WEBBER, Brunswick.
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 — SAMUEL B. FURBISH, Brunswick.
Nebraska — EDWIN A. PORTER, Pittsfield.
Nevada — RALPH W. MOORE, Hampden.
New Brunswick — WILLIS A. RICKER, Castine.
New Hampshire — HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.
New Jersey — ALBERT H. NEWBERT, Rockland.
New South Wales — JAMES E. PARSONS, Ellsworth.
New York — EDWARD W. WHEELER, Brunswick.
New Zealand — JOHN J. MARR, Island Falls.
North Carolina — CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Portland.
North Dakota — DAVID E. MOULTON, Portland.
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 — EDWARD K. GOULD, Rockland.
Puerto Rico — THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.
Quebec — JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
Rhode Island — FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
Saskatchewan — ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.
South Australia — LEE M. SMITH, Norway.
South Carolina — WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, Lisbon Center.
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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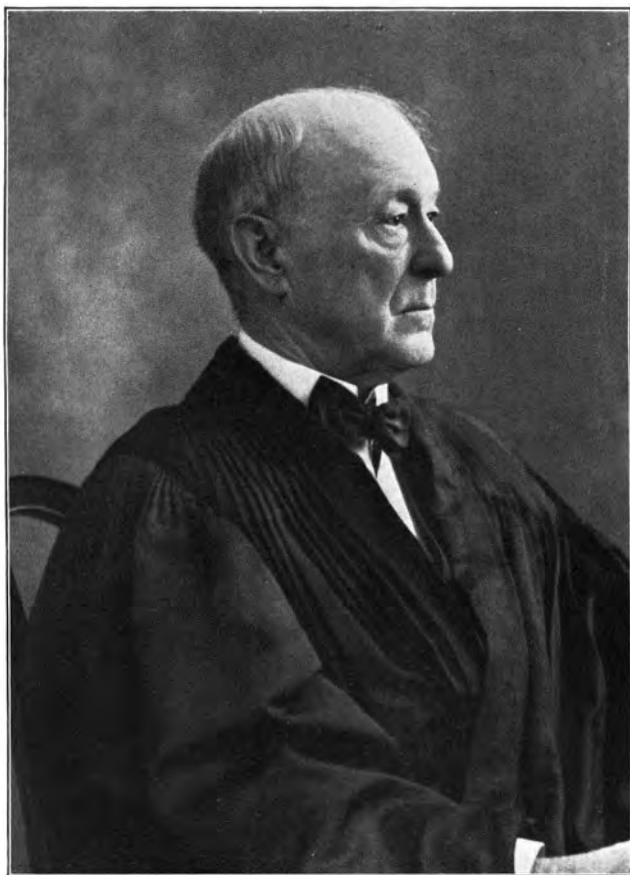
Lodges enrolled.....	215
" extinct	9
" working	206
" represented at communication, 1922	189
Number of representatives.....	269
Lodges to make returns.....	206
Making returns in time.....	206
Initiated	2,718
Raised	2,856
Affiliated	150
Re-instated	79
Total increase	3,085
Demitted	168
Died.....	600
Expelled	2
Lost membership by non-payment of dues.....	106
Deprived of membership for non-payment of dues.....	1
Total decrease	877
Net increase	2,208
Members March 1, 1921.....	38,499
Members March 1, 1922.....	40,677
Grand Lodge Receipts	\$16,029.40
" " Disbursements	\$14,425.17
Amount of Charity Fund.....	\$77,428.79
Income of Charity Fund.....	\$3,457.13

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ALBERT M. SPEAR

Grand Master

1922-23

ALBERT M. SPEAR

ALBERT MOORE SPEAR, fifty-first Grand Master of Masons of Maine, was born in Madison, Maine, July 7, 1853.

He fitted for college at Coburn Classical Institute, Waterville, where he was a classmate of Leslie C. Cornish, the present Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maine, both graduating in 1871. After his graduation, Brother SPEAR entered Bates College at Lewiston, and was graduated from that institution in 1875. After graduation, he took up the study of law in Lewiston, and two years later was admitted to the bar.

He entered upon the practice of law in Hallowell. During seven years' residence in Hallowell, he represented that city in the Legislature of 1883 and 1885. He moved to Gardiner in 1885, and went from there to the State Senate in 1891 and 1893, being President of the Senate in his second term. Judge Spear is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honorary scholarship society, and holds the degree of LL. D. from Bates in 1916, and from the University of Maine in 1921. He has been a member of the Board of Governors of Bates College for more than forty years.

Justice Spear was appointed to the Maine bench, March 1, 1902 by Governor John F. Hill, and is now the senior justice of the Supreme Court. One of the most interesting cases to come before that body in his service was that in which the British House of Lords approved a decision of the Maine court dissented from England decisions, that of *Maher vs. Cunningham*, 105th Maine. This decision was drawn by Justice Spear.

M. W. Brother Spear was initiated into Masonry in Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, at North Anson, June 10, 1876. He affiliated with Kennebec Lodge, No. 5, at Hallowell, December 15, 1880, and later served that lodge as Master.

He is a Past Commander of Maine Commandery, No. 1, at Gardiner, and was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine, K. T., in 1890.

M. W. Brother Spear was made an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree, of the A. & A. Scottish Rite, at its meeting in Philadelphia, in 1919.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1922

Special Communication

MASONIC HALL, BAR HARBOR, }
June 16, 1922. }

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maine was opened in ample form, in the lodge room of Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of dedicating to Masonic uses the new Masonic Hall which had been constructed in the town of Bar Harbor.

PRESENT

M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,
R. W. HARRY E. ROWE,
R. W. CHARLES F. PAYNE,
R. W. CLARENCE E. DOW,
W. E. W. RUSSELL,
W. CLIFFORD F. CAME,
W. HARRY E. LARRABEE,
W. A. W. BROWN,
W. KENNETH McLEAN,
W. C. S. HIGGINS,
W. CARL D. INGALLS,
W. E. MURRAY GRAHAM,

Grand Master
as Deputy Grand Master
as Senior Grand Warden
as Junior Grand Warden
as Grand Treasurer
as Grand Secretary
Grand Marshal
as Grand Senior Deacon
as Grand Junior Deacon
as Grand Senior Steward
as Grand Junior Steward
as Grand Tyler

The Hall was dedicated to Masonic uses by Grand Master SPEAR with the assistance of the brethren. Appropriate and instructive remarks were made by Grand Master Spear, Past Grand Master Edward

W. Wheeler, and Bro. Luren B. Deasy. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

Attest:

CLIFFORD F. CAME,
as Grand Secretary.



A true copy of the minutes.

Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1923

One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 2, 1923. }

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

ALBERT M. SPEAR,	M. W. Grand Master,	Augusta
DAVID E. MOULTON,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Portland
LEWMAN B. SOPER,	" Senior Grand Warden,	Newport
CHARLES M. FARRAR,	" Junior Grand Warden,	Milo
EDMUND B. MALLET,	" Grand Treasurer,	Freeport
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" Grand Secretary,	Portland
CONVERS E. LEACH,	" Cor. Grand Secretary,	Portland
CHARLES W. HAYES,	D. D. G. M. 5th Dist.,	Foxcroft
ALVOID E. CUSHMAN,	" " 6th "	Bangor
ARTHUR H. NORTON,	" " 7th "	Liberty
GEORGE R. WILSON,	" " 8th "	Searsport
JOHN C. ARNOLD,	" " 11th "	Augusta
HAROLD A. COLEMAN,	" " 13th "	Bingham
JOHN E. MERRILL,	" " 14th "	Durham
HENRY E. KNAPP,	" " 15th "	W. Farmington
CLARENCE H. PRIDE,	" " 16th "	East Waterford
JOSEPH B. MANCHESTER,	" " 17th "	North Gorham
L. MURRAY WATKINS,	" " 18th "	Cornish
HAROLD H. BOURNE,	" " 19th "	Kennebunk
HARRY E. ROWE,	" " 21st "	Ellsworth
FRED C. ELDRIDGE,	" " 22nd "	Cambridge
GEORGE H. SMITH,	" " 23rd "	Waterboro
JOHN S. P. H. WILSON,	" " 24th "	Auburn
GERALD A. PEABODY,	" " 26th "	Rumford

REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	W. Grand Chaplain,	Bath
" I. JAMES MERRY,	" " "	Cornish
" ASHLEY A. SMITH,	" " "	Bangor
" JOHN M. BEILER,	" " "	No. Berwick
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	" " "	Augusta
HARRY E. LARRABEE,	" " Marshal,	Gardiner
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	" " Senior Deacon,	Portland
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" " Junior Deacon,	Portland
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " Steward,	Biddeford
FRANK P. DENACO,	" " "	Bangor
LESTER M. ANDREWS,	" " "	Oakland
FRED C. TOLMAN,	" " "	Portland
ERNEST J. RECORD	" " Sword Bearer,	South Paris
EDWARD K. GOULD,	" " Standard Bearer,	Rockland
WARREN C. KING,	" " Pursuivant,	Portland
WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS,	" " "	Lisbon Falls
WALTER S. SMITH,	" " Organist,	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" " Tyler,	Portland

Also 217 delegates, representing 154 of the 206 chartered lodges, six of the nine living Past Grand Masters, with 29 out of the other 43 permanent members, including 43 of the 60 representatives of other Grand Lodges, together with visiting brethren.

The number of lodges represented this year was the smallest in proportion, for very many years due to flood conditions and railroad washouts. Not a representative was able to reach Portland who lived east of Bangor on either division of the Maine Central, or beyond Sherman Mills on the Bangor and Aroostook Railway, consequently practically all the lodges in Washington, Hancock, Aroostook and Piscataquis Counties, together with the northern part of Franklin County were not represented.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, prayer being offered by the Rev. Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D., Grand Chaplain.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

An alarm was attended to and announcement made that distinguished guests were in waiting to visit the Grand Lodge of Maine, whereupon the M. W. Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to retire with an escort composed of all the Past Grand Masters of Maine present, and introduce the visitors. They retired and in due time returned conducting Most Worshipful WILLIAM N. PONTON, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, who was formally introduced and accorded the Grand Honors of Masonry, to which he responded in most graceful manner.

The Grand Marshal with the Past Grand Masters again retired and soon returned conducting, Most Worshipful ARTHUR E. RANDELL, Past Grand Master of Masons of Texas, who, after formal introduction, was accorded the Grand Honors, to which he responded briefly but in most happy manner.

Both the distinguished visitors were given seats of honor in the East.

On motion of Bro. DAVID E. MOULTON,

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. CHARLES B. DAVIS,

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 the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Doings of Grand Officers.

THOMAS H. BODGE, ASHLEY A. SMITH, ALBERT M. PENLEY.

On Pay Roll.

JOHN C. ARNOLD, ALBERT M. AMES, EDWARD K. GOULD.

On Unfinished Business.

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

A VACANT CHAIR.

The Grand Master called attention to the fact that for the first time for thirty-seven years M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Senior Past Grand Master, and present Grand Lecturer, was, because of illness, absent at the opening of an Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary was directed to prepare and send to M. W. Brother SLEEPER a telegram of sympathy.

The following was sent:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, May 1, 1923.

FRANK E. SLEEPER, *Past Grand Master*,

Sabattus, Maine.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine in its One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication, deeply regrets your absence, extends warmest sympathy because of your illness, and hopes for your speedy and complete recovery.

CHAS. B. DAVIS,

Grand Secretary.

REGRETS.

The Grand Secretary read the following letter:

PITTSFIELD, ME., May 1, 1923.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I sincerely regret that by reason of illness I am unable to attend this Communication.

May God speed your work and pleasure and prosperity and be with you during its sessions.

In brotherly love,

EDWIN A. PORTER, *P. S. G. W.*

and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

which was ordered to be made a part of the record of this Annual Communication.

He also read many telegrams from Grand Officers, Permanent Members and Representatives of Lodges, explaining absence because of railroad and highway washouts, all of which were ordered placed on file.

CREDENTIALS.

BRO. RALPH H. BURBANK, for the Committee on Credentials, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 1, 1923.

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

- 1 PORTLAND, by Warren Moses, M.; Edwin L. Lynch, S. W.; T. Jefferson Foster, J. W.; Peter G. Peterson, Proxy.
- 2 ———WARREN, not represented.
- 3 LINCOLN, by Frank H. Gray, Proxy.
- 4 HANCOCK, by Arthur W. Patterson, Proxy.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by Wallace R. Brann, M.; Leslie E. Gray, J. W.; Norman W. Gray, Proxy.
- 6 AMITY, by Harry A. Clark, M.; Carl H. Hopkins, Proxy.
- 7 ———EASTERN, not represented.
- 8 UNITED, by William H. Farrar, M.; Henry C. Upton, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Archibald F. Houston, M.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by Leo W. Pratt, M.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by Norman C. Thurlow, M.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Willard B. Sweetser, M.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by Maurice W. Hamblen, M.; William H. Foster, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by Francis G. Cooke, M.; Henry G. Shaw, S. W.; W. Scott Shorey, Proxy.
- 15 ORIENT, by William B. Matthews, Proxy.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by William H. Robinson, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LAND-MARK, by Albert W. Moulton, M.; David F. Drew, S. W.; William A. Lowell J. W.; Irving L. Rich, Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by William A. Lewis, M.; Raymond H. Eastman, Proxy.

- 19 FELICITY, by George L. Blodgett, M.
- 20 MAINE, by Kenneth A. Rollins, M.; Henry Burton Voter, Proxy.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Arthur E. Grose, Proxy.
- 22 YORK, by Howard C. Wakefield, M.; Ralph Andrews, J. W.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Walter V. Cole, M.
- 24 ————PHOENIX, not represented.
- 25 TEMPLE, by H. Clair Miller, M.; Linwood B. Jones, Proxy.
- 26 VILLAGE, by Horace J. Whitney, M.; Henry E. Cornish, Proxy.
- 27 ADONIRAM, by Joseph Webster, M.; William A. Small, Proxy.
- 28 ————NORTHERN STAR, not represented.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by Milton Stetson, Proxy.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by William A. Clough, M.; Fred F. Thomas, S. W.
- 31 UNION, by Walter E. Burgess, M.
- 32 HERMON, by Harold C. Smith, M.; Luke Hoyle, S. W.; Harry E. Larrabee, Proxy.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by Harry E. Green, M.; W. Hartwell Pollard, S. W.
- 34 SOMERSET, by John H. Lancaster, Proxy.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by A. Francis Walch, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by Frank L. Wellcome, M.; Elmer P. Hatch, S. W.; Emmons E. Heald, J. W.; Henry G. Rogers, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by Clement L. Brown, J. W.; Clayton S. Holmes, Proxy.
- 38 HARMONY, by Edgar F. Caswell, Proxy.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by Leroy H. Haskell, Proxy.
- 40 ————LYGONIA, not represented.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by Weston R. Allen, M.
- 42 FREEDOM, by C. Harry Holland, Proxy.
- 43 ALNA, by Joseph T. West, M.
- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by Walter E. Dillon, M.
- 45 CENTRAL, by Scott W. Lewis, M.
- 46 ————ST. CROIX, not represented.
- 47 DUNLAP, by Herbert E. Haley, M.
- 48 LAFAYETTE, by Augustus H. Wilson, Proxy.
- 49 MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, by Chas. A. Nutter, Proxy.
- 50 AURORA, by Frank A. Peterson, Proxy.
- 51 ST. JOHN'S, by Frederic L. Davis, M.; James W. Hobbs, Proxy.
- 52 MOSAIC, by Eugene A. Whittredge, Proxy.
- 53 RURAL, by George M. Ellis, M.
- 54 VASSALBORO, by George Haverly, M.
- 55 FRATERNAL, by Leon T. Hayes, M.; Herman J. Sayward, Proxy.
- 56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Ralph O. Libbey, S. W.; Harold L. McIntire, J. W.
- 57 KING HIRAM, by Eben N. Hutchinson, M.; John M. Holland, Proxy.
- 58 UNITY, by Leroy W. Gordon, M.
- 59 MOUNT HOPE,—*Charter surrendered in 1879.*
- 60 ————STAR IN THE EAST, not represented.
- 61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Thomas E. Leavitt, M.

- 62 KING DAVID'S by George R. Alexander, M.
 63 RICHMOND, by Dover L. Southard, M.; Chester A. Call, S.W.; Harry S. Jordan, Proxy.
 64 PACIFIC, by Wilson S. Smith, M.; Freeman C. Hersey, Proxy.
 65 MYSTIC, by George C. Parker, S. W.
 66 MECHANICS' by Thomas S. Powers, M.
 67 ———BLUE MOUNTAIN, not represented.
 68 MARINER'S, by Donald W. Vaughan, M.
 69 ———HOWARD, not represented.
 70 STANDISH, by Simon W. Moulton, Proxy.
 71 RISING SUN, by Ashur B. Hutchins, J. W.
 72 PIONEER, by Charles E. Duren, Proxy.
 73 TYRIAN, by George H. Butler, Proxy.
 74 BRISTOL, by Joseph E. Crooker, Proxy.
 75 PLYMOUTH, by Charles H. Davis, Proxy.
 76 ARUNDEL, by Frank H. Morrill, M.
 77 TREMONT, by Eben F. Richardson, Proxy.
 78 ———CRESCENT, not represented.
 79 ROCKLAND, by Willis R. Lufkin, J. W.; Albert I. Mather, Proxy.
 80 KEYSTONE, by Clayton E. Eames, M.; Edward L. McIntire, Proxy.
 81 ATLANTIC, by Herman C. Day, S. W.; Willard W. Knight, Proxy.
 82 ST. PAUL'S, by William E. Murphy, Proxy.
 83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Donald S. Higgins, Proxy.
 84 ———EUREKA, not represented.
 85 ———STAR IN THE EAST, not represented.
 86 TEMPLE, by Earl A. Anderson, M.; Edward P. Harlow, Proxy.
 87 BENEVOLENT, by Irving A. Carll, M.
 88 ———NARRAGUAGUS, not represented.
 89 ISLAND, by Horace W. Sprague, M.
 90 HIRAM ABIF — *Charter revoked in 1868.*
 91 ———HARWOOD, not represented.
 92 SILOAM, by Walter C. Woodman, M.
 93 HOREB, by Austin G. Haynes, M.; Daniel W. Ballantyne, Proxy.
 94 PARIS, by Ernest J. Record, Proxy.
 95 CORINTHIAN, by Howard D. Jamieson, M.; Harold C. Getchell, J. W.
 96 ———MONUMENT, not represented.
 97 BETHEL, by Thomas J. Brown, M.
 98 KATAHDIN, by Manson D. Brown, Proxy.
 99 VERNON VALLEY, Alvaro Gordon, Proxy.
 100 JEFFERSON, by Clarence J. Perham, M.
 101 ———NEZINSCOT, not represented.
 102 MARSH RIVER, by Fred Herbert Smith, Proxy.
 103 DRESDEN, by Leslie A. Bailey, M.
 104 DIRIGO, by Archibald B. Morrison, M.
 105 ASHLAR, by Blaine Abbott, M.
 106 ———TUSCAN, not represented.
 107 DAY SPRING, by Earl F. Cook, Proxy.

- 108 RELIEF.—*Charter recalled in 1894.*
 109 MOUNT KINEO, by Eugene E. Ross, M.; Sylvester Welts, Proxy.
 110 MONMOUTH, by Roy D. Woodbury, J. W.
 111 LIBERTY, by Willis J. Greeley, Proxy.
 112 ———EASTERN FRONTIER, not represented.
 113 ———MESSALONSKEE, not represented.
 114 POLAR STAR, by Arthur C. Hagan, M.; Oliver Moses, 3rd, S. W.;
 Harold E. Cutting, J. W.
 115 ———BUXTON, not represented.
 116 LEBANON, by Philip E. Thissell, M.
 117 GREENLEAF, by Daniel G. Chaplin, Proxy.
 118 DRUMMOND, by Reuben Fenderson, M.
 119 ———POWNA, not represented.
 120 MEDUNCOOK.—*Charter surrendered in 1884.*
 121 ———ACACIA, not represented.
 122 MARINE, by George L. Beck, Proxy.
 123 FRANKLIN, by Maurice A. Dunn, M.
 124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Hollis A. Soule, S. W.
 125 MERIDIAN, by J. Earle Sinclair, M.; Walter M. Priley, Proxy.
 126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Harold Ladd, M.
 127 PRESUMSCOT, by Robert N. Toms, M.; Almon S. Manchester, J. W.
 128 EGGEMOGGIN, by John W. Cousins, Proxy.
 129 QUANTABACOOK, by Ernest S. Wing, Proxy.
 130 ———TRINTY, not represented.
 131 ———LOOKOUT, not represented.
 132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Guy A. Dudley, M.
 133 ASYLUM, by Fred N. Parcher, M.; Joseph Putnam Stevens, Proxy.
 134 TROJAN.—*Consolidated with Star in the West, No. 85, in 1888.*
 135 RIVERSIDE, by Danford D. Drake, S. W.
 136 IONIC.—*Charter surrendered in 1882.*
 137 KENDUSKEAG, by Gardiner H. Gould, Proxy.
 138 ———LEWY'S ISLAND, not represented.
 139 ARCHON, by Leroy L. Chadbourne, M.; Amos W. Knowlton, Proxy.
 140 ———MOUNT DESERT, not represented.
 141 AUGUSTA, by Lester M. Hart, M.; Frederick W. Hillman, S. W.;
 William F. Leavitt, Proxy.
 142 OCEAN, by Charles H. West, Proxy.
 143 PREBLE, by Fred L. Gowen, M.; Frank W. McCann, S. W.; William
 Smith, J. W.
 144 SEASIDE, by Clarence E. McKnown, Proxy.
 145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Chas. E. Bowman, S. W.
 146 SEBASTICOOK, by Ross S. Holt, M.
 147 EVENING STAR, by John E. Bailey, Proxy.
 148 ———FOREST, not represented.
 149 ———DORIC, not represented.
 150 RABBONI, by Ernest F. Lever, M.; Grover C. Rolerson, Proxy.
 151 ———EXCELSIOR, not represented.

- 152 CROOKED RIVER, by Ernest L. Gay, M.; Almon H. Rowe, S. W.
- 153 ———DELTA, not represented.
- 154 MYSTIC TIE, by Elmer O. Metcalf, Proxy.
- 155 ANCIENT YORK, by Irving E. Wellman, M.; Asbury M. Blake, Proxy.
- 156 WILTON, by Fred E. Trefethen, Proxy.
- 157 ———CAMBRIDGE, not represented.
- 158 ANCHOR, by John A. Turner, Proxy.
- 159 ESOTERIC.—*Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, in 1908.*
- 160 PARIAN, by Lindley F. Hayden, Proxy.
- 161 CARRABASSET, by Fred C. Dunlap, M.
- 162 ARION, by Archie R. Webb, Proxy.
- 163 PLEASANT RIVER, by Harold V. Harshaw, M.; Erwin G. Ryder, Proxy.
- 164 WEBSTER, by Lloyd B. Scott, Proxy.
- 165 MOLUNKUS, by Benjamin E. James, M.
- 166 NÈGUEMKEAG, by Fred B. Perley, M.
- 167 WHITNEY, by Charles L. Briggs, S. W.; Caleb E. Mendall, Proxy.
- 168 COMPOSITE, by Fred H. Savage, Proxy.
- 169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by Frank W. Harmon, M.
- 170 CARIBOU, by Irvine W. McLellan, M.
- 171 ———NASKEAG, not represented.
- 172 ———PINE TREE, not represented.
- 173 ———PLEIADES, not represented.
- 174 LYNDE, by Charles E. Young, M.
- 175 ———BASKEHEGAN, not represented.
- 176 PALESTINE.—*Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, September 23, 1895.*
- 177 RISING STAR, by Melvin A. Wardwell, Proxy.
- 178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by George J. Unsworth, M.; Webster L. Loring, Proxy.
- 179 YORKSHIRE, by H. Edwin Hayes, Proxy.
- 180 HIRAM, by Ralph E. Greene, M.; Ernest B. Small, J. W.; William A. Seyford, Proxy.
- 181 REUEL WASHBURN.—*Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1882.*
- 182 GRANITE, by Edwin R. Berry, M.; Ralph A. Bacon, Proxy.
- 183 DEERING, by George F. Scribner, M.; Hollis Gilman Monson, S. W.; James A. Robinson, J. W.; George F. Grant, Proxy.
- 184 NAVAL, by Frank E. Getchell, M.
- 185 ———BAR HARBOR, not represented.
- 186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by Carroll W. Anderson, M.
- 187 ———IRA BERRY, not represented.
- 188 ———JONESPORT, not represented.
- 189 KNOX, by Sidney O. Hurd, Proxy.
- 190 ———SPRINGVALE, not represented.
- 191 ———DAVIS, not represented.
- 192 ———WINTER HARBOR, not represented.
- 193 ———WASHBURN, not represented.
- 194 EUCLID, by Orion W. Moody, M.

- 195 RELIANCE, by John Jordan, S. W.
 196 BAY VIEW, by George W. Linekin, Proxy.
 197 ——— AROOSTOOK, not represented.
 198 ST. ASPINQUID, by Elmer R. Young, Proxy.
 199 BINGHAM, by Harry Cummings, M.
 200 ——— COLUMBIA, not represented.
 201 ——— DAVID A. HOOPER, not represented.
 202 MOUNT BIGELOW, by Danville C. Durrell, Proxy.
 203 MOUNT OLIVET, by Charles L. Finn, M.
 204 ——— MOUNT ABRAM, not represented.
 205 NOLLESEMIC, by George H. Ferguson, M.
 206 ISLAND FALLS, by William F. Edwards, M.
 207 ——— ABNER WADE, not represented.
 208 ——— NORTHEAST HARBOR, not represented.
 209 ——— FORT KENT, not represented.
 210 BAGADUCE, by Charles H. Babbidge, Proxy.
 211 ——— MEDUNCOOK, not represented.
 212 MCKINLEY, by Everett A. Stanley, M.
 213 ——— KEMANKEAG, not represented.
 214 ——— LIMESTONE, not represented.
 215 ORCHARD, by Frank H. Libby, Proxy.

(Chartered Lodges, 206; Represented, 154; Delegates, 217).

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present:

M. W. EDMUND B. MALLET,	P. G. M.
" ASHLEY A. SMITH,	"
" THOMAS H. BODGE,	"
" WALDO PETTENGILL,	"
" SILAS B. ADAMS,	"
" EDWARD W. WHEELER,	"
R. W. ALBERT M. PENLEY,	P. S. G. W.
" CHARLES W. CROSBY,	"
" W. SCOTT SHOREY,	"
" FRANK J. COLE,	"
" FRANK E. MONROE,	"
" FRED C. CHALMERS,	"
" ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	"
" FRED RAYMOND,	"
" ALBERT H. NEWBERT,	"
" WILLIS A. RICKER,	"
" JOHN J. MARR,	"
" JOHN M. BURLEIGH,	"
" ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	P. J. G. W.
" HOWARD D. SMITH,	"
" WM. FREEMAN LORD,	"
" GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL,	"
" ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	"

R. W. MILLARD M. CASWELL,	P. J. G. W.
" 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,	"
" CARROLL S. DOUGLASS,	"
" WALLACE N. PRICE,	"

And Grand Officers as follows:

ALBERT M. SPEAR,
 DAVID E. MOULTON,
 LEWMAN B. SOPER,
 CHARLES M. FARRAR,
 EDMUND B. MALLET,
 CHARLES B. DAVIS,
 CONVERS E. LEACH,
 CHARLES W. HAYES,
 ALVOID E. CUSHMAN,
 ARTHUR H. NORTON,
 GEORGE R. WILSON,
 JOHN C. ARNOLD,
 HAROLD A. COLEMAN,
 JOHN E. MERRILL,
 HENRY E. KNAPP,
 CLARENCE H. PRIDE,
 JOSEPH B. MANCHESTER,
 L. MURRAY WATKINS,
 HAROLD H. BOURNE,
 HARRY E. ROWE,
 FRED C. ELDRIDGE,
 GEORGE H. SMITH,
 JOHN S. P. H. WILSON,
 GERALD A. PEABODY,
 REV. DAVID L. WILSON,
 " I. JAMES MERRY,
 " ASHLEY A. SMITH,
 " JOHN M. BEILER,
 " A. FRANCIS WALCH,
 HARRY E. LARRABEE,
 E. MURRAY GRAHAM,
 HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,
 RALPH H. BURBANK,

M. W. Grand Master.
 R. W. Deputy Grand Master
 " Senior Grand Warden
 " Junior Grand Warden.
 " Grand Treasurer.
 " Grand Secretary.
 " Cor. Grand Secretary.
 " D. D. G. M. 5th Dist.
 " " 6th "
 " " 7th "
 " " 8th "
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 " " 23rd "
 " " 24th "
 " " 26th "
 W. Grand Chaplain.
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 " Grand Marshal.
 " " Senior Deacon.
 " " Junior Deacon.
 " " Steward.

FRANK P. DENACO,	W. Grand Steward.
LESTER M. ANDREWS,	" " "
FRED C. TOLMAN,	" " "
ERNEST J. RECORD,	" " Sword Bearer.
EDWARD K. GOULD,	" " Standard Bearer.
WARREN C. KING,	" " Pursuivant.
WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS,	" " "
WALTER S. SMITH,	" " Organist.
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" " Tyler.

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance:

Alabama — GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL.
 Alberta — WALLACE N. PRICE.
 Arkansas — SILAS B. ADAMS.
 Florida — FRED C. CHALMERS.
 Idaho — HIRAM A. WEBBER.
 Illinois — FREDERIC O. EATON.
 Indiana — WARREN C. KING.
 Kansas — ARCHIE LEE TALBOT.
 Louisiana — MILLARD M. CASWELL.
 Manitoba — ALBERT M. AMES.
 Maryland — GEORGE W. HOLMES.
 Michigan — FRED RAYMOND.
 Minnesota — SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS.
 Mississippi — ISAAC A. CLOUGH.
 Missouri — CHARLES B. DAVIS.
 Montana — SAMUEL B. FURBISH.
 New Brunswick — WILLIS A. RICKER.
 New Hampshire — HOWARD D. SMITH.
 New Jersey — ALBERT H. NEWBERT.
 New York — EDWARD W. WHEELER.
 New Zealand — JOHN J. MARR.
 North Dakota — DAVID E. MOULTON.
 Nova Scotia — JOHN H. MCGORRILL.
 Ohio — CONVERS E. LEACH.
 Oklahoma — WM. FREEMAN LORD.
 Oregon — FRANK E. MONROE.
 Panama — RALPH H. BURBANK.
 Phillipine Islands — WALDO PETTENGILL.
 Prince Edward Island — EDWARD K. GOULD.
 Puerto Rico — THOMAS H. BODGE.
 Québec — JAMES C. AYER.
 Rhode Island — FRANK J. COLE.
 Saskatchewan — ASHLEY A. SMITH.
 South Dakota — EDWARD G. WESTON.
 Tasmania — W. SCOTT SHOREY.
 Texas — CHARLES W. CROSBY.
 Virginia — CHARLES F. PAINE.

Washington — ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.

Western Australia — FRANKLIN R. REDLON.

West Virginia — ALBERT M. PENLEY.

Wisconsin — EDMUND B. MALLET.

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH H. BURBANK,	} Committee.
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.

TRANSPORTATION.

BRO. CHARLES B. DAVIS submitted the following report which was accepted:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 1, 1923.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Transportation beg leave to report that the matter of reduced fares to representatives and members attending the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was taken up with various transportation companies the first of January. Our request met with very prompt and courteous attention from all the railroads in the state with the exception of the Boston and Maine. The Maine Central offered one and one-half fares from all stations for the round trip to Portland and return, April 30 to May 3, inclusive, to return May 4th. The Grand Trunk offered a like reduction for all stations on its line in Maine. The Bangor and Aroostook gave an even better rate of one and one-third fare from all stations to junction points of the Maine Central at Dover-Foxcroft or Northern Maine Junction.

The Boston and Maine Railroad refused to make any concession from the regular fare, claiming that the number who availed themselves of the reduced rate in 1922 was not sufficient to warrant the issuing of special tickets for our session this year.

Your committee has most courteously acknowledged to all of the railroads making reductions the full appreciation of the Masonic Bodies of Maine.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS,	} Committee.
WM. FREEMAN LORD,	
JAMES E. PARSONS,	

The report was accepted.

The Grand Master then read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS

I congratulate you, upon the happy auspices, under which we meet to day, as Masons. Progress and prosperity, have favored our efforts, in a satisfactory degree. Our net gain for the year is one thousand and fifty-six. While the number is not equal to that of the previous year, we nevertheless feel that our increase has met the full standard of Masonic requirement.

The questionnaire that was approved a year ago, and put into use, has operated in the right direction; and if, in connection with that, we can instruct the candidates, as they go along, we shall have made a real advance.

A year ago when we met, as was said by our Grand Master, at that time, our country, as well as the rest of the world, was in a state of business depression and social unrest. At the present time, however, this country is, in a business way, favored with prosperity and employment; yet there is an undercurrent of popular dissatisfaction with the existing order of affairs. We are drifting away from the landmarks of our early conception of government. Liberty, as defined by the fathers, has grown irksome. The rule that your liberty ceases, where my rights begin, is no longer popular. The tendency is toward socialism, communism, and disregard of law.

As I interpret the tenets of Masonry, every one of these tendencies is a plain perversion of their teaching. Without going into details, I am calling attention to these tendencies as a suggestion, to this representative body of men, that they may be ever alert, to the important part, that the 42,000 preferred and selected craftsmen are called upon to perform, for weal or for woe, through the influence they exert, upon the people of their respective communities.

Notwithstanding the present conditions, I nevertheless have absolute confidence, in the complete triumph of civilization, over the enemies of organized society.

And among the most powerful agencies of resistance, to the advancement of erroneous doctrines, should be, and will be, the seried ranks of Symbolic Masonry. And as Symbolic Masonry, comprises all the other Masonic orders, every Mason from Entered Apprentice to the Knight Templar, and from the third degree, to the Thirty-Third degree, should be found standing together, as one man, for the maintenance of law, order, and justice. And the craftsman who stands aloof is not a Mason.

In coming to a recapitulation of my official year, I should feel, that I might justly be charged with ingratitude, did I not extend my thanks to all the present, and some of the past, Grand Officers for their willing assistance and courteous demeanor. It may not be in good taste to be personal, but I cannot refrain from acknowledging my appreciation of the valuable services rendered to me by your accomplished Grand Secretary, and your eminent Masonic jurist, Past Grand Master Bodge.

NECROLOGY.

God, in his providence, has watched over the welfare of our Grand Lodge, during the year, with a vision of compassion and kindly grace. He sprinkled the lintel of our official door, and that dread curse "that makes sweet love our anguish," has passed us safely by. Not one of our Grand Officers has joined the "very many."

APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS.

During the year I have approved amendments of the By-laws of sixteen lodges, some of which were to provide for an increase of dues, but most of which were to effectuate a change of date for the holding of stated meetings. These amendments were self suggested for the purpose of enabling the lodges to avoid the confusion, that was constantly arising with reference to stated communications, that were to be held on or before the full of the moon. Many of the dispensations granted were made necessary by the inadvertant omission to observe the proper date of the full of the moon, or upon the assumption that, in certain cases, the date of this phase of the moon with reference to the date of the annual meeting,

made the latter date impossible. I have heartily approved these amendments, and would take this occasion to recommend changes in all the By-laws to accomplish a like purpose.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted twenty-two dispensations. Those granted to elect officers at stated meetings on dates other than those prescribed by the By-laws of the several lodges, were requested for the purpose of healing omissions occasioned by a failure to properly observe the dates of the annual meetings in comparison with the full of the moon.

The other dispensations were granted for the following purposes:

To Lygonia Lodge, No. 28, to appear in public, in regalia, in connection with the observance of the Centennial of the lodge.

To Lebanon Lodge, No. 116, to elect a Junior Warden in place of the Junior Warden elect having declined to be installed.

To Quantabacook Lodge, No. 129, to move into Grange Hall, in Searsmont, after inspection and approval of the D. D. G. M. of the Seventh District.

To Dresden Lodge, No. 103, upon the destruction of their lodge room by fire, to hold meetings in Grange Hall, in Dresden, after inspection and approval of the D. D. G. M. of the Tenth District.

To Preble Lodge, No. 143, to elect a Treasurer in place of the Treasurer deceased, and to elect a Secretary.

To Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, to act upon the petition of Reverend DeWitt Claire Baldwin, a resident within its jurisdiction for a period of only ten months, who had been ordered to depart the last of April as a missionary to India.

Although several times requested, I have granted no dispensations to ballot upon any petition to confer the degrees upon any candidate out of the regular order, except that to Olive Branch Lodge just referred to.

I have denied a dispensation for a lodge of instruction. In doing this I followed the reasons and precedent of my predecessor, of which I fully approve.

I have also denied a dispensation for the officers of a lodge to proceed to some other lodge for the purpose of conferring the degrees upon one of its own candidates. It would be an unusual case in which the inconvenience of a candidate to come to his own lodge for his degrees, would warrant the propriety of this lodge going to him to confer them. If this has been done, in my opinion, it is a precedent not to be encouraged.

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES.

It has afforded me much pleasure to appoint George I. Whitney, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, near the Grand Lodge of Vermont; William J. Mooer, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, near the Grand Lodge of New York; Frank M. Roberts, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, near the Grand Lodge of South Dakota; and Henry G. Kimball, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, near the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia; and Victor Peterson, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, near the Grand Lodge of Idaho. These appointments being made upon the recommendation of the Grand Masters of these several jurisdictions.

DISCIPLINE.

The record and evidence of five Masonic trials have been forwarded to me, and laid by me, before the Grand Lodge.

My attention was called to the fact, through a communication and inclsure, by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, that Brother Charles A. Trafton, of Preble Lodge, No. 143, at Sanford, was sending out a business card, which contained a cut, suggesting the use of Masonic emblems for the apparent purpose of business advertising. I immediately wrote the brother a courteous letter, calling his attention to what I suggested, might be an oversight on his part, and expressed the hope that, upon second thought, he might see the matter as others, as well as I, myself, seemed to regard it, and withdraw it from further circulation. To this communication, I received a reply so discourteous, that I felt not only grieved, but persuaded that the great office,

which I had the honor to represent, required me to suspend the brother, from the rights and privileges of Masonry, until a meeting of the Grand Lodge, for such action as it might see fit to take.

A file of correspondence has been placed in my hands by the Grand Secretary, wherein it is definitely shown that Robert Allen Bradshaw applied for, was elected to and received his degrees in Ocean Lodge, No. 142, at Wells, Maine. At that time he was a candidate rejected by, and under the jurisdiction of, Adelphi Lodge, at Boston. I am availing myself of this opportunity to call this matter to the attention of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals for such action as they may deem proper.

SUGGESTIONS.

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

The last paragraph of Section 15, Article VII, of the Constitution reads as follows: "It shall be the duty of the Grand Master or presiding officer, at every annual communication of the Grand Lodge, to give, or cause to be given, at least one section of the lecture of each degree, or an exemplification of the work in each degree." I would suggest an amendment to Section 15, by striking out the last paragraph and substituting in place thereof the following: "The Grand Master, or presiding officer, of every annual communication of the Grand Lodge may, at his discretion give, or cause to be given, at least one section of the lecture of each degree, or an exemplification of the work in one or more degrees, or designate such other ceremonial of a Masonic character as he may deem advisable.

INTERVAL BETWEEN CONFERRING DEGREES.

There is a growing sentiment among leading Masons, that our Constitution, enables our lodges to advance candidates, from one degree to another, without any, much less suitable, proficiency in the preceding degree. A candidate may, under the present law, be advanced to all three degrees in forty-eight hours. Such haste countervails one of the fundamental requirements of the ritual, does an injustice to the candidate and is detrimental to the craft. I, therefore, suggest an amend-

ment to the Constitution, inhibiting advancement, from one degree to another, in less than two weeks, except upon dispensation; and also, a rule, that, when practicable, the candidate shall be examined in open lodge upon the preceding degree.

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

Along this line, I would also suggest the adoption of a standing regulation, requiring the examination of visitors in open lodge. Precaution in this regard, in view of the prevalence of clandestine lodges, is in a degree a measure of protection in the right direction.

RESTORING SUSPENDED MASONS.

During the past year, two cases have been called to my attention where Masons, having been suspended for thirty-five years for non-payment of dues, and during that time exempt from the payment of dues, have applied to their lodges for restoration upon the payment of a few year's of arrearage. The present Constitution provides, that such applicants may be restored upon a two-thirds vote of the lodge. It seems apparent, that such procedure might work an injustice, and I desire to call your attention, to the propriety of an amendment to the Constitution, requiring a unanimous secret ballot to effectuate restoration in such cases.

TO AUTHORIZE THE GRAND MASTER TO DIRECT THE FILING OF CHARGES.

It has been brought to my attention, both upon information and observation, with reference to several cases of un-Masonic conduct of a flagrant nature, that the lodges having jurisdiction, have failed to take any action in regard to such violations of Masonic law. I cannot avoid the conclusion that the good name of the Order, as well as Masonic law, require me to call your attention to this matter, for such action as you may deem advisable with reference to an amendment of the Constitution or the enactment of a standing regulation, authorizing the Grand Master to direct any lodge, derelict in this regard, to take such action as the nature of the offense may require.

PAYMENT OF GRAND OFFICER FOR DEDICATING
HALLS, ETC.

Among the standing regulations adopted in 1874, found in the present code, page 45, item 9, is this resolve: "That whenever a lodge after being constituted, requests a Grand Officer to visit and install their officers, or dedicate a hall, the expense attending such visit must be paid by the lodge requesting the services, and not by the Grand Lodge." Fifty years ago the Grand Lodge of Maine may have been in such a condition financially as to have warranted this parsimonious provision, but in my opinion it is too picayunish to be treated with respectable contempt by the forty-two thousand men, whose representatives constitute the Grand Lodge of the present day. I, therefore, recommend that this resolve be supplanted by a regulation that the expenses of the Grand Officers, on the occasions specified, or at least at the dedication of Masonic temples, shall, upon filing a statement of their expenses with the Grand Treasurer, be paid from the contingent fund of the Grand Lodge.

CEREMONIES AND VISITATIONS.

On account of official engagements, the nature of which I think are well understood, I have been unable to accept many of the cordial invitations that have been extended to me by lodges during the year to participate with them in the observance of their Masonic ceremonies. It is with sincere regret that I have felt compelled to forego the great pleasure of these invitations. Among the most important ceremonies which I was privileged the pleasure of attending, was the dedication of the new Masonic Hall of Bar Harbor Lodge, on June 16th, at Bar Harbor. Besides several of the Grand Officers who assisted me, the occasion was honored by Mr. Justice Deasy of the Supreme Court, and my predecessor in office, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Wheeler, both of whom gave inspiring addresses.

In September, I also had the signal pleasure of attending the Centennial of Morning Star Lodge, composed of the sturdy Masons of the town of Litchfield, the cherished Commonwealth of my boyhood.

REPAIRS AND ERECTION OF LODGE BUILDINGS.

It would seem unnecessary to report under this heading any further than to say that several lodges have applied to me for approval of plans and specifications in accordance with the standing regulation passed at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, and to express my approval of the wisdom of that provision.

RULINGS AND DECISIONS.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

Inquiries have come to me whether the loss of the right hand, loss of the right leg, or the stiffness of a knee, are such physical disqualifications as would render applicants thus afflicted ineligible to the rights of Masonry. The decisions from 1861 down to the present time answer these inquiries in the negative. Although this matter was last year referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, nevertheless, I desire to call attention to the scope of the decisions in comparison with the scope of the constitutional provision upon this subject. Neither the language nor the spirit of the Constitution go as far as the decisions in giving an unqualified negation to those questions. Section 100, Article VI, reads as follows: "By the ancient regulations, the physical deformity of an individual operates as a bar to his admission into the fraternity. But as this regulation was adopted for the government of the craft, at a period when they united the character of operative with that of speculative masons, this Grand Lodge authorizes such a construction of the regulation as that, when the deformity of the candidate is not such as to prevent him from being instructed in the arts or mysteries of Freemasonry, and does not amount to an inability honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, the admission will not be an infringement upon the ancient landmarks, but will be perfectly consistent with the spirit of our institution."

"The letter of the law killeth, but the spirit of the law giveth life." In my opinion the spirit of the Constitution, as expressed in the above language, was intended to open wide the door to moral and intellectual worth, and to close it upon the objection of physical disqualification to the last possible degree,

consistent with the ancient landmarks. And this it should do. It is, therefore, highly important to determine what modification of these decisions, under the constitution, are permissible and desirable in amelioration of physical ineligibility as now defined.

LOOSE LEAF RECORDS.

Under date of November 22, 1922, I received the following communication from the Grand Secretary:

"A matter has come to me in different ways which I believe needs an official decision from you. It is the matter of loose-leaf books for lodge records. The change from bound books to loose-leaf ones is so radical, at the same time perhaps in line with improved business methods, it might perhaps be well to establish whether or not they are proper for lodge records. If you will kindly give a decision I will then be in position to advise the Brethren when they consult this office."

In answer to this communication I replied as follows:

"In answer to the above communication permit me to say that I know of no Masonic law, regulation or landmark that forbids the use of a loose-leaf record book. I deem it inadvisable, however, to sanction the use of such a book without imposing certain restrictions and conditions.

"*First*: That the pages shall be consecutively numbered before the book is used for recording purposes.

"*Second*: That no entry of any proceeding of the lodge, in which such record book is used, shall be made therein except by the Recording Officer of the lodge or by a Master Mason in good standing.

"*Third*: That the Secretary of the lodge shall keep a memorandum book, containing minutes of all the proceedings of all the meetings of the lodge and shall cause such book to be retained as a Masonic record in the archives of the lodge.

"Upon the adoption of the foregoing restrictions and conditions, I am willing to give my consent and approval to the use of the so-called loose-leaf ledger as a book of records for such lodges within our jurisdiction as may see fit to adopt it." I now submit the matter to the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

EXCHANGE OF OFFICIAL VISITS BY D. D. G. M'S.

An inquiry was made whether D. D. G. M's. could exchange official visits. I answered in the negative. According to my interpretation, Section 25, Article XVI, of the Constitution, by necessary implication, confines their official visits to their own districts, as their official reports are so confined.

PERMANENT EMBLEMS O. E. S. IN THE LODGE ROOM.

I have been requested to pass upon the question of whether the O. E. S. could be permitted to establish permanent emblems of their order in a Masonic Hall of which they were in regular occupation. I answered in the negative; and as I made the suggestion of calling the matter to the attention of the Grand Lodge, I incorporate that part of my answer relating to that subject: "At present I think it is incumbent upon me to say that your lodge should not permit the permanent placing of the emblems in the lodge room as requested. I think it would be well, and I think perhaps it would be proper for me to do it, to call for the action of the Grand Lodge upon the request of the O. E. S., a supplement to Masonry for which I have the greatest regard and which I think is doing a splendid work both within its own ranks and in the influence which it exerts over Masonry itself; but whatever my personal view with regard to this matter, it is obvious, of course, to all Masons, that we cannot divert from the old landmarks, rules and regulations."

ITALIAN GREETING.

On the first of January, 1923, I received a greeting from the Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Italy, expressed in Italian and translated as follows: "The Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Italy presents his best wishes for the New Year, and his fraternal salute. The Grand Master Raoul V. Palerini."

To this greeting I sent the following reply: "Permit me to acknowledge with kind and gracious thanks your fraternal New Year's greeting. As Masonry knows no bound or country, it is with extreme pleasure that I send to you, across the sea, the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Maine."

In reply to my communication I received the following answer under date of March 8th: "Right Worshipful Sir and Brother: I received your favor of 10th January with your good wishes, for which I thank you. We hope that at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Maine the recognition of our National Grand Lodge of Italy will be decided, following the example already given by various Grand Lodges of the U. S. A."

I infer from this letter that the Grand Lodge of Maine has not, for some reason, recognized the Grand Lodge of Italy. I think the implied request for such recognition, expressed in the letter of Grand Master Palerini, is entitled to our consideration.

FINANCES.

In past years I have not had occasion to come into close contract with the financial operations of the Grand Lodge. I was, therefore, somewhat surprised, upon the more intimate touch brought about by my official position, to discover that the financial relation of the subordinate lodges to the Grand Lodge are precisely the same today as they were in 1865.

Three years ago, according to the figures last available, it cost, on the average, the sum of two dollars and five cents per year, to remain a Mason, in good standing, within this jurisdiction. Twenty cents of this sum was, in 1865, and is now, paid to the Grand Lodge, as the sole contribution made to it by the lodges for charitable and other purposes, plus the addition of \$2.00 for each candidate initiated, less fifty-four cents for a diploma.

Last year we were able to appropriate the munificent sum, of \$3,457.00 for charity, an average of \$40.00 per capita for the eighty-five persons for whom applications were filed.

It seems to me that our financial policy, as thus disclosed, is not complimentary to either the dignity or profession of the order. On the other hand, I believe the great majority of the brethren will agree with me, that in the present times and conditions, the assessment of the paltry sum of twenty cents, demotes the standing of the craft below the plane of Masonic approval. With a membership of forty-two thousand, our Grand Lodge should receive a contribution from the sub-

ordinate lodges sufficient to enable it to participate with a feeling of pride and equality in Masonic activities with its sister Grand jurisdictions.

I, therefore, heartily recommend to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the propriety of taking the proper steps to raise the assessment to at least fifty cents per member, with the hope that one dollar will not be regarded as excessive.

USING BALLOT FOR RETALIATION OR REVENGE.

I have had two inquiries as to what could be done in case of the rejection of applications when manifestly made to retaliate upon the lodge itself or some member, or members, thereof, rather than for the purpose of preserving intact the integrity of Masonry and the welfare of the lodge. After stating that proof of sinister motive, involved in casting an adverse ballot, was a most difficult task and that I knew of no Masonic precedent for dealing with it, I proceeded further to say: "That the right to cast a ballot by each individual Mason for or against a candidate is a Masonic and not a personal or individual matter. A member of a lodge is invested with the right of ballot as a Masonic trust, and it is a privilege which should be used by him only in the execution of that trust, and not for the purpose of enabling him to gratify any individual or personal grievance, real or supposed. And it makes no difference whether that grievance is engendered by a feeling against the lodge or against the candidate to be balloted for. I have no hesitancy in saying that a violation of that trust and the casting of a ballot by a member for the purpose of enabling him to satisfy any personal feeling, is un-Masonic and, if clearly provable against such offending member, would furnish good cause for filing charges against such member for un-Masonic conduct.

"I have no objection to having this letter read in open lodge, that all the brethren may understand my position upon this important and vital question, touching the very life of Masonry.

"I further wish to say that I deem it not only un-Masonic but cowardly, for a man, who has been afforded the honors of Masonry, to take advantage of a secret ballot in order to serve his own personal ends."

USE OF AFFIDAVITS AT TRIALS.

In regard to the use of an affidavit in a Masonic trial, I ruled that it might be used in evidence, provided it was read and its admission in evidence consented to, by the respondent; otherwise, that a deposition would be required. Upon the return of the record of the trial, to which the above ruling applied, I found that, in the absence of the respondent, either for service or trial, his counsel appointed by the Master consented to the use of the affidavit in evidence. It is obvious that the affidavit upon such consent was not admissible. But if there is sufficient evidence, entirely independent of the affidavit, to support the charges, I am submitting the matter to the Committee on Jurisprudence to determine, whether the admission of the affidavit may not be regarded as harmless error, and the conviction, notwithstanding, allowed to stand in accordance with the practice and procedure adopted in courts of law.

EMPLOYMENT OF A STENOGRAPHER AT TRIALS.

Upon inquiry whether a member of a lodge who was a stenographer could be appointed to take stenographic notes of a trial, I answered in the affirmative. The exercise of the right, however, is so plainly within the authority of the lodge, that I refer to it here merely as a matter of information.

STATUS OF AN APPLICANT RAISED IN A CLANDESTINE
LODGE.

On November 9, 1922, I received a communication from the Secretary of Monmouth Lodge, that a petition had been filed by a former resident of Massachusetts, who informed the investigating committee that he had joined a clandestine lodge in that Commonwealth, and was requested to advise the lodge with reference to what it should do. Whereupon, I obtained a blank pledge, hereto appended, such as is used in Massachusetts, where such applications are not rare, forwarded it to the Secretary, directing that it should be read and signed by the petitioner with the following admonition: "I think you should go further and inquire if the applicant knew the lodge was clandestine when he joined it. If he did know,

it is a question for your lodge to determine whether he possesses that manly character which should underlie the eligibility and right of any man to become a Mason. Be sure that the applicant fully understands the meaning of the inclosed pledge, every part of it, clause by clause, before he signs it."

THE PLEDGE.

I, _____, having received certain so called degrees in an organization pretending to be Masonic, but which, upon investigation, I believe to be clandestine and without authority to confer Masonic degrees of any description, do hereby declare that I have withdrawn from that organization, that I have no connection with it in any way or manner whatsoever, and that I have given notice of this action on my part to those claiming to be responsible officers of the body, and I pledge my honor as a man that I will hold no association with its members, as such, in the future.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

I was accorded the great pleasure and high honor of representing the Grand Lodge of Maine at the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, which convened at the historic Washington Alexandria Lodge, of Alexandria, Virginia, over which Washington presided for a period of twelve years.

Our meeting opened on the twenty-second of February, a day celebrated the world over in memory of the greatest character in American history, the most distinguished Mason of his time and a most devoted Mason of all time.

The old lodge room in which we were assembled was filled with priceless relics and resounded with the echo of sacred memories. It is, even now, a consecrated place, hallowed by the name of Washington, and venerated by the fraternity as a Masonic shrine.

But the memorial now being erected will supersede the old accommodations, in which the lodge has been so many years convened, and when completed will become the nation-wide home of that old lodge, the repository of its sacred treasures, and the world-wide shrine of Symbolic Masonry. It will enable the craft from every clime to commune with those early

associations, which are sanctified by a name enshrined in history. This memorial is destined to become the most unique, the most stupendous structure of its kind in the world. The seven wonders are now but incidents of history; but the memory of Washington, as it will be reflected in the name of that magnificent temple, will be cherished as the most beneficent in the history of thought, except that of the Man of Galilee.

This memorial is, in fine, an embodiment of Masonic sentiment, expressed in the form of a beautiful temple, in which every Mason in our jurisdiction, aye, in this American commonwealth, should have a special interest and be able to say, whether visiting this notable edifice, or speaking of it, "I have the honor of having made a personal contribution to the promotion of that great achievement."

I therefore urgently suggest that some system may be devised by which every Mason may have an opportunity to contribute one dollar, or such proportional part thereof as our quota should be, toward this common purpose. I have no faith in attempting to make such a collection, through an appeal by a circular, or a letter to the individual members. It is not because the members are not willing to contribute, but because, not being informed, they regard the circular as one of the conventional begging schemes of the times, and automatically consign it to the waste basket. Either the Grand Lodge, through the lodges, or the lodges themselves, must devise some method of educating the craft upon this important subject, and some system of collecting the amount our jurisdiction should contribute.

The edifice, when completed, will cost more than three millions of dollars. There are, in round numbers, about three million Blue Lodge Masons in the United States; whereupon it is apparent that a fairly large per capita will be required. The undertaking is stupendous; but the institution of Symbolic Masonry is stupendous, and will never put its hand to the plow and look backward.

The corner-stone of the structure will be laid some day between the first and twelfth of November, next. To this event every Grand Master in the United States is invited, and

will be requested to act in behalf of his state, in spreading upon that stone the cement of universal fellowship, with the identical trowel used by Washington as Worshipful Master of his lodge, and with which he laid the corner-stone of the capitol of the Nation, to which alone the coming event will be secondary. Therefore, before the Grand Master of Maine shall be called upon to participate in that illustrious ceremony, I am solicitous that the jurisdiction of Maine shall either have contributed its share, or organized a system of collection that will assure its accomplishment. I am, accordingly, desirous that the committee, consisting of Past Grand Masters Edward B. Mallett, Thomas H. Bodge and Silas B. Adams may be able to report some form of procedure to attain the end in view, to be acted upon at this session of the Grand Lodge.

THE KU KLUX KLAN.

On the twenty-second day of June, 1922, having read in flaming headlines that the Ku Klux Klan were claiming that their ranks in certain localities were being largely recruited from Freemasonry, I issued a statement expressing my opposition to, and disapproval of, any connection between Masonry and the Klan, and among other things said:

"Masonry does not undertake to regulate or interfere with any outside matter. Its long life and great usefulness are due to the fact that it has never allowed any deliberation or discussion in its lodge room regarding any subject not concerning Masonry upon which might be developed a controversy.

"While we have no concern with the K. K. K., or any organization as such, we may have a vital concern, regarding the conduct of Masons in joining that, or any other society, whose activities may be regarded as a menace to law and order."

There the matter rested, so far as I was concerned, until February 8th, 1923, when I received a very courteous and intelligent letter from a Brother in Old Town, requesting my opinion upon the propriety of allowing the banquet room of the Masonic Temple in that place to be used for a lecture upon the subject of the K. K. K. by a representative of that

order; and also my personal opinion upon the merits of the institution.

Upon receipt of this letter from a very intelligent, and I am persuaded highly worthy Mason, I deemed it my duty to make a somewhat elaborate reply which I here insert as an expression of my opinion, as Grand Master at the time it was written, and at the present time as well.

" Dear Sir and Brother:

" Yours in regard to holding a meeting of a representative of the Ku Klux Klan in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple, in Old Town, was duly received and contents noted. This is the first time that my attention has been called by a Mason with respect to my attitude as Grand Master and of my views personally regarding the order known as the Ku Klux Klan, and I shall not hesitate to express them, both officially and individually, in full.

" I know nothing whatever of the constitution, by-laws, or outward profession of the institution. I feel confident, however, that I am justified in saying that I do know what the institution stands for as manifested by the acts and conduct of its members and its agents. I could not submit proof that the French are now occupying the region of the Rhur, in Germany; I could not submit proof at this moment that the United States Senate is in session at Washington; I could not submit proof that explorers are opening the tomb of Tutankhamen; but from the evidence presented through the press, I have no reasonable doubt that every one of the instances to which I have referred actually exists. Now, notwithstanding what any representative of the K. K. K. may say, I have no reasonable doubt from the utterances of the press, from different parts of the country, all coinciding with reference to what the K. K. K. is doing, that their representatives are guilty of premeditated, intentional, and express violations of law in the commission of nearly every kind of violence. Any society, or order, whatever its professions, that sanctions the violation of law, by the use of violence or threats, is a menace to society, and destructive of organized government. The United States Constitution and the Constitution of Maine, in their inception, as the founda-

tion upon which personal rights were ever after to rest, inserted clauses providing that no person should be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law. Therefore, depriving, or attempting to deprive a man of life, liberty, or property, in a cowardly mask and under cover of night, is a flagrant violation of law.

"Every obligation, in every degree, from that of Entered Apprentice to the Thirty-third and last degree; every lesson taught by the precepts and example of every degree; the Ancient Charges which declare that a Mason is a peaceable subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the Nation; and that the laws of Masonry are subordinate to the civil law; and that whenever one's duties as a Mason conflict with his duties as a citizen, the latter are paramount and the former must yield; disclose proof beyond controversy, that a violation of the civil law is a violation of the Masonic law.

"Under the Federal and State constitutions, Courts have been established for the administration of law and officers appointed for the execution of the mandates of the Courts. It is the establishment of Courts, and right therein of the accused to meet his accusers, face to face, that differentiates civilization from barbarism and mob violence. Therefore, no man, or collection of men, as I am persuaded the K. K. K. are proposing to do, can assume the right to accuse, try, sentence, and execute the sentence, upon real or supposed offender.

"Without proceeding further to describe the illegal processes of the K. K. K., of the existence of which there can be no reasonable doubt, I know that you, as a good Mason, will agree with me, that such an institution is absolutely un-Masonic, and utterly without support or sympathy from any Masonic point of view.

"It is therefore, now evident to you, without my saying it, that, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, having in my keeping the honor, reputation, and the good name of of forty-two thousand symbolic Masons, I am opposed to

any recognition, association, or affiliation of Masons with the K. K. K.

"In stating my attitude toward the use of the banquet hall for a K. K. K. lecture, as proposed in your letter, I do not wish to appear arbitrary. Yet as Grand Master, with grave responsibilities resting upon me, touching the weal or woe of Masonry, in this State, I feel it my duty to say that I am utterly opposed to the use of any part of any Masonic Temple, in Maine, for the purpose of enabling the K. K. K. to expound a doctrine, the profession, conduct, and acts of which are incompatible with the principles, precepts and examples of Masonry.

"In order that there may be no misunderstanding, or ambiguity, with reference to my statement in regard to the use of the banquet hall, if the matter should come up in the Grand Lodge, I desire to say that, as Grand Master I forbid the use of any part of the Masonic Temple in Old Town, for the purpose requested. I note that the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts takes the same position that I do with reference to the utter inconsistency of the K. K. K. with Masonry, and in closing his warning, to the Masons of Massachusetts, forbade the use of any temple, or hall, in that State, by the K. K. K., as follows: 'No Masonic Temple, or apartment, must be used for their purpose, and let every Mason who has attempted to join the Klan consider well if he can harmonize his obligations as a Mason with the principles of the Klan.'

"In answer to your last question, I will say that my personal attitude is fully expressed in my attitude as Grand Master. I regret to say that the Klan has boasted, in more than one public way, that their ranks were being recruited largely from the members of the Masonic fraternity. I cannot believe this to be true. I feel that I know it is not true of the Masons of Maine. Did I conceive it to be true, I should feel that the germs of disintegration had found their way into the heart of a fraternity that has existed for hundreds of years and at all times commanded the confidence and respect of the community, in which it has lived. I, therefore, put the inquiry to you, my Brother, in view of the public claims of the Klan, whether the Masons of Old Town should not consider well

the propriety of giving even the semblance of moral support by the use of their Temple to an institution which, in my opinion, the evidence justifies in calling an outlaw.

"I wish it to be understood that what I have said is with reference to Masons as a fraternity, not with reference to Masons in their individual capacity and rights. It is none of my business, as Grand Master or as an individual, what Masons do outside of a Masonic Lodge, whether in the attendance of Ku Klux Klan meetings or in the form of any other activities, provided they are not guilty of un-Masonic conduct."

CLOSING

In closing, I wish to say, that I contemplate the mission of Freemasonry, from the standpoint of its practical effect and influence upon the home, the neighborhood, the community and the State, rather than from the circumscribed prospective of the lodge room and the ritual. To me, it represents the existence of an active moral force based upon the practice of great moral precepts. It must be regarded and valued for its achievements attained outside of the lodge room rather than for the accomplishment of ritualistic perfection, although the latter should be strictly observed.

But the joining of the lodge and recital of the ritual, do not, in themselves, constitute a Mason. The ritual is but a means to an end; and that end is the assimilation of its teachings, and the infusion of the spirit of Masonry into the conscience of the Craft.

The lodge meetings, however, and our assembly here, are among the most cherished ceremonies of social and friendly intercourse that find place in the enjoyment of life's activities; yet it is not what we say here; it is not what we do here; it is what we carry away from here, that gives value and character to the works of Freemasonry.

It is a postulate, that the precepts and lessons of Masonry, as taught in the proceedings of the lodge, are given expression to the world through the conduct and example of its members as they mingle with society and engage in the everyday affairs of life. There is no other way by which the virtues and merits of Masonry can be revealed to the uninitiated. It stands for

what its individual members stand; its work is measured by what its individual members do; its character is estimated by what its individual members are. Whereupon, it is plain that the affiliate who does not live up to the obligations of the Order does vastly more harm, both to society and the Craft, than if he had never belonged to it.

But it gives me unusual gratification to observe, as one interested to know, that the Masonic fraternity of this jurisdiction has maintained a standing as close to the line of precept and example as any other association, religious or lay, within the confines of our good State.

Is this great fraternity worth preserving? If it is, it devolves upon the men who sit before me to see to it that it shall not be permitted to be weakened by deterioration in the quality of its membership. It is true that members make a Lodge; but I know, and you know, that it is quality, not quantity, that makes a Masonic Lodge.

No candidate should be solicited. He should come of his own free will and accord, says the law. He should be a Mason at heart before he can become a Mason in fact. It would be but a mockery to confer the degrees upon one who sought them for personal advantage. The spirit, as well as the law, protests admission on any such motive.

My final word to you today is this prophecy: That, whenever Masonry admits to its membership a candidate who is not worthy of the privileges of the Craft, such admission weakens the Order; and, whenever the unworthy constitute a majority the precepts and example of Masonry will no longer be worthy the name.

We may fear little danger from without; Masonry has the confidence and good will of every community; but we are not free from dangers that may arise from within.

We read of the fabled eagle, who, as he lay wounded and dying upon the plain, grieved not that he was about to die, but that the fatal shaft that had pierced his vitals was guided in its deadly course by a feather dropped from his own wing.

Let us not have occasion to grieve over the prostrate form of our beloved and cherished institution because of a wound, inflicted by a blow, administered by our own hand.

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, MAINE, May 1, 1923.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

The detail matters of my office have received prompt attention and all correspondence attended to as soon as possible after receipt. The volume of this correspondence has increased tremendously the past few years as the record of outgoing mail from my office, which I have carefully kept, will prove.

RETURNS.

The returns came in this year in general the best of any year since I came into this office. All but twenty-one were in my office on March 16th, and six more arrived the next morning. The real delinquent lodges then were lodges, Nos. 24, 41, 55, 72, 74, 101, 105, 115, 119, 143, 155, 168, 174 and 198. These came straggling along until March 26th, when I wrote the Secretaries of Nos. 72, 101, 115 and 143. The two latter responded immediately, but another reminder was needed to bring in those of Nos. 72 and 101. The returns of 101 arrived April 8th, twenty-five days overdue and thirty-nine days after the year's work had closed. The returns showed only one candidate in the work, and one death, and could have been made in duplicate in less than an hour's time, but my final totaling of results was held back almost a month by the failure of that Secretary to devote that hour's time. I mention this, not to censure unduly this particular Secretary, but to call attention to the importance of having all returns in my office at the earliest possible date.

I am convinced that a good many, perhaps a majority, of our Secretaries do not keep on file the returns of previous years, because the prevailing error is to begin tabulations with "number returned last year" one or two different from the actual figures. I believe District Deputy Grand Masters when visiting lodges and examining records should make it a point to ascertain and report if the previous returns in every lodge are kept on file.

COURTESY WORK.

There has been a marked decrease in the number of requests to have degrees conferred by courtesy. Only forty-five cases have been handled during the past year.

PROCEEDINGS.

Fourteen hundred copies of the journal of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and mailed on June 13th, which was, I am very sure, the earliest date the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine were ever sent out. This result was accomplished only because of the co-operation of the Committee on Correspondence, who had their report completed at the time the Annual Communication was held, and the efficiency of the Tucker Printing Co. While on this subject, I may perhaps be permitted to suggest that according to my mind a considerable saving of time and expense could be made by omitting to print the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, giving instead a summary of facts ascertained by them when making visits arranged in a few pages of tabulated statistics.

NEW APPLICATION BLANKS.

In accord with the action of this Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication a new form of application blank and accompanying questionnaire, was approved by the Grand Master and Committee on Jurisprudence on October 23rd. Because the Standing Regulation adopted provided that the blanks should be furnished to the lodges by the Grand Secretary, I contracted with the Merrill & Webber Co. of Auburn, to print 15,000, which were delivered November 22nd. Within a few days I mailed each lodge Secretary fifty blanks together with a printed copy of the Standing Regulation and the edict of the Most Worshipful Grand Master requiring the adoption of the new blank when receiving applications of candidates by all lodges. I have since received duplicate orders for blanks by several lodges and have filled the same the day of receipt.

FILING.

In accord with the vote passed by the Grand Lodge one year ago, dust-proof containers and a steel filing cabinet have been installed in the Grand Lodge office, and now all papers and records, including lodge histories, are filed so that they may be consulted at a moment's notice.

CARD INDEX.

Work on the card index of members has progressed satisfactorily during the past year, and the cards are now beginning to be in shape for practical use. The individual membership cards of the several lodges are up-to-date, and the personal record cards are more than half filed. The original plan has been extended and already thousands of cards are completed and filed showing Masonic record of members long since dead. The value of this work cannot be explained in the brief time here allowed but I can truthfully say that it has already more than demonstrated its worth.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

A great deal of work needs to be done on the Grand Lodge Library; more perhaps than any one person can afford to give of personal time. Accessions have not been made for more than three years and as a result,

the books most frequently needed to refer to, are in a miscellaneous pile and unavailable. I would therefore recommend that a suitable appropriation be made to rearrange the library, make all accessions, and have bound the hundred or more volumes neglected since war time when the price of binding advanced to such alarming figures but which show no sign of abating.

LODGE REPRESENTATION

During the year I had occasion to determine the number of times a certain lodge had missed being represented in Grand Lodge during the past few years, which led me to compile a table showing the record of all the lodges during the past twenty-five years. I was surprised to find that only sixty-one lodges had been represented every year since 1898. Some have missed only one year, others four, five or more. An odd feature shown is that the new lodges have been most delinquent. For instance, Nollesemic, No. 205, organized in 1902, has been represented eleven times and failed to be represented ten times. Kemankeag, 213, organized nine years ago, has only had a representative here on two of those years. Of the older lodges, Rising Star, No. 171, has the poorest record, having failed to be represented ten times in the last twenty-five years.

CERTIFICATES.

I have made and forwarded the two Certificates of Charter voted at the last Annual Communication, and have also made 774 Grand Lodge Certificates on applications by lodge Secretaries. The cash received for these, together with other items, has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and my account has been examined by the Committee of Finance who will report thereon.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Grand Secretary.*

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

FINANCE.

Brother WALDO PETTENGILL, for the Committee of Finance, made oral report that the Committee had examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary and found the same correct, but because of illness the Grand Treasurer has been unable to prepare a detailed report to be read at this time, and recommended that such preparation be permitted, with permission to print in the Proceedings.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

GRAND TREASURER.

The detailed report as prepared by the Grand Treasurer and approved by the Committee of Finance, follows:

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

In account with EDMUND B. MALLET, Grand Treasurer.

1922.

RECEIPTS.

May.	To Balance cash on hand.	\$22,454.67
	Error St. Paul Lodge.	\$ 4.00
	Charles B. Davis, Fees of office.	683.30
	Interest.	150.03

From District Deputy Grand Masters:

William N. Gould,	1st District,	444.00
James Abernethy,	2nd "	306.40
Edgar A. Worcester,	3rd "	277.80
Norris L. Heath,	4th "	303.20
Charles W. Hayes,	5th "	534.20
Alvoid E. Cushman,	6th "	880.40
Arthur H. Norton,	7th "	193.20
George R. Wilson,	8th "	238.60
Ralph B. Lewis,	9th "	632.00
George A. Cowan,	10th "	438.80
John C. Arnold,	11th "	605.00
Edward G. Palmer,	12th "	417.60
Harold A. Coleman,	13th "	419.00
John E. Merrill,	14th "	570.80
Henry E. Knapp,	15th "	388.40
Clarence H. Pride,	16th "	260.00
Joseph B. Manchester,	17th "	1,493.60
L. Murray Watkins,	18th "	214.80
Harold H. Bourne,	19th "	739.20
Raymond Hamm,	20th "	230.80
Harry E. Rowe,	21st "	505.60
Fred C. Eldridge,	22nd "	326.60
George H. Smith,	23rd "	364.00
John S. P. H. Wilson,	24th "	704.00
Chas. B. Davis (Gd. Sec.)	25th "	343.80
Gerald A. Peabody,	26th "	216.80
		<hr/> \$12,885.93

Total.

\$35,340.60

1922.

DISBURSEMENTS.

May 4.	By Pay Roll.	\$4,869.40
	C. B. Davis, Grand Secretary, salary.	1,800.00
	E. B. Mallet, Grand Treasurer, salary.	500.00
	W. B. Howell, Grand Tyler, extra services.	72.00
	Howard R. Stevens, music.	25.00
	New England Telephone Co., for one year.	75.02
	Tucker Printing Co.	1,416.92
	Ashley A. Smith, Chairman Com. Cor.	300.00
	Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, Salary.	100.00
	Frank E. Sleeper, Expenses Schools of Instruction.	126.27
	Mercie L. Hills, Labor on Cards.	581.00
	Masonic Trustees, Rent.	2,925.00
	Washington National Masonic Associa- tion.	500.00
	Frank M. Hunnewell.	8.00
	Falmouth Hotel.	22.50
	Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, account fire.	44.80
	Loring, Short & Harmon.	42.06
	Three B Bindery.	117.00
	Chas. B. Davis, Grand Secretary, mail- ing Proceedings.	57.08
	Hamilton Paper Co.	37.65
	Beneficiaries.	255.00
	Peoples Steam Laundry.	14.72
	Roberts Office Supply Co.	805.75
	Royal Typewriter Co.	9.00
	N. E. Redlon & Co., work on safe.	10.37
	Merrill & Webber, Printing	112.60
	Walter B. Keith, P. M. Diplomas.	60.00
	Philip R. Brown.	13.50
	Geo. W. Hoxie	14.30
	Geo. W. Barbour, repairing Clock.	5.00
	Pantograph Printing Co.	70.00
	William N. Gould, D. D. G. M., expenses	55.82
	Andrew J. Beck, " " " "	34.12
	James Abernethy, " " " "	38.08
	Edgar A. Worcester, " " " "	28.68
	Norris L. Heath, " " " "	45.78
	Chas. W. Hayes, " " " "	53.90
	Alvoid E. Cushman, " " " "	9.37
	Arthur H. Norton, " " " "	14.25
	George R. Wilson, " " " "	31.80

Ralph B. Lewis, D. D. G. M., expenses	\$16.29
Wilbur J. Knowlton, " "	37.97
George A. Cowan, " "	38.33
John C. Arnold, " "	9.70
Edward G. Palmer, " "	32.35
Harold A. Colman, " "	54.68
John E. Merrill, " "	15.63
Henry E. Knapp, " "	49.94
Clarence H. Pride, " "	18.00
Joseph B. Manchester, " "	14.00
L. Murray Watkins, " "	32.48
Harold H. Bourne, " "	25.10
Raymond Hamm, " "	22.81
Harry E. Rowe, " "	37.85
Dana L. Small, " "	10.00
Fred C. Eldridge, " "	38.00
Transferred to Charity Fund.....	4,745.46
Miscellaneous.....	386.75
	<hr/> \$20,887.08
Balance on hand.....	14,453.52
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Total.....	\$35,340.60

GEORGE R. RICH MEMORIAL FUND.

Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds.....	\$1,150.00
Deposit in Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co.....	113.02
	<hr/> \$1,263.02

Fraternally submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLET, *Grand Treasurer.*

GRAND LECTURER.

The report of the Grand Lecturer which had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary, was read as follows:

SABATTUS, April 14, 1923.

MOST WORSHIPFUL ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of Masons in Maine:

During the present Masonic year I have conducted four "Schools for Masonic Instruction," viz: At Island Falls on Wednesday, September 20th; at Fryeburg, on Wednesday, October 11th; at Kennebunk, on Wednesday, October 18th, and at Augusta, on Tuesday, October 24th.

At the school at Island Falls were present District Deputy Grand Masters from the First, Twentieth and Twenty-second districts, and nearly seventy-five brethren, representing ten lodges.

At Fryeburg were Deputies from the Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth districts, and about eighty brethren representing eleven lodges.

At Kennebunk were present Deputies from the Ninth, Nineteenth, and

Twenty-third districts and about 100 brethren, representing eighteen Maine, three Massachusetts, one New Hampshire, one Vermont, and one Rhode Island lodges.

At Augusta were present Deputies from the Second, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fifteenth, Twenty-first, and Twenty-sixth districts, and about 150 brethren representing thirty-six Maine lodges.

Deputies from the Third, Fifth, Seventh, Tenth, Fourteenth, Twenty-fourth, and Twenty-fifth districts were not present at either school.

Each of these schools, I feel sure, has been very beneficial to Masonry in our Grand Jurisdiction; for, although the attendance has varied in different localities, the brethren present at each of them have manifested the same earnest desire to perfect themselves in the rendition of the ritual and in the performance of the work of our degrees.

At these schools all sections of our Grand Jurisdiction are represented, so that city, town, and rural lodges have equal opportunity to obtain their benefit. In my early Masonic life, "Schools of Instruction" as we now have them, were unknown, and the young Mason who desired more light was obliged to seek for it far and wide. Consequently the instruction which he received was often incorrect, and resulted in confusion and differences in the work of our lodges. But today, largely as a result of our "School" system of instruction, Masonry is the same in every portion of our Jurisdiction, and as good and perfect work is often given in some of our rural lodges as can be exhibited by our brethren in the cities.

In my schools during the year, as before, I have required the lodges with which the school is held to exhibit actual work in one of the degrees, which shall be inspected by the Deputy of the District, assisted by all other Deputies who may be present. This is a rather hard and "gruelling" requirement for the lodges but is productive of much benefit to the Craftsmen present, as the errors, if any, which are made are brought more forcibly to the attention of the brethren in a manner which fixes them in the memory.

Permit me to add that the brethren of Island Falls, Fryeburg, Kennebunk, and Augusta lodges extended to me, and to all visiting Masons, that unbounded hospitality which, during the thirty-two years I have occupied the office of Grand Lecturer, I have never failed to find among the members of our beloved order.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. SLEEPER, *Grand Lecturer.*

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

GRIEVANCES.

The Grand Secretary presented the following matters, and all papers and correspondence connected with each case, which were received and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

1. Suspension by the Grand Master of Charles A. Trafton, of Preble Lodge, No. 143.
2. Penobscot Lodge, No. 39, vs. Everett H. Bragdon.
3. Alna Lodge, No. 43, vs. Stephen F. Richards.
4. Case, Robert A. Bradshaw, irregularly made a Mason by Ocean Lodge, No. 142.
5. Asylum Lodge, No. 133, vs. Herman R. Wing.
6. St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, vs. Robert B. Stewart.
7. Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, vs. Fay L. Hazzard.
8. Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 67, vs. Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 99, invasion of jurisdiction.
9. Granite Lodge, No. 182, vs. Joseph W. Chesley.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, in print, and asked that it be printed with the Proceedings in order that it may be read by as many of the brethren of the state as possible, and in the meetings of the lodges when no degree work was waiting, so that all the brethren may obtain better understanding of our inter-state relations, calling attention particularly to the introduction of the report. The Grand Lodge so voted. (*See Appendix*).

RETURNS.

Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS submitted the Report of the Committee on Returns, which was accepted as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 1, 1923.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Returns have carefully examined the Returns made by the 206 lodges, and beg leave to report that they are pleased to see the typewritten copies increase year by year and also that apparently more care is being taken by those secretaries who still hand-write theirs to have spelling of proper names distinct. Only two Returns are found this year so poorly written to cause the names of candidates to be a matter of guess work. We fail to note a single instance where a secretary has reported a candidate using only initials for Christian names, and a good many supply the middle name in full, a detail that a few years ago was unthought of, but nevertheless of great value.

While the Grand Secretary has in his office a complete list in card form of the membership of each lodge, we would recommend that the lodge

secretaries be required to submit to him at least once in five years, a type-written list of their membership so that he may check their roll by his cards.

The percentage of applications rejected this year exceeds that of last year by a considerable margin. Hardly one in four of the petitioners for the degrees have been elected to receive them. An examination of the table will show that hardly a lodge which received any considerable number of applications considered all the aspirants worthy. While our growth has consequently been much smaller and a great reduction from the amount of work done during the past few years, we may safely conclude the quality of that growth is fully up to the Maine standard.

The date of receipt stamped on each return shows that fourteen secretaries were delinquent with filing their returns with the Grand Secretary. While this number is comparatively small, the delay necessarily holds up the work of tabulation and often is the cause of serious consequence. We note also that many secretaries apparently send the copy to be filed with the Grand Secretary to the District Deputy Grand Master to be endorsed by him before sending to the Grand Secretary. This is not necessary and often in itself is the cause of over-due returns in the Grand Lodge office. The printed blanks plainly say that the copy for the Grand Secretary shall be forwarded to him direct as soon as made in an addressed envelope sent for that purpose, and nothing is added to the value of the return by having it endorsed by the District Deputy.

The net gain in membership has been 1,053, which allows for corrections in the 1922 returns of two lodges, as compared with 2,170 in 1922 and 2,829 in 1921. The gains and losses in activities have not been confined to city and country, or large and small lodges. For instance, the largest percentage of gain this year was in Doric, No. 149, at Monson, while the largest percentage of loss was in Tyrian, No. 73, at Mechanic Falls.

Thirty lodges, Nos. 11, 45, 54, 67, 73, 74, 79, 85, 100, 101, 106, 115, 119, 123, 125, 128, 131, 137, 140, 153, 154, 157, 160, 161, 171, 177, 179, 194, 196 and 201 show a combined total loss in membership of 101.

Fifteen, Nos. 13, 31, 42, 70, 98, 102, 104, 107, 113, 158, 164, 167, 188, 191 and 203 report the same membership, each, as was given in the 1922 returns. Carrabasset, No. 161, which reported a membership of 100 last year lost one and returns to the list of lodges with a membership of two figures each and makes 33 of our lodges Nos. 27, 53, 56, 58, 62, 71, 75, 85, 102, 103, 104, 107, 123, 129, 131, 132, 133, 139, 140, 151, 154, 158, 161, 164, 166, 169, 171, 187, 210, 211, 213, 214 and 215, each under 100 members.

Nos. 55 and 149 have increased their membership from 97 and 98 respectively and come in with the lodges whose members number between 100 and 200.

Nos. 122, 143, 163, and 185 pass from the 200 to the 300 list.

No. 10 and No. 30 have passed from 300 to the 400 group. Nos. 32, 81, and 83 pass from 400 to the 500 class.

No lodge entered the 600 column and Waterville, No. 33 is in that classification alone. Ancient Land-Mark, No. 17, and Deering, No. 183, chased

each other from the 700 to the 800 column position, landing on March 1st with Land-Mark three members in the lead.

Two lodges, Webster, No. 164, and Rising Sun, No. 177, report no work for the year. The former had no losses and maintains its last year membership. Rising Sun had one affiliation but lost two by death, so reports a net loss of one.

St. Andrew's, No. 83, of Bangor, led all the lodges in the state in the amount of work performed having initiated 89 candidates and raised 67 making a net gain of 61 or about 13 per cent.

Sixteen lodges, Nos. 11, 42, 45, 97, 100, 101, 106, 121, 131, 140, 154, 161, 170, 171, and 189 had only one candidate each.

Ancient Land-Mark, No. 17, of Portland, still holds the distinction of being the largest lodge in the state, a position that it has held for more than a generation, while Excelsior, No. 151, still continues to be the smallest and clinched its right to that position this year by making a large decrease in membership.

The losses by suspension for non-payment of dues reflects the general business depression the country over, and has been larger than any year since the easy money days of war time.

The death rate has been 16.7 to the 1,000, the largest of any year in the history of the Grand Lodge, except in 1919, when the influenza epidemic swept over the country.

No new lodges have been organized.

The net gain has been 1015.

The average lodge membership has been increased from 197.4 to 204.6.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS,

JAMES C. AYER,

CHAS. W. CROSBY,

} Committee.

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

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Initiated	1,863	3,122	3,524	2,718	1,846
Raised	1,808	2,927	3,471	2,856	1,858
Affiliated	92	149	158	150	126
Re-instated	88	117	139	79	59
Error 1920 returns.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
Error 1922 returns.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13
Dimitted	120	186	220	168	152
Died	769	623	593	600	697
Suspended	1	1	1	0	2
Expelled	2	2	0	2	6
Susp. from membership..	163	97	122	106	137
Deprived of membership..	0	1	5	1	7
Number of members	33,386	35,670	38,499	40,677	41,730
Rejected	414	811	1,121	1,065	736

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1923

Nos.	LODGES.	Initiated.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Re-instated.	Dimitted.	Died	Suspended	Expelled.	N. P. D.		No. Members.	Rejected.
										Suspended.	D. of Mem.		
1	Portland	31	31	1	2	2	11	0	0	0	0	580	13
2	Warren	2	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	220	0
3	Lincoln	4	5	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	217	1
4	Hancock	3	5	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	105	0
5	Kennebec	7	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	170	2
6	Amity	17	15	2	2	0	4	0	0	1	0	319	2
7	Eastern	8	9	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	188	2
8	United	12	17	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	284	6
9	Saco	24	27	2	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	360	15
10	Rising Virtue	45	52	2	0	0	8	0	0	2	0	435	34
11	Pythagorean	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	150	0
12	Cumberland	7	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	246	6
13	Oriental	4	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	223	4
14	Solar	25	27	1	3	4	4	0	0	5	0	420	6
15	Orient	5	8	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	165	1
16	St. George	10	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	151	0
17	Ancient Landmark	46	51	1	0	2	17	0	0	2	0	813	41
18	Oxford	10	7	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	246	6
19	Felicity	8	10	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	169	0
20	Maine	2	4	5	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	207	6
21	Oriental Star	8	4	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	209	4
22	York	15	15	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	195	6
23	Freeport	8	8	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	221	1
24	Phoenix	6	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	182	6
25	Temple	9	10	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	151	3
26	Village	3	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	136	0
27	Adoniram	7	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	85	2
28	Northern Star	7	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	129	2
29	Tranquil	24	29	3	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	550	10
30	Blazing Star	22	18	4	2	3	4	0	0	7	0	406	16
31	Union	3	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	133	0
32	Hermon	25	27	2	1	2	7	0	0	3	0	514	3
33	Waterville	28	28	2	3	3	10	0	0	2	0	636	16
34	Somerset	8	11	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	279	10
35	Bethlehem	19	15	2	3	0	5	0	0	8	0	430	7
36	Casco	9	6	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	238	6
37	Washington	13	11	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	191	1
38	Harmony	9	8	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	237	2
39	Penobscot	9	5	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	265	1
40	Lygonia	11	12	0	3	6	11	0	0	5	0	368	5
41	Morning Star	5	8	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	115	0
42	Freedom	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	116	0
43	Alna	12	11	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	220	1
44	Piscataquis	11	10	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	333	10
45	Central	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	128	0
46	St. Croix	13	10	0	1	1	9	0	0	0	0	272	5
47	Dunlap	16	11	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	398	9
48	Lafayette	9	10	3	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	159	2
49	Meridian Splendor	6	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	204	1
50	Aurora	22	25	2	4	2	10	0	0	6	0	513	1

Nos.	LODGES.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
51	St. John's	13	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	241	0
52	Mosaic	4	3	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	227	2
53	Rural	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	98	0
54	Vassalboro	5	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	6	0	103	1
55	Fraternal	7	11	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	108	0
56	Mount Moriah	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	3
57	King Hiram	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	153	1
58	Unity	5	6	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	79	0
59	Mt. Hope (ch. sur.)												
60	Star in the East	22	25	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	325	7
61	King Solomon's	12	12	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	173	1
62	King David's	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	84	1
63	Richmond	10	11	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	192	2
64	Pacific	12	12	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	127	0
65	Mystic	12	15	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	200	5
66	Mechanics'	13	10	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	238	2
67	Blue Mountain	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	4	0	134	1
68	Mariners'	7	7	1	1	2	3	0	0	4	0	124	0
69	Howard	6	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	180	0
70	Standish	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	152	2
71	Rising Sun	9	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	92	0
72	Pioneer	7	7	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	209	4
73	Tyrian	2	2	0	0	2	8	0	0	8	0	221	2
74	Bristol	2	2	1	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	158	0
75	Plymouth	4	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	92	0
76	Arundel	3	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	172	0
77	Tremont	19	19	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	175	2
78	Crescent	7	8	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	153	4
79	Rockland	11	9	1	1	2	7	0	0	8	0	253	0
80	Keystone	3	5	1	9	0	3	0	0	0	0	142	2
81	Atlantic	61	55	2	1	0	14	0	1	3	0	518	13
82	St. Paul's	5	8	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	218	5
83	St. Andrew's	89	67	2	1	1	7	1	0	0	0	530	33
84	Eureka	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	124	0
85	Star in the West	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	95	2
86	Temple	7	7	1	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	333	2
87	Benevolent	5	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	112	1
88	Narraguagus	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	123	0
89	Island	8	7	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	126	0
90	Hiram Abiff (ch. rev.)												
91	Harwood	4	5	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	211	0
92	Siloam	10	12	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	281	5
93	Horeb	9	9	1	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	303	10
94	Paris	3	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	171	2
95	Corinthian	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	163	3
96	Monument	15	15	0	1	3	5	0	0	5	0	433	4
97	Bethel	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	176	2
98	Kathadin	6	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	194	4
99	Vernon Valley	9	9	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	113	1
100	Jefferson	3	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	106	4
101	Nezinscot	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	101	1
102	Marsh River	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	92	0
103	Dresden	7	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	96	1
104	Dirigo	4	3	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	92	0
105	Ashlar	25	25	2	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	470	11
106	Tuscan	1	1	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	241	1

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
107	Dav Spring	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	84	0
108	Relief (<i>ch. rev.</i>)												
109	Mount Kineo	1	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	157	8
110	Monmouth	8	8	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	163	3
111	Liberty	4	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	109	2
112	Eastern Frontier	8	11	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	220	3
113	Messalonskee	1	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	127	0
114	Polar Star	21	22	3	1	5	6	0	1	2	1	427	3
115	Buxton	2	2	0	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	149	1
116	Lebanon	3	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	142	1
117	Greenleaf	7	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	193	0
118	Drummond	6	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	111	8
119	Pownal	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	120	0
120	Meduncook (<i>ch. sur.</i>)												
121	Acacia	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	106	0
122	Marine	9	10	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	300	0
123	Franklin	5	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	98	0
124	Olive Branch	4	5	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	129	0
125	Meridian	6	7	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	225	2
126	Timothy Chase	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	191	1
127	Presumpscot	7	6	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	164	3
128	Eggemoggin	3	3	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	134	0
129	Quantabacook	8	8	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	89	0
130	Trinity	10	14	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	316	5
131	Lookout	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	74	0
132	Mount Tire'm	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	85	0
133	Asylum	6	9	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	86	1
134	Trojan (<i>consol'd</i>)												
135	Riverside	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	158	1
136	Ionic (<i>ch. sur.</i>)												
137	Kenduskeag	4	3	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	115	0
138	Lewy's Island	8	10	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	238	8
139	Archon	4	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	99	0
140	Mount Desert	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	91	0
141	Augusta	14	15	0	0	2	5	0	0	1	0	480	8
142	Ocean	4	4	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	102	4
143	Preble	25	26	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	319	12
144	Seaside	16	14	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	309	3
145	Moses Webster	0	3	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	225	2
146	Sebastcook	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	154	0
147	Evening Star	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	107	2
148	Forest	6	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	188	1
149	Doric	13	13	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	110	1
150	Rabboni	28	28	2	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	379	13
151	Excelsior	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	40	0
152	Crooked River	8	8	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	134	0
153	Delta	1	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	108	0
154	Mystic Tie	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	92	0
155	Ancient York	8	10	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	188	14
156	Wilton	13	9	1	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	217	2
157	Cambridge	3	4	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	144	1
158	Anchor	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	82	1
159	Esoteric (<i>consol'd</i>)												
160	Parian	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	129	5
161	Carrabassett	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	99	1
162	Arion	6	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	109	0

Nos.	LODGES.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
163	Pleasant River.....	13	13	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	308	22
164	Webster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	0
165	Molunkus.....	7	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	163	0
166	Neguemkeag	7	7	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	78	1
167	Whitney	6	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	100	0
168	Composite	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	184	1
169	Shepherd's River.....	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	2
170	Caribou	11	11	1	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	256	4
171	Naskeag	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	89	0
172	Pine Tree	6	6	0	1	2	3	0	0	3	0	154	1
173	Pleiades	4	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	179	0
174	Lynde	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	118	1
175	Baskahegan	8	15	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	218	1
176	Palestine (<i>consol'd</i>)												
177	Rising Star	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	107	0
178	Ancient Brothers'	17	15	0	0	2	4	0	0	1	0	439	11
179	Yorkshire	9	13	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	139	1
180	Hiram	32	42	1	0	0	11	0	0	3	0	560	26
181	Reuel Washburn (<i>con.</i>)												
182	Granite	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	102	0
183	Deering	55	53	1	0	2	17	1	0	0	0	810	32
184	Naval	11	11	2	0	2	8	0	0	6	0	425	4
185	Bar Harbor	15	16	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	307	4
186	Warren Phillips	5	4	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	411	3
187	Ira Berry	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0
188	Jonesport	5	4	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	142	0
189	Knox	1	1	0	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	104	0
190	Springvale	11	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	238	7
191	Davis	7	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	135	0
192	Winter Harbor	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	141	6
193	Washburn	5	4	2	1	0	2	0	0	7	0	148	3
194	Euclid	18	17	2	2	2	6	0	0	0	0	211	10
195	Reliance	16	15	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	246	1
196	Bay View	5	5	0	0	0	6	0	0	3	0	141	0
197	Aroostook	6	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	165	2
198	St. Aspinquid	13	10	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	238	7
199	Bingham	6	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	242	9
200	Columbia	24	23	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	156	12
201	David A. Hooper	4	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	176	0
202	Mount Bigelow	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	1
203	Mount Olivet	2	2	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	101	4
204	Mount Abram	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	132	3
205	Nollesemic	17	18	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	248	12
206	Island Falls	17	15	1	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	218	4
207	Abner Wade	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	121	1
208	Northeast Harbor	2	3	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	122	0
209	Fort Kent	4	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	107	1
210	Bagaduce	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	72	0
211	Meduncook	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0
212	McKinley	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	0
213	Kemankeag	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	74	0
214	Limestone	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	1
215	Orchard	9	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	87	4
		1846	1858	126	59	152	697	2	6	137	7	41730	736

DRESDEN LODGE.

On motion of Brother CHARLES B. DAVIS, it was

Voted, That the dues of Dresden Lodge, No. 103, at Dresden Mills, be remitted because of the loss by fire of its hall, last November.

REFRESHMENT.

At 12.10 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2.00 o'clock.

FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Wednesday, May 2, 1923. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2.00 o'clock.

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, presented the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 1, 1923.

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, to whom were referred the reports of the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lecturer, have carefully reviewed the same and we well may congratulate ourselves that the government over and care for the interests of the craft have been in such able hands. We especially commend the attitude of the Grand Master that only in extreme cases should dispensations be issued to shorten the time of residence or other usual requirements for eligibility and almost never should permission be given to ballot out of time.

We have perused the correspondence in the case of Brother Charles A. Trafton and consider his communication the most flagrant case of intemperance that has ever come under our observation. We recommend the matter be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

We recommend the suggestions of the Grand Master regarding a change in or substitution for work before the Grand Lodge, requiring a definite time to elapse between the conferring of the degrees, the examination of visitors in open lodge, a change in the law relating to restoration to membership from suspension for non-payment of dues after five years and the enactment of a law authorizing the Grand Master to direct a lodge to file

charges against a member guilty of un-masonic conduct be referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

We agree with him in regard to the advisability of an increase in the per capita and the propriety of the Grand Lodge paying the expenses of the Grand Officers in sundry cases, and recommend the matters be referred to the Committee on Finance.

We recommend the references of the Grand Master to " Ceremonies and Visitations," " Repairs and Erection of Lodge Buildings," the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, of the Grand Lecturer and Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee on Conditions of the Fraternity.

We are in accord with the suggestion of the Grand Master that the position this Grand Lodge is to take in furtherance of the erection of the George Washington National Memorial should be determined at this time, and recommend same be referred to the Special Committee with instructions to report at this Grand Communication.

We recommend the allusion to the National Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Italy be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

We recommend all matters touched upon by the Grand Master under " Dispensations and Rulings and Decisions " be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

We heartily coincide with Grand Master Spear in respect to the Ku Klux Klan, and are convinced no Mason should become a member of that organization and no member of it should become a Mason.

We especially commend to the consideration of the Fraternity the peroration of Grand Master Spear, and recommend same be read in each lodge in Maine at the first stated meeting after the receipt of the printed Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,	} Committee.
ASHLEY A. SMITH,	
ALBERT M. PENLEY,	

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATION.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred last year the interpretation of existing laws governing physical qualification, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,
May 1, 1923.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to which you last year referred the consideration of the matter of Physical Qualifications with instruction to

report at this Annual Communication, have given much thought to the subject.

Anderson's Constitution, published in 1723, which has been accepted as the basis of our own Constitution, declares, "No Master should take an Apprentice unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art of serving his Master's Lord, and of being made a Brother, and then a Fellow Craft in due time."

Section 100 of our Grand Lodge Constitution, the one direct law promulgated for the government of the Craft in this particular, reads:

"SEC. 100. By the ancient regulations, the physical deformity of an individual operates as a bar to his admission into the fraternity. But as this regulation was adopted for the government of the craft, at a period when they united the character of *operative* with that of *speculative* masons, this Grand Lodge authorizes such a construction of the regulation as that, when the deformity of the candidate is not such as to prevent him from being instructed in the arts or mysteries of Freemasonry, and does not amount to an inability honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, the admission will not be an infringement upon the ancient landmarks, but will be perfectly consistent with the spirit of our institution."

Several decisions have been incorporated in our "Digest" and others handed down by Grand Masters declaring certain named physical defects render a man ineligible for the degrees. Some of these decisions were made and confirmed many years ago. Apparently others were rendered with a lively recollection of the first part of Anderson's declaration but in complete forgetfulness of the qualifying phrase following. Since the most of the decisions were promulgated scientific ingenuity has perfected artificial parts and limbs which are wonderfully efficient.

From an association of operative masons our institution evolved into one in which the operative was combined with the speculative and now it has become speculative only; the reasons for adhering to the so-called "perfect youth" theory are no longer worthy of consideration. There seems no good reason why we should not assent to and decide in conformity with the general proposition that "Physical disability that does not prevent a man's being instructed in and communicating to others the mysteries of Freemasonry, and does not amount to an inability honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, is no bar to his admission."

Yet, from time immemorial there has been the requirement that a candidate must be possessed of certain physical qualifications to be entitled to receive the degrees, and we believe one to be eligible should be able to receive and impart all the work of each degree, including signs, grips and words, in proper manner. We advocate leniency in construction and application of the law, but think there are limitations which should be observed. We therefore recommend no change be made in the wording of our law,

but advise the elimination from the "Digest" all decisions heretofore made and to insert in place thereof the following:

"A man to be eligible for the degrees must be able to conform to all the ceremonies in the practice of Masonry, to receive all the work and impart it to another. The substitution of limbs or parts for portions of his natural person shall not be a bar, *provided* such are under the practical control of the petitioner. The nature and extent of deformities of the natural person shall indicate whether or not they are a disqualification.

"If the Senior Warden can conscientiously declare that the candidate 'is in due form,' and is fully able to receive and impart all signs and tokens necessary for masonic recognition in each degree he is not ineligible.

"It is for the Master of the lodge to decide whether, under the foregoing limitations, the disability of a particular candidate excludes him."

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,	} Committee.
EDWARD W. WHEELER,	
SILAS B. ADAMS,	

The report was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

CREDENTIALS, FINAL REPORT.

The Committee on Credentials made its final report as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,
May 1, 1923.

According to directions we have added to the report of this morning the names of members and representatives arriving since, and would respectfully report that there are now present, and entitled to vote.

Permanent Members present, (1 vote each),	35
Grand Officers present, (1 vote each),	35
152 lodges represented (3 votes each),	426
Duplicates,	3

Total number of votes,	523
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Fraternally submitted,

RALPH H. BURBANK,	} Committee.
FRANK P. DENACO,	
WARREN C. KING,	

The report was accepted.

HISTORY.

BRO. FRED C. CHALMERS, for the Committee on History, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 1, 1923.

Your Committee on Masonic History have attended to their duties and beg leave to report that histories have been received from Penobscot Lodge, No. 39, at Dexter, and Wilton Lodge, No. 156, at Wilton.

The history of Penobscot Lodge covers the period from its organization to 1923, and makes a printed book, of 112 pages, paper bound, and includes several half-tone illustrations. The history was compiled by Brothers Leland A. Ross and Frank B. Arnold.

The "Historical Sketch of Wilton Lodge," is a reprint of the address delivered by Past Master Cyrus N. Blanchard at the semi-centennial observance of the lodge on September 15, 1920, and as printed, covers 20 pages.

Both copies have been placed in the vault in the Grand Lodge office.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED C. CHALMERS,
WALDO PETTENGILL,
CONVERS E. LEACH,

} Committee.

The report was accepted.

PUBLICATION.

BRO. MILLARD M. CASWELL, for the Committee on Publication, reported that no business had been presented to them. The report was accepted.

ITALIAN MASONRY.

BRO. ASHLEY A. SMITH, for the Committee on Correspondence, reported:

PORTLAND, May 1, 1923.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence to whom was referred the request of the National Grand Lodge of Italy for recognition and exchange of representatives, respectfully request that they be granted further time in order to give the matter adequate consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

ASHLEY A. SMITH,
For the Committee.

The report was accepted and the Committee allowed further time as requested.

IMPROMPTU ADDRESS BY THE GRAND MASTER.

Grand Master SPEAR then made an informal, but most powerful address to the Brethren, speaking along the line of the need of all Masons better informing themselves of their masonic duties and obligations, and the absolute necessity that every Mason should strictly observe the civic laws of the State and the Country. He laid much stress on the point that lodges should take more care in instructing candidates along these lines rather than to bend all energy to a letter perfect recital of the ritual; though that should by no means be neglected as the candidate advances. He was listened to most attentively; frequently interrupted by applause, and at his conclusion every member arose to his feet for prolonged cheering.

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 Committees having attended to their duties, reported the choice of

ALBERT M. SPEAR,	M. W. Grand Master,	Augusta
DAVID E. MOULTON,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Portland
FREDERIC O. EATON,	" Senior Grand Warden,	Rumford
DANIEL G. CHAPLIN,	" Junior Grand Warden,	Cornish
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" Grand Treasurer,	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" Grand Secretary,	Portland

Committee on Finance — WALDO PETTENGILL, Rumford; FRED C. TOLMAN, Portland; EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport.

Trustees of the Charity Fund for three years — SILAS B. ADAMS, Portland; ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.

And they were severally declared elected, and the committees thanked and discharged.

Grand Master SPEAR resumed the East and thanked M. W. Brother BODGE for the service he had rendered.

AT REFRESHMENT.

At 4.50 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2.00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Wednesday, May 2, 1923. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2.00 o'clock.

AN INNOVATION.

After the Grand Lodge had been declared again at labor, Grand Master SPEAR explained that he has caused this year a change to be made in the time established custom of having degree work presented before the Grand Lodge, and instead had invited distinguished Masonic Brothers from widely remote parts of the country to address the Brethren.

Accordingly he first introduced Most Worshipful LOUIS A. WATRES, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, who was given most cordial reception. M. W. Brother Watres made a very eloquent address, explaining in detail the plan and scope of the proposed memorial and soliciting the co-operation and support of the Masons of Maine in the vast

undertaking. His address received the closest attention of every Brother present.

The Grand Master next introduced Most Worshipful ANDREW L. RANDELL, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, who spoke in most eloquent manner of Masonic service and duty, and of the value of the organization which he represented in disseminating the country over, Masonic knowledge.

Lastly, the Grand Master introduced Most Worshipful WILLIAM N. PONTON, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, who spoke for a half hour or more with wonderful magnetic power, dwelling on the individual duties in every day life of every man who takes upon himself the obligations of a Mason.

SORROW.

When M. W. Brother PONTON finished speaking, and the tremendous applause given him had ceased, the Grand Secretary who had been called to the telephone during the address, stepped in front of the altar and made the announcement that Most Worshipful Brother FRANK E. SLEEPER, Senior Past Grand Master, died at his home in Sabattus, at 3.50 o'clock.

The announcement came like a thunder bolt from a clear sky. Dead silence, broken here and there about the great hall by deep sobs, prevailed for several full minutes. Then M. W. Brother PONTON softly spoke brief words of sympathy on behalf of the visitors, and Grand Master SPEAR declared the Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY — MORNING.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Thursday, May 3, 1923. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock.

FINANCE.

BRO. WALDO PETTENGILL, for the Committee of Finance, presented the following report.

MASONIC TEMPLE,
PORTLAND, May 2, 1923.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

We recommend that there be paid the following sums:

To the Grand Treasurer for the year ending May 1, 1924, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and that the Grand Lodge to pay the cost of his bond.

To the Grand Secretary for the year ending May 1, 1924, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

To the Grand Lecturer for the year ending May 1, 1923, the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

To the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the year ending May 1, 1923, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

For a Contingent Fund for the use of the Grand Master, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

We also recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to appoint an assistant and that the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) be appropriated to pay the salary of such Assistant Grand Secretary for the year ending May 1, 1924.

Fraternally submitted,

WALDO PETTENGILL, }
FRED C. TOLMAN, } Committee
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, } on Finance.

The report was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted.

INCREASE OF PER CAPITA TAX.

BROTHER PETTENGILL, for the same Committee, further reported:

PORTLAND, May 2, 1923.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

The Committee on Finance have carefully considered the recommendation of the Grand Master in regard to the raising the annual dues from twenty cents to fifty cents per year for each member.

We recommend that the dues be fixed at the sum of fifty cents per member to be paid annually.

And we further recommend that each year such sums as may be left after paying the expenses of the Grand Lodge shall be transferred to the Grand Charity Fund to be disposed of by the Trustees of that fund as they see fit.

Fraternally submitted,

WALDO PETTENGILL,	} <i>Committee</i>
FRED C. TOLMAN,	
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	
	<i>on Finance.</i>

The report was accepted, the two recommendations entertained by the Grand Lodge and referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution for report and action at the Annual Communication in 1924.

EXCUSE.

Brother WALLACE E. BRANN, Worshipful Master and representative of Kennebec Lodge, No. 5, at Hallowell, asked to be excused from further attendance, and the Grand Lodge so voted.

EXPENSES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Brother WALDO PETTENGILL, for the Committee on Finance, reported as follows:

PORTLAND, May 2, 1923.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

The Committee on Finance having considered the recommendation of the Grand Master that the Standing Regulation adopted in 1874 relating to the payment of the expenses of the Grand Officers in dedications and installations be rescinded.

We recommend that the Grand Lodge do not change the present regulation.

Fraternally submitted,

WALDO PETTENGILL,	} <i>Committee</i>
FRED C. TOLMAN,	
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	
	<i>on Finance.</i>

The report was accepted and the recommendation was adopted.

A LOAN AUTHORIZED.

On motion of Brother WALDO PETTENGILL, the Grand Lodge

Voted, That if it appears necessary, the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer be, and hereby are authorized, to borrow on the credit of the Grand Lodge, a sum not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to pay the running expenses of the Grand Lodge until the next Annual Communication.

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.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Brother EDWARD W. WHEELER, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 3, 1923.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution to which was referred that portion of the address of the Grand Master relating to this subject, having had the same under consideration, report as follows:

We approve and recommend an amendment to Section 15 of Article VII of the Constitution striking out the last paragraph of said section and substituting in place thereof the following: "The Grand Master, or presiding officer of every annual communication of the Grand Lodge may at his discretion give, or cause to be given, at least one section of the lecture of each degree, or an exemplification of the work in one or more degrees, or designate such other ceremonial of a Masonic character as he may deem advisable."

We regret to note that the lodges of this jurisdiction have failed in several instances to take proper cognizance of Masonic offenses or unmasonic conduct on the part of their members but inasmuch as the Grand Master has ample power to suspend any Master Mason in the jurisdiction until final action by the Grand Lodge and for any cause which he deems adequate, no change in our present Constitution seems to be necessary to meet this situation.

We endorse the recommendation of the Grand Master that the Constitution be so amended as to require an interval of at least fourteen days between the conferring of the several degrees upon a candidate, except upon dispensation, in order that suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees may be ample insured before the candidate receives further advancement.

We believe that the importance of an adequate examination of visitors to our lodges, not properly avouched, should be impressed upon the officers of all lodges by the District Deputy Grand Masters and in other ways, in order that their eligibility and Masonic status may be fully established before they are admitted to the lodge room, but a compulsory examination of such visitors in open lodge, in the judgment of the committee, is inadvisable.

No other changes in the Constitution or Regulations of the Grand Lodge appear to the Committee to be necessary at this time.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD W. WHEELER, } Committee.
W. FREEMAN LORD,

The report was accepted.

PAY ROLL.

Brother EDWARD K. GOULD, for the Committee on Pay Roll, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 3, 1923.

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.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD K. GOULD, } Committee.
ALBERT M. AMES,

Report accepted and schedule ordered to be paid.

FRANK E. SLEEPER.

After the Grand Lodge had been called from labor to refreshment on Wednesday afternoon, Grand Master SPEAR appointed Brothers DAVID L. WILSON, CHARLES B. DAVIS and WALLACE N. PRICE a special committee to prepare a memorial to be presented to the Grand Lodge at its closing session. In accordance Brother WILSON prepared the following which was ordered to be made a part of the record:

FRANK EUGENE SLEEPER.

As the sessions of the Grand Lodge draw near to a close, a deep sadness of heart comes over its members because of the word which came announcing the death of our beloved and honored Brother Frank E. Sleeper. We had been encouraged by an earlier report that he was improving from a severe illness, and had hoped that he might be with us again. One who had larger service for him to perform, and to whose call none can say Nay, summoned him to his new task and his new duties. He had completed the structure of "this earthly building," and there was awaiting him, among the "many mansions" of the Beyond, an abiding place in that "temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." So sorely will his genial presence be missed among the brethren throughout the length and breadth of the State, as well as in the deliberations of this Grand Lodge. For his wise counsel and deep knowledge of Masonry made him a much sought individual. And his great love for the Craft was shown ever by his readiness to respond to the many calls that were made upon him. For his was a familiar face in all sections of the State, as he went about in the interests of the Craft. To have known him was to have honored him for his wide Masonic knowledge; to have respected him for his sterling integrity of character and for his sacrificing services as a faithful physician, and to have loved him for his manliness, his gentleness, and his courtliness of life. It might well be said of Brother Sleeper that "Here was all that makes a man," and what more or better could be said of anyone? The memory of what he was and what he did, is a comfort and consolation to us in our sorrow at his passing.

But Brother Sleeper is not dead, unless our great Masonic hope of immortality, that hope which is at the heart of humanity everywhere, is false. He has simply gone on around the turn in the road; the turn that hides the unseen from the seen. He has but gone on to the larger, the better life, which the Supreme Architect of the Universe has for all His children. And while we are sad of heart at the thought of his passing, we may well be comforted at the thought of the new life that is his and the new opportunities for service which it holds for him, which we know he will welcome with great joy.

"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 — O 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!"

Brother Sleeper's Masonic career was a long and distinguished one. It began in Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, at Lewiston, where he was raised April 6, 1868. Later he became a Charter Member of Webster Lodge, No. 167, and served that body eleven years as Master. He was Grand Master in 1887 and 1888, and had served on the Board of Trustees continuously since 1884.

He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in 1883 and 1884. In 1878, he received the Order of High Priesthood and was at his death the Dean of Maine Council. In 1898, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine, Knights Templar, in 1897. He had been Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge since 1891 and filled the same office in the Grand Chapter since 1885.

He received the degrees of the A. and A. Scottish Rite in 1880 and 1881; presided over Lewiston Lodge of Perfection several years, and was made an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council 33rd Degree, on September 18, 1890.

Brother Sleeper was a member of the various branches of the Odd Fellows; also of the Eastern Star. He was a Fellow of the American Academy of Medicine and a member of Maine Society, Sons of the Revolution.* His religious affiliation was with the Baptist Church.

He has gone, but his works live after him. And hosts of Masons in all the Bodies rise up to do honor to his memory. Precious is it to us; an incentive to the fulfilling of our duties one to the other and to the world. We say Farewell, with subdued and saddened hearts, but we rejoice that he has "entered into the reward of a well-spent life."

DAVID L. WILSON.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions of the Grand Master, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 3, 1923.

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom were referred the Dispensations and Rulings and Decisions of the Grand Master would report that all dispensations were in accord with our written laws and ordinary practices.

We deplore the fact one hundred twenty of our lodges as reported last year were meeting by the moon schedule, and that the practice is as prevalent in the largest towns as in the smallest hamlets. We are glad to observe some have seen a new light and revised their by-laws. We hope the others will speedily emulate their example until all lodges in this jurisdiction hold their stated meetings on a named calendar date.

We observed with much satisfaction the pronouncement in reference to Physical Qualifications as the views of Grand Master Spear coincide so closely with those of this committee we seem of one mind.

We can see no objection to the keeping of the records of the lodge upon loose leaf forms under the restrictions and conditions recited. We think no new law required but advise the matter be plainly set forth for information and guidance in the new "Digest" shortly to be published.

We are surprised to learn District Deputy Grand Masters should even contemplate an exchange of territory for inspection. Each should attend to his own duties, performing them to the best of his abilities. No harm could come from one visiting a lodge in another District on the night of inspection, it would be an act of fraternal courtesy, but he should do so only as a visiting brother.

The desire to place permanently in lodge halls emblems in no way related to masonry and its teachings cannot be too strongly reprehended. This had been passed upon so often and positively it would appear unnecessary to repeat.

The use of the ballot to further personal spite or grievance is immediately condemned by every right-minded mason, and your committee can only call your attention to the virile words of your Grand Master.

We have carefully considered the reference to the admission of an affidavit as evidence in a trial, same being by consent of counsel for the respondent in his absence. While this would have been a manifest error in a civil court, we think it may be looked upon with leniency in a masonic trial, particularly if it be found by the Committee on Grievances and Appeals that the evidence independent of the affidavit was sufficient to convict.

We believe there are instances of honest men being inveigled into joining clandestine lodges. When such does occur and the wronged party shows a disposition to renounce allegiance to the spurious body and a right desire to join a regular lodge the way should be opened. We think the advice given by your Grand Master in the instance recited is the only proper procedure.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,	} Committee.
EDWARD W. WHEELER,	
SILAS B. ADAMS,	

The report was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

SPECIAL ELECTION.

On motion of Brother ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, it was voted that the Grand Lodge proceed to elect a member of the Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. W. Brother FRANK E. SLEEPER.

The Grand Marshal was directed to collect the ballots of the brethren and it was found the unanimous choice had been made of M. W. Brother EDWARD W. WHEELER, and he was declared elected to fill the unexpired term.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

Brother HARRY E. LARRABEE, for the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity, reported as follows:

PORTLAND, May 3, 1923.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

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 are pleased to state that they show a normal and healthy growth and the work in the various lodges is kept up to a high standard and the requirements of the Grand Lodge closely followed. We think that while the reports of the District Deputies are satisfactory they do not go enough into detail and we recommend that a blank form be prepared which will give all the necessary information, and that the District Deputies at each inspection fill one out and forward to the Grand Secretary, and that a Committee be appointed by the Grand Master to prepare a questionnaire.

The Grand Lecturer's report shows that the Schools of Instruction were well attended and of much benefit to the Craft.

We are interested in that part of the Grand Secretary's report which relates to delinquent returns and in consideration of what our Grand Secretary has done for the benefit of the Secretaries of the lodges in this jurisdiction, we feel that something should be done to remedy this condition and we recommend that a fine be imposed upon the delinquent lodges or some other form of discipline be adopted that will make the neglectful Secretaries get their returns in on time.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY E. LARRABEE,
FRANK E. MONROE,
ISAAC A. CLOUGH,

} Committee.

The report was accepted and the recommendations were accepted.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Brother ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, for the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 3, 1923.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have carefully considered such matters as have been presented to them, and respectfully submit the following report:

In matter of Fay L. Hazard, member of Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, for default in turning over deposit fees to the Lodge which he had collected from two applicants. This case was brought before the Lodge, charges preferred, trial had in regular order (the evidence being very voluminous) and by vote of the Lodge was expelled. We therefore recommend the passage of the following: That Fay L. Hazard, be and hereby is expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In matter of Robert Allen Bradshaw, Ocean Lodge, No. 142, for making application to and receiving the degrees from said Lodge after having been rejected by Adelpi Lodge of Massachusetts within the five years' limit. We recommend that the case be remanded to Ocean Lodge, with instructions to proceed with a trial according to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

In matter of Everett H. Bragdon, of Penobscot Lodge, No. 39, for un-masonic conduct, in the neglect and non-support of his family: In this case, charges were preferred, a trial by the Lodge had, and by regular vote of the Lodge he was expelled. We therefore recommend the passage of the following: That Everet H. Bragdon be, and hereby is expelled from all the rights and benefits of masonry.

In matter of Stephen F. Richards, of Alna Lodge, No. 43, for un-masonic conduct, neglect and non-support of his family, and alleged adultery. In this case charges were regularly preferred, trial had, and by vote of the Lodge he was expelled. We therefore recommend the following, viz: That Stephen F. Richards be, and hereby is expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In matter of Charles A. Trafton, of Preble Lodge, No. 143, for un-masonic conduct in the use of a "Masonic emblem cut" on his business card. This case came before the committee largely on correspondence; the result of which, the Grand Master on the twenty-sixth (26th) day of March, 1923, had suspended said Trafton till the present session of the Grand Lodge. Mr. Trafton appeared before the committee, made his explanations and apologies claiming he had no intention to make un-masonic use of the emblem; stating further that the card had been withdrawn. This case was a more or less troublesome one for the committee, as he had written a very caustic letter to the Grand Master.

Viewing the whole situation, we recommend the passage of the following: That Charles A. Trafton be and hereby is, suspended from all the rights and benefits of Masonry for the term of three years from this date; and that he be notified by the Grand Secretary to withdraw the use of the emblem from any and all advertisements in his business.

In matter of Herman R. Wing, of Asylum Lodge, No. 133, for un-masonic conduct in the uttering of worthless checks, knowing them to

be such, one of which was to the Secretary of his Lodge for dues. In this case charges were regularly preferred, a trial held in due form, and by vote of the Lodge, said Wing was expelled. We therefore recommend the following, viz: That Herman R. Wing be and hereby is, expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In matter of Robert B. Stewart, of St. Andrews Lodge, No. 83, for un-masonic conduct in the neglect and non-support of his family and for alienation. This case came before the committee and Grand Lodge last year upon an appeal from the Lodge in its refusal to entertain charges; and the case was remanded for trial. Charges have since been preferred, a trial had, and the Lodge voted to indefinitely suspend said Stewart. We therefore recommend the passage of the following: That the action of the Lodge be ratified and confirmed, and that Robert B. Stewart be, and hereby is, indefinitely suspended from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In matter of Joseph W. Chesley, Granite Lodge, No. 182. This case has twice been before this Grand Lodge. The original case, being on suspension by the then Grand Master until the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1921. The charge then being for making application to Granite Lodge within five years after having been rejected by a Lodge in Vermont, stating in his application that he had never been rejected. This Grand Lodge in 1921, voted to suspend Mr. Chesley for one year; also further voted to amend the report, by ordering the case returned to Granite Lodge with instructions to proceed with a trial to result in a verdict according to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine. It now appears that a trial was so had, but no return of the same had been received at the session of this Grand Lodge, in 1922, and the matter was left in the hands of the committee for further consideration. Report has since been received, and it appears that trial was had, and by vote of the Lodge, Mr. Chesley was expelled. In view of former views of the committee, and the delayed action, we feel that the punishment was a little too severe, and recommend passage of the following: That Joseph W. Chesley be, and hereby is, indefinitely suspended from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In matter of Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 67, against Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 99, for invasion of jurisdiction it appears that Vernon Valley Lodge had received the application of, and given the three degrees to one Percy E. Hanson within the five (5) years after his having been rejected by Blue Mountain Lodge, but it also appears that said Hanson stated truthfully in his application that he had been so rejected, but which was very carelessly over-looked by the officers of Vernon Valley Lodge, and its Investigating Committee. Inasmuch as the candidate acted in the utmost of good faith, the responsibility rests with the receiving Lodge. There appears to be the best of feeling between these Lodges, Vernon Valley being very penitent, and no one from Blue Mountain appeared to prosecute.

We therefore recommend the passage of the following: That Vernon

Valley Lodge be and hereby is criticised and censured, and especially the Committee on Investigation, which in too many cases are remiss in duty, but that Brother Percy E. Hanson be recognized as a regular mason.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	} <i>Committee on Grievances and Appeals.</i>
GEO. W. HOLMES,	
ALBERT M. PENLEY,	

The reported was accepted, and a separate vote taken on each recommendation, and in each case the recommendation as made by the Committee was sustained and adopted.

Grand Master SPEAR congratulated Brother GREENLEAF for the most admirable manner in which he and his committee had conducted the hearings, and for the careful and intelligent manner in which the report had been presented to the Grand Lodge.

CERTIFICATE OF CHARTER.

Brother LESLIE A. BAILEY, Worshipful Master and representative of Dresden Lodge, No. 103, requested a copy of its Certificate of Charter, which was burned with its hall in November, 1922. It was voted that a copy be issued by the Grand Secretary without fee.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

Brother THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on George Washington Masonic Memorial Association, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 3, 1923.

Your Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial to which was referred that part of the address of the Grand Master which dealt with that subject, have given careful consideration to the matter.

You have listened to the explanation of the work as given by Grand Master Spear; you have heard the claims as presented by Past Grand Master Wattres, of Pennsylvania, President of the Association, and should have an intelligent idea of the magnitude and scope of the enterprise.

It is now for this Grand Lodge to determine what shall be its attitude and what policy shall be adopted to execute its intention.

In 1917, the sum of \$500.00 was voted toward the project. In 1921, it was voted to pay an additional \$2,000.00 in four yearly installments. At that time the construction was in contemplation, it is now in process. These pledges were asked; now payment is imperatively needed or should be positively provided for at an early date.

Your committee agree with your Grand Master that the Grand Lodge of Maine should not fail to do its proportionate share in providing funds for this undertaking. We are averse to recommending the bringing of an assessment upon members through the lodges; preferring the gifts be the free offering of the Brethren. At the same time we appreciate the necessity of knowing the pro rata expected and desired will be forthcoming when needed.

We recommend this Grand Lodge assume the arrangement for payment of its pro rata share of the cost of the enterprise, but as this committee has not had adequate opportunity to formulate and present a concrete plan, we further recommend the details of prosecution be left to the Grand Master and this committee the same to be communicated to the lodges so soon as possible.

Fraternally submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLET,

THOS. H. BODGE,

SILAS B. ADAMS,

} Committee.

The report was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF THE U. S.

Brother DAVID E. MOULTON presented the following:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

May 3, 1923.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Maine become a member of the United States Masonic Service Association;

And be it further Resolved, That a committee of three, of which the Grand Master shall be ex-officio Chairman, be appointed by the Grand Master to take charge of the material furnished by said association and arrange for distribution thereof among the brethren.

which was entertained by the Grand Lodge, and after a general discussion was adopted by a large majority.

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES.

Brother CHARLES W. CROSBY presented the following as a Standing Regulation and moved its adoption.

Resolved, That after June 1, 1923, the Worshipful Master of no lodge in this jurisdiction shall issue a Master Mason's diploma to any candidate

raised to the Master Mason degree until the candidate shall have passed an examination in open lodge that will enable him to prove himself a Master Mason in this jurisdiction.

The resolution was entertained by the Grand Lodge, and referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution to report at the Annual Communication in 1924.

TIME LIMIT BETWEEN DEGREES.

Brother EDWARD W. WHEELER presented the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Amend ARTICLE VI, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, by striking out entirely Section 108 as it now reads and inserting a new Section 108 which shall read as follows:

Section 108. No candidate shall receive the Fellow Craft Degree in any Lodge in this State, unless at least fourteen days has elapsed since receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree; nor shall any Fellow Craft be permitted to receive the Master Mason Degree until after fourteen days shall have elapsed from the date of his having received the Fellow Craft Degree; except that the Grand Master on being satisfied of the necessity therefor, may issue a dispensation to permit Degrees to be conferred in less than the above required time.

which was entertained by the Grand Lodge, and referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution to report at the Annual Convocation in 1924.

INSTALLATION.

The M. W. Grand Master invited Most Worshipful THOMAS H. BODGE, Past Grand Master, to assume the East and install the Grand Officers. He did so and requested the Grand Marshal to present ALBERT M. SPEAR, Grand Master elect, who was duly installed into office, prayer being offered by Rev. A. FRANCIS WALCH, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master then announced the following:

APPOINTMENTS.

CONVERS E. LEACH,	R. W. Cor. Grand Secretary,	Portland
WILLIAM N. GOULD,	" D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,	Fort Fairfield
JAMES ABERNETHY,	" " 2nd "	West Pembroke
EDGAR A. WORCESTER,	" " 3rd "	Jonesport
FREEMAN N. BOWDEN,	" " 4th "	Blue Hill
CHARLES F. WOODARD,	" " 5th "	Greenville
ALVOID E. CUSHMAN,	" " 6th "	Bangor
JOHN W. LEVENSELLER,	" " 7th "	Searsmont
GEORGE R. WILSON,	" " 8th "	Searsport
RALPH B. LEWIS,	" " 9th "	Union
GEORGE A. COWAN,	" " 10th "	Damariscotta
JOHN C. ARNOLD,	" " 11th "	Augusta
ALBERT N. VARNEY,	" " 12th "	No. Vassalboro
HAROLD A. COLEMAN,	" " 13th "	Bingham
DOVER L. SOUTHARD,	" " 14th "	Richmond
F. PERLEY CASWELL,	" " 15th "	New Sharon
JOHN E. BROCK,	" " 16th "	West Paris
HAROLD B. CHASE,	" " 17th "	Portland
L. MURRAY WATKINS,	" " 18th "	Cornish
HAROLD H. BOURNE,	" " 19th "	Kennebunk
RAYMOND HAMM,	" " 20th "	Springfield
HARRY E. ROWE,	" " 21st "	Ellsworth
FRED C. ELDRIDGE,	" " 22nd "	Cambridge
WILLARD D. LEAVITT,	" " 23rd "	Limerick (R.F.D.2)
JOHN S. P. H. WILSON,	" " 24th "	Auburn
GUILFORD L. PERKINS,	" " 25th "	Fort Kent
JOHN L. DELANO,	" " 26th "	Dixfield
REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	W. Grand Chaplain,	Bath
" I. JAMES MERRY,	" " "	Cornish
" ASHLEY A. SMITH, D.D.,	" " "	Bangor
" JOHN M. BEILER,	" " "	North Berwick
" ARTHUR F. STRAY,	" " "	Auburn
" DAVID I. GROSS,	" " "	Portland
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	" " "	Augusta
" JAMES C. GREGORY,	" " "	Presque Isle
HARRY E. LARRABEE,	" " Marshal,	Gardiner
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	" " Senior Deacon,	Portland
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	" " Junior Deacon,	Portland
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " Steward,	Biddeford
FRANK P. DENACO,	" " "	Bangor
LESTER M. ANDREWS,	" " "	Oakland
FRED C. TOLMAN,	" " "	Portland
ERNEST J. RECORD,	" " Sword Bearer,	South Paris
EDWARD K. GOULD,	" " Standard Bearer,	Rockland

WARREN C. KING,	W. Grand Pursuivant,	Portland
WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS,	" " "	Lisbon Falls
	" " Lecturer,	
WALTER S. SMITH,	" " Organist,	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" " Tyler,	Portland

(*Grand Secretary's Note*:—R. W. Ralph B. Lewis, D. D. G. M., for the Ninth District has since died, and R. W. Brother FRANK D. ROWE, of Warren, has been appointed in his stead. The Grand Master has also since the close of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, appointed and installed SAMUEL B. FURBISH, of Brunswick, as Grand Lecturer.)

He then invited M. W. Bro. BODGE to proceed with the installation.

The Grand Officers elect and appointed who were present were installed by Bro. BODGE and proclamation was made.

The Grand Master assumed the East and thanked Brothers BODGE, LARRABEE and WALCH.

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, EDWARD W. WHEELER, WM. FREEMAN LORD.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

THOMAS H. BODGE, EDWARD W. WHEELER, SILAS B. ADAMS.

On Foreign Correspondence.

ASHLEY A. SMITH, FRANK J. COLE, WALLACE N. PRICE.

On Condition of the Fraternity.

HARRY E. LARRABEE, FRANK E. MONROE, ISAAC A. CLOUGH.

On Library.

GRAND MASTER, WILLIS A. RICKER, GEORGE W. HOLMES.

On Transportation.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, WM. FREEMAN LORD, JAMES E. PARSONS.

On Returns.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, JAMES C. AYER, CHARLES W. CROSBY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Brother W. SCOTT SHOREY, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that the business of the communication was completed, and the report was accepted.

MAINE MASONIC TEXT BOOK.

Brother THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Revision of the Digest, made oral report that the work of revision had been completed and that the revised Digest had already been put in type by the printer and only needed final correction, and asked that the present Committee or another similar one be allowed time to complete the work. The report was accepted and the same Committee instructed to continue its work and complete the revision of the Digest and attend to the publication of the "Maine Masonic Text Book."

CLOSING.

The minutes were read by the Grand Secretary and approved, and at 12.25 the Grand Lodge was closed.



Attest:

Charles B. Davis

Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Lodge of Maine will be held at Masonic Temple, Portland, on Tuesday, May 6, 1924, at 9 o'clock A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND

MASONIC TEMPLE,

Tuesday, May 1, 1923.

The Trustees met in the Grand Lodge Office at 5 P. M.

Present — ALBERT M. SPEAR, *President*.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*.

ASHLEY A. SMITH,

SILAS B. ADAMS,

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,

HOWARD D. SMITH,

EDWARD G. WESTON.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was presented as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

Portland, May 1, 1923.

To the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the

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

1922

RECEIPTS.

May 1.	Cash on hand.....	\$5,950 89
	Toledo Terminal Railroad Co.....	45 00
	Standish Water Co.....	20 00
	Portland Railway Co.....	25 00
	City of Springfield.....	20 00
	Niagara Lockport, Ontario Power Co.....	25 00
	Huntington Water Co.....	25 00
	Methuen Water Loan.....	20 00
	Hyde Park, Mass.....	20 00
	Central Maine Power Co.....	50 00
	Toledo Terminal Railroad Co.....	4 50
	Brunswick Savings Institution.....	40 40
	Portland & Rumford Falls Railway.....	20 00
	American Telephone & Telegraph Co.....	75 00
	City of Minneapolis, Minn.....	100 00
	C. M. Payson Co., Bal. Purchase Bonds.....	54 42
	Westbrook Trust Co., July dividends.....	60 00
	Canal National Bank, July dividends.....	87 50

Casco Mercantile Trust Co., July dividends.	\$90.00
First National Bank, July dividends.	56.00
Wheeling Traction Co., July dividends.	25.00
Town of Rumford, July dividends.	27.50
Town of Dexter, July dividends.	17.50
East St. Louis & Interurban Water Co.	25.00
City of Portland, Oregon, (Bridge Bonds) ..	20.00
Portland, Me., Water Co.	100.00
Delaware Water Co.	12.50
Oxford Paper Co.	60.00
Belfast Savings Bank.	394.10
Chicago Northwestern Railway Co.	60.00
Boston & Maine Railroad Co.	120.00
Utica & Mohawk Valley Railway.	22.50
Third Liberty Loan.	63.75
Rumford Falls Power Co.	40.00
Camden & Rockland Water Co.	62.50
St. Joseph Water Co.	25.00
York County Water Co.	12.50
Muncie Water Works.	25.00
Denver Tramway.	15.00
Interest.	101.06
Central Maine Power Co.	50.00
Toledo Terminal Railway Co.	45.00
Portland Railway Co.	25.00
Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Co. ..	25.00
Huntington Water Co.	25.00
\$5,000.00 City of Minneapolis 4s, 1942.	4,850.00
Interest on same.	83.33
\$1,000.00 Town of Dexter 3½s, 1937.	885.00
Interest on same.	11.67
\$1,000.00 City of Portland, Ore., 4s, 1941.	940.00
Interest on same.	13.22
\$1,000.00 Springfield, Mass., 4s, 1926.	965.00
Interest on same.	20.00
\$1,000.00 Hyde Park, Mass., 4s, 1929.	970.00
Interest on same.	20.00
\$1,000.00 Methuen, Mass., 4s, 1924.	987.50
Interest on same.	20.00
Toledo Terminal Railroad Co. 200 Reg.	4.50
Balance on sale of Bonds.	89.06
Standish Water Co.	20.00
Portland & Rumford Falls Railway.	20.00
American Telephone & Telegraph Co.	75.00
Westbrook Trust Co.	60.00
Casco Mercantile Trust Co.	90.00
Canal National Bank.	87.50

Belfast Savings Bank, dividend.	\$197.05
East St. Louis & Interurban Water Co.	25.00
Indiana Railway & Light Co.	50.00
Michigan Northern Power Co.	50.00
Laurentide Power Co.	50.00
Wheeling Traction.	25.00
Town of Rumford.	27.50
First National Bank.	56.00
Portland Water Co.	100.00
Delaware Water Co.	12.50
Oxford Paper Co.	120.00
Chicago Northwestern R. R. Co.	60.00
Boston & Maine Railroad Co.	120.00
Utica & Mohawk Valley Railway.	22.50
Bar Harbor & Union River.	50.00
Third Liberty Loan.	63.75
Rumford Falls Power Co.	40.00
Denver Tramway.	15.00
York County Water Co.	12.50
Muncie Water Works.	25.00
St. Joseph Water Co.	25.00
Camden & Rockland Water Co.	62.50
York County Water Co., called.	510.00
Fourth Liberty Loan.	191.25
Maine Savings Bank.	52.52
Augusta Savings Bank.	40.40
Skowhegan Savings Bank.	40.40
Bath Savings Bank.	40.40
Gardiner Savings Bank.	40.40
Brunswick Savings Bank.	40.40
Fourth Liberty Loan.	191.25
Interest, Union Safe Dep. & Trust Co.	141.52
Miscellaneous.	130.54
	<hr/> \$15,076.89

Total. \$21,027.78

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DISBURSEMENTS.

May.	Paid Beneficiaries.	\$3,111.00
	" A. M. Spear, Grand Master.	800.00
	" Oxford Paper Co., Bonds with interest.	2,013.31
	" Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Box Rent.	10.00
	" Laurentide Power Co., Bonds with interest.	1,993.33
	" Michigan Northern Power Co., Bonds with interest.	1,933.33
	" Oxford Paper Co., Bonds with interest.	2,040.00

Paid Indiana Railway & Light Co., Bonds	
with interest.....	\$1,833.33
“ Bar Harbor & Union River, Bonds	
with interest.....	1,876.67
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Balance.....	\$15,610.97
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	5,416.81
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Total.....	\$21,027.78
Fraternally submitted,	
EDMUND B. MALLET, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

BRO. ALBERT M. SPEAR 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 at one o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, May 2, 1923.

Met in Grand Lodge Office at 1.00 P. M.

Present — ALBERT M. SPEAR, *President*,
 CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*,
 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 eighteen dollars.

Voted, That \$3,042.00 be appropriated to pay the schedule.

Voted, That \$800 be placed in hands of President.

Voted, That a standing committee on applications be appointed. The President appointed HOWARD D. SMITH and EDWARD G. WESTON as that committee.

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 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
1923

ALBERT M. SPEAR, Grand Master,	Ex-Officio
DAVID E. MOULTON, Deputy Grand Master,	"
FREDERIC O. EATON, Senior Grand Warden,	"
DANIEL G. CHAPLIN, Junior Grand Warden,	"
CHARLES B. DAVIS, Rec. Grand Secretary,	"
ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, elected May 3, 1921, for three years.	
EDWARD G. WESTON, " " 3, 1921, " " "	
HOWARD D. SMITH, " " 2, 1922, " " "	
EDWARD W. WHEELER, " " 3, 1923, for two years.	
SILAS B. ADAMS, " " 1, 1923, for three years.	
ASHLEY A. SMITH, " " 1, 1923, " " "	

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).

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).

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 five cents per mile each 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 three 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 1921, p. 35).

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).

Resolved, That, in addition to the information required by Section 101 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, a questionnaire be also filed for permanent preservation with the application of each petitioner; the form of said questionnaire to be approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and supplied to the lodges by the Grand Secretary. (1922, p. 243).

Resolved, No building shall be purchased, erected or extensively reconstructed at the expense, in whole or in part, of any lodge in this jurisdiction until the plans of the same, and the terms and conditions of its construction or acquisition, shall have been approved by the Grand Master. (1922, p. 239.)

Admendments 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).

(Part Fourth, Article VI, Page 36 of the Constitution).

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 therefor, 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." (1921, p. 48).

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

On September 19th, I attended the School of Instruction held at Island Falls, by M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer.

On January 4th, I visited Caribou Lodge, No. 170, in my official capacity. This was a stated meeting and the newly elected officers were installed by Past Master Judson Briggs. At the conclusion of the installation the Master Mason degree was conferred upon one candidate by the old officers with the exception that the newly installed Senior Deacon filled his position.

On January 9th, I visited Limestone Lodge, No. 214, and installed the newly elected officers, assisted by R. W. William S. Davidson, as Grand Marshal, who also assisted in conferring the Past Master degree upon W. M. George P. Hamilton. Owing to the fact that their only available candidate had left Limestone for employment in another town, I was disappointed in being unable to witness degree work at this meeting. I am however familiar with the work of this lodge and while their numbers are small, their interest is great and they have always done excellent degree work. With the present officers, and this Brother Hamilton's second year, and with Past Master Dennis F. Getchell as Secretary, the lodge is in good hands.

I visited Aroostook Lodge, No. 197, at Blaine, on March 2nd, and witnessed work in the Master Mason degree by the new officers.

On Wednesday March 7th, accompanied by Brother Davidson, I started to pay my official visit to Monument Lodge, No. 96, at Houlton. Leaving Fort Fairfield at 2.50 P. M. we arrived at Phair Junction at 5.10, having been delayed by a snow bound train just south of Easton. At 6.15 our train became stalled in snow at Sharp's Siding just south of Monticello, and we did not reach Houlton until 2.15 A. M. Finding that train No. 7 was still at Houlton some six hours late, we boarded it to return home, but on arriving at Phair Junction found that there was no connection for Fort Fairfield on account of the branch train being stalled in the snow some four miles out of Fort Fairfield, and we went through to Presque Isle, arriving there 5.00 o'clock A. M. where we were able to secure some three hours of much needed rest and came home on the Canadian Pacific Railway, reaching Fort Fairfield at 11.25 A. M.

I inspected Monument Lodge, Monday, March 12th. W. M. Bro. Packard had closed his lodge on March 7th, without conferring the degrees on the candidate. The work of this lodge in the M. M. degree is ideal.

The dress and serious deportment of the officers and members, their excellent quartet of real musicians, the floor work of the subordinate officers and careful following of the ritual makes Monument Lodge a model lodge.

On Wednesday, March 14th, I installed the officers of Eastern Frontier Lodge, No. 112, assisted by Brother George E. Bartlett, as Grand Marshal, conferring the Past Master degree on Wor. Bertrand A. Loane. I have not visited this lodge (I am its Secretary) in my official capacity but I have been present at every meeting. We were unfortunate in losing our Master, Herbert G. Sawyer, who for business reasons removed to Bangor last spring, but the work has been carried on by our Senior Warden, Brother Bedford A. W. Boyd, in his inimitable and careful manner, and the lodge has made good gains during the year. The new officers are now meeting each second week for study of the ritual under the careful tutorage of R. W. William S. Davidson, and with the amount of work already assured I see no reason why the high standard of this lodge should not be maintained.

Owing to my error in mixing dates with Washburn Lodge, No. 193, and Trinity Lodge, No. 130, I have been unable to witness work in either lodge as yet. I shall visit Washburn Lodge, April 25th. Wor. Bro. Weick has agreed to notify me as soon as he has a candidate for degrees that I may witness work in Trinity Lodge.

I find in every lodge in this district the records are correctly kept, the dues well collected and the work uniform. Doctor Sleeper's great work with Schools of Instruction, the able assistance of Past District Deputies William S. Davidson, Bernard Archibald, J. Orin Smith and others, has unified the work in this district and brought to it a great degree of perfection, and I have found in each lodge that truly fraternal spirit which should characterize all Masonry.

My office has given me the greatest pleasure and I wish to express to you my sincere appreciation for the honor conferred.

Praternally submitted,

WM. N. GOULD, *D. D. G. M., 1st Masonic District.*

Fort Fairfield, April 15, 1923.

SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

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 Second Masonic District for the past year.

On June 21, 1922, I had the great pleasure of being present with Deputy Grand Master David E. Moulton, at the Centennial Observance of the Institution of Washington Lodge, No. 37, of Lubec. The exercises began at one o'clock at the lodge room, after which a procession was formed of Washington Lodge, and other lodges in the district, and proceeded to the first meeting place of the lodge, where, after a historical sketch of the lodge and its work had been read by Past D. D. G. M. Irving W. Case,

Secretary of Washington Lodge a memorial tablet was unveiled by Miss Katherine Holmes, daughter of the Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge, and an interesting address made by R. W. Deputy Grand Master Moulton. The brethren were then conveyed by automobile to Gove's Point where a splendid shore dinner was served. In the evening exercises were held in the Eagle Theatre, where a fine entertainment was furnished, and an able and instructive address on Masonry was delivered by R. W. Brother Moulton.

On October 24th, I attended a School of Instruction held in Augusta, by M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer. The attendance was large, both of District Deputies and brethren generally, and all present benefited greatly by the instruction. In the evening work in Augusta Lodge was witnessed. The brethren in Augusta royally entertained the visiting brethren.

On February 7th, I visited Lewey's Island Lodge, No. 138, at Princeton. I found this lodge to be in good condition, financially and otherwise, and the members generally to be taking a good interest in the affairs of the lodge. The Master Mason degree was worked on one candidate in an able manner by Worshipful Master Harry C. McDowell. The ritual was closely followed, and the candidate must have received an impressive idea of the degree. In Brother Theodore Morrison they have a first class Secretary, and their books and records are well and correctly kept.

On March 5th, I made my official visit to St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, at Calais. There was a good attendance of the members, and there was work in the Master Mason degree. The work was performed in a manner that was a credit to the officers and lodge. Although this was the first time that the degree had been worked by Wor. Bro. Marshall, he made a good presiding officer, and delivered the lectures in an impressive manner. R. W. Isaac N. Jones, P. S. G. W., is Secretary, and is an extra good man for this important office. St. Croix Lodge is in a prosperous condition, and the dues are well collected.

On April 5th, I officially visited Washington Lodge, No. 37, at Lubec. There was a large attendance of the members, who showed a good interest in the work. Three candidates were raised to the Master Mason degree by Wor. Bro. Adams. The work was carried through in an excellent and impressive manner, the officers all being very proficient in the ritualistic work. Irving W. Case, P. D. D. G., is Secretary, and although he was absent from this meeting, I found that his books and records were in good shape, and correctly kept. Washington Lodge is in very fine condition, and is making a splendid start on its second century of Masonic life.

On April 9th, I visited Eastern Lodge, No. 7, at Eastport. This was a special meeting called to accommodate the District Deputy. The work was in the E. A. degree, one candidate being made a Mason. The working officers of the lodge under Wor. Bro. Taylor are all young and enthusiastic, and show a good interest in the work. The degree was worked in an able and efficient manner, the few mistakes that were made being such as are usually made when young officers first work before an inspecting officer.

The floor work was good, the ritual closely followed, and an excellent impression must have been made on the candidate. I found the books and records of the lodge to be in a very fine condition, the dues well collected and the lodge in a very fine financial condition. W. C. Hawkes, P. D. D. G. M., is a perfect Secretary and looks carefully after the financial affairs of the lodge.

As I have been present at nearly all the meetings of my own lodge, Crescent, No. 78, at Pembroke, I have made no official visit to it. I have however been present at work in all three degrees during the year. The lodge has an able set of officers under Wor. Bro. R. C. Sturks. They take a great interest in the work, which has been well done, the ritual being closely followed. The Secretary, Bro. C. G. Porter, has only held the office for a year, succeeding our late Brother, E. S. Wilbur, who had ably filled the office for almost twenty-five years. Although young in the office Bro. Porter is making a good Secretary, the books and records being well kept. The lodge although small, is in good condition and is going ahead, the members generally taking a good interest in its affairs.

The Annual Convention of the lodges in this district, usually held in June, was omitted in 1922 on account of the Centennial exercises of Washington Lodge being held in that month. The Convention however, will be held as usual during the summer of 1923.

In conclusion I would say that I have visited, and witnessed work in every lodge in the Second District during the past year. They are all in good condition, increasing in membership, with their dues in general well collected, and the members generally taking considerable interest in the affairs of their lodges. I am happy to report therefore that the lodges in the Second Masonic District are all doing good Masonic work, and are making progress right along, yet not in such a hurry to get ahead but what careful watch is being kept over the material that is being brought into the lodges.

I take this opportunity of thanking the brethren of the several lodges in the district for courtesies I have received during my year of office, and which I assure them have been appreciated.

I also wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor which you have conferred upon me, in making me your Deputy in this district.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES ABENETHY, D. D. G. M., 2nd Masonic District.

West Pembroke, April 10, 1923.

THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I herewith submit my second report as District Deputy of the Third Masonic District.

On November 10, 1922, a Convention of the lodges of the Third Masonic District was held in Machias, with Harwood Lodge, No. 91. The convention was called to order at two P. M. and opened on the M. M. degree

by Harwood Lodge. After the District Deputy was formally received, Jonesport Lodge was invited to exemplify the work of the E. A. degree. Pleiades Lodge of Millbridge exemplified the work of the F. C. degree. The convention was then called from labor to refreshment and at 6.30 about 175 brethren partook of a fine supper furnished by Harwood Lodge. At 7.30 the officers of Warren Lodge, No. 2, of East Machias, took the stations and exemplified the work of the M. M. degree in a most admirable manner, following which correction, comments and suggestions were made relative to the work of the three degrees.

On April 7th, I visited Tuscan Lodge, Addison, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. Past Master Leslie Calor has this year been again elected to the East and under his efficient leadership the lodge is doing very good work. The records are in the hands of Brother Everett Kane and are very neatly kept, with but a few exceptions the dues are well collected. A clam stew was served at the close.

On April 12th, I visited Narraguagus Lodge, No. 88, at Cherryfield, and saw work of the F. C. degree exemplified. This lodge has had but very little work during the past year. Also owing to the very bad weather the meetings have not been very regular. However the work on the evening of my visit was very well done. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Secretary I was not able to see the books but the W. M. Bro. Bela T. Wass, who is serving his third term assured me that everything was in good condition.

On April 13th, I visited Pleiades Lodge, No. 173, at Millbridge. I found everything in fine condition. They had no regular candidate but the work of the M. M. degree was exemplified for my inspection. The majority of the officers are serving their second term in office and are very proficient in the ritual work. After the close of the work an oyster supper was served.

On April 16th, by invitation of the W. M. Jas. L. Hall, I visited Harwood Lodge, No. 91, at Machias, and witnessed the exemplification of the work of the F. C. degree. The lodge has not had much work during the past year and the new officers since their installation have had but little practice, consequently were somewhat inefficient in the ritual work. I found the records well and neatly kept and the dues well collected.

On April 17th, I visited Warren Lodge, No. 2, at East Machias, and saw the work of the E. A. degree exemplified. This lodge has had but little work and owing to the extreme weather conditions which have prevailed during the winter but few meetings have been held. As a consequence interest in things Masonic has somewhat abated. This I feel sure is but a temporary lapse and I hope that my successor will find an awakened interest when he visits Warren, No. 2. The records and finances in the care of Brother Francis L. Talbot are in excellent condition.

On April 18th, I journeyed to Cutler and had the great pleasure of visiting Lookout Lodge, No. 131. Lookout Lodge has had no work at all during the past year. However under the efficient leadership of Brother Chas. E. Maker, W. M., meetings have been held regularly twice a month

and the officers have attained a high degree of efficiency by constant practice. I must say that the work of the F. C. degree was most admirably done. While Lookout Lodge is restricted in jurisdiction, and small in numbers it certainly has the true Masonic spirit. Supper was served at the close.

My home lodge, Jonesport, No. 188, in which I am in constant attendance, like the other lodges of the district has had an inactive year. There has been some work. There is a very good interest among the brethren and the officers are interested to maintain a high standard of work. The recent purchase of a standard player piano fills a long felt want as we were often without music during the working of degrees. The dues are very well paid, and Jonesport Lodge has I think a very prosperous future before it.

In closing I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of the appointment of a second term, also the brethren for the courtesies shown, and help given me.

Fraternally yours,

EDGAR A. WORCESTER, *D. D. G. M. 3rd Masonic District.*

Jonesport, April 19, 1923.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I again have the honor of reporting the Fourth Masonic District as District Deputy Grand Master.

I have officially visited each lodge in the district. October 24th, I attended the School of Instruction, at Augusta, and greatly enjoyed this opportunity for ritual study under W. M. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper.

November 17th, I visited Marine Lodge, Deer Isle. This is one of the best working lodges in the district. and I was favorably impressed as I watched the work of the M. M. degree. W. P. Moses D. Joyce, P. D. D. G. M., as Secretary, is doing valuable work for his lodge.

November 18th, I visited Reliance Lodge. Work was in the F. C. degree, and was very creditably performed. Although this lodge has a large membership, the attendance was not large. The books I found to be neatly kept, and showed that the lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Ira Berry Lodge, which I visited November 20th, did excellent work in the M. M. degree. P. M. Arthur C. Hinckley is a very efficient Secretary. This lodge has members who are proficient in the ritual and needed very little instruction.

On December 11th, I visited Eggmoggin Lodge, and witnessed the exemplification of the M. M. degree. The work was very good considering the fact that they have had no candidates for some months.

December 13th, I visited Naskeag Lodge, at Brooklin. Work was exemplified in the E. A. degree. I think perhaps the work of Naskeag Lodge on this occasion, was not up to the standard in that lodge.

March 3rd, I visited Bagaduce Lodge. By strenuous efforts this lodge has erected a new hall, and are now occupying it. When completed it will make very convenient and comfortable quarters. Work was in the M. M. degree.

At a special meeting on March 5th, I inspected Hancock Lodge, No. 4, of Castine. Work in the F. C. degree was ably exemplified. This lodge is doing its usual good work, and the records kept by P. M. Arthur W. Patterson are excellent.

Rising Star Lodge, my home lodge, has had no work this year, and although I have been present at most of its meetings, I have made no official visit.

My reception in each lodge visited has been cordial and courteous, and I wish to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges who have made these visits so pleasant.

In closing, I also wish to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me by this appointment.

Faternally submitted,

NORRIS L. HEATH, *D. D. G. M., 4th Masonic District.*

FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have the honor to submit herewith, my annual report as District Deputy of the Fifth Masonic District:

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, 1922, I was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Fifth Masonic District, and was installed by the Grand Lecturer.

The Fifth Masonic District is composed of the following lodges:

No. 39, Penobscot, Dexter; No. 44, Piscataquis, Milo; No. 52, Mosaic, Dover-Foxcroft; No. 109, Mt. Kineo, Guilford; No. 149, Doric, Monson; No. 163, Pleasant River, Brownville; No. 168, Composite, LaGrange; No. 200, Columbia, Greenville; No. 207, Abner Wade, Sangerville.

I have installed the officers in the following lodges:

Composite, Lagrange; Mosaic, Dover-Foxcroft; Abner Wade, Sangerville; Piscataquis, Milo; and Doric, Monson.

I made an official visit to Doric Lodge, November 6, 1922. Two candidates were worked in the M. M. degree. One candidate was worked by Past Master, Alvin Gray, as W. M., who at the time was considerably over eighty years old. He received the deserved applause of all present for the excellent manner in which the work was done. The other candidate was worked by the regular officers in a very creditable manner. A bountiful banquet was served.

January 11, 1923, I officially visited Composite Lodge at LaGrange. The M. M. degree was worked in a very creditable manner. The officers are zealous and appreciated the few criticisms made by the visiting officer.

A banquet was served and quite enthusiastic talk was made for the good of the order.

January 12th, I visited Piscataquis Lodge at Milo. Two candidates were worked in the E. A. degree, by the same officers who exemplified the work at the Grand Lodge in 1922. Few criticisms were found necessary. A banquet was served, after which we listened to eloquent talk by local and visiting brethren.

March 26th, I visited Penobscot Lodge at Dexter. Four candidates in the F. C. degree were worked in an excellent manner. All the officers thanked the visiting officer for what they termed the helpful suggestions and criticisms. A banquet was served and some very excellent speeches were made.

March 27th, I made a visit to Mt. Kineo Lodge at Guildford. On account of the low temperature in the hall, no work was done. I conferred the P. M. degree on the Worshipful Master.

April 3rd, I visited Columbia Lodge at Greenville. This is one of the most active lodges in the district. All the brethren are lovers of the fraternity, and the officers and members have the work well learned. Work in M. M. degree. Few and unimportant errors were made. This is the banner lodge in the district for the number of initiations. An elegant banquet was served.

April 9th, I made official visit to Pleasant River Lodge at Brownville. M. M. degree worked. The work was very well done, only a few unimportant corrections being necessary. The officers and brethren show great enthusiasm for the order, and the lodge is in good working condition. An excellent banquet was served.

I found that all the Secretaries have kept their books neatly and correctly. All report to me that they have destroyed the obsolete forms of applications.

The lodges generally are in a healthful condition and show that the brethren of the various lodges use wise discrimination in the use of the ballot.

I have been present at nearly all the communications, of my own lodge, Mosaic, of Dover-Foxcroft, and have from time to time made criticisms of the work. The officers show a high degree of efficiency in the ritualistic work.

I desire to thank all the officers and brethren for the uniform courtesy extended to me during the two years of my service as D. D. G. M., and will ever bear them all in the kindest remembrance.

During my two terms of service, I have endeavored to impress upon the officers and brethren the lessons which I conceive the various lectures are intended to teach, and the force and value of symbols by which Freemasonry seeks to instruct and improve mankind and more especially "The household of the faithful."

And lastly, I most wish to thank you, Most Worshipful Master, for the honor you conferred upon me.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. HAYES, *D. D. G. M., 5th Masonic District,*

SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have the honor of submitting to you my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixth Masonic District. It has been my pleasure to visit all lodges but one in this district, and to find them all in good condition.

Following is a detailed account of my activities:

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Masonic Temple, Portland, May 2nd, 3rd and 4th, I was reappointed D. D. G. M. of the Sixth District, and was installed by M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer.

June 16th, I had the pleasure of inspecting Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137. The M. M. degree was worked on two candidates in a very impressive manner. At refreshment a delicious banquet was served which was much enjoyed. The cordial greetings extended to me was greatly appreciated. The records are still in the hands of Bro. Harvey.

Thursday evening, August 31st, I inspected Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, Charleston. The work of the evening was the Entered Apprentice degree, the Junior Warden assuming the East. Although the ritual was not followed very closely at times, the work was done in a very creditable manner. A banquet was served which was greatly enjoyed. The records are taken care of by Bro. McKay.

Wednesday, September 6th, I had the pleasure of inspecting Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, Carmel. It being a beautiful evening, a large number of the brethren were present from the different lodges. This was their stated meeting. The ballot was spread for two names and both were accepted. The Master was assisted in working the Master Mason degree by Wor. Orville C. Harvey, Master of Columbia Lodge, No. 200, Greenville, the candidate being a brother of Wor. Bro. Harvey, and making the fifth member of his family to become a Mason, a record to be proud of. The work was done in a very pleasing manner. A delicious banquet was served at refreshment time. The records are correctly kept by Bro. Robinson, and the dues are well collected.

Wednesday evening, October 11th, I had the great pleasure of inspecting Mystic Lodge, No. 65, Hampden. The work was in the Master Mason degree, and was carried out in a splendid manner. The officers of Mystic Lodge take a great deal of interest in the work, and are putting a great deal of study on same. The records are still in the hands of Bro. Tribou and show that this lodge is getting their share of candidates. The dues are well collected. A splendid banquet was served at refreshment, to a large number of members and visitors.

On Friday evening, October 20th, I made my official visit to Howard Lodge, No. 69, at Winterport. The work of the evening was in the Fellow Craft degree and nearly letter perfect. Only two of the regular officers

were at their stations which was indeed unfortunate. A lunch was served after the work, and a pleasant chat enjoyed by all. Bro. Bowden still occupies the Secretary's chair.

The School of Instruction which I had the great pleasure to attend was held at Augusta, October 24th. The two lodges of Augusta, Bethlehem and Augusta, were the hosts of the day and evening, and I cannot speak too highly of the courteous treatment extended to the Deputies present. M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper conducted the School and was very generous with his explanations. The Master Mason degree was worked in the evening by Augusta Lodge, No. 141, and inspected by R. W. John C. Arnold, D. D. G. M., of the Eleventh District.

On Wednesday evening, December 20th, I made my official visit with Mechanics' Lodge, No. 66, Orono. I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which the Master Mason degree was conferred upon the candidates, the ritual being followed nearly to the letter, and the dignity of the officers in performing their respective duties must have made a lasting impression on the candidate. The cordial greeting extended to me was much appreciated. This lodge is receiving its share of new members and the records are taken care of by Bro. Grover and need no word of comment from me.

Monday evening, February 12th, I made my official inspection of Star in the East Lodge, No. 60. The work of the evening was in the Master Mason degree, and was carried out in a most pleasing and dignified manner. After the lodge was closed refreshments were served and a social chat enjoyed by all present. The records are still in the hands of Bro. Merrill and are well taken care of.

On Saturday evening, March 24th, I had the pleasure of inspecting St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83. The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred on four candidates in a manner that any lodge should be proud of, the ritual being followed nearly to the letter. The dignity of each officer in carrying out his part deserve only words of commendation. The records are neatly and correctly kept by Bro. Carroll A. Weeks.

I regret very much that the severe winter and the lack of candidates has prevented me from visiting Lynde Lodge, No. 174, Hermon, but learn from P. M. Haynes that the lodge is in good condition.

Being Secretary of Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, I have not made any official inspection. Have attended every meeting, and am pleased to say that the work done by this lodge will compare well with any in the Sixth District.

In closing my second report, I wish to thank the officers and brethren of the Sixth District for the courtesies extended me on all visitations; and you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted,

ALVOID E. CUSHMAN, D. D. G. M., 6th Masonic District.

Bangor, March 24, 1923.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I herewith submit my second report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Seventh Masonic District.

My first official duty was to install the officers of my home lodge, Liberty, No. 111, at Liberty, which I did on October 14th. The installation was public and held in conjunction with an installation of the officers of St. George's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 45.

On November 2nd, I visited Unity Lodge, No. 58, at Thorndike, and installed the newly elected officers. I found the records of the lodge in the hands of Brother Howard N. Harimon neatly and correctly kept with the dues well collected, and the lodge in good financial condition.

December 12th, I went to Searsmont at your request to inspect the Grange Hall, to ascertain if in my opinion it was a suitable place for Quantabacook Lodge, No. 129, to temporarily hold its meetings. I gave my approval, as you know, and the lodge has since been holding its meetings there.

Being unable to visit Star in the West Lodge, No. 58, at Unity, I wrote D. D. G. M. Chase asking him if he would inspect the lodge for me. This he very kindly did and reported that he found the lodge in a very flourishing condition with work properly understood and rightly conducted by its officers.

On account of sickness in my home, I was unable to keep my appointment with Central Lodge, No. 45, at China, and Seabastcook Lodge, No. 146, at Clinton. Accordingly I wrote to Past D. D. G. M. Jones, of China, asking if he would make those visits for me which he very kindly and courteously did. He officially visited Central Lodge on March 28th, and reported that while no work was presented on that night, he had, being a regular attendant of the lodge, kept in close touch with its affairs during the year and knew that the officers were performing their work in a capable and faithful manner. He visited Seabastcook Lodge on April 12th. There, no work was presented for his inspection, but the lodge had applications in hand. In both lodges, he found the records neatly and correctly kept and the dues well collected.

April 7th, I visited Quantabacook Lodge, No. 129, at Searsmont. While I was unfortunate in selecting a date when they had no work for that evening, the lodge has had candidates about every evening during the winter, and judging from the correctness of their opening, I feel confident in reporting that their ritualistic work is correct. I found the records admirably written and dues closely collected.

I have not made an official visit at my home lodge, Liberty, No. 111, I have, however, attended nearly every one of its meetings during the year and have found the work well done by the officers, who are very proficient in their duties and know that the lodge is in a very healthy financial condition for a country lodge.

In closing I wish to thank the officers and members of the several lodges in this district for the fraternal spirit in which they have received me as the representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine for all the courtesies rendered. To you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I extend my sincere thanks for the honor you conferred upon me by tendering me a second appointment to the position of District Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

ARTHUR H. NORTON, *D. D. G. M. 7th Masonic District.*

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have the pleasure to submit my first report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District.

June 16th, I attended a special communication of the Grand Lodge at Bar Harbor, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall in that town. The ceremonies were performed by M. W. Grand Master Albert M. Spear in a very impressive manner.

October 17th, I publicly installed the officers of King David's Lodge, No. 62, at Lincolnville, assisted by Bro. Alfred S. Trundy, as Grand Marshal.

October 24th, I attended the School of Instruction at Augusta, conducted by P. G. M. Frank E. Sleeper. Wor. Donald Vaughn of my home lodge accompanied me, and we both received some very helpful instructions.

October 25th, I installed the officers of Pownal Lodge, No. 119, at Stockton Springs. Wor. Bro. Alfred S. Trundy assisted me as Grand Marshal. Very glad to see Past D. D. G. M. Charles Kneeland again take the office of W. M.

November 2nd, by invitation, I installed the officers of Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126, in their newly remodeled lodge room. Here I again received the assistance of Bro. Trundy as Grand Marshal, and Bro. Lyous as Grand Chaplain.

On November 7th, a joint installation of the officers of Mariner's Lodge, No. 68, and Searsport Chapter, R. A. M., was held. I installed the officers of Mariners' Lodge, receiving the assistance of Wor. Bro. Trundy as Grand Marshal and Bro. James Duncan as Grand Chaplain.

November 11th, I publicly installed the officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 151. Bro. Trundy and I had a very pleasant time.

January 5th, accompanied by Bro. Trundy, I went to Islesboro and installed the officers of Island Lodge, No. 89. A gathering of two hundred and fifty people was present to witness the ceremonies, which were public. After the meeting we retired to the banquet hall and partook of a splendid banquet. During our stay on the island we were delightfully entertained by Bro. and Mrs. Larrabee.

February 27th, I made my official visit to Mariners' Lodge, No. 68, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was splendidly done by the new officers, most of whom are young men. The records are very neatly kept and the lodge in good financial condition.

On March 12th, I made my official visit to Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, at Belfast, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree which, in spite of very unfavorable conditions, was well done. The records are in the hands of Bro. Fuller C. Wentworth and are well kept.

On March 29th, I officially inspected Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126, at Belfast. After a very fine banquet served to over one hundred brethren, we witnessed work in the M. M. degree on two candidates, which was rendered in a very impressive manner with the ritual very closely followed. The records are still in the hands of Bro. Chas. E. Johnson.

April 4th, I made my official visit to Pownal Lodge, No. 119, at Stockton Springs. The work in the M. M. degree was performed in a very nice manner.

On account of the bad traveling during the past winter, I was unable to visit the other lodges in this district.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, allow me to thank you for the honor of my appointment. I wish also to extend my thanks to the brethren whose courtesy has made my work a pleasure.

Fraternally submitted.

GEORGE R. WILSON, *D. D. G. M., 8th District.*

Searsport, April 23, 1923.

NINTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

October 18th, I attended the School of Instruction at Kennebunk, which was presided over by M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper. This school was very instructive, and I think every Brother should make an effort, when possible, to attend at least one of these schools.

November 7th, by invitation of Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 203, I publicly installed their officers. I was assisted by Bro. W. E. Overlock as Grand Chaplain, and Bro. F. M. Lucas, of Union Lodge, No. 31, as Grand Marshal.

November 13th, accompanied by eight of the brethren of Union Lodge, No. 31, I made my first official visit, to Meduncook Lodge, No. 211, of Friendship. We were very cordially received. I found the books in the hands of W. Bro. Brown correctly and neatly kept. He informs me the dues are well collected. There being no candidate, the Fellow Craft degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner. A few errors were noted, but considering the lack of work the past year, I would expect a few. Corrections were made, and received in a kindly spirit.

December 1st, I made my official visit to Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 203. I was accompanied by six brothers of Union Lodge, No. 31. I found the

books in the hands of Bro. Johnston in good shape and the dues well collected. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate, after which the necessary corrections were made, which were received in the real masonic spirit. I found the officers anxious to perform their work correctly, and especial credit is due Bro. L. G. Cunningham for his rendering of the M. M. lecture and the charge.

December 7th, was the date set for my visit to Eureka Lodge, No. 84. It was a stormy night, and prospects for a pleasant trip were not good. I found four of the brethren of my own lodge who wanted to make the trip with me. We arrived at the hall about eight o'clock, and were most cordially welcomed. This lodge has recently had its hall decorated and frescoed, also wired for lights, which they hope to have in the near future. The books in Bro. Bachelder's hands are in fine condition, dues well collected. The work of the evening was on one candidate for the E. A. degree, which was done in an efficient and impressive manner. Few errors or slips were noted, which were due more from lack of work the past year than any other reason. Suggestions or corrections were received in the proper spirit, as officers, from questions asked, showed a desire to do the work correctly.

December 12th, by invitation of Wor. Bro. Strachan, I went to Vinalhaven to inspect the work of Moses Webster Lodge, No. 145, and to install their new officers. Bro. Strachan met me at the boat and escorted me to the hall. The lodge being opened, I was introduced, after which I was extended the courtesies of the chair for which I expressed appreciation, and invited the Master to proceed. No actual candidate appearing, the E. A. degree was exemplified in a dignified and impressive manner. This lodge should be proud of its officers, and the rendering of the second and third sections of the E. A. degree by Bro. Strachan, deserves especial mention. I noted very few errors. After the work I was invited to assume the East, and with Bro. Oscar Lane as Grand Marshal, and Bro. George Strachan as Grand Chaplain, I installed the officers for the ensuing year. Bro. Freeman Robert being absent on account of sickness, his books were in the hands of Bro. L. W. Sanborn. Dues are well collected; records in fine shape.

December 14th, I publicly installed the officers of Union Lodge. I appointed Bro. F. M. Lucas as Grand Marshal, and Bro. F. C. Millay as Grand Chaplain, for the evening. After the installation remarks were listened to from several of the members and visitors, after which we enjoyed a fine banquet and a social hour.

December 16th, on invitation of Wor. Bro. Harvey D. Crowley, I officially visited Knox Lodge, No. 189, at South Thomaston. I was accompanied by five members of my own lodge. Records and books, in the hands of Bro. Clark, are neatly kept and dues well collected. Considering the fact that this lodge has had very little work the past year, the officers appear to be interested and anxious to keep a uniform standard of work. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree on one candidate, and was done in an impressive manner.

February 5th, was the date Bro. Connell arranged for me to visit St. George Lodge, No. 16, at Warren. Eight of the brethren of my own lodge were with me on this visit. The usual hearty welcome was extended us on our arrival at the hall. Work of the evening was the M. M. degree. There were two candidates who were very proficient in the work of the preceding degrees. The work was correctly and impressively done. A very few slips were noted which were corrected. The officers in this lodge have always shown a desire to be uniform, and correct in their work. The books, in the hands of Past Deputy C. B. Hall, are correct, with dues well collected and the financial condition reported as good.

February 13th, was to be the date for my visit to Orient Lodge, No. 15, at Thomaston, but sickness prevented me from making it. I telephoned Bro. A. H. Newbert, of Rockland, who was kind enough to make this visit for me. He reported the work of the evening was the M. M. degree, and although it was the first time the new officers had performed it, Bro. Newbert reported it very nearly correct. The records are still in the hands of that veteran brother, Arthur J. Elliot, and are all that can be desired. The dues are well collected and financial condition good.

March 10th, as I was still confined to the house by sickness, I asked Bro. Newbert to finish my inspections for me, and on March 21st, he visited Aurora Lodge, No. 50, at Rockland, and witnessed the work of the E. A. degree upon three candidates, the ritual was very closely followed and there was small chance for fault finding. He reports trying to impress upon the officers the necessity of paying more attention to the floor work and that rehearsals are necessary in order to have good team work. This is Bro. Newbert's home lodge, and being its Secretary, it is needless to say that the books are in fine shape.

March 23rd, Bro. Newbert visited Amity Lodge, No. 6, at Camden, the oldest lodge in the Ninth District. The work of the evening was preceded by a banquet served by the members of the O. E. S., at which over one hundred and fifty brethren were present. As my representative, he reports he was received with all honors due the office. There were present eighteen Past Masters, including Wor. Bro. Joseph W. Bowers the oldest living Past Master of the lodge. The work of the evening was the M. M. degree conferred upon one candidate, and from the examination of the candidate at the beginning, to the close, the work was of the highest order and reflected credit upon the officers, the greater part of whom were young brethren. Rt. Wor. Bros. Charles D. Wilson, P. D. D. G. M. of the Ninth. Rt. Wor. Bros. Leslie D. Ames, and Rt. Wor. Edward Goodwin, P. D. D. G. M. of the Eighth, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Fred E. Dwinal, P. D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-fourth District were present. The records are still in the hands of that veteran secretary, Bro. Melzer T. Crawford, and are finely kept and the dues well collected.

March 26th, Bro. Newbert visited St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, at Rockport, At 6.30 P. M. more than one hundred brethren set down to a fine banquet served by the members of the lodge. There were present visitors from many of the neighboring lodges. Bro. Newbert was received with full

honors. Five candidates were accepted at the meeting, and one hundred dollars was voted for the George Washington Memorial. The work of the evening was the E. A. degree and was finely rendered. The lectures were given by P. M. Murphy in a very correct and impressive manner. The records are still in the hands of P. M. Edwin H. Bowers and this is sufficient guarantee of their being in good shape. The dues are well collected.

March 27th, Bro. Newbert visited Rockland Lodge, No. 79, of Rockland, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. It was good work; that of the Senior Deacon particularly so. This lodge is in good condition and prospects brighter than for years. The records are still in the hands of that veteran, Wor. Bro. Albert I. Mather, whose work has been so often commended by the visiting officers in this and other bodies.

In conclusion I find that all the lodges have raised their fees to thirty dollars except Aurora and Rockland lodges which have advanced their fees to thirty-five dollars.

I wish to thank the officers and members of the several lodges for their kind and courteous treatment of me the past year. My only regret has been my inability to visit all of the lodges personally. I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of my appointment to this responsible office.

Faternally submitted,

RALPH B. LEWIS, D. D. G. M., 9th District.

TENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

It is with much pleasure that I herewith submit my first annual report to you for the Tenth Masonic District.

On account of personal business I was unable to attend more than one "School of Instruction," that one at Kennebunk, October 18, 1922. The brethren of the local lodge there did all in their power to make the visitors feel at home, and Brother Sleeper conducted the School in his usual impressive and able manner.

My first official visit was to Dresden Lodge, No. 103, Dresden Mills, and was rather a sad occasion, inasmuch that the lodge had suffered a great misfortune in loss by fire of their hall and furnishings, including all their records from the very institution of the lodge. Their charter, however, being deposited in the safe of one of the brethren, was preserved. Their wide awake and efficient Secretary, N. S. Lord, had previously, for home convenience, made a duplicate record of the financial standing, so that the lodge has a record of the standing of each brother as to dues, etc. The brethren there, numbering about one hundred, are awake to duty, with a united front, and a determination to go forward, undaunted by their loss. This lodge is in poor financial condition, and I recommend that all subordinate lodges in the state contribute what assistance they can afford without inconvenience to themselves. The lodge is now holding its meetings

in the Grange Hall at Dresden Mills, under dispensation from the Grand Master, and this hall was, after changes suggested by me were made by the brethren, approved December 27, 1922, at which meeting I also inspected work on the E. A. degree; and considering the recent trouble, and the difficulties under which they were laboring, they did very good work. They are in need of a chart and I have tried to find one not in use, but so far have failed.

On December 8th, I installed the officers of my home lodge, Alna, No. 43, with the exception of Past D. D. G. M. W. G. Knowlton as Secretary.

On December 15th, I installed the officers of Bristol Lodge, No. 74, Bristol.

On January 3rd, I installed the officers of Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, Wiscasset.

On January 15th, I installed the officers of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 61, Waldoboro.

On February 15th, I paid my official visit to Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, Wiscasset. The lodge is in good financial standing, and the records well kept by their veteran Secretary, W. D. Patterson. The work of the evening was done in the M. M. degree, and considering that it was the first attempt of the newly installed officers, was fair.

On February 16th, I was scheduled to officially visit Bay View Lodge, No. 196, East Boothbay, but on account of drifted roads, extreme cold and sickness, I found it utterly impossible to attend. I at once got in touch by phone, with P. D. D. G. M. Victor K. Montgomery, and he readily consented to attend and act for me. He reported to me that the lodge is in excellent financial condition, and that the work done in the M. M. degree was well up to the average; which I understand to be very good.

On February 23rd, I paid my official visit to Seaside Lodge, No. 144, Boothbay Harbor. The lodge is in good financial standing, the records kept in excellent manner, and the work done in the M. M. degree was excellent. Lodges throughout the district must keep wide awake to equal this lodge in quality of work.

On February 28th, I paid my official visit to Riverside Lodge, No. 135, Jefferson. This lodge is in good financial condition and the records kept in fine manner. The lodge has recently repaired and beautified its hall, and I have yet to see a more attractive country lodge room than the brethren of this lodge now enjoy. Work was exemplified in the E. A. degree, and done in a most excellent manner. While I appreciate every lodge in my district, I must, in justice to Riverside Lodge, say that the work witnessed by me, indicated painstaking and a will to perfection. This lodge was first to make its returns, they being received by me on the second day of March.

On March 2nd, I made my official visit to Alna Lodge, No. 43, Damariscotta. The work was in the M. M. degree, but did not come up to the usual work done by this lodge. The Master attempts to show the full Masonic spirit however, and himself does good work; and with support from his officers could equal the usual reputation of the lodge. This lodge is in

fair financial condition, and its records, so far as completed, at the time of my examination, kept in very good manner.

On March 23rd, I made my official visit to King Solomon's Lodge, No. 61, Waldoboro. Work was done in the M. M. degree, in a very fine manner. The officers were all present, and the lodge is in excellent financial condition, and its records ably kept.

On April 2nd, I paid my official visit to Bristol Lodge, No. 74, Bristol. The lodge is in fine financial condition, and its records kept in that extremely able manner by their veteran Secretary, E. J. Ervine, who has filled that position for thirty-five years. Work was exemplified in the M. M. degree in very good manner. This lodge has a scattered membership, and during the winter season it is difficult for the brethren to meet often. But there is always a determination there to master the elements and hold stated meetings at least.

On April 7th, I paid my official visit to Anchor Lodge, No. 158, South Bristol. This lodge has recently repaired and beautified its lodge room, and has a very comfortable and pleasant home. The lodge is in very good financial condition, and its records ably kept in a hand-writing which is beautiful in itself, and which will be a fit memorial to lay up among the records in the archives of the lodge. Work was done in the E. A. degree in very good shape considering that it was the first attempt of the new officers.

All the lodges of my district, having made their reports promptly, I was able to make my financial report to the Grand Lodge on March 28th, with a total collection of \$438.80.

Permit me, Most Worshipful, at this time to thank you for the honor you conferred on me, in appointing me your Deputy, and may I not be considered un-masonic when I indicate hereby the high esteem in which I have held you as a man, a Justice, and a Mason. May your future activities be as helpful as your past ones.

If I can be any assistance to succeeding Deputies, I trust that my love for the Fraternity will prompt me not to withhold that assistance from them.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. COWAN, *D. D. G. M., 10th Masonic District.*

Damariscotta, April 13, 1923.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

It was my privilege to make my first official visitation to Hermon Lodge, No. 32, at Gardiner, on May 30, 1922. The occasion was a special meeting with work in the Master Mason degree. I know personally nearly all the officers of this lodge and anticipated a dignified and accurate rendering of the ritual. In no manner was I disappointed. The officers showed

an intelligent conception of the drama with a desire to impressively convey the Masonic teachings to the candidate. Several selections by the quartet added to the effective work of the officers. The work of Hermon Lodge is fully up to the high standard of previous years. Refreshments were served in the banquet hall at the close of the work. The cordial and courteous reception given the District Deputy was fully appreciated.

The evening of September 29th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. D. Saunders Patterson, I visited Monmouth Lodge, No. 110, and installed the officers. After the installation, refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed which gave me an opportunity to become better acquainted with the brethren. Another visit was made to this lodge for inspection of the work on Monday, December 4th. It is a pleasure to report an unusually well kept book of records; also a good financial condition of the lodge. After the routine business of a stated meeting there was work in the Master Mason degree. The ritual was closely followed and the work performed in a commendable manner. Several of the members of Monmouth Lodge attended the School of Instruction at Augusta. The knowledge thus gained, with previous intimacy with the ritual, must give Monmouth Lodge an efficient group of officers.

Monday, October 16th, by invitation from the Worshipful Master, I made an official visitation to Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, at Augusta. The Worshipful Master is Rev. Brother A. Francis Walch, a man well qualified to uphold the exemplary character Masons should maintain in every community. A fine perception of the importance of the work was reflected in the intelligent interpretation of the ritual by all officers. Excellent music and good floor work added to the effectiveness of the Master Mason degree. A number of visitors were present including Worshipful Masters of seven lodges. The dues of Bethlehem Lodge are well collected and all bills paid. On November 10th, I installed the newly elected officers. The lodge has every reason to believe the same standard of excellency will continue through 1923.

An invitation was received to install the officers of Dirigo Lodge, No. 104, at Weeks Mills, but a previous engagement prevented me from being present on the date selected by the Worshipful Master. On October 30th, I visited Dirigo Lodge for the purpose of inspection. The affairs of a stated meeting were conducted in a businesslike manner. After the regular business the Master Mason degree was exemplified. The ritual was rendered on this date for the first time by the new officers and was performed in a manner creditable to officers of more experience. I believe the affairs of the lodge are entrusted to faithful brethren. I was particularly impressed with the work of the Marshal, Brother Joseph A. Banks, a veteran of the Civil War. It is evidently his intention that floor movements of Dirigo Lodge be executed with precision and promptness. At the time of refreshment a line was formed and the brethren conducted to the banquet hall where an excellent supper was served. Dirigo Lodge has comfortable quarters, the records are nicely kept and there is every indication that the lodge is strictly complying with all the Ancient Landmarks of the order.

On October 24th, a School of Instruction was held at Augusta under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer. The meeting was largely attended by brothers from all parts of the state. I was present throughout the entire day, thereby gaining much valuable information. At noon, by courtesy of Augusta and Bethlehem Lodges, those attending the School were privileged to become better acquainted by meeting in the banquet hall to partake of a well prepared lunch. Many of the brethren remained to witness the work of Augusta Lodge, No. 141, in the evening.

Inspection of Augusta Lodge, No. 141, was on the evening of October 24th. The District Deputy Grand Master with his suite composed of Most Worshipful Brother Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand Masters from seven districts was escorted to the lodge room and received in due form. Dignity and sincerity of purpose were the characteristic features of the work. It has been my privilege to witness the work of Augusta Lodge on frequent occasions and the officers never fail in attention to details which add to the impressiveness of the ceremonies. At the close of the work of the Master Mason degree, refreshments were served and interesting remarks made by several guests of the evening. The newly elected officers of Augusta Lodge were installed on January 23rd, Worshipful Brother D. Saunders Patterson and Rev. Brother Stuart B. Purves assisting. The installation, which was public, was attended by many ladies of the lodge members and other invited guests. Excellent music contributed to the happiness of the occasion. An address by Rev. Brother Henry E. Dunnack was of exceptional merit. Augusta Lodge starts the new year with every indication of prosperity.

On January 3, 1923, an official visit was made to Kennebec Lodge, No. 5, at Hallowell. This lodge is established in commodious and well equipped quarters. An inspection of the records showed them to be kept in an exceptionally neat manner, bills paid and dues well collected. The officers by a nearly perfect rendering of the ritual of the Master Mason degree gave evidence of much study. A fine supper was served after the work. I have had opportunity to be present at other meetings of this lodge and have always found a good attendance of members and creditable work by the officers.

On November 6th, I installed the officers of Temple Lodge, No. 25, at Winthrop. Temple Lodge has many members distinguished in Masonic and private life. It was a pleasure to pass the evening with the lodge and enjoy its hospitality. Monday, March 26th, I visited Temple Lodge for the purpose of inspection. The regularity with which the Secretary, Bro. Linwood B. Jones, mails the notices of all communications to the Deputy is characteristic of the business training he applies to all the affairs of Temple Lodge. The records are exceedingly well kept and complete in every detail. The officers are not only interested in an accurate rendering of the ritual but likewise earnest in the endeavor to inculcate the true spirit of Masonry. In the work of the Master Mason degree, the Worshipful Master had the support of every officer and the work was performed in a

creditable manner. New furniture has recently been purchased for the lodge room making a most comfortable and attractive hall.

I regret that a previous engagement which could not be changed made impossible for me to visit Morning Star Lodge, No. 41, on the date I was invited to inspect the lodge. This lodge has a group of efficient officers. I know you have had the opportunity to visit the lodge during the year and I have no doubt you found the work up to the general good standard in the Eleventh District.

In submitting my report of the Eleventh Masonic District, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor you have bestowed upon me and my thanks for the opportunity of knowing better the men composing the several lodges. I am pleased to report general prosperity of the rite; more attention being paid to small details that are instrumental in creating a deep and lasting impression upon candidates; and above all, a sincere desire among the brethren that Masonry unswerved from its Ancient Landmarks, may be strong in perfecting an unlimited peace and universal tolerance among all people, through the practice of those virtues so clearly defined upon the Masonic trestleboard.

I am, with warmest personal regards,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

JOHN C. ARNOLD, *D. D. G. M. 11th Masonic District.*

Augusta, March 30, 1923.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

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 Twelfth Masonic District.

On September 23rd, by invitation I installed the officers of Rural Lodge, No. 53, Sydney, assisted by R. W. Bro. Williams and Bro. Bailey, of Rural Lodge. As this installation was public a large number was present. A fine program and banquet after the work.

On October 3rd, by invitation, I installed the officers of Asylum Lodge, No. 133, Wayne, assisted by R. W. Bro. Crosby and Wor. Bro. Campbell. A good number was present. Refreshments after the work.

On October 5th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Neguenekeag Lodge, No. 166, Vassalboro, assisted by R. W. Bro. Crosby as Grand Marshal, and W. Bro. Walsh, Grand Chaplain. The installation was public; a large number was present. A fine banquet after the work.

October 30th, I was present at the School of Instruction, at Augusta. As R. W. Bro. Sleeper said after the meeting: "One of the largest and best Schools I have ever had." The information gained at this time will not easily be forgotten by the brethren present.

November 1st, I installed the officers of my own lodge, Lafayette, No. 48, at a public installation, when I was again assisted by R. W. Bro. Crosby as Grand Marshal, and W. Bro. Walsh Grand Chaplain. This

was the first installation in our new hall and a very large number was present, including M. W. Thomas H. Bodge, Past Grand Master, and Mrs. Bodge, of Augusta, together with several of the brethren from Augusta and Bethlehem Lodges. A short program was rendered after the work, followed by some very fine remarks from the brethren present, and a banquet followed.

On November 18th, at a special meeting of Rural Lodge, No. 53, at Sydney, I witnessed work in the E. A. degree. This lodge has a reputation of doing good work, and the presentation that evening was no exception. A goodly number present. Books in fine condition; dues well collected. Refreshments at close.

On December 2nd, I made my official visit to Messalonskee Lodge No. 133, Oakland, and I witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. Although this lodge has not been doing a great amount of work the past year, yet the degree was well done in ritual and floor work. Books in good condition. Refreshment after the work.

On March 27th, I made my official visit to Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 99, Mt. Vernon, when three candidates were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. On account of the very bad traveling there was small attendance. Very few corrections were necessary. The dues are well collected, and the books in good condition. Refreshments after the work.

On March 28th, I went to North Vassalboro to visit Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54, where I witnessed the Master Mason degree on one candidate. The officers of this lodge are doing good work. The lodge books are in good condition and dues well collected. A fine banquet after the work.

On March 29th, I officially visited Neguemkeag Lodge, No. 166, where I witnessed the F. C. degree on one candidate. The work was well up to the average. Lodge and books in good condition.

On April 23rd, I went to Waterville to visit Waterville Lodge, No. 33, About 230 were present. A very fine supper was served at 6.30 by the ladies of the Eastern Star. I was officially received by the lodge. One candidate was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in a very pleasing and dignified manner. The ritual was very closely followed, and the floor work second to none. The records and books of this lodge the best I have ever seen. This lodge is the third largest in the State. Only five members in arrears of dues and those only for the present year.

On account of the bad weather and roads during the winter I was unable to make any official visit to Asylum Lodge, Wayne. But I have been present at several of their meetings during the past year, and I can report that lodge to be in good standing, doing a good amount of work, and in a very creditable manner.

I have not made any official visit to my own lodge, Lafayette, No. 48, but have only missed two meetings during the year. The officers are striving to do good work. The books and records of the lodge with Bro. Weston at the pen, are in fine condition.

I am very glad to report all the lodges in the Twelfth District to be in a very prosperous condition, and gaining in numbers, and I believe every candidate is being given careful consideration at the ballot box.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the lodges of the district for the very kind receptions given me on every occasion, and also for the attention given to all the corrections made.

And to you, Most Worshipful, I extend my sincere thanks for the honor which you have conferred upon me as it has been a great pleasure to me the past two years in trying to do my duty.

Fraternally submitted,

EDW. G. PALMER, *D. D. G. M., 12th Masonic District.*

Kent's Hill, April 24, 1922.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have the privilege and the honor to submit herewith my first report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth Masonic District.

I was appointed District Deputy at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge in Portland, 1922, but as I was not in attendance, by direction of the Grand Secretary, I was installed by Worshipful Brother Harry Cummings in my home lodge, Bingham, No. 199.

My first official visit was for the purpose of installing the officers of Euclid Lodge, No. 194, at Madison, on September 25th. I was assisted in this work by Worshipful Brother William Jardine, as Grand Chaplain, and Right Worshipful Brother Granville Perkins, as Grand Marshal.

October 6th, in response to a very cordial invitation, I installed the officers of Lebanon Lodge, No. 116, of Norridgewock. Worshipful Brother Alvah S. Witham, of Bingham Lodge, acted as Grand Marshal, and Brother Davis, of Lebanon Lodge, as Grand Chaplain.

October 24th, I attended the School of Instruction at Augusta, and had a very enjoyable time. The two Augusta lodges are rightfully noted for their hospitality.

November 7th, I installed the officers of Carrabasset Lodge, No. 161, being assisted by Brother Orrin J. Hill, as Grand Marshal. This was a public installation and followed by a very enjoyable entertainment given by the members of the lodge and the ladies of the Eastern Star.

November 16th, I inspected the work in the Fellow Craft degree, at Siloam Lodge, No. 92, Fairfield. The work was nicely done with a close adherence to the ritual. Worshipful Brother Chapman's books are examples of neatness and accuracy. The dues are well collected and the lodge seems to be in a sound financial condition. The attendance that evening was very poor however, and did not do credit to one of the two largest lodges in this district. A special effort should be made to have a good attendance at inspection.

November 20th, I inspected the work of Somerset Lodge, No. 34, at Skowhegan. The work was in the Master Mason degree and was a credit to the efficient corps of officers. The books in the hands of Worshipful Brother John Lancaster are neatly and correctly kept, the dues well

collected and the financial condition of the lodge excellent. The attendance was good and the work was followed by light refreshments.

November 28th, I inspected Carrabasset Lodge, No. 161, at Canaan. This lodge has been doing but little work and it was necessary to exemplify the work in the Master Mason degree. It was however a credit to the officers, especially Worshipful Brother Dunlap, who has served many terms as Master and to whose efforts the excellence of the work is largely due. The books in the hands of Alpheus Nason are neatly and correctly kept, dues well collected and condition good. Refreshments were enjoyed at the close of the work.

December 1st, I inspected the work in the Fellow Craft degree, in Lebanon Lodge, No. 116, at Norridgewock. The work was good, the ritual closely followed and the floor work excellent. The records could be in no better hands than those of Right Worshipful Brother Ernest Gilman.

January 31st, I inspected the work in the Master Mason degree, in Keystone Lodge, No. 80, at Solon. The work in the main was above reproach. The records in the hands of my predecessor, Right Worshipful Brother Myron Jewett, are all that could be desired. The dues are well collected and the financial condition better than the average for small lodges. At the close of the work we enjoyed refreshments.

February 5th, I inspected the work in the Master Mason degree in Euclid Lodge, No. 194, at Madison. The work was good and did credit to the officers. The records in the hands of Right Worshipful Brother James Spence are correctly and neatly kept. The dues are well collected and the financial condition sound. Light refreshments were served.

February 28th, I was to inspect Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, at North Anson, but a general quarantine prevented them from holding their meeting. March 28th, was set for the next date but again I was prevented from attending owing to the impassible condition of the roads and my inability to be away for the larger part of two days which would have been necessary had I made the trip by train. In view of the above I made no inspection of this lodge but from reports I have I entertain no doubt but what it keeps up to the high standard to which the lodges in this district aspire.

My attendance on the meetings of my home lodge, Bingham, No. 199, have been regular and I have made no official visitation. The work has been very good and the lodge itself is in a healthy condition.

In closing I wish to express the pleasure that the work has given me. I wish to thank the officers and the brethren of the several lodges for the many courtesies received. I have been most cordially and fraternally received by them and can truthfully say that all the lodges in this district are in a thriving condition with great interest in the work manifested by the brethren as well as the officers.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I wish to thank you for the high honor you have conferred upon me, and which I have endeavored to fulfill to the best of my ability.

Fraternally yours,

HAROLD A. COLEMAN, D. D. G. M., 13th Masonic District.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

On the evening of June 6th, I inspected the work of my home lodge, Acacia, No. 121, Durham, and am pleased to state that the manner in which the officers performed their work was most satisfactory. The floor work was perfect, and the ritual very well rendered. A very large number of brethren enjoyed a splendid banquet previous to the opening of the lodge. The M. M. degree was given one candidate.

October 28th, by invitation of Bro. Horace J. Whitney, Master-elect of Village Lodge, No. 26, of Bowdoinham, I installed the officers of his lodge with the assistance of Wor. Bro. Fred Jack, as Marshal, and Rev. Bro. George Powers, as Chaplain, both of Village Lodge. The installation was public, and a large number enjoyed special music, and readings during the evening. A banquet followed the exercises.

Upon receiving invitation from R. W. Bro. Fred E. Ward, Secretary of Freeport Lodge, No. 23, accompanied by Bro. Clinton F. Parker of Acacia Lodge, No. 121, I inspected work in the E. A. degree on November 6th. The dignity, and accuracy with which the officers did their work was most pleasing, indeed, and this lodge may feel assured of continued success, judging from the character, and enterprise of its officers. A supper preceded the work of the evening.

On November 14th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Blaine Abbott, Master of Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, Lewiston, and by Wor. Bro. Ezra Nevins, and Brothers A. H. Field and E. S. Stetson, Jr., also of Ashlar, I visited United Lodge, No. 8, of Brunswick, for the purpose of inspecting work in the F. C. degree. The degree was given in a very impressive and dignified manner before a large gathering of the members, and visiting brethren. Some corrections were necessary, which were well received by the officers. A bountiful banquet was furnished by the members of the O. E. S.

December 5th, I installed the officers of Acacia Lodge, No. 121, of Durham, being assisted by Wor. Bro. R. G. Vickery, as Marshal, and A. S. Merrill, who is also a Past Master of this lodge, as Chaplain.

January 1st, by invitation, I installed the officers of Freeport Lodge, No. 23. Wor. Bro. Guy C. Bean acted as Marshal, and Bro. Edward H. Davis, as Chaplain, both these brethren are members of this lodge.

At a stated communication held January 29th, I installed the officers of Ancient York Lodge, No. 155. Wor. Bro. Wm. H. Douglas, as Marshal, and Wor. Bro. Geo. Basford, as Chaplain, assisted in the work.

On February 21st, I visited Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The zeal, and earnestness with which the officers rendered the degree was gratifying, and I am sure that the candidate was well impressed with the lessons taught. The necessary suggestions given were received in a true Masonic spirit. There was a large attendance, and refreshments were served during the evening.

February 26th, I had the pleasure of inspecting work in the M. M. degree by the officers of Richmond Lodge, No. 63, at a stated meeting. This is Wor. Bro. Southard's second year as Master, and he with his officers has the ritual well in hand. Very few errors were noted during the evening. A goodly number of brethren were present, and one of those banquets for which the ladies of the O. E. S. of Richmond are famous, preceded the evening's work.

Upon invitation of Wor. Bro. F. G. Cooke, Master of Solar Lodge, No. 14, of Bath, I was present at a special communication held March 12th, for the purpose of presenting work in the M. M. degree, on one candidate. The floor work, excellence of the ritual, and the dignified manner of presenting the same made a marked impression on the candidate, and taught all the large number present that hard work, and consistent study tend to promote a high standard of lodge work. The Temple quartette of Lewiston, rendered appropriate vocal selections during the evening. A splendid banquet was furnished by the local Chapter of the O. E. S.

March 26th, I was present at a stated communication of Ancient York Lodge, No. 155, Lisbon Falls, for the purpose of inspecting work in the E. A. degree, and while this was the first degree work of the officers since their installation, it was performed in an impressive manner. The necessary corrections were made, and I am sure that with concentrated study they should be able to render very accurate work. An oyster supper was served at the close of the lodge.

March 28th, was the date of my official visit with Village Lodge, No. 26, of Bowdoinham, and although this was late in March, we experienced one of the most severe nights of the past few months. The attendance was consequently small, but the spirit with which the officers worked the E. A. degree on two candidates was well worth the effort put forth in getting to their meeting. The few corrections made were received in the spirit of helpfulness in which they were given. A fine oyster supper was served after the meeting.

With one exception, the lodges of this district have made gains in membership. Acacia has held its own, and shows no loss. I feel that this gain has not been in numbers alone, but what is more important to Masonry, strong characters with steadfastness of purpose have allied themselves with us to carry forward the most excellent tenets of our profession to future generations.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges for the cordial and courteous receptions given me, and also for their close attentions to suggestions which I have offered.

To you, Most Worshipful, I offer my sincere thanks for the honor you have bestowed upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. MERRILL, *D. D. G. M., 14th Masonic District.*

Lewiston, March 31, 1923.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth Masonic District, I herewith submit my annual report for the past year:

On August 12th, I made my first official inspection for the year at Mount Bigelow Lodge, No. 202, at Flagstaff, going by auto and accompanied by three brethren of Maine Lodge, No. 20. The F. C. degree was worked on one candidate in a very creditable manner. The records are in care of R. W. Walter E. Hinds, who has the dues well collected. At close of work refreshments were served.

October 2nd, I installed the officers of Maine Lodge, No. 20, assisted by Wor. Bro. H. Burton Voter, as Grand Marshal, and Manley H. Blaisdell, as Grand Chaplain.

October 4th, I visited Kemankeag Lodge, No. 213, at Rangeley, where the M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate in a correct and impressive manner. The records are properly kept by Bro. Charles L. Harnden, and the dues are well collected. An oyster stew was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

October 10th, accompanied by brethren of Maine Lodge, I went to Augusta to attend a School of Instruction which was conducted by M. W. Frank E. Sleeper. There was a large gathering of brethren and Deputies from the different districts. Personally I enjoyed the School very much, and received many helpful suggestions which have been of much benefit to me in my official visits.

October 31st was the date of my official visit with Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 154, at Weld. I was accompanied by several brethren of Maine Lodge. As there was no regular candidate the F. C. degree was exemplified. The work was almost perfect, and I am pleased to say that this lodge has not declined from the high standard of efficiency which it has enjoyed for a number of years. This lodge is erecting a large building in which they are to have fine new quarters, which is much needed. R. W. Bro. Cleff Maxwell is the efficient Secretary and he has the dues nearly all collected. Refreshments at the close.

December 1st, I made my official visit with Franklin Lodge, No. 123, at New Sharon. There was a good attendance of the brethren and visitors, and the M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate. The work of the officers was good, and the ritual well rendered. The records by Bro. Fred W. Sanders are correctly kept with dues well collected. At close of work refreshments were served.

January 25th, I went to Kingfield by train for the purpose of inspecting Mount Abram Lodge, No. 204. It was a very rough night, following a storm and all trains were late, but the brethren were plucky and the meeting was held regardless of drifting snow and late trains. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate in a manner that was a credit to the officers of the lodge. I found the records in fine shape and the dues are well collected. Refreshments at the close.

On January 31st, Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, at Livermore Falls, held their semi-annual meeting, to which I was invited for the purpose of inspection. Meetings were held both afternoon and evening. At the afternoon meeting the F. C. degree was worked on one candidate, and at 6.30 P. M. a fine banquet was served to a large gathering of the brethren of Oriental Star Lodge and its visitors. In the evening the M. M. degree was presented for inspection with one candidate and the work performed in a dignified and impressive manner. I had looked forward to this visit with a great deal of pleasure and was not disappointed in the results. The records are correctly kept by Wor. Bro. Wm. McKenney. Dues well collected.

March 2nd, I visited Davis Lodge, No. 191, at Strong, where the M. M. degree was worked on one candidate. The officers of this lodge are deserving of much praise for the correctness of their work, which cannot fail in its impression on the candidate. The records are neatly and carefully kept by Bro. Percival W. Mason. An oyster stew was served at the close.

March 29th, by appointment, I visited Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 91, at Phillips. My train was over two hours late, and it being a special meeting with no regular candidate, I did not request them to exemplify any of the work. They have had very little work this year but informed me they had rehearsed the different degrees at several of its meetings, and from the proficiency of the opening and closing ceremony, I am satisfied of their ability to perform good work. The Secretary, Bro. Nathaniel L. Harnden, has the books in fine shape, with the dues well collected. Refreshments at the close.

April 4th, I made my final visit for the year, at Wilton Lodge, No. 156, Wilton, where the M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate in a very creditable manner. This lodge has the largest membership of any in this district, and is in a very prosperous condition. At this meeting I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Fred E. Trefethen and many of the brethren of Wilton Lodge, who are old friends, which made this a very pleasant visit. The books are correctly kept by Wor. Bro. Charles A. Comins who has the dues well collected. Refreshments at the close.

As for my home lodge, Maine, No. 20, I have been in attendance at all its meetings, so have specified no special inspection night. Whenever occasion has required, I have offered suggestions and made corrections. Our lodge has a very efficient corps of officers, who are very proficient in the ritual work, and who take pride in maintaining the high degree of efficiency for which Maine Lodge has long been noted.

In conclusion, I want to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges for the very kind receptions given me, and also for the attention which they have given to such corrections and suggestions as I may have made.

And to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred on me in appointing me as your representative in this district, and I have tried to make my work merit the confidence which you reposed.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY E. KNAPP, *D. D. G. M., 15th Masonic District.*

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have the honor to submit to you my second report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixteenth District, for the past year.

On October 11th, accompanied by P. M. Edgar L. Stone, of Mount Tir'em Lodge, I attended a School of Instruction at Fryeburg, held under the direction of M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer. The work was very thoroughly reviewed and the School was of great interest and profit. For the generous hospitality extended by Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, I wish to express my thanks.

On October 30th, I visited Granite Lodge, No. 182, at West Paris. The lodge having no candidate, work in the E. A. degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner. Brother Edwin R. Berry, the Worshipful Master, is serving his second term in office, and again under his leadership the lodge cannot help but have a prosperous year. At the close a fine oyster supper was served.

On March 1st, I inspected the work in Crooked River Lodge, No. 152, at Bolster's Mills. Here I had the pleasure of witnessing work in the F. C. and M. M. degrees on candidates. The Master, Ernest L. Gay, is serving his second term and is a very competent and efficient officer. The F. C. lecture given by P. M. Fred C. Weston, deserves special mention. Many visitors were present from Oriental Lodge, and a very enjoyable evening was passed. After the work a baked bean supper was enjoyed by all.

March 27th, I was unable to be present at the meeting of Paris Lodge, No. 94, at South Paris, and at my request P. D. D. G. M. Ernest J. Record, inspected the work for me. He reports: "I was present at the regular meeting of Paris Lodge, No. 94, and witnessed work in the Entered Apprentice degree. It was the first work of the officers elected at the last annual meeting and was done in a very creditable manner. All of the working officers are young in Masonry, but showed a good knowledge of the ritual, and as a member of the lodge, it was pleasing to me to see the impressive manner in which they applied that knowledge. The lodge has had work at most every meeting the past year and is in good condition. The records are in good hands and dues are practically all collected up to this year's assessment, with a fair amount of dues collected for this year."

On March 30th, I visited Oxford Lodge, No. 18, at Norway, where I was cordially received. This was a stated meeting and the business of the evening was done in a way worthy of the highest commendation. The work of the evening was in the E. A. degree on one candidate, which was performed in an impressive manner and could not fail to give the candidate the proper view of Masonry in its deepest and truest sense. The records are very neatly and correctly kept by Bro. Eastman and dues well collected up to date.

On April 3rd, I attended a special communication of Jefferson Lodge, No. 100, at Bryant's Pond, where I witnessed work in the M. M. degree

on two candidates. This work was done very impressively and reflected much credit on those in charge. The candidate's examination was passed exceptionally well. Jefferson Lodge is very fortunate in having Past Masters who retain their interest in the work, after having passed the chair, and the effect of their interest is clearly shown in the work of this lodge. At the close of the meeting a fine supper was served and a social hour enjoyed by all. I was entertained at the home of Past D. D. G. M. Ricker, over night.

On account of unavoidable circumstances I was unable to visit Bethel Lodge, No. 97, at Bethel, but I have satisfied myself that the lodge is in a very prosperous condition and doing the same excellent work that it did last year.

I have not made any inspection of the work of Mount Tir'em Lodge, No. 132, it being my home lodge, of which I am Secretary, and have attended every meeting this year.

I inspected the records of all lodges visited, and found them in good shape and dues well collected.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of the appointment of a second term, also to the officers and brethren of all the lodges for their support and co-operation.

Fraternally submitted,

CLARENCE H. PRIDE, *D. D. G. M., 16th Masonic District.*

Waterford, April 23, 1923.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

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 Seventeenth Masonic District, for the past year.

It has been my privilege to visit all of the lodges officially and I also have made many fraternal visits, and I am pleased to report that they are in a very prosperous condition without exception, and are governed by officers who have the interests of their work at heart, and whose work merits our commendation. The dues in all of the lodges are well collected and records are correctly and neatly kept, by all of the Secretaries, many of whom have been long in the service. And I feel that the Most Worshipful Grand Master should know how many years of commendable service some of the brethren have devoted to the fraternity.

The Late R. W. Bro. Francis E. Chase, served Deering Lodge as Secretary forty years before his death on January 8, 1923. Bro. Wm. H. Cram has served as Secretary of Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, thirty-six years. Bro. Arthur W. Ricker, Treasurer of Temple Lodge, twenty-seven years. Rt. Wor. Bro. Charles W. Carll was elected Treasurer of Warren Phillips Lodge in 1894, took a little time from these duties to become Worshipful Master, also served as D. D. G. M. of this District in 1908 and 1909,

returning to be Treasurer of Warren Phillips Lodge which place he now fills. Wor. Bro. William A. Seyford has served Hiram Lodge as Secretary since 1906. Bro. Joseph Rayens has served Casco Lodge as Treasurer since 1904. Bro. George F. Gould was first elected Secretary of Portland Lodge in 1882, serving until 1911, at which time he was elected Treasurer which office he now holds. Worshipful Bro. Almon Johnson has served as Secretary of Atlantic Lodge since 1908.

The years have seemed short to these Brethren and they enjoy the services as much today as ever, and take great pride in the work of the officers who are advancing through the chairs.

I began my official duties on June 13th, by attending the annual communication of Hiram Lodge, No. 180. This was a memorable event to this lodge as it was the date that the mortgage on their building was discharged. Reports and election of officers followed, and I officially installed the officers. Wor. Bro. Harold B. Chase acting as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Bro. John C. Nichols as Grand Chaplain. It was very pleasing to us all to have present Rt. Worshipful David E. Moulton, Deputy Grand Master, who presented the retiring Master with a Past Master's Jewel, also a Past Master's Diploma. Refreshments were served at the close.

June 27th, I attended St. John's Day services with Harmony Lodge, No. 38, at Gorham, who had as guests, Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, Buxton, No. 115, and Standish, No. 70. We listened to a very interesting Masonic sermon by Bro. Stanley Carne.

September 2nd, I officially visited Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, North Windham. Work was in the Master Mason's degree, and was well done. The ritual was very closely followed and the proper dignity was shown in all parts of the degree. I was highly favored on this occasion by having as Grand Marshal, Rt. Wor. Bro. Frederick E. Dole, who was W. M. of Presumpscot Lodge in 1902, and it so happened that I was his candidate at his first Master Mason degree work. A large gathering of brethren was present this evening. A banquet was served at the close of the meeting.

September 20th, I officially visited Deering Lodge, No. 183. Wor. Bro. Willard W. Knight acted as Grand Marshal, and I was accompanied by Wor. Brethren from every lodge in the district, and received in form. Work was in the M. M. degree, with one candidate, and was as good as I ever saw. The ritual was strictly adhered to and the proper dignity and impressiveness was carried out in every respect. Most Wor. Bro. Silas B. Adams was present at this meeting and took part in the work. A fine banquet was served at the close of the meeting.

October 11th, I attended a School of Instruction at Fryeburg, conducted by our Wor. Grand Lecturer, Bro. Frank E. Sleeper. We were entertained by Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11. The School was well attended and all present received much valuable instruction.

October 20th, I officially visited Standish Lodge, No. 70, at Standish. Wor. Bro. Willard W. Knight acted as Grand Marshal. I was accompanied by a large suite composed of Wor. Brethren of this district and six from the Twenty-third District. Work was in the E. A. degree, and

exemplified in a manner which was a great credit to the officers, who received words of commendation from me. The lectures were given in as dignified a manner as I ever heard them. A social half hour followed and we listened to remarks from many of the visiting Wor. Brethren.

November 15th, I officially visited Harmony Lodge, No. 38, at Gorham. Wor. Bro. John C. Nichols acted as Grand Marshal. Work was in the Fellow Craft degree. The officers of this lodge were serving their second year and certainly presented some fine work for inspection. This was their first official visitation in their new hall and it was taxed to its full capacity. Rt. Wor. Bro. Carswell and the Past Masters of this lodge are regular attendants on the meetings. Banquet at the close of the meeting.

November 23rd, I officially visited Atlantic Lodge, No. 81. Wor. Bro. John C. Nichols acted as Grand Marshal. I was accompanied by a large number of Wor. Brethren, also one Wor. Master from Illinois. I had the pleasant opportunity of seeing the Fellow Craft degree worked in an exceptionally fine manner before a large assembly. The rendition of the ritual was very nearly perfect. The floor work was good and a very good impression must have been made upon the candidate. This lodge has enjoyed an exceptionally prosperous growth the past year. The splendid work of the officers and the interest manifested by the brethren proved to my own satisfaction that all have the best interests of their order at heart. A fine banquet was enjoyed.

January 30th, in official capacity, I visited Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186, at Cumberland Mills. This lodge had adopted a custom of the officers meeting in the preparation room and marching to their respective stations and places. At my request, the Fellow Craft degree was presented and I know from the correct and impressive manner in which the officers performed their work, that no candidate can take his degree in this lodge without being deeply impressed with the seriousness and high dignity of Masonry. After the lodge closed, all went to the banquet room where refreshments were served.

January 31st, I officially installed the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 38, at Gorham, Wor. Bro. Harold B. Chase, acting as Grand Marshal. Wor. Bro. John C. Nichols, as Grand Chaplain. A fine banquet was served to members and visitors at six o'clock. It was a public installation, the first which the lodge has held for several years, consequently much interest was shown by the large number of members and friends present. Bro. Embert Jones presided at the piano during the installation ceremony. Rt. Wor. Bro. Edgar Carswell presented the retiring Master with a Past Master's jewel and diploma. During the evening a fine program was enjoyed.

February 1st, I officially installed the officers of Standish Lodge, No. 70. Wor. Bro. Robert N. Toms acting as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Bro. Rufus E. Gray as Grand Chaplain. It was a very severe winter night but a large number of the brethren were present. After the installation ceremony there were remarks by some of the Wor. Brethren present. After close of the lodge we repaired to the banquet hall for refreshments. Bro.

Gay of Standish Lodge presented the retiring Master with a jewel, and I presented him with a Past Master's diploma.

February 6th, I visited Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17. Wor. Bro. John C. Nichols acting Grand Marshal. I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. George Owen, Rt. Wor. Nathan C. Redlon, also many Wor. Brethren from the lodges of this district. Work was in the Master Mason degree and performed in a manner which deeply impressed the large number of brethren present. The lecture particularly was rendered in a praiseworthy manner and certainly impressed all with the importance of this degree. The Masonic Quartette rendered several selections which added dignity to the work. The work of all the officers was very commendable. A fine banquet was served at six o'clock.

February 8th, I made my official visitation to Temple Lodge, No. 86, Wor. Bro. John C. Nichols acting as Grand Marshal. Work was in the E. A. degree and as performed on this occasion shows that the officers are very interested. The opening ceremony was letter perfect. The lectures were given very closely to our ritual and in a very impressive manner. Refreshments at the close of the meeting.

February 12th, I officially installed the officers of Deering Lodge, No. 183, assisted by Wor. Bro. Ernest N. Cunningham, as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Bro. John C. Nichols, as Grand Chaplain, before a gathering of Masons which completely filled the hall. This lodge has for a long time made the annual meeting a very interesting one, particularly for its older members. A fine six o'clock banquet, reports, elections, and installation of officers with the presentation of Past Master's diploma and jewel, made a very pleasant meeting.

February 16th, I made my official visitation to Casco Lodge, No. 36, of Yarmouth. Work in the E. A. degree showed careful preparation. The Wardens gave the lectures so closely to the ritual that practically there were no corrections to make. A fine banquet was served at six o'clock.

February 20th, in my official capacity I visited Portland Lodge, No. 1, Rt. Wor. Bro. George H. Allen, acted as Grand Marshal. Every lodge in this district was represented. Work was in the E. A. degree. I will say that I never have seen such a large gathering of brethren present at the working of the E. A. degree as on this occasion. The opening of the lodge was very beautiful and the work of the degree was given in a way to please the most exacting, and given the closest attention by all present. W. M. Warren Moses does his work in an exceptionally impressive manner and is ably assisted by a fine line of officers. At my request their method of examining a visitor was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Perley C. Dresser, and Wor. Bro. Harold B. Chase, and was very interesting and instructive. A fine banquet was served at six o'clock.

February 24th, I officially installed the officers of Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127. Wor. Bro. Fred R. Crockett, acting as Grand Marshal, and Wor. Bro. John C. Nichols, as Grand Chaplain. After the installation ceremony, a social hour was enjoyed, and a fine oyster supper served.

March 20th, I visited Hiram Lodge, No. 180, South Portland. On this

occasion Deering Past Masters' Association made my suite and M. W. Bro. Silas B. Adams acted as Grand Marshal. Work was in the Master Mason degree, presented in an exceptionally fine manner. The lecture by Wor. Bro. Green was very impressive. The Masonic Quartette from Portland was present and rendered several selections which added dignity. The excellent work of the officers, together with the cordiality of the brethren assembled made my visit exceedingly pleasant. I was presented to the Worshipful Master by Rt. Wor. Bro. Wm. H. Ohler who is a regular attendent on the meetings of this lodge. Refreshments were served at the close of the lodge.

In closing I wish to say that I have been on the mailing list of the several lodges of this district, so have received the notices of their special meetings. The ritualistic work of the various lodges is very uniform and all are working toward that state of perfection in ritual impressiveness and usefulness which should be the goal of our order.

I have made many new acquaintances and have been courteously and hospitably received by all of the lodges.

Most Wor. Bro. Sleeper, our Grand Lecturer, has been very obliging to me and I very much appreciate the help he has given me.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary, has ever been ready to help me in my duties and has attended some of my visitations.

I received the Grand Lodge dues from the lodges on time and in turn I forwarded the same to the Grand Treasurer. At every visit I have been received with the Grand Honors, and every courtesy shown me in respect to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

This, Most Worshipful, comprises the record of my work. I have found my duties to be very pleasant and congenial, and any corrections which seemed necessary to be made, were received in the same spirit in which they were given.

Most Worshipful, the duties I have performed in your services have been an inspiration and a pleasure to me, and I thank you for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me your representative in this district.

Fraternally submitted.

JOSEPH B. MANCHESTER, D. D. G. M. 17th Masonic District.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

Each of the lodges in this district has been officially visited by me personally, except Delta, No. 153, of Lovell, which was, at my request, inspected by W. Bro. Waldo N. Seavey, Past D. D. G. M.

October 11th, I attended a School of Instruction held at Fryeburg, by M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer. This School was well

attended and very instructive. In the evening the E. A. degree was worked by Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11. The work being done in a very pleasing manner.

December 29th, by invitation, I installed the officers of my home lodge, Greenleaf, No. 117, assisted by W. Bro. Daniel G. Chaplin, Past D. D. G. M., as Grand Marshal.

January 1st, I officially visited Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, at Fryeburg, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree, which was very ably and efficiently done. At this meeting with the assistance of W. Bro. Daniel G. Chaplin, as Grand Marshal, I installed the officers.

February 7th, I made an official visitation to Shepherd's River Lodge, No. 169, at Brownfield. On account of the unusual amount of illness prevalent at this time, the attendance was smaller than usual, but work was done in the E. A., F. C. and M. M. degrees in a very interesting and impressive manner.

February 24th, I visited Oriental Lodge, No. 13, at Bridgton. Work in the E. A. degree was done in accordance with the fine reputation of this lodge, and exceptional interest in lodge affairs was manifest.

February 28th, I visited Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 56, at Denmark. No work was done, but judging by the manner in which the business and other affairs of the lodge were conducted, I have no doubt that the degree work would be very creditable.

March 29th, I officially visited my home lodge, Greenleaf, No. 117, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. This lodge still maintains the reputation which it has enjoyed, for years, for doing good work.

Following is the report of W. Bro. Waldo N. Seavey of Lovell:

LOVELL, MAINE, March 12, 1923.

R. W. L. MURRAY WATKINS,
Cornish, Maine.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

In accordance with your request I was present at the regular meeting of Delta Lodge, No. 153, Lovell, Thursday evening, March 8, 1923. As there was no candidate the officers devoted the time to rehearsing the ritual which was done in a very creditable manner. This has not been a very busy year for this lodge but I have witnessed some very good work by the officers who are serving their second year in the chairs. The records are kept in very good shape and the dues are quite well collected in.

Yours fraternally,

WALDO N. SEAVEY.

All the lodges in the district, visited by me, are governed by very proficient officers, both officers and members showing a deep interest in everything concerning Masonry. The business and ritualistic work being done in a very business-like way. The records are neatly and correctly kept, and in each lodge are in the hands of business men, and with one exception, experienced in the office of Secretary W. Bro. Tobias L. Eastman, of Pythagorean Lodge, retiring, having declined the thirty-second election. Very appropriate resolutions were adopted, whereby the members expressed their appreciation of his long and faithful service.

Suggestions have been offered and corrections made wherever needed,

but very few have been necessary, but whenever given they have been received in a kindly spirit, in fact with appreciation. Finally, Most Worshipful, please accept my sincere thanks for the honor conferred on me, and I wish to extend to the officers and brethren of this district my pleasure for the courtesies and friendly greetings received by me during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

L. MURRAY WATKINS, *D. D. G. M., 18th Masonic District.*

Cornish, April 2, 1923.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

On the eighteenth day of October a School of Instruction was opened at Kennebunk, by the Grand Lecturer. The attendance was good, most of the lodges in my district being represented. The ritual was carefully read and explained and much benefit received. In the evening I made my first official visit and inspected the work of York Lodge, No. 22. The work of the evening was the Master Mason degree and was done in a creditable manner. I found that many of the corrections and suggestions made at the School were for the first time noticed in the work of the lodge. This being my home lodge and being familiar with their work I may say that I believe that great improvement was, and will continue to be made, as result of the careful instructions given at the School. The records of the lodge are well kept, the dues promptly collected, they being under the care of Rt. Wor. Bro. Meserve. A banquet was served to the lodge and visitors previous to the work of the evening.

I made my official visit on St. John's Lodge, at South Berwick, on October thirtieth. I found a commodious hall well arranged and neatly kept. Their records are well kept, the dues closely collected, on the whole they seem to be on a sound financial basis. The work of the evening was the Master Mason degree and was very correctly and impressively given. The use of the organ during the work added greatly to the impressiveness of the degree. Both the attendance and order were excellent. The work was presented in an excellent manner giving indications of careful study and frequent rehearsals by the officers. Refreshments were served after closing, and a social hour enjoyed.

On the evening of November fifteenth, I made my visit on Naval Lodge, at Kittery. I witnessed the work of Master Mason degree on one candidate. The work was creditably done and gave evidence of study and rehearsals by the officers. This lodge was well represented at the School of Instruction and also they have meetings of the members where they study and work together to perfect themselves in the ritual. The members as well as the officers take great interest in the work of the lodge. They

hope soon to have rooms which their interest and membership surely warrants. The records are correctly kept and the notices of the Secretary are very interesting and contain a fund of information which must be appreciated by those members who cannot attend regularly. At the close a banquet was served.

On December second I made my visit on Arion Lodge, No. 162, at Goodwin's Mills. The third degree was worked on three candidates. The work was well done and considering the size of the lodge and the fact that its members are scattered, the attendance was good. I find that they are lax in the matter of opening their lodge on the stated hour which should if possible be corrected. The records are well kept and the dues well collected. After closing refreshments were served.

On the evening of December eighth, I traveled to North Berwick in a sleet storm and made my regular visitation on Yorkshire Lodge. A goodly number of members and visitors were present. After a bountiful supper the work of Master Mason degree was exemplified on one candidate. Due to the fact that the lodge room is directly over a hall used for basketball, with a game in progress, the work did not go as well as might be expected or desired. I believe that the errors and omissions were due to the disturbance from below, as I was unable to carry the work in my mind at times. They tell me that this situation often exists which must discourage every attempt for the officers to perfect themselves in the work. I found the records and financial condition at the best. I did find that the regulation against smoking in the lodge room was here violated and brought this matter to their attention. I have requested the Grand Secretary to forward copies of the Grand Lodge regulation in this matter to them.

My visit to Orchard Lodge, at Old Orchard, was arranged for February twelfth, but due to sickness I could not attend. Rt. Wor. Bro. Savage kindly went for me and has reported to me that he found the lodge in good condition, the officers enthusiastic and the work of the E. A. degree was well done. I here wish to express my thanks to Rt. Wor. Savage for his kindness in assisting me in this matter.

On February twenty-seventh, I visited Arundel Lodge at Kennebunkport. Due to weather conditions the car service was delayed and I and my companions were forced to walk a part of the way causing us to be quite late. The lodge was opened and on my arrival I was received and the work at once commenced of the Fellow Craft degree. The officers were just installed and had not conferred this degree before, but regardless of these facts the work was well and correctly done. The lecture of the Senior Deacon was especially well given. I found the records well kept and the dues well collected. Refreshments were served.

On the evening of March sixteenth I visited Saco Lodge, of Saco. After an excellent dinner and social chat work was opened and one candidate raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The work was well done and the care with which every detail was carried out convinced me that all the officers have given much time and study not to the ritual alone, but to the work as a whole. Due to sickness in my home I was forced to leave

before the work was all completed. This lodge is favored with several Past Masters and Past District Deputies who give assistance and aid in the work. The records of this lodge are well kept, the dues collected, and the financial condition good. The rooms are well adapted to the uses of the lodge and must be an incentive to good work.

On the evening of March nineteenth, I made my official visit to Dunlap Lodge, of Biddeford. After a dinner attended by over two hundred brethren, the officers presented the work of the third degree on one candidate which was well done. Here as at Saco Lodge, I found great interest taken and that the ritual was studied also that they have rehearsals of the work. As at Saco I was obliged to leave before the work was completed, but I had the opportunity to see the work and listen to a greater part of the lecture. The books of both the Treasurer and Secretary are well kept.

I was to have made my official visitation on St. Aspinquid Lodge on the twenty-seventh day of March, but because of the traveling conditions I was unable to attend. I was present last fall and installed the officers of this lodge and from my observations at that time and from inquiry I am able to state that the condition of the lodge is good and the work well performed.

I have not been able to visit Ocean Lodge because of the conditions of travel. I have made inquiry and from the facts gained, and from a study of the returns, I believe that the conditions of the lodge are good.

Having concluded my official duties I wish Most Worshipful, to sincerely thank you for the honor you have conferred by appointing me as your Deputy for this district.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of the several lodges for the many courtesies extended to me, and the officers, especially the Secretaries, who with the cheerfulness supplied me with duplicate returns to replace those destroyed when my office was burned.

Fraternally submitted,

HAROLD H. BOURNE, *D. D. G. M. 19th Masonic District.*

Kennebunk, April 6, 1923.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

I have officially visited each of the four lodges in my jurisdiction and in each lodge was received in a most friendly and fraternal manner.

On September 20th, I attended a School of Instruction at Island Falls, under the patronage of Island Falls Lodge, No. 206. Sessions were held both forenoon and afternoon, with M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, presiding. At six o'clock an excellent banquet was served. At 7.30 the District Deputies present were invited to visit Island Falls

Lodge and were escorted to the lodge room by Past D. D. G. M. Samuel R. Crabtree, as Marshal. We witnessed the business meeting, annual election of officers and work in the Fellow Craft degree. The officers did their work very nicely and deserve a great deal of praise, especially the Senior Deacon, who handled the four candidates in a most excellent manner and rendered the ritual almost letter perfect.

September 25th, I installed the officers of Baskahegan Lodge, No. 172, assisted by Past D. D. G. M. Ralph Scribner, as Grand Marshal, and J. Arthur Haley, as Grand Chaplain. After the meeting the ladies of Non-pareil Chapter, O. E. S., served an excellent banquet.

I installed the officers of Forest Lodge, No. 148, assisted by R. W. Ralph Scribner, as Grand Marshal, and Bro. Harry E. Fortier, as Grand Chaplain. After the installation an oyster stew and picnic supper was served by the brethren and ladies of Dobsis Chapter, O. E. S.

I next installed the officers of Pine Tree Lodge, No. 175, at Mattawamkeag, where I was assisted by Past D. D. G. M. Fred A. Budge, as Grand Marshal, and Bro. E. Reynolds, as Grand Chaplain. The new officers then worked the Entered Apprentice degree for inspection. The work was done very nicely and much praise is due the Master, Everet L. Crockett, this being his first night in the chair. He did the work in most admirable manner. The records are neatly and correctly kept, and very few of the brethren are behind on their dues. Lunch was served at the close.

I was invited to install the officers of Horeb Lodge, No. 93, at Lincoln, but owing to circumstances was obliged to decline. The officers were installed by Past D. D. G. M. P. J. Mills, and from what I have heard of Bro. Mills and knowing his zeal for the fraternity, I feel that the officers of Horeb Lodge were installed into their respective stations in a more perfect manner than I possibly could have done it.

January 30th, I inspected Horeb Lodge. This was the first night that the new officers occupied the chairs. The lodge was opened in full form. Application for the degrees presented and properly disposed of. Records neatly and correctly kept. Dues nearly all paid. This lodge has only a small amount more to pay and then will own their fine building. Work was inspected in E. A. degree which was very well performed, both lectures being given very impressively by S. W. Ralph Jipson.

February 6th, I inspected Baskahegan Lodge, No. 172. The work was in the F. C. degree and was done in an impressive and pleasing manner. This lodge is very fortunate in having a member, J. Arthur Haley, who knows the work from A to Z, and is always ready and willing to assist. Bro. M. L. Porter has been Secretary for about thirty years and the record book is pretty close to perfection. The form of balloting in this lodge also impressed me greatly.

February 24th, I inspected my home lodge, Forest, No. 148. After the business meeting a brother acted as candidate and a part of each degree was given. Corrections and suggestions asked for. These were given and were kindly received. The greater part of the members have their dues paid to September, 1923. The lodge owns its hall.

In closing, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor you bestowed upon me, and to thank the brethren of my district for the many courtesies extended.

Fraternally submitted,

RAYMOND HAM, *D. D. G. M., 20th Masonic District.*

Springfield, April 9, 1923.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

I regret to state that I have been unable to visit two lodges on account of impossible traveling conditions. I am assured that they, like the other lodges in this district, are in very prosperous condition however, and governed by officers who have a deep interest in Masonic affairs.

I was officially installed as D. D. G. M. at the Grand Lodge session on May 3, 1922.

Preparatory to the duties of that office I attended the Grand Lodge School of Instruction, conducted by M. W. Brother Frank E. Sleeper, at Masonic Temple, Augusta, on October 24, 1922, enjoying the hospitality of Augusta and Bethlehem Lodges on that occasion.

On the evening of October 26, 1922, I visited Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, at Bar Harbor, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was well presented and, for the most part, in correct rendering of the ritual. The records were in excellent order, and the dues well collected for the most part, being paid in advance. Bar Harbor has a fine new Masonic building, and the members recently assessed themselves to assist in paying for same, and putting the financing of it on a sound economic basis. I was privileged to be present at the dedication, in June previous to this official visit. Members of Bar Harbor Lodge are to be congratulated for their united efforts to attain this most practical Masonic home.

On the evening of November 14, 1922, I visited Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, at Orland, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work as presented showed careful study and practice on the part of the officers, and left nothing to criticise. A collation was served and a social hour enjoyed. Rising Sun Lodge has recently purchased the building in which their lodge room is located, under very favorable terms, and arranged to finance it without additional burden upon the members. The records are well kept and the dues well collected.

On the evening of December 2, 1922, I visited Mount Desert Lodge, No. 140, at Mount Desert, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was presented in a dignified manner with the ritual well rendered, and this notwithstanding that it was the first work of the year, in this lodge. Refreshments were served and a most pleasant social hour enjoyed.

For my accommodation the officers of Northeast Harbor Lodge exemplified the work in the Fellow Craft degree on the evening of February 13th. Although the lodge had had no work through the fall and winter, the ritual was closely followed and the keen interest of the members demonstrated. A heavy snow storm outside was the cause of an attendance much smaller than usual. The records were in excellent condition and the dues well paid up.

McKinley Lodge, No. 212, at McKinley, worked on the evening of Wednesday, February 14th, for my accommodation also. The weather was most unfavorable, a cold snowstorm outside. Nevertheless, the full corps of officers was in attendance, and the work presented in the E. A. degree was well rendered. Refreshments were served following the work. The records were in excellent condition, and the dues, for the most part, well paid up; the exception being that too much leniency had been shown a few delinquent members.

On the evening of February 15th, I visited Tremont Lodge, No. 77, at Southwest Harbor. The officers of this lodge had put themselves to considerable inconvenience to make my visit possible at this time. Work in the M. M. degree was well rendered, and I could offer but few suggestions for its improvement. The records were in excellent condition and the dues well collected. Refreshments were served at the close and a pleasant social hour enjoyed.

On the evening of April 21st, I paid a visit to David A. Hooper Lodge, at West Sullivan, having previously been unable to make an appointment. The traveling was extremely difficult and was made worse by heavy thunder showers through the early evening, preventing the attendance of several of the officers. The expected candidate was sick and consequently unable to present himself for initiation. This lodge enjoys a good reputation for its work however, and knowing of the keen interest of its officers I have no doubt but they will live up to it. The records are well kept but too much leniency is shown a few members who are behind in dues, and this I have no doubt will be remedied in the near future.

I have made two appointments to visit Felicity Lodge, No. 19, and in both cases have been unable to reach Bucksport on account of impossible traveling conditions. These conditions began a full month earlier than usual and grew worse as the winter advanced. I trust that the officers and members will excuse this apparent neglect on my part.

I was also unable to visit Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, at Winter Harbor, on account of bad traveling conditions. I confess a neglect in not having made an appointment early in the fall, but in almost any previous winter there would have been but few days that I could not drive to Winter Harbor from my home in Ellsworth, and I awaited the convenience of the lodge rather than take the initiative, for this reason.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY E. ROWE, D. D. G. M., 21st District.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

To M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine;

I have the honor to submit to you my first report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-second District for the past year, having been appointed to the office at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M., holden in Portland, May, 1922.

Not being present at the annual meeting I was duly installed by the Grand Secretary Charles B. Davis, at Portland, May 23, 1922.

Knowing I should be greatly benefited by attending a Lodge of Instruction, I took advantage of the first opportunity and visited Island Falls, September 20, 1922. M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, presiding. I received much information which better prepared me to perform my duties I hope in an instructive manner. I consider these conventions a great help to all who attend them, and I have endeavored to impart the information gained in a way to benefit the lodges in my district.

October 19th, I visited Anchor Lodge, No. 139, East Dixmont, accompanied by W. M. Harold L. Sawyer, P. M. Carroll F. Bailey, and P. M. Herbert V. Chadbourne, this being the Twenty-second District Convention. Although the weather was cold and stormy, there was a large number of the brethren present. All the lodges in the district were well represented. After partaking of a bountiful banquet, we repaired to the hall above, where work was exemplified in the M. M. degree. The officers of this lodge are all young men, filled with enthusiasm. The ritual was closely followed, and the work was rendered in an exceptionally correct and impressive manner, all the lectures and charges being committed. Remarks were made by the District Deputy, also Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge. By invitation, it was voted to hold our next District Meeting with Pacific Lodge, No. 64, Exeter, on or before October 1, 1923, the date to be fixed by Pacific Lodge. Anchor Lodge has made extensive repairs the past year in its lodge building, raising the roof, and widening the hall, which now provides its members with a fine home. The records in the hands of Earl G. Smith, were neatly kept, and dues well collected.

On October 28th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Anchor Lodge. I was assisted by P. M. Stanwood Mower, of my home lodge, as Grand Marshal. This was a public installation, a large number being present. After the installation a fine program was rendered, and then a fine banquet was served in the dining hall.

November 1st, I made my official visit to Pacific Lodge, No. 64, Exeter, accompanied by several brethren from my home lodge. Witnessed work in the M. M. degree on three candidates.

By invitation, the officers of Anchor Lodge worked one candidate; Pacific Lodge working the other two 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 where a fine

supper was served. Records in the hands of B. B. Buswell are well looked after, but am sorry to say the amount of uncollected dues is large.

November 7th, I officially paid a visit to Plymouth Lodge, No. 75, at Plymouth, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. Considering this was the first work conferred by the present Master it was well done. I made some corrections which I think were well received.

Refreshments were served in the banquet room, then we repaired to the lodge room where a profitable two hours was spent studying the ritual. with the principal officers, they being young men, and desirous of doing the work correctly. I found the records well kept, and dues well collected.

In November, I visited Meridian Lodge, No. 125, Pittsfield, but as most of the officers were hunting, I did not inspect at this time. On January 5th, I again visited this lodge, by special invitation. The meeting was opened by the W. M. Frank W. Fuller, who then invited the S. W. to the East. The F. C. degree was worked on one candidate in an able and impressive manner, after which a light lunch was served, and a smoke talk enjoyed. Records in the hands of Bro. W. M. Prilay are neatly and correctly kept.

April 4th, by invitation, I visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 95, Hartland, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree, which was correctly done, all the officers taking their parts in an able and impressive manner. Remarks made by the D. D. G. M. also several of the members, for the good of the Order. I found the records in the hands of Bro. Moulton well and neatly kept with dues quite well collected.

April 5th, by invitation, I visited Meridian Splendor Lodge, No. 49, Newport. Work was in the E. A. degree, and was very well done, by officers new to their several stations. The apron charge was given by the W. M. in a very impressive and dignified manner. This being the home of the Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine, there were few corrections to be made. The records in the hands of Bro. L. B. Soper were neatly kept, and dues well collected.

April 6th, I was with Parian Lodge, No. 160, Corinna. This was a special meeting called for my convenience. I received a very cordial welcome, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. There was a very good attendance, and all seemed to enjoy the meeting. As this lodge has not been visited regularly by the D. D. G. M., there was many things to talk over, and some explanations, and corrections made which were received by the brethren in the spirit in which they were made. The Secretary, Bro. C. A. Rogers, has his work well in hand. The records are typewritten, and show neatness and system. Dues are well collected.

I have officially inspected every lodge in my district, excepting my home lodge, where I have been a regular attendant, and have witnessed their work in all the degrees, making suggestions and criticisms to the officers from time to time. I feel that the standard of its work compares favorably with the other lodges in the district.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers and brethren of all the lodges in this district for the cordial and pleasing manner in which I have been received in my visitations. My duties as D. D. G. M. have been pleasant to perform.

And to you, Most Worshipful, I extend my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me.

Faternally submitted,

FRED C. ELDRIDGE, *D. D. G. M., 22nd District,*

Cambridge, Me., April 28, 1923.

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, May, 1922, I was reappointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Twenty-third Masonic District and herewith submit my annual report.

Owing to most unusual conditions during the winter and spring and the fact that most of the lodges are located in sections difficult to reach, all of the lodges were not officially visited. While all the lodges in the district were officially visited by me during the winter and spring of 1921 and 1922, it was found impossible to accomplish it during the past winter, and I recommend for the convenience of my successor that early inspections are advantageous to this particular location.

On October 18th, I attended the School of Instruction held by M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, at Kennebunk. There was a good attendance and it was a very instructive and interesting meeting. I advise the Masters and Wardens to attend at least one School of Instruction whenever it is possible each year. Much benefit will be received and you will feel well paid for the effort.

On December 27th, I visited Freedom Lodge, No. 42. This was the annual meeting. After the business of the evening was over refreshments were served and enjoyed by all present. Work was to have been exemplified in the M. M. degree but owing to a severe snow storm it was decided unadvisable to continue the meeting. The records are in good order and dues well collected. There has been but very little work during the year.

Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, my home lodge, was not officially inspected but I am able to report that the officers take an interest in their work and the work performed is commendable. The records are neatly and correctly kept and the dues are well collected.

On April 27th, I made my official visit to Preble Lodge, No. 143, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on four candidates. The work was performed in an impressive and satisfactory manner. This lodge has the largest membership in the district and its affairs are in most competent hands. The records are neatly and faithfully kept and dues well collected. After the lodge was closed a lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed by all.

I want to thank the officers and members of the several lodges for the kind receptions given me on all visitations.

And to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in appointing me your representative in this district.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE H. SMITH, *D. D. G. M., 23rd District.*

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

My first official act was performed December 6th, in making a visit to Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, of Lewiston. I was received in a very impressive manner, being introduced to the W. M. by Past D. D. G. M., E. K. Smith. The work in the M. M. degree was worked and was done in a very impressive and dignified manner. The books of the Secretary are neatly and correctly kept and the dues well collected. There was a large attendance and all seemed greatly interested in the work of the evening. After the work a fine collation was served. It was a very enjoyable evening. I was accompanied by P. M. Daniel L. Stetson as Grand Marshal, and several brethren from Auburn.

At a special communication of Tranquil Lodge, Auburn, December 20th, I made my official visit. Tranquil Lodge is the oldest and largest in the two cities and has always had the reputation of doing good work. The M. M. degree was worked in a very impressive manner. I don't think I ever heard it conferred so nearly perfect. The few mistakes were of minor importance and at the close of the work I had no criticisms nor suggestions to make. This lodge is to be congratulated on the pride its officers take in the correctness of the ritualistic work. There was a large attendance and a fine supper was served at the close of the work.

December 21st, I visited Webster Lodge, No. 164, at Sabattus, at a social meeting. It being a cold and windy night there was a small attendance. I was very cordially received and introduced to the lodge by Grand Lecturer Frank E. Sleeper. This lodge has had no work for the past year but the F. C. degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner. Past D. D. G. M. Archie R. Bangs acted as Grand Marshal. After the work refreshments were served and a pleasant and social hour was passed.

January 15th, assisted by P. M. Daniel L. Stetson, as Grand Marshal, and P. M. C. L. Turgeon, as Grand Chaplain, I installed the officers of Ashlar Lodge, No. 105. There was a large attendance. After the installation a fine supper was served.

January 22nd, I officially visited Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, and inspected the work in the M. M. degree. The work was well done.

There was a large attendance and all showed a great interest. The records are well kept and the dues well collected. Brother Ralph C. Chapman acted as Grand Marshal. After the work a fine supper was served.

January 25th, I was present at a special communication of Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, Lewiston, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was performed in a very creditable and impressive manner, and was given the closest attention of the two hundred brethren present. The officers are all young men and under the able leadership of Wor. Blaine Abbott are determined to maintain the same high standard that this lodge has set in the past. The dues are unusually well collected and everything connected indicates peace and harmony. Refreshments were served and speeches enjoyed in the banquet hall.

February 3rd, with several brethren from Auburn, I made my official visit to Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, of New Gloucester, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This lodge has had but little work during the year and its officers living long distances from the hall are not able to hold the rehearsals necessary to produce the best of work, but it was done in an impressive manner. This is the oldest lodge in the district and has a most beautiful hall filled with many antiques of much interest. At the close of the work an oyster supper was served.

March 1st, I made my official visit to Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, at Mechanic Falls, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This lodge has had but few candidates and its officers are all new at the work, but with some study, a few good rehearsals and a little smoothing up all around, they can, I feel sure do good work. This lodge has nice quarters. The attendance was good. A banquet was served at the close.

April 14th, accompanied by fifteen of the brethren from Auburn, I made my last official visit for the year to Nezinscot Lodge, No. 101, at Turner. This is one of the most prosperous lodges in the district, owning their hall and with a good sum of money at interest. The work was in the E. A. degree and was very well done, the ritual work being almost letter perfect. Remarks were made by John H. Merrill, and several other brothers. After supper we returned to Auburn by special car. It was one of the most enjoyable occasions I had during my term of office.

I wish to express the pleasure which the work has given me. I thank the officers and brothers of the lodges for the many courtesies received and to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor of my appointment as representative for you in the Twenty-fourth District.

Faternally submitted,

JOHN S. P. H. WILSON, *D. D. G. M., 24th Masonic District.*

Auburn, Me., May 1, 1923.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

(No report received.)

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I herewith submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-sixth District for the year past.

On the evening of May 24th, I attended a communication of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, at Rumford, at which a large number of members of King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, of Dixfield, were present by invitation. Work in the M. M. degree was impressively rendered.

On the evening of June 1st, accompanied by the Master and some of the officers of Blazing Star Lodge, I attended a communication of Whitney Lodge, No. 167, at Canton, at which the members of Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, of Buckfield, were present as their guests. The work was in the M. M. degree, the first section being worked by the officers of Whitney, and the second section by the Past Masters of Evening Star Lodge. The occasion was a very enjoyable one.

On the evening of July 11th, by invitation of King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, of Dixfield, I attended a communication of that lodge accompanied by several of the brethren of Blazing Star Lodge. Visitors were present from several other lodges. The work was impressively rendered, it being the first time this year the officers of this lodge have had an opportunity to work the M. M. degree.

On the evening of September 4th, I had the pleasure of attending a communication of Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, at Buckfield, and with the assistance of Past Master John L. Delano, of King Hiram Lodge, of presenting to each of the living Past Masters of the lodge, beautiful Past Master's jewels which had been provided by vote of the lodge. Of sixteen living Past Masters, fourteen were present, the oldest a Brother of eighty-four years. Two Past Masters came from Massachusetts and one from Connecticut to receive their jewels at this meeting.

On the evening of October 2nd, by invitation of Evening Star Lodge, of Buckfield, I installed the officers of that lodge with the assistance of Past Master R. M. Woodsum, of Blazing Star Lodge, as Marshal, and Bro. Carl G. Thurston of Blazing Star Lodge, as Chaplain. I was accompanied by the Senior Warden and several members of Blazing Star Lodge.

On the evening of October 18th, I attended a communication of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, at Rumford, at which the members of Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, of Buckfield, were present as guests. There was work in the M. M. degree which was excellent.

On October 24th, I attended a School of Instruction held at Augusta. A large number of Deputies and Brethren were present and the meeting was very instructive. In the evening we were privileged to witness excellent work in the M. M. degree by Augusta Lodge.

On the evening of November 7th, with the assistance of Past Master V. A. Linnell, of Blazing Star Lodge, as Marshal, and Bro. C. G. Thurston, of Blazing Star Lodge, as Chaplain, I installed the officers of King Hiram

Lodge, No. 57, at Dixfield, and on the evening of November 8th, with the same assistance I installed the officers of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, at Rumford.

On the evening of February 13th, 1923, I made an official visit to King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, at Dixfield. Two candidates were raised to the degree of Master Mason. The ritual and floor work were well rendered, and but few corrections were necessary. Bro. Delano is making a very efficient Secretary.

On the evening of February 26th, I made an official visit to Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, at Buckfield. The officers of this lodge this year are practically all young Masons, and they have had no work this year. They have however gone on with rehearsals of the work, and presented the M. M. degree with a substitute candidate. The floor work was good and the ritual almost perfect. Bro. Warren continues as a most efficient Secretary.

On the evening of March 1st, I made an official visit to Whitney Lodge, No. 167, at Canton. The Master was out of the state and the work was performed by the Senior Warden, with some substitutions among the officers. Work was in the F. C. degree with three candidates, which could not be classed as more than fairly rendered. The attendance was very small. Unfortunately the task of "carrying on" in this lodge seems to have settled upon a "faithful few," and the lodge and its officers are not receiving the support necessary to put its work on a level with the other lodges in the district. Bro. Mendell, the new Secretary, has the work of his office well in hand. I was hospitably entertained by R. W. Bro. Russell, who is thoroughly interested in the work of the lodge.

On the evening of March 7th, I made an official inspection of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, at Rumford. Although there was a severe storm, the attendance was remarkably good. I was accompanied by a suite representing several other lodges, and was received in full form, Wor. Bro. John L. Delano, of King Hiram Lodge, acting as Grand Marshal. Work was in the M. M. degree, there being two candidates. There is a great deal of interest in the work, and the officers are doing fine team-work. The work was especially good, and although I am reporting on my own lodge, I have to say that considering the accurate rendering of the ritual, the correct floor movements, and the beautiful music, I have never seen the work done better. Bro. Raynes who has held the office of Secretary for many years still continues to act very efficiently.

In all the lodges of the district the records are well kept and the dues well collected, King Hiram, of Dixfield, leading in this respect with only \$8.00 of unpaid dues.

At all the meetings I have attended in the district there have been excellent banquets and interesting social exercises.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

GERALD A. PEABODY, *D. D. G. M., 26th Masonic District.*

Officers of the Grand Lodge

1923

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List of Subordinate Lodges

WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

AS RETURNED MARCH 1, 1923

DISTRICT

- Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. John B. Watson, M.; Fred C. Grant, S. W.; George S. Leighton, J. W.; Seth W. Dexter, S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, September. 5
- Acacia, 121, Durham. Albert C. Bowie, M.; Ralph P. Stackpole, S. W.; Julius S. Eveleth, J. W.; John B. Sydleman, (Freeport, R. F. D. 1) S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon, election, December. 14
- Adoniram, 27, Limington. Ralph L. Weston, M.; Alvah P. Weeman, S. W.; John M. Meserve, J. W.; Harris P. Ilsley, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Joseph T. West, M.; Gerald A. Stetson, S. W.; William B. Austin, J. W.; Wilbur G. Knowlton, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Amity, 6, Camden. Harry A. Clark, M.; Edwin French, S. W.; Harold L. Ames, J. W.; Melzer T. Crawford, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Frank W. Jordan, M.; Arthur E. Gamage, S. W.; Justin Foster, J. W.; John A. Turner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 10
- Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. George J. Unsworth, M.; Charles J. Spearen, S. W.; William W. Blake, J. W.; Webster L. Loring (Lewiston, R. F. D. 2), S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. 24
- Ancient Land-Mark, 17, Portland. Albert W. Moulton, M.; David F. Drew, S. W.; William A. Lowell, J. W.; Arthur J. Floyd (138 Beacon Street, Woodfords), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election December. 17
- Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Irving E. Wellman, M.; Everett H. Plummer, S. W.; Myron B. Earle, J. W.; Asbury M. Blake, (Lisbon), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election December. 14
- Archon, 139, East Dixmont. Roy L. Chadbourne (Dixmont), M.; James W. Dunivan, S. W.; John J. Dunivan, J. W.; Earl G. Smith (Dixmont, R. F. D. 2, Box 36), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Hermon R. Walker, (West Kennebunk, R. F. D.), M.; Benjamin A. Goodwin, S. W.; Walter I. Smith, J. W.; Frank M. Gordon (Biddeford, R. F. D. 4), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 19
- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Troy I. Shaw, M.; Stetson H. Hussey, S. W.; Oscar B. Robinson, J. W.; Mahlon A. Whitten (Mars Hill), S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, November. 1

- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. Frank H. Morrill, M.; Walter E. Chick, S. W.; George G. Rand, J. W.; Byron C. Hall, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. Blaine Abbott, M.; Carroll H. Brewster, S. W.; Athur H. Field, J. W.; Eugene E. Cates (63 Nichols St.), S. Meeting third Monday; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Fred N. Parcher, M.; Charles N. Libby, S. W.; Charles W. Savage, J. W.; Allen H. Stinchfield, S. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. Lowell H. Woodbury, M.; Herman C. Day, S. W.; Otto P. Kimball, J. W.; Almon L. Johnson (Box 424), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. Lester M. Hart, M.; Frederick W. Hillman, S. W.; Ralph W. Ferris, J. W.; Bert P. Stuart, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Judson I. Crouse, M.; Edward E. O'B. Gonias, S. W.; Frank A. Maxey, J. W.; Albert H. Newbert, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. Fred J. Orcutt, M.; John P. Howard, S. W.; Leon B. Hopkins, J. W.; Edward W. Perkins, S. Meeting third Saturday; election, December. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. E. Malcolm Brewer, M.; Henry B. Charak, S. W.; Almon B. Hodgkins, J. W.; Benjamin L. Hadley, S. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. Austin M. Anderson, M.; Frank E. Trafton, S. W.; Henry H. Putnam, J. W.; Martin L. Porter, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. Norman K. Vanhorn, M.; Millard F. Blake, S. W.; Edwin T. Gammage, J. W.; H. Elmer Fernald, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Irving A. Call, M.; Edwin D. Cook, S. W.; Burlin L. Dyer, J. W.; Everett F. Robinson, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, October. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. Thomas I. Brown, M.; D. Grover Brooks, S. W.; David M. Forbes, J. W.; Fred B. Merrill, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. Charles F. Meigs, M.; Harold M. Stone, S. W.; Raymond W. Swift, J. W.; Pearle E. Fuller (72 Green St.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, November. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. Harry Cummings, M.; Leon W. Goodrich, S. W.; Ernest A. Sterling, J. W.; Lee C. Smith, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. William A. Clough, M.; Fred F. Thomas, S. W.; Adam M. Young, J. W.; Walter O. Raynes, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 26
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Charles E. Toothaker, M.; Lynn S. Dennison, S. W.; Ralph H. Trecartin, J. W.; Nathaniel H. Harnden, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15

- Bristol, 74, Bristol. Joseph D. Sproule, M.; Oscar K. Russell, S. W.; Stephen P. Loud, J. W.; Edwin J. Irvine, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Alfonso F. Flint, M.; Ralph E. Bailey, S. W.; William H. Rowe, J. W.; Pliny A. Crockett (West Buxton), S. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, January. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Tom W. Folsom, M.; Andrew H. Ham, S. W.; Bert J. Folsom, J. W.; Stanwood I. Mower (R. F. D. Dexter), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Irving W. E. McLellan, M.; Lawrence A. Hutchinson, S. W.; Archie L. Belyea, J. W.; Waldo O. Lawney, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. Fred C. Dunlap, M.; Abel P. Gleason, S. W.; Moses Ames, J. W.; Alpheus Nason, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. Frank L. Wellcome, M.; Elmer P. Hatch, S. W.; Emmons E. Heald, J. W.; Mads J. Madsen, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. Scott W. Lewis, M.; Robert A. Fletcher, S. W.; Clive E. Bagley, J. W.; G. Wayland Jones, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Clifford B. Sawyer, M.; William J. Walsh, S. W.; William S. Gould, Jr., J. W.; Eugene W. Vaughan, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 5
- Composite, 168, Lagrange. A. C. Hinds, M.; Roy C. Ames, S. W.; Bela McKenzie, J. W.; Benjamin F. Crehore, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Howard D. Jamison, M.; Albert A. Marr, S. W.; Howard C. Getchell, J. W.; Bert H. Moulton, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Robinson C. Sturk, M.; Fred E. Tuell, S. W.; Harold F. Blackfoot, J. W.; Cassius G. Porter, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Ernest L. Gay, M.; Almon H. Rowe, S. W.; Lewis F. Briggs, J. W.; Edward J. Scribner (Harrison), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Willard B. Sweetser, M.; Clarence L. McCann, S. W.; Merle A. Chipman, J. W.; Charles H. Nelson, S. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. William B. Blaisdell, M.; William E. Hilgrove, S. W.; Peter Milne, J. W.; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. Ralph H. Starbird, M.; Charles E. Richards, S. W.; Albert R. Huff, J. W.; Percival W. Mason, S. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. Robert W. Kingman, M.; Everett E. Willey, S. W.; Mahlon W. Staples, J. W.; Thomas Bond, S. W. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 23

- Deering, 183, Portland. George F. Scribner, M.; Hollis G. Monson, S. W.; James A. Robinson, J. W.; Frank A. Farwell (35 Mackworth St., Woodfords), S. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. William C. Brooks, M.; Herman W. Merrill, S. W.; James S. Plummer, J. W.; Seth F. Heald, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. Archibald B. Morrison, M.; Lester R. Nelson, S. W.; George T. Foster, J. W.; Orren F. Sproul, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. Fred Jarvis, M.; Henry S. Knight, S. W.; Eugene H. Flint, J. W.; Earle H. Jackson, S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. Leslie A. Bailey, M.; Herbert W. Goud, S. W.; Ernest W. Cate, J. W.; Norris S. Lord, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10
- Drummond, 118, Parsonfield. Reuben Fenderson, M.; Fred W. Morrill, S. W.; Frank W. Lord, J. W.; Albert R. Leavitt (Limerick, R. F. D. 2), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. Herbert E. Haley, M.; William A. Michie, S. W.; Howard L. Fenderson, J. W.; Clarence B. Rumery (Masonic Bldg.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 19
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. Ira C. Taylor, M.; Nelson B. Camick, S. W.; John A. Ferris, J. W.; Wheeler C. Hawkes (Box 312), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. Herbert G. Saywer, M.; Bedford A. W. Boyd, S. W.; Charles E. Stevens, J. W.; William N. Gould, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggemoggin, 128, Sedgwick. Lewis H. Lane, M.; Roy S. Dority, S. W.; Harry O. Ford, J. W.; Ralph E. Dority, S. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. Orion Moody, M.; Walter S. Bird, S. W.; Edgar G. Burns, J. W.; James M. Spence, S. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Frank R. Robinson, M.; George H. Robinson, S. W.; Harold Watts, J. W.; Granville N. Bachelder, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Ralph A. Pierce (Hebron Station), M.; Lerone Damon, S. W.; Pearl L. Pullsifer, J. W.; James E. Warren, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 26
- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Bert J. Bird, M.; Hermon W. Whitmore, S. W.; Harry W. Chapman, J. W.; Charles E. Drinkwater, S. Meeting first Wednesday in each month; election, November. 8
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. George H. Blodget, M.; Leland, N. Lord, S. W.; George R. Whitmore, J. W.; Paul A. Leland, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21

- Forest, 148, Springfield. Eugene Dicker, M.; Asa H. Stanley, S. W.; Louis Ham, J. W.; Edwin B. Cole, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. George R. Bradbury, M.; Wilbur L. Raymond, S. W.; Niles C. Pinkham, J. W.; Augustus D. Dow, S. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. Maurice A. Dunn, M.; Frank P. Hooper, S. W.; Archie H. Taylor, J. W.; Fred W. Sanders, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15
- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Leon G. Hayes, M.; Freeman B. Trafton, S. W.; Alvah Warren, J. W.; Herman J. Scaward, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23
- Freedom, 42, Limerick. Ralph E. Furlong, M.; John L. Burnham, S. W.; Wilbert Whiteley, J. W.; George A. Carpenter, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Walter V. Cole, M.; Fred A. Taylor, S. W.; Elwin L. Davis, J. W.; Fred E. Ward, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. Edwin R. Berry, M.; A. Elray Dean, S. W.; Manard T. Chase, J. W.; Ralph A. Bacon (Box 27), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Irving P. Holman, M.; Lincoln B. Copp, S. W.; Elwood R. Milliken, J. W.; Francis A. Norton, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. Gustintine L. Wardwell, M.; Alva Clement, S. W.; Charles Richardson, Jr., J. W.; Arthur W. Patterson, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. John W. Knight, M.; Charles C. Shaw, S. W.; Frank W. Twombly, J. W.; Edgar R. Robinson, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Joseph L. Hall, M.; Otis W. Means, S. W.; C. A. Bagley, J. W.; Albert S. Allan, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Harold C. Smith, M.; Luke Hoyle, S. W.; Arthur H. Lander, J. W.; Harry E. Larrabee, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. Ralph E. Green, M.; Frederick W. Grimmer, S. W.; Ernest B. Small, J. W.; William A. Scyford, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, June. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. Austin G. Haynes, M.; Ralph P. Jipson, S. W.; George O. Webster, J. W.; Henry S. Pinkham, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Monday in December. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. Charles T. Sinnott, M.; Bert R. Chandler, S. W.; Charles S. Crockett, J. W.; Ellery Bowden, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. William B. Snow, M.; Pearl S. Emerson, S. W.; Walter E. Stover, J. W.; Arthur C. Hinckley, S. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4

- Island, 89, Islesboro. Horace W. Sprague (Dark Harbor), M.; Linwood L. Pendleton, S. W.; Melville F. Grover, J. W.; Henry P. Levitt (Prepit), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. William F. Edwards, M.; Daniel D. James, S. W.; George F. Dow, J. W.; John J. Marr, S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Clarence J. Perham, M.; Dana O. Dudley, S. W.; A. O. Cummings, J. W.; Lester D. Bryant, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. James A. Williams, M.; Frank C. Smith, S. W.; John E. Lamson, J. W.; Edgar A. Worcester, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Charles A. Robbins, M.; James C. Sprague, S. W.; Gain Cunningham, J. W.; Ralph Miles, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 25
- Kemankeag, 213, Rangeley. Howard H. Herrick, M.; Harry V. Kimball, S. W.; James Mathieson, J. W.; Charles L. Harnden, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 15
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Daniel W. Brown, M.; Fred T. Carter, S. W.; George I. Emery, J. W.; Albert L. Spratt, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Wallace R. Brann, M.; Fred A. Lilly, S. W.; Leslie E. Gray, J. W.; Ernest S. Currier, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Clayton E. Eames, M.; Leon M. Wyman, S. W.; Walter Hunnewell, J. W.; Myron C. Jewett, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. George R. Alexander, M.; Horace A. Miller, S. W.; Henry A. Frohock, J. W.; Fred Amborn, S. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, December. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. Eben N. Hutchinson, M.; Laforest O. Collins, S. W.; William M. White, J. W.; John L. Delano, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 26
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. Thomas E. Leavitt, M.; Thomas C. Ashworth, S. W.; Fred L. Burn, J. W.; Clinton E. Matthews, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Harvey D. Crowley, M.; Parris A. Rackliffe, S. W.; Harry L. Waterman, J. W.; Winfield S. Clark, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Arian H. Jones, M.; William H. Rohr, S. W.; Luther S. Russell, J. W.; Costello Weston, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Phillip E. Thissell, M.; Frank G. Davis, S. W.; George F. Lyons, J. W.; Ernest W. Gilman, S. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13

- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. Harry C. McDowell, M.; Fred A. Robbins, S. W.; Dexter F. Robbins, J. W.; Theodore Morrisson (Box 121), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Charles B. Hoit, M.; Donald H. Matherson, S. W.; Justin V. Jackson, J. W.; Willis J. Greely, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Limestone, 214, Limestone. George P. Hamilton, M.; Edward F. Foster, S. W.; George S. Osborne, J. W.; Dennis F. Getchell, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 1
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. Frank B. Adams, M.; Thomas H. Levya, S. W.; Percy L. McPhee, J. W.; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. Charles E. Maker, M.; John A. McGuire, S. W.; William G. Ferris, J. W.; Lucius E. Gardner, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Walter J. Joy, M.; George L. Higgins, S. W.; Earle A. Logan, J. W.; Harry E. Rowe, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Charles E. Young, M.; Walter A. Rudman, S. W.; Walter A. Winship, J. W.; Thurston Hunt (Bangor, R. F. D. 8), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Everett A. Stanley, M.; George C. Robbins, S. W.; Herbert P. Richardson, J. W.; Eugene M. Stanley, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. Kenneth A. Rollins, M.; Harry L. Goodwin, S. W.; Raymond T. Currier, J. W.; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting Monday week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Leslie W. Gray, M.; Fred P. Eaton, S. W.; Maurice P. Greenlaw, J. W.; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. Donald W. Vaughan, M.; James W. Lombard, S. W.; Joshua W. Curtis, J. W.; Ralph M. Moody, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. Leroy I. Staples, M.; Albert J. Lowe, S. W.; Garfield C. Goddard, J. W.; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanics', 66, Orono. Thomas S. Powers, M.; Charles E. Crossland, S. W.; Myron E. Pratt, J. W.; Everett W. Dacey, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, 211, Friendship. Hartwell, L. Davis, M.; Swansea G. Burns, S. W.; Sumner P. Whitney, J. W.; Eugene H. Brown, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 9
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. J. Earle Sinclair, M.; Ernest Q. Maxfield, S. W.; J. Edward McMichael, J. W.; Walter M. Prilay, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22
- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. Charles R. Young, M.; Lee J. Lewis, S. W.; William B. Lewis, J. W.; Lewman B. Soper, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22

- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Harry H. Hatfield, M.; Arthur M. Greeley, S. W.; Harley P. Mairs, J. W.; William G. Simpson, S. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Benjamin E. James, M.; vacant, S. W.; Philip B. Seavey, J. W.; Frank A. Ambrose, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Charles R. Welstine, M.; Alton F. McKenney, S. W.; Roy D. Woodbury, J. W.; Otis G. Randall, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Edwin P. Henderson, M.; Thomas W. Haggard, S. W.; George W. Haskell, J. W.; Hazen R. Nevers, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Weston R. Allen (R. F. D. 18), M. Delmar R. Small, S. W.; Albert H. Rathburn, J. W.; Roscoe S. Bosworth (R. F. D. 18), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Dover-Foxcroft. Edward D. Emery, M.; Harold F. Norton, S. W.; Philip E. Washburn, J. W.; Eugene W. Crocker, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinalhaven. Ambrose A. Peterson, M.; Edward A. Smalley, S. W.; Frank V. Mullen, J. W.; Freeman L. Roberts, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. Arthur C. Woodard, M.; G. Dane Vose, S. W.; C. Ardine Sweetser, J. W.; Cecil S. French, S. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. William H. Blackwell, M.; F. Elmer Blackwell, S. W.; Harold T. Ricker, J. W.; Walter E. Hinds, S. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. Richard O. Allen, M.; James H. Ketchum, S. W.; James L. Grant, J. W.; Arthur L. Bunker, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- Mount Kinco, 109, Guilford. Eugene E. Ross, M.; John A. McSorely, S. W.; Fred A. Heath, J. W.; Joseph T. Davidson, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Fred C. Alexander, M.; Ralph O. Libby, S. W.; Harold L. McIntire, J. W.; Augustus S. Colby, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. Charles Finn, M.; Charles Grinnel, S. W.; George Hanson, J. W.; William S. Johnston, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. Guy E. Dudley, M.; Clyde E. Nason, S. W.; Percy E. Kimball, J. W.; Clarence H. Pride (East Waterford), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 16
- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Harry B. Greeley, M.; George C. Parker, S. W.; Frederick A. Barker, J. W.; Carleton E. Littlefield, (Hampden Highlands), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6

- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Frederick B. Whitin, M.; Thomas S. Schofield, S. W.; Ezra G. Noyes, J. W.; Cleff Maxwell, S. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. Bela T. Wass, M.; Frank E. Patten, S. W. Lincoln A. Haycock, J. W.; William F. Campbell, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. Fred A. Stewart, M.; Walter S. Crockett, S. W.; Robert C. Lambert, J. W.; Harlie E. Freethey, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Frank E. Getchell, M.; Arthur R. McCabe, S. W.; Robert C. Whitman, J. W.; Walter L. Lutts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. Fred B. Percy, M.; Elmer E. Dow, Jr., S. W.; Albert H. Austin, J. W.; Charles G. Jacobs, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Charles H. Pratt, M.; Donald C. Prince, S. W.; Thomas B. Dunn, J. W.; Royal W. Bradford, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemeic, 205, Millinocket. George H. Ferguson, M.; Charles M. Carrier, S. W.; Frederick W. Mears, J. W.; Joseph R. Nickless, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. James B. Bain, M.; Carl W. Hedges, S. W.; William M. Peckham, J. W.; Alvah L. Reed, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Everett R. Sawyer, M.; Horace S. Bickford, S. W.; Joseph P. Murray, J. W.; Lester C. Witham, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. C. Herbert Littlefield, M.; Freeman S. Allen, S. W.; Grover S. Perkins, J. W.; F. W. Sawyer (Highpine), S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Amariah C. DePeck, M.; Hollis A. Soule, S. W.; William H. Ames, J. W.; Thomas J. McKay, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Orchard, 215, Old Orchard. Alfred Swinborn, M.; Fred O. Watkins, S. W.; Carroll C. Bicknell, J. W.; Clement P. Wight, S. Meeting second Monday; election, September. 19
- Orient, 15, Thomaston. Frank A. Beverage, M.; Samuel H. Reed, S. W.; Charles S. Woodcock, J. W.; Arthur J. Elliott, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. Maurice W. Hamblen, M.; William H. Wood, S. W.; George R. Kimball, J. W.; D. Eugene Chaplin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18
- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. Raymond W. Allen (Jay), M.; Charles A. Libby, S. W.; William H. Hall, J. W.; William H. McKenney, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. William A. Lewis, M.; Ernest C. Murch, S. W.; Percy Y. Fogg, J. W.; Raymond H. Eastman, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16

- Pacific, 64, Exeter. Wilson S. Smith, M.; Vernon B. Packard, S. W.; Ralph P. Eaton, J. W.; Byron B. Buswell, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. Roy D. Pearson, M.; Orlie L. Sprague, S. W.; Fred J. Nutter, J. W.; Clarence A. Rogers, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. William L. Frothingham, M.; Albert F. Stevens, S. W.; Robert L. Hemmingway, J. W.; Harold C. Fletcher, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. William M. Knapp, M.; Joseph P. Rand, S. W.; Carroll E. Austin, 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. Lawriston A. Nichols, M.; Herman H. Coombs, S. W.; Dana B. Southworth, J. W.; Fuller C. Wentworth, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Everett L. Crockett, M.; Carroll F. Shedd, S. W.; Frank W. Burk, J. W.; Don. C. Reynolds, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Hugh B. Bartlett, M.; Maurice Bartlett, S. W.; Hermon H. Kirk, J. W.; Harry S. McGowan, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Walter E. Dillon, M.; Aaron W. Day, S. W.; Charles W. Mills, J. W.; Frank E. Monroe, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, February. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Victor H. Hershaw (Brownville Junc.), M.; Harold S. Galey, S. W.; Charles H. McDonald, J. W.; George W. Evans (Brownville Junc.), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. Andrew P. Leighton, M.; George M. Jackson, S. W.; Harvey A. Wallace, J. W.; A. Lincoln Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Hanson G. Cookson, M.; Harry E. Smart, S. W.; Anthony P. Welch, J. W.; Herbert E. Clark, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Philip A. Roberts, M.; Arthur C. Hagan, S. W.; Oliver Moses, 3rd, J. W.; Lucius M. LeMont (923 Middle St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. Edwin J. Lynch, M.; Thomas J. Foster, S. W.; Sylvan Shurtleff, J. W.; Howard Moses (16 Exchange St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, June. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Charles Kneeland, M.; Percy Kneeland, S. W.; Irving Littlefield, J. W.; Robert Andrews, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. Fred L. Gowen, M.; Frank W. McCann, S. W.; William Smith, J. W.; George A. Field, Jr., S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 23

- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. Robert N. Toms, M.; Orville V. Haskell, S. W.; Almon S. Manchester, J. W.; William H. Cram, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. - 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. Norman C. Thurlow, M.; Ebert J. Johnson, S. W.; Thomas W. Charles, J. W.; Frank A. Hill, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Orren A. Tibbetts, M.; Aubrey L. Fuller, S. W.; Henry L. Buck, J. W.; Allen L. Maddocks, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. Ernest F. Lever, M.; Dyke L. Quackenbush, S. W.; George E. Ramsdell, J. W.; Edwin L. Goss, (41 Main St.), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, January. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. Edwin A. Knowlton, M.; John Jordan, S. W.; David Thurlow, J. W.; Robert McGuffie, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Dover L. Southard, M.; Chester A. Call, S. W.; W. Wallace Gardner, J. W.; J. Franklin Harris, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Eugene H. Guilford, M.; Herbert P. Grindle, S. W.; Burton L. Wardwell, J. W.; Earl F. Sellers, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Jay B. Clement, M.; Linwood A. Gray, S. W.; James C. Holt, J. W.; Homer H. Dunbar, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. Leo W. Pratt, M.; John W. Downes, S. W.; Lewis I. Knowles, J. W.; Alvoid E. Cushman (18 Chatham St.), S. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Henry P. Bond, M.; Danford D. Drake, S. W.; Earl A. Hodgkins, J. W.; Carl J. Longren, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, second Wednesday in December. 10
- Rockland, 79, Rockland. Israel Snow, M.; Charles Oakes, S. W.; Willis R. Lufkins, J. W.; Albert I. Mather, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Rural, 53, Sidney. George M. Ellis, M.; William W. Cowan, S. W.; Frank A. Barnard, J. W.; Arthur W. Hammond (R. F. D. 7, Augusta), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Saco, 9, Saco. Archibald F. Houston, M.; Robert Mowat, Jr., S. W.; Rufus L. Doe, J. W.; Elroy H. Mitchell, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19
- St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Harvey E. Knowles, M.; Earle R. Herbach, S. W.; Charles C. Larsen J. W.; Carroll A. Weeks (299 Essex St.), S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6
- St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. Maurice H. Grover, M.; John H. Strong, S. W.; Elmer R. Young, J. W.; Ernest E. Goss, S.; Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- St. Croix, 46, Calais. Thomas F. Marshall, M.; Thomas W. Lello, S. W.; Ellis R. Hutchings, J. W.; Isaac N. Jones, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2

- St. George, 16, Warren. John K. Connell, M.; Alvah S. Simmons, S. W.; Frederick E. Matthews, J. W.; Chester B. Hall, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- St. John's 51, South Berwick. Frank A. Prescott, M.; Frederick L. Davis, S. W.; Maurice L. Hobbs, J. W.; Wallace N. Flanders, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19
- St. Paul's 82, Rockport. John W. Buzzell, M.; Loring W. Philbrook, S. W.; Ralph A. Burns, J. W.; Edwin H. Bowers, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Frank S. Skillins, M.; Charles F. Greenleaf, S. W.; Chester A. Swett, J. W.; Edward J. Hutchinson, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Sebasticook, 146, Clinton. Ross S. Holt, M.; George P. Billings, S. W.; Omer C. Gerald, J. W.; Perley L. Cotton, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. Frank W. Harmon, M.; Chester A. Linscott, S. W.; Harry E. Durgan, J. W.; Jesse S. Rowe, (East Brownfield), S. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Walter C. Woodman, M.; Aleson H. Smith, S. W.; Otto L. Totman, J. W.; George M. Chapman, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Francis G. Cooke, M.; Henry G. Shaw, S. W.; Sanford B. Nickerson, J. W.; Harry E. Litchfield (16 Bath St.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. Leslie E. Jacobs, M.; Gerald C. Marble, S. W.; George W. Fogg, J. W.; John H. Lancaster, S. Meeting second Monday; election, June. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Howard L. Richardson, M.; Clifford Holdsworth, S. W.; Lysee W. Folsom, J. W.; Arthur E. Horne, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. Fred E. Cole, M.; Monte C. Frost, S. W.; Orrin P. Dolloff, J. W.; Harold N. Hanold, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. Ernest M. Cummings, M.; Robert L. Buzzell, S. W.; Howard W. Keith, J. W.; Edward A. Merrill, S. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Charles Y. Graffam, M.; Claude W. Mussey, S. W.; Carlisle P. Whitten, J. W.; Lloyd W. Tozier, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Clair Miller, M.; Ora M. Maxim, S. W.; Lewis M. Cleaves, J. W.; Linwood B. Jones, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. Earl A. Anderson, M.; Ralph W. Knowlton, S. W.; Laureston W. Sawyer, J. W.; Harry L. Lowell (791 Main St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17

- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Harold Ladd, M.; Leslie A. Follett, S. W.; Harold S. McKeen, J. W.; Charles E. Johnson, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, October. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. Arthur A. Abbott, M.; Ralph C. Chapman, S. W.; Louis E. Flanders, J. W.; Irving M. Curtis (15 Forest Ave), S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Sim H. Mayo, M.; Arthur E. Moore, S. W.; George L. Higgins, J. W.; William R. Keene (Manset), S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Carl A. Weick, M.; George J. Brown S. W.; Malcolm S. W. Dingwell, J. W.; Vivian E. Howe, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. Lester S. Callar, M.; John T. Iron, S. W.; Harry Brown, J. W.; Everett E. Kane, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. Lawrence O. Merrill, M.; John C. Goodall, S. W.; F. Guy Campbell, J. W.; Windsor A. Golderman, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Walter E. Burgess, M.; William C. Gleason, S. W.; Leroy G. Williams, J. W.; Charles M. Lucas, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. William H. Farrar, M.; Edwin C. Patten, S. W.; Edgar R. Comee, J. W.; Joseph S. Stetson, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. LeRoy W. Gordon, M.; Gaunce R. Hunter, S. W.; Charles R. Bowley, J. W.; Howard N. Harmon, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. George Haverly, M.; Ralph Canham, S. W.; Adin D. Shorey, J. W.; Herbert Muir, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Alvarado Gordon, M.; Eugene L. Millett, S. W.; Lawrence B. Hill, J. W.; Anthony E. Roberts, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Horace J. Whiting, M.; Edward B. Sprague, S. W.; Mathew Doughty, J. W.; Edward L. White, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. Henry F. Hall, M.; Charles L. Cales, S. W.; Charles H. Dowling, J. W.; Francis L. Talbot, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Carroll W. Anderson, M.; Clifford A. Mayo, S. W.; Ernest W. Jameson, J. W.; Edward W. Rome (417 Warren Ave., Westbrook), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Wallace P. Worth, M.; Frank L. Carver, S. W.; George M. Carter, J. W.; Irving S. Whitaker, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1

- Washington, 37, Lubec. Herbert E. Adams, M.; John W. Peabody, S. W.; C. L. Brown, J. W.; Irving W. Case, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. Harry E. Green, M.; W. Hartwell Pollard, S. W.; George T. Williams, J. W.; Chas. Leroy Jones, S. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. George W. Wood, M.; Lloyd B. Scott, S. W.; Edward H. Danforth, J. W.; Herbert L. Jordan, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. Robert W. Poor, M.; Charles L. Briggs, S. W.; James A. Reynolds, J. W.; William A. Lucas, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 26
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Lester V. North, M.; Joseph W. Perkins, S. W.; Ralph E. Sawyer, J. W.; Charles A. Comins, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. A. Judson Guptill, M.; Myron J. Whitney, S. W.; Foster P. Harrington, J. W.; Hollis E. Joy, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 21
- York, 22, Kennebunk. Howard C. Wakefield, M.; George E. Larrabee, S. W.; Ralph Andrews, J. W.; Albert W. Meserve, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. Ernest L. Bracey, M.; Frank H. McCrillis, S. W.; Clarence M. Staples, J. W.; Chester A. Batchelder, S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 19

List of Lodges by Districts

DISTRICT No. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master — WILLIAM N. GOULD, 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 — JAMES ABERNETHY, West Pembroke.

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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 — EDGAR A. WORCESTER, Jonesport.

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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 — FREEMAN N. BOWDEN, 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 — CHARLES F. WOODARD, Greenville.

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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 — ALVOID E. CUSHMAN, Bangor.
(18 Chatham Street).

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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 — JOHN W. LEVENSELLER, Searsmont.

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| 45 Central, China. | 111 Liberty, Liberty. |
| 58 Unity, Thorndike. | 129 Quantabcook, Searsmont. |
| 85 Star in the West, Unity. | 146 Seabastcook, Clinton. |
| 102 Marsh River, Brooks. | |

DISTRICT No. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master — GEORGE R. WILSON, Searsport.

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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 — FRANK D. ROWE, 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, Vinalhaven. |
| 31 Union, Union. | 189 Knox, South Thomaston. |
| 50 Aurora, Rockland. | 203 Mount Olivet, Washington. |
| 79 Rockland, Rockland. | 211 Meduncook, Friendship. |

DISTRICT No. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master — GEORGE A. COWAN, Damariscotta.

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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 — JOHN C. ARNOLD, 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 — ALBERT N. VARNEY, No. Vassalboro.

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 — HAROLD A. COLEMAN, Bingham.

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 — DOVER L. SOUTHARD, Richmond.

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 — F. PERLEY CASWELL, New Sharon.

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 — JOHN E. BROCK, West Paris.

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 — HAROLD B. CHASE, (14 Charles Street),
Portland.

1 Portland, Portland.	86 Temple, Westbrook.
17 Ancient Land-Mark, 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 — L. MURRAY WATKINS, Cornish.

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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 — HAROLD H. BOURNE, 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 — RAYMOND HAMM, Springfield.

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| 93 Horeb, Lincoln. | 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. |
| 148 Forest, Springfield. | 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. |

DISTRICT No. 21.

District Deputy Grand Master — HARRY E. ROWE, Ellsworth.

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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 — FRED C. ELDRIDGE, Cambridge.

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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 — D. WILLARD LEAVITT, 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 — JOHN S. P. H. WILSON, Auburn.
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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 — GUILFORD L. PERKINS, Fort Kent.
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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 L. DELANO, Dixfield.
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| 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. | 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. |
| 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. | 167 Whitney, Canton. |

ADDRESSES

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Committee on Correspondence,

Bangor, Maine.

Towns in Maine where Masonic Lodges are Located

Location.	Lodge.	District.
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

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
DURNHAM,	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

KENNEBUNK,	York, 22,	19
KENNEBUNKPORT,	Arundel, 76,	19
KINGFIELD,	Mount Abram, 204,	15
KITTERY,	Naval, 184,	19
LAGRANGE,	Composite, 168,	5
LEWISTON,	Ashlar, 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
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
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,	Kamankeag, 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,	Eggemoggin, 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
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
SOUTHWEST HARBOR,	Tremont, 77,	21
STANDISH,	Standish, 70,	17
STONINGTON,	Reliance, 195,	4
STOCKTON SPRINGS,	Pownal, 119,	8
STRONG,	Davis, 191,	15
TENANT'S 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
VINALHAVEN,	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

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,	Livemore,	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 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

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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 Kineo,	Guilford,	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 Marieue,	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 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 Excelesior,	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,	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 Nollesemeic,	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.

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.

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	" ELMER P. SPOFFORD.

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R. W. PELEG SPRAGUE,	R. W. JAMES M. CHILD,
" AMOS NOURSE,	" ELISHA HARDING,
" DAVID C. MAGOUN,	" SAMUEL L. VALENTINE,
" ASAPH R. NICHOLS,	" JOHN J. BELL.

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" JOHN J. MEGQUIER,
" JOEL MILLER,
" EZRA B. FRENCH,
" ISAAC DOWNING,
" WILLIAM ALLEN,
" GUSTAVUS F. SARGENT,
" DAVID BUGBEE,
" EDMUND B. HINKLEY,
" F. LORING TALBOT,
" T. R. SIMONTON,
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" JOHN B. REDMAN,
" ARLINGTON B. MARSTON,
" MANLEY G. TRASK,
" JOSEPH M. HAYES,
" LEANDER M. KENNISTON,
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" WILLIAM SOMERBY,
" THOMAS B. JOHNSTON,
" WILLIAM KIMBALL,
" JOHN WILLIAMS,
" STEPHEN B. DOCKHAM,
" OLIVER GERRISH,
" JOSEPH COVELL,
" FRANCIS J. DAY,
" THOMAS K. OSGOOD,
" JOHN W. BALLOU,
" MOSES TAIT,
" HENRY H. DICKEY,

R. W. A. M. WETHERBEE,
" AUGUSTUS BAILEY,
" EDWIN HOWARD VOSE,
" CHARLES W. HANEY,
" GOODWIN R. WILEY,
" BENJAMIN AMES,
" BENJAMIN L. HADLEY,
" GEORGE W. MCCLAIN,
" WILFORD J. FISHER,
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FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO 1923

GRAND MASTERS.

William King, 1820, '21*	Albert Moore, 1875, '76*
Simon Greenleaf, 1822, '23*	Edward P. Burnham, 1877, '78*
William Swan, 1824, '25*	Charles I. Collamore, 1879, '80*
Charles Fox, 1826, '27*	Marquis F. King, 1881, '82*
Samuel Fessenden, 1828, '29*	William R. G. Estes, 1883, '84*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1830, '31*	Fessenden I. Day, 1885, '86*
Nathaniel Coffin, 1832-34*	Frank E. Sleeper, 1887, '88*
Reuel Washburn, 1835-37*	Albro E. Chase, 1889, '90*
Abner B. Thompson, 1838-40*	Henry R. Taylor, 1891, '92*
Hezekiah Williams, 1841*	Horace H. Burbank, 1893, '94*
Thomas W. Smith, 1842-44*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1895, '96*
John T. Paine, 1845, '46*	Joseph A. Locke, 1897, '98*
Alexander H. Putney, 1847, '48*	Winfield S. Choate, 1899, 1900*
Joseph C. Stevens, 1849, '50*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1901, 1902*
John C. Humphreys, 1851, '52*	William J. Burnham, 1903*
Freeman Bradford, 1853*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1904, '05
Timothy Chase, 1854*	Charles F. Johnson, 1906, '07
John Miller, 1855*	Edmund B. Mallet, 1908, '09
Jabez True, 1856*	Ashley A. Smith, 1910, '11
Robert P. Dunlap, 1857*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1912, '13*
Hiram Chase, 1858, '59*	Thomas H. Bodge, 1914, '15
Josiah H. Drummond, 1860-62*	Waldo Pettengill, 1916, '17
William P. Preble, 1863-65*	Silas B. Adams, 1918, '19
Timothy J. Murray, 1866-68*	Edward W. Wheeler, 1920, '21
John H. Lynde, 1869-71*	Albert M. Spear, 1922, '23
David Cargill, 1872-74*	

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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.

Elisha Harding, 1846*	Albro E. Chase, 1887, '83*
Samuel L. Valenine, 1847, '48*	Henry R. Taylor, 1889, '90*
John C. Humphreys, 1849, '50*	Horace H. Burbank, 1891, '92*
Freeman Bradford, 1851, '52*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1893, '94*
Timothy Chase, 1853*	Joseph A. Locke, 1895, '96*
Jabez True, 1854, '55*	Winfield S. Choate, 1897, '98*
Hiram Chase, 1856, '57*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1899, 1900*
Josiah H. Drummond, 1858, '59*	William J. Burnham, 1901, '02*
William P. Preble, 1860-62*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1903
John J. Bell, 1863*	Charles F. Johnson, 1904, '05
Timothy J. Murray, 1864, '65*	Edmund B. Mallet, 1906, '07
John H. Lynde, 1866-68*	Ashley A. Smith, 1908, '09
David Cargill, 1869-71*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1910, '11*
Albert Moore, 1872-74*	Thomas H. Bodge, 1912, '13
Edward P. Burnham, 1875, '76*	Waldo Pettengill, 1914, '15
Charles I. Collamore, 1877, '78*	Silas B. Adams, 1916, '17
Marquis F. King, 1879, '80*	Edward W. Wheeler, 1918, '19
William R. G. Estes, 1881, '82*	Albert M. Spear, 1920, '21
Fessenden I. Day, 1883, '84*	David E. Moulton, 1922, 23
Frank E. Sleeper, 1885, '86	

SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

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
 John M. Burleigh, 1921
 Lewman B. Soper, 1922
 Frederic O. Eaton, 1923

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. McGorriall, 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
 Allen L. Curtis, 1921
 Charles M. Farrer, 1922
 Daniel G. Chaplin, 1923

GRAND TREASURERS.

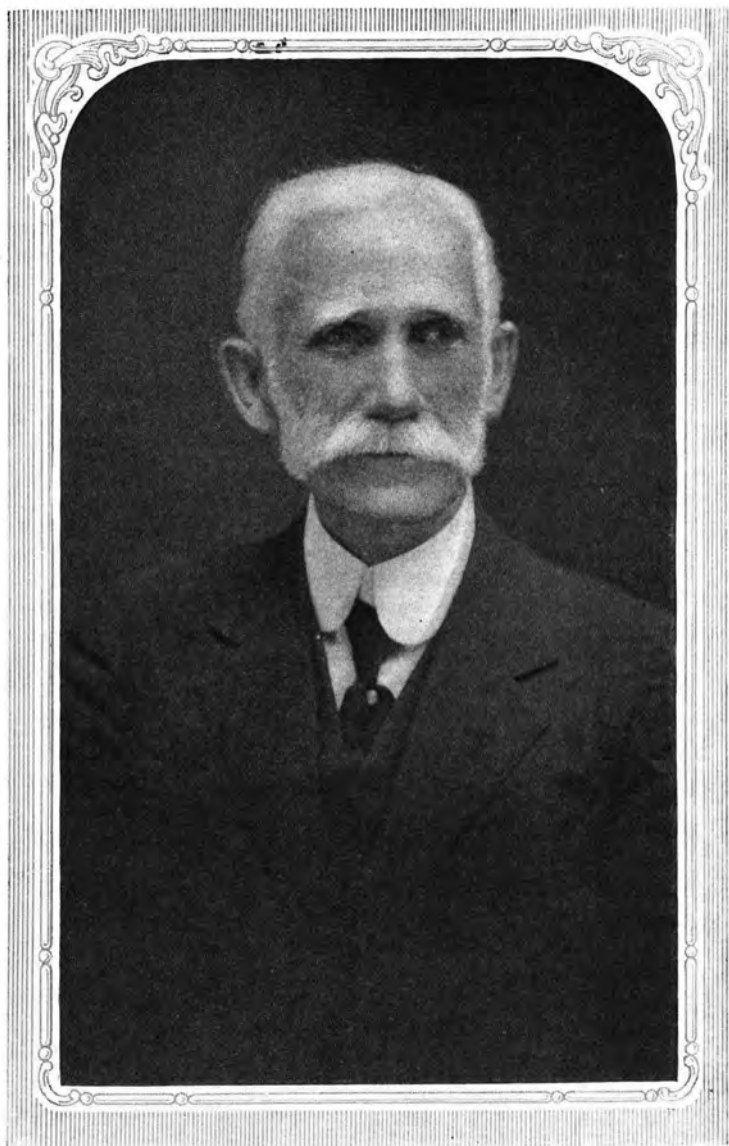
Joseph M. Gerrish, 1820-30*
 James B. Cahoon, 1831-33*
 Benjamin Davis, 1834-43*
 Henry H. Boody, 1844-52*
 Moses Dodge, 1853-79*
 William O. Fox, 1880-82*
 Frederick Fox, 1883-94*
 M. F. King, June 1894-1904*

Millard F. Hicks, October, 1904-
 April 3, 1914*
 Albro E. Chase, 1914 to September,
 1921*
 Edmund B. Mallet, October 1,
 1921, to 1923
 Herbert N. Maxfield, 1923 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



FRANK EUGENE SLEEPER

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TO THE MEMORY

OF

M. W. Frank E. Sleeper

Grand Master in 1887, 1888

Born in Lewiston, Me., September 12, 1846

Died in Sabattus, Me., May 2, 1923

Aged 77 years, 4 months, 20 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."

Brethren Died During the Year

From March 1, 1922 to March 1, 1923

Those marked * were returned as buried with Masonic rites.

1 Portland, Portland. Fred E. Warren, March 21; James J. Pooler, April 29; Frank C. Mangum, May 11; John F. Brett,* June 15; Charles E. Dingwell,* June 17; Francis A. Moore, June 18; Charles H. Small,* June 25; M. Herbert Brickett,* August 31; Woodbury R. Bucknam,* September 12; Sewell T. Fowler,* January 31; Henry S. Phelps, February 23.

2 Warren, East Machias. James R. Talbot,* December 8; James Dewey,* February 24.

3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. Wilbur F. Merrill, November 5; Frank S. Webber, December 13; William N. Titus, February 18.

4 Hancock, Castine. William Veague, December 1; Edward C. Bowden, January 27; Henry J. Gardner, February 12; George A. Wheeler,* January 14.

5 Kennebec, Hallowell. Albert C. Wescott, December 3.

6 Amity, Camden. John W. Mason, May 3; Charles E. Ball, June 14; Edwin W. Sanford, July 22; Lenius D. Evans, December 13.

7 Eastern, Eastport. Frank S. Paine,* March 22; Fred A. Holmes,* May 18; Ansel Benner, February 14.

8 United, Brunswick. Joseph A. Curtis, March 20; Elijah K. Hodgkins, May 16; Arthur Palmer,* December 6; William Erwin Johnston, February 16.

9 Saco, Saco. Arthur H. Stockman, May 10; Wilbur N. Ferguson, June 1; Frank L. Wormwood, June 12; Alonzo Hasty, January 30; William Emery, February 1.

10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Curtis B. Mitchell, February 20, 1922; Hiram C. Hatch, March 29; Benjamin H. Kent, April 8; Thomas A. Foster, May 9; Alfred G. Curtis, May 18; William L. Work, June 24; Edward W. Vickery, December 7; Charles H. Cobb, October 16.

11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. John A. Ballard, February 22, 1922; Wallace W. Tarbox, May 12; B. Walker McKeen, May 22.

12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. George C. Jordan,* March 20; John G. Davis, July 14.

13 Oriental, Bridgton. Fred K. Dodge, March 4; Luther F. McKenney, July 30; Harry Harmon, November 19.

14 Solar, Bath. Arthur J. Smith, May 9; Harry R. Colby, September 16; Albert Tibbetts, October 15; Horace A. Jordan, February 3.

15 Orient, Thomaston. Thomas S. Andrews, March 1; Charles F. Oliver, May 14; Gilbert Small, September 28; Edward C. Bucklin, February 19.

16 St. George, Warren. Erastus P. Rollins, September 24.

17 Ancient Land-Mark, Portland. John S. Fitz, March 8; William W. Roberts, March 18; Fred F. Heughey, March 31; William H. Willard, April 28; William E. Carter, April 24; Thomas A. Graffam, October, 1921, (lost at sea); Ebenezer M. Gray, May 5; Frederick S. Barstow, May 1; Clarence E. Crowell, June 1; Richard W. Fernald, July 12; John T. Palmer, August 5; Henry P. Merrill, September 25; Everett G. Benner, September 28; Charles H. Gilman, September 16; Henry Hudson, November 8; Elmer Clyde McGee, February 18, 1921; Albert Brackett, January 5.

18 Oxford, Norway. Charles Y. Francis,* April 29; Lewis Graves, September 19; Clarence M. Smith,* February 16.

19 Felicity, Bucksport. Enoch A. Leland, June 1; Benjamin R. Randall, March 26; Theodore H. Smith, July 12; Hugh K. Borland, October 13; Howard H. Gilley, October 16; Roy W. Page, December 26; George H. Chandler, February 19; John Kennedy, February 24.

20 Maine, Farmington. Edward Payson Davis, November; Henry Washburn True, December; Edward Copeland Merrill, January. (Secretary furnishes no further dates).

21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. Roswell C. Boothby, March 4; Henry H. Dyke, September 29; Edward Edgecomb, September 1; Alonzo L. Holley, July 11; Henry D. Parker, May 24; Arthur E. Allen, October 17; Alonzo M. Bumpus, November 25; L. M. Howard, date unknown.

22 York, Kennebunk. Charles R. Littlefield, April 9; Woodbury A. Hall, June 13; Charles H. Lucas, December 5; Robert W. Lord, February 16.

23 Freeport, Freeport. Ephraim F. Townsend, July 20; Willis E. Sargent, October 7; Arthur W. Mitchell, November 7.

24 Phoenix, Belfast. Charles N. Black, May 29.

25 Temple, Winthrop. Augustus L. Cobb, March 15; George A. McEdward, May 22; John N. Folsom, February 5.

26 Village, Bowdoinham. William E. Blake, April 9.

27 Adoniram, Limington. Bennett Pike, May 27.

28 Northern Star, North Anson. Ben Moore, October 11; Chauncey S. Dyer, January 9; Ambros C. Sprague, February 9.

29 Tranquil, Auburn. Frank C. Davis, March 16; William B. Adams, March 21; Clarence C. Young, July 1; Walter C. Frank, August 2; George F. McGibbon, November 1; George P. Smith, December 10; Eldreth Arnold, December 28; William E. Pray, February 8.

30 Blazing Star, Rumford. Mellen E. Hersey, March 20; Dana A. Bishop, October 24; Rainsford Price, January 3; Stanley Bisbee, February 6.

31 Union, Union. Charles E. McFarland, June 7; Ethel E. Thurston,* June 20; Albert E. Smith, October 27; George F. Sumner,* January 11.

32 Hermon, Gardiner. Orrin L. Gould, December 5, 1921; Alton Sawyer, March 1; Edwin H. Langston, June 7; Benjamin Tasker, June 20; Elliott W. Howe, August 13; James Fernald Bagley,* October 9; Henry Soper,* January 24.

33 Waterville, Waterville. Charles A. Ireland,* March 19; Frank S. Hartley, March 21; J. Walter Stewart,* April 12; Charles A. Warren,* April 18; J. Howard Welch,* May 21; Arthur J. Alden, July 12; Charles E. Matthews, August 7; Richard Stewart, August 23; Herbert M. Fuller,* October 12; Frank Reddington, February 13.

35 Bethlehem, Augusta. Bernard E. Getchell, March 5; Eugene M. Chase, March 10; George M. Ryder, April 23; Oberon O. Stetson, October 29; Horace N. Laiten, December 24.

36 Casco, Yarmouth. Samuel T. York, April 5; Louis P. Pomeroy, September 12; Edwin M. Lambard, September 15; Hanson S. Stubbs, December 11.

37 Washington, Lubec. Robert G. McBride, April 18; Asa Thaxter, July 1.

38 Harmony, Gorham. Fred W. Harding, August 18; Charles H. Ridlon, October 27; B. Harry Elkins, April 21; Charles Calkin, April 16; George J. Pillsbury, February 21.

39 Penobscot, Dexter. Charles L. Goff, September 20.

40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. Walter R. Hodgkins, August 15, 1921; John M. McFarland, May 30, 1921; Joseph W. Nealley, May 4; Fred E. Jellison, November 11; Asbury S. Clement, August 1; John H. Brimmer, June 23; Willis L. Pratt, December 4; Henry L. Moor, January 16; Colen McKenzie, January 19; George B. Murch,* February 8; Charles I. Staples, February 27.

41 Morning Star, Litchfield. Isaac S. Maxwell, September 14; W. E. Davis, September 29.

42 Freedom, Limerick. Hugo Miller, March 2.

43 Alna, Damariscotta. Joseph C. White, March 28; George H. Curtis, April 22; Gardiner Cram, May 3; Wilmouth H. Huey, December 22; William G. Hodgkins, February 21.

44 Piscataquis, Milo. William H. Monroe,* April 4; B. Allen Godsoe,* May 11; James E. Dumphey, July 7; Albion K. Ward,* August 8; Zachary Taylor Leonard,* November 12; Abial E. Leonard,* January 6.

45 Central, Turner. Edwin A. Ward, April 16; William C. Blake, (no date given); Charles E. Dutton, September 5.

46 St. Croix, Calais. John L. Harvill,* April 3; William H. Cook,* April 9; Charles L. Harris, April 25; Hiram A. Brown,* May 4; James Livingston, August 23; Vernon M. Wentworth,* November 3; Charles S. Murphy, December 7; David H. Peckham, January 31.

47 Dunlap, Biddeford. Thomas H. Riley, March 2; Joseph C. Edwards, March 29; Donald J. McIntire, April 14; Frank W. Roberts, April 22; Walter I. Gordon, May 8; Edwin Stone, June 7; J. Frank Trull, November 22.

48 Lafayette, Readfield. Alvin Turner Swift, April 2; Joseph Timothy Woodward, April 26; Harry Longfellow Crocker, May 11; Arthur W. Allison, June 5; Ernest Amos Morgan, November 12; John Sanford Wingate Hewitt, February 18.

49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. Romanzo W. Parkman,* December 10.

50 Aurora, Rockland. George F. Dickerson, March 1; Sidney M. Bird, July 10; William H. Fiske,* May 20; Reuben S. Thorndike,* July 22; Clarence C. Cross, August 28; William P. McMillan, September 29; Henry C. Day, October 12; Fred W. Babbidge, November 23; Benjamin H. Benson,* November 29; George E. Winters,* December 29.

51 St. John's, South Berwick. Lewis A. Earle, June 7; Marcus M. Bartlett, (no date given).

52 Mosaic, Dover-Foxcroft. Calvin W. Brown, February 19, 1922; John F. Packard, February 26; Mellen G. Prentiss, July 30; Melvin F. Martin, July 31; James T. Jack, January 21.

53 Rural, Sidney. Horace G. Farnham, January 21.

54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. Roger L. Marble, November 26.

55 Fraternal, Alfred. Luther E. Langley, May 5.

57 King Hiram, Dixfield, E. C. McLain, May 15; Virgil C. Mitchell, November 24.

58 Unity, Thorndike. Charles P. Hutchins,* April 8; Albert W. Ward,* October 2.

60 Star in the East, Old Town. James H. Jordan,* September 11; Edward G. Newbegin, February 11.

61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. Barden Turner, September 26.

62 King David's, Lincolnville. William Law, June 13.

63 Richmond, Richmond. Thomas H. Carr,* April 18; Frank A. Stetson, April 24; George W. Holmes,* July 6; Isaac L. Spaulding, August 11; George W. Merriman,* October 1; Walter E. Whitney, November 27.

64 Pacific, Exeter. David E. Knight, July 21.

65 Mystic, Hampden. Bradford E. Emerson, April 9; Henry D. Smith, April 14; David H. Tribou, May 31; George W. Smith, September 10; David J. Crogan, December 28; Anson K. Emerson, January 6.

66 Mechanics', Orono. Oren L. Goodridge, May 8; Jason Grant, July 2; Rufus W. McCullouch, January 22.

67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. Elisher P. Lander, December 14; George M. Carleton, January 22.

69 Howard, Winterport. Edwin R. Batchelder,* December 15; Amos D. Wilson,* February 12.

70 Standish, Standish. James W. Wadleigh, July 10; Edwin B. Cressey, December 7; Charles F. Swasey, February 24.

71 Rising Sun, Orland. Richard P. Harriman, December 20; Sidney P. Ripley, January 22; Charles E. Valentine, January 24.

72 Pioneer, Ashland. Orin Stevens, June 9; George D. Waddington, September 10; J. Perley Pollard, November 22; Emery O. Orcutt, January 24.

73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. James B. Mason, July 1; Herbert W. Schellinger, December 24; Solon S. Waterhouse, December 17; Henry White, December 5; Charles H. Young, September 22; Frank L. Bridge, March 13; Frank E. Briggs, (no date given) Howard P. Davell, (no date given).

74 Bristol, Bristol. Elbridge R. Huston; Randall E. Humphrey, April 4; Marcus W. Poland, April 26; George W. Blaisdell, July 7; Calvin V. Robbins, July 15; Josiah P. Hatch, October 30; John M. Bryant, August 6; Harvey H. Webber, February 6; Parker M. Ervine, February 12.

76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Charles Tripp, April 11; Charles E. Thompson, October 20; Washington Griffin, February 27.

77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor. John L. Stanley* July 5.

78 Crescent, Pembroke. Eben N. Motz, April 12; Eugene S. Wilbur, April 28; Jesse L. Knowlton, June 7; Edmund L. Wilbur, July 8; George S. Pomroy, August 5; Howard B. Smith, August 23; Frank W. Bell, December 18.

79 Rockland, Rockland. John Ham, April 14; William L. Rokes, May 23; Simon Rosenberg, June 3; H. Ivan Hix, September 8; Joseph Barille, October 18; Woodbury M. Purington, February 1; Walter A. Shuman, February 16.

80 Keystone, Solon. Chester K. Williams,* April 1; David S. Tozier,* May 2; John F. Holman,* October 9.

81 Atlantic, Portland. William K. Herrmann,* March 7; Charles H. True, March 10; Adolph Grimme, Jr., March 15; Frank W. Cobb, March 24; Alton A. Hall, April 19; Oscar B. Hobart,* April 21; E. S. Libby,* June 1; Donald M. Steadman,* June 12; Adam P. Leighton, August 24; Raymond D. Patchin, September 12; Herbert I. Low,* February 4; Charles L. Mayberry,* February 7; Clifford H. Crocker, October 20; Edward M. Rand, February 21.

82 St. Paul's, Rockport. Ralph T. Spear, January 2.

83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. Henry A. Harlow, April 7; Fred S. Crosby, June 27; Henry G. Reynolds, July 14; Edward H. Blake, July 18; Charles M. Smiley, September 20; Alfred E. Meigs, December 28; Frank B. Cummings, February 8.

84 Eureka, Tenant's Harbor. Albion H. Andrews, December 3.

85 Star in the West, Unity. E. E. McCauslin, May 26; Wesley F. Woods, November 18; George Roseland, January 26.

86 Temple, Westbrook. Frank P. Burns, April 15; Charles E. Babbitt, June 7; James K. Smith, June 20; Harry A. Smith, August 25; Charles R. Anderson, September 10; Thurston S. Burnes, October 1.

87 Benevolent, Carmel. Charles F. Kimball, October 25.

88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. Alvah Farnsworth, February 28.

89 Island, Islesboro. Frank H. Mayo, May 15; Fields S. Pendleton, January 26; Philip G. Pendleton, February 26.

91 Harwood, Machias. Walter P. Sawyer, August 15; Henry M. Holway, Jr., November 15; Charles W. Dinsmore, December 18.

92 Siloam, Fairfield. Frank E. Hammond, March 17; Robert M. Clark, April 8; Oscar F. Mayo, June 5; Charles S. Flanders, February 18.

93 Horeb, Lincoln. Herbert A. Grey, July 21; Abram Libby, October 26; James B. Edes, April 10; William H. Wheeler, May 15; Earl S. Page, July 30; John W. Fox, September 10.

96 Monument, Houlton. Richard Wibberly,* March 24; Enoch R. Gardner,* April 29; Calvin L. Fox, January; James H. Kidder,* January 19; Frederick A. Powers,* February 13.

97 Bethel, Bethel. James M. Hodsdon, March, 1922; Samuel A. Eames, April 29; Ceylon Rowe, December 20; Daniel C. Bennett, February 20.

98 Katahdin, Patten. Warren McGuire, Charles Fish, both died in 1920, not reported before; Charles H. Gillman, March 15; Elmer J. Farnham, May 8; Sylvester L. Huston, June 20; Edwin R. Woodbury, September 4.

99 Vernon Valley, Mount Vernon. Sumner Cole, April 24; Jacob Augustus Runlette, August 31; Lorenzo French, April 12; Ralph Kent Thyng, December 3; Milford Bickford, April 22; Thomas F. Dyer, (no date given).

100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. Charles G. Hill,* June 5; Edwin P. Lovejoy, January 11; Joseph A. Fairbanks, January 11.

101 Nezinscot, Turner. Frederick M. Loring, March 13; Leonidas M. Leavitt, September 2; William T. Thayer, October 10.

102 Marsh River, Brooks. Clarence A. Pollard, June 14; David Brackett, November 10.

103 Dresden, Dresden Mills. Walter Blenn, February, 1923; Edwin F. Houdeltte,* November 19.

104 Dirigo, Weeks Mills. Fred Hisler, May 19; John R. Bradstreet, September 1; George W. Kenniston, December 5.

105 Ashlar, Lewiston. James C. Howard, January 21; *William H. Coffin, December 10; John E. Hibbert, July 22; Theodore O. Hecker, July 10; Joseph H. Stilson, May 30; Herbert S. Sleeper, May 18; Horace Hadley, February 20.

106 Tuscan, Addison. Clifton D. Bishop, July 26; Fred A. Chandler, September 6; Walter S. Plummer, August 10; John H. Wass, August 29.

109 Mt. Kineo, Guilford. Charles W. Stevens, May 15; Dale Boody, August 10; Edward E. Fowler, February 10.

110 Monmouth, Monmouth. Walter Eaton Drake, July 29.

111 Liberty, Liberty. John W. Collins, April 14; Fred Millay, August 28.

112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. Alexander McDougal, March 20; Fred M. Whitehouse, May 12; Henry Clay Townsend, October 5.

113 Messalonskee, Oakland. Chester E. A. Winslow, August 3; Frederick E. Boothby, January 7; Cyprien Roy, February 18.

114 Polar Star, Bath. Charles A. Coombs, July 28; Charles E. Bachelder, August 7; John H. Brown, January 10; Roscoe P. Ham, January 24; Alfred H. Berry, February 20; G. Edward Buker, February 28.

115 Buxton, Buxton. Marcus R. Holmes, March 21, 1921; George C. Martin, June 14; Cyril P. Harmon, October 24; John Berryman, November 19; Robert A. Bradbury, January 15; George H. Libby, February 13; Almon H. Barnes, February 26; George A. Sprague.

116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. Edwin H. Burgess,* March 1; Herbert E. Hale,* October 9; Albert Longley,* January 4; B. Franklin Jones, January 6.

- 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. Charles E. Whitney, October 24; Charles L. Abbott,* November 22.
- 118 Drummond, Parsonfield. Frank P. Doble, March 20, 1921; Henry J. Glidden, (no date given).
- 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. George U. Fletcher, May 1; Samuel H. West, May 14; Willard Berry, May 7.
- 121 Acacia, Durham. Augustus H. Parker, March 24.
- 122 Marine, Deer Isle. Charles C. Warren, December 25; Chester A. Brown, October 31; Arthur B. Haskell, April 13.
- 123 Franklin, New Sharon. John S. Dyer, July 2; George H. Day, May 5; Henry B. Porter, August 26; Edgar L. Corson, February 13; John A. Childs, March 27.
- 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. George E. Wilton, March 10; Frank Clark,* November 2.
- 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. Amos J. Melvin,* March 29; Earl N. Tarbell, March 30; Sceva Powers,* April 8; Fred A. Noble,* June 7; Orville H. Drake, July 6; Zelotus D. Lancaster, August 5; Charles F. Newcomb,* November 19; John J. Sawyer (date unknown); Amos A. Powers (date unknown).
- 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. Henry W. Mackie, September 14.
- 127 Presumpscot, North Windham. Herbert C. Saunders,* June 16; Charles H. Cook,* June 29; W. Clint Noyes, August 26; Wilmer W. Ward,* October 19.
- 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. Nason B. Cunningham, May 21; Charles L. Babson, November 17; Walter M. Cummings, December 14; Andrew M. Cole, October 14; Horace B. Eaton, June 3; Herman R. Pert, April 19.
- 129 Quantacook, Searsmont. Charles M. Brewster, June 1; Otis A. Wellman, July 28; Seth B. Conant, October 31.
- 130 Trinity, Presque Isle. Ernest W. Britton, September 9; J. Orin Smith, September 23.
- 131 Lookout, Cutler. William H. Ward, October 21; George H. Dawson, July 22; Benjamin S. Sears, (no date given).
- 133 Asylum, Wayne. Alfred S. Johnson,* October 26.
135. Riverside, Jefferson. David H. Jones, March 1; Chester T. Eugley,* July 9.
- 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. Otis S. Rhoades,* May 6; William A. Tibbitts,* April 13.
- 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. George Gorwood, December 29.
- 139 Archon, East Dixmont. Harry E. White, October 26.
- 140 Mt. Desert, Mt. Desert. Isaac Somes, July 15; Ezra G. Mason, October 11.
- 141 Augusta, Augusta. Henry A. Case, May 21; Zina O. Sprague, May 19; Frank E. Oak, November 23; Marcellus Shaw, December 22; Samuel B. Capin, January 23.
- 142 Ocean, Wells Depot. Charles H. Swasey, March 12; Herbert W. Bickford, September 14; Charles C. M. Littlefield, November 6.

143 Preble, Sanford. John Warner, March 18; Alonzo Leavitt, August 31; George Bemis, September 16; George A. Field, December 17.

144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. William O. Seavey, May 28; Merrill Jewett,* June 21; William Smith,* October 18; Fred A. Steam, November 25; Newell K. Merry,* December 2; Levi Totman, February 25.

145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Albron G. Carver, April 6, 1921; George G. Webster, September 1, 1921; Freeman C. Norton, September 9, 1921; George P. Creed, May 31; Thomas B. Lane, September 22; Francis S. Carver, October 11; Freeman S. Hamilton, November 1.

146 Seabastcook, Clinton. Melvin Willis,* April 11; James Thurston,* April 13.

147 Evening Star, Buckfield. Charles H. Tuttle, March 11.

148 Forest, Springfield. Orville B. Casey, January 27, 1922; Hiram Larrabee, November 1.

150 Rabboni, Lewiston. Isaac K. Knowlton, March 5; B. Frank Wood, July 19; Anthony Rowe,* October 14; Russell L. Sargent, August 31; James T. Small, January 6.

151 Excelsior, Northport. Charles V. Crockett, April 10.

152 Crooked River, Otisfield. Oscar V. Edwards, July 11; Nathaniel H. Seavey, November 23; William L. Grover, October 10; James L. Green, December 27; Joseph K. Edwards, February 27.

153 Delta, Lovell. George R. Hamblen, September 1; George Marston, September 3; Lorenzo B. Sanborn, November 2; Jay J. Chandler, February 21.

155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. Francis H. Abbott,* March 26; Lafayette E. Dennison,* June 17; Eli W. Alexander,* June 21; Arthur Thomas Brown, December 22; Charles G. Kirschner, February 5; Willard F. Rogers, February 24.

156 Wilton, Wilton. Frank L. Woodcock, March 2; Verdeill C. Thurston, November 22; Charles R. Hall, December 26.

157 Cambridge, Cambridge. Charles L. Scribner, March 6; Edwin J. Quimby, March 9; Louis B. Caron, May 15; Fred C. Stafford, December 20; Andrew J. Gilman, February 13.

158 Anchor, South Bristol. Daniel F. Hodgdon, June 26; William H. Clark, February 28.

161 Carrabasset, Canaan. John F. Brock, April 8; Daniel Harris, April 28.

162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. Arthur N. Smith, October 9; Harry O. Goodwin, December 18; Hugh Steele, June 6.

163 Pleasant River, Brownville. Charles R. Carlton, April 16; Anson W. Page, March 30; Joseph Gordon Henderson, November 25; Luther S. Rogers, January 2.

165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. Fay L. Shannon,* October 13.

166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. Edgar M. Dunham, May 24; Leonard A. Arey, January 8; Nelson A. Luce, March 21.

167 Whitney, Canton. Cleon A. Osgood, March 9; Otis Mayhew Richardson, October 25.

170 Caribou, Caribou. Bert Doyle, May 2; Donald S. Piper, August 28; Milo W. Whittier, November 13.

172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. Wilber H. Chase, March 31; Josiah F. Shedd,* September 22; Daniel L. Cummings, January 22.

173 Pleiades, Millbridge. Christopher W. McCaslin, April 11; Willard H. Leighton, August 1; Josiah B. Bunker, November 16; Jasper Wyman, January 22; Joel G. Gay, February 22.

174 Lynde, Hermon. Daniel Webster, May 30.

177 Rising Star, Penobscot. George Grindle, November 9; Cyrus K. Bridges, January 10.

178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. John W. Robbins,* June 10; Leroy L. Hersey, November 20; Noah Wilkinson,* December 2; Harold Elwood Stevens, February 17.

180 Hiram, South Portland. Warren E. Chaffile,* March 7; Lewis C. Hannaford,* May 13; Fred M. Wilson, May 29; John H. Davies, July 5; Charles Build, October 4; John P. Williams,* November 16; George Stevens,* November 19; Freeman Willard,* November 28; Carl Rudolph Skillings, December 16; Ray C. Barker,* February 12; Andrew J. Cash,* February 17.

182 Granite, West Paris. Edward W. Penley,* February 9.

183 Deering, Portland. Francis A. Libby, March 15; W. Eugene Willard, April 11; Edgar J. Huskins, April 25; Maurice W. Hawkes, May 19; Thomas H. Fielding, May 29; L. Clinton Young, June 5; William Lucas, June 9; Sumner L. Mountfort, June 30; Leon W. Weir, August 6; Fred H. Rounds, July 10; Weld S. Hagen, September 25; Joseph H. Blake, September 20; George Smith, October 19; Beverly H. Kitchen, November 15; Roscoe G. Hall, December 5; Francis E. Chase,* January 9; Willis E. Ballard, February 6.

184 Naval, Kittery. Edward E. Otis, March 28; Ernest Jackson, August 7; George F. Mills, September 18; Horace Mitchell, October 9; Reider Gulbransen, August 30; John W. Harvey, December 22; Rufus M. Adams, January 6; John Seibold, February 26.

185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. John G. Shea,* May 25.

186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Clinton S. Eastman, April 4; Harry H. Melcher, April 15; Arthur H. Small, April 17; Eugene R. Haskell, November 27.

188 Jonesport, Jonesport. James C. Crowley, May 8; Joshua S. Wardwell, January 14; Charles H. Keene, March 2.

189 Knox, South Thomaston. George L. Putnam, March 22; William A. Tripp, April 10; Edward C. Brown, April 19; Thomas E. Wiley, May 2; Walter C. Drew, November 1; Fred B. Robbins, December 23.

190 Springvale, Springvale. Fred Mitchell,* November 17; George W. Hanson, November 23; James S. Wentworth, February 26.

191 Davis, Strong. John B. Walker, May 17; Wilfred McLeary, November 27; Stephen D. Gates, December 15.

192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. Charles E. Tracy, January 13.

193 Washburn, Washburn. Henry M. Harris,* March 3; Simon G. Porter,* February 27.

194 Euclid, Madison. Charles E. Reed, March 4; Amasa Gregory, April 3; William Hartshorn, June 3; James W. Perkins, August 25; George F. Charles, December 8; Charles W. Green, February 21.

195 Reliance, Stonington. Albert S. Bowden, March 19; Frank H. Parsons, September 8; John C. Turner, (no date given).

196 Bay View, East Boothbay. John Edward Blake, January 31, 1921; George W. Barter, February 14, 1920; Wilmot W. Jones, June 19; Fred Martin, July 12; S. William Gatchell, July 31; John W. Race, February 22.

197 Aroostook, Blaine. Hollen W. Shaw, November 4; John R. Irvine, January 9.

198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. George N. Thompson, April 4; Charles L. Worthen, April 20.

199 Bingham, Bingham. George E. Flanders, June 14; Davis E. Price, July 24.

200 Columbia, Greenville. Jerome J. Pastene, October 16; James Geahgan, July 15; Roy E. Nelson, January 4.

201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. William W. Bunker, June 22; Montgomery H. Harvey, September 1; Follett G. Hartwell, August; Duncan H. McVicen, February (secretary fails to give exact dates).

203 Mt. Olivet, Washington. Joe Henry Achorn, October 12; Willington Dart, November 30; Walter E. Morse, December 25; Guy Crockett, (no date given).

205 Nolessemic, Millinocket. Charles Robinson, November 2.

206 Island Falls, Island Falls. Elmer G. Smith, April 25; Samuel E. Howard July 30; Charles S. Perry, January 14.

207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. Frank W. Campbell,* March 23.

208 Northeast Harbor, Northeast Harbor. James H. Falt, March 7; George A. Savage, March 13; William B. Richards, April 18.

209 Fort Kent, Fort Kent. Samuel H. Bradbury,* November 26; Wendel T. Ebbett, September 28.

210 Begaduce, North Brooksville. Joseph Tapley, May 25.

213 Kemankeag, Rangeley. Otis A. Bean, October 6.

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Arizona, Feb. 18, 1922,	Louis G. Moyers, Globe.
Arkansas, Nov. 21, 1922,	John O. Wolf, Batesville.
Belgium, Jan. 29, 1919,	Charles Magnette, Brussels.
British Columbia, June 22, 1922,	Andrew McCreery, Vancouver.
California, Oct. 10, 1922,	William A. Sherman, San Francisco.
Canada, July 20, 1921,	William N. Ponton, Belleville.
Colorado, Sept. 19, 1922,	Edward P. Heyford, Colorado Springs.
Connecticut, Feb. 7, 1923,	Arthur M. Brown, Jewett City.
Cuba, April 10, 1922,	Jorge E. Thornberry, Havana.
Delaware, October 4, 1922,	Charles A. Bamberger, Wilmington.
Dist. Columbia, Dec. 21, 1921,	Charles C. Coombs, Washington.
England, June 24, 1922,	Duke of Connaught.
Florida, Jan. 16, 1923,	John L. Hall, Jacksonville.
Georgia, Oct. 31, 1922,	Joe P. Bowdoin, Atlanta.
Idaho, Sept. 12, 1922,	George M. Scott, Idaho Falls.
Illinois, Oct. 10, 1922,	Elmer E. Brach, Chicago.
Indiana, May 23, 1922,	Robert W. Phillips, Richmond.
Iowa, June 12, 1922,	Frank W. Glaze, Oskaloosa.
Ireland, Dec. 27, 1922,	Earl of Donoughmore.
Kansas, Feb. 16, 1920,	Ben S. Paulen, Fredonia.
Kentucky, Oct. 17, 1922,	Emerson E. Nelson, Williamsburg.
Louisiana, Feb. 5, 1923,	Joseph Sinai, New Orleans.
Maine, May 1, 1923,	Albert M. Spear, Augusta.
Manitoba, June 14, 1922,	A. B. Baird, Winnipeg.
Maryland, Nov. 21, 1922,	Warren S. Seipp, Baltimore.
Massachusetts, Dec. 13, 1922,	Arthur D. Prince, Lowell.
Michigan, May 23, 1922,	Clark W. McKenzie, Kalamazoo.
Minnesota, Jan. 18, 1922,	Herman Held, Mankato.
Mississippi, Feb. 21, 1922,	Paul H. Murphy, Lexington.
Missouri, Oct. 17, 1922,	Bert S. Lee, Springfield.
Montana, Aug. 16, 1922,	Claude J. McAllister, Helena.
Nebraska, June 6, 1922,	Charles M. Wellman, Omaha.
Nevada, June 14, 1922,	Edward C. Peterson, Carson City.
New Brunswick, Apr. 26, 1921,	J. D. B. F. MacKenzie, Chatham.
New Hampshire, May 17, 1922,	Walter G. Africa, Manchester.
New Jersey, April 19, 1922,	Arthur Potterton, Trenton.
New Mexico, Feb. 20, 1922,	Lucius Dills, Santa Fe.
N. South Wales, June 8, 1921,	William Thompson.
New York, May 2, 1922,	Robert H. Robinson, New York.

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 North Carolina, Jan. 17, 1922,
 North Dakota, June 20, 1922,
 Nova Scotia, June 14, 1922,
 Ohio, Oct. 18, 1922,
 Oklahoma, Feb. 28, 1922,
 Oregon, June 16, 1922,
 Panama, Mar. 8, 1921,
 Pennsylvania, Dec. 27, 1921,
 Peru, March 24, 1919,
 Philippine Islands, Jan. 24, 1922,
 Porto Rico, March 21, 1921,
 P. E. Island, June 28, 1922,
 Quebec, Feb. 8, 1922,
 Rhode Island, May 15, 1922,
 Saskatchewan, June 21, 1922,
 Scotland, Feb. 2, 1922,
 South Australia, April 19, 1922,
 South Carolina, Mar. 8, 1922,
 South Dakota, June 13, 1922,
 Tasmania, Aug. 26, 1922,
 Tennessee, Jan. 31, 1922,
 Texas, Dec. 5, 1922,
 Utah, Jan. 20, 1920,
 Vermont, June 14, 1922,
 Victoria, Dec. 21, 1921,
 Virginia, Feb. 14, 1922,
 Washington, June 15, 1922,
 West Virginia, Nov. 15, 1922,
 West Australia, May 25, 1922,
 Wisconsin, June 12, 1922,
 Wyoming, Sept. 13, 1922.
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Idaho — JOHN A. WEBBER, Brunswick.
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 — SAMUEL B. FURBISH, Brunswick.
Nebraska — EDWIN A. PORTER, Pittsfield.
Nevada — RALPH W. MOORE, Hampden.
New Brunswick — WILLIS A. RICKER, Castine.
New Hampshire — HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.
New Jersey — ALBERT H. NEWBERT, Rockland.
New South Wales — JAMES E. PARSONS, Ellsworth.
New York — EDWARD W. WHEELER, Brunswick.
New Zealand — JOHN J. MARR, Island Falls.
North Carolina — CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Portland.
North Dakota — DAVID E. MOULTON, Portland.
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 — EDWARD K. GOULD, Rockland.
Puerto Rico — THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.
Quebec — JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
Rhode Island — FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
Saskatchewan — ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.
South Australia — LEE M. SMITH, Norway.
South Carolina — WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, Lisbon Center.
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.

RECAPITULATION—1923

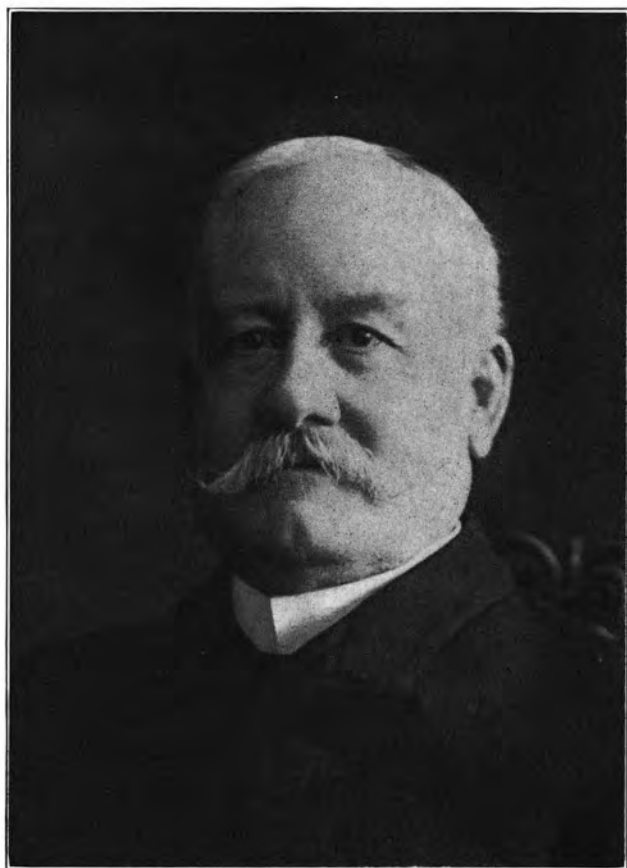
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" extinct	9
" working	206
" represented at communication, 1923.....	154
Number of representatives.....	218
Lodges to make returns.....	206
Making returns in time.....	192
Initiated	1,846
Raised	1,858
Affiliated	126
Re-instated	59
Errors in 1922 returns.....	13
Total increase	2,056
Demitted	152
Died.....	697
Expelled	6
Lost membership by non-payment of dues.....	137
Deprived of membership for non-payment of dues.....	7
Total decrease	999
Net increase	1,057
Members March 1, 1922.....	40,677
Members March 1, 1923.....	41,730
Grand Lodge Receipts	\$12,885.93
" " Disbursements	\$15,751.87
Amount of Charity Fund.....	\$84,234.00
Income of Charity Fund.....	\$4,166.00

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ARCHIE LEE TALBOT
Junior Grand Warden
1880

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT

MASONIC RECORD

LODGE.

Raised in Maine Lodge, No. 20, Farmington, January 6, 1868.
Worshipful Master, Maine Lodge, 1871 and 1872.
Charter member of Wilton Lodge, No. 156, Wilton.
District Deputy Grand Master, Fifteenth District, in 1878 and 1879.
Worshipful Master of Wilton Lodge in 1874 and 1875.

GRAND LODGE.

First attended as Worshipful Master of Maine Lodge in 1872, and attended every year since except 1911 when detained by a broken leg.
Elected Junior Grand Warden in 1880.
Trustee of Grand Charity Fund since 1882.
Member of Committee on Dispensations and Charters since 1888.
Representative of Grand Lodge of Kansas since 1890.

CHAPTER.

Exalted in Androscoggin Chapter, No. 34, Livermore Falls, December 18, 1871.
Charter member and first King of Franklin Chapter, No. 44, at Farmington.
High Priest of Franklin Chapter in 1881 and 1882.
Anointed in Maine Council of High Priesthood, May 3, 1882.
Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand R. A. Chapter of Maine in 1886.

COUNCIL.

Greeted in Dunlap Council, No. 8, Lewiston, February 16, 1875.
Thrice Illustrious Master Dunlap Council in 1882 and 1883.

COMMANDERY.

Knighted in Lewiston Commandery, No. 6, Lewiston, December 9, 1875.
Charter member of Palestine Commandery, No. 19, at Farmington.
Eminent Commander Palestine Commandery in 1892 and 1893.

SCOTTISH RITE.

Received the 14th Degree in Lewiston Lodge of Perfection, Lewiston, February 10, 1878.
Received the 16th Degree in Portland Council, P. of J., Portland, June 28, 1878.
Received the 18th Degree in Dunlap Chapter of Rose Croix, Portland, September 20, 1878.
Received the 32nd Degree in Maine Consistory, January 17, 1879.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

Created a Knight of Constantine in Euebius Conclave, No. 3, at Lewiston.
M. P. Sovereign of Euebius Conclave, 1910 to 1920.
Grand Sovereign Grand Imperial Council of Maine, 1923.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1923

Special Communication

MASONIC HALL, SABATTUS, }
Sunday, May 6, 1923. }

A Special Communication of Sorrow of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maine was held for the purpose of conducting the funeral services of our Senior Past Grand Master FRANK EUGENE SLEEPER, who died at his home in Sabattus, on Wednesday, May 2, 1923.

PRESENT

M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,	Grand Master
R. W. DAVID E. MOULTON,	Deputy Grand Master
M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,	as Senior Grand Warden
R. W. W. SCOTT SHOREY,	as Junior Grand Warden
R. W. ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	as Grand Treasurer
R. W. CHARLES B. DAVIS,	Grand Secretary
W. and REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	Grand Chaplain
W. and REV. ARTHUR F. STRAY,	Grand Chaplain
R. W. CONVERS E. LEACH,	as Grand Marshal
M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS,	as Grand Senior Deacon
R. W. JOHN S. P. H. WILSON,	as Grand Junior Deacon
R. W. EDWIN K. SMITH,	as Grand Senior Steward
R. W. ARCHIE R. BANGS,	as Grand Junior Steward
W. WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	Grand Tyler

Escorted by the officers and about seventy-five members of Webster Lodge, No. 164, of Sabattus, the Grand Lodge marched to the Free Baptist Church, which was filled to capacity with towns-

people of the community who had come to pay their last tribute of love and respect for one who had labored so long and faithfully among them. After a religious service conducted by the pastor of the church where M. W. Brother SLEEPER had worshiped for more than forty years, the Lodge burial service was conducted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, assisted by the Brethren.

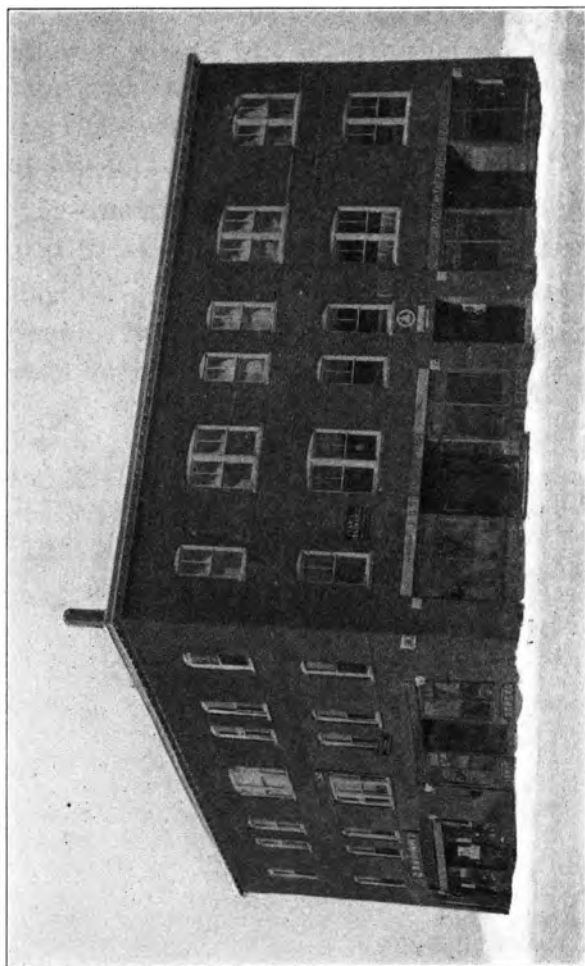
At the conclusion of the services the Grand Lodge returned to Masonic Hall and was duly closed.

Under escort of a committee of Webster Lodge, the remains were taken to Riverside Cemetery in Lewiston for internment.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.



MASONIC HALL, GORHAM, MAINE

Grand Lodge of Maine

1923

Special Communication

MASONIC HALL, GORHAM, }
July 18, 1923. }

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maine was opened in ample form, in Masonic Hall, Gorham, at seven-thirty o'clock, in the evening, for the purpose of dedicating to Masonic uses the new hall that had been constructed in the spacious building that had been purchased and remodeled by Harmony Lodge, No. 38, of Gorham; also to assist in celebrating the One Hundredth Anniversary of the organization of Harmony Lodge.

PRESENT

M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,	Grand Master
R. W. DAVID E. MOULTON,	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	as Senior Grand Warden
R. W. DANIEL G. CHAPLIN,	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	Grand Treasurer
R. W. CHARLES B. DAVIS,	Grand Secretary
W. and REV. DAVID I. GROSS,	Grand Chaplain
W. and REV. I. JAMES MURRAY,	Grand Chaplain
W. HARRY E. LARRABEE,	Grand Marshal
W. F. MURRAY GRAHAM,	Grand Senior Deacon
W. CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	Grand Junior Deacon
R. W. HAROLD B. CHASE,	D. D. G. M., 17th Masonic District
R. W. FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	as Grand Senior Steward
W. PORTER A. ROBERTS,	as Grand Junior Steward
W. WARREN C. KING,	Grand Pursuivant
W. WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	Grand Tyler

The Grand Lodge was duly opened in the Banquet Hall of the new apartments and at the proper time proceeded to the main hall where Harmony Lodge was in session, and was received in due form.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master assisted by the Brethren then dedicated the new hall to Masonic use in due and ancient ceremony.

An historical address was read by R. W. Brother EDGAR F. CARSWELL. An address was delivered by M. W. Grand Master SPEAR, and remarks by Deputy Grand Master MOULTON, Grand Chaplain Rev. Brother DAVID I. GROSS, and the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge was closed in due form.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1923

Special Communication

MASONIC HALL, FREEPORT, }
Thursday, September 20, 1923. }

A Special Communication of Sorrow of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maine was held for the purpose of conducting the funeral services of our beloved Past Grand Master and Past Grand Treasurer, EDMUND BUXTON MALLETT, who died at his home in Freeport, on Monday, September 17, 1923.

PRESENT

M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE, P. G. M.,	<i>as</i> Grand Master
R. W. FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	<i>as</i> Deputy Grand Master
R. W. FREDERIC O. EATON,	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. W. SCOTT SHOREY,	<i>as</i> Junior Grand Warden
R. W. WALLACE N. PRICE,	<i>as</i> Grand Treasurer
R. W. CHARLES B. DAVIS,	Grand Secretary
W. and REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	Grand Chaplain
R. W. FREEMAN M. GRANT,	<i>as</i> Grand Marshal
R. W. HAROLD B. CHASE,	D. D. G. M., 17th Masonic District
W. PORTER A. ROBERTS,	<i>as</i> Grand Senior Deacon
W. CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	Grand Junior Deacon
R. W. FRED E. WARD,	<i>as</i> Grand Senior Steward
W. ADELBERT HUTCHINSON,	<i>as</i> Grand Junior Steward
W. WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	Grand Tyler.

Also Past Grand Masters CHARLES F. JOHNSON, WALDO PETTENGILL
and SILAS B. ADAMS.

The Grand Lodge was opened in the Banquet Hall of Freeport Lodge, No. 23, by Past Grand Master THOMAS H. BODGE, acting for Grand Master ALBERT M. SPEAR, who was detained by official duties as presiding Justice in the Supreme Court in Washington County, and escorted by Freeport Lodge, with more than fifty per cent. of its membership in attendance, marched to the Congregational Church where the new Lodge Burial Service was conducted over the remains of our late Most Worshipful Brother MALLET. The procession was then reformed and escorted the body to the village cemetery where it was deposited in the family lot.

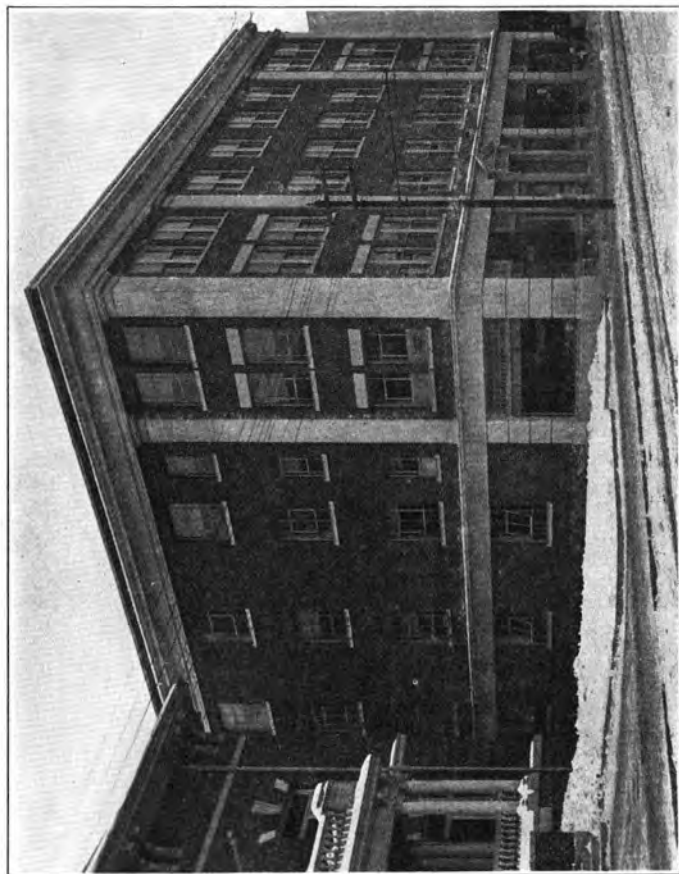
The Grand Lodge then returned to Masonic Hall where it was duly closed.

Attest:



Chas. P. Davis,

Grand Secretary.



MASONIC HALL, SANFORD MAINE

Grand Lodge of Maine

1924

Special Communication

MASONIC HALL, SANFORD, {
April 30, 1924. }

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maine, was opened in Masonic Hall for the purpose of dedicating the Hall in the New Masonic Building that had been constructed by Preble Lodge, No. 143, in the town of Sanford.

PRESENT.

R. W. DAVID E. MOULTON, Deputy Grand Master,	<i>as</i> Grand Master
M. W. SILAS B. ADAMS, P. G. M.,	<i>as</i> Deputy Grand Master
R. W. FREDERIC O. EATON,	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. DANIEL G. CHAPLIN,	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. FRANK WILSON,	<i>as</i> Grand Treasurer
R. W. CHARLES B. DAVIS,	Grand Secretary
W. I. JAMES MERRY,	Grand Chaplain
W. JOHN M. BEILER,	Grand Chaplain
R. W. CONVERS E. LEACH,	<i>as</i> Grand Marshal
W. E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	Grand Senior Deacon
W. CHARLES B. HOWLETT,	<i>as</i> Grand Junior Deacon
W. E. SYDNEY DENBY,	<i>as</i> Grand Senior Steward
W. HENRY FOGELSTROM,	<i>as</i> Grand Junior Steward
W. KENNETH E. BRADBURY,	<i>as</i> Grand Tyler

The ceremony of dedicating the hall to Masonic uses was carried out in conformity to the long established forms and usages of this Grand Jurisdiction by Acting Grand Master MOULTON, with the

assistance of the Brethren. The ceremonies were witnessed by more than five hundred Master Masons and their ladies as guests.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies there was a musical program with addresses by Rt. Wor. Brother MOULTON, Past Grand Master ADAMS and others.

A very pleasant feature of the entertainment was the presentation of a three thousand dollar pipe organ to the Masonic Building Association, by the members of Clover Chapter, O. E. S.

At the conclusion the Grand Lodge was duly closed.



Attest:

Charles B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1924

One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 6, 1924 }

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.

ALBERT M. SPEAR,	M. W. Grand Master,	Augusta
DAVID E. MOULTON,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Portland
FREDERIC O. EAYON,	" Senior Grand Warden,	Rumford
DANIEL G. CHAPLIN,	" Junior Grand Warden,	Cornish
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" Grand Treasurer,	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" Grand Secretary,	Portland
REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	W. Grand Chaplain,	Bath
" I. JAMES MERRY,	" " "	Gray
" ASHLEY A. SMITH,	" " "	Bangor
" JOHN M. BEILER,	" " "	North Berwick
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	" " "	Augusta
HARRY E. LARRABEE,	" " Marshal,	Gardiner
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	" " Senior Deacon,	Portland
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	" " Junior Deacon,	Portland
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " Steward,	Biddeford
FRANK P. DENACO,	" " "	Bangor
LESTER M. ANDREWS,	" " "	Oakland
FRED C. TOLMAN,	" " "	Portland
ERNEST J. RECORD,	" " Sword Bearer,	South Paris
EDWARD K. GOULD,	" " Standard Bearer,	Rockland
WARREN C. KING,	" " Pursuivant,	Portland
WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS,	" " "	Lisbon Falls
SAMUEL B. FURBISH,	" " Lecturer,	Brunswick
WALTER S. SMITH,	" " Organist,	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" " Tyler,	Portland

Also 266 delegates, representing 190 of the 206 chartered lodges, six of the nine living Past Grand Masters, with 33 out of the other 41 Permanent Members, including 49 of the 57 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, D. D., Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. DAVID E. MOULTON,

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. HARRY E. LARRABEE,

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.

GREETINGS.

The Grand Secretary read the following letter of greeting:

138 Woodward Avenue,
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Canada,
May 1, 1924.

CHAS B. DAVIS, ESQ.,

Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Portland, Me.

DEAR BRO. DAVIS:

The near approach of your Annual Communication impels me to tell you just how much it would delight me to be present to extend in person the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Distance alone will not be the cause of my absence, but the numerous demand upon the time of the business man in these days.

I have been much interested in the activities of your Grand Lodge as shown by the Proceedings recorded, and also from the fact that down by

the sea there are strange things to be found of which the "land lubber" has slight knowledge. Coming from a line of sailor men who hailed from Bideford, Devonshire, the City in your State of that name, has a peculiar significance to me, and doubtless possesses descendants of the hardy seamen who have left their mark on the History of the World.

After years of service in the quarries of Masonry, I am more than ever satisfied that the science possesses those attributes which if generally accepted by the World, and lived up to by its devotees would prove the solution of all our problems.

The injunction "Let not your Masonry be the Masonry of the multitude," should be our aim, and then the influence of this great Brotherhood will prove an insurmountable barrier to all the forces of darkness.

I beg of you to convey to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, the hearty Greetings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, with the sincere hope that your deliberations may be eminently satisfactory, and productive of great good to the Fraternity in your jurisdiction, and to the whole Craft.

With the best of good wishes and kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. B. WAY,

P. D. D. G. M.

Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the
State of Maine, at the Grand Lodge of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario.

Voted that the same be made a part of the records
of this Communication.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Master appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Doing of Grand Officers.

THOMAS H. BODGE, ASHLEY A. SMITH, ALBERT M. PENLEY.

On Pay Roll.

JOHN C. ARNOLD, ALBERT M. AMES, EDWARD K. GOULD.

On Unfinished Business.

ALBERT M. PENLEY, LESTER M. ANDREWS, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

He also appointed CLARK D. CHAPMAN, a member on the standing Committee of Grievances and Appeals to fill the vacancy caused by the death of

GEORGE W. HOLMES; JOHN J. MARR on the standing committee of Dispensations and Charters to fill the vacancy caused by the death of EDMUND B. MALLET; and LEWMAN B. SOPER, on the Committee on Library to fill the vacancy caused by the death of GEORGE W. HOLMES.

TRANSPORTATION.

BRO. CHARLES B. DAVIS for the Committee on Transportation, submitted the following report:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, May 6, 1924.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine :

Your Committee on Transportation beg leave to report that early in January we took up the matter of reduced fares to this Annual Communication with the various transportation companies of the state.

We found them all, with the exception of the Boston & Maine Railroad, willing and anxious to offer reduced fares for members and representatives attending the sessions. The Maine Central Railroad offered fare and one-half from all of its stations to Portland and return, tickets on sale from May 5 to May 8, inclusive, and good to return to original starting point not later than May 9 at midnight. The Grand Trunk Railway offered the same reduction.

The Bangor & Aroostook Railroad offered an even better rate over its line, tickets on sale from all of its stations to junction points of the Maine Central for fare and one-third with limitations of tickets on sale and return the same as on the Maine Central and Grand Trunk.

The narrow gauge systems, Bridgton and Saco River and Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad offered the regular thirty-day rate to junction points on the Maine Central.

The Boston & Maine refused to offer any concession, their action being identical with that of one year ago.

In behalf of the Grand Lodge we extend thanks to the several railroads for the courtesy which they had shown in offering these special reductions to our members and representatives.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS,
WM. FREEMAN LORD, } *Committee.*

The report was accepted.

CREDENTIALS.

BRO. RALPH H. BURBANK, for the Committee on Credentials, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 6, 1924.

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

- 1 PORTLAND, by Edwin L. Lynch, M.; T. Jefferson Foster, S. W.; Sylvan Shurtleff, J. W.; Warren Moses, Proxy.
- 2 WARREN, by Charles L. Cates, M.
- 3 LINCOLN, by Thomas H. Levya, M.
- 4 HANCOCK, by Alva Clement, M.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by Fred A. Lilly, M.; Wallace R. Brann, Proxy.
- 6 AMITY, by G. Fred Gilchrist, M.; John L. Tewksbury, Proxy.
- 7 EASTERN, by Nelson B. Carwick, M.
- 8 UNITED, by Henry C. Upton, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Rufus L. Doe, S. W.; Joseph J. Sterling, J. W.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by John Wyers Downes, M.; Charles E. Tuttle, Proxy.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by Eber J. Johnson, M.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Clarence L. McCann, M.; Merle Chipman, S. W.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by Maurice W. Hamblen, M.; William H. Foster, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by Henry G. Shaw, M.; Luther S. Thompson, J. W.; Francis G. Cooke, Proxy.
- 15 ORIENT, by Samuel H. Reed, M.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by William H. Robinson, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LAND-MARK, by David F. Drew, M.; William A. Lowell, S. W.; Ralph M. Bonney, J. W.; Albert W. Moulton, Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by Ernest C. Murch, M.; Percy Y. Fogg, S. W.; Raymond H. Eastman, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by George L. Blodgett, M.
- 20 MAINE, by Raymond T. Currier, S. W.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Wm. H. McKenney, Proxy.
- 22 YORK, by George E. Larrabee, M.; Walter H. Cloudman, Proxy.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Fred A. Taylor, M.; Elwyn L. Davis, S. W.
- 24 PHOENIX, by Herman H. Coombs, M.; Morris L. Slugg, Proxy.
- 25 TEMPLE, by Samuel L. Woodman, J. W.; Linwood B. Jones, Proxy.
- 26 VILLAGE, by Henry E. Cornish, Proxy.
- 27 ADONIRAM, by John N. Plaisted, Proxy.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by Horace S. Bickford, M.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by Ralph E. C. Buck, Proxy.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by Fred F. Thomas, M.; Adam Young, S. W.; Gerald A. Peabody, Proxy.
- 31 UNION, by Clarence L. Williams, M.
- 32 HERMON, by Arthur H. Lander, S. W.; Harold C. Smith, Proxy.
- 33 WATERTOWN, by W. Hartwell Pollard, M.; Arthur F. Roundy, J. W.; George W. Hoxie, Proxy.

- 34 SOMERSET, by John H. Lancaster, Proxy.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by Harold M. Stone, M.
- 36 CASCO, by Elmer P. Hatch, M.; Emmons E. Heald, S. W.; Henry G. Rogers, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by John W. Peabody, S. W.
- 38 HARMONY, by John W. Knight, M.; Frank W. Twombly, J. W.; William P. F. Robie, Proxy.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by Joseph P. Rand, M.; Carroll E. Austin, S. W.
- 40 LYGONIA, by Roger L. Higgins, M.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by Weston R. Allen, M.; Charles E. Walker, J. W.
- 42 FREEDOM, by John L. Burnham, M.
- 43 ALNA, by George A. Cowan, Proxy.
- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by Aaron W. Day, M.; Walter E. Dillon, Proxy.
- 45 CENTRAL, by Scott W. Lewis, M.
- 46 ST. CROIX, by Henry R. Gillis, Proxy.
- 47 DUNLAP, by William A. Michie, M.; Herbert E. Haley, Proxy.
- 48 LAFAYETTE, by Augustus H. Wilson, Proxy.
- 49 MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, by Lee J. Lewis, M.
- 50 AURORA, by Edward Gonia, M.
- 51 ST. JOHN'S, by James W. Hobbs, Proxy.
- 52 MOSAIC, by Harold F. Norton, M.
- 53 RURAL, by William W. Cowan, M.
- 54 VASSALBORO, by Ralph L. Canhan, M.
- 55 FRATERNAL, by Freeman Trafton, M.
- 56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Ralph O. Libby, M.
- 57 KING HIRAM, by Wm. M. White, S. W.
- 58 UNITY, by Leroy W. Gordon, Proxy.
- 59 MOUNT HOPE — *Charter surrendered in 1879.*
- 60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Robert L. Buzzell, M.; Edward E. Sawyer, Proxy.
- 61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Stacy E. Castner, J. W.
- 62 ———KING DAVID'S, not represented.
- 63 RICHMOND, by Chester A. Call, S. W.; Harry S. Jordan, Proxy.
- 64 PACIFIC, by Wilson S. Smith, M.; Freeman C. Hersey, Proxy.
- 65 MYSTIC, by Frederick A. Baker, S. W.
- 66 MECHANICS', by Charles E. Crossland, M.
- 67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by Lynn S. Dennison, M.
- 68 MARINERS', by Donald W. Vaughan, Proxy.
- 69 HOWARD, by Ellery Bowden, Proxy.
- 70 STANDISH, by Clifford C. Richardson, Proxy.
- 71 RISING STAR, by Oscar R. Saunders, M.
- 72 PIONEER, by Maurice Bartlett, M.
- 73 TYRIAN, by George H. Butler, Proxy.
- 74 ———BRISTOL, not represented.
- 75 PLYMOUTH, by Charles H. Davis, Proxy.
- 76 ARUNDEL, by Water E. Chick, M.
- 77 TREMONT, by Arthur E. Moore, M.; Eben F. Richardson, Proxy.

- 78 CRESCENT, by Fred L. Gardner, Proxy.
- 79 ROCKLAND, by Willis R. Lufkin, M.
- 80 KEYSTONE, by Leon M. Wyman, M.; Myron C. Jewett, Proxy.
- 81 ATLANTIC, by Herman C. Day, M.; Otto P. Kimball, S. W.; Emil A. Rhedin, J. W.; Lowell H. Woodbury, Proxy.
- 82 ST. PAUL'S, by William E. Murphy, Proxy.
- 83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Chas. C. Larsen, M.
- 84 ———EUREKA, not represented.
- 85 ———STAR IN THE EAST, not represented.
- 86 TEMPLE, by Ralph W. Knowlton, M.
- 87 BENEVOLENT, by Clinton E. Harvey, J. W.
- 88 NARRAGUAGUS, by Alton H. Benner, S. W.
- 89 ISLAND, by Emory B. Williams, M.
- 90 HIRAM ABIF — *Charter revoked in 1868.*
- 91 HARWOOD, by C. Alton Bagley, J. W.
- 92 SILOAM, by Aleson H. Smith, M.
- 93 HOREB, by Austin G. Haynes, M.
- 94 PARIS, by Ernest J. Record, Proxy.
- 95 CORINTHIAN, by Albert A. Marr, M.; Harold C. Getchell, S. W.
- 96 MONUMENT, by Thomas W. Huggard, M.
- 97 BETHEL, by Fred B. Hall, Proxy.
- 98 KATAHDIN, by Roy D. Parsons, S. W.; Manson D. Brown, Proxy.
- 99 VERNON VALLEY, by Carl F. Fellows, S. W.
- 100 JEFFERSON, by Clarence J. Perham, M.
- 101 NEZINSCOT, by Donald C. Prince, M.
- 102 MARSH RIVER, by Albert J. Lowe, M.
- 103 DRESDEN, by Ernest W. Cate, S. W.
- 104 DIRIGO, by Archibald B. Morrison, M.
- 105 ASHLAR, by Carroll H. Brewster, M.; Arthur H. Field, S. W.; Ray H. Gilpatrick, Proxy.
- 106 TUSCAN, by Whitney L. Bradley, M.
- 107 DAY SPRING, by Mahlon W. Staples, S. W.
- 108 RELIEF — *Charter recalled in 1894.*
- 109 MOUNT KINEO, by John A. McSorley, M.
- 110 MONMOUTH, by Roy D. Woodbury, S. W.
- 111 LIBERTY, by Justin V. Jackson, J. W.; Oren W. Ripley, Proxy.
- 112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by Charles E. Stevens, M.
- 113 MESSALONSKEE, by Arthur M. Greeley, M.; Lester M. Andrews, Proxy.
- 114 POLAR STAR, by Oliver Moses, 3rd, M.; Harold E. Cutting, S. W.; Henry W. Owen, Jr., J. W.
- 115 ———BUXTON, not represented.
- 116 LEBANON, by Frank G. Davis, M.
- 117 GREENLEAF, by Harold E. Blake, Proxy.
- 118 DRUMMOND, by Reuben Fenderson, M.
- 119 POWNAL, by Robert Andrews, Proxy.
- 120 MEDUNCOOK — *Charter surrendered in 1884.*

- 121 ———ACACIA, not represented.
122 MARINE, by Leon C. Weed, Proxy.
123 FRANKLIN, by Maurice A. Dunn, M.
124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Hollis A. Soule, M.
125 MERIDIAN, by Ernest Q. Maxfield, M.; James E. McMichael, S. W.;
Frank W. Fuller, Proxy.
126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Leslie C. Follett, M.
127 PRESUMPCOT, by Robert N. Toms, M.; Orville V. Haskell, S. W.;
Joseph B. Manchester, Proxy.
128 EGGEMOGGIN, by John W. Cousins, Proxy.
129 QUANTABACOOK, by Everett S. Wing, Proxy.
130 ———TRINITY, not represented.
131 LOOKOUT, by Fred W. Thurlow, Proxy.
132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Guy E. Dudley, M.; Clarence H. Pride, Proxy.
133 ASYLUM, by Charles N. Libby, M.; Augustus E. Campbell, Proxy.
134 TROJAN — *Consolidated with Star in the West, No. 85, in 1888.*
135 ———RIVERSIDE, not represented.
136 IONIC — *Charter surrendered in 1882.*
137 KENDUSKEAG, by Charles M. Mayo, Proxy.
138 LEWY'S ISLAND, by Asa L. Preston, S. W.
139 ARCHON, by Amos W. Knowlton, Proxy.
140 MOUNT DESERT, by Richard O. Allen, M.
141 AUGUSTA, by Frederick W. Hillman, M.; Ralph W. Farris, S. W.;
William F. Leavitt, Proxy.
142 OCEAN, by Charles H. West, Proxy.
143 PREBLE, by Frank W. McCann, M.; Samuel J. Mitchell, Proxy.
144 SEASIDE, by Charles F. Greenleaf, M.
145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Edward A. Smalley, M.; Mark P. Smith, Proxy.
146 SEBASTICOOK, by Marcellus Cain, Proxy.
147 EVENING STAR, by Augustus F. Cloutier, Proxy.
148 FOREST, by Asa H. Stanley, M.
149 DORIC, by Henry S. Knight, M.
150 RABBONI, by Dyke L. Quackenbush, M.
151 EXCELSIOR, by Everett L. Bird, Proxy.
152 CROOKED RIVER, by Harold Caswell, Proxy.
153 DELTA, by Waldo Nash Seavey, Proxy.
154 MYSTIC TIE, by Thomas A. Schofield, M.; Adelbert D. McIntire, J. W.
155 ANCIENT YORK, by Irving E. Wellman, M.; Everett H. Plummer,
S. W.; Asbury M. Blake, Proxy.
156 WILTON, by Joseph W. Perkins, S. W.; Will F. Allen, Proxy.
157 CAMBRIDGE, by Colby W. Eldridge, Proxy.
158 ANCHOR, by John A. Turner, Proxy.
159 ESOTERIC — *Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, in 1908.*
160 PARIAN, by Raphnel A. Leavitt, J. W.
161 CARRABASSET, by Fred C. Dunlap, M.
162 ———ARION, not represented.
163 PLEASANT RIVER, by Albert S. Galey, M.; Charles H. MacDonald,
S. W.; Kenneth McLeod, J. W.; Erwin G. Ryder, Proxy.

- 164 WEBSTER, by Frank E. Sleeper, Jr., Proxy.
- 165 MOLUNKUS, by Philip B. Seavey, S. W.
- 166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Everett S. Coombs, Proxy.
- 167 WHITNEY, by Charles L. Briggs, M.
- 168 COMPOSITE, by Lewis M. Blake, M.
- 169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by Chester A. Linscott, M.
- 170 CARIBOU, by Irvine W. E. McLellan, M.
- 171 NASKEAG, by Fred S. Herrick, Proxy.
- 172 PINE TREE, by Carroll F. Shedd, S. W.
- 173 PLEIADES, by Harvey A. Wallace, J. W.
- 174 LYNDE, by Walter H. Winship, M.
- 175 BASKAHEGAN, by Austin M. Anderson, M.; Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
- 176 PALESTINE — *Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, September 23, 1895.*
- 177 RISING STAR, by Herbert P. Grindle, M.
- 178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by William W. Blake, M.
- 179 YORKSHIRE, by Frank H. McCrillis, M.
- 180 HIRAM, by Ernest B. Small, S. W.; George H. Minott, Proxy.
- 181 REUEL WASHBURN — *Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1882.*
- 182 ———GRANITE, not represented.
- 183 DEERING, by James A. Robinson, M.; John H. Adams, S. W.; William N. Shaw, J. W.; George F. Grant, Proxy.
- 184 NAVAL, by Robert C. Whitman, S. W.; Alden C. Phillips, J. W.
- 185 BAR HARBOR, by Almon B. Hodgkins, M.; Benjamin L. Hadley, Proxy.
- 186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by Clifford A. Mayo, M.
- 187 IRA BERRY, by Walter E. Stover, S. W.; Ithamar E. Stanley, Proxy.
- 188 JONESPORT, by Frank C. Smith, M.
- 189 KNOX, by Ralph R. Rowell, J. W.
- 190 SPRINGVALE, by Howard L. Richardson, Proxy.
- 191 DAVIS, by Ralph H. Starbird, M.
- 192 WINTER HARBOR, by A. Judson Guptill, M.
- 193 WASHBURN, by Frank L. Carver, M.
- 194 EUCLID, by James M. Spence, Proxy.
- 195 ———RELIANCE, not represented.
- 196 BAY VIEW, by Converse O. Hodgdon, Proxy.
- 197 AROOSTOOK, by Troy I. Shaw, M.
- 198 ST. ASPINQUID, by Everett F. Davis, Proxy.
- 199 ———BINGHAM, not represented.
- 200 COLUMBIA, by William J. Walsh, M.
- 201 DAVID A. HOOPER, by William E. Hillgrove, M.
- 202 ———MOUNT BIGELOW, not represented.
- 203 MOUNT OLIVET, by Charles L. Finn, M.
- 204 MOUNT ABRAM, by George D. Vose, M.; Herschel P. Boynton, Proxy.
- 205 ———NOLLESEMIC, not represented.
- 206 ISLAND FALLS, by Raymond L. Emerson, S. W.
- 207 ABNER WADE, by John B. Watson, M.
- 208 NORTHEAST HARBOR, by L. Elrie Holmes, Proxy.

- 209 FORT KENT, by Grover C. Bradbury, Proxy.
 210 BAGADUCE, by Charles H. Babbidge, J. W.
 211 ———MEDUNCOOK, not represented.
 212 MCKINLEY, by Frank L. Manchester, Proxy.
 213 ———KEMANKEAG, not represented.
 214 LIMESTONE, by Aubrey C. Frost, Proxy.
 215 ORCHARD, by Alfred Swinborn, M.; Frank H. Libby, Proxy.
 (Chartered Lodges, 206; represented, 190; delegates, 266).

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present:

M. W.	CHARLES F. JOHNSON,	P. G. M.
"	ASHLEY A. SMITH,	"
"	THOMAS H. BODGE,	"
"	WALDO PETTENGILL,	"
"	SILAS B. ADAMS,	"
"	EDWARD W. WHEELER,	"
"	ALBERT M. SPEAR,	"
R. W.	ALBERT M. PENLEY,	P. S. G. W.
"	CHARLES W. CROSBY,	"
"	W. SCOTT SHOREY,	"
"	FRANK J. COLE,	"
"	ISAAC N. JONES,	"
"	FRANK E. MONROE,	"
"	FRED C. CHALMERS,	"
"	ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	"
"	ALBERT H. NEWBERT,	"
"	WILLIS A. RICKER,	"
"	WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON,	"
"	JOHN J. MARR,	"
"	JOHN M. BURLEIGH,	"
"	LEWMAN B. SOPER,	"
"	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,	"
"	SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS,	"
"	CONVERS E. LEACH,	"
"	FRANK B. ARNOLD,	"

R. W. CARROLL S. DOUGLASS,	P. J. G. W.
" WALLACE N. PRICE,	"
" ALLEN L. CURTIS,	"
" CHARLES M. FARRAR,	"

And Grand Officers as follows:

ALBERT M. SPEAR,	M. W. Grand Master
DAVID E. MOULTON,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master
FREDERIC O. EATON,	" Senior Grand Warden
DANIEL G. CHAPLIN,	" Junior Grand Warden
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" Grand Treasurer
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" Grand Secretary
CONVERS E. LEACH,	" Cor. Grand Secretary
JAMES ABERNETHY,	" D. D. G. M. 2nd Dist.
EDGAR A. WORCESTER,	" " 3rd "
FREEMAN N. BOWDEN,	" " 4th "
CHARLES F. WOODARD,	" " 5th "
ALVOID E. CUSHMAN,	" " 6th "
JOHN W. LEVENSELLER,	" " 7th "
GEORGE R. WILSON,	" " 8th "
FRANK D. ROWE,	" " 9th "
GEORGE A. COWAN,	" " 10th "
JOHN C. ARNOLD,	" " 11th "
HAROLD A. COLEMAN,	" " 13th "
DOVER L. SOUTHARD,	" " 14th "
F. PERLEY CASWELL,	" " 15th "
JOHN E. BROCK,	" " 16th "
HAROLD B. CHASE,	" " 17th "
L. MURRAY WATKINS,	" " 18th "
HARRY E. ROWE,	" " 21st "
FRED C. ELDRIDGE,	" " 22nd "
WILLARD D. LEAVITT,	" " 23rd "
JOHN L. DELANO,	" " 26th "
REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	W. Grand Chaplain
" I. JAMES MERRY,	" " "
" ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D.,	" " "
" JOHN M. BELLER,	" " "
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	" " "
HARRY E. LARRABEE,	" " Marshal,
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	" " Senior Deacon
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	" " Junior Deacon
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " Steward
FRANK P. DENACO,	" " "
LESTER M. ANDREWS,	" " "
FRED C. TOLMAN,	" " "
ERNEST J. RECORD,	" " Sword Bearer
EDWARD K. GOULD,	" " Standard Bearer

WARREN C. KING,	W. Grand Pursuivant
WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS,	" " "
SAMUEL B. FURBISH,	" " Lecturer
WALTER S. SMITH,	" " Organist
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" " Tyler

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance:

Alabama — GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL.
 Alberta — WALLACE N. PRICE.
 Arizona — LESTER M. ANDREWS.
 Arkansas — SILAS B. ADAMS.
 Belgium — WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS.
 British Columbia — ALLEN L. CURTIS.
 Colorado — HAROLD E. COOK.
 Connecticut — ISAAC N. JONES.
 DELAWARE — JAMES B. STEVENSON.
 District of Columbia — WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON.
 Florida — FRED C. CHALMERS.
 Illinois — FREDERIC O. EATON.
 Indiana — WARREN C. KING.
 Kansas — ARCHIE LEE TALBOT.
 Louisiana — MILLARD M. CASWELL.
 Manitoba — ALBERT M. AMES.
 Minnesota — SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS.
 Mississippi — ISAAC A. CLOUGH.
 Missouri — CHARLES B. DAVIS.
 Montana — SAMUEL B. FURBISH.
 Nebraska — CHARLES M. FARRAR.
 New Brunswick — WILLIS A. RICKER.
 New Hampshire — HOWARD D. SMITH.
 New Jersey — ALBERT H. NEWBERT.
 New South Wales — I. JAMES MERRY.
 New York — EDWARD W. WHEELER.
 New Zealand — JOHN J. MARR.
 North Carolina — CHARLES F. JOHNSON.
 North Dakota — DAVID E. MOULTON.
 Nova Scotia — JOHN H. MCGORRILL.
 Ohio — CONVERS E. LEACH.
 Oklahoma — WM. FREEMAN LORD.
 Oregon — FRANK E. MONROE.
 Panama — RALPH H. BURBANK.
 Peru — FRANK B. ARNOLD.
 Phillipine Islands — WALDO PETTENGILL.
 Prince Edward Island — EDWARD K. GOULD.
 Porto Rico — THOMAS H. BODGE.
 Quebec — JAMES C. AYER.
 Rhode Island — FRANK J. COLE.

Saskatchewan — ASHLEY A. SMITH.
 South Dakota — EDWARD G. WESTON.
 Tasmania — W. SCOTT SHOREY.
 Texas — CHARLES W. CROSBY.
 Vermont — A. FRANCIS WALCH.
 Virginia — CHARLES F. PAINE.
 Washington — ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.
 Western Australia — FRANKLIN R. REDLON.
 West Virginia — ALBERT M. PENLEY.
 Wisconsin — DAVID L. WILSON.

Fraternally submitted,

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

During my two years of official service as Grand Master I have had opportunities to meet and mingle with the leading members of the fraternity from every state in the American jurisdiction, and with not a few from foreign countries. These opportunities, have not depended upon the occasion of a banquet, where, as a rule, good fellowship and spoken platitudes are dominant features, but upon the occasion of conventions of wide Masonic interest and of national importance.

Those meeting were composed not only of the most influential masons but largely of the most distinguished citizens from nearly every state. As never before I am impressed with the dignity, the influence and the power of Masonry. We measure all things by contrast. Measured by this standard I am compelled to acknowledge that our jurisdiction, in comparison with other jurisdictions, is among the most conservative and least progressive of the entire country.

Let me not be misunderstood. With reference to all that pertains to the observance of the fundamentals of Masonry,—the Ancient Landmarks, the Ancient Charges, the Old Regulations, the Constitution, Laws, Customs and Usages of the fraternity I am a strict constructionist. Adherence to these underlying principles, like adherence to the principles of Christianity, is the policy that has preserved Masonry in its present integrity and usefulness.

But there is another side to Masonry. In later years that side has begun to grow. Especially is this true during and since the World War. The stress of that war which brought together upon the plane of equality, the noble and the plebe, the rich and the poor, the Gentile and the Jew, the proud and the meek, the Protestant and the Catholic, and swept from power the existence of European royalty, opened up to the future new visions of duty, new fields of activity, and proved to the world that service, not display, was the true mission of life.

No institution has come more within the spell of this new era than the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. We have done but little in this state for fifty years that has tendered to establish efficiency of service which it is the plain duty of Masonry to do, and which it is capable of doing.

By way of comparisons with what we are doing, I cannot go with much detail into the activities of other jurisdictions. Suffice it to say that New York, the wealthiest jurisdiction, perhaps, is spending millions of dollars yearly, for the benefit of Masons and Masonry. Little New Hampshire with eighty lodges and a membership of 14,505, about one-third that of Maine, one of the smallest jurisdictions and meager in wealth, is spending twice or three times what the great State of Maine is spending. They have already contributed two dollars for every member, twice their quota, to the Washington Memorial. They are sending to school and to college the worthy orphans, sons and daughters of their deceased brothers, besides entailing other large expenditures for the aged and infirm. Between these two extremes, nearly every jurisdiction is doing something besides listening to a recital of the ritual and attending gratuitous banquets.

Nearly all the jurisdictions moreover in addition to these altruistic engagements are planning regular educational work among the lodges in an effort to enlighten and interest the personnel of the Craft. It is this phase of endeavor to which I wish particularly to call the attention of this Grand Lodge.

I feel that I am justified in saying that a more intelligent and more sincere membership than ours is not to be found in any jurisdiction. And to the extent I have traveled the state, I have found the Fraternity, everywhere, interested and eager for information.

My one great disappointment of the year has been that, on account of indisposition, I have been unable to meet the many engagements I had made to visit lodges and clubs in different parts of the state.

But to revert, allow me to say that I am anxious that some arrangement may be made, some system adopted, from the standpoint, both of cost and administration, by which capable and worthy Masons may be employed to visit, during the Masonic year, every District in the state and address them, not upon mere platitudes, but along the practical and educational lines of Masonic Service.

It has been suggested that several Grand Lecturers might be appointed who might carry on this kind of work; but I question whether it is not the better plan, if one is adopted, to leave it to the Grand Master to organize a speaking bureau and arrange for the meetings. I feel justified in saying from well founded information, that members of the Fraternity, competent and worthy, can be relied upon to respond to the call of the Grand Master for this service whenever requested, upon proper notice. In addition to the above method, which I deem one of the essentials, the lodges should be supplied with literature as is now being done by the Masonic Service Association of the United States. The quality and convenience of this literature is excellent and well adapted to the use of the lodges. Subjects are treated briefly but comprehensively and cover a wide range of subjects pertaining to the phases of Masonic information. I had the honor of being elected as one of the Executive Commission of the Association at its last annual meeting at Washington, and accordingly

am fairly well informed with regard to the personnel and character of the management of this institution. It is not my purpose however to eulogize its staff of workers, further than to say that they are all men of character and ability and that the Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, who is the literary critic of all the literature that is sent out, is a man whose high standing as an orator, scholar and author, especially of Masonic publications, carries with it a guaranty that the literature furnished the lodges by the Association will be useful and wholesome.

I have in my library, among other Masonic works, seven large volumes edited by Mackey and all devoted to a discussion of the sources, traditions, mysteries, theory, and the written and unwritten history of the rites and ceremonies of the different orders of Masonry. I may also add that the work I have is only one of thousands that have been published upon the subject of Free Masonry. It is perfectly obvious, however, that the ordinary Masonic Lodge cannot possess these massive works, and consequently they are not available to the fraternity at large, and would be of but little value if they were. I confess my inability to get much satisfaction from their contents. But in striving to meet the goal of Masonic requirement, which we can, perhaps, never fully do, we must make available to every Mason in our jurisdiction some source of information, which, in my opinion, can only be done by the installation of small and readable libraries, the distribution of practical and useful literature, and Masonic addresses as above suggested. We have more or less books, some current literature and the newspapers, in all our homes now, and take pains to inform ourselves more or less upon nearly every subject of interest.

It seems to me that Masons should be equally informed, and therefore that the time has come when this great Fraternity, composed of men preferred for character and intelligence, should manifest sufficient interest in this important subject to give it their earnest attention; that we should abandon this course of least resistance and make an effort, along these lines, commensurate with the necessity of preparing Masonry to meet the great problems confronting it.

NECROLOGY.

Last year in my annual address it was my happy privilege to note that not one of our Grand Officers had passed away. Today however, it is my sad duty to announce the death of two Past Grand Masters, and five Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge. M. W. Frank E. Sleeper and M. W. Edmund B. Mallet were Past Grand Masters, R. W. James E. Parsons Edwin A. Porter and Fred Raymond, Past Senior Grand Wardens, George W. Holmes, Past Junior Grand Warden, and R. W. Ralph E. Lewis, D. D. G. M., of the Ninth Masonic District.

While suitable memorials to the services of these Permanent Members will be duly presented it is fitting that I should briefly allude to the lives and achievements of the Past Grand Masters.

When the Grand Lodge met a year ago Brother Frank E. Sleeper was known to be ill and, for the first time in his long masonic life, unable to attend the proceedings of the Grand Bodies. His report as Grand Lecturer, was however received and read and a telegram sent to him by the unanimous voice of the Grand Lodge regretting his absence and wishing him a speedy recovery.

The exercises of Wednesday afternoon were well calculated to inspire sentiments of enthusiasm and fraternity and good will. M. W. William N. Ponton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, the last of three eloquent speakers, had just finished a notable and inspiring address and had resumed his seat with the approval of deafening applause, which had scarcely died away, when the Grand Secretary arose and announced with trembling voice the death of Past Grand Master Sleeper.

It is not for me, however, to give a biographical sketch or recount his achievements in Masonry, as the former is sufficiently covered in the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1923; and the latter, from 1868 to 1923, a period of fifty-five years, are indelibly written into the Masonic History of the state, in which it appears that he had served in his long Masonic career as Grand Master, Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Commander of the Grand Com-

mandery. His accomplishments were also vividly impressed upon the heart of every Mason who has had the privilege and pleasure of attending the Grand Lodge in recent years, for he was always present and conspicuous for his modesty and Masonic learning. He was not only known to the attendants of the Grand Lodge, but in discharging the duties of Grand Lecturer for so many years he came in close contact with the Fraternity from every part of the state.

Brother Sleeper was scholarly and refined, of great usefulness as a trusted physician in the community in which he lived, of exemplary habits in civil life and worthy of the highest emulation in his Masonic life.

Brother Edmond B. Mallet, died September 17, 1923. While not wholly unexpected yet the departure of our genial associate and long-time friend, came as a shock to the Masonic Fraternity. While Brother Mallet was one of our foremost, generous and public-spirited citizens, it is however necessary in the brief space allotted to me to confine my allusions to the Masonic side of his life and character. He was made a Mason in 1883, and from that time manifested a high regard for Masonry and sincere appreciation of its precepts and principles. He was not only a Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, in which he always took a deep interest, but was active in nearly all the other Grand Bodies. He was an ardent Mason. He was always at his post. Democratic in his manners, genial in his greetings, fond of a joke, always ready to give and take, he was a delightful companion and welcome guest. He will be greatly missed by all the Masonic Bodies of the state, and especially in Portland. A sketch of Brother Mallet's Masonic achievements would not be complete without reference to the many years during which he presided over the 1895 Triennial Committee of Portland Commandery. One of its meetings was always attended by some of the officials or ex-officials, high in Masonry in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, and by other visiting companions and became a fixed institution regularly celebrated on the evening before the meeting of the Grand Commandery, and always anticipated with much pleasure. At these functions, it always seemed to me, Brother Mallet appeared at

his best. Contrary to what might be called his usual characteristic on public occasions, at these times his remarks scintillated with words of wit and humor and his genial assumption of autocratic power contributed much to the life and pleasure of these occasions. Of the 177 meetings previous to his death which were held by this association, he presided over 176, his one absence being absolutely unavoidable.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

During the past year statistics show that Free Masonry in this jurisdiction has had a satisfactory and healthy growth. The membership has increased from 41,730 to 42,552, a net gain of 822. Twenty-eight per cent. of the applications were rejected this year against twenty-five per cent. last year. I consider this large number of rejections a favorable omen and a significant result in proof of the wisdom of the questionnaire.

We have had three Masonic trials this year arising out of the admission of applicants who had been rejected in other jurisdictions, and who failed to so state in the old form of application, which they were required to sign in their applications to the lodges to which they were admitted. Although the facts were admitted, acquittals were found in each of these cases upon evidence which seemed to be satisfactory that the applicants did not intend to commit any fraud upon the lodges to which they applied. And right here it should be noted that the implication from the evidence in each of these cases was persuasive that certain members of the lodges were more to blame for the alleged faults of the applicants than the applicants themselves.

There is too much soliciting, due perhaps to a commendable, yet improvident zeal which must be discouraged, if the high standing of Masonry is to be preserved.

With the questionnaire, however, requiring the applicant to fill out the blank "in his own handwriting" as "a part of his application," a repetition of the omission of the applicant to state that he has been rejected should in no manner avail the offender in that regard, of the defence of ignorance of what he had signed or of being misled, but should be taken as conclusive evidence against him of an intended fraud upon the lodge.

FINANCES.

Last year I called attention to the fact that the financial relation of the subordinate lodges to the Grand Lodge was precisely as it was in 1865 and that only twenty cents per capita was being paid to the Grand Lodge, and recommended that the tax be raised to fifty cents per capita. This recommendation is before the Grand Lodge for approval or rejection at this session. I believe it is unnecessary for me to point out at this time any of the reasons why this recommendation should be adopted as I am quite aware that every member of this Grand Lodge fully understands the urgent necessity for the additional funds which the adoption of this proposal will provide. It means little to each member, but much in the aggregate to the poor and the needy as well as to the efficient administration of the affairs of Masonry in this state. I cannot believe that there is a true Mason in the land who is not willing to forego the price of a cigar or omit one attendance upon the movies, if need be, in order to enable him to contribute his mite to the charitable and benevolent purposes of Freemasonry. Last year the average cost of membership was \$2.05. In my opinion fellowship in Masonry is above membership in any other society or club, yet you pay for your club membership ten to fifty times what you are paying for Masonry. Moreover in Masonry you have three million associates while in your other clubs you have comparatively few. Let us in our estimation of its worth put Masonry on a parity with any club in the world for it is worthy of the place.

APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS.

During the year I have approved amendments of the by-laws of nineteen lodges. In most cases the proposed amendments were in proper form in compliance with the Constitution and standing regulations of the Grand Lodge. When not so they were returned for correction. For purposes of information it may be proper however to suggest that an amendment to a by-law should state the words struck out, inserted or added, and the by-law, as amended, should then be rewritten in full and impressed with the seal of the lodge.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted ten dispensations none of which authorized conferring degrees out of the regular order. Dispensations were granted as follows: Temple Lodge, No. 96; Dresden Lodge, No. 103; and two to Moses Webster Lodge, No. 145; to heal candidates irregularly made; to Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44; Freedom Lodge, No. 55; and Maine Lodge, No. 20, to appear in public; to Alna Lodge, No. 43, to confer M. M. degree upon a candidate from Bristol Lodge at a School of Instruction, the former lodge having no candidate available; and to Rising Star Lodge, No. 77; and to Messalonskee Lodge, No. 113, to elect officers, having failed to elect at their annual meeting; to Bethel Lodge, No. 97, to hold their meetings at Wilson Mills, a building within the prescribed limits.

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon recommendation of the Grand Masters in their several Grand Jurisdictions I have had the pleasure of appointing the following Grand Representatives: James R. Judkins, as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Arizona; Kenneth H. McKenzie, as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Michigan; David I. Muir, as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Montana.

Upon recommendation of the Grand Master of the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine, the following foreign jurisdictions have appointed the following named residents of our Grand Jurisdiction as representative of their respective jurisdictions: Lester M. Andrews, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma near the Grand Lodge of Maine; William H. Douglass as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Belgium near the Grand Lodge of Maine; Charles M. Farrar as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Maine; I. James Murray as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales near the Grand Lodge Maine; A. Francis Walch as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont near the Grand Lodge of Maine; and David L. Wilson as Grand Representative of Wisconsin near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

RULINGS AND DECISIONS.

Although called upon for my opinion in quite a number of cases involving jurisprudence I have made but one decision which was not clearly provided for by the Constitution, Standing Regulations or previous rulings. The instant case is novel rather than judicial. It is this: An applicant was favorably recommended by the investigating committee and the lodge proceeded to ballot. After several had deposited their ballots a brother, desiring a negative ballot, informed the Worshipful Master that he was unable to find the kind of ballot he wished to deposit. The six negative ballots, all that were contained in the box, had already been exhausted; whereupon the Master said to the brother that he might be excused from voting. The balloting was then completed and the ballot declared foul.

Upon this state of facts the inquiry was made whether the ballot was legal, or whether it should have been declared nugatory. I ruled that the ballot while irregular was not illegal. Of course the Master had no legal right to excuse the member from voting after the balloting had begun. That was an irregularity on his part, but should not be regarded as sufficient to vitiate a ballot in all other respects regular, and to confute a declaration of the result of that ballot which was in perfect accord with Masonic law, and the only result possible to be announced.

DISCIPLINE.

The record and evidence of six Masonic trials have been forwarded to me and laid by me before the Grand Lodge for such action as Masonic Jurisprudence may require.

CEREMONIES AND VISITATIONS.

July 18, 1923, was the One Hundredth Anniversary of Harmony Lodge, No. 138, of Gorham, Maine. It was also the date selected for the dedication of its new Masonic hall, the ceremony of which the Grand Lodge officers were invited to perform. The occasion had the usual distinction of being honored by the presence of every member of the Grand Officers except one who was necessarily absent. All the rooms of the building are convenient and commodious, but the

Lodge Room is worthy of special mention as one of well-nigh perfect proportions, amply large, and decorated in color and design in keeping with the dignified ceremonies for which it is intended. The attendance was large and enthusiastic. A concise and very interesting history was read by Brother Edgar F. Carswell which proved that the early founders of this lodge were both wise and progressive.

September 3, 1923, I had the pleasure of attending the Centennial of Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44, of Milo. This day was also the centennial of the founding of the town which was celebrated by a historical pageant. For this reason, it may be, a small although interested attendance was present. Brother M. L. Durgin of this lodge presented a valuable historical account of the origin and growth of the lodge.

October 24th, while holding court there, I was honored by a joint reception by Solar Lodge, No. 14, and by Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, at Bath. I wish to convey to the brothers of Bath that I felt highly honored by the splendid character of their greeting and sincerely appreciate the great fraternal courtesy extended to me. My pleasure was much enhanced by the presence of W. Grand Chaplain David L. Wilson, whose presence and words are always inspiring.

November 7th, I visited Harwood Lodge, No. 91, at Machias at the request of Edgar A. Worcester, D. D. G. M. of the Third District of Maine. This was a union communication made up of visiting brethren from the different lodges in the District. This meeting was full of life and spirit and typical of the kind of meeting which I would like to see convened at least once every year in every District in the state. Nearly every lodge was represented by a delegate who brought greetings of his lodge and had something interesting and instructive to say. I wish furthermore to report for the good of the Craft that D. D. G. M. Worcester is a devoted Mason, alive to the duties of his office and whose example is worthy of emulation by every District Deputy in the state.

November 15th, I visited Star in the East Lodge, No. 60, of Old Town, upon the occasion of the joint installation of the officers of the lodge and the Royal Arch Chapter. These ceremonies took place in the afternoon but I was able to be

present only at the banquet and evening services. The attendance was very large — the largest Masonic gathering I have had the honor to attend outside of the Grand Lodge. This meeting was also typical of the personnel and character of the Masonic Fraternities of this Grand Jurisdiction,— a dignified, intelligent assembly of the best type of New England citizenship. May I here be permitted to say that the class of men I meet at all Masonic functions in our state inspires me with confidence for the welfare and hope of the Republic.

I have omitted to make personal mention of the many Grand Officers and other Masonic Officers who were present at the various meetings which it has been my pleasure to attend for the reason that, to refer to them at all according to their merits, would occupy space far beyond that which could be properly allotted to me for this report. For the same reason I have also omitted to speak in merited praise of the excellent banquets that have been served on all these occasions and the inspiring post prandial exercises that have followed. I desire however, to extend my cordial thanks to the Grand Officers, other brethren and to the lodges visited for their valuable assistance, and to express my sincere appreciation of the courtesy and fraternal greetings with which I have been universally welcomed and received.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

In this connection I wish to call attention to a system of Grand Lodge supervision which in my opinion can be much improved. According to our present methods the D. D. G. Ms. in their respective Districts represent the Grand Lodge. They are required by the Constitution to visit each lodge in their District at least once in each year. This is all right. But the visit as at present made, it seems to me, amounts to little more than a good banquet, a good time, comments on the recital of the ritual and the expression of mere platitudes. There is but little of a constructive nature that comes out of it. In confirmation of the above statement I invite your attention to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1923, page 446 to page 493, inclusive, fifty pages where may be found in eight point type the reports of the District Deputies. At this juncture I wish it distinctly understood that I am not in any

degree making any criticism of the District Deputies or the manner in which they have performed their duties or made their reports. They have followed the precedent of a hundred years, and the literary merit of their reports are worthy of high praise. It is therefore not the personnel, nor the manner, nor the literary quality of their work to which I am calling attention. The objection which I raise is to the system which without any provision of the Constitution or Regulations has been permitted by custom, to formulate and establish the present method of inspection by the District Deputies.

It will be seen by a perusal of their reports that their contents contain little if any information worth printing. In fact when you read the report of the visitation of one lodge you have, in practical effect, read the reports of the 206 visitations, if all the lodges have been visited as required. About all the variation will be found in the form of expression. I moreover venture the statement that scarcely any of these voluminous reports are read by anyone outside the members of the District to which the report relates; and then as a matter of local pride to discover how complimentary the report of the visiting officer may have been regarding their exemplification of the work.

From these reports we get no constructive information. I am therefore of the opinion that the system should be completely changed, and, instead of a stereotyped repetition of 206 visitations, covering fifty pages of printing at a large cost, that a questionnaire should be printed for the use of the District Deputy Grand Masters in which they shall be required to ascertain the number of Masons, the officers and past officers, and visiting brothers present; the number in good standing in the lodge; the presence of the Charter; the amount of dues charged, collected and uncollected; the condition of the books of the Secretary; how they are kept; the condition of the hall; the standing of the finances; including the amount in the treasury and the amount owing; the sum paid for charity and many other things which the committee devising the questionnaire may see fit to require. The foregoing enumerations are but suggestions as to the method of inspecting the lodges, subject to such omissions and additions as the

committee having the matter in charge upon mature reflection may see fit to make. I had the honor of introducing a similar system of inspection in the Commanderies, K. T., when I first came in the Grand Council, and it seems to have given satisfaction as it has been continued in use for more than thirty years.

THE JAPAN EARTHQUAKE.

Immediately upon news of the earthquake in Japan and the painful consequences, I called over the telephone, Brother Waldo Pettengill, chairman of the Committee on Finance, and some other leading Masons, and suggested the propriety of contributing to the relief of that stricken people, and received an expression of hearty approval whereupon I gave the following directions to the Grand Treasurer, which with his reply represent the action of the Grand Lodge in the premises.

GRAND LODGE OF MAINE

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER

Augusta, Maine, September 7, 1923.

HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,

Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Portland, Maine,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

In view of the indescribable suffering, immediate want and great destitution, inflicted upon the people of Japan, by the recent cataclysm of nature, the call of humanity requires that every individual, institution and society, should at once contribute to the measure of their ability to the relief of this unfortunate and terrior-stricken people.

I know that the 42,000 true and magnanimous men who constitute the great Masonic Army, over whose Grand Jurisdiction I have the honor, at the present time, to preside will indorse and approve of my action in directing the contribution of the sum of five hundred dollars, from the Treasury of the Grand Lodge to be distributed, through the agency of the Red Cross, to this imperative call of philanthropy.

I therefore, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, authorize and direct you to forward at once to the branch of the Red Cross having the matter in charge, the sum of five hundred dollars from any fund available in the Treasury of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE OF MAINE

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OFFICE OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Portland, September 13, 1923.

ALBERT M. SPEAR, *Grand Master, Augusta, Maine,*

M. WOR BROTHER SPEAR:

Yours re. donation to the Japanese Relief Fund received.

Within thirty minutes of its receipt the check for the Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars was in the hands of the American Red Cross here.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,

Grand Treasurer.

I fully recognize the want of authority in the enactment of this transaction but, believing it to be in accord with the spirit and design of Masonry I unhesitatingly relied on the loyalty of the Fraternity to the tenets of the order and their devotion to the cause of humanity for their approval of my action in donating to this unfortunate people.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

I can add but little perhaps, to what I said a year ago with reference to the purpose and design of this great undertaking. In as much however as I attended the laying of the corner stone November 1, 1923, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, it may be expected that I should give a brief account of that celebrated event. I was accompanied by all the members of the Committee of the Washington

Memorial Association, Thomas H. Bodge, who was promoted to the Chairmanship in place of the late Brother Mallet, Silas B. Adams and Harold E. Cook, appointed to the vacancy caused by the death of Brother Mallet.

The great Memorial is at Alexandria a few miles from Washington; yet few events ever took place in or about the City of Washington or on this continent of greater import and interest than the laying of this corner stone. Time and space limit me to a mere epitome of the ceremony.

The headquarters of the visiting Masons and distinguished guests were at Washington and sorely taxed the hotel capacity of that distinctive hotel city. For several days Masons from the United States and Canada and other countries were assembling at Washington to witness and participate in this great event. It was estimated that thirty thousand were in line forming that great triumphant procession from Alexandria to Shooters' Hill, the site of the great Temple. Suffice it to say that this was the most significant Masonic gathering ever yet witnessed,—Aye, more, it was and is and will be a part of American history.

At the dedication the events were all of the most significant and inspiring character. Seats were arranged for all who were to take part in the ceremonies in and around the locus of the corner stone. On one side were the Grand Masters of the several states, visiting guests and other Masonic participants; on the other side were the reservations for the Federal Officers, including representatives from every branch of the Federal Government, Executive, Judicial and Legislative. After all the other guests and participants were seated, Chief Justice Taft, a 33° Mason, with his escort marched through the parted column of assembled thousands and took the seat reserved for his presence. A little later a distant commotion, the crash of artillery and roar of guns from the navy heralded the approach of the President of the United States. Guarded by his military escort with grave face and uncovered head, the President slowly proceeded to his seat in the Presidential box. The President is not a Mason. The ceremony of laying the corner stone then began and was of the most impressive nature.

After the preliminary forms of the Ritual were completed, the President of the United States stepped forward a few paces to the corner stone where he was presented by Brother Callahan, Acting Grand Master of Virginia, with the identical trowel which President Washington used in the old Washington Alexandria Lodge in exemplifying the work and with which he laid the corner stone of the Capitol at Washington in 1793; and with this trowel President Coolidge, the latest President, spread the cement for the corner stone of that great Temple about to be erected as a memorial to George Washington, the first President of the United States.

Following the President, Chief Justice Taft, head of the greatest judicial tribunal in the world, with the same trowel went through with the same ceremony.

Then the Grand Master of each Grand Jurisdiction, called in the alphabetical order of the states, was presented with a silver trowel an exact replica of the one used by Washington, and with that trowel three millions of Masons, represented by their forty-seven Grand Masters, participated in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of that Grand Temple of Brotherhood to the success of which each has contributed and in which each will have the proud distinction of claiming for himself and his posterity the pleasure of personal ownership.

In my opinion a more august and distinguished assembly of men have never come together in the celebration of any single event in American History. It is a notable occasion that is fraught with merit of sufficient importance to invite the presence of the President and Chief Justice of the United States to a participation in its observance.

During the year in order better to inform the Fraternity of the design and purpose of the erection of this Memorial to which they were to be invited to contribute, the committee on that subject with my approval employed Brother Harold E. Cook of Gardiner, Past Master of Neguemkeag Lodge, No. 166, of Vassalboro to address Masons throughout the state by arranging District meetings to be held at some convenient lodge in the District and accessible to the largest number of members.

In pursuance of this plan Judge Cook addressed twenty-eight meetings, covering every part of the state, except the southern part of York County where, through the apparent indifference of those in charge, he received no reply to his communications and consequently was unable to make any arrangements for meetings. From every jurisdiction addressed by Judge Cook I have received letters in high commendation of his addresses and assurances that they have made a profound impression in favor of greater Masonic achievement.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

Last year we subscribed to the Masonic Service Association. Its objects and purposes I need not here recount, except to say that it has been adopted by thirty-four Jurisdictions of the country, as the cheapest and most effective way of conveying concise and meritorious information to the Blue Lodge Masons, the only way the true education and elevation of the Fraternity can successfully begin. The literature which comes from the Association costs each Mason but five cents per year. Like every other innovation it takes time to arrive at an appreciation of the benefits intended. It also takes pains and effort on the part of the officers both of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges to obtain results. This I feel has not been done this year. I desire to confess my own failure during the year, but I feel that I am able to furnish, not an apology but a reasonable excuse for my omissions as the first part of my year was taken up with unexpected judicial engagements, and the last three months with indisposition that has thwarted all my plans. I sincerely hope that this scheme of education may be given a fair trial.

CONCLUSION.

I am about to lay down the gavel. I have used it with pleasure and I hope with profit. Whatever else I have done if I have succeeded in impressing my view point, that the force, the power and the influence of Masonry are to be found in the development and education of the Blue Lodge Masons, I am content. Who are they who have kept the institution alive? A short time ago I visited the magnificent Greek Temple at Arlington, Va., erected at the grave of the

Unknown Soldier of the Great World War. The army in which he fought had great leaders, but it was the unknown soldier who achieved the victory. So in Masonry we have had distinguished leaders, but it is the unknown Masons of the Blue Lodge who have kept Masonry alive and enabled the leaders to accomplish the results which they desired to attain.

How essential it is then that we impress each individual member of the Craft with the sentiment that Masonry means loyalty; loyalty to God; loyalty to the home; loyalty to the school; loyalty to society; loyalty to the State; loyalty to the Nation; loyalty to a brother, and loyalty to the Fraternity. I want to repeat, it is the individual Member who must be reached, it is the development of individual character that Masonry seeks to attain. When we shall have succeeded in inculcating such a spirit of loyalty in the individual, Masonry will rest secure upon a solid foundation and will stand for true American Ideal,—a bulwark against invasion of law and order by any sinister power, will remain true to the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and become a potent agency in the affairs of civil life. But we have not yet attained this standard. Masonic energy is too largely running to waste.

A few years ago a great potential water power was running idly over the rocks withing the banks of the Androscoggin River. My old friend and schoolmate, Scott Libby, had the vision to see the possibilities in the development of that power, purchased it and improved it, and harnessed it with industries of great value and usefulness, commuting it to a thing of service.

Like the valuable water fall I believe the Masons of Maine are leisurely moving along their wonted course, indifferent and inactive, in comparison with their potential strength for usefulness. This is not right. Masonry is capable of becoming a tremendous force, when developed to the fulness of its capacity. It is therefore incumbent upon us to make well-directed and persistent effort to inspire the individual members of the Craft with a desire for that kind of knowledge, which will create an interest in a larger field of Masonry, as well as in the ritualistic work of the lodge room.

Along this line I quote from an address made at a St. John Day meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts by Brother Charles H. Johnson, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New York:

"If we can get the individual members impregnated with the ideals and the principles of Masonry and link it together with the ideals of America, then we shall have forces in action that will counteract every kind of Bolshevism and every kind of ism that seeks the destruction of our Republic and of the institutions upon which it stands. If we can get this magnificent body of men to depend not merely on Ritual and festivities, but to have their souls filled with the spirit of the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God and the loyalty to our Flag, to Education, and to Religion and all those things that Masonry stands for, we shall have a working force in this country that will be a stabilizing force, and will save the country in times of crisis and in times of despair.

"So we plead with you, Brethren, for many of you are Masters; many of you are officials of the Grand Lodge. We plead with you to bring out the strength of Masonry; to develop the individuals in Masonry by instruction, by inspiration, and by education. Let us get the men who have gone to the rear. Let us get into our hearts (where every man shall first be made a Mason) the theory and the principles of Masonry, and link it up with the theory and principles of America."

As I read the times, Masonry is destined to meet in the future problems more or less new and complex. The work is confronted with conditions of grave and disquieting aspect. Controversies are raging in Church and State. Progressive and Conservative are striving for conquest of power. Respect for law is flouted in influential circles. The highest courts are charged with usurpation of power. The Constitution is assailed as a menace to personal liberty. It is charged that spirit of dishonesty pervades the people; that an honest day's work for an honest day's pay is the exception rather than the rule; and that partly is true, that this attitude has organized sanction, and is undermining the manhood and womanhood of the land, that official life is regarded, by many, as a licensed privilege to despoil the state. To the extent these complaints are true, the voice of Masonry speaks in vital opposition.

Masonry means honesty. Masonry means truth. Masonry means justice. Masonry means morality. Masonry means

obedience to law. Any engagement requiring a Mason to infringe any of these essential attributes of the Order, is inconsistent with the mandate of the Ancient Land Marks, which are the fundamental law of Masonry, as the Constitution of Maine is the fundamental law of the State. But Masonry cannot as a Lodge or Grand Lodge issue public admonitions against these evils.

But there are forty-two thousand men in Maine and three million men in this country, each an individual Mason in a community over which he may be able to extend a powerful influence if he, himself, in his own demeanor and word, observes the plain duties and solemn obligations imposed upon him at the Altar of Freemasonry,—Masonry is destined to assume a patriotic part in correcting the evils and conserving the ideals of the Republic if it is true to its traditions, its obligations, and its purpose.

Brethren, I say farewell with regret. My association with you has been one continuous course of unbroken fellowship. The office has appealed to me as one involving the highest conception of duty. With your assistance I have tried to meet the responsibility. I cannot express in words, my gratitude to the Grand Officers for the generous response they have given to every call, and for the kind and valuable aid they have given me in the administration of my office.

There is one Grand Officer, as you well know, upon whom more than any other depends the success of the Grand Lodge and with whom the Grand Master is most intimately associated. For a time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, we had but three Grand Secretaries, Brother Ira Berry, Brother Stephen Berry, and Brother Charles B. Davis, but Charles B. Davis is typical of the ideal officer,—competent, efficient, genial, patient, industrious and as perfect a gentleman as it is one's pleasure to meet. I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to him for the uniform kindness and courtesy with which he has so graciously anticipated my every need.

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 6, 1924.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

The detail matters of my office have been attended to in every instance as promptly as possible. The most cordial relations I believe exist between myself and the two hundred and six Secretaries of the subordinate lodges of the state. I allude to this fact with great satisfaction because the nature of the work that we are now doing in endeavoring to complete the personal record of members often compels us to ask the Secretaries to go over months, perhaps years, of the records of their lodges to establish a certain point. In every instance our inquiries have received prompt and courteous attention. All this has however, increased enormously the volume of correspondence of my office. My average bunch of letters out exceeds twenty-five a day and perhaps a larger number in.

RETURNS.

The returns of the lodges arrived this year in about the same form and about the same dates as in years previous. There are some of the Secretaries who always have their returns in on time and when they arrive are in correct form, and there are others who will always be behind, and when their returns arrive will all too often show up errors on checking. In one particular it is pleasing to note a decided improvement during the past few years, that of the Secretaries giving dates of deaths and Christian names of candidates. Only a few are now remiss in these most important matters.

TEXT BOOK.

After months of work by the committee having in charge the revision of the Maine Masonic Text Book, their work was completed in July of last year and the copy immediately submitted to the Tucker Printing Co. for printing. The matter was put in type and the proofs read and re-read. So far as possible the electrotype plates of the old "Drummond Text Book" were used to save the cost of composition. No change was made in the Monitorial section and some other portions of the book. A new burial service was written by Rev. David L. Wilson, Grand Chaplain, and was substituted in place of the two services which were in the old book for choice by Masters. It was in the "Digest" part of the book where the greatest amount of work was put in. Every decision was looked up in its original form, a digest made and followed by a citation. While the value of this work does not appear on the surface, as time goes on it will be apparent to every person who has occasion to look up the source of

any point of Masonic law in this state. The books were ready for distribution the latter part of December and I immediately sent a postal card notice to each lodge and each Permanent Member of the fact. While the call for the books has been very large, it hardly met with our expectation. Up to the present time I have sold 480 copies. An edition of two thousand copies was printed and bound, which is expected to be a sufficient number to supply the call for ten years, at which time it will probably be necessary to have another revision. Because it was uncertain just what the call would be, five hundred extra copies were printed but not bound. The additional cost of this work was trifling, and even if the sheets are never bound will, I believe, be a good investment for the Grand Lodge as a matter of insurance because it may be that just before a new edition is printed this reserve supply may have to be drawn upon to last until the new book will be ready.

WIDOW'S CERTIFICATES.

During the year I received from the Secretary of one of our lodges down the state a package containing a dozen blank forms purporting to be certificates showing that the husband of the holder was at the time of his death a Master Mason in good standing in a certain lodge. The Secretary asked me to affix my name and the seal of the Grand Lodge and return them to him. This I declined to do, and wrote him that the Grand Lodge of Maine had never yet authorized the issuing of "Widow's Certificates," and therefore if I affixed the Grand Lodge seal to these papers and so made them official I would be exceeding my authority. I do not know whether or not the Grand Lodge wants to authorize the issuing of such a document, but I deem it my duty to report the fact of the request and my reason for declining to comply.

NEW LODGES.

During the year I have received letters of inquiry from the Brethren of three different localities asking what steps should be taken for the formation of a new lodge. In each instance I have replied giving in outline every necessary procedure and supplied a blank petition for a dispensation, but so far as I am able to say at the present time, none of the prospective petitions have materialized.

LODGE MEMBERSHIP.

In compliance with the authority given me by action of this Grand Lodge one year ago, I asked the Secretaries of the subordinate lodges to submit a complete list of their membership as of March 1, 1924, which list of members should confirm and support the number of members according to their returns for this year. All but 20 of the Secretaries have complied and furnished a full list of their members. We immediately began to check these lists with the card list of members which is on file in my office and up to the present time have probably checked between nine and ten thousand cards, or some fifty of the lodges. It will require several weeks and perhaps months to complete the enormous task. As was expected we have discovered in more than fifty per cent. of the lodges

checked errors of one, two and in some instances four or five. Oddly enough fully seventy-five per cent. of these errors extend back to the years when a full list of members was written out and returned in duplicate yearly to the Grand Lodge. For instance, we found where one Brother was suspended for non-payment of dues in 1892, but the fact was not reported, a death reported the year before inserted again to give the required total and the lodge has all these years carried along one more member than it really had. Similar instances extend back to 1898, 1900, and so down to 1917 when the last full list was submitted. I hope before the next returns are made up to be able to give to each Secretary the exact figures with which to begin his annual returns.

MASONIC BULLETIN.

I believe that one thing needed in the Grand Lodge of Maine is some sort of a publication to be issued at least once in two months, better once a month, giving to the lodges and Brethren a synopsis of the Masonic activity of the state. This feature was formerly cared for by the publication of the "Masonic Token," which was issued quarterly by former Grand Secretary Stephen Berry as a personal enterprise. While I have, ever since I came into the office believed that the "Token" filled a great want and was greatly missed when it suspended publication in 1919 by being ruled out of the mail at newspaper rate, I have never felt like undertaking personally the publication of a Masonic bulletin. Such a publication to be successful would need a considerable amount of personal attention by someone, and I am somewhat skeptical about it being financially profitable as a business proposition. However a good many of the Grand Lodges are now issuing just such publications, varying all the way from attractive monthly pamphlets down to small leaflets.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

For the purpose of gaining definite information as to the value which has accrued to the lodges from membership by this Grand Lodge in the Masonic Service Association I sent a questionnaire to every Master in the state, asking him if in his opinion the Brethren of his lodge had been benefitted by the publications received monthly. I have found that a very large proportion claim that their lodge has received no benefit whatever. I have the whole data tabulated in case the detail information is desired by this Grand Lodge.

CARD INDEX.

The card index of members of the lodges is written up to date and the work of indexing the personal record of members is going forward in the most satisfactory manner. The membership of nearly half the lodges is now complete and we have at the present time probably more than seventy thousand cards in the file.

GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.

The call for Grand Lodge Certificates has this year fallen somewhat below that of last year. I have made 742 during the year.

FINANCIAL.

The financial transactions of my office have exceeded those of any year since I have been Grand Secretary because of the sale of the copies of the Text Book already referred to. The call for the old Text Book was about one hundred a year and I judge that will be about the figure we may expect for the present book. The money that I have received for certificates and Text Books I have paid over to the Grand Treasurer and my accounts have been audited by the Committee on Finance who will report thereon.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS, *Grand Secretary.*

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

GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, ME., May 6, 1924.

To the M. Wor. Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Maine, A. F. & A. M.:

I herewith submit my annual report as Grand Treasurer for the year ending May 1, 1924.

The Grand Lodge of Maine, A. F. & A. M., in account with HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, Grand Treasurer:

RECEIPTS.

To Balance brought forward.....	\$14,453.52
Caribou Lodge, error in returns.....	2.20
Grand Chapter of Maine, rent two years.....	1,293.97
Grand Commandery of Maine, rent two years..	862.65
Interest on deposit.....	130.99
Dispensations.....	8.00
Transferred from Charity Fund, account beneficiaries and Grand Master.....	3,824.00
Robert's Office Supply Co., Check returned....	63.70
District Deputy Grand Masters:	
William N. Gould, 1st District.....	470.60
James Abernethy, 2nd ".....	263.00
E. A. Worcester, 3rd ".....	270.40
Freeman N. Bowden, 4th ".....	280.00
Charles F. Woodard, 5th ".....	565.60

A. E. Cushman,	6th District	\$838.40
John W. Levenseller,	7th "	199.80
Geo. R. Wilson,	8th "	238.40
Frank D. Rowe,	9th "	668.20
Geo. A. Cowan,	10th "	426.40
John C. Arnold,	11th "	594.40
A. N. Varney,	12th "	371.00
Harold A. Coleman,	13th "	447.40
Dover L. Southard,	14th "	536.60
F. P. Caswell,	15th "	363.80
John E. Brock,	16th "	241.40
Harold B. Chase,	17th "	1,512.20
L. Murray Watkins,	18th "	243.60
Harold H. Bourne,	19th "	709.40
Raymond Hamm,	20th "	271.20
Harry E. Rowe,	21st "	486.80
Fred C. Eldridge,	22nd "	309.20
D. William Leavitt,	23rd "	399.40
John S. P. H. Wilson,	24th "	661.60
G. L. Perkins,	25th "	307.60
John L. Delaro,	26th "	224.40
Chas. B. Davis, receipts Grand Lodge Office,		1,542.65
Total		\$34,082.48

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Beneficiaries	\$ 3,024.00
Pay Roll	3,715.29
Albert M. Spear, G. M., Contingent Fund, 1922	83.45
W. E. Howell, extra services	70.69
Ashley A. Smith, Com. on Correspondence	500.00
Grand Lecturer	100.00
Dues Dresden Lodge returned (vote)	33.20
Congress Square Hotel	14.70
Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co., box rent	35.00
Albert M. Spear, G. M. (vote) contingent fund	500.00
F. F. Breene, lettering Grand Secretary's office,	5.00
Geo. M. Roak, wreath for Dr. Sleeper	20.00
C. B. Davis, postage for Proceedings	57.12
Thos. H. Bodge, expenses, Special Com. on Text-book	33.90
W. J. Longhurst	2.52
Royal Typewriter Co., exchange machine	77.50
American Red Cross, Jap. Relief Fund, per order Grand Master	500.00
W. E. Howell, flowers and gloves	19.60
Albert M. Spear, Grand Master (vote)	800.00

J. A. Merrill, repairing aprons	\$20.00
Chas. B. Davis, expenses Augusta re-Textbook ..	10.65
Masonic History Co.	3.65
L. W. Cleveland Co.	8.70
Thos. H. Bodge, account George Washington Memorial	500.00
Thos. H. Bodge, expenses to Washington of himself and Bro. Cook	193.39
E. G. Roberts	1.20
Samuel B. Furbish, Grand Lecturer, expense, ..	33.73
Convers E. Leach, library	26.72
Chas. B. Davis, Grand Secretary, office expense.	19.34
H. N. Maxfield, Grand Treasurer, stamps, office supplies	8.29

District Deputy Grand Masters, expenses:

William N. Gould,	1st District	62.57
James Abernethy,	2nd "	27.69
E. A. Worcester,	3rd "	35.00
Freeman N. Bowden,	4th "	34.82
Chas. F. Woodard,	5th "	55.30
Alvoid E. Cushman,	6th "	No expense
John W. Levenseller,	7th "	26.05
Geo. R. Wilson,	8th "	15.10
Frank D. Rowe,	9th "	32.82
G. A. Cowan,	10th "	53.29
John C. Arnold,	11th "	16.94
Albert N. Varney,	12th "	9.00
Harold A. Coleman	13th "	40.00
Dover L. Southard,	14th "	16.15
F. P. Caswell,	15th "	36.80
John E. Brock,	16th "	20.16
Harold B. Chase,	17th "	10.53
L. Murray Watkins,	18th "	25.50
Harold H. Bourne,	19th "	39.80
Raymond Hamm,	20th "	23.35
Harry E. Rowe,	21st "	42.10
Fred C. Eldridge,	22nd "	35.00
D. Willard Leavitt,	23rd "	No expense
John S. P. H. Wilson,	24th "	No expense
G. L. Perkins,	25th "	53.75
John L. Delano,	26th "	11.65
Chas. B. Davis, Grand Secretary, salary		2,000.00
Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary		980.76
H. N. Maxfield, Grand Treasurer, salary		500.00
Mercie L. Hills, work on cards		518.30
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone		82.15

Tucker Printing Co., printing	\$3,545.85
Masonic Trustees, rent	2,340.00
Robert's Office Supply Co., supplies	197.61
Three B Bindery, printing, etc.	133.00
Lakeside Printing Co., printing	541.00
Masonic Service Association	834.60
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Total	\$22,814.28
Balance cash on hand	11,268.20
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Total	\$34,082.48

THE GEORGE R. RICH MEMORIAL FUND.

Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds	\$ 1,150.00
Deposit Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	192.90
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Total	\$ 1,342.90

Fraternally submitted,

HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, *Grand Treasurer.*

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRIEVANCES.

The Grand Secretary presented the following matters, and all papers and correspondence connected with each case, which were received and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

Ocean Lodge, No. 142, vs. Robert Allen Bradshaw.
 Preble Lodge, No. 143, vs. Herbert F. Ames.
 Aurora Lodge, No. 50, vs. Bertram A. Roberts.
 Solar Lodge, No. 14, vs. Ralph H. Dutton.
 Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, vs. Carl E. Robinson.
 Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, vs. Sincero Calgolari.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, in print, and asked that it be printed with the Proceedings in order that it may be read by as many

of the brethren of the state as possible, and in the meetings of the lodges when no degree work was waiting, so that all the brethren may obtain better understanding of our inter-state relations, and the Grand Lodge so voted. (*See Appendix.*)

GRAND LODGE OF ITALY.

BRO. ASHLEY A. SMITH, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to whom was referred at the last Annual Communication the request for recognition by the National Grand Lodge of Italy, reported as follows:

PORTLAND, May 6, 1924.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine, F & A. M.:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence has considered several various requests for fraternal recognition and exchange of Grand Representatives from Foreign Grand Lodges, largely of the Central and South American Republics.

It is difficult to determine the regularity and legitimacy of these Grand Lodges and Orients which derive from the Scottish Rite System, which are located in Latin Countries. While we are eager to show a fraternal spirit and friendly feeling toward all regular and legitimate brethren wheresoever dispersed, yet your Committee is equally desirous that this Grand Jurisdiction does not too hastily and impulsively enter into any relations which later might prove unwise, and quite possibly undesirable and even embarrassing. We, therefore suggest that these several requests be withheld by us until further and more enlightening information may be had respecting these Foreign Jurisdictions.

At the last Annual Communication the matter of official recognition of the National Grand Lodge of Italy was referred to your Committee for action at this present Communication.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of California made a personal visit to Italy for the purpose of making first-hand investigation of Masonic conditions there, and these conditions as he found them "convinced him that that this is not the proper time to accord recognition." He said: "The Masonic situation in Italy is truly unfortunate and the solution of the difficulties must be worked out by Italian Masons. Outsiders can be of little service."

This first-hand report from California seems to accord with the conclusion of the majority of conservative Foreign Correspondence Committees.

R. W. Brother Sperra of Ohio, saying, "The uncertainty of National affairs in this unsettled country compel us to advise that further consideration of the request of the National Grand Lodge of Italy for official fraternal recognition by this Grand Lodge be indefinitely postponed."

Therefore, your Committee on Foreign Correspondence for Maine would so recommend.

Fraternally submitted,

ASHLEY A. SMITH,	}	<i>Committee on Foreign Correspondence.</i>
FRANK J. COLE,		
WALLACE N. PRICE,		

The report was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

GRAND LECTURER.

The report of the R. W. Grand Lecturer SAMUEL B. FURBISH, was presented as follows:

BRUNSWICK, April 17, 1924.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of Masons in Maine:

During the past year three Lodges of Instruction were held, at Damariscotta, October 12th; at Bangor, October 16th; and at Norway, October 19th. The combined attendance included sixteen District Deputies and one hundred and forty-eight members, representing sixty-one lodges.

As evidence that the interest of which our lamented Grand Lecturer Frank E. Sleeper speaks in his last report, has not faltered, I have been called to four lodges for special instruction; at Skowhegan, September 20th, where fifteen brethren from seven lodges were present; at New Sharon on September 21st to instruct twenty-one brethren from four lodges; at Kingfield on September 22nd, where twenty brethren were present; at Farmington on September 24th, where five brethren representing two lodges appeared.

Thus a total number of two hundred and nine of the craft, including twenty-eight presiding Masters, left their daily work in search of information.

Deputies from the 11th, 12th, 14th, 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th and 26th did not report at any of the Lodges of Instruction.

It is to be regretted that the 25th District is so situated that the Deputy has appeared at a Lodge of Instruction but once during the past seven years.

The Deputies from the 19th District have attended only two Lodges of Instruction in ten years, and it cannot be distance that influences the non-attendance. The honor of being a Deputy should carry a sense of responsibility with the position.

If some good has been derived from my efforts during the year, I am well repaid, for the work has brought me into contact with men of kindred interests, and together we have sought the light.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL B. FURBISH,

Grand Lecturer.

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

RETURNS.

BRO. CHARLES B. DAVIS submitted the Report of the Committee on Returns, which was accepted as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, May 6, 1924.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Returns have examined carefully the returns of the lodges as submitted by the various Secretaries, and beg leave to submit the following report.

We are sorry to note that not so many copies of the returns are made this year typewritten as last. Though some Secretaries who formerly submitted pen-made copies have changed to typewriter, several that have been submitted typewritten have come this year written in long hand. The writing on at least two is so indistinct that several of the names are wholly illegible. Several new Secretaries we note have given in the list of officers and also in the work only initials for Christian names.

The date of receipt by the Grand Secretary stamped on each one of the returns shows that there were twenty-six lodges delinquent, in other words whose Secretaries failed to have their returns in the Grand Secretary's office on March 15. The fifteenth falling on Saturday this year and allowing for those that were posted that day, there were seven that arrived the following Monday morning. Allowing for the time in transit would leave nineteen actual delinquents. A copy of a letter submitted by the Grand Secretary with the returns shows that on March 14 he wrote to fourteen asking them to hurry along the delinquent returns and all except one complied within the next few days. The Secretary of Lodge No. 143 delayed his returns until April 8. It seems to us that there can be no possible excuse for any Secretary to so delay the work of the Grand Secretary in making the final tabulation.

An examination of the returns reveals the fact that there has been a falling off in the amount of work done by the lodges, but perhaps not so large as might be expected, the actual decrease from last year's initiations being only 162. The number of rejections was 691 against 736 last year,

which is about the same proportion of the total number of applications received by the lodges as those which failed to pass during the fiscal year ending March 1, 1923.

The net gain for the year is 826 against 1015 for last year. This falling can well be accounted for by the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues which exceeds anything that the lodges of Maine have reported for a good many years, possibly the largest number in our history. Five lodges, Nos. 79, 98, 130, 192 and 195, report a total of 71 suspensions for non-payment of dues, and the total for all the lodges is 223 against 137 one year ago.

Thirty-six lodges, viz: 13, 15, 18, 23, 26, 31, 41, 48, 62, 73, 79, 82, 85, 91, 94, 95, 97, 98, 106, 113, 119, 129, 130, 137, 138, 149, 151, 157, 160, 162, 164, 173, 174, 177, 179 and 188, show a combined total loss in membership of 123. As above noted the majority of these net losses are the result of more suspensions for non-payment of dues than was gained by work in the degrees. The largest loss was sustained by No. 79, with twenty-one suspensions, four dimitts and six deaths. The actual loss of that lodge, however, was not so large as in some of the others, being offset by an increase of twenty-three in work and affiliation.

The largest numerical loss was made in Lodge No. 98, where 14 suspensions for non-payment of dues resulted in a net loss in membership to the lodge of 13. The smallest lodge in the state is No. 151, which stood in that position last year, did no work this year and lost two by death, reporting a membership of 38.

Five lodges, Nos. 84, 129, 140, 151 and 177, did not receive an application or do any degree work during the entire year. Three others, Nos. 48, 73, and 131, each received applications but all were rejected and no work for the lodges resulted.

Fifteen lodges, Nos. 20, 49, 53, 104, 109, 110, 132, 146, 161, 163, 187, 189, 199, 208 and 211, report the same membership as they returned in 1923.

The largest gain, both numerically and by per cent. was made by St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, at Bangor, with 79 initiations, one affiliation and one reinstatement, a net increase of 71, or 13.3 per cent. The next largest increase was No. 143, with a net gain of 34 and an increase of 10.6 per cent.

The race for first place, which has been going on for several years between Ancient Landmark, No. 17, and Deering, No. 183, results this year in the latter taking the lead and reporting the largest membership of any lodge in the state, 843, increasing its lead over Ancient Landmark, which closed the year with 835, by seven.

Dunlap, No. 47, increased its membership from 398 to 402, passing from the 300 to the 400 class. Achron, No. 139, also changed its position from the less than a hundred figure to the hundred class, having increased its membership from 99 to 100. St. Andrew's, No. 83, by its phenomenal increase goes into the 600 class and lands the fourth largest lodge in the state, being exceeded in number only by Deering, Ancient Landmark and Waterville.

With these changes we find that there are at the present time 32 lodges in Maine with a membership under 100; 97 with a membership between 100 and 200; 40 between 200 and 300; 14 between 300 and 400; 12 between 400 and 500; 6 between 500 and 600; 2 between 600 and 700; none between 700 and 800, and the two big lodges, Deering and Ancient Landmark the only ones in the 800 class.

The death rate has been 15.6 to the thousand, a slight falling off from that of last year which was the largest in the history of the Grand Lodge except in the year of the influenza epidemic in 1919.

No new lodges have been organized, nor is there prospect at the present time of any new ones in any section of the state unless it should be decided as has been talked, so we are informed, of splitting up some of the big city lodges.

The net gain for the year has been 826.

The average lodge membership has been increased from 204.6 to 206.7.

Fraternally submitted.

CHAS. B. DAVIS,

JAMES C. AYER,

CHARLES W. CROSBY,

} Committee.

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

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924
Initiated	3,122	3,524	2,718	1,846	1,690
Raised	2,927	3,471	2,856	1,858	1,698
Affiliated	149	158	150	126	96
Re-instated	117	139	79	59	66
Error 1923 returns.....	....	....	....	....	10
Dimitted	186	220	168	152	143
Died	623	593	600	697	667
Suspended	1	1	0	2	5
Expelled	2	0	2	6	0
Susp. from membership..	97	122	106	137	223
Deprived of membership..	1	5	1	7	6
Number of members	35,670	38,499	40,677	41,730	42,556
Rejected	811	1,121	1,065	736	691

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1924

Nos.	Locoss.	Initiated.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Re-instated.	Dimitted.	Died	Suspended	Expelled.	N. P. D.		No. Members.	Rejected.
										Suspended.	D. of Mem.		
1	Portland	20	20	2	4	3	9	0	0	1	0	593	10
2	Warren	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	219	0
3	Lincoln	8	6	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	219	1
4	Hancock	3	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	106	0
5	Kennebec	12	11	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	176	4
6	Amity	12	13	2	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	330	10
7	Eastern	6	6	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	190	2
8	United	15	11	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	288	4
9	Saco	25	25	0	2	0	6	0	0	2	0	379	25
10	Rising Virtue	45	47	3	1	2	4	0	0	6	1	472	32
11	Pythagorean	6	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	153	1
12	Cumberland	9	10	0	0	0	6	0	0	3	0	247	3
13	Oriental	15	7	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	220	2
14	Solar	17	19	1	1	2	3	1	0	2	0	433	3
15	Orient	7	6	0	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	164	1
16	St. George	9	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	156	1
17	Ancient Landmark..	37	37	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	835	33
18	Oxford	3	5	1	1	0	11	0	0	0	2	240	7
19	Felicity	8	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	173	2
20	Maine	5	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	207	1
21	Oriental Star	3	7	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	212	4
22	York	1	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	197	7
23	Freeport	7	4	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	218	5
24	Phoenix	10	8	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	184	3
25	Temple	5	7	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	156	2
26	Village	4	4	1	0	1	3	0	0	4	0	133	0
27	Adoniram	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	0
28	Northern Star	7	6	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	131	2
29	Tranquil	20	22	0	0	0	5	0	0	3	0	564	4
30	Blazing Star	24	27	2	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	428	4
31	Union	2	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	3	0	126	3
32	Hermon	29	24	1	1	1	9	0	0	2	0	528	8
33	Waterville	30	30	0	2	1	6	0	0	1	0	659	17
34	Somerset	12	12	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	285	10
35	Bethlehem	6	8	2	2	1	9	0	0	5	0	434	7
36	Casco	3	5	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	240	1
37	Washington	1	5	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	192	0
38	Harmony	12	12	0	0	1	5	0	0	2	0	241	1
39	Penobscot	8	11	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	270	4
40	Lygonia	18	18	0	2	0	9	0	0	4	0	375	3
41	Morning Star	4	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	114	0
42	Freedom	5	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	117	4
43	Alna	10	11	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	230	0
44	Piscataquis	17	16	2	1	4	6	0	0	0	0	342	9
45	Central	4	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	130	2
46	St. Croix	7	8	0	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	274	3
47	Dunlap	11	15	0	1	2	7	0	0	3	0	402	12
48	Lafayette	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	155	2
49	Meridian Splendor..	3	5	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	204	3
50	Aurora	17	17	2	1	8	5	1	0	5	0	514	0

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
51	St. John's	9	10	3	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	249	3
52	Mosaic	16	18	2	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	240	2
53	Rural	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	98	0
54	Vassalboro	3	4	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	105	2
55	Fraternal	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	111	1
56	Mount Moriah	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	97	0
57	King Hiram	4	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	156	0
58	Unity	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	82	1
59	Mt. Hope (ch. sur.)												
60	Star in the East	25	25	4	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	345	4
61	King Solomon's	8	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	176	1
62	King David's	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	83	0
63	Richmond	4	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	193	0
64	Pacific	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	134	0
65	Mystic	7	10	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	208	3
66	Mechanics	16	16	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	248	1
67	Blue Mountain	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	157	0
68	Mariners'	8	7	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	132	0
69	Howard	8	8	2	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	183	0
70	Standish	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	154	3
71	Rising Sun	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	0
72	Pioneer	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	213	0
73	Tyrian	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	213	10
74	Bristol	4	4	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	161	0
75	Plymouth	3	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	97	0
76	Arundel	10	9	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	176	0
77	Tremont	11	12	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	183	1
78	Crescent	8	5	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	154	1
79	Rockland	20	22	1	0	4	6	0	0	21	0	245	0
80	Keystone	3	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	141	4
81	Atlantic	55	49	0	1	1	4	0	0	2	0	561	21
82	St. Paul's	5	5	0	0	0	9	0	0	1	0	213	0
83	St. Andrew's	50	79	1	1	0	6	0	0	4	0	601	28
84	Eureka	3	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	128	0
85	Star in the West	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	94	1
86	Temple	12	15	1	1	1	3	0	0	4	0	342	0
87	Benevolent	6	6	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	116	1
88	Narraguagus	5	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	126	0
89	Island	2	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	128	0
90	Hiram Abiff (ch. rev.)												
91	Harwood	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	208	0
92	Siloam	15	13	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	3	287	4
93	Horeb	10	10	0	1	1	2	0	0	5	0	306	13
94	Paris	6	6	1	1	2	7	0	0	8	0	162	1
95	Corinthian	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	162	3
96	Monument	25	24	0	0	3	14	0	0	0	0	440	3
97	Bethel	1	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	174	1
98	Kathadin	3	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	14	0	181	1
99	Vernon Valley	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	114	0
100	Jefferson	3	5	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	108	3
101	Nezinscot	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	1
102	Marsh River	6	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	94	0
103	Dresden	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	98	0
104	Dirigo	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	92	1
105	Ashlar	17	16	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	480	6
106	Tuscan	5	5	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	237	3

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
107	Day Spring	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	0
108	Relief (<i>ch. rev.</i>)	7	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	157	6
109	Mount Kineo	4	4	1	1	1	2	0	0	3	0	163	3
110	Monmouth	7	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	112	2
111	Liberty	7	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	224	3
112	Eastern Frontier	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	126	1
113	Messalonskee	12	10	0	0	4	3	0	0	2	0	428	2
114	Polar Star	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	151	3
115	Buxton	8	7	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	147	4
116	Lebanon	6	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	197	0
117	Greenleaf	8	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	119	0
118	Drummond	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	119	0
119	Pownal												
120	Meduncook (<i>ch. sur.</i>)	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	108	0
121	Acacia	7	7	0	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	300	0
122	Marine	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	98	0
123	Franklin	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	131	0
124	Olive Branch	7	9	1	2	1	7	0	0	0	0	231	3
125	Meridian	9	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	199	0
126	Timothy Chase	6	4	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	166	2
127	Presumpscot	2	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	137	0
128	Eggmoggin	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	88	0
129	Quantabacook	6	6	0	0	1	6	0	0	7	0	308	3
130	Trinity	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0
131	Lookout	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	85	0
132	Mount Tire'm	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	88	2
133	Asylum												
134	Trojan (<i>consol'd</i>)	5	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	162	1
135	Riverside												
136	Ionic (<i>ch. sur.</i>)	4	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	114	0
137	Kenduskeag	5	5	0	1	1	5	0	0	3	0	235	2
138	Lewy's Island	4	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	100	0
139	Archon	0	0	1	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	88	0
140	Mount Desert	22	16	3	0	1	10	0	0	3	0	485	3
141	Augusta	8	8	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	109	5
142	Ocean	36	35	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	353	16
143	Preble	7	9	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	313	2
144	Seaside	12	12	0	0	2	6	0	0	1	0	228	0
145	Moses Webster	4	3	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	154	2
146	Sebasticook	3	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	109	1
147	Evening Star	12	12	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	198	1
148	Forest	6	3	1	0	1	3	0	0	5	0	105	2
149	Doric	10	10	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	381	6
150	Rabboni	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	38	0
151	Excelsior	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	135	1
152	Crooked River	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	3
153	Delta	5	4	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	92	2
154	Mystic Tie	7	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	192	9
155	Ancient York	8	11	0	0	2	3	0	0	3	0	220	1
156	Wilton	2	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	140	1
157	Cambridge	3	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	84	0
158	Anchor												
159	Esoteric (<i>consol'd</i>)	7	6	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	128	2
160	Parian	2	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	99	0
161	Carrabassett	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	107	
162	Arion												

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
163	Pleasant River.....	7	7	0	2	3	4	0	0	2	0	308	13
164	Webster.....	2	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	71	0
165	Molunkus.....	4	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	168	3
166	Neguemkeag.....	5	5	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	80	0
167	Whitney.....	2	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	101	0
168	Composite.....	17	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	0	186	3
169	Shepherd's River...	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	1
170	Caribou.....	14	14	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	267	10
171	Naskeag.....	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	91	0
172	Pine Tree.....	7	8	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	158	7
173	Pleiades.....	2	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	177	0
174	Lynde.....	2	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	115	1
175	Baskahegan.....	17	19	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	234	5
176	Palestine (consol'd).....												
177	Rising Star.....	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	103	0
178	Ancient Brothers'...	16	19	0	1	2	4	0	0	8	0	445	17
179	Yorkshire.....	3	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	138	5
180	Hiram.....	47	34	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	587	31
181	Reuel Washburn (con.).....												
182	Granite.....	4	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	103	2
183	Deering.....	45	45	1	0	3	10	0	0	0	0	843	27
184	Naval.....	12	16	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	435	6
185	Bar Harbor.....	9	9	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	315	0
186	Warren Phillips.....	19	13	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	419	4
187	Ira Berry.....	4	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	72	0
188	Jonesport.....	2	1	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	140	0
189	Knox.....	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	104	0
190	Springvale.....	8	10	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	247	7
191	Davis.....	2	5	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	136	2
192	Winter Harbor.....	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	11	0	132	0
193	Washburn.....	3	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	149	1
194	Euclid.....	8	8	1	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	216	5
195	Reliance.....	6	6	0	5	0	5	0	0	18	0	235	1
196	Bay View.....	7	7	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	148	0
197	Aroostook.....	10	9	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	170	0
198	St. Aspinquid.....	18	16	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	250	4
199	Bingham.....	15	11	0	0	1	5	0	0	6	0	241	5
200	Columbia.....	13	13	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	169	11
201	David A. Hooper.....	7	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	180	0
202	Mount Bigelow.....	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	108	1
203	Mount Olivet.....	6	6	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	105	2
204	Mount Abram.....	7	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	134	1
205	Nolleseme.....	18	16	1	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	259	11
206	Island Falls.....	6	8	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	222	4
207	Abner Wade.....	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	120	0
208	Northeast Harbor...	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	122	2
209	Fort Kent.....	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	2
210	Bagaduce.....	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	73	0
211	Meduncook.....	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	64	0
212	McKinley.....	3	5	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	118	0
213	Kemankeag.....	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	75	1
214	Limestone.....	6	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	86	0
215	Orchard.....	3	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	94	11
		1690	1698	96	66	143	667	5	0	223	-6	42556	691

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

Brother THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Special Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 6, 1924.

The committee appointed at your last annual session to consider ways and means for raising the quota from Maine toward the cost of the erection of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial deemed it inadvisable to address the lodges during the summer months when some stood closed and others met merely to carry on the routine business, often with no more than a bare quorum present.

In the early fall owing to the severe illness followed by the death of Past Grand Master Edmund B. Mallet, who was chairman of the committee, nothing was done. Grand Master Spear appointed Worshipful Brother Harold B. Cook of Gardiner, to fill the vacancy on the committee.

After careful consideration we decided it would be wise for the full committee to attend the meeting of the Association for the laying of the corner-stone of the Memorial November 1st. Grand Master Spear has given you a brief report of that wonderful ceremony in which we wish every Mason in Maine might personally have participated, but every one may have a share in the undertaking and easily become a part owner of the structure.

While we were in Washington and Alexandria we were able to consult with many who had been in charge of the work in other Grand Jurisdictions. We later organized with Grand Master Spear as member ex-officio; Thomas H. Bodge, chairman and acting as treasurer; and Harold E. Cook, secretary in charge of publicity. So soon as arrangements could be made Grand Master Spear and Brother Cook with other well informed brethren began the work of addressing the lodges. On January 5th, a circular letter was mailed to the secretary of each lodge in the state, with pamphlets explaining the details of the undertaking, asking the lodges to give the matter immediate attention, to arrange with Brother Cook for meetings, and leaving to each lodge to determine its own procedure in raising its quota.

Some time later we received from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association pamphlets giving the minutes of the special meeting of the Association held at the time of the ceremonies in connection with the laying of the corner-stone with principal addresses. These were mailed to the secretaries together with a small folder on "Why build a Memorial to Washington, the Mason? and Why build the Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia?" Still later we requested the Secretary-Treasurer to mail to the secretary of each lodge in the state, addressed labels being supplied by Grand Secretary Davis, a large picture of the Memorial. Not a piece of mail has been returned so we believe each lodge has received all the information mentioned.

Brother Cook has traveled the length and breadth of the state arranging so far as possible, with the assistance of the District Deputies and officers of the lodges where the meetings were to be held, for district conventions, carrying to the craft a vivid picture of the scope of the work, the physical results to be obtained and the moral effects which must necessarily succeed its completion.

The Secretary and the Chairman have received innumerable letters which have been promptly and fully answered. We believe the craft in Maine should be thoroughly conversant with the intentions and hopes of those who are working for this Memorial.

We have received contributions to the amount of \$7,557.50 from fifty-nine lodges; thirty-one lodges have paid their full quota; the remainder in part. In addition other lodges have written the collection is under consideration. In several instances assessments upon the members have been voted but not collected. From many of the lodges we have heard nothing. When you voted in Grand Lodge last year to pay our proportionate share no date was set on or before which payments should be made. The committee has no authority in the matter. Our duties were to inform the craft and make collections.

The brethren when informed have been ready and anxious to contribute. We have not urged immediate action, but as funds are needed to carry on the work and all lodges are bound by their action of one year ago to pay the equivalent of one dollar per member we hope they will take prompt measures to care for the obligation.

Mt. Kineo Lodge, No. 109, enjoys the distinction of being the first lodge in Maine to complete its quota, Orchard Lodge, No. 215, following three days later.

The lodges which have paid in full in the order of completion are:

Mt. Kineo, No. 109; Orchard, No. 215; Eastern Frontier, No. 112; Springvale, No. 190; St. George, No. 16; Oriental Star, No. 21; Day Spring, No. 107; Meduncook, No. 211; Temple, No. 25; Orient, No. 15; Jonesport, No. 188; Yorkshire, No. 179; Liberty, No. 111; Island Falls, No. 206; Northern Star, No. 28; Vassalboro, No. 54; Ocean, No. 142; Columbia, No. 200; Sebasticook, No. 146; Limestone, No. 214; Mt. Abram, No. 204; Cumberland, No. 12; Island, No. 89; St. Paul's, No. 82; Eggemoggin, No. 128; Mosaic, No. 52; Crooked River, No. 152; Pleasant River, No. 163; Augusta, No. 141; Somerset, No. 34; and Rabboni, No. 150.

Faternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,	} Committee.
SILAS B. ADAMS,	
HAROLD E. COOK,	

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

BONDING.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from a Bonding Company which outlined a plan for bonding the Secretaries and Treasurers of the subordinate lodges of the state with a joint bond, which was referred to the Committee of Finance.

FORT BAYARD FOUNDATION.

The Grand Secretary also presented a communication from the Grand Secretary of New Mexico, asking for an appropriation by this Grand Lodge to assist in the work of the Fort Bayard Foundation, an organized movement to assist tubercular veterans of the World War, as established and functioning near Fort Bayard, N. Mexico. The communication was referred to the Committee on Finance.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

Brother THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Masonic Service Association of the United States, presented the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 6, 1924.

The work of the committee on the Masonic Service Association has been so closely interwoven with that of the committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial it is hard to separate the two. Following the death of Past Grand Master Mallet, Worshipful Brother Harold E. Cook succeeded to his place on the committee. A two day session of the Association was held in Washington, October 30 and 31, preceding the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Washington Memorial on November 1st. Grand Master Spear, Past Grand Master Bodge, Past Grand Master Adams and Worshipful Brother Cook were present at the conferences and learned of the work and aspirations of those in charge. At this meeting Maine masons were honored by the election of Grand Master Spear as Regional Director for New England.

We were able to learn first hand what other Grand Jurisdictions are doing for the dissemination of information among the members of the Craft and the expenses incident thereto. Some have adopted comprehensive programs calling for the employment of full time agents or lecturers;

others pay representatives according to the time given to the work; while many are drifting along, doing little to bring to the attention of the lodges and members the advantages within their reach. To this latter class Maine must be relegated.

Brother Cook on his travels to the different districts and lodges has divided his addresses into two sections,— the first dealing with the George Washington Memorial, the second devoted to the Masonic Service Association. The results obtained from our year's membership in the Association are proportionate to the efforts of the officers of the several lodges.

A small pamphlet has been mailed each month from the headquarters of the Association in Washington. What use has been made of them we have little information.

Inquiry shows some lodges have carried out the plan of devoting at least one evening a month to discussion of Masonic topics, while, all too often we fear, some secretaries have thrown circulars and pamphlets into the waste basket so the Craft at large knows nothing of the opportunities for enlightenment discarded.

We know the officers of the Masonic Service Association are ready to extend every assistance possible to lodges asking for aid. To receive the advantages offered the Master or a committee from the lodge must have a knowledge of what the Association is able to do, then get to work. The whole matter is one for the craft in general of which the representatives here present are spokesmen.

We recommend the decision of what further share we are to have in the benefits of membership be left to this Grand Lodge to decide at this session; and we further recommend the subject be discussed and determined immediately after the Grand Lodge is called to labor tomorrow at two o'clock.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,	} Committee.
SILAS B. ADAMS,	
HAROLD E. COOK,	

The report was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

REFRESHMENT.

At 11.40 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2.00 o'clock.

FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Wednesday, May 7, 1924. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2.00 o'clock.

FINANCE.

BRO. WALDO PETTENGILL, for the Committee of Finance, presented the following report.

PORTLAND, ME., May 6, 1924.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

In regard to the communication received from the Grand Lodge of New Mexico relating to a contribution for their hospital. We approve of the reply sent by our Grand Secretary declining to appropriate funds for that purpose at this time.

Fraternally submitted,

WALDO PETTENGILL, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, FRED C. TOLMAN,	} Committee of Finance.
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The report was accepted and the recommendation was adopted.

BRO. PETTENGILL further reported:

PORTLAND, ME., May 6, 1924.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and find them correct with proper vouchers. We find the balance in hands of Treasurer to be as according to his report, \$11,268.20.

We have also examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and find them correct, that the balance of cash received by him has been paid to the Grand Treasurer for which the Grand Secretary holds his receipt.

The Committee have examined the accounts of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee and find that they have collected from the several lodges the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-seven Dollars and Fifty Cents, (\$7,557.50), of this sum Five Thousand Dollars, (\$5,000), has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association and the Committee hold his receipts for same, leaving a balance in the hands of the Committee, to be accounted for \$2,557.50.

Fraternally submitted,

WALDO PETTENGILL, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, FRED C. TOLMAN,	} Committee of Finance.
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The report was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

REPORTS ACCEPTED.

The report of the Grand Treasurer and that of the Grand Secretary as presented at the morning session were accepted.

APPROPRIATIONS.

BRO. WALDO PETTENGILL, for the Committee of Finance, reported recommending the following appropriations:

PORTLAND, ME., May 6, 1924.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee of Finance recommend that there be paid the following sums:

To the Grand Treasurer for the year ending May 1, 1924, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and that the Grand Lodge pay the cost of his bond.

To the Grand Secretary for the year ending May 1, 1925, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00)

To the Grand Lecturer for the year ending May 1, 1924, the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

To the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the year ending May 1, 1924, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

We also recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to appoint an assistant and that the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) be appropriated to pay the salary of such Assistant Grand Secretary for the year ending May 1, 1925.

We recommend that a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) be appropriated for the contingent of the Grand Master to be accounted for.

Fraternally submitted,

WALDO PETTENGILL,	} Committee of Finance.
FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	
FRED C. TOLMAN,	

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR.

Most Worshipful HARRY G. NOYES, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, chanced to be in the city on business for the day and found time to visit unofficially the Grand

Lodge of Maine in Annual Communication. A guest here on several former occasions this unhearaled visit was greatly enjoyed by all, especially so by his former acquaintances. At this time M. W. Brother NOYES was introduced to the Brethren and responded with a most inspiring message on the general theme of Masonic duty and charitable endeavor.

CREDENTIALS — FINAL REPORT.

Brother BURBANK, for the Committee on Credentials, made final report which was accepted as follows:

2.00 P. M., May 6, 1924.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

According to directions we have added to the report of this morning the names of representatives and Permanent Members arriving since, and would respectfully report that there are now present, and entitled to vote:

Perment Members present (1 vote each).....	40
Grand Officers present (1 vote each).....	42
189 Lodges represented (3 votes each).....	567
Duplicates.....	2

Total number of votes..... 647

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH H. BURBANK,	} Committee on Credentials.
FRANK P. DENACO,	
WARREN C. KING,	

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, 1924.

Your committee on Doings of Grand Officers to whom were referred the address of the Grand Master, the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lecturer have considered the same carefully.

We congratulate the Grand Master on having been permitted to meet with so many of the leading masons of the United States and Foreign Jurisdictions, and are proud that his abilities were recognized fully equal

to those of the most distinguished. We share his regret a continued indisposition precluded the consummation of his plans to give much time to visiting and addressing the lodges. May that hope be realized in the years to come.

His reference to the activities so pronounced in other Masonic jurisdictions is recommended to the thoughtful consideration of every member of the Craft. The statement he has found the fraternity everywhere interested and eager for information but voices the sentiment of every brother who has had opportunity to observe and inquire.

We wish to emphasize his recommendation the lodges make an attempt to establish the nucleus of a library whenever possible. Even a few books on Masonic topics might inform many if properly circulated.

We deplore the necessity of six Masonic trials having been held, but commend the attitude of those who have had the courage of their convictions in bringing to trial violators of our laws and customs. That two of the trials arose from the admission of candidates previously rejected, but not so stated in the petitions, emphasizes the wisdom of the adoption of the questionnaire.

We recommend such parts of the address of the Grand Master as refer to better acquaintance with the Masonic literature available; condition of the order, and ceremonies and visitations; the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters; the tribulations of the Grand Secretary; and the report of the Grand Lecturer be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

We recommend the dispensations, and rulings and decisions of the Grand Master, also his suggestion of adoption of a "questionnaire" for the use of the District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

We recommend the action of the Grand Master in promptly directing the Grand Treasurer to forward relief for stricken Japan, and the alacrity of Brother Maxfield in execution of the order be approved.

We recommend the "Conclusion" of the Address of Grand Master Spear be read in every lodge as part of its regular business at the first stated meeting after the receipt of the printed Proceedings.

We recommend no action be taken in the matter of "Widows' Certificates" referred to by the Grand Secretary. Any woman desiring assistance will receive courteous consideration from all Masons and any widow deserving aid from the Craft will not be refused if proper application is made.

THOMAS H. BODGE,	} Committee.
ASHLEY A. SMITH,	
ALBERT M. PENLEY,	

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

PROFICIENCY IN THE MASTER MASON DEGREE.

Bro. CHARLES F. JOHNSON, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, reported as follows:

PORTLAND, ME., May 6, 1924.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to whom was referred the following resolution, to be a Standing Regulation:

"Resolved: That after June 1, 1923, the Worshipful Master of no Lodge in this jurisdiction shall issue a Master Mason's diploma to any candidate raised to the Master Mason degree until the candidate shall have passed an examination in open Lodge that will enable him to prove himself a Master Mason in this jurisdiction."

have had the same under consideration and submit the following report:

A Master Mason's diploma is in effect a certificate or a statement of facts and recites that the brother to whom it is given has received the Master Mason's degree.

Under Article V, Section 85 of the Constitution each Lodge is entitled to receive as many diplomas from the Grand Lodge as it makes Master Masons, which, by implication, provides that a candidate, upon having received the Master Mason's degree, is entitled to a diploma.

As the diploma is only a recital of facts, we are of opinion that a brother is entitled to receive the same after he has been made a Master Mason.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES F. JOHNSON,	} Committee on
EDWARD W. WHEELER,	
W. FREEMAN LORD,	
	} Amendments to
	} the Constitution.

The report of the Committee was accepted and the recommendation was adopted.

A vote was then taken on the adoption of the regulation and it was declared to be *not adopted*.

TIME LIMIT BETWEEN DEGREES.

Brother CHARLES F. JOHNSON, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, presented the following report:

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 6, 1924.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee upon Amendments to the Constitution has had under consideration a proposed amendment referred to it at the last Annual Communication which is as follows:

"To amend Article VI of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine by striking out entirely Section 108 as it now reads and inserting a new Section 108 which shall read as follows: 'Sec. 108: No candidate shall receive the Fellow Craft degree in any Lodge in this State unless at least fourteen days have elapsed since receiving the Entered Apprentice degree; nor shall any Fellow Craft be permitted to receive the Master Mason degree until after fourteen days shall have elapsed from the date of his having received the Fellow Craft degree, except that the Grand Master, on being satisfied of the necessity therefor, may issue a dispensation to permit degrees to be conferred in less than the above required time.'"

The occasions are rare when it is necessary to confer the degrees so hastily that opportunity is not given the candidate to make himself proficient in the work of one degree before he receives another, and as part of the work becomes meaningless unless he has done so, it is our opinion that the Grand Master should pass upon the necessity of conferring the degrees in less time than that prescribed by the amendment.

We therefore recommend that Section 108 of Article VII, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine be repealed and that in its stead there shall be inserted a new Section 108 which shall read as follows:

"Section 108. No candidate shall receive the Fellow Craft degree in any lodge in this state unless at least fourteen days have elapsed since his receiving the Entered Apprentice degree; nor shall any Fellow Craft be permitted to receive the Master Mason degree until after fourteen days shall have elapsed from the date of his having received the Fellow Craft degree, except that the Grand Master on being satisfied of the necessity therefor, may issue a dispensation to permit degrees to be conferred in less than the above required time."

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES F. JOHNSON,	} Committee on
EDWARD W. WHEELER,	
W. FREEMAN LORD,	
	} Amendments to
	} the Constitution.

Brother CHARLES B. DAVIS offered an amendment to the report making the new Section "to become effective July 1, 1924," and a vote being taken, the amendment to the amendment was accepted.

The report of the Committee as amended was then accepted, and the recommendation was adopted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED.

The following newly appointed Representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge presented at this time their credentials and were accorded most cordial welcome by the Grand Master and requested by him to convey to their several Grand Lodges the fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS,
CHARLES M. FARRAR,
I. JAMES MERRY,
A. FRANCIS WALCH,
DAVID L. WILSON,

Belgium.
Nebraska
New South Wales.
Vermont.
Wisconsin.

EDMUND B. MALLET.

Brother DAVID E. MOULTON, presented the following which was ordered to be printed in the Proceedings.

EDMUND BUXTON MALLET.

Past Grand Master EDMUND B. MALLET died at his home in Freeport, Maine, in the early morning hours of Monday, September 17, 1923. Brother MALLET had been in a dangerous condition on account of blood poisoning for only a few days, consequently the news of his death came as a shock to a host of friends in Maine and elsewhere.

The story of the life of Brother MALLET is a most romantic one. Born on board the ship "Devonshire," a family-owned craft of which his father Edmund B. Mallet was master, while sailing the English Channel, on September 3, 1853, he was brought to Providence, Rhode Island, the first United States port made by the ship after his birth and he was at that time more than a year old. The mother and child remained in Providence and Pawtucket until Brother MALLET was about ten years of age, then moved to Bath, Maine. There he received his education in the public schools.

As a young man, he tried railroading for a time, but gave it up and went to Illinois where he was in the grocery business for two years or more. Returning to Maine in 1881, he purchased a farm in Pownal. Two years afterward, while working one day in the fields, a messenger came to him with a telegram informing him that an uncle, almost unknown to him, had died in New York City, leaving an estate valued at almost a million dollars to Brother MALLET as the sole heir.

Coming into possession of the property he moved to the nearby village of Freeport and immediately began to develop industry. He built two shoe factories; opened extensive granite quarries and stone cutting sheds; erected houses for the new employees; started a public library; aided the

town in building new schoolhouses; waterworks; and in many other ways, worked for the public good of his chosen home town. Though many of the enterprises which he promoted failed to be financially profitable, the Freeport of today owes almost everything to the public spirit of EDMUND B. MALLET.

Nor did the citizens of Freeport fail to appreciate what EDMUND B. MALLET had done for them. He was by election and re-election continued for more than thirty years as a town official; selectman, assessor, trustee, Postmaster, and held about every office which could be given by them to him. He was their Representative in State Legislature four successive terms, and was State Senator from Cumberland County two terms. Many other State offices of trust and responsibility were held by him.

Brother MALLET's Masonic record is a long and very active one. He was made a Mason in Freeport Lodge, No. 23, at Freeport, October 15, 1883, and served as Worshipful Master in 1886. He was Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1890, and Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1908 and 1909. He was exalted in Cumberland Royal Arch Chapter, No. 35, at Yarmouth, in 1884; served as its High Priest in 1907, and became a Permanent Member of the Grand Chapter of Maine by serving as Grand Scribe in 1921. He was greeted in Portland Council Royal and Select Masters in 1885. He was knighted in Portland Commandery, No. 2, in 1885, became Eminent Commander in 1904, and in 1916 was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine, serving one year. In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, he received the degrees from the Fourth to the Thirty-second in the bodies at Portland in 1885, and in September, 1888, was made an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree, of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine. At the death of Brother Albion E. Chase, in 1921, Brother MALLET was appointed Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Maine. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine for more than thirty years.

He was also a member of the Loyal Legion of the State of Maine, Maine Historical Society, as well as of the Portland Club, Fern Park Association, Venerable Cunner Club, Paugas Club, and other social organizations of Portland and Freeport.

Brother MALLET is survived by three sons, Thornton, who resides in Texas; Charles of Portland, Maine, and Thomas, of Freeport.

The funeral services over the remains of our late Most Worshipful Brother MALLET were held in the Baptist Church in Freeport, Thursday afternoon, September 20th, and were conducted by the Grand Lodge of Maine in a Special Communication of Sorrow, M. W. Thomas H. Bodge, Past Grand Master, officiating. No better and fitting tribute of the love and esteem of his fellow-townsmen could be required than shown by their voluntary act by which every store, shop, and place of business, in Freeport, except the post office, telephone office and railroad ticket office was closed during the afternoon.

EDWIN A. PORTER.

Brother FRANK W. FULLER presented the following which was ordered to be printed in the Proceedings:

EDWIN ALBERT PORTER.

Brother EDWIN ALBERT PORTER, died at his home in Pittsfield, Maine, May 24, 1923, after a long illness with much suffering which he endured with true Christian fortitude.

Brother PORTER was born in Dixmont, Maine, February 1, 1856. He was educated in the public schools, at Maine Central Institute, at University of Vermont, and in the Medical Department of New York College.

In early life, like many an ambitious boy, he taught school and worked in stores whenever he could find opportunity to earn money to pay for the professional education he so much desired, and when in March, 1881, he received his degree of M. D., he began the practice of medicine in Liberty, Maine. He remained there until 1896, when he moved to Pittsfield where he afterward resided, and where he was a friend as well as a physician to the families making up his country practice, and it is those homes that he will be missed even more than he will by his Masonic Brethren throughout the State.

Brother PORTER was made a Master Mason in Liberty Lodge, No. 111, at Liberty, February 28, 1885, and received the Capitular Degrees in St. George's Chapter the year following. He served his lodge as Master in 1890, 1891 and 1892, and was High Priest in 1893, 1894 and 1895. On his removal to Pittsfield, he affiliated with Meridian Lodge, No. 125, and with Ira Berry Chapter, No. 57.

He became a Permanent Member of the Grand Lodge of Maine by serving as Senior Grand Warden in 1902. In Grand Chapter he was elected Grand King, off the floor, in 1905, advanced to Deputy Grand High Priest in 1906, and elected Grand High Priest in 1907, serving one year declining a re-election.

Brother PORTER was a member of Mount Moriah Council, R. & S. M., No. 10, at Skowhegan, and a member and Past Commander of St. Omer Commandery, No. 12, K. T., at Waterville.

He was a religious man, a member and earnest and faithful worker in the Free Baptist Church at Pittsfield.

On June 30, 1881, he was married to Miss Amorett L. Emery, and to them were born two daughters, all of whom survive to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father.

JAMES E. PARSONS,

Brother HARRY E. ROWE presented the following Memorial which was ordered printed in the Proceedings:

JAMES EDWARD PARSONS.

JAMES EDWARD PARSONS, Past Senior Grand Warden, and long prominent in Masonic affairs in Ellsworth, died at the home of his daughter at East Orange, N. J., July 7, 1923.

Brother PARSONS was born at Providence, R. I., November 17, 1846. Most of his boyhood was spent in Wisconsin, up to the time that he enlisted in the Union Army at the age of seventeen. He served until the close of the war.

He moved to Ellsworth in 1874 and entered the banking business, being one of the incorporators of the Hancock County Savings Bank, and the cashier of the Burrill National Bank from the time of its organization. In this connection he gained and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the whole community.

Ill health compelled his retirement for a time in 1909, and upon his regaining this a year later, his services were sought by the Lubec Trust and Banking Co. and he moved to Lubec where his unfailing courtesy again made him most popular. Here also his Masonic abilities were recognized and appreciated. The members of Washington Lodge, being unable to confer any Masonic honors which he had not already received, voted him a life membership, which he demitted from Lygonia Lodge to accept.

The last few years have been spent quietly at the Ellsworth home in summer and with the daughters in Brooklyn, N. Y. and East Orange, N. J., in winter, until the death of Mrs. Parsons in March, 1922, since which time his Ellsworth home has not been opened.

Brother PARSONS' Masonic career was long and useful to the Craft. He was made a Mason in Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, March 12, 1879. He served as its Worshipful Master in 1883-84. He was District Deputy of the Twenty-first District in 1897 and 1898, and Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge in 1900. He was exalted in Acadia Royal Arch Chapter, February 3, 1880. He served as its High Priest in 1894 and 1895, and Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter in 1905. In the Council of High Priesthood he was Master of Ceremonies many years and Senior Vice President at the time of his death. He was greeted in Bangor Council March 22, 1893, and always retained his membership in that body.

He was knighted in Blanquefort Commandery, April 29, 1895, and served as Eminent Commander in 1899.

He attended every session of this Grand Lodge for forty-one years and his kindly services here are remembered by hosts of members.

Brother PARSONS married Lizzie M. Butler of Franklin, Maine, April 13, 1872, and from this union two daughters and two sons survive — Mrs. Frederick A. Coombs of East Orange, N. J., Mrs. Hoyt A. Moore of Brooklyn, N. Y., Dr. George E. Parsons of Milbridge, Maine, and Edward C. of East Orange, N. J.

Funeral services were at East Orange, July 8, and from the Congregational Church of Ellsworth, of which he was deacon, July 10. There were no Masonic services, but Ellsworth Masons attended in a body and Past Commanders of his Commandery acted as bearers.

HARRY E. ROWE.

GEORGE W. HOLMES.

Brother HOWARD D. SMITH presented the following Memorial which was ordered to be printed in the Proceedings:

GEORGE W. HOLMES.

R. W. GEORGE WILLIAM HOLMES, Junior Grand Warden in 1908, was born in Norway, Maine, April 6, 1859, where his whole life was spent. He died November 14, 1923. He was initiated October 16, crafted November 12, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, December 16, 1883, in Oxford Lodge, No. 18. He immediately took an active part in the affairs of the lodge and was elected Master in 1888.

He received the Capitular degrees in Oxford Royal Arch Chapter, No. 29, and was its High Priest in 1889. He was greeted a Select Master in Oxford Council, No. 14, and elected Illustrious Master in 1902. He was an active and interested worker in all the bodies. In May, 1895, he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixteenth Masonic District. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1908, and was serving on one of the most important committees of the Grand Lodge at the time of his death. He possessed a clear and logical mind and was an especially good mathematician. He had served the town in many important positions.

" The longer on this earth we live
And weigh the various qualities of men,
The more we feel the high stern-featured beauty
Of plain devotedness to duty:
Steadfast still, nor paid with mortal praise,
But finding ample recompense
In work done squarely, and unwasted days."

HISTORY.

Brother FRED C. CHALMERS, for the Committee on History, reported:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, May 6, 1924.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on History have attended to their duties and beg leave to report that there have been received during the year histories of lodges as follows:

Historical Address of Freedom Lodge, No. 42, six law-cap pages, typewritten, which was read at the Centennial observance by Brother Arthur E. Hayes.

History of Howard Lodge, No. 69, printed, twenty-eight pages, paper bound. This covers the history of Howard Lodge from 1910 to 1920, written by Brother Seth Morgan, Past Master.

History of Whitney Lodge, No. 167, typewritten, seven pages, covering the period from January 1, 1913, to January 1, 1923.

History of Island Falls Lodge, No. 206, from its organization in 1901 to 1921, fifty-four pages, cloth bound, written by Brother George H. Dunham, Past Master. The book is very tastily gotten up and contains, in addition to the historical matter, pictures of every one of the Past Masters of the lodge, also pictures of the exterior and interior of the two buildings which have been occupied by the lodge as a meeting place during the twenty years of its existence. As time goes on this feature of the history will be of nearly as much value to the members as will the written summary of their proceedings; and we most earnestly urge that historians of all lodges make an endeavor to secure pictures either for filing at their home or to be printed in published books after the style set by Island Falls Lodge. Particularly is this suggestion made to the newer lodges.

A History of Deering Lodge, No. 183, from its incorporation up to date, written by Wor. Bro. Geo. F. Grant. We have examined the manuscript which is in the hands of the printer and when finished will consist of about 250 pages and will be bound in cloth.

All of the histories that have been received have been filed by the Grand Secretary in the dust-proof containers in the vault in his office.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED C. CHALMERS,	} Committee.
WALDO PETTENGILL,	
CONVERS E. LEACH,	

The report was accepted and ordered to be made a part of the records.

CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

Requests of Certificates of Charter were received and it was voted that Certificates be issued to the following lodges:

Lygonia, No. 40, Ellsworth.

Tyrian, No. 73, Mechanic Falls.

Warren Phillips, No. 186, Cumberland Mills.

Orchard, No. 215, Old Orchard.

APPLICATIONS FOR CHARITY.

Brother EDWARD G. WESTON, of the Committee on Distribution, of the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge, addressed the brethren in regard to the errors in form and detail of applications for allowances. His remarks were especially pertinent because it was evident that many present, some

even Masters of lodges, who had no idea of the proper course to follow or the written information to be filed in order to secure financial aid from the Charity Fund income.

ELECTION.

The hour of election (3 o'clock) having arrived the Grand Master invited M. W. Brother THOMAS H. BODGE to preside. Brother 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, EDWARD G. WESTON.

The Committees having attended to their duties reported the choice of

DAVID E. MOULTON,	M. W. Grand Master,	Portland
DAVID L. WILSON,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Bath
FRANK P. DENACO,	" Senior Grand Warden,	Bangor
ERWIN G. RYDER,	" Junior Grand Warden, Brownville Junc.	
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" Grand Treasurer,	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" Grand Secretary,	Portland

Committee on Finance—WALDO PETTENGILL, Rumford; FRED C. TOLMAN, Portland; FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Portland.

Trustees of the Charity Fund for three years—EDWARD G. WESTON, FRANK J. COLE.

And they were severally declared elected, and the committees thanked and discharged.

Grand Master SPEAR resumed the East and thanked M. W. Brother BODGE for the service he had rendered.

AT REFRESHMENT.

At 4.35 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2.00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Wednesday, May 7, 1924. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2.00 o'clock.

Immediately after the Grand Lodge was declared again at labor Brother THOMAS H. BODGE called up the matter of consideration of Masonic Service Association according to assignment and moved that such action be deferred until later in the afternoon, and it was so voted.

ADDRESS BY DR. DURKEE.

Grand Master SPEAR then introduced to the more than four hundred brethren present, Brother J. STANLEY DURKEE, D. D., President of Howard University of Washington, D. C., who in an address of more than an hour's length held the closest attention of everyone within the sound of his voice. He discussed Masonic duty in its many phases and applications in the every day life by the vast membership acting as individual units as well as a whole. He was frequently interrupted by outbursts of approval of some particular point and when he finished speaking he was accorded a demonstration—a most hearty endorsement.

Brother DURKEE was obliged to take an early train for Washington and retired as soon as he had finished his address, not waiting even to hear the unanimous expression of thanks voted in appreciation of his wonderfully inspiring address.

MEMENTO.

Grand Master SPEAR called attention to the silver trowel used by him in spreading for the Masons of Maine the cement at the corner-stone of the George Washington Memorial, and presented to him as a memento, expressing a wish that it remain in the archives of the Grand Lodge as a lasting memorial that Maine shared in the glory of that great historical event.

Brother FREEMAN C. HERSEY moved that a suitable case to contain this and other similar mementoes, be provided by the Grand Lodge at an expense not to exceed \$200.00.

The motion was referred to the Committee of Finance.

Brother CHARES F. JOHNSON, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, May 7, 1924.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to whom was referred a proposed amendment to the Constitution at the Annual Session in 1923 as recorded on pages 421 and 422 of the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of that year, have carefully considered the same.

We find that the present per capita tax was established in 1864, the same being an increase over the previous tax of seven and one-half cents, or in other words, the tax at that time was increased from twelve and one-half cents per member to twenty cents per member. During the intervening time from 1864 to 1915 the amount thus raised seemed adequate to carry on the affairs of the Grand Lodge and at the same time transfer a portion each year to the Charity Fund which was during the time increased from approximately sixteen thousand dollars to about eighty thousand dollars, an average of a little over one thousand dollars per year. Since 1915 there has been in the running expenses of the Grand Lodge an enormous increase just as there has in the conducting of any other business concern in the country or in the personal business affairs of the ordinary individual. It is an actual fact that during the past three years or more the Grand Lodge has not received the amount of money that it has cost to meet the legitimate expense of conducting its business.

We therefore recommend tht Section 85 of Article V of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine be amended by striking out the word "twenty" in the second line thereof and inserting in place of it the word "fifty", so that the whole section as amended shall read as follows:

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

We recommend the adoption of the section as amended.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES F. JOHNSON,	} <i>Committee on</i>	
EDWARD W. WHEELER,		} <i>Amendments to the</i>
W. FREEMAN LORD,			Constitution.

The report of the Committee was accepted.

The question of the adoption of the Amendment as recommended by the Committee was then taken up for consideration.

Brother ARCHIE LEE TALBOT moved to amend the recommendation by striking out the words "fifty cents" and inserting in place thereof "thirty-five cents." This motion was seconded by Brother GEORGE A. COWAN. A discussion followed after which Brother TALBOT withdrew his motion.

The Grand Lodge then practically unanimously voted to adopt the amendment as recommended by the Committee.

A LOAN AUTHORIZED.

Brother WALDO PETTENGILL, for the Committee of Finance, reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, May 7, 1924.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

The Committee of Finance would recommend that the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer be, and hereby are authorized, to borrow on the

credit of the Grand Lodge, a sum not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to pay the running expenses of the Grand Lodge until the next Annual Communication.

Fraternally submitted,

WALDO PETTENGILL,	}	<i>Committee of Finance.</i>
FRANKLIN R. REDLON,		
FRED C. TOLMAN,		

The report was accepted and the recommendation was adopted.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Brother THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions and dispensations of the Grand Master, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE,
May 7, 1924.

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom were referred the "Dispensations" and "Rulings and Decisions" of the Grand Master find but one dispensation outside the usual routine, that being the one to permit "Alna Lodge, No. 43, to confer the Master Mason degree upon a candidate from Bristol Lodge, No. 74, at a School of Instruction, the former lodge having no candidate available."

With no explanation that statement would indicate Standing Regulation No. 15, adopted in 1908, has been violated. Inquiry into the particulars, however, shows there was a confusion of names and locations of lodges and the dispensation granted did not exceed the authority of the Grand Master.

The one lone ruling or decision is commended as the only one possible and masonically correct. We revert to it only to emphasize the need of greater care in the proper preparation of the ballot box.

We approve the suggestion of the Grand Master that a questionnaire for the use of the District Deputy Grand Masters would be a great improvement over the present reports; the information obtained, properly assembled, would convey much useful information to the Craft.

No legislation is needed to carry this suggestion into effect. We recommend such a questionnaire be prepared under the direction of the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
EDWARD W. WHEELER,		

The report was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

BOUND PROCEEDINGS.

On motion of Brother THOMAS H. BODGE, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary notify each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction that the 1924 Proceedings will complete Volume 28, and instruct same if they will mail to him, on or before June 15th, a copy of the 1921, 1922 and 1923 Proceedings he will bind with same a copy of the 1924 Proceedings; mailing on publication three copies only to the secretaries of said lodges; each lodge desiring this service to remit with the request the amount named by the Grand Secretary to cover the cost of binding.

RESTORATION AFTER FIVE YEARS' SUSPENSION, N. P. D.

Brother THOMAS H. BODGE presented the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Section 117 of the Constitution by striking from the fifth line of the second paragraph the word "two-thirds" and substituting therefor the word "unanimous," so that the whole section as amended shall read:

"Sec. 117. No lodge shall suspend or expel a member from the rights of Masonry for non-payment of dues. The penalty of such delinquency shall be forfeiture or suspension of membership; and that only after due trial, as in other masonic misdemeanors.

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

which was entertained by the Grand Lodge, and referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution to report at the Annual Convocation in 1925.

EXCUSES.

The following representatives presented sufficient good reasons for non-attendance for the remainder of the Communication, and they were excused at close of the afternoon session, and the Grand Treasurer authorized to pay them mileage and per diem.

LEWMAN B. SOPER, P. S. G. W.

FRANK B. ARNOLD, P. J. G. W.

RALPH E. C. BUCK, Tranquill, No. 29.

DYKE L. QUACKENBUSH, Rabboni, No. 150.

GROVER C. BRADBURY, Fort Kent, No. 209.

PAY ROLL.

Brother JOHN C. ARNOLD, for the Committee on Pay Roll, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 7, 1924.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Pay Roll would report that the Committee on Credentials has submitted its report and that a schedule has been prepared and is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. ARNOLD,	} Committee.
EDWARD K. GOULD,	
ALBERT M. AMES,	

Report accepted and schedule ordered to be paid.

AT REFRESHMENT.

At 4.25 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 8, 1924. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock.

EXCUSE.

R. W. Brother FRANK D. ROWE, D. D. G. M. for the Ninth District, asked to be excused from further attendance, and the Grand Lodge so voted.

PUBLICATION.

Brother MILLARD M. CASWELL, for the Committee on Publication, reported that no business had been presented to them. The report was accepted.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE — SPECIAL REPORT.

Brother WALDO PETTENGILL, for the Committee of Finance, reported as follows:

PORTLAND, May 8, 1924.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

In relation to the matter of care of souvenirs deposited with the Grand Lodge, your Committee of Finance have considered the matter and recommend that any souvenirs that may be deposited be placed with those already in the keeping of the Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge vaults at the present time.

Fraternally submitted,

WALDO PETTENGILL,	}	<i>Committee of Finance.</i>
FRANKLIN R. REDLON,		
FRED C. TOLMAN,		

The report was accepted and the recommendation was adopted.

MASONIC SPEAKING BUREAU.

Brother EDWARD W. WHEELER presented the following Standing Regulation and moved its consideration without reference.

Resolved, That the Grand Master be and hereby is authorized to organize a speaking bureau or devise some other means of conveying masonic information to the subordinate lodges. The traveling expenses of those employed to visit the lodges to be paid by the Grand Lodge from any available fund in the treasury.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

DEGREE WORK BEFORE GRAND LODGE.

Brother EDWARD W. WHEELER, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 8, 1924.

Your Committee on Amendments to the Constitution to whom was referred at the Annual Communication in 1923 a proposed amendment, which was printed on page 423 in the journal of Proceedings of that year and reads as follows:

" Amend Section 15 of Article VII of the Constitution striking out the last paragraph of said section and substituting in place thereof the following: ' The Grand Master, or presiding officer of every annual communication of the Grand Lodge may at his

discretion give, or cause to be given, at least one section of the lecture of each degree, or an exemplification of the work in one or more degrees, or designate such other ceremonial of a Masonic character as he may deem advisable.' "

have carefully considered the same; believe firmly that such latitude should be given the Grand Master, and recommend the adoption of the amendment.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON,	} Committee.
EDWARD W. WHEELER,	
WM. FREEMAN LORD,	

The report was accepted and the recommendation was adopted.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

Brother 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.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

Brother ISAAC A. CLOUGH, for the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity, reported as follows:

PORTLAND, ME.,
May 8, 1924.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Condition of the Fraternity have attended to their duty and beg leave to report. We have examined the various reports submitted and they show that the craft is progressing in a healthy manner. We approve the Grand Master's suggestion in regard to a form of questionnaires to be used by the Deputies in their visitations and recommend that the Grand Lodge take action at this session. We find on inquiry that the reports of the Deputies are more widely read than supposed and would suggest that they continue to be published in the Proceedings.

The Grand Secretary's report shows that there are still delinquent secretaries and we would recommend that a system of fines be established that will do away with this nuisance.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY E. LARRABEE,	} Committee.
FRANK E. MONROE,	
ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	

The report of the Committee was accepted. Separate votes were taken on the recommendations in the report. The one in regard to reports of D. D.

G. Masters was adopted. The one recommending the establishment of a penalty for overdue returns from Lodges was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to report at the Annual Communication in 1925.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

BROTHER ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, for the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 8, 1924.

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 matter of Bertram H. Roberts, of Aurora Lodge, No. 50, the record evidence showed infidelity and neglect of wife on part of the respondent; he was tried by his lodge, found guilty, and the lodge failed to vote expulsion, but voted "indefinite suspension."

Your committee feel that is not adequate for so grave an offense, and recommend the passage of the following, viz:

That Bertram H. Roberts be, and hereby is expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In the matter of Herbert F. Adams, of Preble Lodge, No. 143, the charge before his lodge was "Unmasonic Conduct" spec. 1, petit larcency;

He was tried in his lodge found guilty, and suspended for one year, the lodge failing on vote to suspend for five years;

We recommend the passage of the following, viz:

That Herbert F. Adams be suspended from the benefits of Masonry for five years.

In matter of Robert Allen Bradshaw, of Ocean Lodge, No. 142, for making application to the lodge within the constitutional limit;

This case was before the committee one year ago, and was remanded to Ocean Lodge for trial according to the Constitution. Trial has been had, and he was by vote of the lodge found "Not Guilty." We are satisfied that the trial was regular and the decision justified.

We therefore recommend that the action and records of Ocean Lodge in this case be ratified and approved, and that Bro. Bradshaw be recognized as a regular Mason, and member of Ocean Lodge.

In matter of Sincero Calzolari of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, for making application to the lodge within the constitutional limit, having been rejected by Rabboni Lodge; charges were regularly presented, trial had and he was found guilty on two specifications and not guilty on the general charge. These two findings seem inconsistent, and we recommend the passage of the following, viz:

That Sincero Calzolari be, and hereby is indefinitely suspended from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In matter of Carl E. Robinson, of Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, for falsely representing he had never been rejected by any lodge; charges were preferred, trial regularly had, the respondent pleaded "Guilty." The lodge after a somewhat full and lengthy hearing, voted not to suspend; but did vote to reprimand the brother.

The evidence does not seem to justify this leniency, not to say inconsistency, and we therefore recommend the passage of the following, viz:

That the action of the lodge be annulled or reversed, and that said Carl E. Robinson be, and hereby is indefinitely suspended from all the rights of Masonry.

In matter of Solar Lodge, No. 14, against Ralph H. Dunton, for unmasonic conduct, in three specifications, charging him with living with his wife, while knowing she was habitually committing the crime of adultery with a certain other man, and profiting thereby in the use of money so illicitly received by her. Charges were regularly preferred, a trial had, very lengthy, covering fifty-nine (59) pages of typewritten copy. There was also, at time of the trial, introduced a copy of a Bill in Equity, by the wife, Luella H. Dunton, against the accused, of seventy-nine typewritten pages. Your chairman has read carefully both the evidence taken in the lodge and the Bill in Equity. It also appears that the Equity case was by the Law Court dismissed. The parties have since been divorced.

It appears that at one time in the City of Portland that the wife and another man were found, as alleged by the husband, (herein accused) in a peculiar situation, and for which the man so claimed to be with the wife, settled a civil claim made by the husband, for a substantial sum of money.

This case has been the most troublesome one ever presented to this Committee. At the trial the lodge failed to convict; and from all we can discover in the testimony, it does not appear that the verdict was wrong; and while wishing to do justice to the accused, the lodge and to masonry in general, we do feel that injustice will not be done in any of above instances; we recommend that the suspension under which the accused is held till present session of this Grand Lodge be removed; and that Ralph H. Dunton be and hereby is restored to the full rights and benefits of Masonry.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	} Committee on Grievances and Appeals.
ALBERT M. PENLEY,	
HARRY E. LARRABEE,	

The report of the Committee was accepted.

A separate vote was then taken on the adoption of the recommendations of the Committee.

The recommendation in the matter of Bertram H. Powers was adopted.

The recommendation in the matter of Herbert A. Adams was adopted.

The recommendation in the matter of Robert Allen Bradshaw was adopted.

The recommendation in the matter of Sincero Calzolari was adopted.

The recommendation in the matter of Carl E. Robinson was adopted.

The recommendation in the matter of Ralph H. Dunton was *not* adopted.

On motion of Brother W. SCOTT SHOREY it was almost unanimously

Voted, RALPH H. DUNTON, be, and hereby is expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

STANDING REGULATIONS.

Brother THOMAS H. BODGE presented the following as a Standing Regulation and moved its adoption without reference. The Grand Lodge so voted and this Standing Regulation was adopted.

It shall be the duty of the Junior Warden of any lodge under this Grand Jurisdiction to prepare specifications and prefer charges against any member of the Lodge or a Mason sojourning within its jurisdiction at the request of any member of such Lodge, upon reasonable evidence of a Masonic offence having been committed.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER.

Grand Master SPEAR then requested the Grand Marshal to present to him the Grand Master-elect for installation. The Grand Marshal presented Brother DAVID E. MOULTON who was duly installed by Grand Master SPEAR, prayer being offered by Rev. ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D., Grand Chaplain.

APPOINTMENTS.

Grand Master MOULTON then announced the following appointments:

CONVERSE E. LEACH,	R. W. Cor, Grand Secretary,	Portland
ALBERT H. DAMON,	" D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,	Limestone
JAMES ABERNETHY,	" " 2nd "	West Pembroke

GEORGE E. PARSONS,	R. W. D. G. M.	3rd Dist.,	Millbridge
FREEMAN N. BOWDEN,	"	4th "	Blue Hill
CHARLES F. WOODARD,	"	5th "	Greenville June.
ELLERY BOWDEN,	"	6th "	Winterport
JOHN W. LEVENSELLER,	"	7th "	Searsmont
LINCOLN A. GARDNER,	"	8th "	Stockton Springs
No Appointment,	"	9th "	
JOSEPH E. ODIORNE,	"	10th "	Whitefield
No Appointment,	"	11th "	
AUGUSTUS E. CAMPBELL,	"	12th "	North Leeds
HARRY B. HARRIS,	"	13th "	Canaan
FRANCIS G. COOKE,	"	14th "	Bath, (37 Court St.)
F. PERLEY CASWELL,	"	15th "	New Sharon
LESTER D. BRYANT,	"	16th "	Bryant's Pond
HAROLD B. CHASE,	"	17th "	Portland, (14 Charles St.)
PERLEY F. SMITH,	"	18th "	East Brownfield
ALBERT F. BILLINGS,	"	19th "	Kittery
No Appointment,	"	20th "	
William S. Holmes,	"	21st "	Northeast Harbor
FRANK H. FARNUM,	"	22nd "	Hartland
HOWARD L. RICHARDSON,	"	23rd "	Springvale
JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD,	"	24th "	Auburn
GUILFORD L. PERKINS,	"	25th "	Fort Keft, (P. O. Caribou)
JOHN L. DELANO,	"	26th "	Dixfield
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	W.	Grand Chaplain,	Gray
" ASHLEY A. SMITH, D.D.	"	"	Bangor
" JOHN M. BEILER,	"	"	North Berwick
" ARTHUR F. STRAY,	"	"	Auburn
" DAVID I. GROSS,	"	"	Portland
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	"	"	Augusta
WILLIAM H. OHLER,	"	Marshal,	Portland
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	"	Senior Deacon,	Portland
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	"	Junior Deacon,	Portland
RALPH H. BURBANK,	"	Steward,	Biddeford
HARRY E. CORNISH,	"	"	Bowdoinham
ALVOID E. CUSHMAN,	"	"	Bangor
FRED C. TOLMAN,	"	"	Portland
ERNEST J. RECORD,	"	Sword Bearer,	South Paris
EDWARD K. GOULD,	"	Standard Bearer,	Rockland
WARREN C. KING,	"	Pursuivant,	Portland
WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS,	"	"	Lisbon Falls
SAMUEL B. FURBISH,	"	Lecturer,	Brunswick
WALTER S. SMITH,	"	Organist,	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	"	Tyler,	Portland

He then invited M. W. Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE to install the remaining Grand Officers.

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

The Grand Master assumed the East and thanked Brothers SPEAR, BODGE and SMITH.

He then announced the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.

RALPH H. BURBANK, E. MURRY GRAHAM, WARREN C. KING.

On Grievances and Appeals.

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, ALBERT M. PENLEY, CLARK D. CHAPMAN.

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, JOHN J. MARR.

On Amendments to the Constitution.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON, EDWARD W. WHEELER, WM. FREEMAN LORD.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

THOMAS H. BODGE, EDWARD W. WHEELER, SILAS B. ADAMS.

On Foreign Correspondence.

ASHLEY A. SMITH, FRANK J. COLE, WALLACE N. PRICE.

On Condition of the Fraternity.

WILLIAM H. OHLER, FRANK E. MONROE, ISAAC A. CLOUGH.

On Library.

GRAND MASTER, WILLIS A. RICKER, LEWMAN B. SOPER.

On Transportation.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, WM. FREEMAN LORD, ERNEST J. RECORD.

On Returns

CHARLES B. DAVIS, JAMES C. AYER, CHARLES W. CROSBY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Brother W. SCOTT SHOREY, 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 11.50 the Grand Lodge was closed.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine will be held at Masonic Temple, Portland, on Tuesday, May 5, 1925, at 9 o'clock A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND

MASONIC TEMPLE,

Tuesday, May 6, 1924.

The Trustees met in the Grand Lodge Office at 5 P. M.

Present — ALBERT M. SPEAR, *President*.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*.

ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D.,

SILAS B. ADAMS,

FRANK J. COLE,

HOWARD D. SMITH,

EDWARD G. WESTON.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was presented as follows:

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 6, 1924.

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:

		Amount	Income
1	Bond Town of Rumford.....	\$ 1,000.00	\$55.00
1	" East St. Louis & Interurban.....	1,000.00	50.00
1	" Wheeling Traction.....	1,000.00	50.00
2	" Indiana Railway & Light Co.....	2,000.00	100.00
2	" Michigan Northern Power Co.....	2,000.00	100.00
2	" Laurentide Power Co.....	2,000.00	100.00
4	" Oxford Paper Co.....	4,000.00	240.00
3	" Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co.	3,000.00	120.00
5	" Portland Water Co.....	5,000.00	200.00
1	" Delaware Water Co.....	500.00	25.00
2	" Bar Harbor & Union River.....	2,000.00	100.00
3	" Third Liberty Loan.....	3,000.00	127.50
6	" Boston and Maine Railroad Co.....	6,000.00	240.00
1	" Utica & Mohawk Valley Railway Co.	1,000.00	45.00
2	" Rumford Falls Power Co.....	2,000.00	80.00
1	" Denver Tramway Co.....	500.00	30.00
1	" Muncie Water Works.....	1,000.00	50.00
1	" St. Joseph Water Co.....	1,000.00	50.00
3	" Camden & Rockland Water Co.....	2,500.00	125.00
9	" Fourth Liberty Loan.....	9,000.00	382.50
3	" Toledo Terminal Railroad Co.....	2,200.00	99.00

		Amount	Income
1 Bond	Portland, Oregon, Railway Co.....	\$1,000.00	\$ 50.00
1 "	Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Co.....	1,000.00	50.00
1 "	Huntington Water Co.....	1,000.00	50.00
2 "	Central Maine Power Co.....	2,000.00	100.00
1 "	Portland & Rumford Falls Railway Co.....	1,000.00	40.00
3 "	American Tel. & Tel. Co.....	3,000.00	150.00
20 Shares	Westbrook Trust Co.....	2,000.00	140.00
25 "	Canal National Bank.....	2,500.00	175.00
14 "	First National Bank.....	1,400.00	112.00
18 "	Casco Mercantile Trust Co.....	1,800.00	180.00
	Waterville Savings Bank.....	1,000.00	61.62
	Augusta Savings Bank.....	1,000.00	40.40
	Skowhegan Savings Bank.....	1,000.00	40.40
	Bath Savings Institution.....	1,000.00	40.40
	Brunswick Savings Institution.....	1,000.00	40.40
	Gardiner Savings Institution.....	1,000.00	40.40
Interest	Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co.....		205.03
Deposits	Portland National Bank.....	1,050.04	
	Portland Savings Bank.....	1,689.20	
	Maine Savings Bank.....	1,352.52	
	Chapman National Bank.....	864.45	
	Fidelity Trust Co.....	2,252.28	
2 Bonds	Wladikawkas.....	2,000.00	
5 Shares	Fort Dodge & Des Moines Railroad Common.....	500.00	
3 "	Fort Dodge & Des Moines Railroad Preferred.....	300.00	
Totals.....		\$84,408.49	\$3,884.65

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RECEIPTS.

May 1.	Balance brought forward.....	\$5,416.81
	Income on Investments.....	3,884.65
	Walter V. Cole, charity extended Geo. W. Tabor (dead) returned.....	54.00
	Belfast Savings Bank, 3rd and final Div.....	106.40
		—————\$9,461.86

1923

DISBURSEMENTS.

May 1.	Transferred to General Fund	
	Account of Beneficiaries.....	\$3,024.00
	Account of Grand Master.....	800.00

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May 1.	Balance Cash on Hand.....	5,637.86
		—————\$9,461.86

Fraternally submitted,

H. N. MAXFIELD, *Grand Treasurer.*

Brother ALBERT M. SPEAR reported that he had examined the securities and had found them all correct as stated, whereupon the report was accepted.

The Secretary presented 71 applications for relief, which were referred to a committee of three.

Adjourned to Wednesday at one o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, May 3, 1924.

Met in Grand Lodge Office at 1.00 P. M.

Present — ALBERT M. SPEAR, *President*,
CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*,
HOWARD D. SMITH,
EDWARD W. WHEELER,
ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D.,
EDWARD G. WESTON,
DAVID E. MOULTON.

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

Voted, that one represent twenty dollars.

Voted, that \$2,860.00 be appropriated to pay the schedule.

Voted, That \$800 be placed in hands of President.

Voted, That a Standing Committee of Distribution be appointed; and the President appointed Brothers HOWARD D. SMITH, EDWARD G. WESTON, and ASHLEY A. SMITH, for that Committee.

Brother WESTON presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Distribution recommends that the trustees and secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges pay more attention to the instructions accompanying the blanks for charity.

The committee would further suggest to the lodges having a fair income to disburse more of it before calling on the Trustees of the Charity Fund for help, as the fund is needed for small and poor lodges.

We recommend that these suggestions be printed in records of the Board of Trustees.

Voted, That the worthless securities be dropped from the printed list and carried only on the memorandum in the box in the safety vault.

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

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

1924

DAVID E. MOULTON, Grand Master,	Ex-Officio
DAVID L. WILSON, Deputy Grand Master,	"
FRANK P. DENACO, Senior Grand Warden	"
ERWIN G. RYDER, Junior Grand Warden,	"
CHARLES B. DAVIS, Rec. Grand Secretary,	"
HOWARD D. SMITH,	elected May 2, 1922, for three years.
EDWARD W. WHEELER,	" " 3, 1923, for two years.
SILAS B. ADAMS,	" " 1, 1923, for three years.
ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D.,	" " 1, 1923, " " "
*ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	" " 6, 1924, " " "
EDWARD G. WESTON,	" " 6, 1924, " " "
FRANK J. COLE,	" " 6, 1924, " " "

* Brother Talbot was unanimously re-elected, but declined, stating that he had served forty-two consecutive years, and it might not be convenient for him to attend the communications of the Grand Lodge as constantly in the future as in the past, and said he would like to have R. W. Brother Frank J. Cole, of Bangor, elected his successor. Brother Cole was accordingly elected.

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).

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. (119, p. 267).

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 five cents per mile each 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 three 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 1921, p. 35).

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).

Resolved, That, in addition to the information required by Section 101 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, a questionnaire be also filed for permanent preservation with the application of each petitioner; the form of said questionnaire to be approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and supplied to the lodges by the Grand Secretary. (1922, p. 243).

Resolved, No building shall be purchased, erected or extensively reconstructed at the expense, in whole or in part, of any lodge in this jurisdiction until the plans of the same, and the terms and conditions of its construction or acquisition, shall have been approved by the Grand Master. (1922, p. 239).

Resolved, That the Grand Master be and hereby is authorized to organize a speaking bureau or devise some other means of conveying masonic information to the subordinate lodges. The traveling expenses of those employed to visit the lodges to be paid by the Grand Lodge from any available fund in the treasury. (1924, p. 641).

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Junior Warden of any lodge under this Grand Jurisdiction to prepare specifications and prefer charges against any member of the Lodge or a Mason sojourning within its jurisdiction at the request of any member of such Lodge, upon reasonable evidence of a Masonic offence having been committed. (1924, p. 645).

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).

(Part Fourth, Article VI, Page 36 of the Constitution).

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 therefor, or permit the fees or any part thereof to be remitted directly or indirectly.

And by striking from the third, fourth and fifth lines the clause "but clergymen approbated by competent authority to preach the gospel, may be initiated, crafted and raised without any fee whatever," (1921, p. 48).

SEC. 85. Each lodge shall pay annually towards the support of the Grand Lodge fifty cents each for all of its members, including honorary members and those absent from the state, and two dollars for every candidate initiated. Each lodge shall be entitled to receive as many diplomas from the Grand Lodge as they make Master Masons. And no dues will be remitted unless upon petition of the lodge and the report of a committee of the Grand Lodge thereon. (1924, p. 637).

Amend Section 15 of Article VII of the Constitution striking out the last paragraph of said section and substituting in place thereof the following: "The Grand Master, or presiding officer of every annual communication of the Grand Lodge may at his discretion give, or cause to be given, at least one section of the lecture of each degree, or an exemplification of the work in one or more degrees, or designate such other ceremonial of a Masonic character as he may deem advisable." (1924, p. 641).

SEC. 108. No candidate shall receive the Fellow Craft degree in any lodge in this state unless at least fourteen days have elapsed since his receiving the Entered Apprentice degree; nor shall any Fellow Craft be permitted to receive the Master Mason degree until after fourteen days shall have elapsed from the date of his having received the Fellow Craft degree, except that the Grand Master on being satisfied of the necessity therefor, may issue a dispensation to permit degrees to be conferred in less than the above required time. (1924, p. 627).

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District for 1923-24.

Although I was unable to attend the session of the Grand Lodge last May on account of the floods I was gratified to receive this appointment for a second time.

My first visit after reappointment was to Aroostook, No. 197, at Blaine, on June 14th, the date of their annual fete or Strawberry Festival. The Master Mason degree was worked upon one candidate by the Past Masters of this lodge in a truly able manner and fully explains the reason for the excellent work of this lodge by new officers from year to year. The attendance was large and great interest shown in the work.

I attended the School of Instruction held at Bangor, October 16th, by W. Samuel B. Furbish, Grand Lecturer. There will be no lack of instruction in the Maine ritual for those who attend these Schools under Brother Furbish and I hope he can arrange one in this District during the coming year.

Early in November I had completed arrangements with Brother Harold E. Cook and the lodges in this District for two meetings for the purpose of hearing his lecture Worshipful Master George Washington in the interest of the George Washington Memorial at Alexandria. By coincidence Brother Cook selected the date of November 14th for the meeting at Houlton and this being the date of Monument's stated meeting, I also arranged to make my official inspection at that time. We had a very large attendance representing fifteen different lodges and the Master Mason degree was worked in the usual exemplary way of our banner lodge of this District. They are doing a great deal of work. The dues are well collected and the records perfectly kept by Secretary Nevers. Monument Lodge and the craft in this section have suffered a great loss by the death of Worshipful Master Edwin P. Henderson. At the close of the work Brother Cook gave his lecture and as a result both Monument and Aroostook, represented by their officers present, signified their intention to underwrite their membership for this great project.

Brother Cook gave his lecture the next evening November 15th, at Caribou. The other five lodges in this District were well represented and those present agreed to follow suit.

On November 19th, I visited Trinity, No. 130, at Presque Isle, and witnessed work in the Master Mason degree. The work under Brother Weick is very good indeed and the collections and records as handled by the Secretary, Brother V. E. Howe, cannot be excelled.

My official visit to Caribou, No. 170, was made December 20th, and Brother McLellan and his officers worked the Master Mason degree in an excellent manner. The records of this lodge are well kept and collections well made.

I visited Limestone Lodge, No. 214, on January 8th, and after witnessing the work in the Second degree which was very finely done I installed the newly elected officers. Secretary Dennis F. Getchell is a valuable asset to this lodge.

I regret to say that I have been unable to arrange a date for inspection of Washburn Lodge, No. 193, during this year.

My own lodge, Eastern Frontier, No. 112, is in a flourishing condition with a great amount of work in view for this year and I have not thought it necessary to make my official visit as I have been present at every meeting.

Again I wish to express to you my appreciation of this appointment which I have enjoyed so much.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. N. GOULD, D. D. G. M., 1st M. D.

Fort Fairfield, Me., April 26, 1924.

SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have the honor of submitting to you my second report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Second District.

On invitation of Eastern Lodge, No. 7, I called a Convention of the Masons of the Second District, which was held in Eastport on June 28th. The attendance was large, brethren from all the lodges in the District being present, as well as brethren from several lodges outside the District. Eastern Lodge opened at 2.30 P. M., after which work in the Master Mason degree was suspended, and the E. A. degree worked by Washington Lodge, of Lubec, and the F. C. degree by Crescent Lodge, of Pembroke. Both of the lodges did their work in a very able manner, correct ritually, and the floor work fine; the Senior Deacon's lecture in the second degree being impressively delivered by Past Master Conant, of Crescent Lodge, and will be long remembered by all who heard it. A few days previous to the writing of this report, this brother has been called from earthly labor by the Grand Master of the Universe, a loss to Crescent Lodge and to the Second District. In the evening the M. M. degree was worked on one candidate by Eastern Lodge. The work was very impressive, and very close to the ritual, every officer showing proficiency in the work. The work of the several degrees was then discussed by a committee on criticism, and by different brethren, a few corrections and suggestions made by the District Deputy, and the meeting closed after a vote of thanks had been accorded to Eastern Lodge. All present agreeing that Masonry in the Second District is greatly helped by these annual Conventions, which tend to produce uniform work throughout the District.

I attended the School of Instruction that was held in Bangor on October 16th, when there was a good attendance of District Deputies, and of brethren from different lodges. Under the able instructions of Grand Lecturer Furbish, I, as well as all who were present, was greatly benefited by the study of the ritual.

Through the courtesy of Crescent Lodge, a meeting of Masons of the Second District was held in Pembroke on November 21st, when Brother Harold E. Cook, of Gardiner, for the Grand Lodge Committee on the George Washington Memorial, gave a very interesting address on George Washington the Mason, and explained the objects of the Memorial Association, and told of the Memorial that was being built.

On February 4th, I made my official visit to St. Croix Lodge, at Calais. Work was in the M. M. degree, which was conferred on one candidate in an able manner. The officers were all new to their stations, and with a little practice will do good work. I installed the officers for the year, and spent a very enjoyable evening. St. Croix Lodge is in good condition.

On February 6th, I visited Lewey's Island Lodge, at Princeton. Although the night was stormy there was a good attendance. There was no actual work, but the officers in the opening, and in the work of the M. M. degree which was exemplified, showed themselves very proficient, adhering very closely to the ritual, so that hardly any corrections had to be made. W. M. Robbins and his officers are doing good work, and the lodge is in a prosperous condition in every way.

March 3rd, I officially visited Eastern Lodge, at Eastport. There was a large attendance and the District Deputy was received in full form. Work in the M. M. degree was exemplified in an able manner, the officers all being young men, are enthusiastic, and make a fine working body. The lodge is in excellent condition financially, and the books and records well and carefully kept.

On March 5th, I visited Washington Lodge at Lubec. While the night was stormy, there was as is usual in Washington Lodge, a very good attendance of brethren to greet the District Deputy. The opening was very good indeed. Work in the F. C. degree was exemplified with S. W. Peabody in the East. The officers were all able, and went through their work smoothly and well. Washington Lodge is in a prosperous condition, books and records being in good shape, well and neatly kept.

Crescent Lodge being my home lodge I have attended most of its meetings during the year, so know the kind of work it is doing. I officially visited it on November 7th. Work was in the M. M. degree and showed considerable proficiency on the part of all the officers. W. M. Sturks, who is in his second term, makes an excellent presiding officer, and knows the ritual thoroughly. The books and records in the hands of Secretary Porter are well and carefully kept.

During my two years' service as District Deputy Grand Master I have made at least two visits to each of the lodges in the District, and have witnessed work in each of these lodges. The ritualistic work of the lodges in the District is very uniform, and the officers generally all show a keen

desire to make the work correct, and impressive. I have found the books and records of the different lodges well and correctly kept, and all the lodges have a fair amount of funds in their treasury. Each of the lodges has a Charity Fund and all cases needing assistance are well taken care of.

My relations with the different lodges has been very pleasant, and every possible courtesy has been shown to me as your Deputy. My work has been very pleasant. I have enjoyed all of it. Very few corrections in the work were needed, and whenever they were made, they were received in the same kindly spirit in which they were given.

On account of business conditions in this part of Washington County the lodges have not done as much work this year as they did in 1922-23. The material used however has all been of the best, and I am glad to report that Masonry in the Second District is in a prosperous and healthy condition, and harmony prevails throughout the District.

In closing, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor conferred on me by appointing me as your representative in the Second District, and I also wish to take this opportunity of thanking the officers and members of the various lodges for the many courtesies they have extended to me, and for their kindly and willing co-operation and help.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES ABERNETHY, D. D. G. M., 2nd M. D.

West Pembroke, Me., March 26, 1924.

THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy of the Third Masonic District.

On October 15th, I visited Pleiades Lodge, Millbridge, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work of the degree was especially well done, the ritual work being almost letter perfect.

On October 16th, I attended the School of Instruction at Bangor, conducted by Grand Lecturer Samuel B. Furbish, of Brunswick. Brother Furbish's manner of giving instruction was very interesting and I am sure the large number of Deputies and brethren who were presented were greatly benefited. In the evening work in the M. M. degree by Mystic Lodge of Hampden, was witnessed.

On October 27th, I made my official visit to Tuscan Lodge, Addison. I was very cordially greeted. The work in the M. M. degree was very well done. While there were some ritualistic errors, the spirit of the work and the earnestness of the officers certainly made the work impressive. The records are in the keeping of Bro. Everett Kane who is very efficient.

On November 8th, a convention of the lodges of the Third District was held with Harwood Lodge, No. 91, at Machias. We were honored by the presence of our M. W. Grand Master, Albert M. Spear. In the afternoon after the Grand Master was received with due honors the M. M. degree

was worked. Bro. Joseph L. Hall, Master of Harwood Lodge occupied the East while designated officers from the other lodges of the District filled the other offices. Although experimental, it proved very successful and the manner in which the various officers co-ordinated testified to the uniformity of work throughout the District. Grand Master Spear was pleased to comment favorably on the work, particularly on that of the Master, Wor. Bro. Hall. The evening was given over to a social program and a most eloquent and inspiring address by Grand Master Spear, which was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all. The occasion was one that will long be remembered by the brethren of the Third District.

On November 26th, I officially visited Lookout Lodge, No. 131, Cutler, As I had previously witnessed work in the F. C. and M. M. degrees in this lodge I arranged with the Master, Bro. Chas. E. Maker, to see work in the E. A. degree. I am pleased to say that the work of this degree was characterized by the same high excellence that I had seen in the other degrees.

On December 18th, I visited Narraguagus Lodge at Cherryfield. The work was in the M. M. degree and was very creditably performed. The records are well and neatly kept by Bro. Wm. Campbell and the dues were well collected.

On December 21st, by invitation of the W. M. Bro. Harry Hall, I visited Warren Lodge, East Machias, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. As I reported last year, there seems to be a lack of interest in Warren Lodge, but I trust it is only dormant and that there will soon be an awakening.

I am in constant attendance at my home lodge, Jonesport, No. 188, and I am pleased to report that the officers are all striving to maintain that standard of excellence which has always characterized the work of Jonesport Lodge.

In closing, I wish to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed the work and I also wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred by my appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

E. A. WORCESTER, *D. D. G. M., 3rd M. D.*

FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have the honor of submitting to you my first report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District.

Not being present at the Grand Lodge in May, I was installed by Past D. D. G. M. Forrest B. Snow, of Ira Berry Lodge, No. 187.

On October 16th, I attended a School of Instruction at Bangor, conducted by Wor. Brother Samuel B. Furbish. This school was conducted in a very able manner and proved very instructive to all present.

November 12th, I made my first official visit, it being to Eggemoggin Lodge, No. 128, at Sedgwick, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree.

This lodge I found to be in a flourishing condition with a good attendance on the evening of my visit. The books are neatly and correctly kept by Brother Ralph Dority.

I visited, on December 8th, Bagaduce Lodge, No. 210. The work of the evening was the M. M. degree. The Master not being present, P. M. Ernest Babson, took the East. Brother Babson is a great help in this lodge. Considering the fact that the members are widely scattered and are raising money to pay for a new hall, this lodge is maintaining a fine standard of masonic work.

December 26th, I inspected Naskeag Lodge, No. 171, at Brooklin. The work was in the M. M. degree. Here I recommended more careful attention to the ritual, this instruction being kindly received. This lodge has been active in collecting dues from the members who have been delinquent, as a result is in good financial standing. The books are carefully kept by Brother H. E. Freethy.

On February 28th, I visited Marine Lodge, No. 122, at Deer Isle. There was no degree work before the lodge at this meeting, but the manner in which the lodge was opened and closed showed that it is still maintaining its reputation for efficient work. Special mention should be made of this lodge for its prompt response in meeting the demand for the Washington Memorial Fund. The financial condition here is very good, a fact which reflects much credit upon the Secretary, Brother Moses D. Joyce, who has served in the capacity for fifteen years.

February 29th, I visited Reliance Lodge, No. 195, at Stonington. Work in the F. C. degree was exemplified. The records here are kept by Brother Robert McGuffie. All dues are paid up to date.

March 6th, I inspected Hancock Lodge, No. 4, at Castine, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. This lodge has all young officers who show an active interest in their work. The books here are neatly and correctly kept by Brother Arthur W. Patterson. The dues are well paid.

March 19th, I officially visited Rising Star Lodge, No. 177, at Penobscot. This lodge had had no work for two years. While the officers are all inexperienced, from the manner in which the E. A. degree was exemplified, I have no doubt that they will maintain the former reputation of this lodge for good work whenever it shall appear. Brother E. F. Sellers is doing efficient work as secretary.

To Ira Berry, my home lodge, I have made no official visit but have been present at every meeting for the past year. This lodge is doing an unusual amount of work. The officers are interested in their duties and are ably assisted by P. D. D. G. M. Forest B. Snow and P. M. Arthur C. Hinckley. The lodge is in good financial condition.

I attended, at Sedgwick, on November 23rd, a lecture by Worshipful Harold Cook, on the Washington Memorial. This lecture was an inspiration to all who attended. It is to be regretted that more lodges could not have been represented as they could have gotten a more comprehensive idea of the object and requirements of this movement.

I regret to have to report that in my District I find that the various lodges do not require a suitable degree of proficiency in the preceding

degrees before advancement. I trust that the proposed amendment to the constitution, if adopted, will overcome this error.

In closing I wish to thank the brethren of the District for the courtesy which has been shown me in all my visits.

It has been a great pleasure and honor to serve you as your representative in this District, for which I am exceedingly grateful thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

FREEMAN N. BOWDEN, D. D. G. M., 4th M. D.

Blue Hill, March 28, 1924.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine :

It is with pleasure that I submit herewith my report for the Fifth Masonic District, for the year ending March 1, 1924.

At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, May 1923, held at Portland, Charles F. Woodard was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District.

A communication bearing date of May 10th, was issued to me by Most Worshipful Grand Master, Albert M. Spear. The freshet prevented me reaching Portland in season for the session of the Grand Lodge, although I got as far as Bangor on the second day.

Past District Deputy Grand Master, Charles W. Hayes came to Greenville and installed me as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District.

On October 16th, I attended the School of Instruction at Bangor. I would like to suggest that these schools be held earlier in the season, particularly in the northern part of the State, so that the various Deputies may attend them and then have time to visit the lodges that are hard to reach, before the bad roads and bad weather comes.

On October 20th, I made my official visit to Penobscot Lodge, where work in the M. M. degree was exemplified, and while the work was very well done a number of corrections on the ritual were necessary and I suggested that I go there at some later date with the idea of going through the entire ritual with them. This suggestion was accepted by the lodge and a date set for the meeting. After the work an excellent lunch was served and instruction given the candidates as well as all members of the fraternity, regarding their duties as Masons out of the lodge room. This talk became general and was participated in by all in an informal manner, and I believe much good resulted.

On October 26th, by invitation, I went to Sangerville and installed the officers of Abner Wade Lodge. The ceremony was private and a good number were in attendance including many of the older members. After the installation ceremonies a nice lunch was served in the dining hall, after which talks on Masonry was listened to and apparently appreciated by all the brethren present.

On October 27th, I went to Dexter and held a School of Instruction during the afternoon. A very small number were present but we went through all the degrees of the ritual and a great deal of good resulted, as we were able to stop at any time for notes or discussion. A lot of interest was shown by those present.

On November 26th, I made my official visit to Doric Lodge when two candidates were raised to M. M. The ritual work in this lodge is worthy of special mention. It shows that the lodge has had excellent instruction and the younger members have been greatly benefited by applying themselves to the study of the ritual. Another thing that was worthy of note was the presence of so many of the older members, which helps to keep up the interest in the lodge. There were very few corrections or criticisms to be made, however a short talk was given on the whole duty of Masonry by myself; and several others present entertainingly spoke on Masonry in general.

On November 22nd, I made my official visit to Mosaic Lodge when work in the M. M. degree was exemplified. The ritual work in this lodge is excellent, they having had the benefit of instruction from two Past District Deputy Grand Masters who are members of the lodge. There was need of very little criticism on the work as I saw it and it showed that a proper application of time and study had been made to their rituals.

By invitation, on January 15th, I went to Guilford and installed the officers of Mount Kineo Lodge, and conferred the P. M. degree on the incoming Master. There was a very good attendance and after the work of installing a very fine lunch was served in the banquet hall and talks of a very interesting nature by several members and visitors on Masonry were listened to with a great deal of good resulting.

On January 18th, I made my official visit to Piscataquis Lodge and inspected work in the M. M. degree. This work was put on in a very able manner and showed the result of able instruction in the past, few corrections or criticisms were necessary. I particularly want to speak here of the record books of the lodge kept by P. S. G. W. Frank E. Munroe, who has worked out a system that is simple yet very effectual, and while it cuts the work to the minimum it gives all needful information.

On January 21st, I went to Dexter by invitation and installed the officers of Penobscot Lodge. I conferred the P. M. degree on the incoming Master Joseph P. Rand. There was a large attendance and a banquet was served at six P. M. followed by installation of Blue Lodge officers, after which the officers of St. John's Chapter were installed. Talks on Masonry were enjoyed for about an hour. At this meeting Brother Charles S. Hutchinson retired as Secretary, after having served the lodge in an able and efficient manner in that office for thirty-three years.

On January 22nd, by invitation from my own lodge, Columbia, I installed the officers and enjoyed a lunch. After the work also a social half hour. The officers of this lodge are very efficient in their work, and unusual interest is shown by a number of Past Masters as well as the officers and brethren.

On February 20th, I went to Lagrange to inspect Composite Lodge, but before I reached there there was one of the worst blizzards of the year in full operation. Brother Chauncey Doble, Secretary of the lodge met me at the station and we walked to his house where a very delicious supper awaited us. After supper I inspected his books and as they were unable to get any of the four candidates that were in line and the storm continued, it was decided to postpone the inspection, however we did walk to the general store where we met four or five of the boys and enjoyed the time until my train came. I expect to visit this lodge again.

On March 18th, I made my inspection visit to Mount Kineo Lodge, Guilford, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. Very few corrections were necessary. The floor work was done especially well. The Secretary's books are neatly and correctly kept. This lodge was the first one in the state to pay their proportion of the Washington Memorial Fund and receive their certificate.

On March 20th, I made my official visit to Composite Lodge at Lagrange, and inspected work in the M. M. degree. There was a large number of brothers in attendance considering that the membership is made up in a great measure from a sparsely settled community. The work of this lodge is excellent and shows many hours of labor by its officers and an interest that could be very well copied by larger lodges. It was a pleasure to meet Past District Deputy Grand Master Harry Fowles and discuss Masonry with him. After the work a very nice lunch was served in the dining hall after which talks on masonry were enjoyed and a very pleasant hour spent.

On March 21st, I may my official visit to Abner Wade Lodge at Sangerville, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. The lodge was somewhat handicapped in its work as the Worshipful Master had just got back from the hospital where he had undergone an operation, and he was obliged to fill several of the stations with substitutes. The lodge has done very little work this year and is not in a very strong financial position. However, they have several applications in now and I have no doubt but what they will get on their feet as they have several older members who are very much interested in the lodge and its work.

On March 31st, I made official visit to Pleasant River Lodge at Brownville and inspected work in the E. A. degree. On account of the conditions of the roads there was not a very large attendance. The work was very well done. It is evident that the ritual as well as the finances have been well looked after and the lodge is in a strong financial position. The Secretary's books are well kept and the dues are kept up in a manner that is a credit to Secretary Evans, all dues of the 308 members being paid for 1924, excepting twenty-three, and none of the members are in arrears for their 1923 dues. After the completion of the work a fine lunch was served and a social hour was enjoyed by all. Talks on "Real Masonry" by myself and a number of the brethren were listened to with apparent appreciation.

In concluding my report I want to say that I am unable to find words to express my appreciation of the manner in which the boys have received

me, in every lodge of the District. I have attempted to give them my very best and they have apparently appreciated that fact. In my judgment a large part of a District Deputy Grand Master's work consists of forcibly impressing on the minds of the craft, the high importance of Masonry, explaining in detail its teachings and the duties that they owe to society as men and as Masons. This I have endeavored to do in my talks before the lodges, and I believe that this work should be carried on by the officers and older members.

To you, Most Worshipful Master, I am very grateful for the honor you have conferred on me and for the opportunity of doing something for our great Fraternity.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES F. WOODARD, *D. D. G. M. 5th M. D.*

Greenville Jct., Maine, April 2, 1924.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

BANGOR, MAINE, February 25, 1924.

To M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have the honor of submitting to you my third annual report as D. D. G. M. for the Sixth Masonic District which is as follows;

At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge held in Portland, May 1, 2 and 3, I was reappointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixth Masonic District.

Friday evening-August 10th, I had the pleasure of inspecting Howard Lodge, No. 69. The M. M. degree was conferred upon one candidate; the work being done in a very satisfactory manner. Although the Master has not been a Mason long, he deserves a great deal of credit for the way he fills his position. The records are still in the care of Bro. Bowden and need no comment from me.

Wednesday evening, September 26th, I made my official visit to Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, Carmel. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree, and was carried out in a very satisfactory manner. This lodge has received more applications this year than last, and the work of the officers show a marked improvement. Bro. Robinson still occupies the Secretary's chair, and the duties of his office are carefully cared for.

On Tuesday, October 16th, I attended the School of Instruction held in Bangor, under the direction of R. W. Bro. Furbish, Grand Lecturer. There were thirteen Deputies present and a goodly number of the brethren. At 6.30 P. M. a banquet was served, and in the evening the officers of Mystic Lodge, No. 65, by invitation from St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, conferred the Master Mason degree upon one candidate.

On Saturday evening, October 20th, I inspected Lynde Lodge, No. 174. The work was the M. M. degree. Considering the fact that this was the first time this lodge had done the work in this degree, it was carried out in

a careful and dignified manner. The records are taken care of by Bro. Hunt.

On Saturday evening, November 17th, I inspected Mystic Lodge, No. 65. The Master Mason degree was conferred upon two candidates. I have only words of praise for the officers of this lodge, each one taking special interest in performing his duties, and in the study of the ritual, very few corrections being necessary. Bro. Littlefield is filling the Secretary's chair in a capable manner.

On Wednesday evening, November 21st, I made my official visit with Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137. The Fellow Craft degree was conferred upon one candidate. The work in this lodge was not quite up to their usual standard due to the fact that they have not had a great deal of it this year. I received a warm welcome by the Past Masters who assured me that they would make special effort to improve the conditions there. The records are in the hands of Bro. Spratt.

Thursday evening, November 22nd, I spent with Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124. It was indeed a most enjoyable evening. The work was in the Master Mason degree, and carried out almost to the letter. This lodge is to be congratulated upon having such fine officers. I was sorry to learn that the absence of the Secretary was caused by illness, he being obliged to go south with his daughter. P. M. Robinson was acting as Secretary in his usual pleasing manner.

On Wednesday, December 19th, I spent the evening with Mechanics' Lodge, No. 66. They worked the Master Mason degree in a very creditable manner. This lodge takes a great deal of pride in doing the work. Brother Davee occupies the Secretary's chair and I do not hesitate to say that the duties of this office are carefully taken care of.

On Wednesday evening, January 9th, 1924, I was invited to attend a special communication held by Mechanics' Lodge, No. 66, for the purpose of reading the ritual. The new officers and many of the younger members took a great interest in this work, and I felt well repaid for attending. It is too bad that more lodges do not do this same thing.

Monday evening, February 11th, I had the pleasure of inspecting Star in the East Lodge, at Old Town. The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred upon one candidate. The work was done in a most satisfactory manner. All the lectures were given by some of the older brethren. All was much enjoyed by those present. The records are taken care of by Brother Merrill.

On Friday evening, February 15th, I inspected St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83. The work was the Master Mason degree, and the best I ever witnessed, the ritual being followed to the letter, and the floor work was splendid. The officers are taking a great deal of interest, and I have only words of praise for them. Brother Carroll A. Weeks is still Secretary and the duties of that office are carefully taken care of.

Being a member of Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, also its Secretary, I have not made any official inspection. I am pleased to report this lodge in first class condition. The officers are all young men and are doing excellent work.

In closing my third annual report, I wish to express my appreciation for the many courtesies extended to me by the officers and members of the lodges in this District, and to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted,

ALVOID E. CUSHMAN, D. D. G. M., *Sixth Masonic District.*

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

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 session of the Grand Lodge when I was appointed, I was installed by Past D. D. G. M. Arthur H. Morton at Liberty, May 12, 1923.

On October 12th, I attended the School of Instruction at Damariscotta. The benefits derived from these schools can hardly be estimated, and they should have a greater attendance.

On October 13th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Liberty Lodge. I was assisted by Past D. D. G. M. Ernest S. Wing who acted as Grand Marshal, and Rev. Bro. Frank Hooper as Grand Chaplain. This was a joint installation held in connection with St. George's R. A. Chapter. A fine musical program was presented with the installation after which a banquet was enjoyed by all.

October 20th, I installed the officers of Quantabacook Lodge at Sears-mount. I was assisted as before by Past D. D. G. M. Wing as Grand Marshal, and Rev. Bro. Hooper as Grand Chaplain. This was a public installation with a good attendance of Masons with their families and friends.

Because three of the lodges in this district are on the Belfast branch of the M. C. R. R. and their meetings are held on consecutive evenings I planned to cover the ground at one trip.

My first official visit was Star in the West Lodge, No. 85, at Unity, December 19th. It being their annual meeting and no degree work presented, I made an inspection of the records, and found them in perfect order with dues well collected.

On December 20th, I visited Marsh River Lodge, No. 102, at Brooks. There was work in the Master Mason degree on one candidate, which was very well done. I found the records well kept and dues well collected. This was their annual meeting and the election of officers was held before work. This seems to be a prosperous lodge and has a great many young men among its members.

December 21st, I visited Unity Lodge, No. 58, at Thorndike, where I witnessed work in the Entered Apprentice degree which was well done. The records in the hands of Past D. D. G. M. Elisha Webster left nothing to be desired.

January 19th, I visited Liberty Lodge, No. 111, Liberty, where the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees were conferred in a very pleasing and correct manner. I found the records in perfect condition and dues well collected.

On March 19th, I visited Central Lodge, No. 45, China. Owing to bad traveling I went to Waterville by train and drove across with team. The Fellow Craft degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. The records are well kept and dues well in.

March 20th, I visited Seabasticook Lodge, No. 146, at Clinton. On my arrival at Clinton I was met at the station by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Ross S. Holt, who made me welcome and entertained me in his home in a most hospitable manner. As there was no work for the evening I made inspection of records which I found in perfect condition. I also found the dues well collected.

I have made no inspection of Quantabacook Lodge it being my home lodge. I have attended all its meetings for the past year, am convinced everything is in regular order.

I have had the pleasure to visit every lodge in the district and in each instance have been received in a most cordial and fraternal manner. While I have made few corrections I have tried to impress on the officers the necessity of improving themselves in their work especially the ritualistic part.

I wish to thank the officers and members of the lodges in this district for their many kindnesses to me, and to you, Most Worshipful, I wish to extend my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred on me by my appointment as Deputy of this district.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. LAVENSELLER, *D. D. G. M., 7th District.*
Searsmont, April 7, 1924.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

On October 16th, it was my great pleasure to attend the Lodge of Instruction, holden in Bangor. Here I received some very helpful instructions from our newly appointed Grand Lecturer, Bro. Samuel B. Furbish. At the evening session the Master Mason degree was exemplified in a very and dignified manner by the officers of Mystic Lodge, Hampden. I was much pleased to see the lodges of the Eighth Masonic District so well represented at this Lodge of Instruction.

On October 23rd, accompanied by several brethren from Bangor, I visited Mariner's Lodge, No. 8, Searsport, for my official inspection, also to install the newly elected officers for the ensuing year. The Master Mason degree was conferred upon two candidates in the most excellent

manner. After the work I then installed the officers for the coming year. Mariner's Lodge is in very good condition and the dues well collected.

Thursday, March 6th, I officially inspected Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126, Belfast. The work was in the Master Mason degree, and was done in a very pleasing and dignified manner upon two candidates. The ritual was very closely followed and few mistakes. The few necessary corrections were received in the proper spirit. The books are in the hands of Bro. James Cilley and are well kept. The lodge being in a splendid condition.

Monday, March 10th, by invitation, I made an official visit to Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, Belfast. This being their regular communication the usual business was transacted after which two candidates being in waiting were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. I cannot speak too highly of the work witnessed, the ritual being followed very closely. The floor work was well done and the quartet added much to the impressiveness of the degree. The records are neatly and correctly kept by Bro. F. C. Wentworth, and dues are well collected. At this meeting Bro. H. C. Cook of Gardiner, explained fully the purpose of the George Washington Memorial and the Masonic Service Association in a pleasing address. All the lodges in this District were represented except one and I am sure the object of these two great Masonic movements is more fully understood.

On May 12th, Worshipful Master Coombs of Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, Belfast, is planning a Past Masters' Night and has asked that each lodge in the District furnish a Past Master to fill a chair. I hope to be present at this time and am looking forward to a pleasant and instructive meeting.

On account of moving from the Eighth District to another part of the state I was unable to visit the other lodges much to my regret. However, it was my privilege to meet the Masters of these lodges in Belfast on the night of March 10th, and I learned that although they have had but a small amount of work they are all in good financial condition with the regular meeting well attended and the dues collected to date.

In closing, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor of my reappointment and thank the officers and brethren for the many courtesies shown to me on every occasion.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE R. WILSON, *D. D. G. M., 8th M. D.*

NINTH DISTRICT.

(No report received.)

TENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I here submit to you my report as Deputy for the Tenth District.

On October 12th, Alna Lodge, No. 43, entertained the first School of Instruction held by Grand Lecturer Furbish, which School I attended.

There were a large number of the brethren from other lodges in the District present to enjoy the able instruction given by Brother Furbish.

On December 5th, I paid my official visit to Riverside Lodge at Jefferson, and inspected work in the M. M. degree. This lodge is doing its customary excellent work, and is in fine condition, financially and otherwise.

On December 21st, I installed the officers of Seaside Lodge at Boothbay Harbor; on December 22nd, the officers of Anchor Lodge at South Bristol; on December 27th, the officers of Lincoln Lodge at Wiscasset; on December 28, the officers of Alna Lodge at Damariscotta; and on January 1st, the officers of Bristol Lodge at Bristol.

On January 9th, I inspected the new hall of Dresden Lodge at Dresden Mills, and approved the same. The brethren of this lodge have surely performed a task worthy of note, and for them, I take this opportunity to thank the brethren of the several lodges in the state who responded so generously to their needs. At the request of their officers, I have made no further official visit to them.

On January 10th, I visited Bay View Lodge at East Boothbay, and inspected work in the M. M. degree. This lodge does fine work, has a fine home and is in excellent condition from all standpoints. It was a particular pleasure to me to visit this lodge, insomuch as I failed to visit them at all last year.

On January 18th, I paid my official visit to Alna Lodge at Damariscotta, and inspected work in the M. M. degree. A marked improvement over the work last year was very noticeable.

On February 7th, I visited Seaside Lodge at Boothbay Harbor, and inspected work in the M. M. degree. This lodge is doing its usual good work.

On February 23rd, I paid my official visit to Anchor Lodge at South Bristol, and inspected an exemplification of work in the F. C. degree. This lodge has a corps of young officers, and while having little work, they demonstrated their ability to do good work after a little experience.

On February 25th, I visited Bristol Lodge at Bristol, where work was exemplified in the M. M. degree. A new set of officers performed their work in a manner indicating interest and ability.

On March 6th, I paid my official visit to Lincoln Lodge at Wiscasset, where work was done in the M. M. degree in an excellent manner. This lodge has, in one year, stepped to near the head of the list in good work. A keen fellowship spirit is very manifest there, which lends much interest and enjoyment to their gatherings.

On March 14th, I visited King Solomon's Lodge at Waldoboro, and inspected work in the M. M. degree. The ritualistic work of this lodge is the nearest correct of any lodge in the District, and much interest is shown.

And now, Most Worshipful, permit me to express my keen appreciation for the great honor you have afforded me during the past two years. I can't express in words the pleasure I have had in serving my District, and realizing that I was deputised by one who has honored, at the same

time, his high Masonic office, and the Supreme Bench of Maine; two institutions that stand for a citizenship of highest worth, and for open, unhooded American ideals. As years roll on I shall so long as permitted to remain away from that "far country," cherish the recollections of these relations so filled with brotherly considerations.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. A. COWAN, *D. D. G. M., 10th District.*

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I was privileged to make my first official visitation to Dirigo Lodge, No. 104, at Weeks Mills, on October 13th, for the purpose of installing the officers. With me to act as Grand Marshal was Worshipful Brother D. Saunders Patterson. We were given a cordial welcome and found present guests of the lodge members who had been invited to witness the ceremonies of installation. Brother Archibald B. Morrisison was installed Worshipful Master for a second term and has an able corps of officers to assist him. After the installation the company adjourned to the banquet hall; tables had been attractively laid by members of the Eastern Star. This efficient body of ladies I am told is very helpful in promoting the social life of Dirigo Lodge members.

October 27th, I again visited Dirigo Lodge for the purpose of inspection. One candidate was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The work was performed in a creditable manner which showed that the Worshipful Master has the support of his officers. Brother O. F. Sproul is entering upon the duties of secretary for the forty-second year; his neat and accurate records testify to his devotion to his lodge. Visitors from several lodges were present.

October 29th, Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, at Augusta, was inspected. The Master Mason degree was worked with dignity and precision. I have been present during the year at the time of working the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees; all the work is performed in a creditable manner.

Monday, November 28th, assisted by Past District Deputy Grand Master Willis E. Swift as Grand Marshal, I installed the officers of Bethlehem Lodge for the year 1924.

On November 1st, I installed the officers of Monmouth Lodge, No. 110. The lodge members prepared and served the supper under the direction of the capable chef, Brother Roy Woodbury. The evening was one of pleasure to all present.

On November 19th, I visited Monmouth Lodge for inspection. The work of every officer showed intelligent preparation. The ritual was closely followed and the floor work excellent. The records of this lodge are neatly kept, dues well collected and the financial condition good.

December 7th, I made an official visitation to Kennebec Lodge, No. 5, at Hallowell. The presence of Most Worshipful Grand Master Albert

M. Spear made the evening one of special importance to the lodge. The work performed by the officers was worthy of the occasion and well up to the standard of previous years. The admirable address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master brought to our minds much of the responsibility and many opportunities of masonry that we have frequently failed to fully prize. A similar talk to all Blue Lodges would be of great value.

I was invited to inspect Temple Lodge, No. 25, at Winthrop, December 10th. Seldom have I heard the ritual so accurately rendered, showing not only thorough knowledge but also painstaking preparation. The Master Mason degree was rendered in the impressive manner the work demands. There is no doubt the efficient officers of Temple Lodge with the support of the brethren are making the ancient landmarks of masonry a force for good citizenship in the community the lodge serves.

November 27th, I inspected Augusta Lodge, No. 141, at Augusta. Worshipful Master Lester M. Hart has given much time and thought to masonry and Augusta Lodge has greatly benefitted thereby. My words of commendation were heartily endorsed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master who was present to witness the work. Augusta Lodge is one of the first in this District to introduce the practice of study of Masonic lectures at the monthly stated meetings. The study has been both entertaining and profitable. The Most Worshipful Grand Master delivered an inspiring address on our Masonic duties. I again visited Augusta Lodge, January 22, 1924, to install the officers. Installation was public. To assist me I had Brother D. Saunders Patterson as Grand Marshal and Brother A. Francis Walch, Grand Chaplain. An orchestra and quartette was effectively used during the evening. After the installation a Past Master's jewel was presented to Past Master Lester M. Hart. Brother Harold E. Cook gave a splendid talk on the work of the Masonic Service Association.

An official visitation was made to Hermon Lodge, No. 32, at Gardiner, on December 11th. The attractive lodge room of Hermon Lodge is conducive to orderly and stately presentation of lodge degrees. The Worshipful Master Harold C. Smith, is experienced in ritualistic work; ably assisted by the other officers the Master Mason degree was presented in a manner to reflect credit upon the lodge. The records of attendance indicate interest among the brethren. The Treasurer's report shows a good financial condition.

February 19th, I visited Morning Star Lodge, No. 41, at Litchfield. I was most cordially received by the Worshipful Master. Weather conditions made it impossible to return to Augusta the same night and Brother Fred Adams kindly arranged for my stay at Litchfield. An examination of the Secretary's books showed the lodge to be in good financial condition. The records are complete and entered in a neat manner. Membership is steadily increasing. After the regular business of the stated meeting work of the Master Mason degree was performed. In every detail the work was rendered with accuracy by the efficient officers.

I extend to all lodges in the Eleventh District an invitation to meet at Augusta, January 28, 1924, to listen to an address on the George Washington Memorial. The attendance should have been larger. Brother Harold E. Cook gave a very interesting talk and explained methods of raising funds to finance the building of the Memorial. Past Grand Master Thomas H. Bodge reported the progress already made.

For the honor you have bestowed upon me, for the hearty cooperation of all the lodges and for the genuine fellowship I have enjoyed, I am deeply grateful.

Cordially and fraternally yours,

JOHN C. ARNOLD, *D. D. G. M., 11th M. D.*

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

(No report received.)

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

BINGHAM, MAINE, March 24, 1924.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

It seems only a few short days since I reported to you on the condition of the Craft in this district, yet a glimpse of the calendar convinces me that Masonry has added another milestone to her illustrious journey through the ages.

I have inspected the work in all the lodges in this district and installed the officers in one. I find a general uniformity and close adherence to the ritual in all. That some should enjoy better equipment and facilities is of course natural but all are quite evidently trying to do their best. The condition of the books in all but one lodge show that the dues are well collected and the lodges healthy. In this one I have their promise to take action and clear up their records.

The following is a summary of my official visits:

September 20th, I attended the School of Instruction held in Skowhegan.

September 24th, I publicly installed the officers of Euclid Lodge at Madison.

October 2nd, I inspected work in the third degree in Carrabasset Lodge at Canaan.

October 23rd, I inspected work in the first degree in Northern Star Lodge at North Anson.

November 1st, I inspected work in the second degree in Siloam Lodge at Fairfield.

November 5th, I inspected work in the first degree in Euclid Lodge at Madison.

November 9th, I inspected work in the third degree in Lebanon Lodge at Norridgewock.

November 12th, I inspected work in the second degree in Somerset Lodge at Skowhegan.

November 21st, I inspected work in the third degree in Keystone Lodge at Solon.

I have made no official inspection of my home lodge, Bingham, but have been in frequent attendance.

In closing I wish to thank the brethren of this district for their many courtesies and the hearty support which they have given me in carrying out any suggestions I have made, and I wish to express to you my appreciation for the confidence which you have reposed in me by appointing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth District, and thank you for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted,

HAROLD A. COLEMAN, *D. D. G. M., 13th Masonic District.*

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of Masons in Maine:

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine held at Portland, May 3rd to 5th, I received the honorable appointment of District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth Masonic District, and was officially installed in my home lodge by Worshipful Brother Harry S. Jordan.

I have inspected every lodge in my District and now submit my first official report.

September 18th, by invitation of W. M. Albert C. Bowie, I visited Acacia Lodge, No. 121, at Durham, and inspected work in the M. M. degree which was given in a very pleasing manner. No correction was necessary in the ritualistic work, and the floor work, was exceedingly good considering the fact that the hall was filled to overflowing. After closing lodge, all adjourned to the banquet hall where a bountiful harvest supper was served.

By invitation of W. M. Arthur C. Hagan I inspected the work of Polar Star Lodge, at Bath, on October 10th. Before work a banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. The work of the evening was in the M. M. degree. Very few corrections were necessary and the floor work was especially good.

November 5th, by invitation of Secretary Fred E. Ward, I visited Freeport Lodge, No. 23, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree, which was exceedingly well rendered. No corrections were needed, as they have the ritual well in hand.

Upon receipt of an invitation from Secretary Joseph E. Stetson, I officially visited United Lodge, No. 8, of Brunswick. Work was in the M. M. degree, and was exceedingly good. United Lodge was fortunate in having a wonderful instructor with them most of the time in Samuel

B. Furbish, Grand Lecturer of Maine. The ritual is being very closely followed and it was not necessary to make many corrections.

Receiving an invitation from Secretary Edward White, I visited the Village Lodge, No. 26, at Bowdoinham. Owing to the fact that one of the worst storms of the year was with us at that time, and as most of the officers live quite a distance, I did not have the pleasure of witnessing any work, but found that the spirit of Masonry in the Village Lodge is strong, and we hope that the lodge will be more fortunate as regards weather next year at the time of official visitation.

On March 17th, by invitation of Secretary Asbury M. Blake, I visited Ancient York Lodge, No. 155, at Lisbon Falls. The work of the evening was in the F. C. degree. Owing to the absence of W. M. Irving E. Wellman work was conducted by a Past Master. It was well put on and a very fine evening enjoyed.

Receiving an invitation from Henry G. Shaw, W. M., I visited Solar Lodge, No. 14, at Bath, on March 24th. Before opening lodge a splendid banquet was served in the banquet hall by the Ladies of the Eastern Star. Worshipful Master Shaw and his able staff of officers exemplified work in the M. M. degree in a manner which must be called exceedingly fine. No corrections were necessary as they have the ritual well in hand, and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

At a special communication of Richmond Lodge, No. 63, at Richmond, I inspected the work in the M. M. degree on March 31st. This is my home lodge, and while I am ashamed to admit it, it was the first time since W. M. Maurice E. Ridley and his officers were installed, that I was permitted to attend a meeting, my business taking me from home on every previous night of meeting. With one exception this is the first year that the present officers have been in their respective stations but they are all working very good, all things being considered. While several corrections were necessary, they were all received in true Masonic spirit.

Before closing my report I feel that the Secretaries of the several lodges of this District should receive the credit due them for the fine manner in which the books are kept, and are to be especially thanked for keeping the dues so well collected. I am exceedingly sorry that I have not had more time to give to this work, and while I have no apology to offer, I sincerely believe that all the lodges in this District, will show a decided improvement in the future. After witnessing the rejection of so many candidates for the degrees, I am fully satisfied that the investigating committees are giving the applicants rigid investigation.

Now, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I wish to extend to you my heartfelt thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

DOVER L. SOUTHARD, D. D. G. M., 14th M. D.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

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 Fifteenth Masonic District.

It has been my privilege to visit officially nine of the ten lodges in my District. I have made no formal visit to my home lodge, Franklin, No. 123, but I have attended all of its meetings and made such suggestions from time to time as seemed appropriate.

On July 27th, by invitation, I made my first official visit of the year to Mount Bigelow Lodge, at Flagstaff, where work was performed in the Master Mason degree.

On August 28th, I visited Mystic Tie Lodge, at Weld, where the Master Mason degree was conferred on one candidate.

On September 20th, I attended a School of Instruction at Skowhegan, presided over by Grand Lecturer Furbish, and on the following afternoon and evening attended one of three similar schools held in the Fifteenth District by Bro. Furbish. This first meeting with Franklin Lodge was well attended by the brethren and was very beneficial. I feel urged to express my belief that these schools held in my District have been extremely helpful in promoting greater uniformity in the work. The lodges, particularly those in the northern part of the District, are so far from the centers where Schools of Instruction have commonly been held, that very few of their members have previously had opportunity to attend. I sincerely hope that the Grand Lecturer may be able to carry out a similar program in the future.

On November 7th, I visited Kemankeag Lodge, at Rangeley. At this meeting the installation of their officers took place and I did not ask them to exemplify any degree work.

On November 23rd, I visited Davis Lodge, at Strong, and saw the Entered Apprentice degree conferred on one candidate.

On January 16th, I attended the semi-annual communication of Oriental Star Lodge, at Livermore Falls, where the Master Mason degree was conferred at both afternoon and evening sessions. While there I had the pleasure of meeting and listening to Judge Cook, who spoke to the brethren in relation to the Washington Memorial and the Masonic Service Association.

On March 5th, I met with Wilton Lodge and saw the Master Mason degree conferred.

On March 19th, I visited Blue Mountain Lodge, at Phillips, and on the following night attended a meeting of Mount Abram Lodge at Kingfield. At both meetings the Master Mason degree was conferred.

On April 14th, I made my last official visit of the year with Maine Lodge at Farmington, where the Entered Apprentice degree was worked on one candidate.

All of the lodges in the Fifteenth District are, I believe, in sound financial condition. Several report considerable sums of money in bank in addition

to owning their lodge homes. Everywhere I have found the officers earnest, endeavoring to carry out the spirit as well as the letter of the ritual. Everywhere I have found such uniformly good work and such a desire to correct any minor errors that may have crept in to the ritualistic work that I must hesitate to draw any comparisons whatsoever.

In conclusion I wish to express to the officers and brethren of the several lodges included in my visits my appreciation of the cordial receptions tendered me. And to you, Most Worshipful, I wish to express my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me in appointing me as your representative in this district.

Fraternally submitted,

F. PERLEY CASWELL, D. D. G. M., 15th M. D.

New Sharon, Me., April 15, 1924.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have the honor of submitting to you my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixteenth Masonic District.

It has been my privilege to visit all of the lodges officially, and I am pleased to report that they are in a very prosperous condition without exception, and are governed by officers whose work merits our commendation.

October 19th, accompanied by Wor. Elroy A. Dean and Wor. Edwin R. Berry, I attended the School of Instruction at Norway, under the direction of Samuel B. Furbish, Grand Lecturer. The usual form of instructions were given and each correction made very clear and in an able manner by the Grand Lecturer. The School was of interest and much profit to me, and I feel that it must have been to all who were present. School closed at 6.30 o'clock and it being the evening of the regular meeting of Oxford Lodge, I made my official visit at that time. Having no regular work the F. C. degree was exemplified in a manner which gave credit to the officers. By request, and assisted by Wor. Geo. L. Curtis as Grand Marshal, and Bro. Lewis I. Gilbert as Grand Chaplain, I installed the officers of Oxford Lodge. After the installation of the Master, our Grand Lecturer being present, I invited him to work the Past Master's degree, which he did, and the degree was conferred on five candidates. The officers and members of Oxford Lodge spared no pains in making this occasion one of profit and enjoyment to all present, and I wish to thank them for their generous hospitality.

On the evening of October 23rd, accompanied by three of the brethren of my home lodge, I paid my official visit to Mount Tir'em Lodge, No. 132, at Waterford, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree which was conferred on one candidate in a very satisfactory manner. The officers are nearly all young men and show much interest in the work. The few

minor corrections and suggestions were received in the true masonic spirit. Though this is a small lodge yet their masonic home is one of the best. The records are in the hands of Wor. Clarence H. Pride which is a guarantee that they are kept in the true masonic form.

On the evening of November 8th, I made my visit to Bethel Lodge, No. 97. There was no regular candidate but the F. C. degree was exemplified in a manner which gave credit to every officer. The floor work was of the very best. The records are in the hands of Wor. Fred B. Merrill which is suffice to say that they are correctly kept, and dues very well collected. Bethel Lodge is very active and in a prosperous condition.

Friday evening, November 9th, by appointment, I officially visited Crooked River Lodge, No. 152, at Bolster's Mills. I was accompanied by two of the brethren of my home lodge, and witnessed the exemplification of the E. A. degree. This lodge was represented at the School of Instruction at Norway, October 19th, by the Master, Ernest L. Gay, who is a very efficient officer. For a small place this lodge has a fine masonic home, which is clear from debt. The lodge also has several hundred dollars at interest.

On the evening of November 21st, I made my official visit to Jefferson Lodge, No. 100, Bryant Pond, and witnessed the exemplification of the E. A. degree, which was carried out in a most pleasing and dignified manner. The records are in the hands of Bro. Lester D. Bryant and are well taken care of, with dues well collected.

On December 16th, by invitation from Thomas I. Brown, Master of Bethel Lodge, I went to Bethel and installed the officers into their respective stations. At the close of the installation some enthusiastic speeches were given for the good of the order by local brethren, after which I was presented with a nice gift from the lodge as installing officer.

December 12th, assisted by Wor. E. A. Dean as Grand Chaplain, and Rt. Wor. B. L. Swift as Grand Marshal, I publicly installed the officers of Granite Lodge, after which refreshments were served.

On the evening of December 18th, I made my official visit to Paris Lodge, No. 94, South Paris. There being no regular candidate the E. A. degree was exemplified. The ritual was very closely followed by each officer who are mostly young men and take great interest in the work. I feel that Rt. Wor. Ernest Record is a great help in Paris Lodge to keep it at the high standard which it has shown in the past. The few corrections and suggestions were received in the true masonic spirit. Records are in the hands of Bro. Harold E. Fletcher, and are properly kept with dues well collected.

December 20th, by invitation, I went to Bolster's Mills and publicly installed the officers of Crooked River Lodge. After the installation readings given, solos and duets rendered, and a social chat together, at the close of which a fine banquet was served to nearly one hundred people.

On the evening of January 21st, I made my official visit to Granite Lodge, No. 182, West Paris, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree. This lodge was well represented at the School of Instruction held at Nor-

way, on October 19th, and the officers of Granite Lodge surely show the benefit thereof, as the ritual was closely followed and the work well rendered. Records are still in the hands of Bro. Ralph A. Bacon, and are kept in good form, but the dues are not collected as closely as they should be.

I was invited to install the officers of Paris Lodge, on February 19th, but owing to circumstances that prevailed I was unable to accept the invitation.

This, Most Worshipful, comprises the record of my work. In conclusion, I want to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges for the very kind receptions given me, and also for the attention which they have given to corrections and suggestions as I may have made.

And to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I wish to express appreciation for the honor conferred on me in appointing me as your Deputy in this District, and I have tried to make the work merit confidence which you resposed.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. BROCK, *D. D. G. M., 16th M. D.*

West Paris, Maine, March 31, 1924.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

Generally speaking I find the lodges in this District in excellent condition, not only as regards the calibre of work they are doing, but also as to numerical strength and financial stability. Great interest continues to be maintained in the work throughout the District.

With but few exceptions I have been received in due form, but have governed myself according to the wishes of the presiding Master.

My official duties are chronicled as follows:

The second Wednesday of June, 1923, I installed the officers elect of Hiram Lodge, No. 180; Wor. Bro. E. E. Webster of Portland Lodge, No. 1, acting as Grand Marshal.

July 18th, I attended the dedication of the new hall at Gorham occupied by Harmony Lodge.

September 29th, I visited Presumpscot Lodge at North Windham; Wor. Bro. E. Murray Graham acting as Grand Marshal. The work was in the M. M. degree and was executed commendably considering the crowded condition of the hall and the exceedingly warm weather of the evening.

October 12th, I attended the all day School of Instruction held at Damariscotta and presided over by the Grand Lecturer, Rt. Wor. Bro. Samuel B. Furbish. I derived a great deal of benefit by being present and I regret to state that Portland Lodge, No. 1, was the only lodge in the Seventeenth District represented.

October 18th, I went to Standish Lodge No. 70 but my visit was very suddenly interrupted. Directly after the opening prayer a very persistent alarm was given at the door and upon being answered word was received that the set of buildings owned and occupied by the Senior Deacon of the lodge, Simon W. Moulton, were on fire and aid was requested. The lodge was immediately suspended and everyone rushed to the scene of the conflagration three miles away. All that could be done was done and practically all of Brother Moulton's household belongings and personal effect were saved. The beautiful set of buildings were doomed on account of lack of water and fire fighting facilities. At a later hour the officers returned to the lodge room and closed the lodge, later sitting down to a delicious and well earned oyster stew.

November 5th, I made my official visit to Deering Lodge, No. 183, Wor. Bro. Perley C. Dresser of Portland Lodge, No. 1, acting as Grand Marshal. The Fellow Craft degree was exemplified in a most satisfactory manner, necessitating but few criticisms or suggestions.

November 6th, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Casco Lodge, No. 36, at Yarmouth, Wor. Bro. E. E. Webster of Portland Lodge, No. 1, acting as Grand Marshal.

November 8th, I again visited Standish Lodge, No. 70, where I had the pleasure of witnessing the Master Mason degree conferred. Considering the small amount of work being done by this lodge the officers performed very creditably. Such suggestions as I offered were cordially received.

November 21st, I visited Harmony Lodge, No. 38, at Gorham, Rt. Wor. Bro. Joseph B. Manchester, Past District Deputy, acting as Grand Marshal. The Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified in a particularly creditable manner.

November 22nd, Portland Lodge, No. 1, worked the F. C. degree on the occasion of my official visit. Wor. Bro. Frederick W. Grimmer of Hiram Lodge, No. 180, acted as Grand Marshal. The opening was exceptionally commendable and floor work of the junior officers showed that great attention is paid here to even the smaller details.

January 15th, I inspected Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, Wor. Bro. Albert Moulton of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge, acting as Grand Marshal. Work was in the E. A. degree and particularly well exemplified. Atlantic Lodge has the enviable reputation of not having at the present time a single delinquent on its books.

February 5th, I visited Ancient Land-Mark Lodge, No. 17, Wor. Bro. George Minott of Hiram Lodge, No. 180, acting as Grand Marshal. Work was in the M. M. degree, thus completing within the walls of the temple at Portland, exemplification of each of the three degrees. The nature of their work called for but scant criticisms, more especially words of praise.

February 11th, I installed the officers elect of Deering Lodge, No. 183.

February 15th, I visited Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186, Wor. Bro. E. E. Webster of Portland Lodge, No. 1, acting as Grand Marshal. The degree exemplified was that of Entered Apprentice and I am glad to report

that there is apparently a great amount of interest being taken by the officers and good work should be the result for years to come.

March 6th, I visited Temple Lodge, No. 86, Wor. Bro. George Minott of Hiram Lodge, No. 180, acting as Grand Marshal. The calibre of work shown on this occasion means that the officers are holding very closely to the ritual and delivering it in an impressive manner.

March 17th, I visited Casco Lodge, No. 36, at Yarmouth. The F. C. degree was exemplified in a pleasing manner, showing hard study on the part of the officers.

March 24th, I completed my visitations for the year at Hiram Lodge, No. 180, of South Portland, where I witnessed the exemplification of the M. M. degree. The ritual is being closely followed with and a dignity which becomes it.

This report would be incomplete without an expression of my appreciation of the manner in which I have everywhere been received and I take this opportunity to especially thank the officers of all the lodges I have visited for their very hospitable reception. Also, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I want you to know that I am fully appreciative of the honor you bestowed on me in appointing me District Deputy of this District and that I have endeavored to discharge the duties of this important office in a manner to merit the confidence you reposed.

Fraternally submitted,

HAROLD B. CHASE, *D. D. G. M., 17th M. D.*

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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

November 3rd, I visited Oriental Lodge, No. 13, at Bridgton, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree which was done in a very commendable manner, the ritual being so closely followed that there were practically no corrections to make.

November 8th, I officially visited Delta Lodge, No. 153, at Lovell. Work in the F. C. degree was exemplified in a very interesting and impressive manner, the officers taking a deep interest in it.

December 17th, I visited Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, at Fryeburg. This was their annual communication and after the election of officers the newly elected Worshipful Master was called to the chair, and supported by a very efficient corps of officers, worked the M. M. degree in a manner that admits of nothing but praise, the W. M. elect showing himself fully qualified to assume the duties of his office.

December 21st, I inspected my home lodge, Greenleaf, No. 117, the same being our annual communication. The F. C. degree was worked in a very creditable and impressive manner.

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January 21st, I again visited Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, at Fryeburg, and installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. Irving P. Holman as Grand Marshal.

March 25th, I made an official visitation to Shepherd's River Lodge, No. 169, at Brownfield. There was no work at this meeting, but I think that I am sufficiently familiar with the manner in which work is done in this lodge, having witnessed it several times in the past, to be able to report that they are capable of doing work that would be praiseworthy.

Circumstances prevented me from visiting Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 56, at Denmark, on the evening appointed, but P. D. D. G. M. Augustus S. Colby acted in my stead and reports the lodge in its usual prosperous condition, a steady gain in membership and work being done in very excellent manner. I take this opportunity to thank Bro. Colby for the favor.

All the lodges in this District I find governed by very capable officers and business dispatched with precision. The records, in every case, are very neatly and accurately kept, and the finances well looked after.

There has been a substantial increase in membership during the past year, and a marked improvement in the rendition of the ritual.

I wish to thank the officers and members of the several lodges for the kindly spirit in which they have accepted the corrections that I have made and suggestions offered, also for the many courtesies received.

Having concluded my duties I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of my appointment as your representative in this district.

Fraternally submitted,

L. MURRAY WATKINS, *D. D. G. M., 18th M. D.*

Cornish, April 1, 1924.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have made visitations of the lodges in my District on the dates following: Ocean, No. 142, on October 18th; St. Aspinquid, No. 198, on October 23rd; Yorkshire, No. 179, on October 26th; York, No. 22, on November 19th; Arundel, No. 76, on November 20th; Naval, No. 184, on November 21st; St. Johns, No. 51, on November 26th; Orchard, No. 215, on February 11th; Saco, No. 9, on February 29th; Dunlap, No. 47, on March 24th.

On the whole each lodge shows about the same degree of perfection in the work as was reported last year. To make a report of each in detail is simply to copy the general statements made by Deputies in the past. After two years of service as a District Deputy I am convinced that some means should be adopted to make these inspections accomplish the purposes for which they were intended making them of some real benefit both to the lodge inspected and the Grand Lodge.

The correction of mistakes in the ritual should be made at the several Schools of Instructions as those made by the Deputies are not always correct and lodges are found where conflicting statements have been made by different Deputies. I believe that the Deputy should pass on the work as a whole, the manner of conferring the degrees, the general Masonic tone of the lodge and not attempt to correct all minor errors in the ritual from a memory that is often in error.

The report of the Deputy should be made on form so compiled as to show the true standing of the lodges on all matters both as to the character of the work and the general Masonic life of the lodge. Such a report as might be used by succeeding Deputies as a basis of comparison. Such reports might be preserved both in the lodge examined and in the office of the Grand Lodge thereby obviating the necessity of incorporating them in the year book, a saving in expense and no loss to masonic literature.

I realize that I am not proficient in Masonic law and that I am suggesting a radical change, yet, by experience, I realize that after two years in this work I am leaving nothing for my successor to base his reports upon. I believe that some endeavor should be made to improve this part of the work so that we may derive some benefit from the labors of the several Deputies.

I also believe that the Deputy should devote a part of his remarks to some item of interest to the fraternity making it in reality a message from the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

HAROLD H. BOURNE, *D. D. G. M., 19th District.*

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

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 Twentieth Masonic District.

August 21st, I visited Horeb Lodge, No. 93, Lincoln. Two candidates were raised to the degree of Master Mason. The work was done in a most excellent manner, no ritual being used.

October 16th, I attended the Lodge of Instruction at Bangor, presided over by Samuel B. Furbish, Grand Lecturer. What I learned at this meeting was of much benefit to me and was very much appreciated, and I enjoyed the hospitality of the Bangor Lodges. In the evening witnessed work in the Third degree by officers of Mystic Lodge, No. 65, Hampden.

On October 22nd, I installed the officers of Horeb Lodge assisted by Bro. Kingsley Balantyne as Marshal.

November 17th, I visited Pine Tree Lodge, No. 172, Mattawamkeag. This was Past Masters' night and after installation (which was as brief as possible) the chairs were filled by Past Masters and the third degree was worked in a very creditable manner. Some of these brethren had not filled a chair for a long time yet it gave the meeting a feeling of fraternal

atmosphere seldom felt and made me wish that every man who claims the name of Master Mason might as the years go by show that they have the same spirit of fraternalism.

I have attended several meetings of my home lodge, everything is going along nicely.

I could not seem to make arrangements to visit Baskehegan Lodge, No. 175. Each time I made plans to do so something seemed to come up to spoil them but I feel that the lodge is doing fine work. The records of the several lodges are well kept and dues are quite well paid.

In closing, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor bestowed upon me, and to thank the brethren of the Twentieth District for the courtesies extended.

Fraternally submitted,

RAYMOND HAM, *D. D. G. M., 20th M. D.*

Springfield, Me., April 30, 1924.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

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-first Masonic District.

Having in mind the difficulty experienced the previous year in unfavorable traveling conditions for the Deputy when work was going on, the officers of David A. Hooper Lodge, No. 201, invited me to come for inspection of their first work in the Master Mason's degree after my re-appointment, which was on the evening of June 23rd. In their work the ritual was closely followed, few suggestions for correction being offered. Improvement in matter of uncollected dues was suggested.

The officers of Felicity Lodge, also having in mind my inability to visit them the previous year arranged for the date of my visit, before appointing their meeting for October 20th, and on that date I inspected their work in the Master Mason's degree. This was well presented and was a credit to the officers who took part. This lodge has been through an unfortunate situation due to the neglect and indifference of two of its officers, who have now been replaced. The new officers are now working harmoniously however, and the records are again in good condition.

On the evening of November 8th, I visited Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185. This lodge occupies a new Masonic Building and is in a prosperous condition. Work was in the Master Mason's degree, and was with one exception in strict accordance with the ritual. Records and books are kept in a new complete and up-to-date system.

Each time that Tremont Lodge, No. 77, Southwest Harbor, worked after my appointment as Deputy, I was invited to attend. I accepted on the evening of November 15th, and witnessed their work in the Master Mason's degree which was well presented. The records are in excellent order and the dues well paid up.

The officers of McKinley Lodge, No. 212, were also considerate in arranging ahead for my visit on the evening of November 20th. The work was in the Fellow Craft degree, in which the ritual was closely followed. Attention was again called to the matter of unpaid dues and action has since been taken. The members of McKinley Lodge and that community, suffered an irreparable loss in the death of their Master, Wor. Brother Everett A. Stanley, following a surgical operation, on April 12th of this year. Wor. Brother Stanley had ever taken a keen interest in Masonic affairs. He was a charter member of McKinley Lodge and was for the third time serving as its Worshipful Master.

I was cordially received on the evening of November 27th, by the officers and members of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 171, at Orland. Work was in the Master Mason's degree, in which the ritual was closely followed. The records are well kept and dues well paid.

No work being in immediate prospect, the officers invited me to visit Mt. Desert Lodge on the evening of December 22nd. The work of the Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. The good attendance of the members indicated the interest taken by them, even though there had been no work for a year.

Northeast Harbor Lodge, No. 208, had work in the Master Mason's degree on February 19th, for the first time in this Masonic year, and I was invited for a visit at this time. The work was well presented, the officers closely following the ritual with but one exception. A knotty problem in Masonic jurisprudence was discussed and suggestion offered for its solution.

I was at last able to visit Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, on the evening of March 22nd. The work was in the Master Mason's degree and the ritual was closely followed, but few suggestions for correction being made.

I have paid no official visit to my home lodge, Lygonia, No. 40. Being its Secretary however, I have missed but few of its meetings. I feel that the work of its officers is well up to the average, and that there is good interest in Masonic affairs here.

In closing I wish to urge what has before been suggested, an inspection blank to be used by all District Deputies, in which information could be recorded that would be of some value to the Grand Lodge as well as the lodges visited.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY E. ROWE, D. D. G. M., 21st District.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine;

I herewith submit my second report of the Twenty-second Masonic District.

I have officially visited each lodge in my District, and find them all in good condition. The records being in the hands of able secretaries.

October 16th, I attended the School of Instruction at Bangor, and greatly enjoyed the opportunity for ritual study under R. W. Bro. Samuel B. Furbish, Grand Lecturer.

September 20th, I visited Archon Lodge, East Dixmont. This is one of the best working lodges in the District. I was favorably impressed as I witnessed the work in the M. M. degree.

September 22nd, I visited Parian Lodge, Corinna, and witnessed work on two candidates in the E. A. degree. The lodge was opened in the M. M. degree by Roy E. Pearson, Master, and the routine business was transacted. Work was then suspended in the M. M. degree, and a lodge opened in the E. A. degree. The Master then called Fred J. Nutter, J. W., to the East, who presented the work in almost perfect manner.

October 3rd, I visited Corinthian Lodge, at Hartland, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was very good considering they had done no work for some time.

October 4th, I visited Meridian Splendor Lodge, at Newport, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The candidate being the son of Past Master Charles Sherridan, he was invited to the East and exemplified the work in a very pleasing manner. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren from Pacific and Parian Lodges.

October 8th, I visited Plymouth Lodge, at Plymouth. I here witnessed actual work in the F. C. degree, and an exemplification of that in the M. M. degree. I noticed a great improvement in the work since my last visit.

October 10th, I visited Pacific Lodge, Exeter. This is one of the most active lodges in the District. Work was conferred on two candidates in the E. A. degree, which was well done and only a few unimportant corrections necessary.

October 26th, I visited Meridian Lodge, at Pittsfield, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The officers are zealous brethren who show a great enthusiasm for the Order. The lodge is in good working condition.

I have been present at all communications of my home lodge, Cambridge, No. 15, and from time to time made criticisms of the work.

By invitation I installed the officers of Parian Lodge, Corinna; Meridian Lodge, Pittsfield; also the officers of my home lodge.

I desire to thank all the officers and brethren for the uniform courtesy extended to me during the two years of my service as D. D. G. M., and will ever bear them all in the kindest remembrance.

And lastly, I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor you have conferred upon me.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. ELDRIDGE, *D. D. G. M., 22nd M. D.*

May 1, 1924.

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

To M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

October 19th, 1923, accompanied by Past D. D. G. M. Albert R. Leavitt, I attended the School of Instruction in Norway. It was well attended, most instructive, and has been of great value to me.

September 19th, I visited Day Spring Lodge, No. 107, at West Newfield. Work in the E. A. degree. There was a satisfactory attendance and great interest was shown in the work, and also it is evident that the officers are striving to show constant improvement. The records are in excellent condition. Election of officers followed.

September 20th, I visited Drummond Lodge, No. 118, Parsonfield. Work in M. M. degree. Attendance was rather small. The officers present ably assisted by Past Masters and new members, made a very creditable showing, everything considered. Constant attendance by all the officers and a more careful study of the ritualistic work will undoubtedly result in marked improvement. The records are ably and neatly kept, and dues are fairly well collected. Election of officers followed the work.

October 24th, at my request, Past D. D. G. M. Albert R. Leavitt, of Drummond Lodge, visited Freedom Lodge, No. 42, at Limerick, Maine. It was a very rainy night, but notwithstanding this fact, there was a very good attendance. Work in the E. A. degree was given in an impressive manner, and errors were few. The officers and members work well together, and a true Masonic spirit prevails. Records are correctly kept, and dues fairly well collected.

November 7th, I visited Preble Lodge, No. 143, at Sanford. Work in F. C. degree. The officers worked this degree in a very commendable manner. They deserve high praise for their excellent work. The ritual was followed very closely and the floor work was nearly perfect. Mention should be made of the cordial and enthusiastic support which the members give to the officers of this lodge. After the work, several questions were asked which, owing to my having attended the School of Instruction, I was able to answer correctly. An enjoyable lunch was served, and a very pleasant social hour enjoyed. Records are well kept and dues satisfactorily collected. The new Masonic Temple which I inspected November 8th, is excellent in every respect, and it is a credit to the brethren who have made its construction possible.

November 19th, Past D.D.G.M. Frank D. Fenderson of Freedom Lodge, visited Buxton Lodge, No. 115, and reports as follows:

DECEMBER 22, 1923.

MR. D. WILLARD LEAVITT,

D. D. G. M., 23rd Masonic District, Parsonfield, Maine.

RT WOR. BRO. LEAVITT:

In accordance with your request and in your behalf I officially inspected Buxton Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., at West Buxton, at their regular

communication on Monday evening, November 19, 1923, receiving a most hearty welcome from the Master, Wor. Bro. Ralph E. Bailey, and the brethren of the lodge.

No candidates were at hand for admission to the several degrees and the evening was spent in the study of the ritual and a general discussion of Masonic Lodge work and the procedure therein.

Wor. Bro. Bailey is just closing his year of work as Master, their annual meeting falling on the regular communication in December of each year.

From the familiarity which the Master and all of the officers displayed with the ritual, I have no doubt that when called upon to confer a degree, it is conferred in an impressive and creditable manner.

Wor. Bro. Oliver Earle is now secretary of this lodge, having succeeded Wor. Bro. Pliny A. Crockett at the annual meeting in 1922, and I can report to you that the records are well kept and in proper form, and the dues of the lodge are also well collected.

The charter of the lodge is deposited for safe keeping in a fireproof vault, and the lodge is working under the usual Grand Lodge certificate in lieu thereof.

The finances of this lodge are in excellent condition, the Treasurer reporting to me a very substantial cash balance which is constantly growing.

In passing I wish to note the United States flag is displayed in the lodge rooms at all sessions of the lodge, and is the joint property of the lodge and of the Order of the Eastern Star. It is the finest flag which I have yet seen displayed in any lodge room and reflects much credit upon the two bodies who own it. There are many other lodges which might well patten after this lodge in their selection of a flag for their lodge room.

Thanking you for the privilege given me to enjoy a most pleasant evening, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) FRANK D. FENDERSON.

On April 16, 1924, Past D. D. G. M. Frank D. Fenderson of Freedom Lodge, visited Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, in Alfred, Maine, in my behalf, and reported as follows:

APRIL 18, 1924.

D. WILLARD LEAVITT,

D. D. G. M., 23rd Masonic District, Parsonfield, Maine.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER LEAVITT:

In compliance with your request, I made an official inspection of Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, at Alfred, at their regular communication on the evening of April 16, 1924.

The work of the evening was in the Master Mason's degree. This was the first work performed by the new staff of officers headed by Worshipful Brother Freeman B. Trafton, and was a splendid rendering of the work of this degree. The interpretation of the ritual was almost perfect, and the floor work in due form. A particularly pleasing feature of the work was the knowledge which the candidates displayed of the work of the preceding degree. The examination of the candidates was one of the best that I ever heard in any lodge.

With plenty of work in sight, I predict for Fraternal Lodge a most successful year under the administration of Worshipful Brother Trafton.

The records of the lodge were in the hands of Worshipful Brother Herman J. Sayward, and are models of neatness. The dues are well collected, and the finances of the lodge are in a very satisfactory condition. Already the lodge is looking forward to its Centennial celebration which will fall in 1928.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me in assigning me this inspection, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) FRANK D. FENDERSON.

I regret very much that I was unable to make an official visit to Adoniram Lodge, No. 27, at Limington, Maine. Past D. D. G. M. Albert R. Leavitt intended to visit in my behalf, but critical illness prevented his doing so.

I had fully intended to visit Springvale Lodge, No. 190, at Springvale, at the April meeting, but was detained in Florida longer than I expected, returning too late to make the visitation personally or to have anyone act as my representative.

I wish to thank the officers and members of the several lodges for the cordial reception extended to me and my representatives. I sincerely appreciate the honor you have conferred upon me by this appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

D. WILLARD LEAVITT, D. D. G. M.

Parsonfield, Me., April 18, 1924.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

(No report received.)

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit my first report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fifth District.

On account of business I was unable to attend any School of Instruction the past year.

My first official visit was to Island Falls Lodge, No. 206, on January 30th, where I inspected the work in the Entered Apprentice degree. This degree was worked upon a substitute on account of the candidate being unable to attend. Under the direction of W. M. David James, I found the work very well done, the ritual closely followed. Brother Marr has a well kept set of records with the dues well collected and the lodge is in a good financial condition.

On February 13th, I inspected the work of Pioneer Lodge, No. 72, at Ashland, where work was exhibited in the Master Mason degree on a

substitute. Although there was not a large attendance, all of the officers occupied their various stations in an efficient manner and I am satisfied that the work in this lodge is performed in a dignified and impressive manner. I found the records well kept by Brother Le Masurier and the lodge in a flourishing condition. After refreshments, Past District Deputy Grand Master Moores acted as toastmaster and interesting remarks were made by several of the brethren.

February 19th, I paid my official visit to Molunkus Lodge, No. 165, Sherman Mills. Worshipful Master Parker met me at the train and I enjoyed a beautiful drive to Sherman Mills a distance of three miles. The Master Mason degree was conferred on two candidates in an impressive manner and with few exceptions the ritual was closely followed. I found that Brother Ambrose has kept a fine record of the lodge and almost all of their members are paid up in dues. I was much impressed with the true Masonic courtesies extended to me by all the brethren, everything was done to make my visit among them a pleasure long to be remembered.

February 21st, I visited Katahdin Lodge, No. 98, at Patten, where work was done in the Master Mason degree. I found this lodge well attended and the work handled in an excellent manner by all of the officers. The ritual was closely followed and the floor work was in keeping with the rest of the work. Worshipful Master Patterson is taking a great interest in the craft and is well qualified to fill the important position which he has. The records of the lodge are well and neatly kept by Brother Miles and the lodge in a good financial condition.

February 28th, I visited my own lodge, Fort Kent, No. 209, where the Master Mason degree was conferred on one candidate. To do my own lodge justice I perhaps watched and criticised the work even more than the other lodges in my jurisdiction. About sixty were present and each officer did his work in a manner which made me proud of my lodge. Worshipful Master Bradbury has shown himself as a true leader of the craft and under his direction the lodge is a live institution with all of the brethren taking an active interest in its welfare and success. I found the records well and neatly kept by Brother Roberts but did suggest that some action be taken on the oldest delinquents. After the work the tables were clothed in the lodge room and refreshments served with Worshipful Master Bradbury as toastmaster. Many interesting remarks were made by the members and visiting brethren.

March 13th, I made my official visit to Nollesemic Lodge, No. 205, Millinocket, where I witnessed the conferring of the Master Mason degree on one candidate. The lodge did the work in a manner which was very pleasing to me, the floor work being almost flawless. Worshipful Master Carrier presided over the East with the ease and dignity befitting that important station. The few corrections, that were made were received in the real masonic spirit and each officer did his best to impart to the candidate the true masonic impression. Brother Nickless has the business of the lodge in fine condition and has an accurate and neat record of the lodge work. The following morning on invitation of the Senior Warden,

Brother Mears, I visited the plant of the Great Northern Paper Company, where he holds an important position, and spent a very enjoyable three hours in the various departments of this company.

In conclusion I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges in the District for the courtesies extended to me while on my official visits. I found all of the lodges in a healthy condition and I believe that the Twenty-fifth District will show favorably in work and Masonic fraternity with any of the other Districts.

My office has given me a great deal of pleasure and I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted,

GUILFORD L. PERKINS, D. D. G. M., 25th M. D.

Caribou, April 8, 1924.

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ALBERT M. SPEAR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

I herewith submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-sixth District for the year past.

By invitation, I attended a Special Communication of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, of Rumford, Wednesday evening, September 26th, at which time Rev. Bro. Francis W. Gibbs, of Fitchburg, Mass., spoke on the subject, "Masonry, Manhood and Modern Times," which was very interesting and I trust helpful.

I received an invitation from Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, of Buckfield, to visit them and install their officers, but it was impossible for me to accept.

On Wednesday evening, November 21st, by invitation, I installed the officers of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30. I was assisted by Rev. Bro. R. E. Gilkey as Grand Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. E. P. Judkins as Grand Marshal. I was very cordially received and enjoyed my visit very much but the attendance was very small.

On Tuesday evening, November 27th, I installed the officers of my own lodge, King Hiram, No. 57, with the assistance of Rev. Bro. R. E. Gilkey as Grand Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. E. P. Judkins as Grand Marshal. I was given a splendid reception. There was a very large attendance.

On Friday evening, February 1st, a meeting of the District Members was called by direction of M. W. Bro. Albert M. Spear, and it was held in Masonic Hall, Dixfield, at which time Bro. Harold E. Cook, of Gardiner, spoke on the objects and purpose of the George Washington Memorial. Bro. Cook is a very able speaker and was very interesting and instructive. The attendance was very small, the only representatives being from King Hiram Lodge of Dixfield.

On Thursday evening, February 7th, I paid an official visit to Whitney Lodge, No. 167, and inspected their work which was in the M. M. degree, on one candidate and was very well done. Some corrections were made which

were received with the right spirit. There has been a material gain over the report of last year. The officers were nearly all present and show much interest which was evident from the manner in which the ritual was delivered. I was received with grand honors.

On Monday evening, February 18th, I visited Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, of Buckfield, and officially inspected their work in the M. M. degree which was exemplified, they having no regular candidate. The work was very well done, some corrections being made. The officers are young men and are very much interested which is shown by their work, particularly the Master. Bro. Warren still holds up his reputation as Secretary. Bro. Cloutier the new treasurer has made marked improvements in his books. I was met at the station by three Past Masters which made me feel at home from the start. I was received in form at the lodge communication and very well entertained during my stay.

On Wednesday evening, February 20th, I made my official visit to Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, of Rumford, and inspected their work which was the M. M. degree. I was received in form, R. W. Bro. James B. Stevenson acting as Grand Marshal, and several Brothers from different lodges composed my suite. The work was done in almost a perfect manner and the effect of the work was added to by a first class quartette. The lodge should feel proud of its list of officers. Bro. Raynes as secretary is still delivering the goods.

I have not made an official visit to my own lodge, King Hiram, No. 57, for inspection, for the reason that I have been a constant attendant at the meetings of the lodge for nearly nine years or since I was raised. The officers are greatly interested and do good work. King Hiram has had no work this year but starts work at its next meeting May 25th. It is with sorrow that I report the death of R. W. Bro. John M. Holland, who will be greatly missed by King Hiram Lodge and in fact the whole fraternity, also Rev. Bro. R. E. Gilkey who was Grand Chaplain on my official suite.

The lodges in this District seem to be in a healthy condition with an increase in membership. The District membership is 792 which seems very good for a small territory. The dues are very well collected.

It seems to me that it would be some benefit to the lodges and to the order if visitations were made just previous to the annual meeting when the weather is good and the old officers are in force and the Deputy could be supported by the members of his lodge in a visitation which would make better social intercourse, which to me is a great asset.

I want to apologize for not attending the School of Instruction for the reason that my wife was in the hospital that week and I felt I could not leave.

And now, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the great honor you conferred on me by appointing me as your representative and I hope I have merited the honor conferred.

Very fraternally yours,

JOHN L. DELANO, *D. D. G. M., 26th District.*

Officers of the Grand Lodge

1924

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List of Subordinate Lodges

WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

AS RETURNED MARCH 1, 1924

	DISTRICT
Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. John B. Watson, M.; Fred C. Crant, S. W.; George S. Leighton, J. W.; Seth W. Dexter, S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, September.	5
Acacia, 121, Durham. Albert C. Bowie, (Auburn, R. F. D. No. 2) M.; T. J. Vosmus, S. W.; Ralph Vickery, J. W.; Ralph P. Stackpole (Auburn, R. F. D. No. 1), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon, election, December.	14
Adoniram, 27, Limington. Alvah P. Weeman, M.; Lincoln J. Aikens, S. W.; H. Warren Pitts, J. W.; Harris P. Ilsley, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December.	23
Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Joseph T. West, M.; Dwight T. Hussey, S. W.; Wallace W. Chadwick, J. W.; George W. Singer, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December.	10
Amity, 6, Camden. G. Fred Gillchrist, M.; Harold L. Ames, S. W.; Herbert M. Rankin, J. W.; Melzer T. Crawford, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October.	9
Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Arthur E. Gamage, M.; Harlin E. McFarland, S. W.; Stanley Alley, J. W.; John A. Turner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December.	10
Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. William W. Blake, M.; Charles J. Spearen S. W.; Herbert A. Given, J. W.; Webster L. Loring, (Lewiston, R. F. D. 2), S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October.	24
Ancient Land-Mark, 17, Portland. David F. Drew, M.; William A. Lowell, S. W.; Ralph M. Bonney, J. W.; Arthur J. Floyd (138 Beacon Street, Woodfords), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December.	17
Ancient York. 155, Lisbon Falls. Irving E. Wellman, M.; Everett H. Plummer, S. W.; Elliott K. Hale, J. W.; Asbury M. Blake (Lisbon), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December.	14
Archon, 139, East Dixmont. James W. Dunivan, M.; John J. Dunivan, S. W.; George E. Littlefield, J. W.; Leroy L. Chadbourne, (Dixmont,) S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October.	22
Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Benjamin A. Goodwin (Biddeford R. F. D. 4), M.; Frank Littlefield, S. W.; Roy F. Merserve, J. W.; Frank M. Gordon (Biddeford, R. F. D. 4), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November.	19
Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Troy I. Shaw, M.; Stetson H. Hussey, S. W.; Oscar B. Robinson, J. W.; Mahlon A. Whitten (Mars Hill), S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, November.	1

- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. Walter E. Chick, M.; George G. Rand, S. W.; LeRoy Smith, J. W.; Byron C. Hall, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. Carroll H. Brewster, M.; Arthur H. Field, S. W.; Edward S. Stetson, Jr., J. W.; Eugene E. Cates (63 Nichols St.), S. Meeting third Monday; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Charles N. Libby, M.; Malcolm M. Soule, S. W.; Raleigh D. Knapp, J. W.; Allen H. Stinchfield, S. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. Herman C. Day, M.; Otto P. Kimball, S. W.; Emil A. Rhedin, J. W.; Almon L. Johnson (Box 424), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. Frederick W. Hillman, M.; Ralph W. Ferris, S. W.; Harvey B. Smith, J. W.; Bert P. Stuart, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Edward E. O'B. Gonias, M.; Frank A. Maxcy, S. W.; Raymond L. Watts, J. W.; Albert H. Newbert, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. John P. Howard, M.; Leon B. Hopkins, S. W.; Charles E. Babbridge, J. W.; Edward W. Perkins, S. Meeting third Saturday; election, December. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Almon B. Hodgkins, M.; Harry M. Cunners, S. W.; Frank J. Haskell, J. W.; Benjamin L. Hadley, S. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. Austin M. Anderson, M.; Frank E. Trafton, S. W.; Henry H. Putnam, J. W.; Martin L. Porter, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. Norman K. Vanhorn, M.; Edwin T. Gammage, S. W.; Everett E. Barlow, J. W.; H. Elmer Fernald, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Edwin D. Cook, M.; Burton L. Dyer, S. W.; Clinton E. Harvey, J. W.; Everett F. Robinson, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, October. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. D. Grover Brooks, M.; David M. Forbes, S. W.; William J. MacKay, J. W.; Fred B. Merrill, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. Harold M. Stone, M.; Lloyd P. Shapleigh, S. W.; Almon B. Sullivan, J. W.; Pearle E. Fuller (72 Green St.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, November. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. Harry Cummings, M.; Ernest A. Sterling, S. W.; Robert W. Smith, J. W.; Lee C. Smith, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. Fred F. Thomas, M.; Adam M. Young, S. W.; Clyde W. Watson, J. W.; Walter O. Raynes, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 26
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Lynn S. Dennison, M.; Ralph H. Trecartin, S. W.; Everett P. Knapp, J. W.; Melvin S. Hutchins, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15

- Bristol, 74, Bristol. Oscar K. Russell, M.; Stephen P. Loud, S. W.; Charles H. Gorham, J. W.; Albert H. Hunter, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. William H. Rowe, M.; N. O. Tarbox, S. W.; Fred Whitehouse, J. W.; Oliver E. Earle (Hollis Center), S. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Andrew H. Ham, M.; Ray E. Bean, S. W.; Bert J. Folsom, J. W.; Stanwood I. Mower (R. F. D. 4, Dexter), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Irving W. E. McLellan, M.; Lawrence A. Hutchinson, S. W.; Archie L. Belyea, J. W.; Waldo O. Lowney, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. Fred C. Dunlap, M.; Abel P. Gleason, S. W.; Moses Ames, J. W.; Alpheus Nason, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. Elmer P. Hatch, M.; Emmons E. Heald, S. W.; George S. Croudiss, J. W.; Mads J. Madsen, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. Scott W. Lewis, M.; Robert A. Fletcher, S. W.; Clive E. Bagley, J. W.; G. Wayland Jones, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. William J. Walsh, M.; Russell S. Taylor, S. W.; Norman H. Nickerson, J. W.; Eugene W. Vaughan, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, December. 5
- Composite, 168, Lagrange. Lewis M. Blake, M.; Roy C. Ames, S. W.; Bela McKenzie, J. W.; Chauncey A. Doble, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Albert A. Marr, M.; Howard C. Getchell, S. W.; Melven L. Wyman, J. W.; Bert H. Moulton, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Robinson C. Sturk, M.; Fred E. Tuell, S. W.; A. Bert Coggins, J. W.; Cassius G. Porter, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Almon H. Rowe (Harrison, R. F. D. 2), M.; Lewis F. Briggs, S. W.; Albert W. Weston, J. W.; Edward J. Scribner (Harrison), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Clarence L. McCann, M.; Merle A. Chipman, S. W.; Dana L. Shackford, J. W.; Charles H. Nelson, S. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. William E. Hilgrove, M.; Peter Milne, S. W.; Angus Milne, J. W.; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. Ralph H. Starbird, M.; Albert R. Huff, S. W.; Harry E. Lambert, J. W.; Percival W. Mason, S. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15

- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. Everett E. Willey, M.; Mahlon W. Staples, S. W.; Earle F. Cook, J. W.; Thomas Bond, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. James A. Robinson, M.; John H. Adams, S. W.; William N. Shaw, J. W.; Frank A. Farwell (35 Mackworth St., Woodfords), S. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. Herman W. Merrill, M.; James S. Plummer, S. W.; Fred D. Kimball, J. W.; Wilbert F. Harriman, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. Archibald B. Morrision, M.; Lester R. Nelson, S. W.; George T. Foster, J. W.; Orren F. Sproul, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. Henry S. Knight, M.; Eugene H. Flint, S. W.; Franklin H. Killam, J. W.; Earle H. Jackson, S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. Leslie A. Bailey, M.; Ernest W. Cate, S. W.; Frank J. Preble, J. W.; Norris S. Lord, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10
- Drummond, 118, Parsonfield. Reuben Fenderson, M.; Fred N. Leavitt, S. W.; Frank W. Lord, 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 A. Michie, M.; Arthur B. Wheeler, S. W.; Arthur F. Maxwell, J. W.; Clarence B. Rumery (Masonic Bldg.), S. Meeting first Monday, except July and August; election, December. 19
- Eastern 7, Eastport. Nelson B. Camick, M.; John A. Ferris, S. W.; Earl J. McInnis, J. W.; Wheeler C. Hawkes (Box 182), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. Charles E. Stevens, M.; Walter M. Reed, S. W.; R. H. Skofield, J. W.; William N. Gould, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggemoggin, 128, Sedgwick. Roy S. Dority, M.; Harry O. Ford, S. W.; Arthur Cousins, J. W.; Ralph E. Dority, S. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. Walter S. Bird, M.; Edgar G. Burns, S. W.; George Hillman, J. W.; James M. Spence, S. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Frank F. Robinson, M.; George H. Robinson, S. W.; Samuel H. Hawkins, J. W.; Granville N. Bachelder, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Ralph A. Pierce (Hebron Station,) M.; Lerone H. Damon, S. W.; Charles F. Berry, J. W.; James E. Warren, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 26
- Excelsior, 161, Northport. Clyde Flanders, M.; Hermon W. Whitmore, S. W.; Walter Nealey, J. W.; Everett Bird, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, November. 8

- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. George H. Blodget, M.; George R. Whitmore, S. W.; Ulysess G. Houston, J. W.; Everett Pierce, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Asa H. Stanley, M.; Frank R. Shepherd, S. W.; Earl B. Conchard, J. W.; Edwin B. Cole, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. George R. Bradbury, M.; Wilbur L. Raymond, S. W.; Niles C. Pinkham, J. W. Earl H. Roberts, S. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. Maurice A. Dunn, M.; Archie H. Taylor, S. W.; George E. Hopkins, J. W.; Fred W. Sanders, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15
- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Freeman B. Trafton, M.; Alvah Warren, S. W.; Burleigh S. Ricker, J. W.; Herman J. Seaward, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23
- Freedom, 42, Limerick. John L. Burnham, M.; Wilbert Whiteley, S. W.; Ralph C. Cobb, J. W.; Arthur F. Lougee, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Fred A. Taylor, M.; Elwin L. Davis, S. W.; Alpheus G. Dyer, J. W.; Fred E. Ward, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. A. Elray Dean, M.; Manard T. Chase, S. W.; Herbert E. Hill, J. W.; Ralph A. Bacon (Box 27), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Lincoln B. Copp, M.; Elwood R. Milliken, S. W.; Carroll F. Day, J. W.; Francis A. Norton, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. Alva Clement, M.; Charles W. Richardson, Jr., S. W.; James Hatch, J. W.; Arthur W. Patterson, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. John W. Knight, M.; Charles C. Shaw, S. W.; Frank W. Twombly, J. W.; Edgar F. Carswell, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Joseph L. Hall, M.; Otis W. Means, S. W.; C. A. Bagley, J. W.; Frank L. Cates, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Luke Hoyle, M.; Arthur H. Lander, S. W.; Arthur L. Purdy, J. W.; Harry E. Larrabee, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. Frederick W. Grimmer, M.; Ernest B. Small, S. W.; Albert W. Waterman, J. W.; William A. Seyford, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, June. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. Austin G. Haynes, M.; Calvin G. Staples, S. W.; Elmer Dow, J. W.; Henry S. Pinkham, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Monday in October. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. Charles S. Crockett, M.; Bert R. Chandler, S. W.; Frank C. Knowles, J. W.; Ellery Bowden, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, September. 6

- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Pearl S. Emerson, M.; Walter E. Stover, S. W.; Andrew Moore, J. W.; Arthur C. Hinckley, S. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro. Emery B. Williams (Dark Harbor), M.; Melville F. Grover, S. W.; John M. Hooper, S. W.; Henry P. Levitt (Prepit), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. Daniel D. James, M.; Raymond L. Emerson, S. W.; Warren E. Vincent, J. W.; John J. Marr, S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Clarence J. Perham, M.; Horatio D. Bryant, S. W.; Aubrey O. Cummings, J. W.; Lester D. Bryant, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Frank C. Smith, M.; Harry J. White, S. W.; Morey C. Farnsworth, J. W.; Edgar A. Worcester, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. J. Hal Patterson, M.; Fred S. Huston, S. W.; Roy D. Parson, J. W.; Ralph Miles, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 25
- Kemankeag, 213, Rangeley. Harry V. Kimball, M.; James Mathieson, S. W.; A. Mason Russell, J. W.; Charles L. Harnden, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 15
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Fred T. Carter (Levant), M.; George I. Emery, S. W.; George L. Wiggin, J. W.; F. Ernest Harvey, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Fred A. Lilly, M.; Leslie E. Gray, S. W.; Frank P. Babbett, J. W.; Ernest S. Currier, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Leon M. Wyman, M.; Harlon Boyington, S. W.; Bert Goodrich, J. W.; Myron C. Jewett, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Edwin E. Clark, M.; Horace A. Miller, S. W.; Henry A. Frohock, J. W.; Fred E. Hardy, S. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, October. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. Laforest O. Collins, M.; William M. White, S. W.; Edgar P. Judkins, J. W.; John L. Delano, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 26
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. Fred L. Burns, M.; Thomas C. Ashworth, S. W.; Stacy S. Cushner, J. W.; Guy C. McQuaidee, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Charles W. Hurd, M.; Harvey D. Crowley, S. W.; Ralph R. Rowell, J. W.; Winfield S. Clark, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Luther S. Russell, M.; William H. Rohr, S. W.; Benjamin H. Winters, J. W.; Costello Weston, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Frank G. Davis, M.; George F. Lyons, S. W.; Edwin A. Gilman, J. W.; Ernest W. Gilman, S. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13

- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. Fred A. Robbins, M.; Asa L. Preston, S. W.; Charles H. Davis, J. W.; Theodore Morrison (Box 121), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- Liberty 111, Liberty. Charles B. Hoit, M.; Donald H. Matherson, S. W.; Justin V. Jackson, J. W.; Willis J. Greely, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Limestone, 214, Limestone. Edward F. Foster, M.; George S. Osborne, S. W.; Harold S. Chase, J. W.; Dennis F. Getchell, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 1
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. Thomas H. Levya, M.; Alexander G. Grover, S. W.; John Edward McKenney, J. W.; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout 131, Cutler. John A. McGuire, M.; William G. Ferris, S. W.; Mariner W. Ackley, J. W.; Lucius E. Gardner, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Roger L. Higgins, M.; Earle A. Jordan, S. W.; Charles A. Haynes, J. W.; Harry E. Rowe, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Walter A. Winship, M.; Willard Kitchen, S. W.; Josiah J. Staples, J. W.; Thurston Hunt (Bangor, R. F. D. 8), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Everett A. Stanley, M.; George C. Robbins, S. W.; Herbert P. Richardson, J. W.; Eugene M. Stanley, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. Harry L. Goodwin, M.; Raymond T. Currier, S. W.; Kenneth E. Ramsay, J. W.; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Fred P. Eaton, M.; Percy S. Knowlton, S. W.; Leon C. Weed, J. W.; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. Earl F. Cunningham, M.; Joshua W. Curtis, S. W.; Harry P. McCaslin, J. W.; Ralph M. Moody, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. Albert J. Lowe, M.; Garfield C. Godard, S. W.; George A. Roberts, J. W.; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanics', 66, Orono. Charles E. Crossland, M.; Myron E. Pratt, S. W.; H. P. Sweetser, J. W.; Everett W. Davee, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, 211, Friendship. Hartwell L. Davis, M.; Foster D. Jameson, S. W.; Almon L. Packard, J. W.; Robert L. Thompson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 9
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. Ernest Q. Maxfield, M.; J. Edward McMichael, S. W.; Neil D. Stanley, J. W.; Walter M. Prilay, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22
- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. Lee J. Lewis, M.; William B. Lewis, S. W.; Elmer O. Small, J. W.; Lewman B. Soper, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22

- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Arthur M. Greeley, M.; Harley P. Mairs, S. W.; Arthur L. Shaw, J. W.; William G. Simpson, S. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Frederic Parker, M.; Philip B. Seavey, S. W.; Ralph M. Robinson, J. W.; Frank A. Ambrose, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Alton F. McKenney M.; Roy D. Woodbury, S. W.; Millard E. Day, J. W.; Otis G. Randall, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Thomas W. Haggard, M.; George W. Haskell, S. W.; Norris E. Estabrook, J. W.; Hazen R. Nevers, S. Meeting second Wednesday except June, July and August; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Weston R. Allen (R. F. D. 18), M.; Delmar R. Small, S. W.; Charles E. Walker, J. W.; Roscoe S. Bosworth (R. F. D. 18), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Dover-Foxcroft. Harold F. Norton, M.; Philip E. Washburn, S. W.; Harry G. Severence, J. W.; Eugene W. Crocker, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinalhaven. Edward A. Smalley, M.; Frank V. Mullen, S. W.; James E. Snow, J. W.; Freeman L. Roberts, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. G. Dane Vose, M.; Cecil S. French, S. W.; W. Riley Durrell, J. W.; Arthur C. Woodard, S. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. William H. Blackwell, M.; F. Elmer Blackwell, S. W.; Harold T. Ricker, J. W.; Walter E. Hinds, S. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. Richard O. Allen, M.; James H. Ketchum, S. W.; James L. Grant, J. W.; Arthur L. Bunker, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. John A. McSorely, M.; Fred A. Heath, S. W.; Selden D. Rice, S. W.; Joseph T. Davidson, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Ralph O. Libby, (East Brownfield), M.; Harold L. McIntire, S. W.; Ira A. Merrill, J. W.; Augustus S. Colby, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election December. 18
- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. Charles Finn, M.; Charles L. Grinnell, S. W.; Earl Grinnell, J. W.; William S. Johnston, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. Guy E. Dudley, M.; Percy E. Kimball, S. W.; R. Eugene Pinkham, J. W.; Clarence H. Pride (East Waterford), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 16

- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Harry B. Greeley, M.; Frederick A. Barker, S. W.; Everett E. Hewes, J. W.; Carleton E. Littlefield, (Hampden Highlands), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Thomas S. Schofield, M.; Ezra G. Noyes, S. W.; Adelbert D. McIntire, J. W.; Cleff Maxwell, S. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. Frank E. Patten, M.; Lincoln A. Haycock, S. W.; Alton H. Benner, J. W.; Percy Wakefield, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. Robert A. Lambert, M.; William D. Herrick, S. W.; Elmer E. Leach, J. W.; Harlie E. Freethey, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Arthur R. McCabe, M.; Robert C. Whitman, S. W.; Alden C. Phillips, J. W.; Walter L. Lutts, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 19
- Neguemekeag, 166, Vassalboro. Albert H. Austin, M.; Wendall I. Robbins, S. W.; Harry W. True, J. W.; Charles G. Jacobs, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Donald C. Prince, M.; Thomas B. Dunn, S. W.; Arch W. Beals, J. W.; Royal W. Bradford, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. Charles M. Carrier, M.; Frederick W. Mears, S. W.; Walter E. Trott, J. W.; Joseph R. Nickless, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. Carl W. Hedges, M.; William M. Peckham, S. W.; James P. Bunker, J. W.; Alvah L. Reed, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Horace S. Bickford, M.; Joseph P. Murray, S. W.; Earl C. Wing, J. W.; Lester C. Witham, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. C. Herbert Littlefield, M.; Freeman S. Allen, S. W.; Edwin L. Kennedy, J. W.; Francis W. Sawyer (Highpine), S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Hollis A. Soule, M.; Fred M. Barton, S. W.; John B. Bradford, J. W.; Edward C. Robinson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Orchard, 215, Old Orchard. Alfred Swinborn, M.; Fred O. Watkins, S. W.; Carroll C. Bicknell, J. W.; Clement P. Wight, S. Meeting second Monday; election, September. 19
- Orient, 15, Thomaston. Samuel H. Reed, M.; Charles S. Woodcock, S. W.; Enoch M. Clark, J. W.; Arthur J. Elliott, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. Maurice W. Hamblen, M.; William H. Wood, S. W.; Maurice E. Heath, J. W.; D. Eugene Chaplin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18

- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. Charles A. Libby, M.; William H. Hall, S. W.; Lewie W. Winter, J. W.; William H. McKenney, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. Ernest C. Murch, M.; Percy Y. Fogg, S. W.; Elmer R. Tyler, J. W.; Fred E. Smith, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. Wilson S. Smith, M.; Vernon B. Packard, S. W.; Ralph P. Eaton, J. W.; Byron B. Buswell, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. Orlie L. Sprague, M.; Fred J. Nutter, S. W.; Raphnel A. Leavitt, J. W.; Clarence A. Rogers, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. Albert F. Stevens, M.; Robert L. Hemmingway, S. W.; Robert E. Wise, J. W.; Harold C. Fletcher, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Joseph P. Rand, M.; Carroll E. Austin, S. W.; Alfred G. Reeks, J. W.; William A. Small, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. Herman H. Coombs, M.; Dana B. Southworth, S. W.; Stacy J. Noyes, J. W.; Fuller C. Wentworth, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Everett L. Crockett, M.; Carroll F. Shedd, S. W.; Harold J. Shedd, J. W.; Don C. Reynolds, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Maurice Bartlett, M.; Hermon H. Kirk, S. W.; Thomas G. Kirk J. W.; H. C. LeMasurier, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Aaron W. Day, M.; Charles W. Mills, S. W.; Chauncey L. Monroe, J. W.; Frank E. Monroe, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, February. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Harold S. Galey (Brownville Junc.), M.; Charles H. McDonald, S. W.; Kenneth McLeod, J. W.; George W. Evans (Brownville Junc.), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. George M. Jackson, M.; James F. Morrison, S. W.; Harvey A. Wallace, J. W.; A. Lincoln Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Harry E. Smart, M.; Anthony P. Welch, S. W.; Edgar W. Harris, J. W.; Herbert E. Clark, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Oliver Moses, 3rd, M.; Harold E. Cutting, S. W.; Henry W. Owen, J. W.; Lucius M. LeMont (923 Middle St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday except July and August; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. Edwin L. Lynch, M.; Thomas J. Foster, S. W.; Sylvan Shurtleff, J. W.; Howard Moses (16 Exchange St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, June. 17

- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Percy Kneeland, M.; Irving Littlefield, S. W.; Ernest Pattridge, J. W.; Robert Andrews, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. Frank W. McCann, M.; William Smith, S. W.; Edwin R. Shayer, J. W.; George A. Field, Jr. (11 Kimball St.), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. Robert N. Toms, M.; Orville V. Haskell, S. W.; Almon S. Manchester, J. W.; William H. Cram, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. Ebert J. Johnson, M.; J. Howard Woodward, S. W.; Benjamin T. Newman, J. W.; Frank A. Hill, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Orren A. Tibbetts, M.; Aubrey L. Fuller, S. W.; Henry L. Buck, J. W.; Allen L. Maddocks, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. Dyke L. Quackenbush, M.; George E. Ramsdell, S. W.; Grover C. Roberson, J. W.; Edwin L. Goss (41 Main St.), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, January. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. Edwin A. Knowlton, M.; John Jordan, S. W.; David T. Thurlow, J. W.; Robert McGuffie, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Maurice E. Ridley, M.; Chester A. Call, S. W.; Nathaniel A. Gilchrist, J. W.; George W. Greene S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Herbert P. Grindle, M.; Burton L. Wardwell, S. W.; Hill Wilson, J. W.; Earl F. Sellers, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Oscar R. Sanders, M.; Linwood A. Gray, S. W.; Nathaniel E. Hutchins, J. W.; Homer H. Dunbar, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. John W. Downes, M.; Lewis I. Knowles, S. W.; Frank W. Simmons, J. W.; Alvoid E. Cushman (18 Chatham St.), S. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Earl A. Hodgkins, M.; Levander A. Hollowell, S. W.; Carl J. Longren, J. W.; Henry P. Bond, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, second Wednesday in September. 10
- Rockland, 79, Rockland. Willis R. Lufkins, M.; Irving L. Bray, S. W.; John C. Dimick, J. W.; Albert I. Mather, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Rural, 53, Sidney. William W. Cowan, M.; Frank A. Barnard, S. W.; Eldon H. Wort, J. W.; Arthur W. Hammond (R. F. D. 7, Augusta), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Saco, 9, Saco. Robert Mowat, Jr., M.; Rufus L. Doe, S. W.; Joseph J. Sterling, J. W.; Elroy H. Mitchell, S. Meeting first Wednesday, election, January. 19

- St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Charles C. Larsen, M.; Donald S. Higgins, S. W.; Edward C. Perkins, J. W.; Carroll A. Weeks (299 Essex St.), S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6
- St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. Elmer R. Young, M.; Chester L. White, S. W.; Forest E. Blaisdell, J. W.; Ernest E. Goss, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- St. Croix, 46, Calais. Ellis R. Hutchins, M.; John L. Polleys, S. W.; Charles H. Eye, J. W.; Isaac N. Jones, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- St. George, 16, Warren. John K. Connell, M.; Alvah S. Simmons, S. W.; Frederick E. Matthews, J. W.; Chester B. Hall, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- St. John's, 51, South Berwick. Frederick L. Davis, M.; Maurice L. Hobbs, S. W.; Charles H. Hurd, J. W.; Wallace N. Flanders, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19
- St. Paul's 82, Rockport. Everett F. Libby, M.; Ralph A. Burns, S. W.; Lon E. Upham, J. W.; Edwin H. Bowers, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Charles F. Greenleaf, M.; Chester A. Swett, S. W.; Charles A. Burke, J. W.; Edward J. Hutchinson, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Seabasticook, 46, Clinton. Ross S. Holt, M.; Omer C. Gerald, S. W.; Albert D. Billings, J. W.; Perley L. Cotton, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. Chester A. Linscott, M.; Harry E. Durgan, S. W.; William H. Baker, J. W.; Jesse S. Rowe (East Brownfield), S. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Aleson H. Smith, M.; Otto L. Totman, S. W.; Harold E. Weeks, J. W.; George M. Chapman, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Henry G. Shaw, M.; Sanford B. Nickerson, S. W.; Luther S. Thompson, J. W.; Harry E. Litchfield (16 Bath St.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. Gerald C. Marble, M.; George W. Fogg, S. W.; Floyd G. Nye, J. W.; John H. Lancaster, S. Meeting second Monday; election, June. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Clifford Holdsworth, M.; Lysle W. Folsom, S. W.; Frank C. Reeks, J. W.; Arthur E. Horne, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. Monte C. Frost, M.; Orrin P. Dolloff, S. W.; Simon W. Moulton, J. W.; Fred E. Cole, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. Robert L. Buzzell, M.; Edward W. Keith, S. W.; John D. Small, J. W.; Edward A. Merrill, S. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6

- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Lloyd W. Tozier, M.; Edwin B. Rand, S. W.; Rodney C. Whitaker, J. W.; E. Donald Chase, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. H. Clair Miller, M.; Ora M. Maxim, S. W.; S. Lee Woodman, J. W.; Linwood B. Jones, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. Ralph W. Knowlton, M.; Laureston W. Sawyer, S. W.; G. Frederic Joy, J. W.; Joshua H. Goodridge (147 Brackett St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Leslie A. Follett, M.; Harold S. McKeen, S. W.; Harold R. Stone, J. W.; James H. Cilley, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, October. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. Ralph C. Chapman, M.; Louis E. Flanders, S. W.; Milton Stetson, J. W.; Irving M. Curtis (15 Forest Ave.), S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Arthur E. Moore, M.; George L. Higgins, S. W.; Artemus Richardson, J. W.; William R. Keene (Manset), S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. George J. Brown, M.; Clyde P. Johnston, S. W.; Ernest W. Loane, J. W.; Vivian E. Howe, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. Whitney L. Bradley, M.; Ernest L. Thompson, S. W.; Harry Brown, J. W.; Everett E. Kane, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. John C. Goodall, M.; F. Guy Campbell, S. W.; Samuel H. Hemphill, J. W.; Windsor A. Golderman, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Clarence L. Williams, M.; Clarence Leonard, S. W.; Howard K. Hager, J. W.; Charles M. Lucas, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. Edwin C. Patten (Topsham), M.; Edgar R. Comee, S. W.; Lawrence W. Smith, J. W.; Joseph S. Stetson, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. Gaunce R. Hunter, M.; Charles R. Bowley, S. W.; Claude L. Bessey, J. W.; Elisha P. Webster, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. Ralph Canham, M.; Adin D. Shorey, S. W.; Herbert H. Scott, J. W.; Herbert Muir, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Eugene L. Millett, M.; Carl F. Fellows, S. W.; Charles S. Brown, J. W.; Anthony E. Roberts, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Horace J. Whiting, M.; Edward B. Sprague, S. W.; Mathew Doughty, J. W.; Edward L. White, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. Charles L. Cates, M.; Fred B. Getchell, S. W.; George F. Ray, J. W.; Francis L. Talbot, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 3

- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Clifford A. Mayo, M.; Ernest W. Jameson, S. W.; Maurice Hawkes, J. W.; Edward W. Rome, (417 Warren Ave.), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Frank L. Carver, M.; Harold E. Taylor, S. W.; D. M. Story, J. W.; Guy C. Stevens, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. Herbert E. Adams, M.; John W. Peabody, S. W.; DeCoster F. Bennett, J. W.; Irving W. Case, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. W. Hartwell Pollard, M.; George T. Williams, S. W.; Arthur F. Roundy, J. W.; Chas. Leroy Jones, S. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. Archie R. Bangs, M.; Lloyd B. Scott, S. W.; Edward J. Bowley, J. W.; Frank E. Sleeper, Jr., S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. Charles L. Briggs, M.; Percy M. Brown, S. W.; Leslie A. Richmond, J. W.; Caleb E. Mendall, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 26
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Lester V. North, M.; Joseph W. Perkins, S. W.; Ralph E. Sawyer, J. W.; Charles A. Comins, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. A. Judson Guptill, M.; William E. Gerrish, S. W.; Frank E. Weston, J. W.; Hollis E. Joy, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 21
- York, 22, Kennebunk. George E. Larrabee, M.; Ralph Andrews, S. W.; Elmer A. Mitchell, J. W.; Albert W. Merseve, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. Frank H. McCrillis, M.; Clarence M. Staples, S. W.; James A. MacCorrison, J. W.; Chester A. Batchelder, S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 19

List of Lodges by Districts

DISTRICT No. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master — ALBERT H. DAMON, Limestone.

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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 — JAMES ABERNETHY, West Pembroke.

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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 — GEORGE E. PARSONS, 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 — FREEMAN N. BOWDEN, 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 — CHARLES F. WOODARD, Greenville.

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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 — ELLERY BOWDEN, Winterport.

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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 — JOHN W. LEVENSELLER, Searsmont.

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| 45 Central, China. | 111 Liberty, Liberty. |
| 58 Unity, Thorndike. | 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. |
| 85 Star in the West, Unity. | 146 Sebasticook, Clinton. |
| 102 Marsh River, Brooks. | |

DISTRICT No. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master — LINCOLN A. GARDNER,
Stockton Springs.

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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 — Appointment Withheld.

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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. | 211 Meduncook, Friendship. |

DISTRICT No. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master — JOSEPH E. ODIORNE, Whitefield.

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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 — Appointment Withheld.

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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 — AUGUSTUS E. CAMPBELL, North Leeds.

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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 — HARRY B. HARRIS, Canaan.

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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 — FRANCIS G. COOKE, Bath,
(37 Court St.).

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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 — F. PERLEY CASWELL, New Sharon

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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 — LESTER D. BRYANT, Bryant's Pond.

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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 — HAROLD B. CHASE, (14 Charles Street),
Portland.

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| 1 Portland, Portland. | 86 Temple, Westbrook. |
| 17 Ancient Land-Mark, 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 — PERLEY F. SMITH, 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 — ALBERT F. BILLINGS, 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 — Appointment Withheld.

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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 S. HOLMES,
Northeast 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 — FRANK H. FARNUM, Hartland.

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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 — HOWARD L. RICHARDSON, Springvale.

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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 — JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD, Auburn.

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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 — GUILFORD L. PERKINS, Fort Kent.

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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 L. DELANO, Dixfield.

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| 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. | 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. |
| 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. | 167 Whitney, Canton. |

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Towns in Maine where Masonic Lodges are Located

Location.	Lodge.	District.
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

CASTINE,	Hancock, 4,	4
CHARLESTON,	Olive Branch, 124,	6
CHERRYFIELD,	Narraguagus, 88,	3
CHINA,	Central, 45,	7
CLINTON,	Sebasticoock, 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
DURNHAM,	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

KENNEBUNK,	York, 22,	19
KENNEBUNKPORT,	Arundel, 76,	19
KINGFIELD,	Mount Abram, 204,	15
KITTERY,	Naval, 184,	19
LAGRANGE,	Composite, 168,	5
LEWISTON,	Ashlar, 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
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
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,	Kamankeag, 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,	Eggemoggin, 128,	4
SHERMAN MILLS,	Molunkus, 165,	25
SIDNEY,	Rural, 53,	12
SKOWHEGAN,	Somerset, 34,	13
SPRINGFIELD,	Forest, 148,	20
SPRINGVALE,	Springvale, 190,	23
SOLOH,	Keystone, 80,	13
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
SOUTHWEST HARBOR,	Tremont, 77,	21
STANDISH,	Standish, 70,	17
STONINGTON,	Reliance, 195,	4
STOCKTON SPRINGS,	Pownal, 119,	8
STRONG,	Davis, 191,	15
TENANT'S 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
VINALHAVEN,	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

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 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
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,	Lincolnville,	June 16, 1849	Jan. 13, 1850
63 Richmond,	Richmond,	Jan. 1, 1850	May 10, 1850
64 Pacific,	Exeter,	Oct. 22, 1850	May 12, 1851
65 Mystic,	Hampden,	Mch. 1, 1851	May 12, 1851
66 Mechanics',	Orono,	Mch. 3, 1851	May 12, 1851
67 Blue Mountain,	Phillips,	July 12, 1850	May 10, 1852
68 Mariners',	Searsport,	Oct. 23, 1851	May 10, 1853
69 Howard,	Winterport,	Nov. 28, 1851	May 6, 1853
70 Standish,	Standish,	June 10, 1852	May 10, 1853
71 Rising Sun,	Orland,	Oct. 18, 1852	May 10, 1853
72 Pioneer,	Ashland,	Oct. 26, 1852	May 5, 1854
73 Tyrian,	Mechanic Falls,	Jan. 21, 1853	May 10, 1853
74 Bristol,	Bristol,	Mch. 1, 1853	May 5, 1854
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 Kineo,	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 Meduncok,	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 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 Nolleseme,	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. 42, in 1895.

181 Reuel Washburn, consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1892.

Lodges enrolled 215; extinct 9; working 206.

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" WALLACE N. PRICE,	Gardiner,	"
" LEE M. SMITH,	Norway,	"
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" DANIEL G. CHAPLIN,	Cornish,	"

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" SAMUEL FESSENDEN,	" ALBERT MOORE,
" ROBERT P. DUNLAP,	" EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
" NATHANIEL COFFIN,	" CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,
" RUEL WASHBURN,	" MARQUIS F. KING,
" ABNER B. THOMPSON,	" WILLIAM R. G. ESTES,
" HEZEKIAH WILLIAMS,	" FESSENDEN I. DAY,
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" ALEX'R H. PUTNEY,	" HENRY R. TAYLOR,
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 " JOEL MILLER,
 " EZRA B. FRENCH,
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 " GUSTAVUS F. SARGENT,
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 " EDMUND B. HINKLEY,
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 " T. R. SIMONTON,
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 " MANLEY G. TRASK,
 " JOSEPH M. HAYES,
 " LEANDER M. KENNISTON,
 " DANIEL P. BOYNTON,
 " HERBERT HARRIS,
 " JAMES E. PARSONS,
 " EDWIN A. PORTER,
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 " JAMES M. LARRABEE,
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 " WILLIAM SOMERBY,
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 " WILLIAM KIMBALL,
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 " STEPHEN B. DOCKHAM,
 " OLIVER GERRISH,
 " JOSEPH COVELL,
 " FRANCIS J. DAY,
 " THOMAS K. OSGOOD,
 " JOHN W. BALLOU,
 " MOSES TAIT,
 " HENRY H. DICKEY,

R. W. A. M. WETHERBEE,
 " AUGUSTUS BAILEY,
 " EDWIN HOWARD VOSE,
 " CHARLES W. HANEY,
 " GOODWIN R. WILEY,
 " BENJAMIN AMES,
 " BENJAMIN L. HADLEY,
 " GEORGE W. McCLAIN,
 " WILFORD J. FISHER,
 " SAMUEL G. DAVIS,
 " ALGERNON M. ROAK,
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Simon Greenleaf, 1822, '23*	Edward P. Burnham, 1877, '78*
William Swan, 1824, '25*	Charles I. Collamore, 1879, '80*
Charles Fox, 1826, '27*	Marquis F. King, 1881, '82*
Samuel Fessenden, 1828, '29*	William R. G. Estes, 1883, '84*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1830, '31*	Fessenden I. Day, 1885, '86*
Nathaniel Coffin, 1832-34*	Frank E. Sleeper, 1887, '88*
Reuel Washburn, 1835-37*	Albro E. Chase, 1889, '90*
Abner B. Thompson, 1838-40*	Henry R. Taylor, 1891, '92*
Hezekiah Williams, 1841*	Horace H. Burbank, 1893, '94*
Thomas W. Smith, 1842-44*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1895, '96*
John T. Paine, 1845, '46*	Joseph A. Locke, 1897, '98*
Alexander H. Putney, 1847, '48*	Winfield S. Choate, 1899, 1900*
Joseph C. Stevens, 1849, '50*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1901, 1902*
John C. Humphreys, 1851, '52*	William J. Burnham, 1903*
Freeman Bradford, 1853*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1904, '05
Timothy Chase, 1854*	Charles F. Johnson, 1906, '07
John Miller, 1855*	Edmund B. Mallet, 1908, '09*
Jabez True, 1856*	Ashley A. Smith, 1910, '11
Robert P. Dunlap, 1857*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1912, '13*
Hiram Chase, 1858, '59*	Thomas H. Bodge, 1914, '15
Josiah H. Drummond, 1860-62*	Waldo Pettengill, 1916, '17
William P. Preble, 1863-65*	Silas B. Adams, 1918, '19
Timothy J. Murray, 1866-68*	Edward W. Wheeler, 1920, '21
John H. Lynde, 1869-71*	Albert M. Spear, 1922, '23
David Cargill, 1872-74*	David E. Moulton, 1924

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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*

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Elisha Harding, 1846*	Albro E. Chase, 1887, '88*
Samuel L. Valenine, 1847, '48*	Henry R. Taylor, 1889, '90*
John C. Humphreys, 1849, '50*	Horace H. Burbank, 1891, '92*
Freeman Bradford, 1851, '52*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1893, '94*
Timothy Chase, 1853*	Joseph A. Locke, 1895, '96*
Jabez True, 1854, '55*	Winfield S. Choate, 1897, '98*
Hiram Chase, 1856, '57*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1899, 1900*
Josiah H. Drummond, 1858, '59*	William J. Burnham, 1901, '02*
William P. Preble, 1860-62*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1903
John J. Bell, 1863*	Charles F. Johnson, 1904, '05
Timothy J. Murray, 1864, '65*	Edmund B. Mallet, 1906, '07*
John H. Lynde, 1866-68*	Ashley A. Smith, 1908, '09
David Cargill, 1869-71*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1910, '11*
Albert Moore, 1872-74*	Thomas H. Bodge, 1912, '13
Edward P. Burnham, 1875, '76*	Waldo Pettengill, 1914, '15
Charles I. Collamore, 1877, '78*	Silas B. Adams, 1916, '17
Marquis F. King, 1879, '80*	Edward W. Wheeler, 1918, '19
William R. G. Estes, 1881, '82*	Albert M. Spear, 1920, '21
Fessenden I. Day, 1883, '84*	David E. Moulton, 1922, '23
Frank E. Sleeper, 1885, '86*	David L. Wilson, 1924

SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

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
 John M. Burleigh, 1921
 Lewman B. Soper, 1922
 Frederic O. Eaton, 1923
 Frank P. Denaco, 1924

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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*

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 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
 Allen L. Curtis, 1921
 Charles M. Farrer, 1922
 Daniel G. Chaplin, 1923
 Erwin G. Ryder, 1924

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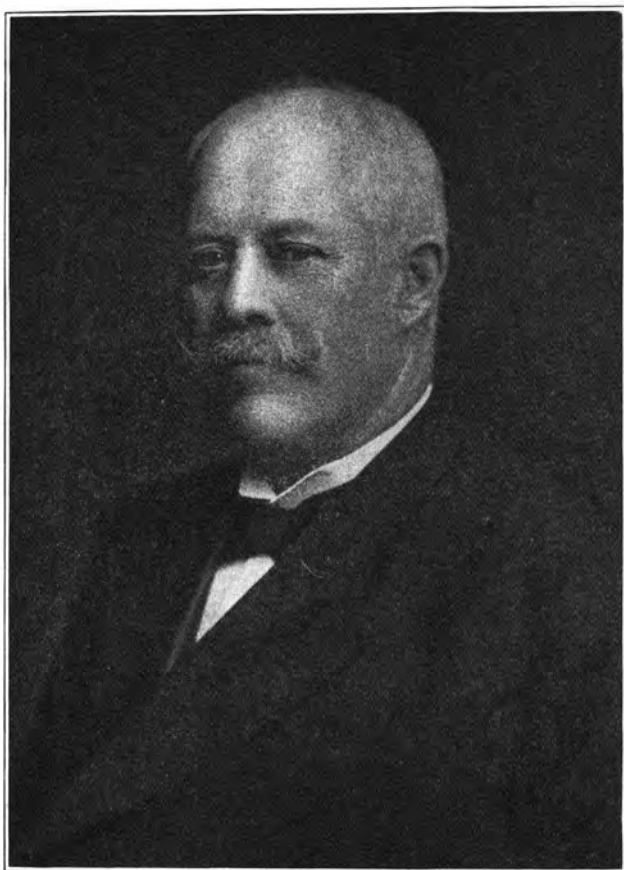
Joseph M. Gerrish, 1820-30*
 James B. Cahoon, 1831-33*
 Benjamin Davis, 1834-43*
 Henry H. Boody, 1844-52*
 Moses Dodge, 1853-79*
 William O. Fox, 1880-82*
 Frederick Fox, 1883-94*
 M. F. King, June 1894-1904*

Millard F. Hicks, October, 1904-
 April 3, 1914*
 Albro E. Chase, 1914 to Septem-
 ber, 1921*
 Edmund B. Mallet, October 1,
 1921 to 1923*
 Herbert N. Maxfield, 1923 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



EDMUND BUXTON MALLET
Past Grand Master

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

A. W. Edmund B. Mallet

Grand Master in 1908, 1909

Born aboard ship September 3, 1853

Died in Freeport, September 17, 1923

Aged 71 years, 14 days

" It must be better to have sprung
With one quick leap across the sea,
Than lingeringly to have clung
Beside the shore with you and me."

INSCRIBED
TO THE MEMORY
OF
R. W. Edwin A. Porter

Senior Grand Warden in 1902

Born in Dixmont, Me., February 1, 1856

Died in Pittsfield, Me., May 24, 1923

Aged 67 years, 3 months, 23 days

"We'll not forget thee, we who stay
To work a little longer here;
Thy name, thy faith, thy love shall be
On Memory's page, all bright and clear."

INSCRIBED
TO THE MEMORY
OF
R. M. James E. Parsons
Senior Grand Warden in 1900

Born in Providence, R. I., November 17, 1846

Died in East Orange, N. J., July 7, 1923

Aged 76 years, 7 months, 20 days

His benial face with courtly kindness beamed—
By friends beloved, by all mankind esteemed;
He led his cohorts at the people's call,
Himself the noblest Roman of them all!

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TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. M. George M. Holmes

Junior Grand Warden in 1908

Died in Portland, Me., November 14, 1923

"That which He does is always for the best,
He calls our brother to his final rest,
Ours not to wonder at the message sent,
Nor ours to question; we must be content."

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TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. M. Fred Raymond

Senior Grand Warden in 1915

Died in Livermore Falls, Me., April 25, 1923

As Hiram slept, the widow's son,
So doth our brother take his rest,
Life's battles fought; life's duties done;
His faults forget; his worth confessed.

Brethren Died During the Year

From March 1, 1923, to March 1, 1924

Those marked with * were returned as buried with Masonic rites.

1 Portland, Portland. Edward H. Sargent, July 11; James H. Curran, July 14; Simon Cousins, October 28; Charles L. Jack, November 3; Samuel B. Deane, December 17; Frank H. Smith, December 15; George F. Davis, January 5; Oakley C. Curtis, February 22; Barzallai B. Foster, February 27, 1921.

2 Warren, East Machias. Elbert E. Winswell, April 1; Calvin B. Ober,* June 1.

3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. Gilman P. Hodgdon, September 18; Edward H. Huff, January 10; Stanton D. Sherman, May 28.

4 Hancock, Castine. William George Sargent; Edward Davis; John S. Black. (Secretary furnishes no dates).

5 Kennebec, Hallowell. Daniel F. Bean, May 14; George W. Hubbard, October 18; Walter D. Spaulding, October 25; Anson J. Bacon, February 28.

6 Amity, Camden. Ulysees L. Blackington, March 16; Peter Bahlin, March 20; John M. Farren, July 12; Clarence A. Matthews, August 21; Walter F. Elliott, November 28; Roscoe G. Barber, date unknown.

7 Eastern, Eastport. Lincoln H. Newcomb,* March 2; Theophilus H. Crosby,* May 6; Jefferson M. Swett,* July 12; M. William Tracey,* November 25.

8 United, Brunswick. Lewis A. Barnes, May 5; George O. Rogers, May 19; Stephen F. Morrill, July 8; Charles H. Nash, July 19; Uriah A. Jack,* July 21; George S. Littlefield,* November 27; Elmore G. Bradley,* January 11.

9 Saco, Saco. Sumner C. Parcher, April 19; Fred L. McDonald June 8; John E. Lewis, June 15; Eusebe Blanchette, January 11; Josiah S. Snow, January 23; James A. Ferguson, February 7.

10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Verne J. York, April 8, 1921; Robert A. Jordan, May 27; Leon F. Higgins, July 28; William A. Truze, February 23.

11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. Dean A. Ballard, October 23; Barnet W. Sawyer, November 26; Ezekiel W. Burbank, (date unknown).

12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. Frank Elden Curtis, May 14; Lee Brown Hunt, May 21; William Pierce True,* July 4; Walter E. Churchill, July 7; Daniel P. Tukey, September 1; John Warren Frank,* December 30.

13 Oriental, Bridgton. Charles G. Cushman, November; Lewis J. Frink, December; Benjamin F. Bennett, January.

14 Solar, Bath. William H. Mample, July 14; William H. Tukey, November 19; Hiram R. Pattee, January 11.

15 Orient, Thomaston. Wilbur M. Wilson, May 17; George L. Crockett May 20; Frank P. Robinson, June 24; Charles P. Redman, November 30; Andrew Nelson, December 29.

17 Ancient-Landmark, Portland. Arthur Lincoln Robinson, March 8; Edwin George Pennell, April 23; William K. Stevens, May 30; John C. Small, September 13; Woodbury S. Curtis, October 13; Frank W. Searles, October 14; Clayton J. Farrington,* November 16; Edward A. Littlefield, November 18; Charles C. Harmon, December 9; Fred E. Lowell, February 1; Millard W. Bowdoin, February 9; Robert Treat Whitehouse, February 15; John Gibson, February 21; Edward J. Morrill, May 23; John F. Thompson, December 27, 1922.

18 Oxford, Norway. Charles W. Moore,* March 13; George C. Houghton,* March 21; Harry R. Farris,* March 23; Randall O. Porter,* June 21; Herman L. Bartlett,* June 21; John B. Robinson,* August 28; Lewis Graves, September 19; George W. Holmes,* November 14; James A. Scribner,* November 28; Freeland Young,* December 6; Ed. Orange Young,* January 3.

19 Felicity, Bucksport. Fred Bennett, November 7; Harold H. Crane, May 27.

20 Maine, Farmington. George Eliphalet Clark, April 4; Harold Mahlon Fish, July 3.

21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. George Q. Gammon,* March 12; Nathaniel P. Wells,* July 24; Dana W. Bailey, December 3.

22 York, Kennebunk. Joseph B. Mitchell, July 6; Joshua Clark, August 9.

23 Freeport, Freeport. George W. Talbot, January 12, 1923; Edward G. Harwood, March 20; Charles C. Wiggin,* March 29; Edward C. Hyde, April 16; Eliab H. Latham,* June 24; Edmund Buxton Mallett,* September 17.

24 Phoenix, Belfast. Charles A. Godfrey, January 19; Eugene R. Connor, February 3.

25 Temple, Winthrop. Edward E. Symes, October 13.

26 Village, Bowdoinham, David F. Nichols, July 3; Charles A. Palmer, December 17; William W. Blanchard,* January 25.

28 Northern Star, North Anson. J. Frank Barron, April 17; Frank Donley, October 2; George Steward, February 3.

29 Tranquil, Auburn, Everett M. Stevens, March 22; Foster F. Ham, May 31; John M. Crawshaw, December 6; Edwin Thompson, January 2; Veranus S. Darling, January 9.

30 Blazing Star, Rumford. John Anderson, March 12; Young A. Thurston, July 26; Otto J. M. Higgins, October 4; William W. Small, January 3; L. Merrill Hewey, January 24; Hiram R. Oldham, January 30.

31 Union, Union. David L. Laughton, April 22; William J. Taylor,* April 26; Ralph B. Lewis,* May 12; Harvey S. Moore, May 30.

32 Hermon, Gardiner. Daniel W. Smith, Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, Mass., in 1922; Charles S. Hutchings,* June 26; Fred G. Wright,* September 2; Daniel H. Dorr, September 11; Henry A. Wood,* September 20; William R. Dill,* February 3; Uril L. Ludwig,* February 11, J. Howard Hunt, February 21; John T. Grant, May 17.

33 Waterville, Waterville. Daniel A. Morrill,* March 4; Gorham C. Carr,* April 25; Wallace B. Clark,* August 14; Amos F. Abbott, October 11; Oscar G. Springfield, October 25; Alden Bassett, October 30.

34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Edgar C. Plummer, July 13; Bert F. Webb, July 25; Alden Getchell, December 10; Walter V. Mitchell, January 20.

35 Bethlehem, Augusta. Winthrop H. Fallen, January 22, 1923; William S. Kittredge, July 10; John G. Wing, July 29; Otis E. Douglass, July 20; Jos. Froberger, October 20; David S. Nelson, November 22; William H. Williams, December 5; W. Scott Hill, March 10; Augustus L. Smith, December 20.

36 Casco, Yarmouth. Lyman Putnam Tuttle, February 26, 1923; Edward Stoddard, June 28; George O. D. Soule, August 20; George E. Coombs, September 30; Richard Pomeroy, December 18.

37 Washington, Lubec. Merrill L. Dinsmore,* March 30; James E. Parsons.

38 Harmony, Gorham. Llewellyn W. Brown, January 26, 1923; John C. Thestrup, April 4; Elbridge S. Bodge, March 11; Levi Hamblin, June 28; Lester H. Libby, December 28.

39 Penobscot, Dexter. Edwin Frink, March 25; Edward H. Witham, April 2; Samuel C. Page, May 5; Joseph Warren, November 19; Orlando T. Percival, February 20.

40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. Benjamin Crossley, March 13; Huston B. Saunders,* March 12; Carroll Francis Shay, April 12; Roland C. Bonsey, (no date given); Ernest C. Ray, May; William C. Dresser,* June 10; James* A. McGown, July 11; Libeus D. Patten, August, 1921; Oliver Better, October 26.

41 Morning Star, Litchfield. John Purington; Everett L. Albee, (Secretary gives no dates); Alden H. Powers,* June 27.

42 Freedom, Limerick. Edwin E. Hasty, October 28; William Wallace Sheen, February 17; Elmer A. Foss, March 27, 1922.

43 Alna, Damariscotta. Wilbur G. Knowlton, November 16; Gilbert C. Lailer, October 3.

44 Piscataquis, Milo. J. Fred McCorrison,* March 10; Charles H. West, June 11; Benjamin F. Manter,* October 15; Lewis R. Angove,* January 20; Frank W. Ladd, February 26; Henry F. Daggett,* February 27.

45 Central, China. Joseph Edmund Crossman, September 20; William M. Crane, November 17.

46 St. Croix, Calais. Joseph W. Murphy, May 4; Henry F. Rich, April 27; Edward Stanhope,* December 20; Charles F. Blake, January 7; Oliver S. Tarbox, January 15.

95 Corinthian, Hartland. Fred S. Burrell, September 21; Samuel W. Green, September 12.

96 Monument, Houlton. Augustus H. Drew,* March 16; Samuel D. Hamilton, March 21; F. Wilder Innis,* March 27; James W. White,* May 18; Thomas M. Morrision,* May 17; Nelson McLaughlin, April 11; James H. Simpson,* June 2; Harrison J. Fletcher,* June 30; George W. Reed,* August 23; Robert Y. Cox,* October 5; Colin L. Wadlia,* October 8; Robert N. Clark,* November 14; Mona L. Buck, January 18; Edwin P. Henderson,* January 26.

97 Bethel, Bethel. Charles H. Hersey, March 2; Charles H. Davis, November 7.

98 Katahdin, Patten. S. Temple Wiggin, October 2.

99 Vernon Valley, Mount Vernon. Wesley Bradley, May 19; Merton R. Jacobs,* January 29; Nicholas R. Lougee, (Secretary reports, probably dead. Has not been heard from for several years. If living would be about eighty-five years old).

100 Jefferson, Bryants Pond. James M. Day,* December 9.

102 Marsh River, Brooks. Alphonso B. Huff, March 6.

103 Dresden, Dresden Mills. Chester L. Burke,* October 9.

104 Dirigo, Weeks Mills. Roy L. Clifford, June 23.

105 Ashlar, Lewiston. Milford S. Cummings, December 16; George E. Haskell, September 3; Fred E. Page, January 8; Walter H. Sawyer, December 21; Warren E. Wood, January 29.

106 Tuscan, Addison. Wilbur W. Nash, April 27; George L. Cushing, May 17; Frank L. Hall, June 22; Ole A. Anderson, August 20; Frank H. Thompson, August 26; James M. McWilliams, October 31; Lovetus H. Plummer, February 2; Amos E. Tibbetts, February 8.

109 Mt. Kineo, Guilford. Harry W. Cimpher, March 29; Charles W. Morrill, April 16; Edwin B. Packard, June 20; Walter H. Keene, October 30; Walter S. Washburn, November 1.

110 Monmouth, Monmouth. Henry Clay Jacobs, July 17; George E. Carlton, December 16.

111 Liberty, Liberty. Joseph J. King, 1922, Secretary furnishes no other date.

112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. Frank W. Towle, April 25; Arthur W. Richardson, May 30.

113 Messalonskee, Oakland. I Russell Clark, October 1.

114 Polar Star, Bath. M. Hubbard Ferguson, May 11; William M. Sparks, November 21; Alfred J. Berry, February 20.

116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. Charles A. Whiting,* April 6; Steward Wing, August 22; Horace E. Frost,* November 28.

117 Greenleaf, Cornish. Bonney L. Powers, March 10; William S. Jones, January 19.

118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. Charles E. Weeman, March 6; Chester A. West,* April 26.

119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. William G. Treat, March 20; Edwin G. McLain, May 16.

- 121 Acacia, Durham. William H. Merrill, August 1.
- 122 Marine, Deer Isle. George L. Robbins, May 3; Henry C. Smith, July 11; Edward E. Pressey, October 2; Sylvanus P. Eaton, April 3; George A. Black, August 1.
- 123 Franklin, New Sharon. Willis B. Jordan, January 9.
- 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. Isaiah Wotton, January 15.
- 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. Edwin A. Porter,* May 23; Frank B. Carney, May 21; Gordon Wayness, Jr., November 10; Gordon Wayness, Sr., July 1; Fred A. Nelson, August 23; Selden A. Carr, August 11; Eber L. Cook, January 5.
- 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. Elmer Small, August 11; Cleveland Downes, November 2; Charles P. Bean, January 12, 1923.
- 127 Presumpscot, North Windham. Elias R. Howard, June 27, 1922; Royal B. Manchester,* July 28; Charles H. Cole, Sr., February 8.
- 128 Eggmoggin, Sedgwick. Azor C. Dodge,* December 23; Angus Fenderson, January 8; John B. Pert, January 4.
- 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. George A. Jackson, November 25.
- 130 Trinity, Presque Isle. Alexander Cox, April 28; Fred S. Wiggin, November 10; Robert J. McKee, November 15; Ambrose W. Kneeland, November 16; Prentiss L. Herrick, January 25; Ambrose H. Bragg (date unknown).
- 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. Elbridge Stone, October 23; Leroy M. Sanderson, November 20.
- 133 Asylum, Wayne. Harvey J. Bamford,* March 20.
- 135 Riverside, Jefferson. Charles Henry Witham,* May 9; Willis H. Flagg,* February 21.
- 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. Hosea B. Emery, September 26; Leonard E. Porter, September 21; Fred W. Milliken (no date given).
- 138 Lewey's Island, Princeton. John Breen, March 22; Perry E. Day, September 9; John G. Fields, March 31; Howard A. Horsman, September 14; Daniel G. Lane, October 30.
- 139 Archon, East Dixmont. William B. Chapman, February 26.
- 140 Mt. Desert, Mt. Desert. Thomas B. Knowles, April 19; Pearle F. Smith, August 16.
- 141 Augusta, Augusta. Herbert L. Beale, March 16; Clarence Glass, April 20; Daniel Whitehouse, June 20; Vermont R. Luce, October 12; Walter D. Kimball, October 20; Adelbert A. Clark, October 24; John L. Bradford, December 16; Wadsworth L. Sampson, January 4; Charles E. Purington, February 8; Lucius Hill, February 26.
- 142 Ocean, Wells. Eben A. Mitchell, February 11, 1923; Horace A. Mills, August 22; Downing Hatch, April 18.
- 143 Preble, Sanford. Myron A. Shaffen, July 7.
- 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. John Van Namee, April 21; Irving Chase Kenniston, June 7; George W. Comstock, December 7; William W. Crooker, February 4.
- 145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Timothy L. Arey, March 8; Henry Y. Carver, April 30; Wilbert F. Brown, May 20; Franklin Thomas, October 16; George Comack, December 23; Roscoe Smith, December 2.

146 Sebasticook, Clinton. Ival E. Kendall,* July 3; George M. Stewart, July 21; George B. Goodrich, October 12;.

147 Evening Star, Buckfield. Rosalvo Crockett, April; William D. Tucker, May. (Secretary gives no other dates).

148 Forest, Springfield. Llewelyn Grant, September 11; James P. Hall, June 8; James Weymouth, January 10.

149 Doric, Monson. Charles G. Anderson, March 12; Alfred S. Bray, April 6; Thomas J. Williams (died several years ago, exact date unknown; death just reported).

150 Rabboni, Lewiston. Lewis W. Peck, March 13; Daniel Sands,* March 26; John Harper, March 28; James H. Brann, June 7; Elbridge G. Woodside, November 14; Robert S. Parker,* December 5; Albert B. Nealey,* December 15.

151 Excelsior, Northport. William F. Hopkins, May 13; Walter Crockett, February 26.

152 Crooked River, Bolster's Mills. James Dexter Howe, January 20.

154 Mystic Tie, Weld. Albert M. Child, March 5; Fred W. Drew, April 18; Philo S. Pratt,* November 3.

156 Wilton, Wilton. Robert E. Stevenson, April 5; Warren A. Card, November 16; Eugene H. Clark, December 30.

157 Cambridge, Cambridge. William G. Bailey, April 22; Alphonso Davis, June 30; Alfred A. Willis, July 13; E. Fisher Leighton, August 23.

158 Anchor, South Bristol. John French, May 15.

160 Parian, Corinna. Fred C. Young, February 27, 1923; Everett P. Ireland, April 29; John H. Shepard, April 30; C. Archie Moore, June 3; John E. Grey, July 26; Judson W. Blaisdell, January 3; A. J. Knowles, January 27.

161 Carrabasset, Canaan. Frank L. Rowell, October 4; Scott Lord, December 16; Fifield Mitchell, February 7.

162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. Willis F. Carle, November 29.

163 Pleasant River, Brownville. Jos. O. Rutter, May 1; Charles Alexander Wood, July 14; A. W. McGraw, October 19; Albert Augustus Cook (lost in Maine woods about two years ago, never since been heard from).

164 Webster, Sabattus. Frank E. Sleeper,* May 2; Augustus C. Frost, June 13.

165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. Harry D. Falkiner (no date given); Carl N. Buck,* April 24.

166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. Frank W. Luce, August 11.

167 Whitney, Canton. Osmond S. Waite, March 3; Herbert B. Foster, January 6.

168 Composite, LaGrange. Arthur C. Herrick, June; Kenneth McKenzie, February. (Secretary supplies no other dates).

170 Caribou, Caribou. Dowason W. Edgar, March 6.

171 Naskeag, Brooklin. George A. Bowdoin, November 9.

172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. Nathaniel M. Jordan,* July 16; Charles O. Hook,* August 25; Edward L. Mallett, September 2; Alvarus Hathaway,* December 10; Wellington Ingalls,* February 1.

173 Pleiades, Millbridge. George Chipman, Jr., March 28; Francis B. Tenney, May 30; Stillman S. Wallace, June 28.

174 Lynde, Hermon. James B. Atkinson, May 10; Everett W. Miller, June 11; Thomas J. Bemis, July 16; Perry O. Bryant, November 17.

175 Baskahegan, Danforth. Moses A. Colburn, June 10; James H. Dingee, July 9.

177 Rising Star, Penobscot. Maurice E. Gray, April 13; James W. Snow, May 11; James Burke Sellers, May 31; Seymour F. Wardwell, January 13.

178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. John R. Webber,* March 27; Fred O. Taylor,* May 17; Fred B. Penley, July 13; William E. Harlow, October 8.

179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. George E. Bragdon, March 24; Mark E. Stone, June 10; John B. Russell, August 4; James O. MacCorison, October 3.

180 Hiram, South Portland. Albert E. Shorey,* March 25; Alphonso Lina Rand,* May 12; Fred E. Cole,* June 17; Scott D. Oliver,* June 20; William Henry Tanner,* September 11; Frank W. Carter,* January 25.

182 Granite, West Paris. C. Howard Lane,* October 15; Edgar E. Barker,* January 13.

183 Deering, Portland. Charles F. Holden, February 26, 1923; Kenneth Parker Brown, March 18; Charles Safford, July 26; A. Freeman Berry, August 22; Linas Seely, October 9; Frederick M. Thompson, November 24; Alfred A. Stevens, December 2; Carleton Glidden, January 5; Charles S. Harmon, January 21; James Parker, 1921.

184 Naval, Kittery. Alvin G. Eyer, February 23, 1923; George O. Arthorne, Sr., May 17; A. Sidney Remick, August 20; William E. Frost, August 8; Leon S. Patch, January 9.

185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. Charles E. Southard,* May 2; William N. Suminsby,* November 13; John E. Savage, date unknown.

186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. George E. Brown, April 18; Howard H. Waterhouse, August 23; Charles C. Bailey, November 28; George W. Hathaway, January 1; Albert L. Chandler, February 5.

187 Ira Berry, Bluehill. Seth I. Smith, August 4; Daniel B. Phelan, September.

188 Jonesport, Jonesport. Raymond I. Noyes, September 1; Alfred D. Davis, October 23; Paris A. Calar, November 1; Edward M. Sawyer, February 15.

189 Knox, South Thomaston. William H. Jackson, June 2; Thomas J. Drew, November 29; Elmer D. Clark, January 31.

190 Springvale, Springvale. James Mullins,* November 8; Leroy Lord, November 18; Frank M. White,* January 22.

191 Davis, Strong. Charles H. Lovejoy, August 30; Maurice W. Foster, January 7; Dana B. Fogg, March 25, 1923.

192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. Rodney F. Young, March 24; Herbert E. Tracy, August 25.

193 Washburn, Washburn. Irving S. Whittaker,* September 13; Hadley I. Larnard, November 13; Fred L. Farnham, November 23.

194 Euclid, Madison. Harold Fred Daggett, April 13; Henry D. Steward, March 18; George W. Hurd, September 27; David E. Jewett, November 13; Evander L. Perkins, December 23.

195 Reliance, Stonington. Benjamin S. Thurlow, May 23; Henry B. Smith, August 13; Franklin J. Smith, August 17; Charles U. Russ, July; Ernest Thurlow, January.

196 Bay View, East Boothbay. Emery R. Hardinger, March 15.

197 Aroostook, Blaine. Delbert D. Banks, February 28.

198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. Ernest L. Gifford, June 24; Alex Maxwell, September 10; George W. Tibbetts, April 16; Bradford S. Woodward, June 17.

199 Bingham, Bingham. Benjamin F. Smith, March 22; Henry Collins, July 17; Abel N. Moore, October 13; Arthur N. Burke, December 12; Philander Baker, January 21.

200 Columbia, Greenville. Thomas B. Snow, January 9, 1921.

201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan, Percy L. Aiken, November 23; William W. Jellison, January 7.

202 Mt. Bigelow, Flagstaff. Donald H. Fuller,* October 15.

203 Mt. Olivet, Washington. John S. Glidden, July 23; Adial Lin-scott, September 27; Henry H. Clark, December 10.

204 Mt. Abram, Kingfield. Eben C. Williamson,* December 18.

205 Nolleseme, Millinocket. Jepson F. London, April 26; Wilbur T. Ray, June 29, 1922; John E. Decker, November 24; George H. Marden, January 11; Robert McDougal, January 29.

206 Island Falls, Island Falls. Elijah F. Harriman,* April 16; Amos F. Dumphy,* May 7; Goodwin W. Wiseman,* June 28.

208 Northeast Harbor, Northeast Harbor. Elliott F. Jordan, December 15.

210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. Wheelock Bates, May 25; William Pain, September 3.

211 Meduncook, Friendship. Samuel A. Allen, February 5.

212 McKinley, McKinley. John T. Knowlton, April 12; Carl Weston Pettigrove, May 2; John Pearl Mitchell, August 26.

213 Kemankeag, Rangeley. Austin E. Hinckley, September 27.

214 Limestone, Limestone. Horace W. Patten,* February 29.

215 Orchard, Old Orchard. Leroy Sheldon Butler, September 22.

Grand Lodges and

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Alabama, Dec. 5, 1923,
 Alberta, June 13, 1923,
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 New Hampshire, May 16, 1923,
 New Jersey, April 18, 1923,
 New Mexico, Feb. 19, 1923,
 N. South Wales, June 8, 1921,
 New York, May 1, 1923,

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 Fernand Leveque, Brussels.
 Charles E. Tisdall, Vancouver.
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 W. J. Drope, Grimsley.
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 Winthrop Buck, Wethersfield.
 Jorge E. Thornberry, Havana.
 Edward W. Cooch, Wilmington.
 Charles F. Roberts, Washington.
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 James D. Hamrick, Carrollton.
 Victor Peterson, Grangeville.
 Arthur E. Wood, Chicago.
 Charles A. Lippincott, South Bend.
 Milo J. Gabriel, Clinton.
 Earl of Donoughmore.
 Elmer F. Strain, Topeka.
 A. E. Orton, Dawson Springs.
 Prentis B. Carter, Franklinton.
 David E. Moulton, Portland.
 William J. Mayor, Winnipeg.
 Warren S. Seipp, Baltimore.
 Dudley H. Farrell, Lynn.
 Charles A. Durand, Flint.
 James D. Murkham, Rush City.
 Paul H. Murphy, Lexington.
 Joseph S. McIntyre, St. Louis.
 C. S. Bell, Billings.
 Charles A. Chappell, Minden.
 Silas E. Ross, Reno.
 LeBaron Wilson, St. John.
 Frederic E. Everett., Elkins.
 Frank C. Sayrs, Trenton.
 Joseph Gill, Clayton.
 William Thompson.
 Arthur S. Thompkins, Nyack.

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Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque.	John Milne, Albuquerque.
Arthur H. Bray, Sydney.	S. Scott Young.
Robert J. Kenworthy, New York.	William Sherer, Brooklyn.

GRAND LODGES.

GRAND MASTERS.

New Zealand, Nov. 28, 1923,
 North Carolina, Jan. 16, 1923,
 North Dakota, June 19, 1923,
 Nova Scotia, June 13, 1923,
 Ohio, Oct. 17, 1923,
 Oklahoma, March 1, 1923,
 Oregon, June 13, 1923,
 Panama, Mar. 8, 1921,
 Pennsylvania, Dec. 27, 1922,
 Peru, March 24, 1919,
 Philippine Islands, Jan. 24, 1922,
 Porto Rico, March 19, 1923,
 P. E. Island, June 20, 1923,
 Quebec, Feb. 8, 1922,
 Rhode Island, May 13, 1923,
 Saskatchewan, June 20, 1923,
 Scotland, Feb. 2, 1922,
 South Australia, April 18, 1923,
 South Carolina, Mar. 14, 1923,
 South Dakota, June 12, 1923,
 Tasmania, Aug. 25, 1923,
 Tennessee, Jan. 30, 1924,
 Texas, Dec. 4, 1923,
 Utah, Jan. 16, 1923,
 Vermont, June 13, 1923,
 Victoria, Dec. 20, 1922,
 Virginia, Feb. 13, 1923,
 Washington, June 12, 1923,
 West Virginia, Nov. 14, 1923,
 West Australia, May 24, 1923,
 Wisconsin, June 12, 1922,
 Wyoming, Aug. 22, 1923,

Viscount Jellicoe, Christchurch.
 Herbert McN. Poteat, Wake Forest.
 Ralph L. Miller, Fargo.
 James H. Winfield, Halifax.
 Cambell M. Voorhees, Columbus.
 William E. Stuart, Shattuck.
 George T. Cochran, LaGrand.
 Abraham D. H. Melhado, Panama.
 Abram M. Beitler, Philadelphia.
 Alberto Baroni, Lima.
 Quintin Paredes, Manila.
 Luis M. Morales, San Juan.
 E. W. MacKay, Charlottetown.
 Charles McBurney, Lachute.
 Arthur G. Newell, Pawtucket.
 J. W. MacNeill, Battleford.
 Earl of Elgin.
 Arthur William Piper.
 J. Campbell Bissell, Charleston.
 Robert S. Lockhart, Watertown.
 Henry L. D'Emden.
 Howell E. Jackson, Nashville.
 Gus A. Brandt, Houston.
 LeRoy A. McGee, Price.
 George I. Whitney, Bellows Falls.
 Earl of Stradbroke.
 James H. Price, Richmond.
 Tom W. Holman, Olympia.
 Fred C. Stienbicker, Wheeling.
 C. O. L. Riley, Perth.
 John E. Langdon, LaCrosse.
 James W. Stuchell, Shoshoni.

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Wm. M. Anderson, Oklahoma City.	Thomas C. Humphry, Hugo.
D. R. Cheney, 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.
Ernest Kemp, Charlottetown.	Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown.
W. W. Williamson, Montreal.	E. D. T. Chambers, Quebec.
S. Penrose Williams, Providence.	William H. Scott, Providence.
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.
W. H. Strutt (Acting), Hobart.	
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W. B. Pearson, Waco.	John L. Terrell, Dallas.
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Henry H. Ross, Burlington.	
W. Stewart, 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, Casper.	Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper.

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Oklahoma — SAMUEL CLYDE FULLERTON, Miami.
Oregon — CHARLES E. WOLVERTON, Portland.
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Philippine Islands — GEORGE R. HARVEY, Manila.
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Quebec — PETER W. A. BURKE, Montreal.
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New Hampshire — HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.
New Jersey — ALBERT H. NEWBERT, Rockland.
New South Wales — I. JAMES MERRY, Cornish.
New York — EDWARD W. WHEELER, Brunswick.
New Zealand — JOHN J. MARR, Island Falls.
North Carolina — CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Portland.
North Dakota — DAVID E. MOULTON, Portland.
Nova Scotia — JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Portland.
Ohio — CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.
Oklahoma — WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.
Oregon — FRANK E. MONROE, Milo.
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West Virginia — ALBERT M. PENLEY, Auburn.
Wisconsin — DAVID L. WILSON, Bath.

RECAPITULATION—1924

Lodges enrolled.....	215
" extinct	9
" working	206
" represented at communication, 1924.....	190
Number of representatives	266
Lodges to make returns	206
Making returns in time	187
Initiated	1,699
Raised	1,698
Affiliated	96
Re-instated	63
Errors in 1923 returns.....	10
Total increase	— 1,870
Demitted	143
Died	677
Suspended.....	5
Expelled	0
Lost membership by non-payment of dues.....	223
Deprived of membership for non-payment of dues.....	6
Total decrease	— 1,044
Net increase	— 826
Members March 1, 1923.....	41,730
Members March 1, 1924.....	42,556
Grand Lodge Receipts	\$19,628.96
" " Disbursements	\$22,814.28
Amount of Charity Fund.....	\$84,408.49
Income of Charity Fund.....	\$3,884.65

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APPENDIX



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Report of Correspondence

1921

*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, 1920.

The One Hundredth Annual Communication. Number of lodges, 565; number in membership, 42,692; cash on hand, \$22,981.45.

Three hundred ninety-eight lodges were represented.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Percy B. Dixon, in the introduction to his address amplifies the idea that "The Freemason should find in every lodge a home, and in every mason a true brother." We quote one paragraph:

"While Freemasonry is composed of Lodges and Grand Lodges, the Body of Masonry itself is one great unit. Permit me to draw your attention to the source of this unity in Masonry. It is found in the mental and spiritual affinity of its members, for though the exoteric bonds of ritual, customs, usages and laws give strength and endurance to the institution, they are but the outward and visible signs of an inward and spirital cohesion."

One decision in accordance with usual practice was made; dispensations were issued for ten new lodges, and one for the restoration of a lodge; for many other reasons dispensations were granted. Five corner-stones were laid.

Under the topic of "Maimed Candidates," he says:

"During the year many requests were made to approve maimed candidates for the degrees. After the lodges had assured me in each case that they had voted unanimously to receive the petition subject to my approval, I approved the same, and permitted them to confer the degrees. In this connection I think it wise for the Grand Lodge to define the extent of loss of limb to be permitted, else the custom will be abused unless it is somewhat restricted."

The amount of money required in 1919 to build an additional building to the Alabama Masonic Home was found to be insufficient and it was decided to issue some \$20,000 more by a bond issue.

He recommended withdrawal from the Masonic Service Association, and a donation to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association of one thousand dollars to be paid in five annual installments.

The Grand Secretary was authorized to arrange quarters for the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in the Masonic Temple.

The dimensions of the corner-stone and other facts connected therewith were adopted.

"No corner stone shall be laid by the Grand Lodge of less dimensions than 9 in. x 12 in. Each stone shall be inscribed with the name of the Grand Master, together with the year of Masonry in which the corner stone was laid. Each stone must contain a cavity in which must be deposited the articles required by the Corner Stone Ritual, together with such other articles of deposit as may be provided."

Limited collective balloting on candidates for degrees was adopted:

"Whenever there are a number of candidates whose petitions for the degrees are to be voted on, the W. M. may in his discretion order that more than one, but not more than six candidates be voted for at the same time, and in the same ballot box. If on the vote, one black ball appears in the ballot box, the W. M. shall thereupon order a new ballot taken on the application of each candidate separately in the regular manner."

Why stop at six as the maximum number that can be voted upon? If there is one black ball in the ballot box then a new ballot is to be had in the "regular manner." Then there are two methods of balloting for candidates — a regular and an irregular manner? Observation for many years of method of balloting as practised by the York and the Scottish Rites has convinced me that there is not much time gained by having a collective ballot.

Bro. Oliver Day Street gives us a report full of good things.

Maine for 1920, has a full recognition.

He thinks that the Red Cross is a "Charitable" institution like the "Far East" and other such like organizations.

Here is a junk of wisdom:

"Among the most alarming symptoms of the present day are the prevalent desire of men everywhere to avoid labor, and, when they do labor, their willingness to turn out poor work. A program of short hours, long wages, and poor work combined with the employers readiness to oppress, stint and starve labor is enough to destroy any country on earth."

Under Pennsylvania, we read:

"Soldiers and Sailors, residents of Pennsylvania, who were made Masons in other jurisdictions while sojourning there without obtaining a waiver, were held by Grand Master Krause not entitled to recognition in Pennsylvania without being healed and 'paying the fees required by the By-laws of the lodge and the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon.' Grand Master Krause admits that such persons 'are not supposed to know our laws.'

"He might have said that Masons do not agree on these 'laws.' New York and many other jurisdictions claim the right under Masonic law to make Masons of soldiers and sailors without waiver of jurisdiction under the above circumstances. We, therefore, protest the making of victims of those whose only offense was not knowing laws about which Masons differ. If they present a dimit from a regular lodge of a regular jurisdiction and are otherwise worthy they should be received without discrimination. This effort of one Masonic jurisdiction to make laws for another must inevitably break down of its own weight."

ALBERTA, 1920.

The Fifteenth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 108; number in membership, 9,343. Cash on hand, \$12,072.01.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. J. Betterill, in the introduction to his address takes the optimistic view of the world's condition and that already the world is recovering from the effects of the World War.

Fourteen Lodges of Instruction were held by his direction, and he attended all of them.

His decisions, eight in number, will be generally accepted.

He recommended that a Lodge of Instruction be held where possible in every district in the province and that the Grand Lodge decide upon measures to increase the Capital Benevolent Fund.

The Reports of the District Deputy Masters are interesting and give full account of the condition of the Craft. The Grand Secretary reports that charters were issued to two lodges; and dispensations were issued for six new lodges. The Grand Lodge voted not to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France.

Owing to the illness of M. W. Bro. N. Darling the preparation of the Report of the Committee on Correspondence fell at a later date to the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, who presented an able report.

Anent degrees by courtesy, under Arizona, he says:

"We are in accord with the decision of the Grand Lodge of Arizona in this regard. In our opinion all petitioners should at least receive their first degree in their own Grand Jurisdiction before asking for this favor from the sister jurisdictions."

Maine for 1919 has a page.

ARIZONA, 1920.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 27; number in membership, 3,786. Cash on hand, \$3,767.06.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James Henry Barrett, with a brief acknowledgement, at once proceeds to give in his address the account of his acts and doings for the year last past. The dead are remembered; by-laws approved; decisions of which three are sound were made. We quote:

"I decided that a Brother having visited lodges in this jurisdiction and being in good standing in his own lodge, could petition for affiliation, although his Grand Lodge had not been formally recognized by this Grand Lodge."

One lodge was constituted; dispensation was issued for a lodge.

Many subjects local in character are presented very fully.

No Report on Correspondence.

ARKANSAS, 1920.

The Seventy-ninth Annual Communication.

Number of lodge, 551; number in membership, 28,848. Cash on hand, \$15,200.29. Number of lodges represented, 38½. Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Louis Bauerlein, devotes a paragraph of his address to a pessimistic condition of the world but believes in the American people and the opportunity of Masons to do their part for an improved condition.

We quote a paragraph:

"Efforts are being made to organize Masonic Associations of various kinds that in my humble judgment will tend eventually to concentrate and centralize authority and power. Your Grand Master is of that old line which believes that each state should have its rights and each Grand Lodge should be a sovereign governing body. He is opposed to the centralization of power and authority — be it of State, Lodge or Church."

He made an appeal to the brethren of his jurisdiction by circular letter to raise at least twenty-five thousand dollars to create a fund for the care of aged and indigent Masons.

He made a few decisions. We quote the one which the Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve.

"Has the Master of a Lodge the right to examine a brother and to vouch for him a Master Mason? If not, why not?"

"The Master of a Lodge is the proper officer to appoint a committee to examine visiting brethren. The Committee is the servant of the Master and in my opinion the Master would have the right to do the examining, if he felt so disposed as the Committee which received its right from the Master. If the Master administered the test oath and from his examination becomes convinced that the visitor is a Master Mason, the Master may permit him to sit in open Lodge."

He reports the laying of corner stones, and also one refused because the stone was not to be laid in the North East corner; many dispensations, among which were these for nine new lodges, were granted.

From his conclusion, we quote:

"Visiting a certain lodge your Grand Master found the W. M. much troubled because he had a visitor who could not prove himself. At the request of the W. M. your servant went to the Committee room and found a brother taking a cigarette from a silver case upon which was enameled the Square and Compasses. We remarked, 'that is a nice case.' The visitor replied: 'It cost me seven dollars, I bought it when I took the Third Degree. I paid forty dollars for the degrees.' Question after question was asked and no answer could he give that would prove he had received anything for his forty-seven dollars. We noticed a pair of cuff buttons on each was a keystone. We were informed they cost fifteen dollars and he had purchased them when he was made a Royal Arch Mason and further enlightened us that the Chapter Degrees had set him back twenty-five dollars. Seeing a beautiful Knights Templar Charm, your servant discovered that this charm together with the Commandery degrees had cost two hundred and fifty dollars more. Commenting upon a ring the visitor displayed as he lighted his cigarette brought forth the information that this ring and the Scottish Rite degrees had separated the visitor from three hundred American Dollars, and yet he could not

work his way into a Blue Lodge. Seeing a button on his coat, we asked: "how much did that cost you?" With a face lighted up with a smile the decorated brother replied "My wife gave me that when I joined the Shrine, but I paid seventy-eight dollars for the degree which included the Fez." We were glad to learn that the good brother had at least one piece of jewelry that cost him nothing, but the brother continued: "The Shrine is the playground of Masonry and I am glad that I have all there is in Masonry and am at the top."

"Poor deluded man, he had paid seven hundred and fifteen dollars to get all there was in Masonry — he remembered that, but not a word of the ritual, not a beauty, not a lesson. For his seven hundred and fifteen dollars he had gotten nothing. Money will not purchase the beauties of our Mysteries. They must come through the heart and mind and not through the purse. Before you can see all gems and beauties of our beloved Order revealed in their grandeur, you must have a vision."

No special report on the proceedings in the various Masonic Jurisdictions was made.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1920.

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 87. Number in membership, 8,975. Funds and property of lodges, \$392,205.00. Total relief granted, \$10,219.00.

Eight Past Grand Masters in attendance. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

An address of welcome was extended by the Mayor of the City of Nelson, where the session was held, this Grand Lodge being one that meets in different places yearly.

The address of M. W. Grand Master, Samuel J. Willis, is one of the shortest of the year, only seven pages. He makes no attempt at oratory but begins at the very start to tell his official acts for the year.

The dead are remembered; the foreign relations pleasant; official visits described, and seven new lodges set working under dispensation. An odd feature connected with these to us here in "The States," is the fact that the dispensations were not granted until they had been "favourably recommended by the District Deputy Grand Masters of the several Districts."

He made thirteen rulings, eight of which were concerning physical requirements. One of general interest was that a chapter of the Eastern Star may not be allowed to meet in a hall that had been dedicated to Masonry. We are wondering if that wording really means "may" or "shall." Another, that it was not permissible to include the word "Masonic" in the name of a social club.

He issued a circular letter to all lodges calling special attention to the existing law that collective balloting must not, under any circumstances, be done and no matter how many applications a lodge had to consider each must receive a separate ballot under penalty of arrest of charter.

Thirty-one dispensations were granted more than half of them to permit lodges to attend devine worship. Maine permits them to do so without a dispensation.

The Grand Secretary reported an increase in membership of 1,012 during the year, nearly twelve per cent.

In British Columbia the District Deputy Grand Master is an important official. As before mentioned new lodges are set at work only after his recommendation. He also visits each lodge in his district two or more times, and often these are "surprise visits" when he may appear perhaps even without the knowledge of most of the brethren present, to see that the work is done in a correct and dignified manner. Like Maine a considerable portion of the printed proceedings is taken up by their reports.

The widows of three Past Grand Masters—names not printed thank goodness—were by vote of the Grand Lodge each assisted to the amount of \$300.00 during the year past, and like amounts were appropriated for their assistance during the year to come.

An amendment to the constitution was proposed which provides that District Deputy Grand Masters be elected by the lodges comprising each district instead of being appointed by the Grand Master.

A proposed amendment which would allow a candidate who had lost a limb, to be initiated if supplied with an artificial one over which he had complete control, was rejected.

Charters were granted to all the lodges working under dispensation.

Ten per cent. of the gross income of the Grand Lodge is yearly added to the Charity Fund.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, the Grand Secretary.

We quote:

"Probably what strikes one most in this year's survey of the Masonic field is the fact that the Grand Lodges of the country which won the war have ceased falling over one another in their haste to recognize French Masonry, so-called. More, some Grand Lodges which gave recognition—not because they knew or cared anything about French Masonry, but simply because they felt they had to be in the procession—have withdrawn it, and no doubt others will do likewise so soon as they decently can.

"The return of some degree of sanity is also shown by the withdrawal of some Grand Lodges in the United States from the 'Masonic Service Association,' another product of the desire to 'do something,' or, as some think, a maneuver to bring about the establishment of a General Grand Lodge."

Again, under Illinois:

"The actions of certain of the 'Sea and Field' lodges established by the Grand Lodge of New York gave rise to some controversy as to jurisdiction. It appears that these lodges, or some of them, made Masons of men from Illinois, and in one case, after having conferred the degrees, notified a lodge in Chicago that the candidate had automatically become one of its members. So far as conferring degrees on men from Illinois goes the Grand Lodges of Illinois has no reasonable ground for complaint, but it was certainly an unusual proceeding to make a man a member of a Chicago lodge which did not, apparently, even know that he had petitioned for the degrees."

Maine, for 1920, has over ten pages of careful review. On the minority report of our committee to consider French Masonry, he thus comments:

"It starts out with the assertion that French Masonry is of English origin, which is doubtful; that it originated in 1725, which is legendary; and that it is as legitimate as any Grand Lodge in the United States of America, which is not true."

CALIFORNIA, 1920.

The Seventy-first Annual Communication.

Three hundred sixty-five lodges were represented; thirteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles Albert Adams, delivered his message in which he discusses quite fully the lack of too much legislation by the Grand Lodge; and thinks that the decisions of former Past Grand Masters have too much weight in the decision of new propositions. He made many recommendations for new legislation.

He made seven decisions which he argued clearly.

Discussing the use of Foreign Language in the lodges composed of foreigners, he says in conclusion:

"On mature reflection I become convinced that insofar at least as Masonic Lodges are concerned, adherence to the ideas I had therefore entertained would not only work an injustice to the individual, but would be inclined to defeat the very purpose I had in mind. With the conviction that there was no good reason why the use of foreign languages should not be permitted, I had no reason to withhold my recommendation of the petition of Acacia Lodge."

His visitations are gloriously reported.

He touches upon "Politics."

We quote:

"Matthew S. Hughes passed to his reward April 4th, 1920. As Grand Orator in 1915 he presented one of the best addresses ever delivered in Grand Lodge. Our brother at the time of his death was a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with headquarters at Portland, Oregon. He died at Cleveland while on a speaking tour. Bishop Hughes was a tower of moral strength and the good influence of his life will be long felt."

Dispensations were issued for twenty new lodges.

The Grand Secretary says:

"An unhealthy practice has grown up, possibly a relic of conditions existing during the world-war, whereby lodges of this jurisdiction as well as of sister jurisdictions, request that degrees be conferred upon candidates as courtesy to the requesting lodge. As a matter of fact, the requests are made to favor candidates who might better receive their degrees in the lodge of their election. One grand jurisdiction, Pennsylvania, requires that petitioners must receive their degrees in the lodge of their election, and I heartily commend that practice, notwithstanding it may occasionally work a real hardship on some worthy candidates. Within the year our lodges have asked lodges of other jurisdictions to confer 312 degrees, and we have extended like courtesies, without fee, to the extent of conferring 1188 degrees."

A large amount of local business was transacted.

Bro. Jesse M. Whited submitted his second Report in Topical Form.

He says:

"We are of the opinion that the meetings of a lodge should be so arranged that at some time there should be an open forum, wherein could be dis-

cussed any questions that vitally concern our immediate Community, our State or our Nation. 'Let there be light,' not only in things Masonic but in all public questions. While some people are like the Scotchman, 'who is open to conviction but would like to see the man who could convince him,' these are doubtless in the minority.

"Our discussions should be along broad educational lines and not such as to interest ourselves with or taking part in partisan politics, in the usual sense of the word."

Again:

"The Nineteenth Amendment is now a law. Who can tell but what Masonry will be the next fortress to be stormed? We understand there is in one of the large cities in this State an organization known as 'Co-Masonry,' which was conceived by Mrs. Anne Besant. One lady informed a good brother that she already had received her third degree, and hoped to get her 32nd shortly.

"While Masonry as an institution cannot succumb to the persuasions of the fair sex to the extent of giving them a full partnership, still as an auxiliary for good the Order of Eastern Star has a great value. Its interest in the Masonic Homes in the various states alone would justify its existence. We believe the time is fast approaching when Masonry should form its sons into an organization from which its future members will come. In such an event the assistance of the Eastern Star would be of inestimable value."

Read:

"We believe that the first degree, from its effect upon the candidate, is the most impressive one in Masonry. The main objection that can be urged against Group Initiation is the fact that it perhaps might detract from its solemnity and the effect upon the novitiate. This is a matter, however, appertaining to the individual alone. If he comes to the door of the lodge in the proper frame of mind, it will make no difference whether he is initiated with one or more candidates, or by himself. The jurisdictions which use this system have produced as many great and good Masons as those who do not.

"The danger that it might be used to 'stimulate the degree mill' could easily be prevented by fixing a period of time that must elapse between the conferring of each of the degrees on a single individual.

"The time saved could be used by the lodge for 'refreshment and repose.'"

ORDER OF DE MOLAY FOR BOYS.

"Masonry can do nothing better than father the organization of the sons of its members into a body from which could be drawn our future members. The use of 'the Lewis' in some jurisdictions fills this want. The Boy Scout movement can be utilized. There was submitted to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands a proposition to adopt a ceremony whereby a Mason could have his son dedicated to the Craft, having it done in the lodge in which the father was a member at a public function to which the family and others could be admitted. At one time, we believe, French Masonry had a form of Masonic baptism."

CANADA, 1920.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 489; number in membership, 80,920. Cash on hand, \$2,939.27.

Three hundred ninety-nine lodges were represented; seven Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

As an introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Fred W. Harcourt, gives a skelton of the formation of the government in Upper Canada. He notes the prosperity that has prevailed throughtout the jurisdiction and thinks that war may have given an impetus to Masonry.

Seven new lodges were constituted; five lodges were dedicated. Under dispensations he says:

"I have issued 501 dispensations during the year, the most of which were to allow special meetings for divine service and for installation of officers. I have also during the year granted fifty-two petitions for permission to initiate candidates not perfect in body. In every case I satisfied myself of the worthiness of the proposed applicant, either by personal interview or on the emphatic assurance of the District Deputy Grand Master in the district where the candidate lived.

"I have been guilty of handing out some rulings but such only as I could not with conscience avoid. I have followed the lines of my predecessors when their reasoning seemed convincing to me. How marvellous it is that some brethren can seize on a point of which legislators and rulers never dreamed. I will not remark on them all. You will find them in the schedule hereto annexed; only the doubtful ones and those in which I have been rude enough to differ from my able predecessors and as to which they did not seem to agree among themselves. (1) A private lodge cannot try a complaint unless made by a Master Mason who is a member of the lodge. (2) A dispensation should not be granted for the formation of a new lodge for the purpose of using a foreign work. (3) The Master of a lodge is responsible for the work done in the lodge over which he presides."

From his decisions we quote:

"I have been called on to rule that an organization called 'The Eastern Star' whose membership is composed of women, the relatives of Masons, and which have also attached to each of their lodges a few Masons as patrons, is clandestine. I decline to rule, as I know nothing about the Order, and have been assured by some of the male patrons that the Order does not claim to be Masonic."

He favors small lodges.

He believes in Lodges of Instruction.

We quote a paragraph:

"At the risk of being accused of needless repetition I wish to say to you brethren, that in my opinion our Order should not depart from its traditions. Its great charm is its mysticism, its exclusiveness as regards other organizations. Its portals are open to every reputable man. Its only advertisement should be the exemplary lives its members lead, its object to educate those members both as citizens and individuals so that the world may know the aims and ideals of Masonry. It seeks truth and worships Justice."

Of the War, he says:

"Only a word as to the War. In all thankfulness let us be content as we realize that Truth and Justice ultimately prevailed and that our Empire, as always heretofore, played well its part. May this fair Province of Ontario and our Dominion of Canada always remain an integral part of the Empire, whose proved and acknowledged world-wide mission is to assist the innocent and weak in warding off a powerful wrong-doer. May the Great Architect of the Universe guide her and keep her strong in order that she may fulfill His covenants.

"You, brethren, have had every feature of this War brought home to you and burned into your hearts by the horrors of it — the sacrifice of those dear to you. You have played your part so creditably that it is not

necessary to advertise it to the peoples of the World. They know it already. They have time and again generously acknowledged it. Nor is it necessary — it is even not good Masonry — to draw comparisons unfavorable to others who also fought and with like zeal for the common cause."

As usual the District Deputy Grand Masters submitted reports which gave much information to the Craft.

R. W. Bro. Edward B. Brown read an educational report entitled "The History of Our Own Grand Lodge."

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge send hearty fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine in view of the celebration by that Grand Body of the one hundredth anniversary of its formation; that we congratulate our brethren in Maine on the great prosperity which has blessed them in the past, on the peace which has reigned in their councils, and on the success with which they have carried on the great work of Freemasonry in their state for a hundred years; and we reverently pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may increasingly bless and prosper them through long, happy and useful centuries of future history."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by R. W. Bro. Edward B. Brown whom we gladly welcome. We shall miss M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed. We reproduce the "Valedictory."

"Gathering years and growing infirmity compelled me, a year ago, to ask my brethren of the Grand Lodge to relieve me from the duties of Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

"I was very much gratified when R. W. Bro. E. B. Brown consented to take the Chairmanship. I knew him to be eminently qualified for that work, and I knew that he would do it thoroughly and conscientiously. At the outset I ask for Bro. Brown a fraternal welcome from the members of the Round Table; and I am sure that in a very short time he will command their confidence and respect.

"The first report on Foreign Correspondence was made to Grand Lodge in 1859, by R. W. Bro. The Rev. Dr. Lundy, who was appointed for the purpose by the Grand Master. For several years reports were intermittent, and were made by various brethren — by R. W. Bro. Fowler in 1861; by R. W. Bro. J. W. Ferguson in 1867; and by R. W. Bro. Thomas White in 1868. From 1869 to 1872, the work was done by R. W. Bro. Edward Mitchell ('O, rare Ned Mitchell'); and in 1873 M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson took up the pen. In a few years, however, for reasons not stated, he lapsed into silence. In 1889 he resumed, merely saying: 'After the lapse of eleven years the resumption of this summary of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges has been deemed advisable.' From that time until his retirement in 1909, M. W. Bro. Robertson wrote the Canadian reports, and at his retirement was dean of the corps. For the past ten years I have tried to do the work; and I sincerely trust that Bro. Brown may be spared for many years to carry it on.

A. T. FREED."

Maine for 1919 has mention.

From his conclusion, we quote:

"'Physical Perfection' is dead — so it is said in the Grand Lodge of Washington, and we agree. Whether by direct legislation or by broad construction of existing regulations, the maimed may, subject to uncertain and varying limitations, enter our portals, and it is well, for not the outward but the inward man is the true Mason. The war, which has broken down so many barriers, has disposed of the fetish of 'Physical Perfection.'"

COLORADO, 1920.

The Sixtieth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 134; number in membership, 23,790. Cash on hand, \$18,079.19.

One hundred and twenty-three lodges represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Ten special communications had been held; two for the consecration of lodges; one for a dedication; four for the laying of corner stones, and two for the funeral services of Past Grand Masters, William D. Todd, and Clarence M. Kellogg.

A very impressive exercise took place at the opening session when the Flag was received with appropriate exercises and an address by the Color Bearer.

The Grand Master, in his address, gives a thorough review of his official acts.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of two of its most beloved and active Past Grand Masters: M. W. Bro. William D. Todd, died October 24, 1919, and M. W. Bro. Clarence M. Kellogg, died October 27, 1919.

The Grand Master had rendered no "decisions," and had granted seventy-nine dispensations which were all approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence. He had personally visited a very large number of the subordinate lodges.

He dwells at length on the Masonic Service Association, reviewing its history and its purposes and recommends that Colorado pay up and get out.

Like his predecessor, he had no use for the "Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm," and issued an order through the secretaries in regard to same. We quote:

"I do believe it unmasonic and not in keeping with the spirit and landmarks of Masonry to recognize in any way a society that advertises for members through Masonic Lodges."

We quote again:

"In one way there cannot be too many Masons, because Masonry causes men to be good citizens, and never in the history of the world were we in need of good citizenship more than today — yet I am convinced that there is a vast difference between a 'Mason' and 'one on whom the Masonic degrees have been conferred.' The same conditions do not exist in all lodges or in the different localities.

"I feel that some of our lodges are admitting too many to be able to properly teach them — or giving them an opportunity to learn what Masonry really is, and that such lodges, unless extreme caution is taken, might — to quote from a Grand Master in another Grand Jurisdiction — 'deteriorate into Degree Mills.'

"There are instances known of men having been solicited to join our Fraternity — which is entirely unmasonic. Again is it a prevailing custom to have our members, and some even before they have received the Master Mason's degree, solicited to join other bodies which require membership with us as a prerequisite.

"Section 295 of the Book of Constitutions reads as follows: 'It is unmaasonic to ask or solicit any person to become a Mason.' Brethren, that being our law, I am of the opinion it should also be the law of every body recognized by this Grand Lodge."

The following amendment to the By-laws was adopted:

Amend Section 215 by adding the following:

"*Provided*, That such organizations within the State of Colorado shall, by duly enacted statutes, require that no petition for the degrees conferred by them shall be received from one who has not been a Master Mason for at least one year; and, provided, further, that such organizations shall, by duly enacted statutes, prohibit their members from soliciting Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, or Master Masons to petition for such degrees. If such organizations shall fail to enact or maintain such laws, the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge shall withdraw from them the recognition heretofore herein granted."

The cause prompting the presentation of the above amendment was such over-zealous and indiscriminate solicitation for "higher degrees" as to become indirect, and often direct solicitation for the degrees of the Blue Lodge.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the following standing resolution was adopted:

"That no Master Mason, a member of any lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, shall become a member by petition or otherwise, of the so-called Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm (or Grotto), and any Master Mason who shall become a member of said so-called Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm (or Grotto), shall be subject to Masonic discipline."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence gives in briefest outline the doings of the several Grand Jurisdictions with many quotations. Maine is given thirteen lines.

Notice has been received of the death of M. W. Frank Church, Grand Master in 1882, and Grand Treasurer from 1885 to 1894. He was a lawyer who was actively interested in the development of his state, and did much to secure the enactment of law looking to civic improvement.

CONNECTICUT, 1920.

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 112. Represented at this Annual Communication, 109. Number in membership, 31,298. Grand Lodge assets, \$159,696.59.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were in attendance. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of New Jersey were special guests.

The copy of the Proceedings that comes to our desk is imperfectly bound and one whole signature of thirty-two pages which comprises the most of the address of Grand Master Wallace S. Moyle is missing. We are very sorry to miss reading this because an examination of the report of the Committee on Distribution reveals the fact that he discussed many interesting matters.

Evidently he had set two lodges working under dispensation for they were voted charters later on.

The most important event for the year was the dedication of the new building at the Masonic Home at Wallingford. From the address of welcome by the President of the Board of Managers at that occasion, we quote:

"You visit this afternoon the new Masonic Home. A few facts in regard to it are worthy of a moment's notice. It is a building absolutely fireproof. The danger which has been a menace by day and an anxiety by night has been removed forever. It contains nearly 200 rooms, enough to satisfy all needs of the fraternity for many years to come. No longer will it be necessary from time to time to establish a waiting list. When needed for the relief of a worthy brother or sister the doors of the Home will immediately open. It will cost when completed about \$225,000.00 and it will be paid for when completed. There will be no burden or debt on the fraternity."

Membership was taken in both the Washington Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association. An appropriation of \$100.00 was made for the former, and \$1,500.00 for the later.

A new Digest of Laws had been prepared during the year, which was approved and 500 copies ordered to be printed.

A resolution was adopted whereby each applicant for affiliation coming from a lodge outside of Connecticut must pay a fee of \$5.00 toward the Charity Foundation, or Masonic Home fund.

Another was adopted increasing the minimum fees for the degrees from \$20.00 to \$30.00.

After an unsuccessful attempt at amendment, it was

"Resolved, That more than one person, and not exceeding five persons, may be obligated at one and the same time."

Evidently the Grand Master had something in his address about a practice, altogether too common, of giving candidates ciphers from which to learn the lectures, for the Committee on Jurisprudence reported, "The matter of lodges presenting ciphers to candidates is *strictly forbidden*, in Section 52 of the Grand Lodge Regulations."

The per capita tax was increased to \$1.25, ninety cents of which goes to the Charity Foundation.

A Report on Correspondence of ninety pages is presented by George A. Kies, Past Grand Master, now Grand Secretary. In reviewing Maine he says, "Maine also has a Grand Lecturer, whose previous salary, \$25.00, has been raised to the munificent figure of \$100.00."

From his "Conclusion," we quote:

"As Grand Secretary, we have received numberless letters from different organizations, some of them meritorious and others more or less of fakes, asking our Grand Lodge to endorse and aid in their propaganda. Naturally, most of these letters were thrown into the waste basket without reply. But, in these hysterical times this should serve as warning to firmly combat these crafty efforts to make our Fraternity a tool for selfish ends whether such effort comes from a sneaky political party or from an organization which is doing unselfish uplift work. In either case, the introduction of such matters into our lodges or Grand Lodges will almost always

evoke sharp discussion, and, even if all were to agree, what especial effect would our endorsement have? Not enough to compensate for the precedent of letting politics or sectarianism into our lodges."

Notice has been received that M. W. Wallace S. Moyle, Grand Master in 1919, died September 10, 1920. He was an Englishman by birth, his parents coming to this country when he was four years of age. He was a graduate from Yale University, and a lawyer by profession.

DELAWARE, 1920.

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 22; number in membership, 4,931. Cash assets, \$5,421.12.

Twenty-one lodges represented. Fifteen Past Grand Masters in attendance. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Many distinguished Masons were guests, including the Grand Masters of Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

The address of M. W. Grand Master Harry Mayer, deals almost entirely with matters of local interest only. The dead are remembered; official visits reported; Masonic Home activities noted; the Washington Memorial Association endorsed; Masonic Service Association approved, and decisions reported.

Of the five decisions one may be of interest, as it touches a matter of general application. There having been a change in Grand Secretaries at the last session, the former Grand Secretary asked for a decision as to whether the preparation of the copy for printing the Proceedings of that session should properly be done by him or by his successor, the Grand Master ruled that it belonged to the former Grand Secretary to do. The precedent thus established by the Grand lodge might, perhaps, be applied in subordinate lodges.

One hall had been dedicated.

He reports having issued a commission making Wor. James B. Stevenson, of Rumford, the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Delaware near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

The report of the Trustees of the Masonic Home shows that it cost \$612.80 each to support the twelve residents there.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was raised \$200.00.

An amendment to the Code was adopted which provides that every candidate for the degrees, and every candidate for affiliation in any lodge must pay the sum of \$10.00 additional to any lodge fee for the support of the Masonic Home. The fee for candidates for degrees was an increase from the former requirement of \$5.00, but the one for affiliation seems to be a new feature.

The sum of \$246.55 was appropriated for the Masonic Service Association.

The Report on Correspondence by M. W. Thomas J. Day, covers fifty-five pages. Maine for 1919 is given about a page with liberal quotations from the address of Grand Master Adams.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1920.

The One Hundred and Tenth Annual Communication. Number of lodges, 30; number in membership, 16,603. Total cash assets, \$50,579.63.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters in attendance. We cannot find that Maine's Grand Representative was present.

M. W. Grand Master J. Harry Cunningham, read a lengthy address which he confined wholly to matters of local interest.

His decisions were all in accord with Masonic usage, and though he expressed regret for having felt constrained to do so, he reported having given several dispensations to hasten the work on candidates.

He refused to grant a dispensation for an Army Lodge in Coblenz, Germany. This, he said, was done after much serious thought and consultation with older and better informed Masons.

Dispensation was granted to a new lodge in the Petworth section of Washington, which was later granted a charter, and another petition received direct for a new lodge at the corner of Third and E. Streets, was favorably considered and a charter granted without the usual term under dispensation.

The matter of building a new and more commodious Masonic Temple, to be financed in part by the Grand Lodge, was the subject of considerable discussion.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was advanced to \$2,500.00 per year, and that of his assistant to \$2,000.00.

An amendment was passed requiring each lodge to collect from each candidate for the degrees, \$5.00 for the support of the Masonic Home, in addition to the regular fees.

A fine Report on Correspondence is presented by George W. Baird, P. G. M., in which Maine has fraternal notice.

From his "Conclusion" we quote:

"There seems to be increased activity in Grand Lodges in the matter of amending constitutions and by-laws. Is it wise? Does it not often create more trouble than it cures? The Nation's Constitution has suffered in the same way.

"Previous to the Civil War there were twenty-six emancipation societies in the Republic, thirteen of which were south of the Mason and Dixon Line, and, had their work continued without interruption, slavery would by this time have been eliminated through their efforts, and there would have been no need for the Fourteenth nor the Fifteenth Amendment.

"Had politicians kept out of the Temperance movement the drink habit would have continued to diminish, and, in a few years, would have been negligible, for it was growing less and less.

"But by the Eighteenth Amendment the Government loses a round billion dollars in revenue annually, and has spent already \$88,000,000.00 in its effort to enforce prohibition, while the sale of narcotic, insidious drugs, (substitutes for grog) has increased 300 per cent. and Government reports show that Americans have become the head of the list of addicts, 'or dope fiends.' Arrests for drunkenness have diminished, but murders, bank robberies, highway robberies and defalcations have become greatly on the increase. The horrible examples exhibited by the 'prohibits' were probably true, but their own relatives should have been punished instead of the 98 per cent. of temperance people.

"The legislation by such respectable bodies as Grand Lodges greatly encourage the fanatics, but the worst part is the precedent it affords. A religion may be prohibited as well as a libation. Rome will take advantage of that Eighteenth Amendment as a precedent to prohibit any but their Roman apostolic creed.

"The further we get away from Anderson's original constitution the more danger we encounter. Constitutions are usually changed by men who think every one else's doxy is heteodoxy, and in the bigness of their hearts they want to save the souls, morals, and fortunes of their dearly beloved brethren by giving them their doxy. The lectures of the symbloic degrees, are so permeated with Anderson's constitution it still cannot be denied that we are at liberty to take in men of any sect or opinion, and yet, in practice, there is objection.

"The pressure on Grand Masters to lessen the objection to physical disqualification is the same as it has been after other wars. Our sympathy goes out to the maimed soldier, whose defect was caused in the most honorable way. . . . We are confronted, always, with the ancient charges, and with the promise every Master makes, before he is installed, to deny the right of any man or any body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry. That promise deprives a Grand Lodges of complete sovereignty."

FLORIDA, 1921.

Ninety-second Annual Communication assembled in Jacksonville, January 18, 1921.

Present, eight Past Grand Masters, thirty-three Grand Representatives, (William S. Ware for Maine) and representatives from 199 lodges.

Past Grand Masters Nelson Williams of Ohio, and Robert Travis of Georgia, were distinguished visitors.

Grand Master Reginald H. Cooper in his opening asked:

"To what extent have the many blessings and opportunities, which have been ours during the past year, been merited and improved, is a question which every Mason may well ask himself. Have we been true to the Order and lived up to its great principles and teachings?"

"Have we become wiser and better men by following and exemplifying in our daily lives the tenets and maxims which we as Masons profess? Have the emblems and lectures of the three degrees influenced our thoughts, words and actions, or have they been mere idle forms and vain repetitions?"

"Be assured my brethren that a true knowledge of the spirit of Masonry teaches a man to know himself for it directs him to search his own heart and conscience, therefore enabling him to correct his faults and cultivate whatsoever things are clean and desirable in the conduct of life."

A new lodge had been constituted, two erected under dispensation, two charters revoked, while one lodge surrendered its charter by order of Grand Lodge and with it presented a request for its restoration, thirteen of the seventeen members promising to be good in future. We do not recall the occasion for returning the charter, but certainly it looks, at this distance, the lodge must have been very weak anyway and the returns show only one candidate raised and the total membership now but fifteen.

He reported a considerable number of decisions, many at variance with our laws and those of many jurisdictions. We will not quote all but turn to the report thereon by the Committee on Jurisprudence where we read:

"That a lodge may receive a petition for initiation before the candidate is full twenty-one years of age, and confer the E. A. degree immediately after his twenty-first birthday, provided the lodge must not ballot on the petition until the petitioner has attained twenty-one years of age."

The desire to change the physical requirements apparently finds little favor in Florida as the committee said

"The casualties of war are no reason for changing the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry. The candidate must be hale and sound and must be able to perform the work required in the first three degrees of Masonry."

The Grand Master found the Masonic Service Association could assess and did make three calls on him for one cent each per capita. He failed to see reason for continuing as a member and the committee, after a careful and complete report of conditions and statement of original intentions, concluded:

"Instead, the Association appears to have branched out on a line of general education at an expense that hardly seems justified by the results achieved, while the expressed intention of preparing and publishing educational books does not strike any responsive cord in the minds of the committee. There is already in existence ample written material from which any competent lecturer can inform himself in preparing addresses on the duties Masons owe to their God, their neighbor, their Country or themselves. For these reasons and for the reasons and objections stated by our M. W. Grand Master, in his address, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Florida hereby withdraws and severs its membership in, and with the Masonic Service Association in accordance with the notice of the Grand Master."

Report was made that the monument to the memory of Past Grand Master James W. Boyd had been erected, same being paid for by the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery and his own Commandery.

Here is something new to us to expedite business:

"In order to reduce the amount of routine work with which certain of our large lodges have been overburdened during the past year, I sanctioned the placing of more than one ballot box on the altar, thus enabling the members of the lodge to approach the altar but one time and yet ballot upon several candidates separately. I directed, however, that the name in full of each candidate must be clearly displayed upon a separate ballot box, and further directed that in the case of a petitioner being reported upon, unfavorably, by the Committee on Investigation, that but one ballot box be placed upon the altar when the ballot is taken."

No notice was taken by the Jurisprudence Committee so far as we can find record.

It was proposed to hold the future Grand Communications in the city of Jacksonville, on the third Tuesday of May, unless otherwise voted by Grand Lodge or decided by Grand Master in recess; also to consult with Grand Chapter and Grand Council with a view to having the three Grand Bodies meet at the same place the same week. Decision of course cannot be made for a year.

Altogether out of the usual was a poem by Brother Grand Orator, Lincoln Hulley, Ph. D., Litt D., L. L. D., entitled "Hiram Abiff, The

Builder. It is a splendid production but cannot be quoted as it covers seventeen pages and excerpts will not do justice. We venture only on:

“ Three stately pillars, wisdom, beauty, strength,
Support the House not made with hands, in which
We spend eternity. Height, breadth, and length
Are equal. There each one shall find his niche.
Build while we may. Or, late, nought can enrich.
For character alone goes with us hence.
On Wisdom, therefore, solid bases pitch;
Let Beauty build the wall, or hedge, or fence;
Put Strength into the structure e'er the storms commence.”

A masterly 183 page Correspondence Report is from the able pen of Past Grand Master Silas B. Wright; and why should it not be a masterpiece when he can say in his Foreword:

“ We again take up the thread of our work and will ‘ press on! and on!’ gleaning from the work and words of wisdom of our Brethren, all so old yet ever new.

“ We present our twenty-first report and thereby become a veteran at the table.”

He quotes sparingly but comments freely and the craft who will read will find his review full of solid information. Maine for 1920 receives brief mention as he found nearly everything passed upon was of a local nature.

GEORGIA, 1920.

One Hundred Thirty-fourth Annual Communication convened in Macon, October 26th.

Six Hundred seventy-five lodges; membership, 61,555; increase, 6,613.

Nine Past Grand Masters, forty Grand Representatives, (William F. Bowe for Maine) and a long list of representatives from subordinate lodges were recorded present.

Grand Master Sam T. Lanham, and Grand Secretary O. Frank Hart, of South Carolina, were distinguished visitors and later in the session addressed the brethren.

Grand Master Charles L. Bass, gave a good report of his activities during the year, leaving out nearly all matters of routine as cumbersome and unnecessary. Because of the great amount of work in many lodges he had granted a “ large number ” of dispensations, but he said he had refused to permit short time balloting simply to assist candidates to get higher degrees more quickly.

Dispensations for five new lodges were issued while three charters were surrendered. He had some two hundred questions propounded for opinion and decision. All but seventeen were readily answered by reference to the code and those seventeen were mostly along lines usually understood and his answers satisfied the Jurisprudence Committee. The last is so far out of the ordinary, we quote:

“ 17. A member of a subordinate lodge who has been expelled by the Grand Lodge for non-payment of dues, upon the recommendation of his lodge, cannot be restored merely by petition and secret ballot by his lodge, as now provided by law; but only upon recommendation of his lodge,

and action upon it by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge deprived him of his Masonic life and the Grand Lodge only can restore it."

So far as we recall that is the only instance of a Grand Lodge sanctioning expulsion for non-payment of dues.

Grand Master Bass was able to visit more than ninety subordinate lodges and assist in the work in many instances. Our understanding is Georgia laws permit any degrees upon no more than five candidates at any communication, except by dispensation; yet he mentions the Master's degree conferred upon a class of seventeen in one instance and upon eighteen on another occasion.

Nine new lodges had been constituted, seven by the Grand Master, and two by proxy. Six corner stones had been laid.

Among the recommendations by the Grand Master we find:

"Masonry is a Charitable Institution, one of its great cardinal principles being that of Relief. In its Entered Apprentice Degree, the great lesson of Charity is taught in the most impressive manner. But does the candidate in Masonry really have that lesson as deeply impressed upon his mind and heart as he would have if with the conferring of this degree he was given an opportunity to really express his charitable feeling in a substantial way. Would not Masonry as well as the candidate be benefited by his doing so? Therefore, I recommend for your consideration that our law be so changed as to require, in addition to the usual fee for initiation, that a fee of \$10.00 be charged each candidate at the time of his initiation and to be known as the candidates' charity donation, half of said sum to be retained by the subordinate lodge and made a part of their charity fund, not to be used for any other purpose than strictly a charitable one, the other half to be sent to the Grand Secretary and become a part of the charity fund of the Grand Lodge of Georgia and be used accordingly."

We fail to find action by Grand Lodge probably on the ground that would be raising the fees which is a matter best left to each lodge.

From his "Conclusion," we excerpt:

"This is not the hour for the radical or the extremist; but the hour for the conservative thinking man. Masonry, by the very nature of its teachings, tends to produce conservatism. We are taught to stand by the Ancient Landmarks and not to suffer deviation or changes therein.

"This is not the hour for the selfish man, but for the one who can forget himself in the general good of others. Masonry is a Fraternity without greed, a Brotherhood without selfishness.

"With a sublime faith in God you and I can go forth amid all the uncertainties and restlessness of the time in the practice of the principles and tenets of our order with the assurance that the future, like the past, shall be full of triumph, success and glory."

Greetings were exchanged between the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in session in another city.

Raymund Daniel, Chairman Committee on Correspondence, recommended deferring action upon the request from the Grand Lodge of Vienna for recognition as sufficient data was not at hand.

Three distinguished Georgia brethren had attended the Masonic Service Association meeting at Cedar Rapids, and made a complete report. Past Grand Master Travis, a member of the Divisional Committee, set forth the plans and purpose of the Association and an effort was made to re-

pledge the Grand Lodge to continue a member, but on advice of the Finance Committee their recommendation was adopted:

"As to the benefits to be derived from membership in said association, your Finance Committee is unable to judge from the lights before us. Therefore we recommend we pay the five cents per capita for this year and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars for this purpose, and a further appropriation of Two Hundred Dollars to pay the expenses of our representatives to the next meeting of the Association.

"We further recommend that the Grand Master appoint a committee to investigate the full aims, rights and status of said Association in the light of benefits to this Grand Lodge, and make detailed report to the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Communication of this Grand Body in 1921, so that the Craft may determine to continue or withdraw membership therefrom."

That Masonic service is never forgotten is evidenced by this:

"Whereas, The remains of our Brother Samuel Elbert, once Governor of Georgia, General in the Colonial Army under our Brother George Washington, and Past Grand Master of Georgia, are to be soon reinterred in the City of Savannah.

"Be it Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master of Georgia be directed to call an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of reinterring his remains with the Masonic rites.

"Resolved, further, That the sum of \$200.00 or so much as may be necessary, be appropriated for expenditure by a Committee to be named by the Grand Master for placing a bronze tablet at the grave of our deceased brother showing his service to the Craft of Georgia."

Out of the usual was the election of Brother R. Newton Crane of London, for a number of years Grand Representative of Georgia near the Grand Lodge of England, an Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Georgia with the rank of Past Grand Junior Deacon, and Brother M. V. LeVeaux an Honorary Past Grand Steward.

Another plan is under consideration, as the following was adopted:

"Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Master to investigate a system of pensions for aged and infirm Masons, that such a proposition be worked out and submitted at the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, in conjunction with the plan of the Home for the Aged now under consideration, and that the question shall at that time be definitely settled."

Brother Raymund Daniel presents 214 pages of good review of other Grand Jurisdictions, the first thirty being devoted to discussion of various topics of interest.

Maine get careful treatment, and from his comment we excerpt:

"The addition of new members has been unprecedented, says the Grand Master, both as regards quantity and quality. We are particularly glad for the word 'quality,' which is shown by the fact that almost one in five of the applications received were rejected. We congratulate our Maine brethren in the careful scrutiny exercised by the investigating committees and the conscientious discrimination manifested in the use of the ballot."

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Henry Banks, Grand Master in 1909 and 1910. He was born in 1845, and attained a lieutenant's commission in the Confederate Army.

IDAHO, 1920.

Fifty-third Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 67; membership, 6,934.

The Proceedings reports three Emergent Communications held for purpose of burying the remains of eminent brethren; the first, Past Grand Lecturer William B. Goodheart; the second, Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer Charles Himrod; and the third, Past Grand Master Samuel Blythe Connelly — a heavy toll for one year. Special Communications had also been held for laying the corner stones of the Y. M. C. A. Building at Boise and the Masonic Temple at Payette.

The Annual Communication opened in Boise, September 14, 1920, with eleven Past Grand Masters, representatives of fifty-seven lodges, and twenty Grand Representatives in attendance. Maine's representative not recorded.

Grand Master Arch Cunningham said:

"The Grand Jurisdiction of Idaho is enjoying its full share of the great wave of Masonic activity and prosperity that is rolling over the entire country. Our lodges are besieged with petitions so numerous that they can scarcely find the time necessary to confer the degrees, and while this condition is a most desirable one, yet it has its serious and thoughtful aspect. It brings with it responsibilities that must not be overlooked or evaded. Our first great concern must be to see that no unworthy applicant gains admission. Let us select our material with the greatest care, ever remembering that a lodge can rise no higher in the moral and intellectual sphere than the units which compose its membership.

"Our next great concern must be a constant endeavor to confer the degrees in such an impressive, dignified and intelligent manner that in the fullest sense of the term, we make a Master Mason of every initiate. Let not our ceremonies degenerate into mere 'degree mills,' but with a steadfast purpose let us strive to implant firmly and deeply into every heart those great moral precepts and truths contained in the lessons we would teach.

"I believe this great numerical increase in our fraternity comes at a most opportune time, because now, during these strenuous days of unrest, disquietude and dangerous agitation, more than ever before, is the world in need of every moral and intellectual force that tends to enlighten and pacify the dissatisfied, disturbing and rebellious elements that are today keeping the universe ablaze with strife, dissension and anarchy, and Masonry, with its more than two million devotees in this country alone, constitutes one of the greatest moral and intellectual forces in the United States, and by persistent and united effort can wield a mighty influence in the interests of good citizenship and of good government.

"It has within itself an unlimited power for the betterment of many existing conditions and the key to its possibilities is education and enlightenment. Let us teach and spread broadcast the great moral precepts of our institution; let us stand as a unit for our free public school system and guard and protect it against every assailant; let us teach that service and sacrifice are two of the most commendable characteristics in the universe; let us practice and teach loyalty, devotion and patriotism to our flag and our country; and above all let us emphasize our faith and belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

He later made reference to his attendance at the meeting of the Masonic Service Association and found the interchange of thought of much interest, but nearly all had a different idea of how to go at the matter under con-

sideration. We quote: "This resulted in a talkfest that lasted two days. Some of these effects were mere talks, others were addresses which evidently had been delivered to home lodges, while others were beautiful and inspiring orations; few, however, confined themselves to the subject supposed to be under discussion."

He could not go to the meeting of the North Pacific Coast Section but sent a representative who reported, among other things, "A number of interesting subjects were under discussion, some of local and some of general importance, and doubtless there was something of benefit to all present. No decisive action was taken on any matter from an organization standpoint; in fact, none was proposed." The subject was referred to a special committee which, on the third day after careful consideration made an extended report from which we quote:

"The primary object for which the Association was formed has been removed, thus leaving it to find other fields of action. All of which appears to be too vague and indefinite to command the hearty response and support necessary to accomplish anything worth while. We are of the opinion that at least local needs of charity and assistance can be better rendered by the individual Grand Jurisdictions. This would be done without the great overhead expense necessary to maintain a general association, together with the expense to this Grand Lodge in sending representatives to the annual meetings of the Association and to the district conventions. It is our judgment that such expense would consume two-thirds of the amount to be contributed by our jurisdiction. To raise the per capita to beyond the accumulation of sufficient funds for any great work or relief beyond the maintenance of the Association would, we believe, become burdensome.

"We, therefore, recommend that this Grand Lodge withdraw from the said Masonic Service Association, and that the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to give notice of our withdrawal from the said Association, as provided by the By-laws thereof. We further recommend that all obligations of this Grand Lodge to the Association to date be paid from our General Fund."

The Masons of Idaho will attend to the matter of instruction themselves, the committee suggesting and Grand Lodge approving:

"In the matter of the subject of Masonic education, referred to in the reports both of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, we concur in the recommendations made, and suggest in addition that the Grand Lecturer be instructed to prepare a course of subjects for the use of Masters of the constituent lodges either in the line of reading or of addresses, and that the various lodges of the state set aside a portion of one meeting in each month for hearing and considering such subjects. Prominent among these should be the general literature of Free Masonry, its history, and particularly the history and growth of the fraternity in Idaho."

The Grand Master granted many dispensations that would not be called for in some jurisdictions, but none for short time balloting or for questionable acts; he concludes his report thereon with these words which might well be absorbed by members of lodges everywhere:

"In connection with the subject of 'Dispensations Refused,' this time is probably as opportune as any to emphasize the fact that the Grand Master has no power under our Code to set aside by dispensation a law of

this Grand Lodge nor a By-law of a constituent lodge, and if he is not asked to grant this favor it will obviate the unpleasant necessity of refusing same."

Idaho Lodge, No. 1, presented a memorial to the effect a quorum of the lodge did not reside within its jurisdiction and praying for permission to remove the seat and place of meeting to another city, which request was granted.

Brother George E. Knepper presents his Nineteenth Report on Foreign Correspondence and it is full of good things for those who will read. He is not sparing in his opposition to the transgression of law but speaks his "sentiment" with which we agree. Listen:

"The above is indeed a beautiful 'sentiment' and worthy of all praise, but there are certain fundamental principles, call them landmarks or what you may, that we have sworn to obey and sentimentalism can never take the place of leadership."

He quotes quite freely the comments and reports on the status of French Masonry and we commend to those who wish light on that subjects to read the review carefully.

For some reason Maine had no mention in his report. We expect a double share next time.

ILLINOIS, 1920.

Eighty-first Annual Communication opened October 12, 1920, in Chicago.

Eight Hundred eighty-five lodges, 203,447 members, 23,915 increase.

Ten Past Grand Masters, twenty-eight Grand Representatives (Amos Pettibone for Maine) ninety-three District Deputy Grand Masters from the one hundred districts and representatives from 816 of the lodges were recorded present.

Preceding the opening of Grand Lodge a musical program was furnished by the boys' and girls' band from the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home. After the opening there was a prayer, following which the American flag was introduced and the brethren sang "America."

From the opening of Grand Master Daniel G. Fitzgerrell's address we quote:

" ' He longest lives,
Who for others serves and gives
Himself forgetting.' "

"These lines express the genius and spirit of the Masonic fraternity. The true Mason thinks less of self and more of others. Altruism is his creed. True, it may be said, that all do not attain to this ideal. Yet, the craft as a whole stands for the uplift and betterment of humanity.

"Conditions of the world are unsettled. Agitation and unrest are widespread. The greatest war in history could not do otherwise than bring about social chaos. In society rebuilding Masonry has a vital part. The difference between America and Europe is that here fraternity and the rights of man rule. Over there hatred, greed and jealousy bear sway. There are discontent and dissatisfaction in certain elements in our country. On the whole, however, substantial progress is in the making.

"The closing of another Masonic year invites us into the realm of retrospect. While there has been during the past an occasional departure from the true path among lodges and brethren; yet the percentage is so

exceedingly small as to be almost negligible. With more than 200,000 names on our rolls, it would be a miracle indeed if all would heed the true teachings of the fraternity.

"Privileges and responsibilities have come but the intense loyalty of the Masons of Illinois has lightened the burden on the shoulders of the Grand Master. In no quarter has there been a suggestion on unwillingness to serve when brethren were given a work to do.

"In preparation for Grand Lodge I was congratulating myself that the silent messenger had not called for any of our own Grand Lodge Officers during the past year. Almost in a twinkling of an eye the summons came for three of our most loved and most faithful members."

He then paid tribute to three eminent Masons, the last being to the Grand Junior Warden, Anthony Doherty, who passed away only a month before the Annual Communication.

At the 1919 Communication a law was enacted providing for an investigation by the Grand Master of all cases of petitioners not physically qualified. Such a flood came he was unable to attend to them so the Advisory Council was called together and it was decided "safe and wiser to allow the lodges to follow the letter of the old law rather than to attempt to act under the spirit of the new."

Grand Master Fitzgerald then touched upon various topics of interest including the chain letter idiocy, the improper use of the words "Mason" and "Masonic" by outside organizations drawing their members exclusively from the fraternity, the pernicious practice of soliciting from newly made, being made or expecting to be made members petitions for so called higher orders.

The charter of one lodge was arrested for flagrant violations of the law pertaining to the ballot, and investigation showed all members present save one were guilty participants. One Master was deposed for gross unmasonic conduct in several particulars, and a member of a Missouri lodge for a scurrilous attack upon Past Grand Master Wheeler was indefinitely suspended from the enjoyment of all the rights and privileges of Masons in Illinois.

Ten corner stones had been laid, four in person and six by proxies, two Masonic Temples dedicated, sixteen lodges erected under dispensation, and ten lodges constituted. Taken altogether Grand Master Fitzgerald reported a pretty busy year.

Grand Treasurer, Leroy A. Goddard showed the splendid balance of \$522,329.88, not including \$57,867.64 collected and held for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

A Special Committee, consisting of Past Grand Master Leroy A. Goddard, Owen Scott, and Alexander H. Bell, attended the Masonic Service Association conference and made adverse report. The Grand Master recommended Illinois should not become a member, and Grand Lodge concurred.

Considerable space is given to the reports on the Masonic Homes and near the end we find this:

© *Resolved*, By the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of the State of Illinois: That the sincere thanks of this body be extended to Oriental Consistory, S. P. R. S., of the Valley of Chicago, for its generos-

ity in acquiring at a cost of \$16,000, and in causing to be conveyed to this Grand Lodge, for the use of the Masonic Orphans' Home at LaGrange, additional lands adjacent to such home."

Of the proposal of a year earlier to provide a new law so "no alien can petition a Masonic lodge for initiation" the committee recommended it be not adopted, because

"Your committee is of the opinion that no man who subscribes to the approved form of petition and secures the necessary recommendations should be denied the privilege of having it presented to the lodge to which it is addressed. Its acceptance by the lodge and the investigation of the petitioner's qualifications are matters to be determined after, not before, the presentation of the petition.

"The adoption of this amendment would require a change in the form of petition.

"Again, this proposed amendment seems to be inconsistent with one of the 'Tenets of a Mason's profession' which declares that one of the ends sought by the fraternity is to 'unite men of every country, sect and opinion.'"

Of course Grand Lodge agreed.

The annual oration was delivered by Brother William H. Beckman and contained much for the thoughtful Mason.

Past Grand Master Delmar D. Darrah presents his third report on Correspondence, this time using 127 pages as it was the wish of the powers that be the number of pages in the Proceedings be reduced as much as possible, so Brother Darrah refrained from all quotation and adhered closely to his plan of telling what he observed for the benefit of the Illinois reader, but once in a while so far forget as to let us know what he thought. Under Iowa, after commenting upon the correspondence report, Brother Darrah said:

"Brother Black like this writer is thinking along lines which are perhaps a little more progressive and generous than the average Mason likes to consider, but regardless of all that the time will come when Masonry will assume a more liberal attitude not only in relation to its own fundamentals but to those great forces with which it is so intimately associated in the work of the world."

Maine, for 1920, is carefully reviewed and so far as we observe Brother Darrah is well satisfied with the way matters are going here.

INDIANA, 1920.

Ninety-ninth Annual Communication opened in Indianapolis, May 25, 1920.

Chartered lodges, 564; membership, 98,170; increase, 10,022.

Twelve Past Grand Masters, twenty-four Grand Representatives, Past Grand Master Elmer F. Gay for Maine, and representatives of 536 of the 564 lodges present.

As preface to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge we read:

"A very beautiful custom has prevailed in Indiana for many years which the Hoosiers find a most agreeable and inspiring incident to the Grand Lodge meeting.

" With the secretaries of the various lodges as guests of the Grand Lodge, splendid arrangements had been made to entertain our guests in a manner becoming to their station and show them that the Grand Lodge was as dependent upon them as on any other officer of any of the bodies or the Grand Lodge.

" In accordance with the program the secretaries were visitors to the Grand Lodge at the forenoon session, apparently enjoying it very much, there being altogether Masters and Secretaries, Past and Past Grand Officers, approximately 1,200. A noon luncheon was served and at 1.30 the Secretaries were taken on a special train to visit the Indiana Masonic Home at Franklin. Their expressions on their return of the pleasure of the visit were most enthusiastic.

" The following forenoon the secretaries of the various lodges of Indiana held a social session at which time addresses were delivered by Grand Master Orbison and Past Grand Master Chas. P. Benedict, and a talk by the Grand Secretary, who presided at this meeting. The talk of the Grand Secretary at this meeting was along the line of the duties of Secretaries and urging them to read all correspondence before their lodges issued by the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, which seemed to have a beneficial effect. He also congratulated the secretaries upon the way they had managed business in which not a single lodge for fifteen years past had failed to make report in ample time and pay the dues without becoming delinquent. Taking it all in all, and from the expressions to the Grand Secretary and others, the secretaries of the various lodges enjoyed their visit, not only as a relaxation from their grinding duties, but because of the splendid entertainment furnished them."

Grand Master Charles J. Orbison in his opening said:

" It has been a glorious year for the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. The gain has been tremendous, 12,930 having been added to our number during the fiscal year, giving us a net gain of 10,022 and making our total membership on January 1, 1920, 98,170. At this time there are over one hundred thousand men in Indiana bound together by the Masonic ties, hailing each other as brothers, and possessed of those working tools which, if used properly, will make them better men, more useful citizens, and stronger exponents of the principles of truth, morality and brotherly love. But with increased numbers comes added responsibility, responsibility of the older members of the Craft to those who have not yet borne the burden and heat of the day, and responsibility on the part of all members of the Craft to reflect the Masonic light they have received into the lives of those about them. May I suggest that it is the duty of the lodge to assimilate its new members, cause them to be interested in the work, make them feel the warmth of Masonic fellowship and create for them a fraternal home from which they will be loth to turn away. May I further suggest that it is the duty of the older members to get acquainted with those who are just entering, help them to master the difficult parts of the work and be to them in deed and in truth elder brothers."

After speaking of his pleasure in visiting lodges, reporting on conditions, he remarked:

" In this connection also I can not too strongly urge the necessity of lodges taking the time to study the fundamentals of Masonry to the end that the membership may realize that the institution is not a mere machine for the making of Masons in a formal way, but is a fraternity that helps to make men better by reason of receiving the instructions which come to them from the three degrees of symbolic Masonry."

He attended the annual meeting of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association and urged further co-operation in the great

work proposed. Later in the session Past Grand Master, Louis A. Watres, of Pennsylvania, and President of the Association, was introduced and spoke of the conditions and purposes of the same.

Grand Master Orbison's words on the subject of the black ball are worthy of repetition:

"Numerous complaints have been made with reference to the black balling of candidates seemingly bearing spotless reputations and asking that the Grand Master remedy the situation. A lodge is the sole judge of the eligibility of candidates seeking admission and the Grand Master nor this Grand Lodge has any power to review the action of a lodge in rejecting an applicant. Two fundamental principles must be borne in mind: First, that, Masonically speaking, no brother has a right to question any other brother's action in casting a black ball, nor can any question be asked concerning such brother's motive in so doing; second, every Mason worthy of the name will not suffer personal pique or private animosity to impel him to cast a black ball when the candidate measures up to all the qualifications of our institution and would be a worthy member of our order. Masonry teaches men to banish such ideas in their Masonic intercourse, and I believe that, except in isolated cases, men measure up to that standard."

Dispensations were issued for three new lodges, all to be located in Indianapolis, and charters were granted.

What a splendid testimonial is this:

"We have many splendid Grand Secretaries in the several Grand Jurisdictions of the United States and Canada, but I will venture the opinion that there is no better Grand Secretary, nor more faithful Mason anywhere, than Right Worshipful Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge."

How sweet to the ears of Brother Prather must have been the well deserved tribute, but he lived only a few short weeks, passing away August 1, 1920. From a long and personal acquaintance we know the loss to the Craft of the world as well as Indiana.

In company with Past Grand Masters Gay and Gavin, Grand Master Orbison attended the second annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association. We excerpt from his remarks thereon:

"I was not so much impressed with the ideas of some of the brethren as to the direction in which such endeavor should move nor have I been convinced that the constitution which was adopted at the conference does not permit an invasion of the sovereign rights of each Grand Jurisdiction."

Later the Grand Lodge decided with the special committee which had carefully considered the matter not to become a member for the present.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Directors of the Masonic Home are very complete, but of particular interest to the Craft of that jurisdiction.

The Grand Instructor gave a very interesting and comprehensive report, and from it we learn that while 353 lodges had a fee for the degrees of \$20.00 in 1918, now none has a less fee than \$30.00, and many charge

much more, twelve naming \$75.00 and one \$100.00 Only one lodge charges as little as one dollar dues, the rate running up to thirty dollars charged by one. The most popular price is three dollars, 180 lodges requiring that amount.

Grand Lodge adopted a form of "Questionnaire" to be filled out by the petitioner and filed with the petition. In addition the members of the investigating committee are to return a statement showing how thoroughly they have done their work.

Past Grand Master Gay on behalf of Murat Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, presented the Grand Lodge for the benefit of the Indiana Masonic Home \$21,021.66 "without any strings attached."

Past Grand Master Elmer F. Gay submitted his Seventh Annual Review of fifty Grand Jurisdictions, and like everything else Masonic coming from Indiana it is a model of excellence.

Discussing a dispensation to reopen a dark ballot, the proceedings being irregular, he said:

"Under our law no dispensation under any circumstances could be issued, and further, whatever the procedure may be in Indiana, whether irregular or void, a declaration by the Master of the rejection of the candidate would obtain and could not be reopened."

That should probably hold except in case of "no jurisdiction," and the lodge should be so careful in that respect it could not often obtain.

Maine, for 1919, gets two pages of our usual courteous treatment. He mentions the illness of Grand Master Adams and in commenting on his deferred address said: "He granted a large number of dispensations to confer degrees at special meetings," remarking in Indiana the Master may call special meetings for work at pleasure. He misread in some way for the most of the work in many Maine lodges is done at specials called by the Master. By the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers in other years he will observe some in Maine do not assent to a free use of the power to grant dispensations to ballot in short time.

IOWA, 1920.

Seventy-seventh Annual Communication held in Fort Dodge, June 8th.

Number of lodges, 531; membership, 67,346; increase, 4,874.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters and representatives from 408 lodges were recorded.

William Augustus Westfall, Grand Master, delivered an address full of messages of encouragement and in the opening we find this:

"It is one hour past high twelve, and it is time for us to awaken from our lethargy and sleep of security, and note the signs of the times as they appear in the trend of the world's affairs. If Masonry is to continue to be a teacher and leader of the world in its march toward a higher civilization among the nations of the world; if it is to continue to be the guardian and preserver of those principles of justice and human liberty given us by our ancestors; if we are to be the conservator of American liberty, schools, and homes, and exert any great influence upon the life and character of the brethren and the people of the particular community in which we live, we must do more than wear our Masonry in the lapel of our coats.

"The time is near at hand, if not at our very door, when the ignorant and vicious, the selfish and the avaricious, with a heart and mind full of prejudice against the government, will find a fruitful field of labor, and, if they are finally successful in their efforts, we will find the separation of the church and state next to impossible, and the teachings of the youth of this great land, the honor, respect, and love of the glorious heritage bequeathed us by our Masonic ancestors, entirely out of order. Let us then discharge our full duty as Master Masons, because by so doing we will be actually discharging in harmony our full duty as American citizens.

"Where can we find a ray of hope. I can see hope in the prosperity of our great order, in the gaining of members and the increase in the number of lodges. I can foresee that any man who joins our noble order and passes through its rites and ceremonies is but a new advocate of the cardinal virtues of American citizenship, justice, and equality."

He spoke of the great number of applicants and warned against carelessness of investigating committees, recommending a questionnaire similar to the one in use in many of our Maine lodges, to be filled by the petitioner.*

Four dispensations for new lodges were granted while still more requests were denied. One lodge was constituted by proxy and four corner stones laid, the Grand Master dividing the honors fifty fifty; and he dedicated one Temple.

"Hundred of questions of law, procedure and business policy" were answered by Grand Master Westfall, but only eight replies were considered worthy of the name "decision." Some of those seem only matters of ordinary inquiry, and all were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee save one on technical grounds.

Iowa, like Maine, has never felt best to tie up large sums in buildings as homes for worthy brethren and their dependents, but disburses funds to those who need assistance. This is how the Grand Master looks at it:

"Iowa is to be congratulated on the method of extending aid to the afflicted and the unfortunate, because same is performed in a manner which fails to speak of alms, and is so rendered that it is truly but assistance. And how proud we are, and how we appreciate the service of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund. To them belong the glory and the pleasure of the service, and to us, the pleasure of knowing that it is well and faithfully done. Need I congratulate the Grand Lodge on passing the legislation giving to the Charity Fund \$10.00 from each initiatory fee, for it was the greatest legislation ever passed by this Grand Lodge. Let that remain as it is for a few years and the Grand Charity Fund will be large enough to allow the Trustees to extend their activities into broader fields of education of the Masonic orphan, which for years has been practically denied because of the lack of funds."

Considerable space was given to the consideration of the case of the daughter of a deceased member of an Iowa lodge, taken ill in California and relief given in 1915 by the Masonic Board of Relief of San Francisco. At that time the lodge refused to pay more than a small part of the cost of relief on the ground the party was unworthy, notifying the Board of Relief it would not render further assistance in the future. In 1919, the same person fell ill and, the case being desperate, the Board placed her in a hospital and before she was able to return to work the expenses were between two and three hundred dollars. The Grand Master took the

ground the Board should be reimbursed and on his recommendation Grand Lodge voted to pay not exceeding \$300.00. While there is a clear duty we owe to worthy brethren and their worthy dependents it would seem at this distance, that in the particular case mentioned sentiment entered largely in the decision.

Of course the Grand Master had a splendid time at the Cedar Rapids meeting and is strong for the Masonic Service Association. Later Past Grand Master Schoonover made a report on its supposed merits covering fifteen pages.

Newton R. Parvin, Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian, gives detailed account of the work in his offices and he surely has a big job and is filling the positions splendidly.

Brother George A. Dibble gave a magnificent address on the "Working Tools of a Mason or Imperialism of a Moral Law."

The Committee on Chartered Lodges presented an exhaustive report. We excerpt:

"Your committee views with great satisfaction the results of Masonry's efforts during the year just past. With a growth far surpassing that of any previous year in the history of the Grand Lodge, Masonry has enlisted under its banner the flower of Iowa's young manhood and has, we trust, increased its force for the upbuilding of the nation's moral, intellectual, spiritual, and material welfare."

Members of fifty years' standing are exempt from dues, and after explaining the requirements the committee said, "The exemption from the payment of annual dues, it must be remembered, is the *exception* rather than the *rule* in this Grand Jurisdiction. It is a privilege which only those who have complied with the provisions of the law may enjoy. We are pleased to report that 395 brethren attained that honor during the past year."

Iowa lodges have been in the habit of charging for "courtesy work" done for lodges in other jurisdictions, but after recommendation by the Grand Master and Jurisprudence Committee it was decided to get into line with other Grand Jurisdictions and make no charge except by arrangement in special instances.

Iowa has decided to be liberal in the matter of physical requirements but last year only, thirty-five of all the candidates were found using artificial parts or limbs.

A Special Committee was appointed a year earlier to consider the advisability of limiting the membership of lodges. After giving a careful analysis of their investigations the conclusion reached was thus expressed:

"Your Committee is not ready to make any recommendation for drastic legislation upon this subject, as we feel that, in Iowa, at least, this would come too near being class legislation of the many for the few. Our attitude in this matter has the backing of most of the Jurisdictions from which an expression has been obtained."

In accord with the recommendation of the Grand Master a new form of petition, with questionnaire attached, was adopted which should be of great material assistance to the investigating committee.

Four pages of the Proceedings are given to a report by one of the "visiting ladies" expressing appreciation of the entertainment extended those who accompanied the members of Grand Lodge to Fort Dodge.

Past Grand Master Louis Block presents another of his incomparable Correspondence reports, covering 248 pages. His foreword is on "Americanism" and we can only quote the conclusion of it.

"In its last analysis 'Americanism' means nothing more than the enactment and establishment of Masonic precepts and principles into human government. We of the craft know full well what part the leaders of our order played in laying the foundation of our government. We know that without the lives and deeds of our Masonic forefathers our great Colonial history would be as naught. It was they who brought into being among the governments of the world one in which men were required 'to meet upon the level and part upon the square.' It was they who thought and fought, who lived and died, that they might bring forth on this continent 'a new nation conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.'

From the night of the Boston Tea Party to the closing hours of the Constitutional Convention the handiwork of our Masonic Masters is everywhere evident, and there is not a stone in the foundation of our country but has indelibly carved into it the mark of some one of the craft. In building this great human institution they wrought for our welfare and happiness, and transmitted it to us with the confident assurance that we would be faithful to so sacred a trust. Hallowed by the lives and deeds of such Masons as Washington and Lafayette, of Franklin and Jefferson, of Warren and Revere, there has been handed down to us this sacred Ark of the Covenant of Human Freedom, and we were ingrate and traitor indeed, did we not highly resolve that we will keep watch and ward over its welfare with our very lives, to the end that 'government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.'

Brother Block gives much space to the two reports submitted to our Grand Lodge in 1919 on the subject of French Masonry, saying the majority report "considered both from the point of the breadth of information upon which it is based and the tolerant tone and spirit which permeates it, is one of the best discussions" he had seen, but as both reports were received and ordered printed with the records he is at a loss to know just where the brethren of Maine stand, saying it would take a Chinese lawyer to figure it out. We think the situation a perfectly plain proposition.

While we have a great respect for our good Brother Block and his opinions, we fear he is getting just a bit too much in accord with some of those who wish to see masonry modernized. Commenting on the action of Ohio Grand Lodge in the matter of recognition of Ohio soldiers made Masons in France by a Sea and Field Lodge acting under authority of New York, he said:

"The war brought us face to face with many new conditions, and even so conservative an institution as Masonry was forced to stand by and see many of its ancient rules upset and overturned, for that is always the fate of an institution that is so hard and set in its ways that it cannot adapt itself to the demands which are made upon it by changing circumstances. The institution that cannot grow is by that very fact doomed, for growth is the one price which the universe exacts from every human institution as a condition for its continued existence, and even the institution of Masonry is granted no exception to this rule. When humanity

once really and truly and honestly makes up its mind to get together, no hoary-headed precedents will be permitted to stand in the way. If Masonry is to endure, it must quit being exclusive and strive with all its might to become universal."

Of course just what Brother Block means by the above is not entirely clear, but somehow some of us have a pretty well fixed idea masonry always has been, is now and always will be "exclusive" in the best meaning of the term.

We wish we might quote many things from his remarkably instructive report, but space forbids.

KANSAS, 1920.

Sixty-fourth Annual Communication opened in Topeka, March 17th.

Four hundred seventeen lodges, 298 represented, 119 not represented; membership, 55,572; increase, 4,370.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present, as were fifty-two Grand Representatives. Deputy Grand Master Hugh P. Farrelly is ours and responded to the introduction of the Grand Representatives.

The Grand Master of Colorado was introduced and cordially welcomed.

Grand Master Owen J. Wood explained in his opening the delay in convening the Grand Lodge was owing to the ban upon all public gatherings. He had laid the corner stone of a High School building, personally presided at the dedication of one Masonic Temple and delegated a like duty to a brother for a second, authorized a Special Deputy to constitute a new lodge, commissioned another to take up the charter of a lodge, and issued dispensations for three new lodges.

Kansas allows the Grand Master to grant dispensations for many purposes not lawful in some jurisdictions, but it costs money. Listen:

"There were one hundred and twenty-six dispensations authorizing the conferral of the degrees of Masonry, waiving the statutory time, for which the prescribed fee of \$5.00 was charged, which amounted to the sum of \$630.00, and has been turned over to the Grand Secretary."

Two lodges had conferred degrees on Sunday and pleaded as excuse they found nothing in the laws to prohibit so doing. Investigation showing they had not looked carefully, the acts not willful violations of the law, and greater care being promised, no discipline followed.

Of the conditions Grand Master Wood said:

"It will be noted by reference to the report of the Grand Secretary that the Fraternity is in a flourishing and satisfactory condition. The past year was a record in so far as the increase in membership is concerned. The total membership on December 31, 1918, was 51,202. During the year just closed there was a net increase in membership of 4,370, making a total membership on December 31, 1919, of 55,572. The increase has been quite evenly divided over the state, although in the larger cities the proportion has been greater. Never before in the history of the Grand Lodge has there been such a net increase in the membership, and it is a source of much gratification. From reports received from the District Deputy Grand Masters, all lodges, with few exceptions, appear to be in a flourishing condition in all respects, and that peace and harmony prevail among the members. The general character of the work is commendable and the members enthusiastic and alive to the best interests of the Order."

The report of the Committee on Necrology, Elmer F. Strain, Chairman, is altogether out of the usual and one of the best we have ever seen, but to attempt to excerpt would be futile.

Grand Secretary Albert K. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, reported very fully on the request of the Grand Lodge of Panama for recognition, the conclusion being same should not be extended and Grand Lodge concurred.

Much space is given to the Masonic Home which is a great institution. The report shows total receipts for the year to have been \$119,041.87.

Statistics show the per capita cost to have been steadily rising from \$183.12 in 1912, to \$364.47 in 1919.

Grand Secretary Wilson gives a hundred page Report on Correspondence, reviewing the Proceeding of sixty-five Grand Jurisdictions. Maine for 1919 is accorded a page.

KANSAS, 1921.

Sixty-fifth Annual Communication convened in Wichita, February 16th.

Four hundred eighteen lodges, 339 represented, 79 not represented.

Membership, 62,992; increase, 7,420.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters and forty-three Grand Representatives. were recorded present, the Grand Master being Maine's representative.

Grand Master Hugh P. Farrelly took twenty-five pages to put the Craft in touch with his activities.

Dispensations issued by his predecessor to form two new lodges had been extended by him and he had issued three more. One lodge had been constituted by proxy. Corner stones of four High School buildings and for one church had been laid, all by duly commissioned representatives. One hall was dedicated by the Grand Master in person.

One hundred and one dispensations were issued costing the recipients \$505.00, while forty-three were issued gratis.

From the Grand Master we quote:

"One lodge in this state accepted a petitioner, and thereafter ascertained that he was unworthy. The lodge members, as I understand it, are unanimous in believing him unworthy. Of course objections were made, and none of the degrees have been conferred on him. I find no law providing for the permanent elimination of the name of such a petitioner from the lodge roll. There should be in my judgment, such a provision in our laws, and I recommend such enactment. This will serve to remind investigating committees that they have a duty to perform, and that much depends on its faithful performance."

Committee on Jurisprudence recommended and Grand Lodge approved the following new law:

"173. *Striking Name of Elected Candidate from Rolls.*—Whenever any lodge has elected any candidate to receive the degrees of Masonry and thereafter and before receiving any such degrees shall have found such candidate to be unworthy, then such lodge at any Regular Communication, not less than twelve months after the date of such election, shall

entertain a motion to eliminate and strike from its rolls the name of such candidate, providing, that a notation of such motion shall be made on the minutes of such Stated Communication and be read with the minutes at the next succeeding Stated Communication, and at the second succeeding Stated Communication, shall be submitted to a vote of the lodge, and if a majority of those present vote in favor of eliminating the name of such petitioner from the rolls, it shall be eliminated therefrom, and the money accompanying the petition shall be refunded to said petitioner."

We think in nearly all jurisdictions an objection, previous to the conferring of any degree, is in effect a rejection. We fail to understand the phrase "permanent elimination from the lodge rolls."

Grand Master Farrelly made a sincere and thoughtful plea for discretionary power to be lodged somewhere "to the end that men possessing noble hearts and souls of courage, anxious to serve their fellows, may be permitted to embrace Freemasonry, notwithstanding some physical defect," but Grand Lodge decided:

"Any positive legislation by the Grand Lodge upon the subject would be unwise. . . . Your committee believes that any attempt to particularize what defects of body would render one incapable of serving his master and of being made a brother would result only in confusion, disagreement and controversy, while, on the other hand, the local lodge, or the Grand Master, to whom any given case may be submitted, would be in a far better position to determine whether the particular circumstances of the case would cause an applicant to be excluded. It would seem that a fair and intelligent spirit, applied with a sincere devotion to the best interests of Masonry, would protect the lodge and conserve the true principles of Masonry, and at the same time would meet the circumstances of any particular case with justice, reason, and practical sense."

In his remarks on condition Grand Master Farrelly wisely and pertinently declared:

"It is especially to be remembered, my brethren, that there is no place in Masonry for anything frivolous. Beginning with the conversation between the candidate and the brethren whom he requests to sign his petition,—on the street, in the parlor or anteroom, anywhere you meet him, especially in the preparation room where he first gets a glimpse or suggestion of the future, the greeting should ever be cordial, dignified and earnest. Nothing frivolous should be indulged. He then approaches the threshold of Masonry in the proper spirit and in the right kind of environment. When he knocks on the door for his admission he is all expectant, he is serious as he should be. Then when he declares that he puts his trust in that God whom we as Masons reverence and serve, he is prepared to travel to the East in due time, to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and to fully embrace the belief in the immortality of the soul.

"Let every man, after arriving at the years of mature judgment, without suggestion or environment directing his mind, of his own free will and accord, petition for the degrees. Exercise Masonic unselfishness, care and prudence in accepting his petition, and then confer the degrees upon him in that dignified, impressive way that appeals to his intelligence, to his manly ideas and to his very soul. Impress upon him in the degree of Entered Apprentice the teachings, the beauties and the service expected of a Mason,—in the degree of Fellow Craft, impress upon him the lessons that open up a study of the world and all things therein contained and make him feel at the end of this degree that he is in a holy place. And in the third degree fully impress upon him that honorable conduct, courageous

action, unwavering virtue, tried and true, are essentials to a passport to the realms of eternal life. Let all the work be done with that distinct deliberation, that the candidate of average intelligence gets every word and every lesson intended. Thus we make better men and better Masons."

Grand Secretary Albert K. Wilson, confined to his home by illness, prefaces his report as follows:

"For the first time in twenty-six years your Grand Secretary is obliged to report a serious delay in the issuance of our Annual Proceedings. Owing to unsettled business conditions and labor troubles, together with the inexperience of a new printer, our Proceedings, which heretofore have been issued within thirty days after the close of Grand Lodge, were delayed three months."

That accounts for the fact the 1920 Proceedings reached us July 27th, and the 1921 issue March 28th, so we had no review for Kansas last year but two this.

Later in the session:

"R. W. John A. Ferrell, Grand Junior Warden, addressed the M. W. Grand Lodge, stating that some months ago he was surprised to learn that one who has served this M. W. Grand Lodge faithfully as Grand Secretary for twenty-seven years and has devoted his life to the keeping of the records and the establishment of an Historical Registry which excels anything of its kind in the United States if not the entire world, had not received during all that time, any token of appreciation from the Craft.

"Upon learning this fact the matter was taken up with the result that one hundred of R. W. Brother Wilson's personal friends contributed to a fund for the purchase of this gift, a beautiful hand-wrought watch charm with the emblems of the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery. The crown of the Templar emblem contains five solitaire diamonds and the Passion Cross as the background, is set with eight beautiful rubies."

In his enforced absence a committee of four was appointed to go to Topeka to present the token. A well deserved tribute for faithful service.

May we be permitted in this connection to call attention to the fact Brother Ira Berry was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maine from 1856 to his death in 1891, while Brother Stephen Berry, his son and successor, was Assistant Grand Secretary from 1856 to 1891 and Grand Secretary from 1891 to 1917.

That the Report on Correspondence is by Brother Albert K. Wilson is guaranty it is of quality. He comments frequently upon the tendency to leniency in the matter of physical qualifications, but explains in his foreword:

"Our criticisms throughout the Report on the question of 'physical qualification' are based on the position taken by our Grand Lodge from the time of its inception up to the present moment — that it is not within the power of any one to make innovations in the body of Masonry, change or set aside the Landmarks, Ancient Charges and Regulations of the Fraternity.

The preparation of those Ancient Regulations was based on the customs and traditions of the operative Craftsmen and their Guilds, being moulded into such form as would make possible our present system of Freemasonry. We have in our library original copies of the editions of Anderson's Constitutions for the years 1734, 1756 and 1784, and when we refer to them we feel we have in our grasp that which is almost holy. Therefore, we can see no reason for destroying any portion of those fundamentals which

have come down to us through the centuries. It must be admitted that if a Grand Lodge can set aside one of those regulations they can likewise abandon or change any of the others. If the action taken by many of our Grand Lodges along these lines is an index to other changes which will follow, it must be admitted that in the course of a very few years our grand old Fraternity will be so demoralized that it will be beyond recognition.

"We have always admitted, and we must continue to do so, that all men are not morally, mentally or physically qualified to become members of our Ancient Fraternity. Sentiment along these lines should not warp the judgment of any Grand Lodge."

Michigan also Missouri and North Dakota have adopted a plan for transferring membership much like the practice in Maine. Brother Wilson cites their experience with a somewhat similar plan and says it positively will not work and "each and every day almost we are learning of cases where brethren are members of two lodges, one or both secretaries having failed to comply with our very simple and plain law on the subject." The Maine plan works satisfactorily and we think the "certificate" which Kansas gives before the dmit causes all their trouble. In Maine a brother applies for membership in the lodge to which he wishes to transfer, stating he is a member of lodge. If elected he asks for and obtains his dimit, files it with the accepting lodge, signs the by laws and is a member. The key to the whole situation is he cannot become a member of the electing lodge until he files his dimit, and when he obtains it his membership in the lodge granting it ceases. Perfectly simple,—and it works.

Some do not permit the conferring of more than five degrees at any communication. Brother Wilson remarked:

"In Kansas we do not limit the number of candidates upon whom degrees can be conferred at any one Communication, but we *do* limit the lodges in the manner in which the work shall be done. Under no circumstances can a degree be conferred upon more than one candidate at the same time, except the Second Section of the Degree of Fellow Craft, neither can a lodge have more than one set of officers working at the same time regardless of the number of rooms which might be occupied at the same time in the same building. In my own lodge they have already raised more than two hundred thirty and in order to do the work the brethren have been obliged to begin work at midnight and work continuously until the next midnight, but they have succeeded in getting through with the work and each and every candidate had the degrees conferred upon him in a proper manner, in full, including the lectures."

We cannot refrain from wondering what must have been the condition of officers, candidates and Craft after a twenty-four hour continuous performance.

LOUISIANA, 1921.

The One Hundred and Tenth Annual Communication. Number of lodges, 198; number in membership, 25,959. Nine Past Grand Masters in attendance. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The address of the Grand Master, M. W. Wayne G. Rogers, covers sixty-six pages. Like most of the Grand Masters for the year he devotes a

considerable of his opening to the unsettled condition of business and civic affairs in the country at large, and admonishes his brethren of their duties as citizens in assisting in bringing about an adjustment of affairs. He well says:

"The spirit of discontent and unrest is abroad in the land. The situation calls for wise and broad statesmanship; for unselfishness, tolerance and co-operation among our people, and an optimism which refuses to be discouraged. Here is Masonry's opportunity; here lies our duty. It is for us to rise to the occasion. The condition which confronts us is not a theory. Let us meet it as such. Let us be something more than a degree mill. Deeds and not words; accomplishment and not assertion, will establish and fix our status as an institution for service. The need of the hour is Education — American Education, Masonic Education, synonymous and interchangeable terms. Every Masonic lodge must become the center of good influences and wise counsels in the community in which it is established."

He gives several pages to necrology and reports the death on February 12th, of M. W. John S. Thibaut, Past Grand Master; also the death of Rev. Herman C. Duncan, Grand Chaplain, and Wor. Arthur L. Bear, Grand Steward.

While he was pleased to see the activity of the lodges, he warned them to be careful to guard well the ballot, saying, "it is fraught with danger that under the burden of increased work imposed upon the lodges, there may be a relaxation of vigilance at the inner door, and unworthy material permitted to enter our ranks."

He had constituted the six new lodges chartered at the last session and set eleven new ones working under dispensation.

He had granted over one hundred special dispensations, many of them being to permit the conferring of degrees in less than the statutory time. One was to permit a lodge to circularize the lodges of the state to secure subscriptions to erect a monument to a Past Grand Master.

He wisely refused a dispensation to certain brethren, now in the Army of Occupation, located in Germany, to organize a new lodge.

He rendered thirty-three decisions, a goodly number of them in regard to physical qualification.

The matter of a new Masonic Temple in New Orleans to cost over \$3,000,000.00 and to be financed in part by the Grand Bodies, was discussed at considerable length.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$76,749.65, with a grand total including investments of \$185,028.40.

Two years ago Louisiana voted recognition to the Grand Orient of France, but at this session because the Grand Orient maintains lodges in New York and San Francisco, the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That our relations with the Grand Orient of France be suspended until such times as that Body removes the cause for this action and respects the doctrine of geographical jurisdiction as interpreted by the Grand Lodges of the United States."

An oration on the subject, "Masonry as a Philosophy of Practical Morality," by a local college professor, was a feature of the second day's session. It is printed in full.

'Twas an odd report when the Committee on work said, "No Mason should rest content with only having taken the symbolic degrees, but whenever able he should press on to the study of the sublime and profound lessons of the other branches of this wonderful institution." The brother who understands the old Blue Lodge thoroughly has got to do some studying and thinking.

A resolution was adopted prohibiting, after this session, the granting of dispensations to lodges authorizing them to operate in the Scottish Rite.

A proposed amendment to the code which would permit one ballot for all three degrees, was defeated, the Grand Lodge holding that the custom of sixty years of a ballot for each degree should not be interfered with.

A resolution declaring in favor of a free public school system, liberally supported by the national, state and local governments, and a searching interest to keep our schools free from all sectarian influence, was unanimously adopted.

The Report on Correspondence is the first by the Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother John A. Davilla, who succeeds the late Rev. Bro. Herman C. Duncan. It occupies 68 pages of fine type, a little more than one of them being given to Maine for our 1920 session. He quotes with warm approval a long paragraph from Grand Master Adams' address.

MANITOBA, 1920.

Forty-fifth Annual Communication held at Winnipeg, June 9th.

Number of lodges, 86; membership, 8,369; increase, 488.

Six Past Grand Masters; forty-one Grand Representatives, none for Maine; many Past Grand Officers and Past Masters, and representatives from fifty-nine lodges were recorded.

Grand Master Alexander McIntyre, in twenty-three pages filled with highest sentiment and conception of the possibilities in Masonry, welcomed the craft to his home city and gave complete report of his activities, endeavors and hopes. The first fifteen pages are in the form of an appeal for the Masons of Manitoba to live up to their loftiest conceptions, spiritual, moral and Masonic, and we may easily appreciate the fervid utterances of a man grown old in such service, who could say:

"For the short space of a year I have had the very distinguished honor of being your Grand Master. For over forty years I have had the greater glory of being privileged to train thousands of the boys and girls of this fair Dominion, and it is for their sakes, and for the sakes of children yet unborn, that I would speak."

And again:

"It is a matter of personal regret that our lodges, as Masonic Institutions, cannot or do not take a larger share in matters vital to the life of the community. It is not enough to say that Masons are inspired by the teachings of the order to go out into the world and there become the missionaries of truth. This they must do, but they must do it intelligently. I think I realize in some adequate measure the immense amount of good rendered communities by individual Masons. The brethren responsible for such a service would, in my judgment, have made the same effort as Non-Masons.

The great good comes usually by acting in concert. The lodge is the divinely appointed centre from which light emanates. The teachings of Freemasonry must be so full of burning fervor as to create a desire on the part of every candidate to express these teachings in action. The value of any lodge is measured by the character of its enlightenment, by the force which impels to service, by the desire created to make this earthly home a real home, and the day a lodge fails to realize these ends is the day when the fateful 'Ichabod,' shall be written across its history. Masons, as members of the community should, in their conduct and conversation, create and maintain that healthy public opinion that assures respect to our churches, and sanctity to our religion; that upholds government and gives dignity to the enforcement of the law; that sustains our various industries, and promotes honesty and fair dealing in all our financial relations; that fosters and upholds the community loyalty and steadfastness, and that brings peace and security to our homes, and peace and joy to our hearts. The conception that the prosperity of a lodge is measured by its large membership and its wealth is wrong. That lodge is prosperous and great that commands the affection of its members, displays spiritual rather than material wealth, and is held in high esteem by the community of which it is a part."

He concludes a plea for the extension of work in the schools and for liberality toward the teacher with these words:

"I do not speak for myself. My day of service is nearing an end. But I am rejoiced to know that I speak to those who will understand, to men who rank among the prominent citizens of this Province, and I feel sure that you will do all in your power to preserve to the children, their right, their sacred right, to the best education that you can command. Keep in mind, brethren, the debt you owe to every faithful and diligent teacher."

We further quote:

"If the millenium ever comes upon this earth it will be when everyone does cheerfully and with all his strength the kind of work for which his talents fit him, and is fairly and honestly paid therefor. If civilization goes to wreck, and the Dark Ages return, it will be because men have shirked their share of the world's work, failed to comprehend and respect the work that others are doing, and have tried to live in idleness on the labor of others. At a time when there is so much effort to avoid personal responsibility and to find in class or in state-action some mysterious power than can absolve men from the fundamental virtues of industry, thrift and honesty, let all bear in mind, that the nation is great today, because our fathers understood not only the necessity, but the dignity of labor of every sort, and because they were ambitious to make the most complete use of whatever talent of hand or brain God had given them. The whole world is now to be rebuilt on the foundation of Brotherhood among the nations. Let our part in the work be worthy of our great traditions; marred by no selfish thought or act, but single minded, and whole hearted, to restore and to reconstruct."

Two lodges have built or purchased buildings "for the purpose of providing a place where the members may foregather between the regular meetings of the lodge for social intercourse, Masonic research, and Community work if found necessary."

The results will be watched with interest.

At the last annual communication a special committee was appointed to obtain information regarding Masonry in Italy, Norway and the Netherlands, and after the presentation of majority and minority reports it was

resolved to recognize the Grand Lodge of Norway and the Grand Orient of the Netherlands as regular sovereign and independent governing bodies of Symbolic Freemasonry and to arrange for an exchange of representatives.

On the morning of the second day the Grand Lodge resumed labor at 10.30 and from then until 12.15 the topic under discussion was, "The Problems of a Country Lodge."

In the afternoon splendid addresses were delivered by eminent brethren same being published in full.

A Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence makes a twenty-three page report full of much for the thoughtful Mason. Many matters are discussed and quotations made from the Proceedings of the various Grand Lodges. In fact it is the Correspondence Report in a new and highly interesting form, and Brother A. L. Crossin is to be congratulated on his work.

We quote from his report:

"There is a general re-examination of what constitutes 'Topics of Political Discussion' forbidden in lodges. A new orientation in politics is in progress. Old party lines are being obliterated. New issues are in process of formation. The war gave us a new perspective of partisan controversies. Politically, many of us are foot-loose. . . . If our cherished institutions are threatened by Socialism, call it what you may, we cannot wait for politicians to discover a remedy. If liquor, drugs or other evil influences are undermining the health, happiness and prosperity of any section of the people, if living conditions of any citizens are such as to hinder normal family life, or destroy efficiency or encourage disease — these conditions form our business and call loudly for our attention.

"A lodge which has within its membership those who can make a useful contribution to the solution of these vital social problems, is missing a great opportunity if it does not employ the talents of these brethren to the common good."

He speaks these words of caution against too much haste in "making" Masons:

"That men in large numbers should seek the fellowship of our fraternity is wholesome. Their action indicates that idealism and altruism are still strong amongst men and is a welcome antidote to the widespread spirit of social discontent.

"But conferring degrees is not making Masons. One Mason who practices brotherly love, relief and truth is worth ten whose only evidence that they are of the Craft is their receipt for dues. A lodge which is only a highly organized degree-conferring machine, however efficient, is prostituting its functions, is in fact a complete failure. Lodges meeting at unseasonable hours and in protracted sessions, candidates formed into groups, degree-conferring teams set up — it was not thus that Masonry built up its moral fibre.

"It is submitted that no lodge is justified in accepting an application for initiation unless it is prepared to undertake to instruct that candidate in the principles of Masonry and to set him at some useful service to his brethren or the community, to the end that he may be an ornament to the society of which he has become a member."

But we must close here, though there are many other passages marked as worthy of quotation and comment.

MARYLAND, 1920.

The Two Hundred and Fifty-seventh Semi-Annual, and the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 107; Number in membership, 25,615.

The Semi-Annual convened May 11th. M. W. Grand Master Charles C. Homer in his address commented on the wonderful growth made by the Order during the year, and did not, as do some, view the condition with alarm.

The greater portion of his paper dealt with a local condition, that of the erection of a larger Masonic Temple in Baltimore which was to be financed in part by the Grand Lodge. The building site had already been secured and nearly half a million dollars raised for the building which will call for a total investment of more than a million and a half.

Of the condition of the Order he says:

"Growth in strength and numbers, in prosperity and power, inevitably results in stronger opposition from our enemies. Masonry is being attacked on all sides and we welcome the opposition when we see the sources from which the same springs. The founders of our country builded along Masonic lines and it is the duty and the privileges of every Mason to see that our country depart not from the principles of our forefathers. In order to insure the perpetuation of these principles, Brother Masons, we must be constantly on guard. We should endeavor in every manner to inculcate true Americanism, and this can only be accomplished by the education of the masses. Let them understand that true Americanism and true Masonry stand for freedom of thought, freedom of action and freedom of conscience. Bring these lessons home to them and the country is safe. It is our duty as Masons and as loyal citizens, for Masonry has always taught loyalty to country, that we should support and maintain our public school system, for the American public school is the bulwark of our freedom. Support, therefore, every measure that will strengthen our public schools and oppose and throttle every insidious source of opposition and this, my brethren, means a continued fight for the principles in which we all so thoroughly and implicitly believe."

Their Committee on Unfinished Business work along a different line from ours in Maine. Here that committee is expected to keep track of the doings of the Grand Lodge and just before the session closes reports that all pending matters have been attended to. There the committee seems to be the one to which all matters which require attention between sessions is referred, to put in shape and present them at the next meeting.

The M. W. Grand Master of Delaware, and the M. W. Grand Master of New Jersey were guests at this session, and both made instructive addresses which are printed in full.

At the Annual Session in November, Grand Master Homer began his address with a reiteration of his former position that he would establish a precedent that the office of Grand Master should not be held more than two years. There are no Past Grand Masters in Maryland because the late M. W. Brother Shryock held the office for over thirty years, and was succeeded by M. W. Brother Homer. He was true to his word and later in the session the Deputy Grand Master was elected as M. W. Grand Master.

He reported having set a new lodge at work under dispensation.

Of course he had a favorable opinion of the Washington Memorial and urged that every lodge in the state complete its dollar-per-member quota.

At this session, too, there were many distinguished guests, the most prominent being M. W. George L. Schoonover of Iowa, who made a twelve page address in favor of the U. S. Masonic Service Association.

Five Hundred dollars was donated to the United Patriotic Home for Orphan Children, evidently an outside charitable institution.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Grand Master is authorized in cases of candidates who have been injured or incapacitated in the service of the Army or Navy of the United States in line of duty to waive disabilities which would not prevent a substantial compliance with the requirements of initiation, passing and raising."

Maryland has one lodge with only six members, and several with a membership of less than thirty each. Every lodge but four had work.

The Report on Correspondence is by Rev. Brother Henry Branch, P. S. G. W. Maine is given courteous notice, with long quotations from Grand Master Adams' address.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1920.

The One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Annual Communication and Quarterlies.

Number of lodges, 288; number in membership, 92,418.

Massachusetts does not have the Grand Representative system.

Eighteen special communications were held for the purpose of laying corner stones; constituting new lodges, and celebrating anniversaries of lodge dates.

At the Quarterly Communication in March, five Past Grand Masters were in attendance together with a representation from nearly every lodge in the state. Most Worshipful Arthur D. Prince, who was a guest of our Grand Lodge at the time of its Centennial celebration, presided. In his address, speaking of the Washington Memorial he says, "This Temple, erected in memory of Washington, the Mason, will tell the millions of people who gaze upon it that there are hosts of men in America who are sworn to the same principles and inspired by the same ideals that made Washington an immortal." That Grand Lodge has never contributed to the building fund but at this session the sum of \$5,000.00 was appropriated.

Grand Master Prince devoted considerable attention to the matter of more strict investigation of applications before ballot, and submitted a blank questionnaire which should be filled by the applicant in addition to the regular petition.

A charter was granted to a new lodge at Roslindale at this session.

The most important act at the June Quarterly, was the report of the special committee to consider the size of lodges. Outside of the District of Columbia, the average lodge membership in Massachusetts is the largest of any jurisdiction in the United States, being 260 for the entire state and 335 for the metropolitan district. There are now only twelve more lodges

in the state than there were in 1888, and yet the mebership during that time has almost doubled. Statistics were presented to show that the percentage of work was retarted by the large lodges, and the result of it all was that the committee recommended the following amendment to the Constitution.

"A lodge located within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and having over 200 shall from its own candidates make not more than thirty-five Masons in any fiscal year. (September 1st to August 31st, inclusive). Such a lodge having over 600 members shall not make more than thirty Masons; having over 1,000 members, not more than twenty-five."

The committee without doubt very carefully went over the local situation and studied it in all its phases before making this recommendation, but really we fail to see wherein the fraternity as a whole would be benefitted by the enactment of the proposed amendment. In the report it was shown that a lodge of over 600 members made only forty new Masons the year before. To restrict the number to thirty would not make great difference in its membership total, and it might deprive some worthy aspirant an opportunity to apply, especially so because the lodge cited was located in a city of 38,000 people and sentiment was very strongly opposed to the establishment of another lodge there.

At the December Quarterly, really the Annual Communication, M. W. Grand Master Prince in his address gives nearly two pages to the matter of plural membership, claiming that it was of great advantage to Masonry in his jurisdiction. He speaks truth when he says, "This privilege is granted by only a few Grand Lodges to their members, and this fact has been brought out very clearly in the organization of new lodges."

It is no doubt true that brethren very often feel a dislike to impose too long or too frequently upon their right of visitation and are in a quandary whether to dimit from their home lodge and take membership in a lodge where they happen to be residing. As a matter of fact it works to their disadvantage in some instances, as for example, should a member of a Maine lodge take membership in a Massachusetts lodge, as he is often solicited and told that it is lawful for him to do, finds when he comes back to any Maine lodge that he is forbidden Masonic intercourse because Maine does not allow dual membership. No man can be a member of two Maine lodges at the same time, neither can one be in membership in a Maine lodge and one in Massachusetts, or any other state, at the same time, if we know it. Several of our good brothers have gotten into real difficulty in the past because of poor advice in Massachusetts and poor understanding of Maine Masonic law.

At this session charters were granted to new lodges in Worcester, Watertown, Lynn, Holyoke and Winchester.

The War Relief Committee which had been in existence since early in the war, was directed to turn over all cash, securities and valuable property in its possession to the Masonic Education and Charity Trust; its records to the Board of Masonic Relief, and the committee was thanked for the valuable service it had rendered and was discharged. The Board of Masonic Relief will, however, maintain a standing committee of its own members to look especially after matters connected with war work.

MINNESOTA, 1921.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 272; number in membership, 45,593.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters in attendance. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, E. A. Montgomery, makes a very brief introduction to his lengthy address. He reports the death of M. W. Albert Berg, Past Grand Master, whose funeral was conducted by the officers of the Grand Lodge assembled in special session.

Soon after assuming office he learned from reliable sources that "certain organizations which were hostile to our present form of American government," were planning to have men from their own ranks for the purpose if elected, of spreading their traitorous propaganda among the Masonic fraternity. Acting on this information he issued warning and admonition to all the lodges, but more especially to those of the large cities, to be on guard and to investigate most thoroughly every application.

One new lodge chartered at the last session had been constituted and he has set six new ones at work under dispensation.

Three corner stones were laid.

July 3rd, 1920, will forever be a most important date in the Masonic history of Minnesota, for on that day occurred the formal opening of the new Masonic Home. Several thousand Masons and their families attended the exercises, who were addressed by the Grand Master. In reporting the event to the Grand Lodge he most truthfully says:

"Facing us today is a reality: The fruition of a long delayed hope brought into partial completion by the zeal and industry and earnest labor of the selfsacrificing brethren who have given time and means and thought to this enterprise.

"Before us are possibilities; possibilities of so many blessings and so much good; of old age brought into a haven out of the storm of want and penury; of young lives sheltered from poverty and woe and tenderly guarded from the tempest of youthful temptation unchecked by parental control.

"But these possibilities cannot be accomplished without financial assistance. Large amounts of money must be forthcoming for establishment and endowment before our hearts will be thrilled and our pulses quickened in seeing more and more homelike structures erected."

May every blessing and success attend the efforts of the brethren of Minnesota in this most worthy and benevolent undertaking.

Minnesota has a "Permanent Relief Fund" of over \$100,000.00, but it is so hedged about that no part of the income from it can be used between the annual sessions of the Grand Lodge, and Grand Master Montgomery most strongly urged legislation that would permit some person to draw warrants and use some definite amount of the income if necessary in attending to cases of emergency. The Grand Lodge later took action along the grounds suggested.

He granted in all 157 special dispensations, 141 of them being to permit lodges to hold more than one communication in a day for work, or in other words to increase the number of degrees that a lodge might actually

confer in one day. We believe that such undue haste in making Masons is altogether wrong and in the end will tend to cheapen the institution.

Of his thirty-seven decisions the most are of local interest only and are more especially concerning jurisdictional lines and physical qualifications.

One was that a lodge could not require an applicant to file answers to a long questionnaire asking for statements other than those on the regular form of application.

Another, a lodge may act on the petition of a candidate even though he moves from the jurisdiction of the lodge between the time the petition was received and when the ballot was taken.

He has warm praise for both the Masonic Service Association and the Washington Memorial Association. Of the latter he urged that every lodge in the jurisdiction undertake to raise one dollar per member for the memorial.

The Grand Treasurer reported the grand total of assets to be \$175,334.63.

The Committee on Jurisprudence introduced a resolution making it lawful for the Grand Master to issue dispensation to a lodge to confer ten degrees in a day but no more. It was adopted.

Another resolution adopted was to permit a candidate who is not physically perfect to receive the degrees provided "that the possession of an artificial limb or part is so under practical control of the candidate which enables him to take all the positions and steps required in any of the degrees."

Bro. Irving Todd presents the Report on Correspondence, his thirty-first, a paper of sixty pages. Maine for 1920 is allowed less than a page.

He seems to be a very warm friend of the Masonic Service Association and loses no opportunity to approve any action taken by a Grand Lodge looking to affiliation with it. Any action favoring the Washington Memorial, too, is always noted.

MISSISSIPPI, 1921.

The One Hundred and Third Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 368; number in membership, 26,978. Cash on hand, \$39,342.98. Invested funds, \$219,500.00.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were in attendance. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Edward L. Faucette, in his address, made allusion to the condition of unrest in the country, and well says, "Socialism, anarchy, greed, selfishness and ignorance parading in the name of democracy, are some of the evil forces that menace the foundations of Government and civil society."

He remembers the dead; comments on the wonderful growth in membership during the year, and also gives an extended account of the activities of the Masonic Home.

He was not called upon to render any decisions, and his dispensations granted were all approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

He officiated at the laying of the corner-stone of a new Masonic Temple, but refused to lay the stone of a hospital because the walls were already erected.

He had started five new lodges working under dispensation, and the three chartered at the last session had been constituted. The charter of one lodge ordered to be arrested at the last session, he restored after an investigation of the affairs of the lodge had been made.

The system of visitation in that state is much like ours in Maine, and the reports of the visiting officers, they call them District Lecturers there, read very similar to the reports of our D. D. Grand Masters.

The Grand Secretary reports that one lodge conferred the degrees on 381 candidates; another had 338, while twelve others had more than one hundred candidates each.

The Superintendent of the Masonic Home made the sorrowful report that October 31st, the main building of the Home, occupied as a dormitory for the girls, was destroyed by fire. Fortunately there was no loss of life though the fire occurred in the early morning hours, but there was a property loss of over \$47,000.00, which most fortunately was covered by insurance, and ten days after the fire, plans and specifications for a new and better building were approved, and work begun on the erection of the same.

The regulations of the Home have been in the past that when the children reached the age of eighteen, or sooner if they should be graduated from the public schools of Meridian, they should be returned to the lodges placing them in the Home, but by recommendation of the superintendent, the age limit was this year reduced to sixteen years.

R. W. Melville R. Grant, a Past Deputy Grand Master, was by resolution made an Honorary Past Grand Master, and a like honor, if such it may be considered, was given to a brother "who had been a faithful and serving Mason for fifty-two years."

Resolutions endorsing the present public school system; disapproving the parochial school system; endorsing the Smith-Towner bill, and favoring a National Department of Education with a Secretary in the President's Cabinet, were adopted, and ordered that copies be sent to the several National Teachers Association, to the President of the United States, and to the members of Congress.

Another was adopted endorsing and applauding the American Legion in opposing the appropriating any part of the war chest fund except in carrying out the purposes for which said fund was created.

The special committee appointed last year to investigate the matter of recognition of Masonry in France, made a lengthy report, with a final recommendation that the "Grand Lodge of Mississippi cannot grant recognition to the French Grand Bodies until they shall have restored the Sacred Writings to the altar, requiring all initiates to be obligated thereon." This report was adopted.

An amendment to the Constitution was proposed which will do away with a ballot for each degree; one favorable ballot electing a candidate to all three.

In the report of the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence we discover that in Mississippi, when the Master and both Wardens are absent, no one can open the lodge except some person by special dispensation of the Grand Master. We like Maine's law better, which permits the lodge be to opened by any Past Master.

The Report on Correspondence is 104 pages of fine print by Bro. H. C. Yawn, who quotes generously and comments sparingly. It is evident that he strongly favors the Masonic Service Association, and feels that there should be changes in the laws regarding physical disqualification.

He gives Maine for 1920 a most courteous and fraternal review.

MISSOURI, 1920.

One Hundredth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 643; number in membership, 90,416. Cash on hand, \$52,879.65.

Twenty Past Grand Masters were present; 451 lodges were represented but singularly only four Grand Representatives were recorded, Maine's being among the great majority of absentees.

M. W. Grand Master Julius Caesar Garrell (whose portrait and life history prefaces the volume) started his address by expressing disappointment in being able to visit only ninety-four lodges and attend forty-one special Masonic functions, as "Business demands have made such unusual and unexpected inroads upon my time I had reluctantly to relinquish my ambition." Well, he did pretty well, considering.

He was sorry to miss the Hundredth Anniversary of our own Grand Lodge just as we were sorry he could not be with us.

He attended the meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association and recommended the cause as worthy of consideration, and later an appropriation of one thousand dollars was voted.

In company with three distinguished brethren he had attended the meeting of the Masonic Service Association and his observations led him to report:

"The impression concerning the scope and magnitude of this undertaking, together with the far-reaching consequences involved, which I received at the meeting, and which has since been increased by correspondence coming to me from the Executive Committee, convinces me that this whole matter is taking on proportions which were not comprehensively before our Grand Lodge when our committee was created one year ago, and I am of the opinion that the matter is of such importance that it should receive the careful attention of a Special Committee of this Grand Body, whose duty it shall be to go very thoroughly into every phase of the movement, and bring in suitable recommendations as to our future relations to this Organization."

At the 1919 communication a recommendation was made that the Grand Lodge celebrate its centennary in 1920, and a committee was appointed, but singularly no appropriation was made to carry out the plans contemplated. The Committee appealed to the Grand Master and he to the Committee on Jurisprudence to find a way out of the dilemma. Of

course they decided no expenditure could lawfully be made, so the whole matter went over for a year; but now six thousand dollars has been appropriated and 1921 will see a proper observance of the centenary.

From his recommendations we quote:

"Careful observation in my visits throughout the state during the year, convinces me that our law as to the time that must elapse between the conferring of the degrees, needs revision, and I therefore respectfully recommend that a period of at least one month be required to elapse after the reception of the first degree, in order that the candidate may serve a lawful time as an Entered Apprentice before he is eligible to be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft; and that a similar period be required to pass before the candidate is eligible for the Master Mason degree.

"I further recommend that the dignity, solemnity and importance of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry be protected by making it a Masonic offense in this jurisdiction to solicit or to propose a Master Mason for membership in any organization, for which that standing is a qualification, until he has been a Master Mason for a period of not less than three months after he has passed a satisfactory examination in the Master Mason degree."

The Grand Lodge voted to change the law to read:

"Section 110. Conferring Degrees. A candidate shall not receive more than one degree at the same communication nor shall he be advanced in less than thirty days from the time the preceding degree was conferred."

but wisely remarked:

"We commend the Grand Master's desire to prevent unseemly haste in securing the petitions of newly made Master Masons for other organizations, but we do not concur in the recommendation of the Grand Master making such action a Masonic offense."

Of course. How can a Grand Lodge legislate for anything else?

He made several decisions all of which were approved, but two would hardly get by in Maine. The first that when an indigent brother cannot pay dues "Nothing can be done by you or me. In my opinion there is no way of compelling the lodge to remit the dues, except by action of the Grand Lodge."

The other "Can a member of a Missouri lodge, who resides outside the state, transfer his membership to another Missouri lodge?

Answer: No."

We hold a demitted member may join any lodge willing to receive him regardless of his residence or its location.

At noon the Grand Lodge was called from labor until three o'clock when it formed in procession with five thousand Masons and proceeded to lay the corner stone of the new \$750,000 Ivanhoe Temple in the presence of more than twenty thousand spectators.

Missouri is divided into fifty-seven Masonic Districts and Grand Lecturer McLachlan gave a statement of conditions in each, concluding everything was going as it should.

Perhaps the most instructive part of the whole session was the eighteen page report by M. W. William F. Kuhn, Chairman of the Committee on Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges. To the inquiring Mason the

reasons for continued recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, the reasons for persisting in refusing to recognize the grand Orient of France or the Grand Lodge of France, and why no action should be taken in relation to German Masonry, are set forth clearly, logically and vigorously.

The special committee, on the merits of the Masonic Service Association, referred to above, reported unanimously:

"That they have carefully examined into said matters, and are of the opinion that the scope of the Association has been extended beyond what was considered by this Grand Lodge when it became a member thereof, as the principal object and purpose of said Association and which induced this Grand Lodge to become a member thereof, that is to say; as it now appears, that the principal object and purpose of the Association is now one of education and research, and not primarily for the purpose of the intelligent co-operation in matters appertaining to national or international calamity or disaster.

"We further find that there is no constitutional limitation as to the amount which this Grand Lodge may be held obligated for by reason of its being a member of the said Masonic Service Association.

"We, therefore, recommend that this Grand Lodge withdraw as a member of the said Association, and that the incoming Grand Master be instructed to give the ninety days' notice required in the constitution of the said Association for withdrawal of a member, and that said Grand Master be further instructed to cause to be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge the obligations of this Grand Lodge to said Association up to the time of the taking effect of this withdrawal."

But a substitute for the report was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we continue our membership in the Masonic Service Association of the United States, and that the Grand Master shall appoint a standing committee of three to have charge of the work of the Association in Missouri; one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and that hereafter the Grand Master shall annually appoint one member to serve three years.

"*Resolved*, 2. That this Standing Committee and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be authorized to represent this Grand Lodge at the meetings of the Association and that their expenses shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

"*Resolved*, 3. That the sum of one thousand dollars shall be at the disposal of this Standing Committee for the dissemination of the work of the Association in Missouri during the coming year."

From our reading we had supposed the Association would pay the costs of "dissemination," but Missouri seems to "hae its doots."

Grand Master Garrell said:

"I refused consent to several organizations to appeal to the lodges for funds for their various building enterprises, pointing out that there are so many worthy cases, that to give authority to one would work embarrassment on the others and to the lodges in general."

Committee said:

"In our opinion, the Grand Master properly refused the applications made to him for leave to solicit funds in lodges for various enterprises. We, therefore, recommend the approval of his action on this subject."

Then Grand Lodge suspended the by-laws and voted:

"*Whereas*, The Acacia Fraternity Building Association, a corporation organized under the laws of Missouri, is preparing to build a home for the

Acacia Fraternity, a fraternity composed of Master Masons who are students in the University of Missouri, and also a home for the sons of Master Masons who are students in the University of Missouri;

"Be it Resolved, That the Grand Lodge approves these plans of this Association, and that permission is hereby given to this Association to seek to obtain aid from Masonic Lodges for the carrying out of these plans."

Past Grand Master Charles C. Woods presents another Report on Correspondence nearly free from comment "As I have preferred to occupy the limited space allotted me with matter of greater value." One hundred thirty-two pages of careful quotation and easy review gives the Craft of Missouri opportunity to know how matters are going in the different jurisdictions.

Maine is accorded consideration and so many dispensations for railroad-ing candidates and consequent irregularities resulting is unfavorably commented upon. Well, some in Maine did not like it and are hoping it's a thing of the past.

We have received notice of the death of Senior Past Grand Master Xenophon Ryland, elected to the Grand East in 1876, who died at Higginsville, Missouri, October 1, 1920.

Missouri mourns the loss by death during the year of three of her Past Grand Masters. M. W. James W. Boyd, 1885-86, on April 19, 1921; M. W. Theodore Brace, 1889-90, on May 27, 1921, and M. W. Arthur Middleton Hough, 1893, on July 3, 1920. All three were lawyers, and the two last were justices of the Supreme Court of Missouri at their deaths.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1920.

The Sixty-first Semi-Annual and the One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 80; number in membership, 12,247.

Eight Past Grand Masters were in attendance. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The Semi-Annual session, a one day meeting, was held in Manchester, December 30th, and about all the business was the exemplification of the three degrees by as many different lodges, each working its own regular candidate.

The Annual Communication was held in Concord, May 17th. Without much preliminary, M. W. Harry G. Noyes, Grand Master, delivered his address, a paper of twenty-nine printed pages, beginning, of course, with a resume of the world conditions.

He granted twenty-three dispensations, one to permit a lodge to march in an Armistice Day parade, and ten of the remaining ones for short time ballot and work.

He reported:

"Approved the request of the Grand Master of Maine for a waiver of jurisdiction over J. Howard Woodward of Conway, in favor of Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, of Fryeburg, Maine."

He also in his report of courtesy work, tells that he asked the Grand Master of Maine to arrange to have degrees conferred on candidates of New Hampshire lodges by our Ashlar, No. 105, at Lewiston; Seaside, No. 144, at Boothbay Harbor; Temple, No. 86, at Westbrook; Aurora, No. 50 at Rockland, and Hiram, No. 180, at South Portland. He also speaks of his visits to Saco Lodge, No. 9, at Saco, and Hiram, No. 180, at South Portland, both of which were at times of a visit by the Anchor Club, of Boston, and when he addressed the brethren in regard to Masonic Overseas Mission Work.

The Deputy Grand Master, who was Acting Grand Master during several weeks Grand Master Noyes was in the West, made report of his official acts.

The many pages occupied by the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters read very similar to those of our own officials. In one place we learn that the Master had not occupied his chair since his installation; in another that the work was the first by the present corps of officers who under the conditions did very nicely, and the "delicious banquet by the ladies of the Eastern Star after the meeting," sound very familiar.

An amendment to the Constitution which calls for each lodge to pay five cents per member yearly for Masonic Service Association dues; and another that each candidate pay five dollars additional to be added to the Masonic Home Maintenance Fund, and that each lodge pay a per capita tax of seventy-five cents for the same fund, were submitted and referred and will lie over to next year for action.

The following one, submitted last year, was adopted:

"When the candidate who wears an artificial appliance, like an arm or leg, is not such as to prevent him from being instructed in the arts and mysteries of Masonry, and does not amount to an inability honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, the admission will not be an infringement upon the ancient landmarks, but will be consistent with the spirit of our Institution."

The report of the Committee on Returns discloses the fact that with a membership of over 12,000, there were only twenty suspensions for non-payment of dues.

The Report on Correspondence is the fourteenth by Grand Secretary Harry M. Cheney.

We quote from his introduction:

"It is safe to say that Masonically there has never been such a year as the one just past. At first thought I have been frightened at our growth in numbers, but this fear has been somewhat allayed as I have heard of the rejections. The ballot box is being properly used, if I am not mistaken. I only hope that the present day popularity of Freemasonry is not a curious or superficial desire, but that it carries with it a well-desired purpose to serve God and His people."

Concerning collective balloting, we find him saying, "We are unable to find any danger in the proposition as outlined. It is just applied common sense — all for the benefit of those present."

Under Texas he says:

"Among the decisions is one that the payment of the obligation, in itself restores one who has been suspended N. P. D. For one we feel that

suspension for this cause ought to be looked upon as a more serious offence than it is commonly treated. We would make restoration depend upon a secret and unanimous ballot. We are too easy with those who do not care a fig about us."

Maine, for 1919, receives a page of his review in which he seems to approve about all we did.

NEW JERSEY, 1920.

One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Communication met in Trenton, April 21st.

Number of lodges, 208; members, 55,083, gain, 5,295.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters, fifty-three Grand Representatives, Brother William Ritchie for Maine, representatives of 203 lodges and several distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions present.

Grand Master William L. Daniels gave a twenty-six page address of review, conditions and recommendations. From it we quote:

"The Masonic Fraternity should be a body of carefully selected men whose objects in becoming Masons is to increase their opportunities for doing good in the world, no matter whence the call may come, and in this way gaining the recognition of us by the world in general as an institution devoted to the work of lessening the sorrow and distress of those less fortunate than ourselves. No greater bar to our general recognition as a world-wide agency for good can be found than the belief so generally held by those outside our Fraternity, that our activities are devoted to our own kind only, and surely we have done much to make that belief a fair and reasonable one. Probably there is no Mason, however unworthy, who would not like to feel that his Fraternity holds a high position among the beneficent institutions of the world; but how many members have we who are willing to adopt a view and work in accordance therewith, that will raise us above the level of a sect and place us in the proud position of a great civilizing agency devoted to the service of mankind?"

Under the subject "Discipline" the Grand Master goes extensively into the deposing a Master for refusal to comply with the order of the Grand Lodge, and the arrest of the charter when the lodge re-elected him at the Annual Communication held two months later. Grand Lodge approved his action and there the matter appears to have been dropped.

He went into the "Masonic Home" situation in detail, citing the fact the per capita cost had increased from 70 cents to \$1.32, and Grand Lodge agreed with him the tax for its support must be increased. He urged the Eastern Star be permitted to co-operate with the Craft in the maintenance saying:

"It has occurred to me that we might, without imperilling our dignity or our identity, avail ourselves of the help of the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of our members — help that I believe is ready and waiting for us to signify our willingness to accept. I know our conservatism in this respect in the past, but is it not possible that we have not been entirely wise in denying to a sex that cannot join our Fraternity, the privilege of helping us in our one great charity? I write as I do in the hope that the thought may grow among you to such a point as will ultimately allow you to permit those of the other sex, who are near to you, and who help you in so many of the activities of your lives, to help you in the work of the Masonic Home, much of which has to do with the care of women and

children. I recommend that the Order of the Eastern Star be allowed a representation on the Ladies' Home Committee."

The recommendation was adopted.

The George Washington National Masonic Association was approved as was the Masonic Service Association and the action of Grand Master Daniels in authorizing a payment of \$500.00 to the latter from the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

Grand Lodge decided to put a blanket policy over the state by voting:

"That the recommendation of the Grand Master that a rule be adopted requiring all officers of our Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges, who have charge of lodge moneys or securities, be bonded in one policy to the Grand Lodge and by it apportioned and charged to the various lodges according to the amount of insurance required by each; such policy to also cover possible losses by bank failures, be concurred in."

In the matter of "Physical Defects" he had had 297 cases submitted for his decision; waived 262, refused twenty-eight and seven were pending.

The Jurisprudence Committee decided he was right in this:

"The question as to the standing of Masons made in France during the war, who were formerly and had again become residents of this State, was asked several times during the year. My decision was that if they were raised in Sea and Field Lodges, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, they were to be recognized as if made in New York, and that dimits from said Sea and Field Lodges were to be recognized as coming from a regular lodge."

Grand Master Daniels gave two full pages to bewailing the fact we *as a fraternity* did not do anything big in the way of relief to the suffering in Europe, but he was sure many Masons gave liberally *as individuals*. He recommended a medal be presented each Mason in the state who wore a uniform and Grand Lodge concurred.

The laws were changed to read:

"24. If there be more than one petition, the ballot must be spread on each separately. Collective balloting is prohibited.

"18. That no lodge shall hold more than one emergent communication for the conferring of degrees in one calendar day; and that after having conferred any one of the three degrees, twenty-four hours must elapse before the same degree may be again conferred."

Brother Robert A. Shirrefs reviewed the Proceeding of sixty-three Grand Jurisdictions, making few quotations and even fewer comments, still giving the craft a good idea of the happenings in the Masonic world.

He quotes from both the majority and the minority reports on French Masonry in the Maine 1919 Proceedings and remarked that singularly no action was taken other than to put them on record. He further remarks "the action of New Jersey in recognizing certain foreign Grand Lodges does not appear to disturb Brother Chase." Why should it?

NEW MEXICO, 1921.

Forty-third Annual Communication held in Albuquerque, February 21st.

Fifty-one lodges; membership, 5,276; gain, 515.

Nine Past Grand Masters and representatives of thirty-eight lodges were recorded.

The Proceedings opens with records of five Special Communications held — one for the constitution of a new lodge, one for the purpose of conducting funeral services for Past Grand Master William Smith, the others for laying the corner stones of three churches, one Baptist, one Methodist and one First Christian, the Grand Master acting only in the first instance.

Grand Master Richard H. Hanna required but four pages for his address, aside from a report of routine duties. He had many inquiries but all save two were covered by the laws and previous decisions. One of New Mexico's young men in service joined "Overseas Lodge, U. D., No. 1," acting under authority of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

"Held that the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was within its rights in establishing an Overseas Lodge such as the one in question in territory over which it might assume jurisdiction, provided that such territory was not already occupied by any other Masonic Jurisdiction, a condition vouched for by the Grand Master of Rhode Island in his communication to Grand Master Goldenberg on March 16, 1920."

A member of a French lodge, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of France, petitioned a New Mexico lodge. After rehearsing the case it was summed up as follows:

"The question submitted by Temple Lodge was whether by reason of the fact that New Mexico does not recognize the Grand Lodge of France, the petitioner could be admitted as a member of said lodge and whether his vow and expression of faith would entitle him to such membership or to visitation only.

"Held, that the application for affiliation accompanied by the demit might be received by Temple Lodge and the petition balloted upon, provided the petitioner is first duly vouched for and passes a satisfactory examination; and further provided, that he himself expresses a belief in T. G. A. O. T. U. as an essential landmark."

The first decision was found all right by the committee, but of the second they said:

"We hold that no subordinate lodge shall admit as visitor or affiliate any person coming from a jurisdiction not recognized by this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge of Texas sent an invitation for the Grand Lodge of New Mexico to join that and the Grand Jurisdictions of Arizona and California in an investigation of conditions in Mexico, but Grand Lodge decided:

"We know of no reason for withdrawing recognition from the present York Grand Lodge of Mexico, as we feel that that Grand Lodge is adhering strictly to the Principles of Symbolic Masonry and is the only legitimate Grand Lodge in that Republic according to American ideas."

Brother John Milne uses fifty pages for a report in topical form on sixty-one Grand Jurisdictions.

Of the ballot he says:

"To hurry things along, some jurisdictions are leaning towards the ballot by groups. We are just old fashioned enough to believe that every candidate should have a separate ballot and that ample time should be taken for each ballot. Our experience has taught us that it is much more simple to keep undesirable material out than to exclude undesirable material that has found its way inside the door."

NORTH CAROLINA, 1920.

The Thirty-third Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 450; number in membership, 30,912.

Ten Past Grand Masters were in attendance. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The address of the Grand Master, M. W. Henry A. Grady, covers twenty pages.

From his opening we quote:

" Think of the shock that came to the mind of the well trained American boy, who had been educated in the ways of peace, who had attended the church on Sunday, who had learned at his mother's knee the beautiful prayer that all children love — think of this boy shooting down his fellow beings by the thousand, seeing whole villages swept away in flames; who, by force of law over which he had no control, was obliged to run his bayonet into the quivering body of an unknown enemy, who had personally done him no harm.

" There are millions of such boys in our midst. They are still suffering from shock; they have not yet recovered their mental balance, and their moral fabric is still unstrung. It is our duty, and it should be our pleasure, to see that these do not fall under the influence of evil; but to render them such assistance as we can, looking to their mental and moral rehabilitation.

" Coming back to our own Order, we find that Masons are not satisfied with the divine truths inculcated in the symbolic degrees; but that they wish to wear the purple of the so-called ' higher bodies.' The Arabic Fez, coupled with a foolish street parade, brings more joy to the modern Mason than all the beauties of the third obligation; and the resurrection of the body pales into insignificance when compared to the alcoholic elevation of the soul. And although we are taught that it is decidedly unmasonic to solicit candidates, yet we find a large number of those ' elevated ' gentry going about the state, openly and notoriously begging men to join; and I have no hesitancy in asserting that ninety per cent. of the Knights Templar, Shriners and 32nd degree Scottish Rite Masons are unable to repeat the obligation of the Master's degree as it is taught by the Grand Lecturers.

" I am not here to condemn these orders or claim there is no virtue in them, I have taken all these degrees, and they are good in their way, but I do claim that Masons should learn their letters before they attempt to read. Give me the old fashioned Mason who has heard of these things, but never sought them; who believes in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man as the MUD-SILL of Masonry; who extends the hand of true friendship unadorned by the gauntlet of the Templar; who bows his head in the presence of his Maker, free from Fez or other ornament; who does not believe that a uniform will gain him a passport to the gates of the Great Beyond. We are getting away from the ancient landmarks and it may be well for us to remember that Masonry after all, is now and ever shall be, the exemplification of the principles of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love."

He reported having constituted the five lodges chartered at the last session; that he had given dispensations for the formation of five new ones, and had words of praise for both the Masonic Service Association and the Washington Memorial.

He advocated a modification of the law regarding physical disqualification, and later on in the session an amendment was submitted which would permit a candidate to receive the degrees, " provided he can by artificial means, comply with the provisions of paragraph (1) hereof."

Because of a disgraceful performance after the close of a lodge meeting, he suspended the Master and several of the officers of one of the lodges, and the Grand Lodge sustained him in having done so.

He recommended that some attractive mountain resort be purchased by the Grand Lodge and fitted up as a place where the brethren might go for a time in summer, rest and enjoy themselves with their families, and at the same time attend lectures by well-informed brethren under the supervision of the Grand Lecturer. A special committee considered the plan but were unable to unite on a definite course for action.

The cash balance of the Grand Treasurer was \$11,437.30. The financial transactions of his office for the year were over \$70,000.00.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed that twenty-one lodges had failed to make returns.

This Grand Lodge maintained an Army Lodge during the war, and the settling up of its affairs, like completion of the degrees on candidates who had received only one or two, adjustment of fees, etc., forms an interesting part of the report of the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Orator gave an address which is printed in full.

The detailed reports of the three Masonic Homes occupies a considerable portion of the printed proceedings.

A resolution was adopted which provides that every candidate must pass a satisfactory examination as to proficiency in the third degree before he can be permitted to sign the by-laws and become a member of the lodge.

Another was adopted recommending the formation of a District Deputy Grand Masters' Association, for mutual study and improvement.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was advanced from \$2,400.00 to \$3,600.00 per annum.

A resolution was presented looking to recognition of the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of France, but after a lengthy discussion, the whole matter was referred to a special committee to investigate the conditions and report at the next Annual Communication.

There is no Report on Correspondence though there is a committee of which Bro. Marshal D. Haywood, whom we know to be a most capable and instructive Masonic writer, is chairman.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1920.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Communication at Fargo, June 15th, 16th and 17th.

Number of lodges, 120; number in membership, 12,325. Cash assets, \$30,114.46.

Ten Past Grand Masters in attendance. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

R. W. Everts C. Stevens, Past Grand Treasurer, then nearing his ninetyeth birthday, was received with special honors.

M. W. Arvil P. Lenhart, Grand Master, early in his address makes this statement:

"Good citizenship is good Masonry. Justice and the square deal are good Masonic principles. Masonic ideals should be carried outside the walls of the lodge into our lives as citizens of the world. Good-will among men needs to be organized. Every Masonic lodge should be a training school for community work, for state welfare, for national prosperity and for world brotherhood."

He reported having started three new lodges working under dispensation, and having constituted the one chartered at the preceeding session.

The call for special dispensations, he reports having been much less than during the war period; but among those granted was one permitting a lodge to march in full regalia in a patriotic parade, and in defending the action he said, "it being my thought that Masonry should on all occasions testify publicly to its loyalty to country and its faith in what America stands for."

He recommended that the Grand Lodge place permanent markers upon certain historic Masonic spots, citing in particular the place near Bismark where the first Masonic funeral was ever conducted within the present state of North Dakota. Others were old buildings where Masonry was first established in the small camps in the pioneer days.

His recommendation that all Past Masters be permanent members of the Grand Lodge, will bare a whole lot of careful consideration before adoption. In a small jurisdiction, one that will always be small, it may be of advantage to that every elected Master become a permanent member, but in a jurisdiction that is liable to thus increase the membership of the Grand Lodge over one hundred every year might in a very few years result in a Grand Body so large as to be rather bothersome.

He does make a very wise recommendation in asking that a limit be placed on the number of candidates a lodge may confer the degrees upon at one time. Now, in that state, there appears to be no limit, and many lodges during the year have had "classes" ranging from ten to thirty or even forty, all obligated at once. He well says, "It is cheapening Masonry fast and reducing it to a commercial basis where there is a mad scramble to confer degrees rather than to make Masons and impress candidates with the serious purposes of Masonry."

He recommended also that the minimum fee for the degrees be increased from \$40.00 to \$60.00, and that a maximum fee be established so that no lodge, by making excessive fees, might become "a rich man's club."

This Grand Lodge makes a great feature of its library and maintains traveling libraries for the benefit of the subordinate lodges. During the year thirty-two lodges were favored with these traveling books of Masonic information, and more desired them but were unable to get them.

North Dakota was one of the few Grand Lodges that had an "Army Lodge" working under dispensation in France. The report of the activities of this lodge occupies several pages.

The ritual had been revised by a special committee during the year, and one whole afternoon was taken up by their report and the discussion

that followed. In the evening of that day, it is recorded a local lodge worked the second and third sections of the Master Mason degree, and that, "the presentation of this work with the scenery and other stage settings was entirely new to many of the brethren."

After the report of the Committee on Credentials, the motion prevailed "that the statutory fine of \$10.00 be imposed upon all lodges unrepresented without good and sufficient excuse."

The per diem was increased one dollar a day.

The minimum fee for the degrees was fixed at \$50.00; the minimum lodge dues at \$5.00, and the maximum dues at \$10.00. The per capita was increased from seventy-five cents to one dollar, five cents of which was to go to the U. S. Masonic Service Association.

The By-laws were amended revoking the provision that thirty years of continuous membership in good standing made one an honorary life member of his lodge.

From the long report of the Committee on Patriotic Service, we quote two of the several resolutions adopted:

"That this government is based upon a loyal and intelligent citizenship, and therefore it must control the agencies which train that citizenship, i. e., the elementary public school. To do this most effectively it is necessary that the English language as spoken by Americans be the sole medium of instruction in that school.

"We much prefer the elimination of the private and parochial elementary schools, since one makes for class distinction and the other for religious intolerance; but if such elimination is found inexpedient at this time, we recommend that such schools be under the close supervision of the public school officials of the state and nation, and that they be compelled to maintain the same standards required of the public schools."

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence by M. W. Grant S. Hager, contains very brief mention of our 1919 session.

We have received notice of the death of M. W. John A. Percival, Grand Master in 1899 and 1900; also that of M. W. Robert Morrison, Grand Master in 1911 and 1912.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1920.

Fifty-fifth Annual Communication held in Yarmouth, June 9, 1920.

Number of lodges, 77; membership, 8,133; gain, 678.

Eleven Grand Representatives present; ours absent.

Nova Scotia has only four living Past Grand Masters and but one was present. Letters and telegrams were received from the others. A pathetic incident was the reading of greetings from Past Senior Grand Warden, Joseph R. Bennet, followed immediately by a telegram announcing his death.

So soon as the Grand Lodge was opened and the preliminaries cared for a procession was formed and marched to the Holy Trinity Church where an eloquent sermon was preached by the Grand Chaplain, Wilfred Bradbury.

The address of Grand Master George D. Macdougall, dealt almost entirely with matters of local interest. He had received applications praying for the restoration of the charters of two lodges. The Grand Master concluded:

"As the charters of these lodges were surrendered twenty-five (25) and twenty-three (23) years ago, respectively, I felt constrained to consider these applications on the same footing as ones for a new lodge. The formalities required have been complied with. There have been issued dispensations empowering these lodges named and situate as above, to meet until this communication."

Later Grand Lodge voted to restore the charters as there was promise of the lodges being properly sustained.

Grand Master Macdougall "sincerely regretted" his inability to visit as he had planned, but as he had visited twenty-nine lodges (some of them twice) we think he did pretty well.

He made many decisions, mostly of local or transient application, and nearly all were agreed to by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and in three instances the opinion of the Grand Master was confirmed by Grand Lodge and that of the committee reversed. It was agreed a petition could not be received from a soldier who had lost his right arm above the elbow, but the loss of a foot above the ankle (an artificial foot have been supplied) was no bar.

A long list of dispensations is reported, all being satisfactory to those who reviewed them. Some would not go in Maine, but laws differ.

Much space is properly given to the reports on the Freemasons' Home, and so near as we can learn the "guests" averaged less than twenty for the year, the cost being \$8,328.64, exclusive of \$2,500 for unusual repairs. A special committee is trying to raise an endowment fund of \$150,000; so far about \$60,000 has been obtained.

It was decided to raise the minimum fees for the degrees from \$25.00 to \$30.00; \$15.00 to accompany the petition; \$5.00 to be paid to the Grand Lodge for maintenance of the Masonic Home.

There is what is known as the Nova Scotia Lodge of Research which is in effect a committee to look after the history of the Grand and subordinate lodges and arouse interest in the study of the Institution and its activities.

Brother James C. Jones, Grand Secretary, presents his Sixth Report of Correspondence, and gives the brethren 180 pages of Masonic information. Maine, for 1919, gets three pages, and Brother Jones takes issue with some of the findings of the members of the committee which reported on French Masonry, but is very well satisfied that Maine as Nova Scotia decided that for the present at least it will not be recognized.

OREGON, 1920.

The Seventieth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 148. Twenty-seven not represented. Number in membership, 18,832; a gain of 1,563. Cash assets, \$51,209.21.

Twelve Past Grand Masters in attendance. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

There were several distinguished guests including Past Grand Masters of Washington, Idaho and Montana. But why do they given them the title of "R. W." In this part of the country a Grand Master or a Past Grand Master is always entitled to "Most Worshipful."

M. W. Grand Master Earl C. Bronaugh, in opening his address sounded this note of warning: "Danger lurks in this feverish activity. The ceaseless round of degree work is leaving no time or opportunity for the greater things of Masonry. Can we properly assimilate this sudden accession to our numbers? And how are we going to do it? May the time speedily come when we shall settle down to a normal basis and have time to consider the beauties of speculative Masonry."

He rendered seven decisions, but in two of them he was a bit inconsistent, for in one he ruled that "One who has lost the last three fingers of his right hand is not eligible for the degrees, as he does not possess the physical ability to conform substantially to and be instructed in, and give instruction in, the arts and mysteries of Freemasonry." In the other he says, "One whose left hand is off at the wrist is not thereby disqualified to receive the degrees. As Masons, 'we are speculative only,' and in my opinion one maimed to such an extent is not incapable of conforming substantially to the arts and mysteries."

Two lodges had been constituted; three new ones set at work under dispensation; two halls dedicated, and two corner stones laid.

The Grand Lodge Librarian made a most unusual and rather surprising report concerning the files of proceedings of other Grand Lodges:

"There are about three thousand volumes of said books, which have been accumulating for the past forty years. These books are of no use to this Grand Lodge. They are seldom, if ever, referred to after the second year of their publication, and are a constant expense for their preservation.

"I would ask that the Grand Lodge recommend some disposition of these books."

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Vienna, and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, was postponed.

A proposal to withdraw membership in the Masonic Service Association was the subject of a lively discussion, and it was finally decided by a small majority, to accept the report of the committee recommending that the membership of this Grand Lodge be continued for another year.

The Grand Orator gave an address on the subject, "Masonry, and the Spirit of the Age," which is printed in full. It is well worth reading.]

The following was adopted:

"We, your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address referring to the physical qualification for membership, respectfully report that we believe a candidate, otherwise eligible, may be admitted to membership despite injuries or losses to limb or limbs, so long as he is able to comply, naturally or artificially, with the requirements of initiation in the conferring of the several degrees."

The Report on Correspondence is by David P. Mason, P. G. M., and covers 198 closely printed pages. He reports existing conditions and

doings without comment, and makes many quotations. In his opening however, he gives strong personal endorsement to the Masonic Service Association.

Maine has about three pages with long quotations from the address of Grand Master Adams.

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Edward Elmer Kiddle, Grand Master in 1908 and 1909. M. W. Brother Kiddle had also served at the head of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Grand Commandery.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1920.

Fourteenth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 143; number in membership, 10,174. Cash on hand, \$6,307.31.

Six Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

Twenty pages are given to the address of the Grand Master in which he gives in detail an account of his official acts. We quote:

"Freemasonry today is not fulfilling its proper function in the mere conferring of degrees. When a brother has been made a Master Mason the duty of our institution toward him has just begun. He has as yet had no opportunity to get any actual conception of what Freemasonry really is, what it stands for or what are its aims. For him our ceremonies and our work require to be interpreted or translated into modern terms so that their usefulness may be revealed and then by a broader and deeper understanding of the principles disclosed by such interpretation he may be fitted to work effectively for civic righteousness and the uplift of his fellowmen.

"Would not our lodges be doing something worth while if by an intelligent interpretation of their work they taught our brethren that the only common foundation upon which the civil government of all nations can safely rest is a belief in God; that a mutual recognition of our duty toward our fellowmen rather than our individual rights as against the rights of others should be the basis upon which the ideals of government should be re-cast; that 'something accomplished, something done' is the only means of combatting destructive agencies that seek to undermine and destroy free institutions and that every individual Mason to be true to himself must apply in a positive, practical way, the principles of the Craft to his activities in life, social, business or otherwise."

Charters were issued to five new lodges; four others were continued under dispensation; and dispensations were issued for twelve others.

We quote from the Committee on the Condition of Masonry:

"There are many social problems engaging the interest of all classes. Has Masonry as a body done anything or attempted to do anything toward their solution and adjustment?"

"In short, is Masonry a living reality, or is it shirking the duties and responsibilities which its Ancient Landmarks and every precept inculcated in its teachings set forth as belonging to it?"

"We are told that to be a good Mason is to be a good citizen, and now, more than at any other time, to be a good citizen, one cannot, like Nero 'fiddle while Rome burns!'"

No report on Correspondence.

We have received notice of the death on May 19, 1921, of M. W. Edward Lindsey Elwood, the presiding Grand Master of Masons in Saskatchewan. His funeral was conducted by the Grand Lodge on May 21st, and was attended by more than seven hundred brethren. In 1913, he was made supreme judge and in 1918 a judge of the Court of Appeals of his Province.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1919.

The One Hundred and Eighty-third Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 275; number in membership, 21,723. Cash on hand, \$32,178.32.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present; two hundred and sixty lodges represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In his address, the Grand Master announced the death of three members of the Grand Lodge: M. W. Bro. William M. Whitehead, Past Grand Master, who died February 10, 1919; R. W. Bro. Benj. E. Nicholson, Junior Grand Warden, who died January 13, 1919; and W. Bro. J. P. Duckett, Senior Grand Deacon, who died October 10, 1919.

Speaking of the great influx of members to our membership, he says:

"The true Mason is not made at sight, nor can this great Order, which with the wisdom of the ages, assumes to teach man's duty to God, his Country, his neighbor, and self, dismiss the neophyte, of a few hours or days, as an accomplished Freemason. Much patience, reflection, study and experience are necessary. The ritual, itself, is but the shadow of the cohesive mass of fundamental truths embraced in Masonic teachings, and to say that a candidate is proficient and entitled to advancement merely because he has mentally mastered its language, is to substitute the shadow for the substance, and the forms and ceremonies for the truths."

"The numerical size of lodges is now a serious problem in many Grand Jurisdictions. My personal view is that a lodge should be limited in the number of members. It is impossible, in a lodge with many hundred members, to expect that close fellowship, brotherly touch and sympathy which should exist between members of the same lodge, and, except for that general brotherly feeling which obtains among all Masons, such a lodge becomes, merely, a society of friends and acquaintances — if, indeed, all are friends!"

In regard to their relations to Grand Lodge of France and Italy, he says:

"At the last Annual Communication the Grand Master was authorized, with certain reservations, to extend fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of France and Grand Orient of Italy. While this action was in entire accord with my view as to what our relations should be with these Grand Bodies if the information we had at that time as to their practices was correct, I felt, from the discussions, that a majority of the Grand Lodge would prefer a thorough investigation before action was taken. So far, nothing in my investigations would change the information on which this action was based, but, as opportunity for thorough investigation has been lacking, I have delayed formal recognition and leave the matter to my successor."

He reported that the per capita assessment for the work of the War Relief Board amounted to about \$17,000, and he recommended that the Board be continued, and their powers be so enlarged as to enable it to care for the further obligations arising from the membership in the Masonic Service Association. In this connection he reviews the work of the Association and quotes their constitution and by-laws.

Three new lodges had been constituted, and he had granted dispensations for five new lodges.

Some twenty-five pages are given up to his decisions, or "opinions" as he terms them.

* He had arrested a charter of one lodge that had initiated a candidate who was physically disqualified, and for initiating a candidate to the E.A. who had not been ballotted for.

Bro. J. L. Michie submitted his Tenth Annual Review of Proceedings. It is so full of good things we wish we might have space for many quotations. He approves of our method of aiding those dependent on us and is quite opposed to the Masonic Home idea, under California he says:

"True, my Brother; contentment and happiness is a goal difficult of realization. But how can we expect an old man to be happily and contented if you take him away from lifelong friends and environs and place him amid new scenes, surrounding him with utter strangers, where he has to go to bed, rise, exercise, all at stated hours, probably at the sound of a bell, like convicts in a penitentiary?"

Again under Kentucky he says:

"Try the Private Aid Plan, and don't let the widow's acquaintances know anything about it."

Again, under New Jersey:

"How much better it would be to support these aged Brethren in the homes they 'knew in their younger and more prosperous years,' than to place them where they are constantly reminded 'that they are,' to use the Committee's own words, 'the inmates of an institution, and necessarily subject to its very reasonable rules.' Ay, everywhere they turn, everything they see, everything they hear, reminds them of that fact, the fact that they are inmates of an institution and objects of charity, where, to use Grand Master Rorick's words, 'they are preparing to die.' What a prospect for the evening of one's life!"

Maine is fraternally reviewed. Commenting on the Grand Master's address, he says:

"Several times he ruled that his lodges could not contribute to the funds of the Red Cross, as such procedure 'was not strictly and exclusively Masonic.' Yet we find in the Grand Treasurer's report an item of \$22.00 for 'dinners for exemplifying lodge.' What! Could this be called 'distinctly and exclusively Masonic?'"

We reply, Yes. The officers of a lodge thirty-eight miles away came at the request of the Grand Lecturer because of his knowledge of their skill, to exemplify the work of the Master Mason degree for the benefit of over 300 representatives from lodges all over the state. They had paid their railroad fares themselves, and the Grand Lodge did extend the courtesy of sending them to a hotel for dinner.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1920.

The Forty-sixth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 150; number in membership, 14,628. Cash on hand, \$12,715.97. Invested permanent fund, \$65,500.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters present; ninety-eight lodges represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The Grand Master, in his address, pays tribute to those who had answered the call of the Supreme Architect during the year; reported the constitution of two new lodges that were voted charters at the last Annual Communication; and the granting of one dispensation for a new lodge. He had granted eight dispensations for the following purposes: For the election of a Worshipful Master, for installation of officers, and for a lodge to attend church on Easter Sunday. He had refused eight applications for dispensation to confer degrees out of time and had granted five for the same purpose. He had rendered four decisions all of which were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Under the caption "Public Schools," he has the following to say:

"We are fortunate in that we live under a government founded upon the principles so dear to our Order, so that patriotism becomes a pleasant Masonic duty. The power of this government being vested in its citizens, education becomes the hope of the country, for upon the intelligence of the people depends the perpetuity of our institutions.

"Our Order can not prosper where ignorance prevails, therefore, it is a Masonic, as well as a patriotic duty of every Mason to support to the extent of his ability the common schools of our land. Let us do so then, not casually, but earnestly and energetically, every day in the month and every month in the year."

Speaking of the organization of the Masonic Service Association, he says:

"I confidently believe that there was there provided one of the most extensive avenues for Masonic endeavor the Order has ever known and that through it we will be fully able to convince the world of our good intentions."

A diagram is inserted outlining the scheme of work of the Association, also a picture of those who attended the 1919 annual meeting.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence by Bro. Chas. L. Brockway is short. He does not review the reports of the Grand Jurisdictions, but touches only on certain subjects which seem to him to be of special interest at this time. Under such he considered "the need of the 'Study of Masonry,'" the question limiting the size of subordinate lodges; the supervision of the subordinate lodges by the Grand Lodge; benevolences; and "physical qualifications."

We quote from here and there a sentence.

"If, as seems to be admitted on all sides, we are fallen on strenuous times, and if, as we claim, Masonry has an important part to play in the work of reconstruction, it would seem as though everybody concerned the Master, the Lodge and the Grand Lodge cannot be too diligent or insistent upon bringing every member into line for the work in hand.

"Numbers will not count for much, if when the gavel falls announcing that the lodge is closed, each brother goes out intent only upon his own immediate concerns.

"If Masonry stands for anything that is worth while just at this juncture, it is the dignity and glory of honest toil."

A list of those who served in the World War is given, also the proceedings of the Veterans' Association.

We have received notification of the death of M. W. Charles Hill, Grand Master of South Dakota in 1901.

TEXAS, 1920.

The Eighty-fifth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 891; number in membership, 94,218. Cash on hand, \$27,245.11.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present; 464 lodges represented. Maine's Representative was present.

The Grand Master's Address covers seventy pages and is an exhaustive report, giving in detail all the affairs of his office, much of which is of interest to his own jurisdiction only.

He pays loving tribute to Past Grand Master Walter Acker who was born January 14, 1874, and died April 15, 1920. He was the Superintendent of the Masonic Home at the time of his death. He also speaks of the passing of three of the District Deputy Grand Masters and of more than a thousand of the brotherhood who have crossed the Great Divide.

He calls attention of the Grand Lodge to the condition of Masonic affairs in Mexico, George Washington's "Masonic Birthday," George Washington Memorial Association, the Masonic Service Association, and many other matters which he desired considered by the Grand Lodge.

Ten lodges had been constituted during the year. He had granted five dispensations for new lodges and had refused six. He had granted many dispensations for the purposes of installing officers, laying of corner stones, and seven to confer degrees out of time. He reports thirty decisions rendered by him. Most of them were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, but eight of them are reviewed by them, and are of interest.

In one he held:

"That a protest telegraphed by one brother to another, to be by him delivered to the Worshipful Master of the lodge, is not legal or effective, and that such an act is in violation of a Masonic Statute, and will subject the protestant to discipline therefor."

The Committee report as follows:

"While we doubt the propriety of any Mason telegraphing a protest to the Worshipful Master, and would discourage such method of making known a protest, we can not agree that it should not be recognized by the Worshipful Master and be efficacious in rejecting an applicant for a degree. A protest may or may not be in writing, and while a telegram might lift the veil of secrecy from the protest, still it might be better

to do this than to permit an unworthy man to be initiated or advanced. Matters of the gravest moment and importance to nations, as well as individuals, are communicated by wire, and in a case of grave necessity we can see no reason why a protest in the interest of Freemasonry should not be communicated in that way. The method should not be resorted to except in very extreme cases, and then efforts should be made to hide from those handling the message, its design."

In another he held:

"That it is permissible for a lodge to conduct degree work in two rooms within its lodge building at one and the same time; provided, these rooms are adjoining each other; and, provided also, that each room is properly tiled; and that either the Worshipful Master or one of the Wardens, or a Past Master of the lodge is in supervision of the work going on in each of the rooms; and, provided further, that the work engaged in must be of the same degree in each of the rooms.

The Committee have the following to say:

"In his seventeenth decision the Grand Master held that it is permissible for a subordinate lodge to conduct degree work in two rooms within its lodge building at one and the same time, provided these rooms are adjoining each other, in other words the Lodge can divide itself into two parts, one part operating in one room and the other in another room. Contiguity of the rooms would not alter the proposition that two independent bodies are operating. A lodge is an entity, one and indivisible, and that entity will be destroyed and the beauty of the lodge marred, if a division of its powers and authority is countenanced. If degrees can be conferred in two rooms, they might be conferred in twenty rooms. The lodge can be in only one place at one and the same time and is incapable of deputing its authority to some other organization in some other locality. The fiction can not be indulged in that the lodge is all over the building in which it is located, and has the power and ability to perform its duties at one and the same time in every room or apartment. We understand the mad rush that has been going on for several years, especially in the larger cities, for profanes to enter the portals of Freemasonry, and the rivalry that has sprung up among lodges to out-strip one another in members, but Masonry needs no such growth. It is no mushroom organization, but is built for the centuries, and should have no material except the best, selected in the approved way and placed in the edifice in the ancient and accepted manner."

We quote one other:

"Held that a brother doing any public canvassing for, or against, the admission of a candidate into our Order whose petition is on file in the lodge, should be admonished against such action, and that persisting in this line of conduct after being so admonished, will subject the offending brother to discipline in the lodge."

The Committee report as follows:

"Admonishing a brother, as to his conduct in publicly canvassing for or against the admission of a candidate into Masonry, is a milder punishment than his inexcusable conduct merits. Such conduct is reprehensible in the extreme and adequate punishment for it should be inflicted by the lodge."

We quote from his conclusion:

"Within the hallowed precincts of our nine hundred prosperous lodges, there has been no element of discord of a serious nature to impede our progress as we have labored together in the discharge of our Masonic

duties. While certain powers within our land and country are busy in an untiring effort to demoralize and overthrow our institution, and fanatical partisans are forsaking their legitimate calling to engage in a warfare against it, they have succeeded only in creating dissension among themselves and thereby destroying their influence for good, while we observe the Masonic Fraternity in concerted action, unaffected by any outside disturbance, pursuing the even tenor of its way, uniting men of every country, sect and opinion, upon the superior maxim of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. But nevertheless my brethren, let us not harbor the delusion too apt to find favor in our hearts and minds, that Freemasonry is a huge, self-acting machine, set in motion by our forefathers, and with power to discharge its important functions independent of our interest and concern. On the contrary, let us feel and respond to, that sense of individual responsibility which actuated the workmen who rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem, and in the performance of which each one labored faithfully on his appointed section, indifferent to outside criticism or interference, and regardless of how his nearest fellow-laborer discharged his duty. And when each individual task was completed, behold, a united and impregnable wall encompassed the city round about, while a feeling of confidence and security prevailed within. The King of Sparta, when asked how he protected his unwall'd city from outside assaults, proudly pointed to his army and replied: 'These are my walls, every soldier is a stone.' And so, in the structure of our moral and spiritual edifice should each of our members be a living stone, a perfect ashler, securely and firmly fixed, and strong and useful in his designated sphere."

The Grand Secretary has had a busy year, here is one item from his report:

"Talk about cards, we have written a little over 900,000 cards. We have checked records and written cards until we all feel and believe we look like cards."

The list of the membership of the subordinate lodges takes over six hundred and sixty pages of the book, and looks to us like a needless expense.

The salary of the Grand Secretary is made \$4,800 with an allowance of \$1,400 for a stenographer.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. S. M. Bradley, and covers the review of sixty jurisdictions, many of them for more than one year. He also gives a table of statistics of the membership in the several Grand Lodges of the United States and other countries. He also gives a list of the Grand Lodges which maintain Homes for Aged Masons and the dependent widows and orphans.

He gives the totals for the United States as 15,301 lodges with a membership of 2,225,473. Other American Grand Lodges 1,132 with a membership 123,692; other English speaking Grand Lodges 5,980, with a membership of 425,260; total membership of English speaking Grand Lodges, 2,772,612.

Thirty-one of the Grand Lodges of the United States provide homes for the aged and infirm Masons, their dependent widows and orphans. The amount of money invested in the United States in Masonic Homes is more than \$15,000,000. Eighteen Grand Lodges do not maintain homes.

On the growth of Masonry, he has the following to say:

"Are we drifting towards the Rocks of Danger? Time only can tell.

"Too many candidates use the Blue Lodge only as step-ladder to the so-called 'Higher Degrees.' Before they have had time to absorb and to assimilate the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, as taught and

exemplified in the three degrees and make these principles a part of their moral fiber, they want to go 'higher,' so that they can wear a chapeau and rattle a sword; and, still 'higher,' where they can wear a fez and look like a Turkish Pasha.

"The result is too much vest-pocket Masonry; too many carry the proof of their Masonry in their vest pockets, in the form of identification cards. Too many officers of lodges do not see any 'work' to be done, except to manufacture half-baked Masons; too many lodges are only degree factories, and where there is so much grist, there is certain to be a large per cent. of chaff. What is needed in Masonry at this critical time is not more 'work' and 'higher' degrees, but more 'light' to see and to understand the higher purposes and the unselfish mission of Freemasonry. Let us be vigilant; let us guard well the outer door and see that none are admitted within our portals except those who are *duly qualified*.

"Let us always bear in mind that *quality* is worth more than *quantity*."

We are taking too much space for this very interesting report, we must stop. He gives a full and very kindly review of Maine for both 1919 and 1920.

UTAH, 1921.

Fiftieth Annual Communication held in Salt Lake City, January 18th.

Twenty-four lodges (three U. D.); membership, 3,690; gain, 669.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters, forty-one Grand Representatives (E. S. Corfman for Maine) and three representatives from each of the lodges of the jurisdiction were recorded. A splendid showing.

Immediately after the preliminaries the Grand Master introduced W. Edgar A. Rogers, Grand Orator, who addressed the Craft on "Fundamentals of Freemasonry." Grand Master James L. Catron then delivered an address of thirteen pages of business review. One lodge had been constituted and three erected under dispensation.

The brethren of one of the lodges U. D. had rebuilt and refurnished a hall "second to none in the jurisdiction" and the Grand Master had dedicated it. All the labor and materials were donated. No doubt about the earnestness of the craft in that locality.

The members of another lodge had planned for a dedication, but as the lodge room was to be used jointly by other secret orders the Code would not permit of its dedication so a house warming was held instead.

The Grand Lodge had been providing a donation each year for a Past Grand Master but by oversight it was not voted in 1920 so the Grand Master took upon himself to order it paid over as usual and Grand Lodge felt he had done just right.

He reported Utah had completed the subscription to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, being the first to finish the drive.

He had attended the meetings of the Masonic Service Association and was impressed with the plans of the promoters. Grand Lodge was so well satisfied with the proposed aims that membership was continued.

An unusual and unpleasant duty was performed when the Grand Master arrested the charter of one of the lodges for "insubordination and failing

to carry out a direct order of the Grand Master." He felt the lodge had been sufficiently punished and recommended the charter be returned in which Grand Lodge concurred.

It coming to the notice of the Jurisprudence Committee that members sometimes indulged in smoking tobacco while work was being done it was wisely

"*Resolved*, That the Masters and Wardens of the several lodges in this jurisdiction are hereby directed to prohibit smoking in the lodge rooms during regular and special meetings, and all times while the lodge is engaged in Masonic work."

An effort was made to limit the number of members in any lodge to five hundred, but the plan was defeated.

Another proposition was that "an adverse report by the Committee on Investigation, or any Member thereof, shall constitute a rejection of the petition, and no ballot shall be taken upon such petition," but was wisely rejected.

Still another effort to reduce acceptance of many applicants was to legislate against the working of more than a certain number of degrees by any lodge, and that, too, was defeated.

Feeling the need of a new ritual for funerals a special committee presented the result of their labors. The ritual was exemplified and proved satisfactory. The reasons for changes are found in the statement of the Board of Custodians:

"In general the draft of the proposed funeral ritual herewith transmitted differs from the funeral ritual now in use in the following particulars: the directions and instructions relative to Masonic funerals have been amended and altered in a few details; the service in the lodge room is practically unchanged; the service in the church or other public place has been entirely revised and lengthened with a particular view to putting more of the element of consolation and sympathy into the service; the service at the grave has been not only shortened but simplified and an effort has been made to avoid the use of words and expressions that would tend to emphasize grief. This, the Board understands, has been the most serious criticism of the present ritual. The optional portions of the service at the grave and the portions relating to cremation have been entirely omitted."

Among the resolutions adopted was:

"*Resolved*, That we recognize and proclaim our belief in the free and compulsory education of the children of our nation in public primary schools, supported by public taxation, upon which all children shall attend and be instructed in the English language only without regard to race or creed as the only sure foundation for the perpetuation and preservation of our free institutions, guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, and we pledge the efforts of the membership of the Order to promote by all lawful means the organization, extension and development to the highest degree of such schools, and to oppose the efforts of any and all who seek to limit, curtail, hinder or destroy the public school system of our land."

From the wording of the above we understand it is left for the individual members to exercise their personal influence to the desired end.

Past Grand Master Sam Henry Goodwin presents a Correspondence Report of one hundred twenty-four pages and in his Foreword recites some of the conditions as he finds them and concludes:

"Our own appraisal of results is that Masonry, on the whole, is moving forward toward a broader and more efficient service — is really seeking to coin profession and principle into worth-while action."

Brother Goodwin jumps right into the fray when commenting on the Alabama "Declaration of Masonic Faith," and shows the courage of his convictions. We cannot but feel, however, he weakens his position when he states members of the dominant (Mormon) church are excluded from all lodges.

Brother Goodwin is certainly strong for the Masonic Service Association and loses no opportunity to express his appreciation of its aims and the error of those who fail to see it in the same light. He is pretty sure French Masonry should be recognized by all fair-minded Grand Lodges and declares nearly all opposition comes from misrepresentation and ignorance.

Maine, for 1920, receives generous attention and he quotes from Grand Master Adams' address with satisfaction. Regarding the statement lodge funds are held for two specific purposes, viz., the necessary expenses of the lodge and for charitable purposes, he further comments:

"The laws of a Jurisdiction are, of course, its own affair, but this fact, we assume, does not lift them to a plane above criticism, although some writers appear to take that position. This might be the case, if in fact, as practically in theory, each Grand Lodge was an entity absolutely independent of all others. But such, of course, is not the case. Of Grand Lodges, as of individuals, the principle holds that 'None of us liveth to himself alone.' What one or more bodies may do, helps to determine usage and the consensus of opinion — powerful factors both, we must all admit."

True, in a measure, but that all Grand Jurisdictions do not see matters in the same light is one good reason against a General Grand Lodge, which Brother Goodwin apparently thinks might be a good thing, thereby eliminating any variation in laws and customs, probably all right if the perfect ones were preserved and the questionable ones discarded — but who would select?

VERMONT, 1920.

The One Hundred Twenty-seventh Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 103; number in membership, 15,992. Cash on hand \$3,369.14.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present; seventy-seven lodges represented. We find no answer to our query of last year in regard to Maine's representative. We carry on our table the name of Bro. William B. Vinton of Brattleboro.

The address of the Grand Master is a brief statement of his official acts. He speaks of the rapid increase in membership and thinks there has been no lowering of the standards for the sake of the increase in numbers. He had granted eleven dispensations during the year but does not state for what purpose they were granted.

He speaks at some length in regard to the Masonic Service Association and recommends that the matter be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and in their report we read:

"It is the belief of your Committee that the War Emergency which alone could have justified the call for such an organization has passed. With the passing of the emergency there has passed also whatever need for such organization may have arisen from the emergency."

The Grand Master called attention to a History of Freemasonry in Vermont now being prepared by Past Grand Master Lee S. Tillotson.

Bro. Chas. H. Darling presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence written, as before, in topical form. He admits that this is not the popular form, but we consider it one of the best we have read. We wish we might quote more fully but can take only here and there a thought. He considers this the proper time to consider the old question, "WHENCE CAME WE AND WHITHER ARE WE TRAVELING?"

"Masonry cannot be brought back to its beginnings nor does anyone want it should be but many of its principles and many of the reasons which gave them birth are still living in the world. It started as a local order among the common people. Its center was in the local lodge. Its object was to make its votaries wiser, better and consequently happier in the days of simple knowledge when the people saw the rising and the setting sun, the waning and the crescent moon and watched the progress of the stars; when they learned from nature and from their occupation the points, lines, angles, curves and circles of geometry, they found and evolved therefrom a system of morals as plain, as simply, as inexorable as the laws of nature. Upon these truths they established their lodge and before the days of letters and of learning they taught these truths to one another. These principles entered into their conduct and governed the actions of every day life. Masonry probably did not spring forth Minerva-like full grown, but it developed with the ages and took on additional moral attributes as they developed with the people. The cardinal virtues: temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, they were taught to practice one with another. So charity came to be one of its leading objects. While the early charity demanded of Masons that they should give all their goods to feed the poor, its real significance refers to that broad toleration, to that charitable mind whereby our faults and foibles are overlooked and our better deeds and virtues are adorned in their brightest raiment. The notion among so many Masons that this work of charity is measured by the number of dollars given to the maintenance of Masonic homes or in aid of the poor, is entirely of modern origin and however praiseworthy such purposes may be, it shows a departure from the higher conception.

"The Lodge was the center of power and government and discipline. It was the center of life and the center of all Masonic activity. Here the business was transacted. The members met and received their instruction and here the work was done. The records were kept, the history of the individual was preserved, the fraternal spirit was cultivated, the desires, ambitions, and needs of the members were disclosed, their wants were supplied, their needs relieved and everything that is or ever was of Masonry was accomplished. So far as any good has ever come out of Masonry this is as true today as it was in the days of its creation. One of its strongest features and one that should never be lost sight of is its splendid democracy."

Again,

"If I mistake not the unsettled condition of the world today is largely among the masses. It is unnecessary to inquire why or to go into causes.

It is sufficient that the masses the world over are restless. Politically, religiously and economically the old restraints seem to have lost their force, and our experience with Germany would indicate that intelligence or knowledge or education brings no protection. I suspect that the tendency of education and educational institutions has been in the direction of classes and has fostered class feeling, and while in the past the educated belonged to a sort of an aristocracy, it has now reached into the masses where the effect of class hatred is more intense. Perhaps there is no more important subject pressing for solution than that of giving right direction to the education of the masses. The sectarian school has largely been abandoned; the teaching of morals has languished. The simple education of the youth toward the power of reasoning without giving proper direction to the thought or, what is worse, giving wrong direction to the thought is not a sufficient foundation upon which to build the future edifice. The absolute independence and separation of State and Church in this country has necessarily divorced education from religious and moral instruction in the public school and it must be remembered that this condition has grown up within the last one or two generations, previous to which the education of the youth was carried on in private schools. The average man is reluctant to fight for a moral or religious principle and many masons are opposed to insisting upon any form of belief as a prerequisite to admission to the order. This condition is reflected in the readiness with which many Grand Lodges made haste to recognize French Masonry without questioning its moral principles."

He reviews the work of the Fraternity overseas, and what lead up to the call for the forming of the Masonic Service Association. We feel that perhaps he is over zealous in defending the attitude of the Administration in Washington during the war, especially as relating to the Roman Catholic Church, but we agree with him when he says:

"We have very little doubt but that a majority of the Grand Masters and the Committees on Foreign Correspondence are opposed to a General Grand Lodge or to giving any impression that Masonry is an organization which seeks or recognizes any quarrel with the Roman Catholic Church and are opposed to mingling in politics or the affairs of government as a body or giving any impression that they are; and there are strong reasons why they should be opposed to the establishment of this association for it is already apparent that this association assumes to represent Freemasonry in the United States. The language of their Cedar Rapids resolutions arrogates that to itself."

Again from his conclusion:

"The time for an institution to look ahead for breakers is when it is prosperous. Masonry is growing rapidly. The year 1919 shows that the membership in the United States for the first time has passed the two million mark. This does not call for greater effort to swell the membership but rather a better selection of material. The sooner the leaders of Masonry settle down to abide by the ancient landmarks, the better. While it is founded upon universal principles, that does not mean that our gospel is confined to the Book of Numbers. Nor does universality mean that we must spread ourselves over the entire world, nor that we should attempt to establish Masonry in a soil not adapted to its growth. Whatever the annual proceedings may show the real strength of a Grand Lodge depends upon the loyalty and prosperity of the subordinate lodges and they in turn upon the individual members. The whole purpose of the Grand Lodge is to serve the craft; and the closer that it comes in touch with the craft, the better the service."

VIRGINIA, 1920.

The One Hundred and Forty-second Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 325; number in membership, 31,321. Cash on hand, \$1,506.50.

Ten Past Grand Masters present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The Grand Master's address covers mostly matters of a local character. He had granted forty-one dispensations, seventeen of them to lodges to make more than five entered apprentices at one communication; the others of a routine nature which he considered were in the interest of Masonry.

He concludes his address with these words:

"We cannot with certainty say — we can only conjecture — what has caused so many to seek the benefits of Masonry.

"They could judge of Masonry only from the lives of Masons. They knew nothing of our secrets, and but little of the principles inculcated by our Institution, and their spiritual, moral and Masonic growth is dependent upon us.

"We must teach them the principles of Masonry which are so impressively taught by our Ritual, not that they may repeat the Ritual like parrots, but that they may imbibe the great moral principles that Masonry teaches, and practice them in their daily lives. We must teach them that Masonry means love — love of God, love of our Country, love of our fellow man; that Masonry means service — service of God, service of Country, service of humanity; we must teach them that Masonry means charity, not alms-giving alone, but alms-giving with love. Alms-giving may aid the recipient, but charity enriches the giver.

"Masonry does not advertise, it needs no bureau of publicity, it publishes no propaganda. It is known and judged of by our fellow men by the lives of its devotees.

"It functions not as an organization, but exerts its influence on mankind through the individual Mason.

"Let us then endeavor to see that every man who calls himself a Mason, shall live and act as such."

Bro. Jos. W. Eggleston presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Florida he says:

"The war between good and evil is not over and never will be. We will always need the conservation of Masonry and trust in Masonry's God in that war. We will never succeed by yielding an inch. Recognizing so-called French Masonry, in which there is no God, is equivalent to an army destroying its own ammunition dumps. Bolshevism is Godless, and America's best weapon against it is its Masonry."

Maine is fraternally reviewed, he says:

"They forbade 'smoking or the appearance of smoking in the lodge, hall or in the preparation room, when in use.'

"Tobacco has been killing the writer for more than sixty years, but we approve the above.

"They re-elected that sick Grand Master, and we are glad that Virginia was presiding in the person of Past Grand Master Thomas H. Bodge when it was done. Bro. Bodge has been here and we adopt him."

Under New Mexico, he says in regard to French Masonry:

"The whole movement for recognition comes from the Scottish Rite and we defy anyone to find a prominent advocate of it who is not a Scottish

Rite Mason. Both of our American Supreme Councils are in close relations with France, and we are firmly convinced that all the cry for national Masonic union or General Grand Lodge is closely related to this movement. We also believe that the ultimate aim is to dominate and crush out York Rite Masonry. We of late meet many denials of the correctness of the term 'York Rite.' These are our own personal opinions through a Thirty-second Degree ourselves. We deeply deplore the discord and have predicted and feared it for years."

WASHINGTON, 1920.

The Sixty-third Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 213; number in membership, 28,617. Cash on hand, \$9,131.00.

Nineteen Past Grand Masters were present; two hundred and one lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was again absent.

In his address, the Grand Master refers to the phenomenal increase in membership and calls attention to the dangers that attend such a season of prosperity. He pays tribute to the memory of Bro. Ernest Lister, Governor of the State, at whose funeral he was called to preside on June 17th, 1919; also Past Grand Master, Royal A. Gove, who died January 21st, 1920, and Past Grand Master, Edward F. Waggoner, who died May 26, 1920.

He reported the constitution of two new lodges; the laying of corner stones of five new buildings; the dedication of three new temples; and the granting of dispensations for five new lodges.

At the last Annual Communication this Grand Lodge became a member of the Masonic Service Association. In ten pages of his address he gives a minute and exhaustive review of this Association; its objects, constitution, by-laws and history of its organization and closes with these words: "I do most earnestly recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to give the legal notice of our contemplated withdrawal, and that after the expiration of ninety days, from and after the close of this Communication, we withdraw from the Masonic Service Association of the United States, pay our assumed obligations and send no more representatives to its meetings."

This recommendation was referred to a special committee who concurred with the Grand Master. "The motion for the adoption of the report of the committee was then almost unanimously carried, after which a most remarkable demonstration of confidence and esteem was made by the Grand Lodge spontaneously rising and cheering the Grand Master."

Charters were issued to two new lodges and dispensations granted for six others.

The Grand Secretary's salary was made \$3,000 and that of the Assistant Grand Secretary \$2,100.

In a special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence we find the following:

"The time has come when, in the judgment of this Committee, some action should be taken by this Grand Lodge to limit the use of its degrees

as a basis for membership in other organizations. In the large centers few if any Master Masons are permitted to stop at that point and obtain any adequate knowledge of the Craft, its history, purposes and regulations, before they are solicited to 'advance.' Indeed in many cases they are solicited and their applications are written and signed for some of the so-called 'higher bodies' before they have completed their Blue Lodge degrees. Clubs, societies and other organizations organize 'teams' to exemplify the degrees as representing these other societies, and are advertised as a star attraction to gather a large attendance. As a usual thing these teams are through the minute they have conferred the second section of the Third Degree, and the candidate sees a dozen hear the lecture where there had formerly been a hundred.

"What can a candidate think of the sincerity of those who preach the wondrous beauty of the Blue Lodge until he begins to take the degrees and then hears nothing from them except the wonders which are yet to come?"

"Of course, we are to blame because we do not protect these new Masons. Perhaps we do not purposely degrade them or detract from them, but we do not positively exalt them. If we continue to permit our degrees to be merely a vehicle to carry the initiate on to the 'real thing,' we have no reason to complain at his lack of appreciation of them.

"Your Committee therefore feels that it is the positive duty of this Grand Lodge to protect the dignity, solemnity and importance of her degrees and the obligations upon which they are based; and he recommends that it be made a Masonic offense in this jurisdiction to solicit or propose a Master Mason for membership in any organization for which that standing is a qualification until such person shall have been a Master Mason for a period not less than one year."

Bro. Ralph C. McAllister presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Maine is fraternally reviewed.

Referring to the work of the Committee of Inquiry, under Nevada, he has the following to say:

"In our opinion the lodge should never be asked to vote without the facts before it. Everything that the Committee learns should be read to the lodge as a basis for its ballot. The names of the committee should not be read or disclosed in any way. We would be willing that they report to the Master and that he detach their names before reading the report, but the information should be laid before the lodge. The Investigating Committee is the most important committee in the lodge. On its faithfulness depends our security from the introduction of improper characters. Every effort should be made to urge and insist on a thorough investigation, and the lodge should have the benefit of it. This does not include a free discussion of the candidate, but the written report of the special investigators should be submitted. This committee is the real Tyler of the lodge."

WEST VIRGINIA, 1920.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 155; number in membership, 25,453; a gain of 2,573. Cash on hand, \$1,377.71.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present; the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master in his address, speaks of the wondrous prosperity and growth and speaks a word of warning about looking well to

the quality of the material offered; never to forget that our mission in the world is,

" 1. To make each initiate a perfect ashler."

" 2. To inculcate the practice of the tenets of our profession, brotherly love, relief and truth."

" 3. To discharge our obligation to society at large — in a word, to strive to make the world better."

He pays due respect to the dead; reports the granting of dispensation for two new lodges, and touches on many matters of local interest. He is not in favor of membership in the Masonic Service Association. He had called five special communications of the Grand Lodge; four for the constitution of new lodges and one for the laying of a corner stone. He declined to lay a corner stone on Sunday.

Charters were granted two new lodges, and dispensations were voted two others.

Bro. George W. Atkinson submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence. Under British Columbia he says:

" According to my way of thinking, he would have been nearer right had he condemned the practice of ciphers entirely as unmasonic and unnecessary. I never could understand how any Grand Lodge could tolerate the use of such innovations, or how they can reconcile them with their solemn obligations."

Speaking of French Masonry, under District of Columbia, he says:

" There were too much French politics and too little recognition of the American Bible in their Masonic practice for West Virginia Masons, at this time, to comfortably digest at a single dose. We feel very near to the French nation, because of our close relations in the war against Kaiserism; but we felt that it was safer to allow Masonic reforms to soak in a little deeper before we extended to them general fraternal recognition."

Three pages are given to a fraternal review of Maine for 1920. He states that M. W. Grand Master Adams was a Major of Artillery in the World War, we must correct this error, it was the son of the Grand Master who served in France. In speaking of our gain in membership, he says:

" 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 tremendous increased interest in the Fraternity."

Of the Masonic Service Association, he says:

" From the first I, speaking for myself only, was fearful that down in the belly of the movement was hidden and covered up, a General or Super-Grand Lodge for North America, which I have always opposed, and still oppose."

Notice has been received by the Committee of the death of M. W. Thomas Wilbur Hennen, Grand Master in 1915 and 1916. He was born, and had always lived, in Fairmont, and was at time of his death treasurer of a local savings bank.

WISCONSIN, 1920.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 286; number in membership, 38,651, a gain of 2,265. Cash on hand, \$119,328.46.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The Grand Master, in his address, strikes the nail square on the head in regard to many matters, we wish we might quote it in full. The first part is given to the condition in which we find ourselves in this "New Word Era," from which we quote:

"Twelve months have now passed into history as having been a year of great promise — and, although of enough performance to hold its place as a memorable one in the world's history, it has been a good deal like the precocious youth who won all the prizes at school and remained a promising young man all the rest of his career."

"Every now and then the world calls insistently for a revival of eternal faith. Great struggles and vicissitudes throw the entire world out of balance, and there comes among men and nations an ill-assorted spirit, a period of readjustment. There has been no great war since the beginning of time, that has not bred immorality, and thrown the ideals of men and women off their center. Nothing is of greater benefit in such feverish times as a revival of eternal ideals with character as the keystone.

"We, therefore, do not hesitate in the present period of unrest, when obviously there is something wrong with the ideals of many men and women, to plead for a real home-coming of character; that we may get our feet on the ground; recognize the goodness of our Creator in what he has done for our nation, and praise Him with a simple and unselfish spirit. A real old-fashioned resumption of character is the greatest need of the hour. Living up to the golden rule and bearing in mind our obligations, will help us in these days to solve the human problems which seem on every hand so big."

He had granted 119 dispensations, the majority were issued on behalf of returned soldiers, many of whom had petitioned their home lodges previous to entering the service, but were deprived of opportunity to receive the work while in the army, and who, on their return to civil life, were seeking new fields of activity.

He speaks at length on the Masonic Service Association, and in recommending that the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin do not affiliate with or officially recognize it says:

"A careful study of the reports and proceedings has failed to convince me that there is a need for an organization of this character."

His recommendation was approved.

He says, under Condition of the Craft:

"There are times when prosperity is the true test of character. The material prosperity of the Craft in Wisconsin is best evidenced by the large increase in membership as shown by the records in the Grand Secretary's office. As to whether or not this is a healthy growth, remains to be seen.

"The spirit of unrest permeating the world today, the tendency to relax from high standards, cannot but show their effects upon this great fraternity. Reports indicate, with but few exceptions, that every lodge in the state is buried under an avalanche of petitions; two, and sometimes

three and four meetings a day are being held in order to keep up with the work. Under such conditions, what is the inevitable result? Brethren, I fear that we are turning out machine-made and not hand-made Masons. How is it possible to properly instruct candidates under such conditions? Let me ask you Masters of Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction: How often during the past year have you read, or caused to be read in open lodge, that portion of the Constitution wherein is described what constitutes unmasonic conduct? Let us follow up and pay more attention to the newly made brother. It only take three months to make him a member, but it takes years to make him a Mason, especially if he is left to shift for himself and stray into forbidden paths.

"Character is to Masonry what the foundation is to the superstructure of a building; for upon the solidity of the foundation depends the life of the structure erected thereon.

"A qualitative therefore, rather than a quantitative note, should be the dominant factor; for while it is pleasing to gain in numerical strength, it is vastly more important that we attain the highest possible mental and moral strength; it is not a question of how many, but how excellent, and of what sterling qualities are those who come seeking admission.

"We are not living in an ordinary age, and none of us will deny the tendency to relax. Never in the history of our country or in the world, has there been a time when sober and constructive thinking have been as necessary as will be required in the next decade.

"Storm clouds may gather in the days that are before us. Social and national backslidings may for a time impede the trend of progress; but if Masons hold fast to the high ideals set for their guidance, they may count the gains of each solar year with its cycle of sowing, reaping, seed time and harvest, and marching onward and upward, we shall emerge in the great vanguard of humanity, our faces set toward the land of promise."

The Grand Lecturer closes his report with these words:

"Are we prosperous? Who can tell? The frame of the institution seems to be in the atmosphere and men are turning to us as never before. Our makings for the year are over ten per cent. of our membership. Some of our lodges are so busy that the officers tell me with great frankness that they find it difficult to find time for instruction. We are being pushed forward at a tremendous pace; the situation is unique and looks like a time for great caution. We ought, as lodges, committeemen and members, to exercise extra care and to scrutinize every application closely, ever bearing in mind the difference between 'Masons' and 'members.' one an asset, the other a liability, and that it is the real Masons only that build up the fraternity and that those who are to rank only as members are after all only so much dead wood and dead weight, that must be carried by sheer strength.

"Real Masons are a wonderful people and to work with and among them is in inspiration and an education."

Charters were voted four new lodges.

The Grand Secretary's salary was increased \$600 and his clerk received the same amount of increase.

\$13,179.65 was contributed by the Masons of Wisconsin for the sufferers of the Minnesota fire of October, 1918.

Bro. Aldro Jenks submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Maine we read:

"The record says that the Grand Lodge was opened in 'ample form.' The proper record when the Grand Lodge is opened by the Deputy Grand Master is that it was opened in 'due form.'

"The Grand Master also ruled that lodge funds cannot be taken from the lodge treasury to subscribe to the work of the Red Cross. To this ruling, we most emphatically dissent. Masonry is a charitable institution and the object named, a very worthy charity. Lodges should be encouraged to contribute for such worthy purposes.

"A proposition to recognize the Grand Orient of France brought forth a majority and minority report, both were excepted. We presume this was done merely for the information of the Craft, and leaves the matter standing just where it did before, with the Grand Orient out in the cold so far as Maine is concerned. This is where it should be until it becomes a Masonic body by returning to the faith of its founders."

And in his conclusion he says:

"It is evident that with the cessation of the European War, the claims of the Grand Lodge and Grand Orient of France for fraternal recognition are no longer regarded with especial favor. A number of Grand Lodges were swept away by sentiment and extended recognition. We hope they may speedily return to the teachings of our fathers, 'that no atheist can be made a Mason,' and that the Holy Bible is an essential part of the furniture of a lodge."

WYOMING, 1920.

The Forty-sixth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 35; number in membership, 5,167, a gain of 719. Cash on hand, \$12,387.63.

Eleven Past Grand Masters present; thirty-one lodges represented.

In his address, the Grand Master speaks of the increase in membership for the past year as being the highest of any preceding year, and adds these words:

"I am quite sure that the quality of our membership continues of the best and that only those who are moral and upright before God and of good repute before the world are being allowed to petition favorably the subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, and this is indicated by the rejections which have equalled over twenty-five per cent. of the elections."

He reports on the meeting of the Masonic Service Association and says:

"Personally I feel that we should continue our adherence to the association, at least for the present. Certainly, to my mind, a great work can be done. I don't believe Wyoming is in favor of a General Grand Lodge any more than many of the other states, neither do I feel that there is danger that this may be the outcome of the association."

Three lodges were instituted during the year, and four special communications were held, three for the laying of corner stones, and one for the constitution of a new lodge.

Acting under the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence at the last annual communication, the Committee on Finance reported that as of January 1, 1920, the subordinate lodges reported assets of \$508,379.79, with total indebtedness of \$207,659.00, leaving a surplus over liabilities of \$308,720.79. In a number of cases they called the attention of the Grand Master to the lack of sufficient insurance.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, By the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Wyoming, that we recognize and proclaim our belief in the free and compulsory education of the children of America in public primary schools, supported by public

taxation, upon which all children shall be required to attend and be instructed in the English language only, without regard to race or creed. This we believe is the only sure agency for the perpetuation and preservation of the free institutions guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, and we pledge the efforts of the membership of this Grand Lodge to promote by all lawful means the organization, extension and development to the highest degree of our public schools and to oppose the efforts of any and all who seek to limit, curtail, hinder or destroy the public school system of our land.

"We commend the desire of the Masonic membership generally to give some outward expression of their great love for humanity in works of mercy and public welfare, and that these benefits may be extended when possible to the needy and suffering beyond the membership of our own organization — works affecting the life and safety of the child, hospitals and free dispensaries, providing rare and skilled surgical and medical aid to those unable to secure it, and all other agencies equally useful and commendable for the strengthening of the mind or body, are all worthy of our most thoughtful consideration. Such efforts speak louder than words; and let us always remember that to him to whom much is given much is expected, and that we as Masons are but the almoners of the material blessings showered upon us.

"Be It Further Resolved, That we recommend the united effort of all Masonic bodies, by whatever name they may be known, to the end that some definite plan of action may be determined upon whereby our citizenship and love of country may be strengthened, and that the blessings which have come to us as a nation in the past may be extended and enlarged in the future, and that the Masonic fraternity may each coming year increase its efforts in accomplishing this great work."

The Committee on Jurisprudence asked for further time on the question of the recognition of the Grand Bodies in France.

It was voted that a Librarian be appointed to look after the Grand Lodge library at a salary of \$100 a year.

Eight pages are given to a list of those members from Wyoming who entered the World War of 1914-1918.

Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence. Maine was fraternally reviewed.

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1920.

Number of lodges, 86; number in membership, 4,784. Cash on hand, £5,984.

At the Quarterly Meetings the usual business was transacted. The April Meeting was taken up quite largely with a trial of certain members who had "compelled" the Worshipful Master to leave the lodge room and then proceeded to initiate a candidate against the wishes of the Worshipful Master.

We quote from the Deputy Master:

"As Freemasons it is the duty of each one of us to know the position of soldier brethren of our lodge, to know the needs of the family of those brethren who have fallen, and in every case where necessary to unite in forming a column of defence and support.

"Our Benevolent Funds can do a great deal, but it requires as well the personal touch and sympathy of us as individuals to render true Masonic service."

Substantial increases were made to the salaries of the Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary.

To us the most interesting part of the volume is the Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence which occupies about one hundred and thirty pages of interesting reading.

Under at least eight or nine jurisdictions they have something to say in regard to "physical qualifications." We quote a few sentences:

"We have written frequently upon this matter of physical qualifications, and feel inclined to ask whether the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Illinois would consider their Grand Master any less a good Freemason if he had been to the war and lost an arm or a leg. The loss of a limb is of very little consequence in a candidate for Freemasonry; the matter to be considered is whether his character is such that he will live up to the teachings of the Fraternity."

Under Missouri:

"The sooner these cast-iron views are altered the better—they are but shades of the operative cult, when it was necessary for a man to be physically fit to work at his Craft. We are now symbolic Masons, and more concerned with the moral attributes and the mental capacity for understanding and practising the teachings of our Institution as it stands today.

"Masonry throughout the world is daily faced with requests from many of the most excellent of the community for admission to the Craft—men who have helped at the sacrifice of many of their members during the dark days of 1914-1918. Are they when found morally fit to have the doors closed? Is not our Institution founded on brotherly love? Have we no love for those who sprung to a national duty when required; who left homes and business connections; who lost an eye, an arm or leg in the conflict; Masonry must move with and fit in with the times through which it passes or there is a danger of it being wrecked or seriously shaken on the rocks of its unwarranted conservatism.

Under New Hampshire:

"The Craft in Western Australia has never been so deeply exercised in mind on the question of physical deformity as the sister jurisdictions of America, infinitely preferring a 'wooden leg' to a 'wooden head.'"

Under Illinois we quote:

"We were not aware that the Masonic Fraternity needed saving. Even if it does, we have yet to learn that the Masonic Service Association is the only thing which can do it. If we are to have Freemasonry unified down to giving a candidate three degrees within three days after his election we feel we can do without unification; in fact, we have no wish to be saved."

Maine receives two pages of review, but with little comment.

We quote once more on a matter we consider worthy of consideration.

Under Manitoba:

"Why not see that every candidate when taking his Third Degree purchases, or is presented with, a Volume of the Local Proceedings? Where the proceedings of other lodges are reviewed the information from a Masonic point of view is invaluable — especially is this so in the volume we have before us, and we know of no other better medium to whet one's appetite for more."

"It is freely acknowledged that many a worthy Mason becomes an inactive member of the Craft through having to witness ceremonies only year in and year out. The Masters have the remedy in their own hands, and can make the gatherings informative and instructional by using the digests in the Proceedings for the education of lodge members. Those who wish to dip deeper will find the libraries open whenever they desire."

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED

Alabama	1920	Minnesota	1921
Alberta	1920	Mississippi	1921
Arizona	1920	Missouri	1920
Arkansas	1920	New Hampshire	1920
British Columbia	1920	New Jersey	1920
California	1920	New Mexico	1921
Canada	1920	North Carolina	1920
Colorado	1920	North Dakota	1920
Connecticut	1920	Nova Scotia	1920
Delaware	1920	Oregon	1920
District of Columbia	1920	Saskatchewan	1920
Florida	1920	South Carolina	1919
Georgia	1920	South Dakota	1920
Idaho	1920	Texas	1920
Illinois	1920	Utah	1921
Indiana	1920	Vermont	1920
Iowa	1920	Virginia	1920
Kansas	1920	Washington	1920
Kansas	1921	West Virginia	1920
Louisiana	1921	Wisconsin	1920
Manitoba	1920	Wyoming	1920
Maryland	1920	Western Australia	1920
Massachusetts	1920		

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX

Report on Correspondence 1922

*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:

FOREWORD.

When President Meiklejohn of Amherst presented the honorary degree of L. L. D. to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, now Vice President of the United States, he said that Calvin Coolidge's speeches and state-papers had always the great merit of "an adequate brevity."

It is the hope of the reviewer of the following Proceedings of more than fifty Grand Jurisdictions that whatever merit or demerit this report may have, it at least may be considered as one of "adequate brevity." The Report was somewhat hastily prepared, after the lamented and untimely death of our beloved M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase, which occurred in September of last year (1921). Sometime thereafter at the request of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edward W. Wheeler, I assumed the position as Chairman of the Committee, and therefore according to custom became the writer of the annual Correspondence Report. The Proceedings of nearly thirty Grand Lodges had accumulated, making the initial work somewhat arduous and for an untried hand, decidedly formidable, and through it all there was the haunting suspicion, that, considering the men of outstanding literary abilities and Masonic erudition who had filled the position with honor to themselves and credit to the Craft, that such acceptance was a clear case,—and ironic fulfillment,—of the familiar adage, "that fools rush in where angels fear to tread."

Your present correspondent has no presumptuous hope of equalling such men as M. W. Bros. Josiah H. Drummond, Cyril Pearl and Albro Chase, but, it is his earnest desire and modest hope and aim to do the same work, in his own way, as they did theirs, and to do it worthily and well.

If the brethren of Maine realized the amount of time and toil which is necessary in preparing such a report, they would give it at least charitable consideration, and somewhat careful reading just because it is Maine's

fraternal survey and evaluation of the important events and salient actions of the Masonic world.

The significant fact which seems to stand forth from all others, is that Masonry is an attempt to fraternalize and spiritualize democracy. Our Masonic institution has made its unprecedented gains, and achieved its most signal — though quiet and unobtrusive — triumphs, in the great English-speaking democracies of the world. It thrives best in the atmosphere of liberty, and roots itself most tenaciously in the hallowed soil of freedom. Masonry belongs to what Gladstone called "the resources of civilization," and what Herbert Spencer termed "the corporate morality." Just because Masonry believes in deity, it must have its rectifying and stabilizing influence in the chaos and confusion of our times, the aftermath of the world-war. Just because its faith is unfaltering that there is an enduring rectitude, an eternal honesty, at the heart of things; that we are in the grip of a morally constituted universe, with Everlasting Righteousness at the centre, we see that Masonry must align itself with the other great resources of civilization, with the recuperative energy of a dynamic democracy, with the high and holy passion for liberty, with the great underlying principle and purpose of progress. So it is that Masonry is an irresistably potent force in these trying, testing times of the world. A survey of the Masonic year convinces us that our honored institution is taking its rightful place among the constructive forces in a world-wide turmoil and misunderstanding. Masonry simply could not play a mean and trivial part in this insistent task and commanding duty of building up a broken, bruised and bleeding world. Every brother of us is the custodian of her destiny, the moulder of her life, even the real creator of her soul. Masonry tells every man of us to believe in our own native God-created manhood; in a Fraternity clean and righteous, great not only in numbers, but great in honor and worth, matchless in daily duty and deeds of devotion to the Brotherhood of Man. To Americans especially, Masonry's message is something like this: Believe in the hallowed institutions of your country, which were given aforetime by noble Americans of this brotherhood, and which have made our republic glorious and invincible; believe in the Free Public School, maintain it at whatever cost; believe in Free Speech and a Free Press; believe in the open Bible, and under the aegis of that peculiarly Masonic document, the Constitution; believe in the right of every citizen to worship God according to his own belief and creed, according to the dictates of his own conscience. We of this Masonic fellowship, can answer the poet's question:

" Shall I ask the brave soldier that fights by my side,
In the cause of Mankind, if our creeds agree? "

with an unhesitating, unqualified negative.

A survey of the year convinces us that Masonry's soul is sound, that her heart is keenly responsive to every appeal of Right and Justice and Humanity, that she is opposed to oppression and serfdom of every kind and degree whether of soul or body, or mind or limb. The eternal benediction of the skies, like her own fair symbolic blue, bends above her.

ALABAMA, 1921.

The One Hundred and First Annual Communication.

Membership, 46,624; a net gain of 3,932. Chartered lodges, 574.

A Special Communication was held October 26, (1921), for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the New Masonic Temple in Birmingham, which was an event of more than passing mention because of the presence of Bro. Warren G. Harding, who spread the cement for the stone. The President made the principle speech on this occasion, an extract of which may feebly suggest the atmosphere and tenor of his address. "I believe that the day has come when the people of the United States of America can look into the faces of the people of Europe, and can look into the faces of the people of Asia, of South America, and ask themselves the question, Why not fraternity among peoples? Why should we make war? Why should we seek that which belongs to others? There is nothing in our own sphere and in our own possessions to impel us to the greatest accomplishment in life without in any way restricting justice among people. I believe, my countrymen, just as firmly as I know I stand before you today, that in this new consciousness, in this new understanding of the utter futility of conflict, and the excessive burdens of armament, we are going to accomplish a new step forward in the world. (Applause)." As these words were said on the eve of the Disarmament Conference at Washington, they may be taken as prophetic of the results achieved by the memorable and epoch making Convention for World Peace and Disarmament. President Harding spoke of the prophetic significance of the New Temple, "as an outward manifestation of this onward movement of just and righteous relationships among men." "I hope, sirs, that this occasion will be just one more expression of the continued advance of the principles and purposes and the higher ideals which are taught—nay, which are demanded of the members of the Masonic Order. (Applause)." On this occasion Governor Thomas E. Kilby, of Alabama, and Senator Oscar W. Underwood, both members of the Fraternity, made short but vital speeches touching upon the deeper meanings of the hour.

At the Annual Communication there were present beside all the Grand Officers, seven Past Grand Masters, and fifty-four Grand Representatives, including ours of Maine. Four commissions of Grand Representatives were revoked for non-attendance for three consecutive years.

M. W. Bro. Percy B. Dixon, Grand Master, said in opening his annual address, "that this Grand Lodge should avail itself of every opportunity to be ever in the vanguard of the Grand Army of Education in its warfare against Ignorance, Intolerance and Superstition." With this as a kind of text, he earnestly advocates the Towner-Sterling Bill before Congress, and "urges enlistment of all Masons in a campaign," toward this end. He concludes his eloquent argument with these words: "Do not let the specious argument of demagogues or politicians, or the ever present enemies of the public schools beguile you into indifference or opposition. Each has a selfish motive for his opposition no matter how thoroughly it may be disguised. You have but one point for consideration; that of mak-

ing the best possible American citizen in all that title implies. I therefore beg that each of you will give this subject your careful thought, and prompt attention, and act before the opportunity is lost."

He believes that the brethren "are getting careless about the Constitution of the Grand Lodge." He uses such phrases as these respecting some of the delinquents, they are "either deficient in their knowledge" or "evasive in their interpretation." He speaks in no uncertain tone relative to all such offenders.

We note with admiration these words: "Numerous requests for dispensations to ballot out of time and confer all three degrees at the same time, have been received. All such requests have been refused."

Among the multiform duties of his annual administration we notice the following: Six dispensations for New Lodges, two to re-organize, nine to continue work by lodges whose charters had been forfeited, lost or destroyed. He issued seven charters for new lodges, laid thirteen cornerstones, appointed four and recommended the appointment of nine Grand Representatives.

Under "Necrology" we honor and revere with him, the name of P. G. M. Bro. Russell McWhorter Cunningham, and read with growing admiration his brief biography and masonic record sent as a personal communication to every lodge in Alabama. It is a life and record that challenges the respect and honor of every brother. We note also the inclusion of the name of our noble brother, M. W. Albro Elmore Chase, for many years the worthy and efficient occupant of this chair of foreign review, upon the roster of the fraternally transfigured of other jurisdictions.

He calls the "Alabama Masonic Home" the bright jewel in the crown of Alabama Freemasonry." And his words, with the subsequent amplified and well articulated and arranged report of forty-one pages, fully justifies his figure of speech.

W. Bro. Oliver Day Street, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence brings in a careful and illuminating report which was adopted. Among those granted fraternal recognition was the National Grand Lodge of Italy, of which Bro. Street, says: "A belief in Deity is exacted, and the Bible is displayed upon the altar of the lodge. Only the first three degrees are practiced or controlled by it." We read also that the National Grand Lodge of Italy has 560 lodges, and more than 60,000 Masons, and is increasing rapidly in numbers. These facts and figures will come as a welcome surprise to many who think of Italy as the country where other influences are centered and dominant. It would be interesting and probably equally surprising to know our Masonic statistics in the City of Rome, where we must be fairly strong because Masonic mayors have been elected there in recent years. The United Grand Lodge of Queensland is recognized, also, as is being done quite generally throughout the Masonic world. An interesting fraternal correspondence is included respecting the recognition of a Grand Lodge which must sound strange to America's ears for some time, "The Grand Lodge of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, Jougoslavia," that is the official title, and this Grand Lodge is

recognized "as a regular, independent and sovereign governing body of Symbolic Masonry." Bro. Street avers that this action was taken after careful investigation which failed to discover any reason why this Grand Lodge should not be so recognized. Recognition of Ecuador was deferred until fuller information is obtained. "Grand Logia Espanola" (Spain) is likewise deferred for the same reason.

The "Towner-Sterling Bill" is endorsed in a stirring resolution, and Alabama's members of Congress memorialized to use their influence for its passage.

Financial and statistical tables are included in the annual proceedings which are so clear and well tabulated as to show at a glance the real "inwardness" of affairs.

The Committee on Dispensations granted eleven charters for New Lodges at this session.

We read of a social function in the closing hours of the Annual Communication, when several eminent officials of the Order of the Eastern Star, including the Grand Matron, Mrs. Margaret D. Southerland, and Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Alice Goins, were cordially greeted, speeches made, and roses (literal and literary) were presented. An occasion fragrant with roses and rhetoric; southern chivalry and matronly grace and beauty.

The celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge was a modest affair with "several hundred brethren and ladies," in attendance who listened to an interesting address (historical) by Bro. Street, on Masonry in Alabama One Hundred Ago, filled with early facts and incidents, and containing a pen-picture of the early capital of Alabama, old forgotten Cahaba. Bro. Street has done a difficult thing in an able way. R. W. Bro. George Fleming Moore delivered "a very interesting and instructive address which we take 'on faith' as it is not included in the printed proceedings," but knowing the abilities of this eminent frater we are sure that it measured up to the best of Masonic thought, acuity and eloquence. Music by "the Masonic Home Band" and choral singing by the girls of the same institution, added to a diversified and delightful programme.

Bro. Oliver Day Street, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submits his Sixth Annual Report of nearly two hundred pages of pithy, practical, painstaking and progressive masonic wisdom, which is tempered by a fine spirit of fraternal good-will and liberal interpretation of divergent points of view and varying opinions and convictions. His name occupies a large place in the annals and affairs of Alabama Masonry and fortunate indeed is this Grand Lodge in having so clear and vital a mind, and so catholic (small c please) a spirit for its correspondent and reviewer.

Maine receives courteous attention and ample consideration. M. W. Bro. Wheeler is quoted and commended, a vital word is said about divisive "creeds" as "initiating a process which if not arrested eventually no self-respecting man of any other than the Christian faith can afford to

become a Mason." M. W. Bro. Chase, late holder of this office for nearly a score of years, gets credit for an "excellent report," which his poor successor is trying to follow though it be humbly and afar off.

ALBERTA, 1921.

Sixteenth Annual Communication held at Banff, June 8th, 1921. All Grand Officers were present; five Past Grand Masters; thirty Grand Representatives, including Maine's. Total membership, 10,485, with net increase for the year of 1,185. There are 120 chartered lodges and three U. D.

In the introduction to his annual address, the Grand Master, J. H. W. S. Kemmis says: "The Grand Lodge of Alberta is but a youth, lusty and vigorous with the impetuosity and impatience of youth, eager to be up and doing, anxious to prove its metal, chafing against the curb of rules and regulations and sometimes even against our ancient landmarks with all the youth's dislike of discipline and control, because of the vision, the energy and the ambition of youth. Yet because of the spirit of our Institution these youthful ebullitions are easily controlled if reasons are carefully explained and principles with a sympathetic purpose."

The Grand Master speaks optimistically of the times, and assigns as a reason for the abnormally large waiting lists of candidates in many lodges a rather unusual one, as will be seen from the following: "There is abroad, undoubtedly, a new spirit, and having made the sacrifice surely the world will reap the reward. A general feeling of insecurity in employment, in investment, and in normal occupations has made men think. They look for a place of refuge, of safety for themselves and their dependents, consequently we have abnormal lists of candidates for Masonry. There is no question in my mind that this is one of the principle reasons for the knocking at our doors. The reputation of the Craft is such, that the outsider feels if he can only get inside he will share in the protection the Craft offers to its dependents, and he will also share in the benefits to himself. Great will be the disappointment of these should their high hopes of the benefits and advantages of the Order be shattered by apathy and want of ideal in the lodges." Certainly we must say, that these reasons and motives assigned, are far from being such as will warrant the making of good Masons, for their is more than a lurking hint that selfish and "mercenary motives" are actuating the petitioner.

However this may be, the Grand Master shows his real meaning by trenchantly asking, under, "State of the Work," "When I find degrees being conferred to a number ranging from 150 to 190 in twelve months time, by certain lodges, the question arises, is so much work beneficial to Craft Masonry? Is the individual candidate properly instructed in the spirit and the duties of a Freemason? In short, can the lodge thoroughly assimilate so much material? Our Craft is an Institution for giving, and not for getting."

He pays tribute to sixty-eight members who have been called from labor, and closes his "Necrology" with these words of fraternal sympathy:

"As we have suffered we can feel for others and our sympathies are extended to other jurisdictions who have been called upon to mourn the loss of a number of their distinguished brethren."

The Grand Master's first labor was the constituting of four lodges of which he says: "I found each one well founded, with good quarters and furnishings, and being in charge of experienced Masters they should have a fair future before them."

Eight pages of his report is a detailed account of visitations to "Lodges of Instruction," over rough and lonely roads to remote corners of the Province, where the Grand Master, with other eminent brothers, gave instruction in work and ritual, and it is interesting to read that this almost pioneer work, met with real reward in hearty response and large attendance. The long and arduous journey was undertaken in the conviction and in the true Masonic spirit of service, that the smaller remote lodges needed the stimulus and encouragement of the Grand Master's presence. His report indicates enjoyment of his journey and the satisfaction of hard Masonic work well done. The committee that reviewed and reported his address, thought so too, for they said a word which would cheer any Master's heart. "His faithfulness and devotion to duty, will, we feel sure, be an incentive to every brother to follow in his footsteps and take whatever responsibility may be placed upon him, and execute it to the utmost of his ability."

He approved the By-Laws of eight lodges, and Amendments to thirty-one.

He granted dispensation to eight new lodges, "repeatedly refused dispensations for conferring degrees within the statutory time" and rightly and rather tartly refused a request for appearing in Masonic regalia at a public ball.

A special communication was held September 29th, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of Gordon Memorial Church in Redcliff.

Detailed reports of the fourteen D. D. G. M.'s are printed in full.

We note with pleasure his appointment of R. W. Bro. Wallace N. Price, of Richmond, Maine, "our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine."

With real satisfaction we record a resolution adopted, dealing with a quite general nuisance, both within and without, our Order, "Resolved, that in view of the fact that the so called Masonic Chain Letter is receiving wide circulation in this Grand Jurisdiction, particularly among the numerous young and often over enthusiastic Masons, the said Chain Letter being of an unmasonic and superstitious character, that this Grand Lodge hereby records its disapproval and censure upon its use and urges all constituent lodges to advise their members against its circulation."

In the appended Report of Correspondence, Maine receives but brief mention, especially complimentary are these words: "The Grand Lodge of Maine is blessed by a business-like attitude on the part of the Officers, all reports being in moderate bounds, and business going on with celerity."

The correspondent says: "No representative for Alberta appears," a defect which is remedied in our Report for 1921.

ARIZONA, 1921.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Communication, held in Bisbee, February 8th, 1921. Number of lodge, 27; one U. D.; number in membership, 4360. Cash on hand, \$4,663.65. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Henry Gordon Glore, in his annual address makes brief but courteous acknowledgement of the welcome of Perfect Ashlar Lodge, and proceeds at once to give a business like accounting of his official acts and stewardship. The fraternal dead are remembered, while the Grand Chaplin, briefly offers prayer, "that their memory may inspire in us a desire to live more nobly ourselves." The Grand Master speaks of "satisfactory gains and as a whole the year has been greater than ever before." Under the head of "Mexican Grand Lodges," he says: "This Grand Lodge recognized the York Grand Lodge of Mexico in 1914, and in 1920 recognized the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. The Correspondence Committee, Proceedings of 1912, in speaking on Mexican Grand Lodges, in part said, "but consider it contrary to Masonic Law to recognize more than one Grand Lodge occupying the same territory." The Grand Master emphatically avers, "In this I heartily concur." It will be of interest to other Grand Jurisdictions to read: "The action of this Grand Lodge in 1920 has been somewhat criticised, possibly the criticism was just. As far as I can learn we are alone in recognizing the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico." The Grand Master recommends the whole matter to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, in order "to extend recognition to the most worthy."

The Grand Master says, anent the Masonic Service Association, that their membership has been retained therein since 1918, but that he was unable to attend the St. Louis Conference, but was represented by a worthy brother, Robert E. Collins.

Much correspondence and several decisions purely local in character are contained in the annual report.

There is no Report of Correspondence.

ARKANSAS, 1921.

The Eightieth Annual Communication.

All Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, thirty-eight Grand Representatives (including Maine's) were present.

There are 566 lodges, with a membership of 31,609, the net gain is not given in the recapitulation.

M. W. Bro. W. W. Magee, Grand Master, in opening his annual address utters these words: "In the midst of all world changes, the general unrest, the violent adjustment and readjustment of the level of values, and all the other apparently uncontrollable changes that have taken place in the face of the threatened invasion of the peaceable, regular and sane order of things by forces that make for disorder, degradation and destruction, Freemasonry, imbued with and holding forth the invincible spirit of Ameri-

canism, inculcating lofty citizenship, and the principles of righteous and honorable living, looms forth more popular than ever before in its history in its appeal to thousands of young men as a desirable and enviable haven of membership."

During the Grand Master's administrative term he laid two Masonic corner-stones, caused one lodge to be constituted (by Deputy) commissioned six Grand Representatives, arrested two charters, and made innumerable visitations, all of which are carefully tabulated. He rendered six "Decisions" all in accordance with the usual custom, interpretation and usage of conservative jurisdictions. He was equally cautious in granting dispensations for "out of time" degrees. Seven dispensations were issued for new lodges.

He reverentially names Past Grand Master, Bro. W. H. H. Clayton, as having obeyed the higher summons, although the loss to Grand Lodge is greatly felt by all. The Grand Master concludes his brief and business-like report with Tennyson's "Crossing The Bar."

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Fay Hempstead (whom we have known and honored as a kind of Masonic singer and poet for several years) gives a well arranged and lucidly stated report which gives the needed information at a glance.

The Masonic Orphans' Home looms large in the life and annals of Arkansas Masonry, and its financial and administrative affairs are given adequate place in the annual report. The affection and support of the brethren are clearly indicated on every page.

The Order of DeMolay for Boys is cordially endorsed "as an organization worthy of their encouragement, and moral and financial support."

Space is given to approval of the Washington Armament Conference, and a copy of the resolution of endorsement sent to the Secretary of State.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage reports: "That the result of the ballot upon the application of a candidate for initiation shall apply to all three degrees without the necessity of taking ballots for advancements." Which accords with our practice in Maine for many years.

The Grand Lodge in a brief resolution, "declined to join the Masonic Service Association."

The annual address of the Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. Thomas C. McRae, who is the honored chief executive of Arkansas, was a tribute to those early American patriots who laid the foundations of our Republic in the cement of our masonic principles; and an eloquent argument for the present day influence of our Institution in the progress and affairs of our nation. An address worthy alike of his Governorship and his Masonic devotion to the ideals of our Country.

The Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star received cordial greeting in Grand Lodge and her address "was listened to with the utmost intensity and was heartily applauded."

Among other similar ammenities was the greeting of the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Fay Hempstead, who had been elevated to the high position of General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and

Select Masters of the United States. The private Grand Honors were accorded him.

Bro. Thomas R. Marshall, ex-Vice President, was greeted and eloquently addressed the brethren on the vital principles and tenets of Masonry, and was earnestly applauded.

Under these familiar words of the great Leaute of England:

"Eternal form shall still divide,
The eternal soul from all beside:
And I shall know him when we meet,"

we note the dear and honored name of M. W. Bro. Albro Elmore Chase, P. G. M. of Maine, "correspondent of twenty-four years' service, and most eminent in all branches of Masonry." It is not too much to say that those lines of Alfred Tennyson express the affectionate hope and trust of every Masonic heart in our Maine Jurisdiction.

There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence, although we note the name of Bro. A. M. Forby as Chairman of that Committee.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1921.

The Semi-Centennial Anniversary was fittingly celebrated by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, the day before the opening of the Fiftieth Annual Communication. Congratulations from this Easternmost Atlantic State to the Westernmost Province of the Canadian Dominion, "Never the twain shall meet" is in a real sense disproved in our Institution. Many distinguished brethren from various Grand Jurisdictions were welcomed by the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Martin L. Grimmett, the Grand Honors given, and the usual congratulatory speeches were made during the day. Brethren, who were present at the time of the organization of the Grand Lodge, were also formally presented and cordially welcomed by the Grand Master. The mayor of the city (Victoria) gave brief but hearty welcome to the city. An eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. A. S. Gorrell, Past Grand Master of Saskatchewan. The Grand Lodge attended Divine Service at St. John's Church where a service of thanksgiving and praise was held. The address was made by the V. W. Brother, the Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, Grand Chaplain. The reverend brother's thought and appeal centered about these words, "Our duty today as Masons is to build up the character of men, and to rebuild the social order which has been so badly shattered by the war."

A banquet was held in the evening, a brilliant function rich in wit and wisdom, eloquence and earnestness. An occasion of good-fellowship to be long cherished in the memories of all the participants. Toasts were proposed to, The King and to the President of the United States. Excellent post-prandial speeches were made by the Grand Master and several visiting and local brothers. It would be a delight to record many of these illuminating talks; but to try to produce what is perhaps the real feature of such anniversary events, the atmosphere of fraternity and good-fellowship, is to realize what Tennyson meant when he said, "that words like nature half reveal and half conceal the soul within."

The following morning at 10 o'clock, the Fiftieth Annual Communication was opened in ample form, M. W. Bro. M. L. Grimmett presiding. The Grand Master opened his annual address with due and reverent deference to the "Fraternal Dead" of British Columbia and other Jurisdictions, making feeling reference to Past Grand Master Bro. Edgar C. Baker.

The Grand Master makes five "rulings" all in accordance with customary practice, appointed several Grand Representatives, issued seven dispensations for as many new lodges, approved By-laws, and made visitations. In the course of an admirable address, he makes this wise observation: "Too much stress cannot be laid on the fact that the design of the Masonic Institution is not to make bad men good, but good men better: a Freemason's Lodge is not a reformatory, the reformation of men being the duty and privilege of the Church." A clear Masonic principle not enough understood by the majority; in this connection it is well, however, to recall the aphorism of old Cromwell: "He who ceases to become better, ceases to be good."

The V. W. Bro. W. A. DeWolfe Smith (what a fine old honored name it is, appearing first in the Great Light, and down through the ages, always honored and revered by kings and potentates. Tubal Cain bore it of old, and Adam, too, when he wrote "The Wealth of Nations." And today the "great majority" this side the grave bears it worthily and well. Nobody will say these modest things unless we do who bear the name, hence this digression).

The Grand Secretary informs us in his well balanced report that the present membership is 10,112, the year's gain being 1,137. There are 86 lodges, with seven under dispensation. He gives a long list of dispensations many of these for attending Divine Service, not for the purpose mentioned by the Grand Master surely. This privilege is granted in Maine, especially on St. John's Sunday, without dispensation.

The reports of the D. D. G. Masters read essentially like our own, showing the same careful attention to details and devotion to Masonic duty.

The Grand Historian, R. W. Bro. William Burns, gives a brief and interesting biography of one of the earlier, but now deceased, Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. Eli Harrison. A commendable custom which is to be continued.

At this Annual Communication there were thirty-three Grand Representatives present, including ours of Maine.

The Grand Lodge in session sent fraternal greetings by cable to "Bro. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales."

An interesting forty-page Historical Sketch of Masonry in British Columbia was read by the writer R. W. Bro. L. Watts Doney. A well written, carefully compiled, and humanly interesting document indicating painstaking research and tireless endeavor after the essential facts and vital values and incidents of a half century.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by the Grand Secre-

tary of ancient and honored name, the V. W. Bro. DeWolfe Smith, and is filled with trenchant comment and enlightening Masonic wisdom, wholesomely conservative yet soundly progressive. It has been a real pleasure to read and almost wholly to agree with the many good words that drop from his pen. Maine receives generous space and cordial treatment, and comment is made on the Grand Master's address, Grand Secretary Davis' Report and Bro. Chase's Correspondence report. There is no word about an event which loomed large in this jurisdiction in 1920, our Centennial Celebration of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine. But as "even Homer nods" we forgive.

CALIFORNIA, 1921.

The Seventy-second Annual Communication.

Three hundred and ninety-three of the four hundred chartered lodges were represented by nine hundred and ninety-eight representatives, which fact calls for especial mention and emphatic praise as indicating the devotion and efficiency of California Craftsmanship.

Twenty new lodges were formed in this Masonic year. The Grand Treasurer reports total assets of \$524,189.23.

More than seventy-five pages of this voluminous report, are given to a most complete narration of the affairs and developments of the Masonic Homes and allied philanthropies of our California brethren. As we read the vast sums given for these ends, we know why the sun always smiles on California, because there is an old text and adage, which says, "God loveth a cheerful giver."

California submits the most effective annual report which we have yet seen. A list of nineteen new lodges is given. A constitutional amendment forbidding "the conferring of the first degree as a favor to any lodge," was adopted, and is made to apply "to our own lodges as well as to those of other jurisdictions."

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary recommended that the Grand Lodge do not join the Masonic Service Association, and this was approved.

The two Masonic homes are in sound financial condition. The Grand Master gave his consent to a state-wide appeal for the funds to erect a building for the Masonic Club at the University of California, and the Grand Lodge approved. Under recognition of other Grand Bodies, we find this: "Formal recognition was accorded to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and to the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. The requests of the Grand Lodges of Ecuador, Chili and Guatemala were deferred, pending further information."

A resolution was presented to amend the Constitution to the effect that "No Mason in this jurisdiction shall make application to any branch of Masonry for any higher degree until he shall have been a member of some lodge in this jurisdiction for not less than one year," but on statement of the so-called higher bodies that they intended enacting legislation covering the same object, the resolution was "withdrawn, to be called up next year if necessary."

"Side Organizations," composed of Masons, get this drastic but deserved treatment: "Your committee cannot but view with apprehension the multiplication of organizations having as a prerequisite for membership the attaining of a Master's degree, and thereby posing or being thought to be Masonic institutions, and it is our belief that this Grand Lodge should go on record as discouraging the further superimposition of such organizations upon the foundation of Masonry; and in specific instances where knowledge of the laws or practice of such institutions shows that they are subversive of the principles of Masonry, good morals, or good citizenship, we would recommend legislation making it a Masonic offense for a Master Mason to identify himself with such organization." — "Adopted."

The Grand Lodge also acted upon "degree teams" perambulating the jurisdiction, "dressed in the regalia or any part thereof, of any organization, the prerequisite of membership in which is that he be a Master Mason."

Six "approved decisions" are appended to the report, all dealing with local matters.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. George F. Rodden, gives an address of unusual literary distinction. His lucid and sinewy diction which it is a pleasure to read, may be seen in this opening sentence: "As I review the past in the unsoftened and unsympathetic glare of the written word—as I contemplate the huge windmills against which my puny lance has tilted and the feeble marks made thereon, there is forced upon me the feeling that, in the selection of its Grand Master, our last Grand Lodge surrendered conviction to kindness and permitted friendship to become the master over reason." Grand Lodge had no such fears as is seen in various actions and complimentary words. As the Grand Master mentions R. L. Stevenson in his address it comes to us that perhaps we know in a measure where he caught and wrought his exquisite verbal phrase and literary art.

The wizard of horticultural miracles, Luther Burbank is mentioned in the address of the Grand Master, who was present at the third degree ceremonies when he was the candidate at Santa Rosa.

The Grand Master says of the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association at St. Louis, that the impressions which he carried away "were absolutely negative." He further says, "with full recognition of our responsibility, we cannot believe that California, under existing conditions should seek membership, and we so recommend."

As indicating the thoroughness with which he has considered the matter of recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and the careful deliberation of an intricate and baffling problem, he devotes twenty-four pages of his address to the subject. He commissioned M. W. Bro. Chas. Albert Adams to act as his representative on a commission sent by the Grand Lodge of Texas, to study the question at first hand in Mexican territory, where several weeks were spent in investigation and counsel, and the action of the Grand Lodge of California, as already indicated, was favorable to

formal fraternal recognition under the recommendation of Brother Adams, that such "recognition should be extended the York Grand Lodge, and that recognition should not even seem to be predicated upon the willingness of the York Grand Lodge to effect a merger with the Valle de Mexico upon the terms suggested, or upon any other terms." This careful consideration of a vexed and complex question is well worth reading, and from the data submitted we can understand the action of the Grand Lodge of California, which follows logically and consistently, step by step the developments and trials of Masonry in Mexico, to this final action.

"Calandestine Masonry" in California receives short shrift from the Grand Master in dealing with the pseudo "American Masonic Federation" which had made overtures to be absorbed into the Grand Lodge. He says, and nobly, "I refused to see them, and sent word that there was absolutely nothing to confer about. That if they desired as individuals to affiliate with the Masonic Fraternity there was one way, and only one: by renunciation of their present allegiance, and then by following the course prescribed for all others."

The Grand Orator, Bro. Harvey D. Loveland, gives an oration from which it would be a pleasure to quote, but space forbids. It is an eloquent commentary on that word of Dante, "Give the world light and the people will take care of the rest," a quotation which the Grand Orator uses with telling effect and fairly saturates his speech with that quality of Masonic Light.

The Report of Correspondence, the third annual review submitted by M. W. Bro. Jesse M. Whited, is a well arranged "Topical" comment and lucid dissertation on the Craftsmanship of the world. One hundred twenty-two pages of such wealth of quotable and valuable material, that one quite despairs at selection. If one desires intelligent and trenchant counsel on Masonic subjects and Masonic action throughout the world, there is a well arranged index which will serve as "guide, counsellor and friend." The report is one of the best and deserves high place among the real and vital Masonic labors of this great jurisdiction. He regrets that Maine's Proceedings were received too late for inclusion in his review. It is also our regret and loss.

CANADA (In the Province of Ontario), 1921.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication.

There are five hundred and one lodges, twenty of which are under dispensation. The total membership is 84,285, with a total of 3,506 "raised" during the year. There were thirty-six Grand Representatives present, including Maine's. The proceedings were opened by a cordial address of welcome by the Mayor of Ottawa, to which the Grand Master made fitting response, after which the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

A well-phrased address by a representative of the Masonic District in which the Grand Lodge was held, was made, largely in commendation of the M. W. Grand Master, "who had wielded the gavel as a beneficent

autocrat, and whose hand of fellowship had ever been more potent than the sceptre of authority."

M. W. Bro. J. Alex Cameron, Past Grand Master of Quebec was cordially welcomed.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Fred W. Harcourt, in the opening of his thoughtful and inspiring address makes interesting reference to the historical fact that Ottawa was the scene of the first session of the Parliament of Canada which resulted in the consummation of the Confederation, the Birthday of the Dominion. He said, "To Sir Leonard Tilley, one of the Fathers of Confederation, not one of whom survives, is allotted the honor of naming the youngest of the nations. The Psalm appointed to be read in Anglican Churches on that day was the 72nd. Mr. Tilley, an earnest, devout Anglican, called attention to the fact, quoting the eighth verse which reads: "His Dominion shall also be from one sea to the other," a timely suggestion, a happy augury, the name and the circumstance alike. Therefore on this side the line, we too can say with the Grand Master, "May Canada really be and remain always His Dominion."

He speaks of the finances of the Grand Lodge, in these words: "Our capital is \$369,000.00, and income \$133,500.00. Yet in my opinion we are not doing our duty to the full." The Grand Master thinks "there is too much red tape attached to the administration of our benevolence. The letter killeth, and opportunities for doing good are lost. I would rather be deceived than run the risk of withholding relief where it is needed."

Which sentiment does credit to his fraternal heart.

He makes reverent mention of the "strong, good and true men that have gone beyond recall," and makes especial mention of M. W. Bro. Henry Stearns P. G. M., P. G. Treasurer of Quebec and P. S. G. W. of this Grand Body, "a Grand Mason for over 60 years." "Their lives and characters formed guiding principles in others and lighted fires which will long outlast the headstone and the tablet."

During the year he confirmed the appointments of five Grand Representatives, among which we notice the familiar name of our beloved brother Wilmer J. Dorman, of Belfast, Maine. He nominated two others near their own Grand Lodges. In this connection he suggests a revision of the list of foreign Grand Lodges, saying: "The Grand Jurisdictions of France, Denmark, Egypt, Norway, Sweden and Mexico are not on our list, although they are in fraternal communication with almost all other Grand Bodies."

Not with Maine, we hasten to say in any single instance, and some of them not likely to be.

In his report the Grand Master tells of nineteen constitutions, of eighteen dedications, of nearly a score of warrants issued for new lodges.

Respecting the large increase in membership he is not over exultant but "feels at times apprehensive that this abnormal growth may react unfavorably on us at some time in the future in the form of demits, suspensions and dissensions caused by not choosing as carefully as we should. Guard your portals, build slowly and surely. Historical instances innum-

able can be given of what has been aptly called "the imbecile tyranny of numbers."

He issued 302 dispensations many for special meetings for installation and divine service. He says, "I have permitted many men to enter our doors although they were not physically perfect"

Speaking of Masonic complaints he is disturbed in his mind by this situation, "as to what course should be pursued when the complaint charged amounts to a crime under the Criminal Code. Should it first be dealt with by the Crown, where there is power to compel witnesses to give testimony under oath? It might put us in an awkward position if we found a brother guilty of say theft or robbery and disciplined him to learn later that he had been tried by the Crown and found not guilty." As he offers no remedy we withhold comment.

He speaks forceful words against "The Grotto" or to use the full title "The Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm," and we wonder if verbal fanfaronade or linguistic bombast could further go. The Grand Master sees in such organizations, founded upon Masonic membership as a prerequisite, a tendency "to bring reproach and shame on Masonry." He commends the ruling of Colorado, prohibiting membership therein, "to the serious consideration of his Grand Lodge and advises the appointment of a Committee to take action." Good.

He speaks of a Special Communication in September of 1920, to do honor to visiting brethren in Toronto at the Annual Meeting of the Imperial Chamber of Commerce. Among these were R. W. Bro. the Right Honorable Lord Desborough K. C. V. O., Past Junior G. W. of the United Grand Lodge of England, and six other distinguished Brothers from the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland.

He thinks it is the right of every lodge to have a visit from a Grand Master some time during its existence. Surely the small lodge, even if located on the frontier has equal rights with the large city lodge. He says, with no trace of humor, that many of these lodges "have told me that they have never seen one." Such a "rara avis" condition should be rectified.

One hundred and seventy-two glorious pages of the "Proceedings" deal with the individual reports of the D. D. G. Masters of the twenty-eight Districts of Ontario. Glorious, because they tell of duty done and valuable Masonic Labor achieved with an eye single to the interests of the Order; duty and labor too often unnoticed because of its very modesty and faithful simplicity and too frequently unknown because dimmed and lost in the greater light of higher official activities. But of such is the solid foundation of our Order.

A motion was lost to strike out the words "of Canada," so that the official title would be, "The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in the Province of Ontario." So we still have "The Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario."

The Grand Lodge refused to grant a charter of incorporation for "Coloured Masons" of Ontario, "because our constitution makes no distinction as

to colour and to assent to the legal incorporation of a second Masonic Grand Lodge within our jurisdiction would lead to most undesirable and unfortunate consequences." An action and opinion with which, of course, we cordially agree.

There is a rather unusual "Report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead" quiet in its tribute and calm in trust that these are newly born in the risen light of the supreme Grand Lodge, and withal making practical suggestions as to the larger meanings and purpose of services of memorial during the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is written by a master hand, that of P. D. D. G. M. Bro. Edward P. Brown, and is a model of careful statement and trenchant comment on the doings of other jurisdictions. Maine receive full measure of space, half of which is devoted to our Centennial. Grand Master Adams, and Grand Lecturer Sleeper come in for words of praise. While "the practiced hand" of our late Bro. Albro E. Chase gets commendation as the writer of our Correspondence report for many years. A hand now stilled, a voice now silent, and his labors devolving upon less seasoned workmen, especially in this department upon which he cast the clear interpretative light of Masonic genius and devotion.

COLORADO, 1921.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication.

There are 26,242 members, with a net gain for the year of 2,452.

All Grand Officers, with fifty-two Grand Representatives were present. Our Grand Representative for Maine was among these.

M. W. Brother H. P. Burke, Grand Master, in opening, laid down that Rooseveltian doctrine and practice, "that laws should be enforced or repealed." He said, this relative to "a general failure," as he terms it, to comply with a certain section of the Constitution. Under New Lodges, he says, "that once in every three years" there is an average of one lodge becoming defunct, a condition which urged him to extreme caution in granting dispensations for new lodges. He issued but two of these, and was constrained to deny several.

The Pueblo Flood came during his term and Grand Lodge sanctioned his \$5,000.00, which he sent as an emergency gift.

Of the George Washington M. N. M. Association he said, "we ought either to continue or withdraw from membership," and recommends that one course or the other be determined upon by Grand Lodge at this session.

Because of confliction in dates between the Missouri Centennial, and this Annual Communication, he was forced to remain at home, but appointed M. W. Bro. Chase Withrow, P. G. M., as Colorado's representative, an appropriate act because Colorado is "the grand-daughter of the Grand Lodge of Missouri."

Grand Master Burke speaks in plain terms of Masonic Advertising; of Improper Publicity and Masonic Solicitation, condemning them as detrimental to the Craft and tending to bring the Fraternity into compromising conditions and discreditable standing. Of "Politics" he says these sane

and wholesomely conservative words: "This field has always been to our Fraternity a forbidden one. It cannot be entered without the utmost peril to that internal harmony absolutely essential to the existence of Masonry. This is the curse of Latin Freemasonry, and however seductive the voices that lure us, the lessons of history are too plain for us to be deceived. Let Colorado Masons remember the ancient landmarks and be led to worship of no false gods." A wise and timely word which pleases our conservative ideas, and sounds like some prophet of old warning against false deities and subtle idolatry.

He uses the telling graphic phrase—"fraternal parasites"—which have fastened upon the body of Freemasonry. Evidently he thinks of these various organizations making masonic membership a prerequisite, as a kind of carbuncle, wen, or tumor, both unsightly and insidiously sapping the vitality and strength of the main body. There is increasing belief that he is right, and probably a major operation will have to be performed sooner or later in many Grand Jurisdictions, for the protection and preservation of the parent body. A steady surgeon's hand will then be needed.

Of the Fraternity he says in brief words: "It tolerates no foreign meddling with its affairs. It interferes with no man's religion, and will not concern itself with matters of political or legislative policy." In this connection he calls Masonry "a representative, constitutional republic."

Among his four "Decisions" we see one to the effect that a brother who has disappeared, it not being known whether he is alive or dead, and relatives or friends having paid his dues for seven years, shall be dropped from the roll as having died in good standing. The remainder of his decisions are in keeping with the usual masonic practice and custom, and all have the official O. K. of the Jurisprudence Committee.

During his term there were eleven special communications for various corner-stone ceremonies, and three for Masonic Burials, two of Past Grand Masters, the other of Grand Secretary Jacobson. The Committee on Necrology pays fitting tribute to M. W. Bro. Frank Crane, P. G. M.; to M. W. Bro. George W. Musser, P. G. M., and to R. W. Bro. Chas. H. Jacobson, P. G. M., and Grand Secretary. Words of loving respect and eloquent eulogy are paid to these eminent Craftsmen and three photographs of their manly faces are included in the memorial pages. P. G. M. Jacobson is to be honored by Grand Lodge by having "The Charles H. Jacobson Scholarship" founded in his memory.

An "Oration" of six pages, replete with sound masonic wisdom and moving appeal is by M. W. Bro. L. D. Crain, Grand Orator. It outlines the deeper meanings of our lessons, symbols and rituals, makes vital application of these meanings to the duties of manhood and American citizenship, shows the leavening influence of the Fraternity within human society, and how the pressing, challenging problems and issues of our day are to be solved in the light of Masonic teaching. Altogether a speech that goes to the heart of things and makes every man wiser and better for the reading.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is written by W. Bro. Stanley

C. Warner, and is prefaced by a few words of summary of those more central and pivotal matters which are now concerning the various jurisdictions. Brother Warner is a safe, sane and sound reviewer, not given to flashy rhetoric or mere hasty deduction, but well weighed and thoroughly seasoned convictions and principles fall from his pen. Of the Masonic Service Association he pithily says: "Some (jurisdictions) have refused to join; some have withdrawn; some have the matter still under consideration; while others are very enthusiastic." On looking back one year we find that Colorado belongs to the second group, having withdrawn, after paying their obligation of \$212.17.

W. Bro. Warner in his report recommended that no action be taken in the matter of fraternal recognition of Costa Rica, the Grand Lodge of Cosmos of the State of Chihuahua (Mexico), the Grand Orients of Brazil, Belgium and Italy; the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, of Rumania, of Chile, Peru and Venezuela.

Action respecting the United Grand Lodge of Queensland is also deferred, although the language implies that the request is being favorably considered.

At Bro. Warner's hand, Maine receives fair consideration, largely quotation from Grand Master Wheeler's address, with an extended passage from Grand Secretary Davis' report. Our action respecting amendment to the Constitution making the minimum fee for initiation thirty dollars is quoted, without comment.

CONNECTICUT, 1921.

The One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Communication.

All Grand Lodge officers, eleven Past Grand Masters, and forty-two Grand Representatives (including ours of Maine) were reported present.

Whole number of constituent lodge, 114; all represented at this session. Total membership, 34,703, representing a net gain for the year of 3,219.

Several emergent communications were held during the masonic year; one for corner-stone ceremonies, one for a Temple dedication, two for constituting new lodges, and one for the sad occasion of conducting the funeral rites for Past Grand Master, M. W. (and may we say greatly loved and honored Brother) Wallace S. Moyle, M. W. Bro. Charles C. Perkins was present and conducted all five of these ceremonies.

The report of the Grand Master was a somewhat lengthy but ably written paper, which it has been a rare delight to read. He gives a wide and liberal interpretation to the constitutional restrictions respecting physical qualifications. But his interpretations did not quite accord with the more conservative conviction of several brethren.

Among the many "Visitations" narrated at some extent by M. W. Bro. Perkins, we notice in especial two. One on May 5th, (1920) to the Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Maine, when we recall his kindly, manly face as the honored guest of this Grand Lodge, and remember his forceful and timely words at the evening banquet, which in his modesty he does not mention. Bro. Perkins (and his is a good Yankee name)

"fitted in" with our Maine ways and "down east" atmosphere. He says in concluding his remarks on this evening event, "You can imagine the enthusiasm." To which we answer, Yes, and also say, that you, M. W. Bro. Perkins, with your personality and kindly words added much to that enthusiasm.

The second occasion, when your correspondent was happy in again meeting and greeting G. M. Perkins, was on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the League of Masonic Clubs in New York City (July 6, 7, and 8). He gave good account of the business and social sessions. Of the First Day devoted to an excursion to Coney Island, and the Grand Master said literally, "a mouthful," as the banquet there lasted from six to nine o'clock, with no Masonic speeches at that, but where our "Yankee" proclivities, in the gastronomic line, held their own with other Grand Jurisdictions.

He answered the question whether it was proper for a lodge to give its funds for a "Hospital Drive," by saying: "You have the right of using your funds for any worthy charitable cause. In your case it is questionable, because Hospitals, today are not strictly charitable, but are fast becoming a commercial institution."

Grand Master Perkins favors the George Washington M. N. Memorial, and believes it is the common heritage of all Masons in the United States.

The Committee on Jurisprudence were a bit adverse to his allowing a candidate to be initiated with an artificial hand.

He is an enthusiast in the matter of the Masonic Service Association.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. Kies, P. G. M., gives a well arranged and clearly articulated report of his official year.

We learn from the report that fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Prussia, were summarily withdrawn.

Ninety-seven pages of the annual report are given to the return of lodges.

The Correspondent Report is by P. G. M. and Grand Secretary, Geo. A. Kies, and opens with this laconic brevity: "Herewith, our eighth annual report. The high cost of printing explains its bobtailed character." Surely here the familiar adage that "Brevity is the soul of wit" finds fulfillment. For it is not too much to say, that it is one of the most readable (and at the risk of retort) one of the most frankly fascinating reports it has been our privilege to review. Irony and wit, sound sense and Masonic sanity, with virile comment and manly candor characterize his review. Maine does not receive quite a page, but he fulfills the apostolic word, that "the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life," and as he pays tender tribute to our beloved and now deceased brother M. W. Albro E. Chase we are content.

DELAWARE, 1921.

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 22; membership, 5,375, a net gain of 447. Every lodge was represented. Twelve Grand Officers, seventeen Past Grand Masters, and forty-nine Grand Representatives, including ours of Maine, were present.

Five Emergent Communications were held during the year for Cornerstone, Masonic Burial, and the Celebration of George Washington's Masonic Birthday.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William J. Highfield, speaks of the purpose of one of these Emergent Communications for reinterring, in the lawn of the Masonic Home of Delaware, the remains of Gunning Brandford, Jr., the first Grand Master. It is interesting to note that this Communication was held on the same day and hour (four P. M.) and place as the original Communication, one hundred and nine years before.

He notes among his other duties the appointment of P. G. M. Thomas J. Day as Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee, who has "discharged the duties in a most commendable manner." Grand Master Highfield appointed and commissioned four Grand Representatives, issued a "Decree" to the effect that all ballot boxes should contain at least one-third as many "black balls" as white. His "Decisions" (five) are all in accordance with the usual practice and interpretation of Masonic law. Of the Masonic Service Association he said: "I am in hearty accord with the aims and purposes of this Association." Of the George Washington M. N. M. Association he said, "that all subordinate lodges (with one exception) availed themselves of the opportunity to give to the world, tangible evidence of their appreciation of Washington — The Mason." He recommends that "The Gunning Brandford, Jr. Memorial Masonic Scholarship" be established at the University of Delaware. Deferred by Jurisprudence Committee. The same Committee adopted (also Grand Lodge) the building of an infirmary to the Masonic Home. Among other recommendations of the Grand Master we notice that of the annual observance of George Washington's Masonic Birthday, a revision of the funeral ritual ("to make it harmonize with the heart throbs of the Brethren"); that Secretaries shall not furnish any information concerning the Masonic Status of any member to any person; the rescinding of a resolution "primarily a war-measure," which made distinction as to nationality or creed; amendment to the Code making it the duty of the Junior Warden to perform his well established Masonic duty of bringing charges against any member convicted of misdemeanor; and another amendment making it mandatory upon all Secretaries to furnish the Grand Secretary the names and addresses of rejected petitioners. All of which were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and adopted. Other recommendations adopted were the annual observance of Flag Day by every lodge, and the planting of memorial trees on the lawn of the Masonic Home for those "who made the supreme sacrifice in the World War." Twenty dispensations were granted the majority for "out of time" degrees.

The Committee of Foreign Correspondence indefinitely postponed the request for recognition from the Grand Orient, and the Grand Lodge of France, and "no action" was taken on the same request from Ecuador.

The report of P. G. M. Bro. Harry J. Guthrie, Representative to the M. S. A. was one of hearty endorsement.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by P. G. M. Thomas J. Day,

and is pithily brief and almost cruelly concise. Maine has no complaint because we are generously accorded twice the average space, and no Grand Jurisdiction receives over a page. Our "doings" are in "tabloid" form, but the real gist and essence is faithfully given by Bro. Day. If reviews must be short, this is the way to do it, and we heartily appreciate the real labor in concentration, and condensation which went to the making of it.

GEORGIA, 1921.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership, 70,000 (approximate estimate of Grand Secretary). There are 688 lodges, all of which reported. There are ten lodges under Dispensation.

At the Annual Communication there were nine Past Grand Masters, and thirty-six Grand Representatives, including ours of Maine, present.

M. W. Bro. Charles L. Bass, Grand Master, expressed gratitude in the opening of his annual address that, "our official family remains unbroken." He paid high compliment for efficient and conscientious service rendered to him by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. The Grand Lecturer, also receives due mead of praise for faithful and constructive work accomplished and believes the office of Grand Lecturer, recently inaugurated by the Grand Lodge, has met a real need and can be made of "great service and benefit and I recommend that the office be continued." It has worked well in Maine for several decades and has made for uniformity and dignity of work and ritual, and if given what the Grand Master of Georgia calls "a fair trial" long enough to demonstrate its usefulness it will, we believe, prove an indispensable, constructive factor in Georgia.

The Grand Master is an advocate of Masonic Clubs, believing that they "not only increase the social life, but are doing good work in the dissemination of masonic knowledge through the medium of discussions and lectures and the circulation of masonic literature."

Although the official family was unbroken, there came a vital loss to the Grand Lodge of Georgia in the death of Bro. J. C. Greenfield, to whom the Grand Master, and proper committee, paid touching and noble tribute to one who held high, indeed the highest place, in many of the Masonic bodies of both Rites.

The Grand Master reports the "Masonic Home" in "splendid condition," and yet he "feels that we should secure a \$500,000.00 endowment at an early date, and that the Craft will respond generously in support."

Among his pleasant duties was the nominating and commissioning of four Grand Representatives. He granted a large number of dispensations and we are glad to see that he refused requests to confer degrees out of time in a large number of cases. Ten dispensations were issued by him for new lodges, and three lodges surrendered their charters being unable to conform to masonic requirements or because unable to get the necessary attendance to carry on the business of the lodge.

He made two "Decisions," one which pleases us as follows: Is it a

masonic offense "for a strike breaker to take the jobs of those who wear the square and compass?" Answer—It is not when one voluntarily gives up his position and it is taken and accepted by another Master Masons it is not a masonic offense." It is such decisions which make masonry another word for common sense.

The Grand Master gives a brief list of visitations, thirty-one in number, without extended comment, and we are left to infer that the atmosphere of these occasions was like the odor of the ointment of Aaron's beard. Seven new lodges were constituted, sixteen corner-stones were laid for schools, hospitals, churches and temples. Grand Master Bass attended six District Conventions, although twelve were held, and advocates that these be continued under the direction of the new Grand Lecturer, and that only uniformity of work and ritual be permitted. Because the Tenth District had successfully assumed the education of a boy and girl, he recommends that the Grand Lodge adopt the practice, and "create a commission and arrange a fund for the purpose of aiding the sons and daughters of Masons to secure a college education."

Visits to South Carolina and Virginia for Grand Lodge sessions were pleasant and profitable events during his term, which he briefly narrates in the course of his report.

He gives large place to the George Washington M. N. M. Association, and recommends that "we continue membership and appoint a representative," and the Committee having the project in charge urges the one dollar per capita as an honorable discharge of the obligation of the Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, he says: "The real Master Mason, who has been made such in his heart, and who has the true spirit of the fraternity, is numbered among those whom the Psalmist describes as men who shall abide in the Tabernacle and dwell in the Holy Hills. The real Mason is one that, 'walketh uprightly, worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up reproach against his neighbor, for he that doeth these things shall never be moved.'" We thought so, once or twice before when reading that address—a minister,—but when we came to this we *knew*, and our surmises were confirmed after a little investigation, when we found the "Rev." prefixed to the Grand Master's name. Well, brother, we are not ashamed of that work of matchless nobleness, following, though it be afar off, in the footsteps of God's Gentleman of Gallilee, the divinest manhood that this world has ever enfleshed, or will ever know. It is good Masonry and vital Christianity to answer in our Masonic Brotherhood that searching question and challenge of Tom Moore:

"Shall I ask the brave soldier, who fights by my side
In the cause of mankind, if our creeds agree?"

In the course of the communication Grand Lodge gave \$1,000.00 to the Scottish Rite Hospital in Atlanta, a noble institution for Crippled Children.

Action was deferred on recognition of Venezuela and Ecuador, but granted to the United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

M. W. Bro. James W. Taylor, P. G. M., received an ovation when the announcement was made that it was the eighty-eighth anniversary of his birth, and the sixty-second year of continued service. Verily "the hoary head is a crown of glory."

"A Pension Plan" was adopted, having features similar to our own in "that it enables our unfortunate brethren to live comfortably, among their life-long friends and associates, without the necessity of anyone, other than the Board of Relief, knowing they are the recipients of charity."

A "Student's Masonic Loan Fund" is one of the unique and commendable features considered, and referred to Committee on General Welfare.

There is hearty endorsement of the Y. M. C. A. in a long resolution which was unanimously passed. To this was appended an "Exhibit" quite conclusively proving this organization's efficiency in the World War.

A long report on the Masonic Service Association was brought in by a committee having the matter in charge to this effect: "That this Grand Lodge fulfill its past obligations to the Association and *withdraw*." Adopted.

A scene which "was witnessed by the tear-bedimmed eyes of 1,200 men," calls for more than passing mention. An alarm at the door announced that the mother of "Charlie" Bass, (that is what the brethren lovingly called him in spite of his clerical dignity and "Rev." and "D. D." before and after his name) was in waiting. "To refreshment" went Grand Lodge, and a noble and inspiring event took place which will long live in the annals of Georgia Masonry. With the United States Flag, and the Confederate, borne by a grizzled Veteran, the loved and venerable motherhood of the retiring Grand Master was escorted to the Grand East. The rest must be left to manly filial hearts and imaginations to picture as best they may, the tender words of tribute to motherhood nearing the twilight studded with stars of eternal hope, the glowing face of the minister-son, (Grand Master Bass) the "light which never was on sea or land" in the eyes and faces of the brethren. It was a baptism of Maternal Love, so like that of the Eternal, that every brother was transfigured by its hallowed presence and went forth from that closing tender scene, a nobler, better man and truer Mason. None of the speeches can be given, except the whole of Mother's talk a kind of benediction as from the Higher Throne. She simply said: "You cannot know how happy this makes me today. It is the happiest moment of my life. I have known so long how good you have been to Charlie. I love you all and I thank you."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Raymond Daniel, his sixth review, and is preceded by twenty-four pages of worth-while comment and elucidation on vital subjects now engaging the attention of the Masonic world. I know Brother Daniel will pardon brief space, which was taken for the foregoing event which will ennoble us all. At Bro. Daniel's hand Maine receives cordial treatment and fraternal consideration, with little of quotation but two solid pages of vital matters and valuable comment. Grand Master Wheeler and the late Bro. Chase, for years the efficient Foreign Correspondent of this jurisdiction, come in for

commendation. But we do hate to leave that twenty-four pages of sound, conservative, yet progressive and constructive criticism which does credit to the heart and hand and head of our brother correspondent.

IDAHO, 1921.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Communication.

Thirteen Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters and eighteen Grand Representatives were present. The Representative for Maine was absent. There are seventy-two lodges with a membership of 8,203, a net gain of 1,047. Several distinguished visitors were greeted in the Grand East and accorded the Grand Honors and later in the day made inspiring addresses. They were M. W. Bro. John Gifford, Grand Master of Washington; the M. W. Grand Master of Montana, Bro. H. C. Smeeth; Past Grand Master of Washington, Judge Kenna; and Past Grand Master of Montana, Bro. Ernest M. Hutchinson.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. I. Edgar Meek, pays fitting tribute to the memory of Past Grand Master John G. Bloomfield, at whose funeral a special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho was called.

The Grand Master reports peace prevailing throughout the jurisdiction and harmonious relations with other Grand Jurisdictions.

Like all Grand Masters he reports with chastened enthusiasm the "wonderful increase" in membership and sounds the usual note of warning, while seeing in the phenomenal numerical progress, "the salvation of democracy."

He issued five dispensations for new lodges, and granted charters for two. He convened four special communications for various purposes, a hall dedication and a corner-stone ceremonial and constitutions.

He renders one "Decision" which interests us, the question arose as how to wear the apron during processions outside the lodge room, whether outside all the clothing or otherwise. He said "it resolves itself into a matter of personal taste with the individual." Not in Maine, where the rule is "outside all clothing," because of uniformity in a public procession. In the colder weather some might wear them beneath overcoats, with scarcely anything of "that distinguished and distinguishing badge of a Mason" in sight, therefore in order to have uniformity and a kind of distinguishing dignity, the practice with us is to wear them outside all clothing. He recommends and commissions five Grand Representatives; he suspends the W. M. of one lodge for deliberately and flagrantly falsifying the ballot in two instances. After "careful investigation" and on the confession of the W. M. "that he had removed the black ball and declared the applicant elected," the Grand Master declared the pretended election of the two petitioners "null and void" and suspended the Master from his office. A Special Committee to which this action was referred agreed with the Grand Master but made suspension, not for one year, "but the remainder of his term." In our opinion from the facts as stated, a longer term of suspension would have been more "mete and right" and immediate expulsion was the just and proper course.

Regarding "Courtesy Work" he "would be glad to see Idaho take the stand that at least the first degree must be conferred in the electing lodge."

Respecting "Legislation" he takes common-sense ground in these words: "The Grand Lodge has too much legislation. Instead of confining ourselves to the basic law laid down in our Constitution and By-laws, we have included therein rules, regulations and statutes together with nearly three hundred approved rulings of Grand Masters. Particularly do I believe that this course is unwise with reference to the decisions of the Grand Masters. I incline to the firm belief that these decisions should be deemed only as precedents for the guidance of Grand Masters rather than decrees by which he is bound."

He speaks in earnest terms of the Masonic Service Association, and of the George Washington Masonic Memorial he said: "Our Grand Lodge has placed the seal of approval on this magnificent enterprise by appropriating one thousand dollars towards its erection, but let us remember that we have more than seven thousand Masons, and let us put forth new efforts so that the task we have set will be accomplished."

He suggest for ample reasons that the place of permanent meeting of the Grand Lodge should be in the city of Boise, but the Jurisprudence Committee non-concurred.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recognized the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. This United Grand Lodge was formed by an amalgamation on April 27, 1921, of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and another Grand Body called the Queensland Grand Lodge. The New Union embraces 278 active lodges. "On motion this was adopted." The Committee says, "this union has been long looked for and now is happily and fully accomplished. There is no reason why Idaho should not establish fraternal relations with this new Grand Lodge and effect an exchange of Grand Representatives, and your Committee does so recommend." Adopted.

In keeping with the action of several other Grand Bodies, the Grand Lodge of Idaho approved a resolution of the Jurisprudence Committee, as follows: "That no candidate for the degrees of Masonry shall be advanced to the second or third degree until at least four weeks have elapsed since taking the previous degree. Further more, no member shall apply for or receive any Scottish Rite or Royal Arch Chapter degree until one year at least has elapsed since taking the third degree. A violation of this requirement is hereby declared to be a Masonic offense and will subject the offender to discipline. (It is hereby ordered that this resolution be printed on the back of all forms of Petition for Degrees). Approved as read.

A ringing resolution on the free public school was adopted. The pith of this somewhat extended resolution was as follows: "That the efforts of Freemasonry in Idaho, by its voice, vote and influence shall at all times be exerted to preserve our public school system as a free American institution." The resolution delights our New England soul.

The Correspondence Report is written by the practiced, and almost

veteran hand of M. W. Bro. George E. Knepper. His twentieth Report is an unusually readable review in which Maine receives one good page of cordial attention. Grand Secretary Davis gets due praise for a "fine business document," and the late M. W. Bro. Albion E. Chase for a report "in his usual efficient manner." Our Centennial Celebration gets full and favorable notice in his review.

ILLINOIS, 1921.

The Eighty-second Annual Communication.

Twenty-one Grand Officers, nine Past Grand Masters, thirty-two Grand Representatives, including Maine's, were present.

Membership, 229,982, with a net gain of 24,562.

M. W. Bro. Daniel G. Fitzgerald, Grand Master, in opening his report, points out a strikingly suggestive fact by saying: "It is very significant that human distress is greatest in all countries that are most devoid of the spirit of fraternity. In these lands a negative answer comes to the question, Am I my brother's keeper? Where Masonry prevails brotherhood makes men responsive to each other's needs. Masonry flourishes in Anglo-Saxon countries and the English-speaking people are steadily advancing toward higher ideals of humanity."

At the mention of the name of the beloved and late lamented Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Isaac Cutter, by the Grand Master, the assembled brethren rise in reverent silence. It is a name highly honored in eulogy at this Communication and fittingly memorialized by the Obituary Committee.

The Grand Master appointed his successor as Grand Secretary in the person of M. W. Bro. Owen Scott, and he was formally elected at this session.

The Grand Master insists that the legislation of the Grand Lodge must be obeyed by those lodges which have petitioned him for a restoration of the privilege of using the German language.

He uses strong terms when dealing with the subject of Fraudulent Concealment of Rejection, and says: "When a man signs his petition and makes a false answer to the question of a previous rejection, he is a fraud and a deceiver and has no place in Masonry." He recommends that the Committee on Appeals and Grievances make necessary changes in the prescribed form, in order that no one may plead oversight of this important question.

In speaking of the short form of opening he says: "In looking over the results and observing this desirable change I am constrained to advise that the short form of opening be permitted at all meetings of all lodges."

He reports the Masonic Homes to be in the best condition in their history, and announces a bequest of \$30,000.00 for this purpose from Brother John H. Millen of Dayton, Ohio.

The Grand Master strongly condemns Masonic lotteries, and ordered all money received from one by a lodge to be returned and the whole

scheme suppressed, saying: "If lodges cannot provide themselves meeting places without resorting to plans and schemes which violate the Masonic as well as the laws of the State and Nation they should be content to rent lodge rooms indefinitely." Good citizenship and true Masonry

He arrested one charter for persistent and flagrant violation of the constitutional law and wilful disobedience of Grand Lodge authority.

In his term he issued 133 dispensations, appointed three Grand Representatives, constituted 17 new lodges and instituted 19, dedicated 10 temples, and laid three Masonic corner-stones.

A thoughtful and scholarly oration was given by the Grand Orator, Bro. Leroy A. Goddard, on the general subject of Masonic Leadership, which in well rounded and eloquent periods expressed the stabilizing function of the Craft in these days of social chaos and economic unrest and disorder. The tenor of his message was that our Masonic institution has a special task and commanding duty, "to hold tenaciously to that faith, which trusts in the fundamental righteousness of our people and the pendulum of safety and sanity will again swing back to law, to justice, and to loyal citizenship."

Bro. Owen Scott, State Chairman of the George Washington Memorial, cordially endorses the project and informs us that the amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer for this purpose, given by the constituent lodges of Illinois is, \$71,459.58.

The Correspondence Report is written by Bro. Delmar D. Darrah and contains one hundred and thirty-seven pages of thoroughly digested review and condensed narration. Prefatory to the more formal review he discoursed entertainingly and informingly on such vital and various subjects as, Group Work and Balloting of which he is an earnest and persuasive advocate. Under the caption — Too Many Laws — he counsels this somewhat summary action: "One of the very best things that could happen to the Masonic fraternity would be to eliminate all existing laws and regulations and return to Anderson's original Constitutions of Freemasonry. It cannot be doubted that there are entirely too many laws enacted for the regulation and government of the society. One Grand Master found in counting up the laws of his jurisdiction approximately three hundred. It is sincerely hoped that the fraternity will soon pass the law-making stage and turn its attention to the stable things of society." Under the subject — Increasing Cost of Homes — he has these words to say, which seem to confirm our own thought and action regarding the subject: "The fraternity went into the fraternal home business without any thought whatsoever of finding the means to maintain them. The result now is, that in nearly every state we have splendid institutions which are doing excellent work while the grand lodges behind them are taxed to the utmost for their support. They are gradually increasing in cost and as a result means have to be devised for raising additional revenue for the upkeep of these institutions." Thus is the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine justified in reference to these matters.

An enlightening page is given to the subject of Cipher of Rituals, which he

avers should be sold under the sanction and authority of Grand Lodges, like those of the Chapter and Commandery and Scottish Rite Bodies.

Bro. Darrah is an eloquent and on the whole convincing champion of greater leniency and more liberal and humane interpretation of our rigid and ultra-severe Physical Requirements and Qualifications.

He also has these forceful words to say respecting the Masonic Service Association: "The whole trouble with the M. S. A. seems to be that it was organized to exploit individual ideas rather than adopt a general policy of Masonic welfare. The idea of a central Masonic organization is correct but it can never be accomplished so long as individualism and the exploitation of personal ideas is allowed to become paramount. When doubt as to its advantages and the prejudice of men are laid aside the association will develop into some real tangible direct service to the Craft."

In his report, Maine is not included, therefore we are deprived of the zest and pleasure of a stimulating review, which characterizes his fraternal treatment of other jurisdictions, an omission which we may hope will be fraternally remedied another year.

INDIANA, 1921.

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication.

All Grand Officers were present, with seventeen Past Grand Masters, and twenty-two Grand Representatives. Ours of Maine was present. There are 570 lodges, three U. D. Membership 108,021, a net gain of 9,851. The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Richard H. Schweitzer, in his report, which is a model business document, says: "There has been a tendency to lose sight of the ancient landmarks and customs; and innovations have been introduced into some of the lodges that are foreign to the tenets of the institution. Unless these tendencies are halted abruptly, the high standards of the Fraternity are menaced, and I have not hesitated to adopt measures as I have found necessary to eradicate them." He pays touching personal tribute to the much loved Grand Secretary, Calvin W. Prather, as the friend and comrade of every brother; how intimate and tender are such words as these: "Dear old Cal, no words I, or any one else can utter this day, can give adequate expression to the feeling of our hearts. It is very difficult for me to speak a word about this beloved brother, who was at once friend, brother and father in our relationship. I would much rather sit with you with silent lips." Which with all its simplicity is the noblest eulogy.

He appointed a new Grand Secretary, P. G. M. William H. Swintz, who was elected at this communication of the Grand Lodge.

A distinguished visitor, in the person of R. W. Charles R. J. Glover, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, was the honored guest of the Grand Master during his term of service. He fully endorses the George Washington Memorial, and has "no doubt that within a few years the Association will have accomplished its purpose, by the erection

of an appropriate Memorial Building, which will Masonically perpetuate the life and memory of George Washington, the Mason."

The Grand Master touches rather emphatically upon a matter which is concerning not a few jurisdictions, a revision of the "Funeral Ceremony" which he says, "should be radically different than the one we now use, except for the essentials, such as the reference to the apron and sprig of acacia. It should dwell not so much upon death and the grave, but on life, fraternal life, and life hereafter. It should be a message of sympathy and comfort to the family and an inspiration to better things to the brethren and friends present at the grave." He recommends that the Ritual Committee prepare such a ceremony, which after approval by the Grand Master shall become "the adopted official ceremony to be used by subordinate lodges." It is good to read that the Committee on Jurisprudence approved in the very language of the Grand Master, and their recommendation was adopted. A funeral, surely, need not be funereal, a dark and dismal obsequy, where the atmosphere is that of the sepulchre and the imagery too often that of, "after my skin, worms destroy the body, etc.," but rather with our teaching and faith as Master Masons we might well incorporate that message of the Great Light, that "it is sown in weakness, it is *raised* in power; it is sown a natural body, it is *raised* a spiritual body." Indeed that scriptural word "raised" might be made of higher Masonic import in such a modernized revision as that contemplated by the Grand Master. We pass this on to the Ritual Committee for their consideration.

The Grand Master appointed eight Grand Representatives, chartered three lodges, and instituted the same number, revoked the charters of three, and suspended the charters of twelve, which had the approval of the Committee.

More than forty pages of the Proceedings are given to the affairs of the Indiana Masonic Home with its 205 "guests."

The Jurisprudence Committee brings in this which was adopted, and rightly, "*Resolved*, That the general Regulations be amended, by adding the following section:

"Sec. 185. It is a Masonic offense for any Mason to play any kind of games in any room controlled directly or indirectly by a Masonic lodge of Indiana on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday. Any lodge of this jurisdiction allowing games of any kind played on a Sunday in any room over which it has control, is violating the laws of this jurisdiction and shall be subject to discipline by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master." This delights our conservative New England and Masonic heart.

The same Committee forbids the use of two lodge rooms at the same time, for it "is the law of this Grand Jurisdiction that no Subordinate Lodge can occupy or use more than one Lodge Room."

The Committee on Correspondence recommended the fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama, and "that the Grand Master be requested to arrange for an exchange of representatives."

A resolution was passed that each lodge pay annually five dollars for

each candidate initiated, for the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Home.

A resolution, "which was adopted most vigorously," respected the Public Schools, and we can after reading the resolution understand what Tennyson meant when he said, "that words half-reveal and half-conceal the soul within." The resolution is after our own heart.

The Correspondence Report by M. W. Elmer F. Gay, contains one hundred and thirty-eight pages of illuminating comment and quotation. Maine receives courteous and cordial treatment,—largely quotation from M. W. Brother Adams' address.

IOWA, 1921.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Communication.

There were fourteen Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of 388 of the 628 lodges enrolled, present at this session. Membership, 73,535, with a net gain of 6,189.

Prefatory to the formal opening of the Grand Lodge there were interesting and entertaining public exercises, including the usual address of welcome and a cordial response by Bro. A. H. Sargent, R. W. Deputy G. M.

M. W. Bro. Jesse A. West, Grand Master, in his annual address laid stress upon Masonic enlightenment and education in these words: "The crying need of the hour was the presentation to the Craft of the fundamentals of Masonry—that is, the presentation of the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man as applied to good citizenship, and our duty as Masons in the exercise of our rights of citizenship, especially in reference to our public school system. We believe that true patriotism and loyalty to our country and government can be maintained only by education of the people and that such education can only properly be given in a public school, the true 'Melting Pot' for Americanism. The founders of our government early realized that some system of universal education of all the youth of our land was essentially necessary if this government was to continue, and provisions were early made for such a system that has finally developed into the great system of free public schools as we now know it, a sacred trust for us to hand down to future generations. The public schools are America's Marne. Before their door this Order takes its stand and says to all who would assail that sacred citadel, 'They shall not pass.'"

The Grand Master notes in his Necrology, the passing of several distinguished brethren, notably P. G. Treasurer Kent C. Freeman, and to this little group of dear and risen souls, the Committee pays fittingly tender tribute.

The Grand Master constituted three lodges, issued seven dispensations for new lodges, made nearly fifty visitations, some of which were outside his jurisdiction, notably the meeting of the Masonic Service Association at St. Paul, Minn., and the sessions of the George Washington M. N. M. Association in Alexandria, Va. He also laid four corner-stones, and dedicated four Masonic halls and temples.

He makes recommendation that there shall be real (not formal or per-

functory) proficiency in the Third degree by every M. M. being required to pass his examination within six months from the date of raising, or be automatically expelled. This also must be done before he can vote, hold office or demit, a provision of the Iowa Code which he rightly insists must be rigidly and universally enforced.

He speaks in commendatory phrase of a system of District Lecturers (called Special Representative of the G. M.) recently adopted, which is very like our own D. D. G. Master system in Maine, and which is producing with them as for many decades with us, constructive and substantial results.

We are never disappointed when Iowa speaks on the Masonic Service Association, for it is always a clear forthright word of militant advocacy without ambiguity or "hedging." Reminding us somewhat of a Maine farmer who told us in religious controversy, "I'm not arguing with yer, I'm telling yer." So the Grand Master and Bro. Block never leave us in any uncertainty as to their unalterable conviction and unflinching faith in this institution. Grand Master West has several illuminating pages of the plans, principles, program and project of this Association which make lucid and entertaining reading. We started out in reading Bro. Block's report, over which there is always the clear white light of genius, to count his references to the M. S. A. but when we reached five hundred, we recalled the word of Holy Writ, "It is enough, now lettest thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen the glory, etc." A glory made effulgent, satisfactory and sufficient by a man who knows how to think, and write and has something of "that light which never was on sea or land."

The Grand Master made several recommendations, largely of local interest and application, which is equally true of his "Opinions" which were unmistakably expressed.

He came out strongly in condemnation of "Renegade Ciphers," outlines the work accomplished and hopes "that in the end we may have real Masons who have their Masonry so deeply impressed upon their minds, their hearts so pure in Masonic principles, that it will never be necessary to refer to the "Hip-pocket" edition to know how to exemplify their Masonry." A caustic word that is good to hear.

He strongly supports the "Iowa Plan" of charity, which keeps expenses at a minimum and yet gives the maximum of Masonic assistance, and as we have studied the plan (without the mounting expenses of a Home) it is in its essentials much like our own system which has been in use from the beginning and is producing satisfactory results.

We cannot refrain from quoting his incisive, trenchant words on the use of the cube because they touch on an all too prevalent misunderstanding and misuse of that potent implement of Masonic protection, "The cube was never intended to be used as a dagger by the Coward (the Grand Master has this word in large italics) to further his own selfish interest or give vent (good word that, ought to have 'virus' before it) to his personal 'Spleen' and the man (would a real man?) who uses it for any selfish

purpose, or for any purpose other than the protection of the Order, is a Moral Coward (*italics again more emphatic than before*) and unfit to be called BROTHER." That is the kind of Masonic masculinity that challenges our respect and veneration.

Quite unusual, if not unprecedented, is the Grand Master's reference in his conclusion to one who is too often forgotten or ignored when the "deeply indebted" flowers are being passed around. After the mention of several loyal helpful brethren, during his term of office, he touches us deeply by these words: "There remains yet another, who, by her loyalty to our cause, and her unselfishness of my time, I have been able to accomplish more than otherwise would have been possible. To my devoted wife, who has ever been a source of inspiration, I pay my tribute of love and affection." Which was spoken like a true man and Mason.

The Grand Secretary's report is comprehensive and reads well, like the report of the Grand Librarian, and did space permit it would be a pleasure to quote at length from these and other documents. The librarian mentions a name very dear to me, the Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, D. D., and his work "The Builders" which Masonic masterpiece he tells us has been translated into several foreign languages as it deserves to be.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by the master hand of M. W. Bro. Louis Block, P. G. M., and while the Century Dictionary is filled with a lot of good words to apply to him (adjectives, gerunds and participles and a few more such things) we are not going to emulate many of our correspondence-brethren in mere competitive eulogy of real genius. Like the light of the sun, we are simply glad to live in it, without trying to analyze or explain or eulogize it. It is quotable (and lucidly readable) through all its 250 pages. If you wish to know what progressive and indeed radical Masonry is Bro. Black is its vigorous and eloquent exponent and advocate. He is wholesomely radical, in the sense that radical means getting at the root of things, not in the unkempt, bolshevistic, unwashed way of popular, and false, nomenclature. As noted above the M. S. A. is his central theme, he is now on the argumentative, now on the defensive, again on the persuasive, sometimes on the seductive, but always his "hat is in the ring" and like Henry of Navarre he throws his plumed helmet into the thick of things in order to recover it with a kind of D'Artagnan agility and almost knightly courtesy and courage. It is an inevitable and irresistible subject which he champions with notable ability. We cannot always agree with him either in contention or conclusion, but such cordial and honest differences of opinion, which are largely those of point of view, only add zest and stimulus to our reading and admiration.

Maine receives one page of valuable quotation and comment for which we are grateful, and Bro. Chase said the word (among his last) which appealed to Bro. Block, as they should to every forward looking Craftsman, "the ways of the past are not the ways that the present demands."

MANITOBA, 1921.

The Forty-sixth Annual Communication.

There were present forty-two Grand Representatives (including Maine's) with twelve Past Grand Masters.

Membership, 9,332, with increase for the year of 963.

Distinguished visitors, M. W. Bro. Bishop Pinkham, P. G. M., of Minnesota; M. W. Bro. Grant S. Hager, P. G. M., of North Dakota, and R. W. Bro. C. D. Lord, Grand Treasurer, of North Dakota, were cordially greeted from the Grand East and accorded the usual Grand Honors.

M. W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher, Grand Master, in his "Necrology" pays due tribute (later nobly memorialized by the Committee) to one Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, and six Past District Deputy Grand Masters and seventy-four brethren.

The Grand Master issued five dispensations for new lodges. He devotes several inspiring pages to Condition of the Order, centering around the theme, "That true progress in Masonry can be measured only in terms of Service," and uses a parable which is clear and striking in its meaning in this regard. The Sea of Galilee with all its living beauty and fresh charm which sends its waters on to bless; and the Dead Sea, desolate, bleak and barren, which keeps all its brackish waters to itself having no outlet. So are lives, like the one of the other, so the "spirit of Masonry consists in gathering up the sunbeams for the benefit of others, and that man best performs his duty here on earth who adds to the sum of human happiness that man has caught the spirit of Masonry, and his life will be like the Sea of Galilee." A parable simply told and nobly enforced.

Under the caption "By-laws" are these suggestive words: "The initiation fee varies in this jurisdiction from \$35.00 to \$100.00. This variation gives rise to serious thought." Is initiation into Freemasonry worth any more in one lodge than in another? The Committee on the Grand Master's address, answered the question in a measure with these words: "The fitness or unfitness of a candidate is not to be estimated mainly by the amount of the fee he can pay, nor should any fee be excessive because it is possible to extort it. There are many valued members of our Craft who would never have applied for admission had the fee been \$100.00; there are, likewise many now in affiliation who cannot afford a succession of increases in the annual dues. We are with the Grand Master that the test of a Freemason is the quality of his service to the community." So is every real Mason.

The Grand Master laid one corner-stone for Lisgar Lodge at Selkirk, during his term, which is given ample place (three pages) under "Special Communication."

He lists his visitations very briefly and pays tribute to the D. D. G. Masters, for labor loyally performed in one of the most important offices of the Grand Lodge, and says: "I am heartily in sympathy with any system of election which will ensure that the most desirable and capable man of the District is elected no matter from what lodge he may come. It should be a case of the office seeking the man, not the man seeking the

office." The reports of the D. D. G. Masters from the ten Districts read much like our own and cover sixteen pages of the Report and indicate that Masonic manhood and service are much the same in Manitoba as in Maine.

The Grand Secretary lists twelve Grand Representatives commissioned and nominated by the Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Grant S. Hager, of North Dakota, in the course of a brilliant speech gave cordial invitation to the Grand Lodge to be the guests of North Dakota at the International Masonic Celebration at Pembina, on June 21st, and since both Grand Bodies grew from the same common stock Old Northern Light Lodge, "the very earliest Masonic event of which we in North Dakota have authentic record" it seemed fitting for Manitoba to cordially accept.

In closing his address, Bro. Hager used these words: "God grant that the unity of purpose and bond of brotherhood which sprang from the early incidents of our Masonic beginnings, linked with that glorious history in which we both have a common share, may never be disturbed, and that no dissension or discord ever mar the concord now existing between the two great English speaking nations—Great Britain and the United States."

The Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. the Rev. Chas. E. Somerset, delivered an oration which teems with fruitful suggestions and inspiring thoughtful appeal, we cull one sentence which may serve to show the temper and atmosphere of the whole admirable speech, "Our Masonic creed is deeper and wider and nobler than many of the little creeds of men which have their day and cease to be."

The Committee on Condition of Freemasonry speaks this pregnant word in the course of a somewhat extended report: "Devotion and good intelligence and determination mark the course and progress of Freemasonry in Manitoba, and a vast amount of effective work is being done to promote and maintain the principles of Masonry in the lives and hearts of the brethren."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations gives an enlightening resume of the Mexican tangle and concludes by saying: "We recommend that no action be taken for the present regarding the Gran Logia Valle de Mexico." Adopted.

The report of the Committee departs from the usual form of individual review of Jurisdictions, but justifies this "Topical" method by saying that, "for the last few years it seems to have met with the approval of the Brethren, and so the same plan has been followed this year." Bro. Kellett's review touches upon such topics as, Membership Increase, Lodge Responsibilities, Masonic Study and Education, Masonic Clubs and Higher Degrees, Ideals, Masonic Unity and Action. Liberal citations from various Grand Lodge Proceedings are used to illuminate and enforce his arguments and ideas, making a readable and not too voluminous a document. Maine does not appear in his citations, but even so, we have read Bro. Kellett's review with real pleasure and substantial profit without the zest and stimulus which comes from seeing ourselves, "as others see us."

MICHIGAN, 1921.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Communication.

All Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand Masters, fifty-five Grand Representatives (Maine's not present) were in attendance at this session.

Total membership (December 31, 1920), 120,013, with a net year gain of 12,974. 433 lodges were represented by 718 members.

An eloquent address of welcome was made at the formal opening of this Communication by Brother Chas. C. Green, Mayor of Battle Creek. To which cordial response was made by P. G. M. Bro. G. L. Lusk.

The annual address by M. W. Bro. Ira A. Beck, Grand Master, gives account of faithful service willingly rendered in constituting and instituting new lodges, laying corner-stones, and the usual visitations. His "Decisions" were all approved by the Grand Lodge; but he found it necessary to say: "That a lodge cannot appropriate funds to buy uniforms for a Baseball team, or to use the word Masonic in connection therewith." He was also constrained to prohibit the use of a hall (Masonic) for the use of "The Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm" or what is commonly known as "The Grotto."

In company with the majority of the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, the Grand Lodge of Michigan whole-heartedly endorses and champions the Masonic Service Association, and takes like position in the matter of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. The Grand Master calling it a "memorial which will be pointed to with pride for centuries to come."

The Grand Master is eulogistic and eloquent in the matter of the New Masonic Temple in Detroit (your correspondent saw it in October of 1921, in Detroit) and can echo the Grand Master's words, in terming it, "the greatest event in Michigan Masonry in all her History," when the first sod was turned in the presence of fifty-thousand people who "viewed the impressive service, one of the most inspiring scenes ever witnessed in Michigan, the parade taking hours to pass the reviewing stand, truly a function of which every Mason in Michigan should be most proud." As the building is to cost something over four million dollars we realize both from figures and our personal inspection, that it is a "big" thing, but still it is true that there is grave danger that the mere worship of bigness, the increasing passion to value such things by enormous sums and gigantic estimates should remind us of certain of our ancient brethren, who when asked, "What edifices do you build?" replied with becoming Masonic humility, "We build Temples, but often for want of territory we build them in our hearts." And it is everlastingly true that unless these inner-temples are builded in the hearts of the brethren, the gorgeous temple and the majestic edifice, can little avail to conserve the real treasures of the Craft or decently house and enshrine the grace of a day that is dead and a Fellowship that is more concerned with the outward form, than with the inward substance; for Masonry after all is like the All Seeing Eye, of which it was said of old, "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God searcheth the hearts of men."

Among the distinguished guests greeted at this session of the Grand Lodge were M. W. Bro. Wm. Hutchinson, P. G. M., of Iowa, and Past Grand Master Watres of Pennsylvania, who spoke persuasively respecting the George Washington Memorial.

We note as a mark of special distinction, which was not overlooked by the brethren, that the present Grand Secretary, Lou B. Winsor, was attending his thirty-ninth consecutive year of Grand Lodge, and his eighteenth of grand secretarial service.

There exists a spirit of perfect concord and co-operation between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., especially in the practical and wholly Masonic concern of true charity and philanthropy.

The Grand Master made the following recommendation which received the full approval of the brethren in session: "The use of Masonic emblems by Masons as business signs or cards unless such business be exclusively or largely in Masonic goods, and the use of the words "Masons" or "Masonic," or "Free and Accepted Masons" or for "Masons only" or "words and phrases of similar import," in connection with any private business or in connection with any Insurance Company, shall be guilty of unmasonic conduct." A law which we believe is wholesomely drastic and should be made of general application throughout every jurisdiction.

Sixty-nine Sister Jurisdictions are carefully reviewed by Bro. Lou B. Winsor, in a manner which is fair, frank and vital, and upholds the high standard and traditions of the reviewing service of this Grand Lodge. Maine receives three replete pages largely of well chosen quotation from M. W. Bro. Silas B. Adams' annual address, with liberal comment on our One Hundredth Anniversary in 1920.

MISSOURI, 1921.

The One Hundred and First Annual and Centennial Communication.

There are 649 lodges, everyone of which made official return to the Grand Secretary. The membership is 100,093, with a net gain for the year of 9,677.

M. W. Grand Master Bro. Wm. F. Johnson says in his opening words of the annual address, "that he wishes to avoid ornamentation or embellishment." He amply fulfills his strong desire to "be brief and specific." We cannot agree with him, however, when he says "the sole merit of this address will be its brevity." As we read clear cut words and sinewy thought we looked at the frontispiece portrait and brief biography several times to see what manner of man was saying such vital things in this simple way, and found fulfillment of that familiar aphorism, "that the style is the man." With this type of masonic brother of few words but many deeds we were not surprised to find him, out of a busy professional life, visiting ninety-seven lodges, instituting nine, and being present at various special Masonic occasions. He appointed eight Grand Representatives and issued ten dispensations for new lodges, all of which are briefly tabulated in his address.

He includes in his report a touching letter of resignation from the Grand

Secretary who says, "that the time has come when on account of impaired eyesight and physical strength, I can no longer with complete fidelity to the Brethren and justice to my physical condition continue to carry the responsibility of this great office." M. W. Bro. John R. Parson had been for eighteen years in this office, and the Grand Master in manful words of regret at the necessity of such resignation speaks of "his loyalty, faithfulness and zeal for the Fraternity," and says, "I have learned not only to esteem you highly and to honor you, but to love you."

He appointed as Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother Frank R. Jesse, who was also officially elected and installed at this Annual Communication, and at the same time the retiring Grand Secretary was made Emeritus Secretary of the Grand Lodge, a highly fitting and honorable action after long years of unremitting loyalty and service.

A "Necrology" and memorial pages and biographies, were given to four Past Grand Masters of Missouri, Brothers Zenophon Ryland, Jacob Lampert, James W. Boyd and Theodore Brace.

Under the caption, A Certain Secret Organization, he makes trenchant reference to the pernicious activities of a Secret Organization, which he does not mention by name, although as far East as Maine, we know exactly what he means and cordially agree with him, that its influence and methods are destructive of lawful authority and free government. He speaks vigorously of those who, "behind the midnight anonymity of mask and robe enforces its secret decrees with the weapons of whips and tar and feathers and must ultimately merit and receive the condemnation of those who believe in courts, open justice and good citizenship." Here speaks a man and American!

The charter of one lodge was arrested by him for persistent and flagrant insubordination, which act might be more fittingly termed, defiant rebellion to the Supreme constituted authority of the G. L. of Missouri. A manful masonic act which had the unqualified approbation of the brethren.

He heartily endorses the Masonic Service Association, which also receives the approval of a special committee appointed for the purpose which recommended that the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated for speakers to carry out the plan of Masonic Education through the subordinate lodges.

The George Washington M. N. M. A. meets with the Grand Master's approbation in these words: "It is my hope that Missouri will take her stand with the many states that have contributed their respective quotas" for this purpose.

The Grand Master gave lucid interpretations of the Constitutional law of the Grand Lodge in twelve tabulated instances which are fully set forth in the course of his annual report.

In conclusion he says, "that good material, rather than great numbers, seems to have been the aim of the various lodges, and pays deserved commendation to those too often neglected officials the D. D. G. Masters. He terms these fifty-nine good men and true, "broadminded and large-hearted, ready at all times to assist me in my work, without whom 'I would have been at sea.'"

The Centennial Celebration was graced by the presence of several D. V.'s all of whom gave addresses, after they were fittingly welcomed by Grand Master Johnson. It was an elaborate and inspiring programme with many musical numbers interspersed between the following addresses: Historical Resume, by M. W. Wm. F. Kuhn; "Our Mother" by M. W. Bro. the Grand Master of Tennessee, Rodney Blake; "Our Second Daughter," by R. W. Bro. J. Ray Nyemaster, Deputy Grand Master of Iowa; "Our Grand Daughter," by M. W. Bro. Chase Withrow, P. G. M., of Colorado. As Maine has recently observed here Centennial and especially Maine and Missouri attained Statehood at nearly the same time it is fitting that we send cordial greeting through this Correspondence Report to our Brethren of Missouri. May we mutually act through another hundred years as becomes men, Masons and Americans, remembering that truly Masonic counsel,

"How happy is he born or taught
Who serveth not another's will,
Whose armor is his honest thought
And simple truth his utmost skill."

During this annual session there was thorough revision of the "Trial Code" which was adopted and commends itself to us as a comprehensive and efficient document for the disposal of such matters with impartiality and dispatch.

Fraternal recognition and exchange of representatives with the United Grand Lodge of Queensland was effected.

Another Distinguished Visitor, M. W. Bro. Geo. L. Schoonover, P. G. M., of Iowa, was "informally presented" and conducted to the Grand East.

An interesting fact is contained in the report of the Committee on Chartered Lodges, viz: "Probably the oldest Master Mason in Missouri is Brother Joseph Halstead, who is 103 years old and who has been a Master Mason for SEVENTY-NINE YEARS." How true that word of the Great Light for all such "The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness." And so, venerable brother, greetings here and in the "near beyond" when our call shall come.

The Committee on Jurisprudence comes out strongly in its condemnation of laying corner-stones on Sunday by the Grand Lodge, on the ground that since it is prohibited to subordinate lodges, it should not be done in consistency by the Grand Lodge even though the request comes from a church. On *this* ground of course; but it is an open question perhaps, whether such an act is Masonic Labor or a religious ceremonial, especially for a church edifice.

Several proposed amendments to By-laws will be considered at the next Annual Communication.

The Correspondence Report is written in an able and lucid way by M. W. Bro. Charles C. Woods, who gives a carefully compiled statistical table of the Grand Lodges of the world which is very valuable. We find

that in the United States there are 2,249,284 brethren, and in foreign jurisdictions, 289,419.

Maine comes in for careful and comprehensive review, with especial place given to our Centennial Celebration, for which we express our appreciation and gratitude. Three full fraternal pages of condensed comment and salient quotation from Bro. Woods which places Maine on a parity with many much larger jurisdictions.

MONTANA, 1920.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication.

All Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand Masters and twenty-six Grand Representatives were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent. There are 116 lodges with a total membership of 15,913, a net gain of 2,100. The total receipts of Grand Lodge were \$35,850.

There were ten Special Communications, for constituting new lodges, and corner-stone and Temple dedication ceremonials.

The Grand Officers of the other York Rite bodies of Montana were duly welcomed from the Grand East, and accorded the Grand Honors.

Four veteran Masons of fifty or more years standing and service were called up and duly honored by the Grand Lodge, an annual and commendable custom that appeals to us as worthy of adoption in every Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. L. Parmelee, in the opening of his address makes reverent mention of the Fraternal Dead and notes especially the passing of Past Grand Master Bro. Harry R. Comly, "a venerable patron of Masonry."

During his term he issued four commissions of Grand Representatives, and received two.

He enthusiastically endorses the Masonic Service Association believing that, "it marks the most telling forward step for the advancement of Masonic ideals ever made in the history of the Craft." Which, as Mark Twain remarked of another matter, "is important, if true."

Recognition of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Orient of France, was refused, but a Committee to consider and report at the next Annual Communication, was appointed.

A resolution for drastic action for lodges that initiate candidates where other lodges have jurisdiction was adopted, to the effect that "such lodge shall forthwith upon the order of the Grand Master cancel the membership of the person and shall return him the money paid for the degrees, and shall also forfeit \$50.00 to be paid to the Grand Treasurer for the credit of the Masonic Home Fund."

On the roll of membership of Valier Lodge, No. 76, appears the name of Bro. Ham Kee Chin, and we note with interest that in the Grand Secretary's report that this Brother "was raised during the year." We learn also, that "this Brother is a well educated Chinese who is a graduate civil engineer and is highly regarded by the brethren of Valier, who know him best. He is the only one of his countrymen to be thus honored, that

notwithstanding the fact that Montana since its settlement has always had a large Chinese population. It is believed that he has the added distinction of being the first Chinese Mason, regularly made, in Montana."

The following recommendation was adopted: "Where an applicant for the degrees has been rejected by a lodge of this jurisdiction his petition cannot again be acted upon within such lodge until after the expiration of twelve months from such rejection. Nor can the petition of such application be acted upon by any other Montana Lodge, whether having concurrent jurisdiction or not, unless upon a waiver granted at a regular meeting by three-fourths vote of the lodge that rejected him. Upon three rejections of the applicant for degrees his petition shall not be received in any lodge of this jurisdiction until after the expiration of three years from the date of his last rejection."

The Correspondent Report by M. W. Bro. H. S. Hepner is a thoughtfully considered digest of 118 pages, largely well selected and seasoned quotations dealing with vital facts and acts of various Grand Jurisdictions. A very readable, running commentary on the essential doings of the Masonic year.

Maine receives a page, one-half of which is a well selected excerpt from Grand Master Adams' address. He says of M. W. Brother Chase's report that, "like ourselves he quotes liberally and makes very little comment of his own."

In his "Conclusion" he aptly says: "Masonry is everywhere realizing more and more its exoteric as well as its esoteric functions, and a broader vista of usefulness is unfolded in the enlarged teachings of the Craft of their civic and economic duties, particularly as against the enemies of Masonry, and of our country's institutions. May the Omnipotent God of all creation guide aright the footsteps of those who command the Craft in all these righteous paths of humanity's progress." Amen, Brother, "So mote it be."

The "Proceedings" for 1921 have not been received, but an advanced notice tells us, that there are 130 lodges, six of which are U. D. That the membership is 17,671, a net gain of 1,764. Speakers were appointed for work under the Masonic Service Association to visit lodges. The George Washington Masonic Memorial was endorsed with the "hope that all lodges will respond as their financial condition warrants." A plan to reduce the representation from the lodges "from three to one" was decisively defeated.

MONTANA, 1921.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Communication.

Fifteen Grand Officers present, fifteen Past Grand Masters, thirty-one Grand Representatives (Maine's was absent), and one hundred and sixteen of the one hundred and twenty-four Chartered Lodges were represented.

Membership, 17,676, with a net gain for the year of 1,769.

The Mayor of the City of Butte, W. Bro. the Hon. James G. Cocking, gave an admirable address of welcome, which was feelingly responded to

by the Deputy Grand Master Bro. Henry C. Smith. Similiar kindly words of greeting and cordial welcome were given to M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary, of North Dakota, to which he responded in a like vein, stating his purpose to outline the aims and principles and programme of the G. W. M. M. Association to the brethren of Montana, at a later time during the Communication.

M. W. Bro. Robert J. Hathaway, Grand Master, wasted no words in opening his annual address, but starts off in this wise: "This Montana Jurisdiction had three definite objects in view: First and most important, we felt the necessity of impressing upon the Fraternity the conviction that Masonic influence is in direct ratio to the exercise of that influence. Second, to speak in plain terms of the 'financial situation and put it upon so solid a basis that it would facilitate the consummation of the third object, to develop our Masonic Home into a self sufficient institution.' "

These various objects are frankly and fearlessly discussed, the Grand Master hews to the line and the chips must have been a bit uncomfortable.

He tabulated briefly his visitations, proxies issued and installations; and issued six dispensations for new lodges.

Under Grand Representatives Accredited, we note with pleasure a name and personality very dear to us of Maine, Samuel B. Furbish, of Brunswick, Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

He cordinally endorses the Masonic Service Association in these words: "It is the solution of the most vital problems that confront Masonry at this period," while another great nation-wide enterprise the George Washington M. N. M. Association receives approval with this apology, "the appropriation (of Montana) has not been paid heretofore because of the straitened condition of the Grand Lodge finances."

The Grand Master makes, among several other recommendations, this one that is particularly pleasing, "that arrangements be made whereby the Proceedings shall be printed and issued within sixty days of the annual meeting of this Grand Body." Pleasing because of the annual uncertainty of receiving and reading so excellent a production.

The Grand Master is "strong" for Education and our Public School System and "urges every lodge of the necessity of combating sinister and un-Masonic influences throughout the state and nation which tend to create class distinctions in a democracy. Among the most important of these we must demand the development of the Public Schools, an unbiased press and unprejudiced literature in our libraries."

Here, in conclusion, is a sample of the man who commenced his address in the same spirit: "Make Masonry always progressively constructive. Let us destroy no faith, attack no gospel. What matters the denomination? God is universal, not factional. The different forms of creed and worship, showing the transitional development of our religious life, express the varying opinions of men, not God. Think not that an august body of pompous dictators of any creed can blue pencil the Ten Commandments or draw chalk marks through the Mosaic Law." "Real Stuff" from a real man and sound Masonry.

The Committee on Correspondence deferred action on the request of Venezuela for recognition, and denied it to the Grand Lodge of Mexico in these words: "We deem the York Grand Lodge of Mexico new recognized by this Grand Lodge to be the legitimate Grand Body in that country and can see no good reason at this time to change our views." Adopted. Mention is also made of the request of Chile but no action recommended, though we find these interesting words: "We are proud of the fact that for the first time in the history of Chile a president who is a Mason has been elected in that republic. The question of the legitimacy of the Grand Lodge there is perhaps under some cloud."

The M. S. A. is comprehensively considered by M. W. Bro. E. M. Hutchinson in an interesting and extended report in which the names of the thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions that have already joined the Association are given, together with much valuable and vital matter respecting this much debated organization. Altogether it is one of the most readable and enlightening expositions of the aims and purposes of the Association that we have been privileged to read in condensed compass. And as we read the persuasive and ringing words of Bro. Hutchinson and the clear logic of the Grand Master on the subject, there must come to the other Grand Lodges those words of Agrippa to St. Paul, "Almost though persuadest me to be a Christian." Brother Block of Iowa will have a "merry time" with this comment, but not with this correspondent of Maine, who needs no castigation about this matter.

M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell outlined the purposes of the George Washington M. N. M. Association for the benefit and enlightenment of the Montana brethren, and was cordially received and evidently made many friends because on his leaving there was a general acclamation by rising on the part of the assembled brethren, who were loth to let him go.

Four Brothers who were Masons for more than fifty years were formally greeted from the Grand East, and Brother Henry Bose made characteristic response which was greeted, with "Prolonged laughter and applause." Here is its conclusion: "I certainly think this is the most lovely place in all the world; and when everything is said and done, boys, we have got the finest cemetery that you can find in any man's country." But from Bro. Bose's speech with all his honored years, we know that he is far from being 'a dead one.'

A special committee reported as follows, after somewhat extended explanation of their action: "We recommend the resolutions recognizing said Grand Orient of France and Le Grande Loge de France, be not approved." Which was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by the practiced pen of M. W. Bro. H. S. Hepner, his Thirteenth Annual Report, and has given us some hours of delightful and illuminating reading. With a sure vision of what is worth while and real art in statement Bro. Hepner wastes no words but gets to the root of important matters. Maine gets exactly two and one-half inches of space, but with all our regrets at its almost superhuman brevity, we are compelled to say in all fairness that it is a "*multum in parvo*" performance which challenges our admiration.

NEBRASKA, 1921.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and Representatives from two hundred and thirty-five lodges were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Joseph B. Fradenburg, in the introduction to his address, says: "The utmost peace and harmony have prevailed everywhere, and all seem to be working to that common end, that the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man may exist everywhere."

Three new lodges were constituted, and six instituted U. D. Three appointments were made of Grand Representatives. Special dispensations among which were several to confer degrees without regard to time, were granted, by-laws and official seals were approved, seven corner-stones were laid, many visitations were made and various other functions were attended.

In endorsing the Masonic Service Association, he says: "I am thoroughly convinced that there is real work to be done by Masons of the United States, that the great strength of this government lies in the education of its people, that concerted action is necessary to bring Masons to a realization of their full duty, not only as Masons, but as citizens of the greatest country the world has ever seen, and it behooves us to keep abreast of the times and avail ourselves of every opportunity to keep Masonry of Nebraska upon the high standard which it has always maintained. The Association stands ready to serve along educational lines in a manner which appeals to me most strongly."

He attended the annual meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association, and says: "It is to be regretted that the Masons of this State have not contributed more liberally for such a patriotic and Masonic undertaking, and I recommend that the committee heretofore appointed be continued another year."

The Grand Master took up the charter of two lodges for the excellent reason, "that they had not been represented at Grand Lodge for three years. While to some of you the steps I have taken may seem drastic and harsh, yet the apathetic conditions in some of the lodges calls in my judgment for vigorous measures, and the results which have been obtained to my mind justify the means."

He speaks in high praise of the Masonic Homes at Plattsmouth and Fremont, and speaking of "the Masonic Hospital," recommends, "that the amount in the War Relief Fund be devoted to this purpose."

The Grand Master made the following, among other recommendations: "I recommend that a law be passed forbidding a Master Mason from petitioning either the Scottish or York Rite bodies until he shall have been a Master Mason for one year and shall have passed a satisfactory examination in the Master Masons degree, and further that if it should be brought to the attention of the Grand Master that the said bodies are receiving petitions of Master Masons who are not so qualified, he shall have the power to declare such body clandestine." The Grand Master's

somewhat drastic recommendation finally, under the careful guidance of the Committee on Codification of the Law, was adopted as a part of Sec. 148-e." To apply to any Scottish or York Rite Body for the degrees therein or to solicit such a petition from another until after the lapse of one year from the time said petitioner has been made a Master Mason and shall have attended at least twelve regular meetings of a Master Masons lodge or lodges, and shall have complied with the provision of Sec. 66 of the Grand Lodge Law as to proficiency. Petitioning the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine before two years have elapsed since being made a Master Mason."

An enjoyable visit of the Grand Lodge to the Masonic Home at Platts-mouth, is duly recorded in the Proceedings, followed by an "informal Session of the Grand Lodge" on their return by train, where the usual program of music and speeches were enjoyed. The Oration of the Grand Orator, is printed in full.

Bro. John A Ehrhardt, for the Committee on Correspondence, presented his report in review of sister jurisdictions. Maine has brief, but cordial mention.

NEVADA, 1921.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Communication.

Sixteen Grand Officers present, with the same number of Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions, including our Grand Representative for Maine. Twenty, of the thirty-three lodges of Nevada were represented. Membership 2,313, with a net gain of 135.

As the number in attendance at this annual communication was 115, we can see the force of the M. W. Grand Master's words in the opening of his address: "The personal element enters into our deliberations and communion in a much stronger degree, I believe, than in those jurisdictions where the membership is too large to allow the Annual Communication to serve the purpose of a personal fraternal reunion."

M. W. Bro. Harry H. Atkinson's Masonic year includes the appointment and recommendation of five Grand Representatives, the approving of By-laws, laying of three corner-stones, dedicating a Masonic Hall, making numerous visitations, issuing dispensations, one for a new lodge (which was granted a charter at this communication) rendered four "Decisions," all sound and in accordance with general practice.

He says of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, "to me it seems a particular privilege and honor to be a party to the erection of a monument to the memory of such an eminent man, illustrious patriot and distinguished Mason." While of the Masonic Service Association he says: "This jurisdiction does well to retain its membership in the Association."

Under — State of the Craft — concerning public schools which occupy large place in the "Proceedings," he avers: "It is gratifying to know that these school districts which are most advanced are generally directed by

school boards on which Masons predominate. It is a strong testimonial to the fact that the Masonic Fraternity is the friend of the common and public school. The public schools should be our particular care. Someone has said that when you open a school you close a jail. How different that is from the doctrines of some institutions (we rather think we know what he means) which hold that the public school is a creator of crime and that crime increases as the public schools become more efficient. People of any society or creed who acknowledge such foolish ideas and disseminate such pernicious doctrines and who maintain that the common school is not a function of the State are enemies of our institutions and would be destroyers of our Republic. It should be a particular function of Masons as citizens of their respective communities to see that people who entertain such ideas should be never allowed in positions of authority on any board or other institution of an educational nature. They are not there for any good purpose. The common school is the bulwark of our nation and as long as the common school is well supported, fostered and maintained the certainty of our government is established." Which is the kind of plain speaking that delights us.

Of the Order of DeMolay he says he "hopes it will receive the support of Masons, because any movement which has for its object the education of our young people in Americanism and against all doctrines of heresy, superstition and bigotry is well worth while and necessary."

In a circular letter sent to the several lodges he advises every lodge to engage in "appropriate celebrations" on the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington.

Obviously there must be "something doing" in the educational situation in Nevada, for the Grand Secretary in his report, reiterates the vigorous words of the Grand Master, by saying, "Masonry has always stood for education and enlightenment, and the lodges should strive to promote, by all lawful means, the organization, extension and development of our free school system."

An oration by Bro. E. A. Ducker, Grand Orator, glimpses the same subject, and rings true to the noblest teaching, principles and ideals of both Masonry and America. Here is the closing sentence: "Other lights may be extinguished and relit by future generations, but once put out the light of constitutional freedom first radiating its bright beams from this new world, and, 'I know not where is that Promethean heat than can that light relume.'"

During this Annual Communication, a corner-stone ceremonial for a Masonic Temple was held at Sparks.

Memorial pages—touched with Eternal Light—and prefaced with a few well chosen lines from Shelley's "Adonais"—are inscribed and dedicated to Past Grand Secretary J. D. Hammond, Past Grand Masters Merrill P. Freeman and Herman Davis.

The Correspondence Report is from the finished pen of the Grand Secretary, Edward D. Vanderlieth, and he inscribes a fine set of verses

(which is real poetry) "To the Writers of the Reports on Correspondence," we must give the opening stanza, and hope to deserve the blessing:

"I cannot find a truer word
Nor fonder to caress you,
Nor song nor poem I have heard
Is sweeter than God bless you."

Maine receives a page of solid review without quotation, in which Grand Master Adams comes in for commendation on several counts, and M. W. Bro. Chase for commendable condensation of the correspondence report. Bro. Vanderlieth's blessing encourages good Brother Chase's poor successor.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1920.

The Fifty-third Annual Communication.

All Grand Officers, six Past Grand Masters, and thirty Grand Representatives (including ours of Maine) were present.

There is a total membership (December 27, 1919,) of 4,345, yearly increase of 362.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Daniel C. Clark, whom we recall very pleasantly as the honored guest of the Grand Lodge of Maine during its Centennial Anniversary, opens his annual address with congratulations on "the splendid success" of the year, and devotes much interesting and instructive narration to the Peace Jubilee held in London (England), June 23rd to 29th, by the United Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Master rapidly surveys and comments on the events of that memorable week, and we note with especial interest his reference to the hallowed antiquities of that oldest of Grand Lodges, "a case containing five hundred and ten Past Master's jewels," also, "the large sword carried in procession before the M. W. Grand Master, which is 350 years old." The Grand Lodge regalia worn by H. M. the late King Edward VII, is also a cherished memento of the Grand Lodge.

The entire week was a continuous round of social and fraternal events which in the brief telling takes nearly one-half of the address of the Grand Master of New Brunswick. M. W. Bro. Clark visited the Royal Masonic School for Girls, on one day; and on another he was the interested visitor of the Royal Institute (Masonic) for Boys. The former was founded in 1788, and ministers to 730 daughters of Master Masons. The later was founded in 1798, and has 776 boys, the sons of Master Masons, enrolled on its roster. M. W. Bro. Clark speaks of seeing "the maul with which Sir Christopher Wren, laid the corner-stone of St. Paul's Cathedral." Especially interesting is his account of his visit to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Grand Master Clark made a visit to the Grand Lodge of Quebec on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary, which is briefly but cordially mentioned.

On the Roll of "Our Departed Brothers" we note the name of Past

Grand Master, J. DeWolfe Chipman, an honored, beloved and eminent craftsman, of New Brunswick, who died in Toronto, September 18, 1919.

The Grand Master gives a short account of fifteen visitations in his own jurisdiction where he received the usual courtesies and witnessed the work of various lodges.

Under the caption, "Special Decision" and in answer to the question: "If a person who has applied for membership and has been balloted for and accepted, and afterwards it has been found that he is undesirable, can he be stopped from getting the degrees?" The Grand Master ruled as follows: "If a person has been elected to membership and afterwards it has been found that he is undesirable, a brother in the lodge in which he was elected may give notice of a motion for reconsideration of the ballot, and on that motion being declared carried a new ballot can then be taken."

The Grand Master appointed two, and commissioned four Grand Representatives during the year. It is good to read these words, "during my three terms of office, it has been my great privilege to visit all but two lodges in the jurisdiction."

Grand Secretary Hartt's report is a model of lucid yet suggestive brevity, giving at a glance the vital information for which one is seeking.

The Committee reporting on the Grand Master's address, says respecting the Centennial of the Grand Lodge of Maine, that Maine "was the FIRST Grand Body to recognize the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick." And we say in familiar Masonic language, "may brotherly love continue and every moral and social virtue cement us," stronger and yet more strong with the passing of the years. R. W. Bro. Thomas Walker had these words to say, when M. W. Bro. Clark was chosen to visit Maine on this occasion: "As our relations with the Grand Lodge of Maine had ever been close and cordial this Grand Lodge should be worthily represented." It was: as we of Maine know who met and heard Grand Master Clark. Four D. D. G. Masters make brief reports of their Districts. There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1921.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Communication.

All Grand Officers, six Past Grand Masters, and thirty Grand Representatives (including ours of Maine) were present. By a peculiar coincidence this is precisely the number, in each instance, as last year (1920).

Total membership (December 27, 1920,) 4,897, yearly increase, 537.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. D. B. F. MacKenzie, while speaking of "the phenomenal increase in membership," sounds the usual note of warning, and speaks of the seething unrest of the world, and thinks "that many prominent members of the Craft throughout the Empire being also the prominent statesmen in whose hands the future destiny of the country is to be moulded," must have a stabilizing tendency and rectifying influence in these formative and reconstructive periods of world history.

We note with regret and fraternal sorrow, the passing during the year of many distinguished brethren of New Brunswick, among the names

hallowed with sacred Masonic Light are those of P. J. G. W's. Bro. E. L. Hagerman and Bro. T. S. Wilkinson.

The Grand Master expresses his regret at being unable to attend Maine's Centennial because of a previous engagement in Ontario, but refers to the commissioning of R. W. Daniel C. Clark, as his representative on that occasion. Here are his words anent the visit: "Brother Clark carried our fraternal greetings to the brethren of Maine and reports having been cordially received and lavishly entertained." Your Correspondent of Maine reciprocates these hearty fraternal words in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Maine, which still carries a kind of aroma of good fellowship and cordial good-will both toward Bro. Clark and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. His personality and message will long be cherished in the annals of Maine Craftsmanship.

Grand Master MacKenzie gives a graphic and readable account of his visitations and we infer that he was busy during the year in performing those duties and labors which are so necessary in keeping the standard of Masonic efficiency on a high plane. As a kind of benediction to his annual address he says, "All is peace and harmony within the jurisdiction."

The pleasing intelligence came from England, "that the two eldest sons of His Majesty The King have been appointed and invested Senior Wardens." This means that the Prince of Wales, and the Duke of York, are to carry on the high Masonic traditions and in due time will attain, "what many Masons consider the highest honor the Craft can bestow on any of its members — the Mastership of their mother lodge."

The Grand Master recommended the appointment of eight Grand Representatives during his term of office, six of which were to American Grand Lodges.

Grand Lodge voted to raise the per capita from sixty cents to seventy-five cents for "the Fund for Grand Lodge purposes." And also, voted to place five hundred dollars in the hands of the Grand Master, "to meet the expenses of visiting and instructing the Private Lodges."

The Committee on the Grand Master's address, bring in a word of cordial appreciation and endorsement of "the good work done by his official visits," and "heartily joins with him in hoping that our most cherished faith and doctrines will spread as rapidly as our membership, and that our teachings will extend beyond the bounds of our Fraternity until all men acknowledge the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." To which we say, "Amen, so mote it be."

As last year, four of the five Masonic Districts, are reported by the D. D. G. Masters and show the condition of the Fraternity to be prosperous financially and numerically throughout this neighboring Grand Jurisdiction. As the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is our nearest neighbor on the East, it is fitting that we greet them with heartiest good wishes, and repeat the words of the Psalmist: "Peace be within thy walls and Prosperity within they palaces, for my brethren and companion's sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee."

There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1921.

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Communication.

Eighty lodges on the Roll, all of which made annual returns. There were thirty Grand Representatives present, although ours of Maine, was absent. Eight Past Grand Masters were present.

Membership, 12,247, with a net gain of 1,097.

M. W. Bro. Harry G. Noyes, Grand Master, opened his annual address with fitting reference to the symbolism of the "Hour Glass" and the "Scythe," as marking another year's passing. Follows the usual "Necrology," with a portrait and tribute to M. W. Bro. John Francis Webster, Past Grand Master, who was honored with the holding of every presiding Grand Office. A page of Memorial is set apart to his life "of faithful service, devoted alike to the real and the ideal." It closes with this simple and significant line, "He was pre-eminently a good man, a good friend and a good brother."

Extended reference is made to the "Masonic Bulletin" a method of publicity and communication between the lodges and brethren of New Hampshire, which evidently has not received the support and appreciation of the brethren, for Grand Master Noyes does not hesitate to use these words of censure and fraternal castigation: "It certainly impresses me with the fact that we have in our lodges too many incompetent and careless Masters. Something should be done to bring them to a realizing sense that they have duties to perform that cannot be shirked." A word of wholesome frankness and outspoken counsel that it is good to hear.

The George Washington M. N. M. Association is heartily supported in New Hampshire, as witness these words: "Little New Hampshire has blazed the trail for others to follow, and is the first jurisdiction to raise, by a direct tax, the quota necessary. As a result of our action, other states are following our lead, and the funds needed will be assured." Surely New Hampshire has a clear right to its well expressed feeling of pride and satisfaction in this achievement.

The Grand Master calls the Masonic Service Association, "a great movement in which thirty-five jurisdictions are now allied with the Association and in time all other jurisdictions will become members." He thinks that the fear of a General Grand Lodge is unfounded and that any representative that would attend the official meetings would be convinced that such a supreme Grand Lodge would be quite impossible.

Of "Our Masonic Home" he says, "it is moving along in the same old way, and that it is difficult to keep within the funds available and to do for Masonry what other jurisdictions are doing." It would therefore seem that the position of Maine respecting a Masonic Home is abundantly justified by this and similar reports.

The Grand Master issued the usual dispensations for the usual purposes and it is good to notice the larger number resolutely refused for conferring the degrees in less than the required time.

Ten perfectly good pages of his report are given to a careful (and perhaps necessary) cataloging of "Degrees by Courtesy," which is followed

by four pages of equally monotonous (and perhaps necessary) tabulating of "Waivers of Jurisdiction," which is followed again by twenty-one (perhaps necessary) notations of "Amendments to By-laws." Here, then are sixteen pages of monotonous reading (we can see the attentive?) brethren now listening to this (perhaps necessary), narration of stirring and moving events in Grand Lodge annals) which remind us somehow of boyhood readings in the Old Testament, especially the long genealogies when, "Coz begat Anub and Zobebab, etc., etc."

The Grand Master speaks in high praise of the "Semi-annual Communication" of which this was the sixty-second, as conducing to interest and good-fellowship throughout the State, and it is good to read that "Lodges of Instruction" were held in all but one of Masonic Districts, he says: "The enthusiasm which marks these meetings showed that the Craft at large wanted them. They are a great benefit, and should be held each year."

Among Grand Master Noyes' "Visitations" we notice two; one to Bethel Lodge of Bethel, Maine, where he was "delightfully entertained," and the other on May 3rd, (1921) when he was "most cordially received by M. W. Bro. Wheeler, Grand Master of Maine."

We recall the occasion, the delightful personality and the eloquent speech of Bro. Noyes in behalf of the M. S. A., and although our action as a legislative body must have been disappointing to our visitor and guest, we like a man of conviction who is able to present it with simple and straight forward manly words.

"Dual Membership" finds an earnest champion in Bro. Noyes, as "a step in the right direction" though he is forced to take issue with M. W. Bro. Cheney (Grand Secretary) who is as cordially opposed to it, as he is heartily in favor of it.

The Grand Master makes five recommendations, as follows: First, every Master must read at least once the Grand Constitution before he can be installed over a lodge as its Worshipful Master. Second, every applicant for the degrees must deposit an additional ten dollars for the Masonic Home. Third, a Committee to be appointed by the Grand Master to consider the matter of dual membership. Fourth, a Committee to be appointed to take charge of the M. S. A. program, with power to select speakers and apportion the work in the various districts. Fifth, (and this we like as a good plan for every Grand Jurisdiction) that upon November 4th, of this "and every succeeding year, the Masonic Birthday of George Washington, and that every lodge be requested to hold a special meeting, given over to a program of Masonic interest regarding George Washington as a Mason." Each of these recommendations received the unqualified approval of the Committee on "Doings of Grand Officers" and were adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Reports of the D. D. G. Masters of the seven Masonic Districts are printed, as is the custom in Maine, and read much like our own and have the same good old New England names attached, including the inevitable

and ancient and honorable name of "Smith," which of course we like to see as the saving salt which gives flavor to the whole.

The action of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adverse to the request of Venezuela for fraternal recognition owing "to lack of information."

M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney submits a well alocated report on Foreign Correspondence, with a brief but vital foreword from which we cull the following: "In New Hampshire, it takes a whole lot more than a wish and a willingness to pay to become a Freemason, there has got to be a good deal of manhood and character mixed up with the petitioner's name." He is confident that there is in New Hampshire "an outstanding indication that our men are ready to fight for God, country, humanity and brotherhood, as they have never been ready before; the path of individual duty is plainer than ever, and Freemasons are more anxious to tread it."

Maine receives one, all too brief, page of fraternal treatment. But with practiced eye and finished hand Bro. Cheney has a real faculty of selecting the salient and vital things for fraternal mention. Our Centennial Celebration in 1920, was all too briefly mentioned. And with this lamb-like reproof and gentle admonition we express our regrets for the brevity, and gratitude for what we have from Bro. Cheney.

NEW JERSEY, 1921.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Communication.

All Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand Masters, forty-seven Grand Representatives, including ours of Maine, were present. Membership 62,253, a net gain of 7,170.

Distinguished visitors were announced and greeted, and later in the session made inspiring speeches, they were Past Grand Master Bro. George L. Schoonover of Iowa; Past Grand Master Bro. Louis A. Watres of Pennsylvania; Past Grand Master Bro. Thomas J. Day of Delaware; Past Grand Master Bro. John O. Rowland of Connecticut. The Grand Honors were duly accorded.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Cooper H. Prickitt issued a circular letter to the Masters of lodges, "in the hope of inducing an abandonment of the least approach of frivolity, coarseness or ungentelemanly conduct in our ceremonies, and at the same time to give timely intimation that official action may follow a persistent disregard of its prohibition."

He reports the affairs of the Masonic Home in "a prosperous and satisfactory condition." He recommended continuance of membership in the Masonic Service Association and the Committee heartily concurred by saying "we ask your continued support in this great work which will surely lift us above the level of a local sect." Surely Masonry in any Grand Jurisdiction in America cannot justly bear that epithet—a local sect—because it exercises its right of not joining the Association or for reasons clear and sufficient to themselves quietly withdraws from membership therein. Nor does any one of these Grand Jurisdictions cease to be what the committee calls "a great uplifting agency working successfully to make the United States a better country to live in than it would be

without us," because it is only necessary to recall the names of the great and good men and true Masons who served America in those momentous days of the Revolution, the signers of the Declaration, the fifty members of the Constitutional Convention, and so on through the generations to the present day of the Masonic Service Association's birth. No, Masonry is not chiefly a matter of organization or even association, but it is a good deal like another mighty reality of which the Great Light tells us, "it cometh not with observation, when one group says lo, it is here, we have it, or lo, it is there, in our custody, no, like the Kingdom of God, it is within you."

In his report the Grand Master personally constitutes six new lodges, grants dispensation for six others; is called to pass upon 270 cases of "visible physical defects," 240 of which he "waives," refuses 16 and holds ten as the chemists say "in solution." He exercised in the matter "a sound discretion, tempered with liberality"—a common-sense and therefore soundly Masonic method of disposal. He makes several "decisions" all sound according to the usual practice and usage.

He appointed five Grand Representatives near sister Grand Lodges, among which we notice with pleasure that of R. W. Albert H. Newbert, near the Grand Lodge of Maine. He includes in his report a long list of visitations indicating unremitting labor devoted to the welfare and upbuilding of the Craft. He closes with these noble words: "Save he serve no man can rule. The true independence is interdependence. The noblest life is the life of service. Yesterday is as old as Ninevah and Tyre; tomorrow is as much the future as though it were ten million years away. We must face it unafraid on the thought of what we do and are today. If we fill each hour as it comes with the best that we have to put into it, we need not fear."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence having carefully examined the request of the Grand Lodge of Hayti for fraternal recognition, finds that "they do not differ in essentials from those of the Grand Lodges of Cuba and Porto Rico in the way they "administer Freemasonry and with which jurisdictions this Grand Lodge has long maintained fraternal relations. The Committee, therefore recommended "formal fraternal relations and exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodge of Hayti as conducive to improved conditions in that republic and of much consequence to a considerable number of brethren from sister jurisdictions in North America now resident there." Which recommendation "was adopted."

In order to show a fairly careful reading of the New Jersey Proceedings as well as to point out an error which was probably that of the printer, we notice in the report of the "Trustees" on page 287 (second listed item) "Eleven U. S. Gov. Second Converted Liberty Loan Bonds, (par value) \$10,000.00," and as this is carried into the total of \$99,000.00, it may have escaped notice. Par value of Second Liberty Loan Bonds in Maine, and we strongly suspect in New Jersey is one hundred per cent.

Nineteen full and noble pages are given to report and consideration of the Masonic Home.

The Committee on Jurisprudence amends the Digest of 1918 in this particular,—“Charges may be presented against an E. A., F. C. or Master Mason for improper conduct committed either prior or subsequent to the time he was proposed for membership.” Which ought to cause considerable self-scrutiny and chastened introspection (and also retrospection) on the part of the brethren.

The same Committee also recommended to delete from the Digest, Section 21, which reads as follows: “The fact that an accused brother has been convicted of a crime may not be used as evidence against him in a Masonic trial.” “Adopted.” Yet we somehow have a feeling that the fact itself will have a kind of insidious effect and create a kind of mental bias when such a case is under Masonic consideration and trial.

The Correspondent, Robert A. Shirrefs, presents an admirable report in which Maine receives a page, largely an extended quotation from Grand Master Adams, words on “Condition of the Craft.” Our Centennial Celebration receives this cordial compliment, as “a function of real brilliancy and deserved the special and really fine report in which its proceedings are made of permanent record and value.”

NEW YORK, 1921.

The One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Grand Communication.

Exceptional (Bather) portraits of M. W. Robert H. Robinson, and the Grand Secretary, Christopher C. Mollenhauer, grace the opening pages of the report.

The Grand Representative for Maine, was duly accredited on June 8th, and was present at this annual session. Seventy-six other Grand Representatives, perhaps the largest number of such representatives present at any Grand Lodge session in America, indicating that New York is in fraternal relations with more Grand Lodges than the large majority of American jurisdictions. New York has 76, Maine has on its list (1921) sixty-two.

The M. W. Grand Master, Robert H. Robinson, pays fitting and appropriate tribute to the honored dead, two pages of which tribute are given in tender eulogy of Grand Chaplain, R. W. Charles Sumner Burch, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York. He closes with these words, as if touched with the pure and solemn light of Eternal truth: “We hear once more the voice out of the Eternities proclaiming, ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them.’ Surely, my brother, like the works of all good men and true, here and hereafter, who have wrought well with heart or hand, which is one of the deeper mystic words of our Masonic message.

The Grand Master collates his dispensations, his appointments, his “ceremonies attended,” including constitutions, anniversaries, dedications and the laying of corner-stones. We note especially that on March 4th, “The Grand Master, accompanied by a delegation from St. John’s Lodge,

No. 1, attended the inauguration of President Harding, and carried to Washington, the Bible upon which George Washington took the oath of office as First President of the United States of America."

Ten pages of practical counsel and eloquent admonition is given by the Grand Master in his "Address to District Deputies" which is incorporated in his annual report, and closes with these words, "I am sure you will agree with me that we cannot go back to the lines along which we were working before the war. We must advance. Never, it seems to me, has the Craft been presented with such a wonderful opportunity for service. To my mind the vision is a most inspiring one. 'I saw a new Heaven and a new earth, for the first Heaven and the first earth was passed away.'"

Fourteen dispensations for new lodges were issued "and only await the examination and report of the Committee on Charters for the Grand Lodge to act upon the petition that a charter be granted to each."

He speaks wise and timely words on printed "Cipher Books," on "the Masonic Home at Utica," and on "War Relief."

There are such a multitude of memorable and quotable passages in his address that it is difficult to choose. Perhaps as generally interesting as any other is the following respecting the "Inauguration of President Harding,"—"On that famous Bible, that priceless treasure of St. John's Lodge, Brother Harding promised and swore to defend the Constitution and fulfill the great office of President, pressing his lips to that verse in the prophecy of Micah which asks, 'What doth God require of thee but to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly before thy God?' to which he referred at the close of his powerful address with these inspiring words of dedication and consecration: 'This I pledge to God and Country,' Shall we not rejoice in the knowledge that the Masonic spirit of Brother George Washington still lives in the heart and dominates the will and purpose of the Brother Mason whom his fellow countrymen have elevated to the highest office in the land?"

The Grand Master quotes a story—What Makes a Man—in which he makes a telling point as to Masonic qualifications and takes a broad view of physical disabilities, and saying, "Brethren, New York has never hesitated to make precedent. And we are ready to add to our laurels of the past. We have welcomed many of our boys into the field of Masonry who went over and came back sound in mind and body. Shall we penalize or proscribe those who fought side by side with them?"

The Grand Master's closing words exhibit that rare combination of eloquence, vision and common sense, which finds response in every true Masonic heart and stirs the depths of every loyal, forward looking, Craftsman's soul. The report earns this approbation of the Committee: "The message is so timely, of such importance and so inspiring in its spirit and content that this Committee desires to recommend that the document as a whole be referred to the entire membership of the Craft in this jurisdiction. The emphasis on the relation of Masonry to present day problems, the immense responsibility and possibilities inherent in the great army of

men who have knelt at the altar of masonry, the necessity of adapting masonry to new emergencies and needs, are all so clearly and stimulatingly set forth that your Committee is anxious that the men of New York State Masonry should all receive the inspiration of it."

The report of the Grand Secretary gives the number of Master Masons on December 31st, 1920, as 254,282.

Reports of the Grand Librarian and Judge Advocate, deal largely with local interests.

The report of the Committee on Deceased Brothers is worth more than passing attention, as it is a word of literary power, touched with "that light which never was on sea or land." We bow humbly before such writing and pause in reverent silence at its message.

The report of the Grand Historian covers thirty pages, and includes Chap. XXI to XXVIII, of his "History of Freemasonry in New York." While it is history, it is history in its best and most attractive form,—narrative touched with large human interest and moving incident. It is especially informing to read of the origin of the custom of Foreign Correspondence and the fraternal interchange of representatives." In 1840, the Grand Lodge, at the suggestion of R. W. James Herring, Grand Secretary, commenced as the pioneer, the review by a committee of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges. From small beginnings it naturally expanded and has become one of the most interesting features of our annual transactions."

The Committee on "Educational Service" reports two bulletins issued, one on Washington's Masonic Birthday (November 4th) entitled, "The Challenge of the Hour to Freemasonry" and the other on "Americanism and Americanization" both of which have had wide circulation.

An Appendix of thirty-four pages deals with the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, which is informing and inspiring reading.

In the Report on Correspondence, Maine receives generous treatment. Our Grand Secretary gets a real compliment for "an especially fine review of the work of his office." The Committee quotes with emphatic approval the following words of Past Grand Master Chase, which may fittingly, and with his recent "going hence" in mind, close our review of the proceedings of this great and noble jurisdiction. Bro. Chase said: "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 brothers of the Grand Lodge in support of all the institutions supported by all the contributions of the Craft. While we here in Maine, talk in thousands, in New York the talk is in millions." And these closing words may be to our honored New York Grand Lodge, even as a hallowed benediction from one who bore the burden and the heat of the long day and will no more write such reviews or speak the timely human word, "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." This is high praise from our noblest and best.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1921.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 449; two U. D. Number in membership, 32,925; gain, 2,600. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance. The Grand Representative for Maine was present, with twenty-five others.

The annual report is prefaced by a portrait and biography of the new Grand Master, M. W. John Bailey Owen, of whom the personal notice says: "Nothing concerning the Craft is too insignificant for his watchful carefulness, nothing too large for his comprehensive grasp of Masonic law and precedent, nothing too difficult for his untiring energy and zeal."

The address of the Grand Master, M. W. J. C. Braswell, is a brief business document, yet he pauses for a thoughtful moment to remember reverently the "fraternal dead."

A dispensation was granted to one new lodge. Special Communications were held for various purposes, the majority for corner-stone ceremonies. Sweet Charity is invoked for what the Grand Master thinks "was an overstepping of Masonic activity, in granting permission to an estimable member of the Order of the Eastern Star, to canvass the lodges of this jurisdiction in the interest of the Eastern Star Home," but he says: "I have no apology to make." Verily, as some Grand Jurisdictions would say, "Charity doth cover a multitude of sins," and its broad and gleaming mantle evidently protected him from any criticism of the Committee to which the address had the usual reference. Though doubtless sweet St. Charity smiled on him, there are Grand Lodges, notably that of England, and a few in America, where the genius of Masonry would "sternly avert its face."

The charter was restored to one lodge on recommendation of the Grand Lecturer and the D. D. G. M. He sternly removed from office one Master for un-masonic conduct, and arrested the charter of one lodge for a flagrant violation of the Code in calling a special meeting, the day following the rejection of a petitioner, and by this star-chamber method accepting him,—which practice he found on investigation to be a common procedure in that particular lodge. That is real Grand Mastership that finds response "Well done," in every true Masonic breast.

Two Grand Representatives were commissioned near the Grand Lodges of Tennessee and New York. His "Decisions" were rather as he says, "interpretations of the Code," and are delivered tactfully but firmly. He complains that "few D. D. G. Masters have forwarded reports," and administers judicious advice and kindly yet wholesome reproof to the delinquents.

Speaking of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association, he says: "I would be delighted to see this jurisdiction contribute one dollar per capita for the construction of this Memorial, and I take this occasion to emphasize the recommendation of my predecessor that the Finance Committee provide means for Placing a Memorial Stone in this building," and that our annual contribution be increased as much as possible."

He recommends uniformity in the work throughout his jurisdiction and

also "suitable penalties for the failure of any such Subordinate Lodge to meet the said requirements," of uniformity. He recommends, "that all appeals for aid hereafter be investigated by the Committee on Charity," in order to obviate the promiscuous, unauthorized solicitations of many lodges working too often at cross-purposes.

In conclusion he speaks wise and wholesome words regarding a matter which is mentioned usually with mingled feelings of pride and grave concern by all Grand Masters, the phenomenal numerical increase in membership. "The real object and design of Freemasonry is never revealed to a very large percentage of initiates, they are 'blind followers of the blind.' Brethren, for Masonry to come into its own, the Craft must be informed; the future is laden with golden opportunities for you and for me."

It is good to learn that the Committee to which the Grand Master's clear, concise business-like report was submitted brought in its verdict, "The address is in fine taste, concise, strong and comprehensive. We commend him for giving us just those suggestions which are needed, encouraging and helpful."

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows the finances of the Grand Lodge to be in a sound condition, and has the unqualified approval of the new Grand Auditor.

The Grand Secretary speaks out in plain words in his report respecting the contribution of the membership fifty cents per capita, which has not been forthcoming for the George Washington Masonic Memorial. The amount received and forwarded was \$915.80, whereas it was expected that from 30,000 Masons in North Carolina the sum of \$15,000, "would at least be contributed to this worthy cause." He expresses the confident hope that "each and every member" will have "personal part in the erection of this Memorial."

Thirty pages is given to a voluminous report, financial and otherwise of a noble and notable philanthropy,—The Oxford Orphanage—which is caring for 376 children.

The Committee of Jurisprudence dealing with a much debated subject recommended, respecting recognition of the two contending Grand Lodges of Mexico, "that the matter of recognition and interchange of Representatives with any Grand Lodge in the Republic of Mexico be continued." Which was adopted.

An excellent Oration was given by the Grand Orator and printed in the Proceedings, from which it would be a pleasure to quote, so clear is the phrase and convincing the argument. But space forbids.

There is no Report of Foreign Correspondence, although we note the name of an eminent brother Past Grand Master, Henry A. Grady, as the appointee on that Committee.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1921.

The Thirty-second Annual Communication.

All Grand Officers were present, except Grand Lecturer. Ten Past Grand Masters were in attendance. Several "distinguished visitors" were greeted, and this 32nd Communication was made memorable and "historic in its character because of the International Masonic Celebration at Pembina," which occurred at the same time in the same jurisdiction. M. W. Bro. George A. Pettigrew P. G. M. and Grand Secretary of South Dakota; M. W. Bros. Frederic E. Johnson, Grand Master of Minnesota and George L. Schoonover, Past Grand Master of Iowa.— were escorted to the East and given the Grand Honors.

North Dakota has one hundred and twenty chartered lodges, with a membership of 13,582, a net gain of 1,257.

A fine portrait of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Allan Virgil Haig, who shows the "mettle of his pasture" in a strong clear-cut Scotch face, graces the opening of the "Proceedings" followed by an interesting biography of "a self-made man," but we cannot find anywhere that Bro. Haig fulfills the old adage, of Josh Billings, that the self made man is "always a little too proud of the job," for his report is modest in its straightforward manliness, and we congratulate North Dakota. We find our prophecy fulfilled in these words: "The address was distinctly the report of a Grand Master who had given unstintedly of his time and energy to the upbuilding of Masonry."

We especially like these words from his opening, "Masonry is judged in every community not by its beautiful teachings, but by the lives and influence of its members, and we as its custodians must be particularly careful not only of our own conduct, but of the reputation of those whom we admit to membership."

He constituted three lodges, issued dispensations for four others, approved By-laws, granted dispensations for various purposes, dedicated a Masonic Hall, layed the corner-stone of a church, commissioned three Grand Representatives, one of whom was our own, R. W. David E. Moulton, near the Grand Lodge of Maine. He recommended nine to represent other Grand Lodges near that of North Dakota.

Under "Decisions" there arose this question; a lodge in preparing the ballot could find no black cubes, in the emergency they made several white cubes from a candle. On examination two white cubes were found; was the ballot legal? The Grand Master rightly declared the ballot illegal, and ordered another spread on that petition, and recommended, since there was nothing in their statutes providing for the contents of the ballot-box, "that a by-law be passed" covering the entire matter.

The George Washington Memorial Association, was heartily endorsed, and the Grand Master said that North Dakota "was signally honored by having our Grand Secretary elected to membership on the Board of nine Directors."

The same loved and honored Brother was "tendered the position of Executive Secretary of the Commission, with headquarters at Washing-

ton, D. C., of the Masonic Service Association." Which compliment shows the emphatic attitude of North Dakota respecting it. He is pleased, however, "to report that Brother Stockwell declined this most tempting offer."

Here is something, which while not new, still sounds a bit strange to our Eastern ears: "I accepted an invitation to attend a special Convocation of Ivanhoe Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and witnessed the conferring of their degrees. The meetings of this Order are open to any Master Masons and I would urge that whenever the opportunity is yours, that you attend these meetings. We hoped to have the Chapter exemplify their work tomorrow evening for the benefit of the Grand Lodge, but as many of the officers are students at the University and are now on their summer vacations, it is impossible. After seeing the work of these boys and hearing their ritual I cannot say too much for it and feel that Master Masons should offer the boys every encouragement."

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the "decisions" of the Grand Master, and comes out "flat-footed" on something that pleases our New England soul. "The use on Sunday, of any Masonic Temple owned or controlled by a Masonic Lodge or Masonic Corporation in this jurisdiction, shall not be permitted to any other organization for any purpose when a similar use on Sunday is forbidden to the Masonic Lodge itself." Which received the approval and adoption of the Grand Lodge.

A special Committee on Questionnaire, made its report recommending the adoption of one which had been compiled and amended from other sources, which received the hearty approval by adoption of the Grand Lodge.

Forty pages of the report are given to the International Masonic Celebration at Pembina, N. D., on June 21st, and contains the verbatim addresses of the distinguished speakers on that occasion. This account is embellished by numerous photographs of the speakers, the monuments unveiled, and makes forty pages of good reading and inspiring eloquence.

The Correspondence Report is by P. G. M. Bro. Grant S. Hager, and is a well digested review of other Grand Jurisdictions. Maine receives one page in which he says of Grand Master Adams, "he is a busy business man, who goes to the heart of things without fuss or feathers, completes his task and stops when he is done." He speaks, also of our late beloved Brother P. G. M. Chase as presenting "a review of merit," for which "kind words" we return the compliment with interest and by reversal of phrase say, that Brother Hager has the rare "merit of review."

NOVA SCOTIA, 1921.

Fifty-sixth Annual Communication, held at Digby, June 8th, 1921.

Number of lodge, 77; two lodges U. D. Membership, 8,781, gain 648. Twenty-five Grand Representatives present, including ours of Maine. Three of the four living Past Grand Masters were present, and a cordial greeting received and read from the other.

Distinguished guests, in the person of the Grand Master of New Brunswick and his officers were formally announced and fraternally greeted.

It has been the rather unique custom of Nova Scotia Grand Lodge, after the formal opening, to form a procession and march to divine service, which was held this year at Holy Trinity Church. Evidently there has been both comment and criticism regarding this practice for Brother Jones, Grand Secretary, feels called upon to explain and justify in his foreword to the Report of Correspondence, this annual practice. He says: "In reply to these criticisms we would respectfully point out that we experience no difficulty in crowding the church 'to the doors' wherever this service is held, and why should this not be the case, for do we not teach the 'Initiate' that before entering upon any great or lawful undertaking that he should first invoke the Aid of Deity," which seems to us an argument well founded and ably enforced. At this service R. W. Brother, the Rev. William Duffield, Grand Chaplain, delivered a scholarly and eloquent address from Isa, 58:12, The flavor of this sermon may be tasted in the following extract: "The loyalty of the Craft to King and country is well known, but as Masons we have nothing to do with party-politics, discussions of such matters cannot enter our lodges. Yet as Masons and as men of good will we have the duty of doing all we can to spread the spirit of brotherhood and to smooth out the misunderstandings and enmities of mankind." The sermon is printed in full in the Proceedings by vote of the Grand Lodge.

The address of the Grand Master, Geo. D. Macdougall, touched largely upon local issues and interests. He restored the charters of two lodges, which had been surrendered for several years; granted two dispensations for new lodges, recommending in his report that the Committee on Charters grant a charter to one (Hillcrest) and that "the dispensation of the other be continued until our next annual communication." In which the Committee heartily concurred. The Grand Master visited thirty lodges during the year, and makes extended report thereon.

"A digest of decisions," brought up-to-date was carefully compiled, and the Grand Master suggests printing "the same in proper form so that it may become available to all who may profit by its use."

Many decisions were made largely on local matters and the Committee of Jurisprudence, approved them all by saying, "they heartily approved of his decisions thereon."

A long list of dispensations — some of which would not "go" in Maine, because laws and regulations differ between us — cover several pages of the "Proceedings," is given, all of which are approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

Under the caption — State of the Craft — he says: "I am glad to report that my observations throughout the province, give ample evidence of the prosperous condition of the Craft. The increase in membership from 6,223 in June, 1911 to 8,781 in June, 1921, or about forty per cent. in ten years is encouraging. I am constrained to believe that we have reached the high water mark in membership increase, and that in all probability for some years to come, the numerical gains will not be so

large. This, however, is not an unhealthy sign, but really a reflex action, which may in the end be beneficial."

It is good to read, "that our relations with foreign jurisdictions have been harmonious."

Seven pages are given to the financial report of the Freemason's Home, which indicates a prosperous condition.

Five pages are given to the report of the Grand Historian, who is co-operating with "the Nova Scotia Lodge of Research," and includes an extract from their report in his own. He recommended the adoption of a "bronze medallion" to be awarded for noteworthy services on behalf of Freemasonry. This medallion shall have on "one side a representation of the Seal of the Grand Lodge; and on the other the Lamp of Learning over an Open Book, with the words 'The Nova Scotia Lodge of Research, around the rim below the Book.'" Which seems to follow the suggestion of Massachusetts, in its bestowal of the Henry Price Medallion. Adopted by rising vote.

The Seventh Annual Report of Correspondence is given in 163 pages by the Grand Secretary, James C. Jones, and is a well digested resume of the procedure, findings and actions of other Grand Lodges. Maine for 1920 gets a page and more, in which he quotes "two important decisions" of Grand Master Silas B. Adams, relative to our lodges appearing in regalia with other civic or fraternal bodies, and the other respecting "waiver of jurisdiction." Brother Jones says in opening, "The pleasing features of Silas B. Adams, greets one from the frontispiece." To which we say—Amen, and return the compliment as we turn to a full length frontispiece of the newly elected Grand Master, John Murray Lawson (1921) who looks "every inch a man and Mason."

OHIO, 1921.

The One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Communication.

Of the 576 Chartered Lodges, 548 were represented.

Membership, 163,657, with a net gain of 15,177.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John R. Flotron, notes the fact, in opening his annual address, that 1,553 brethren had "laid down the working tools of life," and that Death had invaded the unbroken line of twenty-eight Past Grand Masters in calling to higher labors M. W. Bro. Lewis Philip Schaus. A brief eulogy and "Masonic Record" are given of this eminent Craftsman.

The Grand Master appointed and recommended five Grand Representatives, issued ninety-four dispensations, eleven of which were for new lodges and constituted sixteen others at Special Emergent Communications. He dedicated sixteen Temples and Lodge Rooms, and laid seven corner-stones. He made forty-eight visits to Masonic gatherings where "was reflected the allegiance, good-will, peace and harmony that prevails amongst the Craft." He also approved fifty-two amendments to By-laws.

He recommends Masonic education in these words, "time should be set aside in each lodge for its members to acquire a fundamental knowledge

and larger understanding of their obligation to the Craft as well as to society."

He issued an "Edict" of far-reaching application and importance, as follows: "The Sea and Field Lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of New York, are found to have been regular Army Lodges, created and operating according to Masonic law, and all members made in said lodges, or presenting Demits therefrom, shall be received in all lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Ohio, and recorded full Masonic recognition."

The Grand Master recognized the "Near East Relief" by an optional letter of endorsement sent to all the lodges in Ohio, and also ordered \$1,000.00 to be sent to the M. W. Grand Master of Colorado for "Flood Relief."

He rendered the following "decisions": "A petition is received when it is tendered to the lodge through its membership or its officers by some affirmative action clearly indicates that the petition has been received and ready for further action." Which the more we meditate upon it seems to fulfill a certain word in American History, "that the only way to resumption, is to resume." Another "decision" much more clearly phrased is "That no Grand Lodge dues shall be collected from the lodge for a member indefinitely suspended for unmasonic conduct during such suspension."

He made "Recommendations" several of which were not approved by the Jurisprudence Committee for reasons which are both convincing and conclusive and reveal a Committee wholesomely conservative.

In his "Conclusion" he utters these words: "I do not believe that we should point with an all consuming pride to our numbers, but rather let us hope that those numbers contain the qualities that go to make good Masons."

The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home advocates, that in building the proposed hospital annex to the Home, it shall not be "a cheaply constructed building or one so small that it will have to be replaced in a few years by a larger one, but something of which we may all feel proud." Which is good operative, not to say speculative, Masonry.

Regarding the Washington Memorial, a Special Committee appointed for that purpose, recommended that the whole matter be "postponed until the question of the incorporation of the Association has been settled and the relation and liabilities of a Grand Lodge which becomes an Active Member of the Association has become clear and definite." Which was adopted. The Committee on Masonic History through its chairman, Bro. Robert I. Clegg made an extended report which it has been a delight and profit to read. Names and events in the early history of Masonry in Ohio, stand forth in clear and hallowed light, Judge Hosmer, Wilbur F. Sanders, Moses Cleveland (for whom the city was named) and Louis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot who was made a Mason in Ohio. The report contains a facsimile copy of Kossuth's petition for the degrees of Masonry, and the entire report has given us twenty minutes of instructive and enlightening reading.

There is a "Special Report on Foreign Correspondence" to the effect that until "more light" is received on the contending factions in Mexico there is no hope of solution as to which of these Grand Bodies should be considered as legitimate, therefore "no action." Queensland however, is cordially recognized and exchange of Representatives made.

We turned first of all on opening the volume of "Proceedings" to the Correspondence Report just because we noted a name as chairman and writer of that report which we of Maine have come to love since his appearance at the Centennial Celebration of our Grand Lodge of Maine, in 1920, as the Representative of the Grand Master of Ohio, M. W. Bro. O. P. Sperra is "*persona grata*" with us since his speech, memorable and inspiring, on that Centennial occasion in Portland. And the review is like the man, clear as crystal, yet strong in style as tempered steel, which it has been a rare enjoyment to read. Maine gets its allotment of space and the kind of treatment that appeals to us, not gushingly laudatory but fair and kindly and just. Grand Master Wheeler gets deserved praise for an able administration and eloquent and impressive address, and Grand Secretary Davis for his complete and painstaking labors, and the D. D. G. Masters receive approval for "doing good work." We regret that Bro. Sperra was constrained to say in closing that "for some reason Ohio was not included in the review." He may be sure that it was a good reason, and Brother Albro's poor successor has tried to make the amende honorable for the unavoidable omission. From Bro. Sperra's "Conclusion," we quote these pregnant words: "In the survey of the Jurisdictions we are much impressed with the constant effort being made to keep and maintain the principles of the Order in that high degree of efficiency that its founders intended and desired. From everywhere that Masonry exists comes the universal message of large increases in membership, and a local interest far in excess of that which has gone before. Keep Masonry before the world as an extraordinary adjunct to good citizenship and moral development." To which we say, "Amen, So Mote it Be."

OREGON, 1921.

The Seventy-first Annual Communication.

Grand Officers, eighteen Past Grand Masters, and forty Grand Representatives were present. Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Chartered lodges, 147; five under dispensation. Membership, 21,112, a net gain of 2,942.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William J. Kerr, in the opening of his annual address makes a practical suggestion to the representatives of the constituent lodges, that upon their return they make a report, written or oral, for the benefit of their brethren. "Such a report, should be rendered covering at least the larger or more important questions of interest, that the members generally may have a more comprehensive understanding of the organization and work of the Grand Lodge and of their responsibility therewith."

He speaks of the varying motives that actuate the vast and increasing

number of applicants, "most, no doubt, are sincere and in every way worthy, but there are those who hope thus to gain political advantage or social advancement, while others are expecting that Freemasonry will aid them in their business ventures." The Grand Master therefore stresses the importance of extreme care on the part of investigating committees.

Under "Masonic Education" he deems it necessary that each candidate pass a satisfactory examination in the Master Mason degree, "before being presented with a certificate of membership." Which is wise and wholesome counsel.

He pauses to note in fitting words the death of Past Grand Master Kiddle, and the Committee on Necrology pays deserved tribute to one who was a "tower of strength" and always in attendance at the meeting of the Grand Bodies.

Among his varied activities, the Grand Master tells of constituting four lodges and of instituting two others; of issuing sixty-one special dispensations, making fifty-seven decisions and interpretations, and approving changes in the By-laws of sixty-seven lodges. His decisions are not given, but he says that these in every instance "came clearly under the provisions of the Code, or decisions of former Grand Masters."

He gives large place in his address to the affairs of the Masonic Home, which cause him concern and about which there has evidently been much criticism and censure, which he clearly defines and effectively answers, and closes his discussion with these words: "With understanding of the facts and appreciation of the importance and worthiness of the cause it is inconceivable that any lodge should fail to do its share by raising the amount apportioned to it." Because of the financial condition thus outlined by the Grand Master respecting the Masonic Home, he deems it inexpedient to attempt another financial campaign for the George Washington Masonic Memorial, although wholly in sympathy with the project.

Under the broad caption "The Public Schools, the Government, and Masonry," he touches emphatically upon the maintenance of the free public school system, very lucidly explains the Smith-Towner Bill and advocates with the eloquence of personal conviction, its immediate adoption. A Special Committee to which the matter was referred brought in emphatic endorsement of his position on the Bill, with a commendation of Admiral Sims, and the position of the Grand Lodge of Oregon is clear beyond peradventure on the matter of public schools and their self-appointed censors and subtle critics. It is all good reading, and the Grand Master's exposition, as one of the foremost educators of the State of Oregon, on the Smith-Towner Bill is one of the clearest and most convincing that we have yet seen. His mind is clear, his heart right, and best of all his back-bone is straight on this much debated and momentous issue in American life.

Another resolution "unanimously adopted" was one heartily congratulating Admiral Sims on his London speech, "and rejoices that there is one man in public life who does not hesitate to voice the great truth, that

there is no place in this country for any but one hundred per cent. Americans."

Maine says Amen — not only to what is said, but to all that is nobly implied in that resolution.

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. Percy R. Kelly, delivers an oration which is a clear and convincing statement on the "primary meanings of Masonry" as applied to the insistent duties and challenging tests of American life today. To attempt quotation were to marr a forensic gem which abounds in wisdom, wit and convincing appeal.

During the session, Grand Representative of Washington, Bro. W. D. Chamberlain, who was present and welcomed with the other Grand Representatives, suddenly passed away, and honor and veneration were paid to him by the Grand Lodge in session.

Five charters for lodges were granted at this Communication. The Honorary Degree of Past Grand Master, a somewhat unusual proceeding, but not without precedents in other Grand Jurisdictions, was accorded, and at a later time conferred, upon the beloved and venerable Grand Chaplain the Rev. J. N. R. Bell.

A proposed amendment, allowing the Grand Master "to divide the Grand Jurisdiction into as many districts as he may see fit and appoint a D. D. G. M. over each," was, after much argument and explanation, finally adopted. The amendment follows the usual practice in many jurisdictions, and in Maine it is the accepted system which produces substantial and constructive results.

M. W. Bro. David P. Mason, writes a brief but pithy foreword, summing up the salient features of interest and discussion in the various Grand Lodges, before he submits his tenth annual report for the Committee on Correspondence. Maine is generously allotted more than two pages. Quotation is made from Grand Master Adams' biography, and also from his annual address. Mention is made of the Centennial Celebration, and our late efficient foreign correspondent, M. W. Brother Chase, is commended for "condensation and brevity."

PENNSYLVANIA, 1920.

The customary Quarterly Communications, preceeded the Annual Communication, and at these sessions the business of this old and honored jurisdiction is largely accomplished by means of divers Committee reports; as a necessary result the addresses of the Grand Master are correspondingly short. During these sessions six petitions for new lodges were received. The Committee on By-laws reported changes and numerous amendments. The Grand Master, R. W. Bro. John S. Sells, made a ruling to the effect that lodges in Pennsylvania are not allowed to receive as visitors those residents of Pennsylvania who were made Masons while serving in the armed forces of the United States without first having obtained a waiver, as required by the Regulations. He also decided that a petitioner is not required to be a native-born American or naturalized citizen.

The Grand Lodge is yearly the recipient of large bequests from deceased

brothers; this year the amount was very close to \$60,000.00 to be used in administration of Masonic Homes. A twenty-dollar fee is mulcted from every petitioner for the degrees which produces a large income and enables the Grand Lodge to keep its extensive and multiform charities to a high standard of efficiency. The report of the Masonic Home indicates this prosperity, and shows that 329 of all ages are being helped by this institution. From this \$20.00 fee alone the Grand Lodge realized for the year the sum of \$348,740.00, and there is expectancy of \$220,000.00 from the same source the following year. We learn that New Jersey, Massachusetts, Missouri and California have adopted the same course with kindred results.

At the Annual Communication one hundred and twelve lodges were represented. Membership 168,914, with an increase during the year of 17,537.

M. W. Bro. Cooper H. Prickett, Grand Master of New Jersey, was an honored guest welcomed to the Grand East with the usual Grand Honors, as he had been at the June Quarterly Communication.

The Grand Master, R. W. Bro. J. S. Sells, made his annual address strongly condemning that pestiferous and ubiquitous nuisance, the chain letter. He constituted nine lodges and laid three corner-stones. He advocates very earnestly the George Washington M. N. M. Association, but of the Masonic Service Association he cautiously says: "In associating with this organization we, to some extent, surrender our sovereignty, in that we submit to such taxation, within certain limitations, as may from time to time be levied." He concludes by saying: "Not all the Grand Lodges have joined the Association, and some have withdrawn from it."

He condemns in no uncertain tone those organizations which have as a pre-requisite for membership, Masonic standing. "It has been reported that during the past year in a prominent city within this Jurisdiction, a public performance was given of a character to bring reproach upon the Fraternity. If newspaper reports of this shameful, disgraceful and sacrilegious performance are to be credited, there seems to be no question as to what should be done with those taking part in such disgraceful, undignified and unmasonic exhibitions." A word fitly and timely spoken and true in more jurisdictions than that of Pennsylvania, where by such thoughtless unseemly conduct on the part of Masons, our honored institution is brought into discredit and too often into disrepute on the part of a very few indiscreet "slop-over" brethren. It is good, however, to turn from such things and note that 631 applications were received for Masonic assistance and every one favorably considered.

There are fifty-one D. D. G. Masters, all doing constructive work for the honor of the Masonic name and the welfare of the Craft.

The Thomas Patton Masonic Institution for boys, is to do a work for which there is nothing by praise and commendation, enabling the sons of deceased brothers to become good citizens and intelligent and worthy men. The Grand Master sees in this Institution a new factor and force "in which the Masons of Pennsylvania, may take great pride."

The Report on Correspondence by Bro. Thomas F. Penman, Chairman

of the Committee, is a succinct resume and review of nearly seventy jurisdictions. He makes special reference to the fact that in the Western Grand Lodges there is special stress laid upon the preservation and protection of our American Public School System. He makes comment, forceful and enlightening, on the phenomenal increase in membership and thinks that, "the war created a demand for better understandings among men, for a higher type of manhood, a keener sense of truth and justice, a more exalted form of civilization. The nearer and quicker society approaches a real spirit of Brotherhood, the sooner will it reach a state of tranquility. Masonry is known to be conspicuous among the agencies which aim to cultivate that spirit. As a motive for affiliating with our Fraternity, this points to high ideals." But Bro. Penman is not deluded in these matters for he distinctly avers that men have other motives than these purely altruistic and intimates that there is a sane and wholesome personal motive which is Masonically legitimate. "A man joins Masonry because he sees in it the promotion of a higher standard of life from which he expects to draw dividends, it furnishes a legitimate motive for the phenomenal accessions to our Fraternity." And it is rather refreshing to read this clear optimistic word amid so many that are of the opposite kind, "that we do not share the fear that any serious danger is involved in it, as expressed by so many Grand Masters; that reactionary and disturbing elements antagonistic to and not in sympathy with the high ideals of Masonry are likely to gain admission in appreciable numbers."

He closes with this brief and cheering word: "The conclusion of our year's survey is: All is well with American Freemasonry!" A challenging optimistic word which braces us like the wintery ozone of these Maine woods and wind-swept hills.

Maine receives fraternal attention and analysis at his hand, especially our Centennial Anniversary which he calls "a notable event in Maine Masonry." He quotes with approval M. W. Bro. Silas B. Adams' words respecting membership in our Order constituting "a perpetual protest against the pernicious activities of other institutions in relation to our political, civic and educational affairs." Grand Secretary Davis also comes in for commendation for good work faithfully performed, and "finds no demand from him for extra compensation on the basis of 'overtime' or 'double time' as seems to be the practice of our hardy sons of toil. With him it was, 'who best can work, who best agree.'" Surely, Bro. Penman, for we know him as no "time serving unionite," but as your analysis indicates, faithful to each day's duty and content with that, and it may not be irrelevant or irreverent to say, of such is the Kingdom (or Republic) of Masonry.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1921.

The Ninth Annual Communication, held at Manila.

The Grand Officers, four Past Grand Masters and Representatives of sixty-three lodges (out of 68) were present, with twenty-nine Grand Representatives, including ours of Maine. Membership 5,126, with a net gain of 1,019.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Rafael Palma, we quote: "Thanks to the great work which our lodges have, without rest or repose, been doing this year, we note with satisfaction the large number of men good and true who have knocked at our portals and have been granted admission to our mysteries."

He reported the constitution of four new lodges; with dispensations granted for twelve. He made twenty-seven visitations to subordinate lodges.

He recommends the adoption of the Albert Pike Ritual for the following reason: "Owing to the recent organization in these Islands of a number of spurious lodges chartered by the Grande Oriente Espanol, it is very desirable that the use of the rituals of that Grand Body by our lodges working in the Scottish Rite should be discontinued. Many of these lodges feel quite reluctant to give up the Scottish Rite work, and the best way out of the difficulty would seem to be the adoption of the Albert Pike ritual, which was used by the Scottish Rite Blue Lodges in the United States before the agreement between the two Rites by which the Symbolic lodge was left to the exclusive jurisdiction of the York Rite." The report however, of "The Custodians of the Work" brought in an adverse report, "that the Pike ritual be not adopted," which was carried.

Thirty-nine dispensations were granted, the majority for "out of time" degrees.

Respecting the George Washington Memorial, he says: "It seems to me that we ought to further aid this movement and I recommend that the Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 as a contribution to the same."

Of the Masonic Service Association, he said: "I recommend that our Grand Lodge continue its membership in this Association."

In the closing paragraphs of his address, there is an echo of what the poet calls, "old forgotten far-off things and battles long ago," in this reference: "We can say here that in many parts the hostility and prejudice shown against Masonry have decreased, and I am hopeful that, as new lodges are being established in provinces hitherto without any lodge, the benevolent purposes of our Order will be better understood and appreciated." How clear and wholesome the note in his closing word: "The greatest service which our Fraternity can render to humanity is to aid in the great work of moral reconstruction of the world. We must bestir ourselves in order to disseminate the great truths taught by our Order. The service of humanity has never been an idle dream, and it is clearer now than ever before that we Masons must render that disinterested and diligent service which our obligation demands of us."

In the Grand Secretary's report we find these burning words relative to Clandestine and Illegal lodges. "It is greatly regretted that some who were formally members of our lodges have degenerated from being men of honor to men who are willing to be traitors to their own people and dupe them into joining a lodge which the founders know to be illegal. We are glad to say that the principal leaders of this trespass upon our territory as

well as upon the good name of the Fraternity are neither Filipinos nor Americans. It is the bounden duty of every member of our jurisdiction to expose these clandestine, spurious and illegal organizations and to oppose their propaganda upon every possible occasion."

The Grand Orator, has his excellent address published in full, and it is an eloquent exhortation, eloquently expressed to Masonic duty and privilege.

Space is given to four special communications held for the purpose of constituting lodges.

In the Correspondence, Maine for 1919 and 1920, are fully and generously reviewed by our Representative for Maine, P. G. M. Bro. George R. Harvey.

PORTO RICO, 1920.

La Trigesima Sexta Asamblea Anual (The Thirty-Sixth Annual Communication).

The portrait frontispiece is of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. W. F. Lippitt, a strong American face that is good to see amid so much which is almost a sealed book to us, because written in Spanish of which our knowledge is most imperfect, and therefore wholly inadequate for a full and exhaustive review of the annual "Proceedings."

A distinguished visitor in the person of the Grand Master of Venezuela, Dr. J. B. Ascaño Rodriguez, was formally greeted from the Grand East.

We gather from the report, however, that there has been a substantial numerical gain of seven hundred members during the Masonic year, and Grand Master Lippitt's comment is well worth quotation: "The end of our labor is proven. It remains to study this success in order to plan for its continuance during the new years."

We note that there are seventy-six lodges, that the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico is in fraternal relations with seventy-five other Grand Lodges throughout the world. There are eleven Past Grand Masters on the roster.

Under "Situacion Economica" we gather that the Grand Lodge finances are sound, the total receipts from all lodges being \$14,990.89.

Under "Instruccion Masonica" that there is constructive effort in Masonic education.

During the annual communication a telegram of fraternal greeting and best wishes was received from Presidente de la Estadod Unidos, Bro. Warren G. Harding, to which the Grand Master fraternally replied, by instruction of the Grand Lodge, with a cablegram.

The correspondent of New Jersey, M. W. Bro. Robert A. Sherrifs, has this to say although evidently laboring under something of the same handicap as your correspondent: "Three new lodges had been organized and a general betterment of local conditions, especially as to reduced liabilities and improvement of halls is reported. Throughout the address is found testimony that so far as intelligently directed effort may assure it, Freemasonry in Porto Rico is steadily gaining in similitude to North American practice, especially in that qualification for admission to the

Fraternity which is a matter of serious concern. It is pointed out that the quality of its material must ever be held as of greater importance than quantity, and as in the government of the United States of America many men of prominence are of the Craft, so hope of similar identity in the public men of other governments rests upon the care with which all Masonic candidates are selected."

There is no Report on Correspondence.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1921.

The Forty sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 1921, 1,037; a net gain for the year of 67.

Seventeen lodges, all represented at this Communication. Grand Representative for Maine was present. Six Past Grand Masters attended.

In his address, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. S. Stewart, deals outspokenly with the Irish question, has decided views on such issues as Industrialism, the conflict between Capital and Labor, Socialism, and class domination as against the ideals of Democracy. He then says: "That it is one of the distinctive glories of Masonry that it teaches patriotism to its devotees. Masonry should be the stout upholder and guardian of equality and Democracy, and should ever aim at the cultivation of self-reliant and self respecting citizenship, the only sure foundation of all national success, and the solid bulwark of representative government and free institutions." The Grand Master applied all this to the burning issues and mooted questions of our day, making an especial application to "the unworthy and sinister efforts of evil and misguided men in Ireland to tear asunder that island from its long union with Great Britain, and to establish therein, against the fixed desire and determination of a large and loyal body of its people, an independent republic, to be clothed with possibilities of great danger to the rest of the Empire. In this connection it is gratifying to be able to state that no one of any standing in Canada has had the temerity to openly sympathize with so unworthy a cause." He speaks of Magna Charta Day, and our own "Decoration Day" as worthy of adoption by both great nations as a means of cementing the bonds of Anglo-Saxon, or Anglo-American unity.

He refers at length to the death of P. G. M., the Rev. T. F. Fullerton, D. D., for whose funeral a special communication was held, May 25th, when the much loved and honored man, mason and minister was laid at rest with Masonic honors. A long list of others who have died occupies large space in his report.

Ten dispensations were granted, all approved by the usual Committee.

Our own Col. Edward K. Gould, is officially appointed Grand Representative for Maine, much to our mutual joy and satisfaction.

"Masonic rooms" are endowed in two local hospitals, and "careful consideration" is given to the claims of the Protestant Orphanage, with hope that something may be done of a like nature in that institution.

The Grand Secretary in his report, says: "The total increase in membership last year was forty-one, the largest in our history as a Grand Lodge.

This year it is sixty-seven, over sixty-three per cent. larger than last year. The total amount of monies received was nearly \$100.00 more than we ever received in one year."

The absence of the Correspondence Report is accounted for by this word, "Bro. W. P. Doull neglected to hand in the copy."

The Committee on Physical Qualifications holds to the growing conviction in many Grand Bodies that a perfect physical manhood is of less importance than moral rectitude and mental attainments, and "that the one time demand for perfect physique should be eased away somewhat to the mental and moral measurements." The report seems to imply that so long as a candidate conforms to all the requirements of our ritual, and performs his masonic labors, he is eligible. Here is an example: "If he has an artificial foot but can kneel, his loss would not debar him. If some of his fingers be gone but he still retains enough to give the signs and grips properly, he should be considered eligible." All of which seems like a broad, liberal and humane interpretation, in most respects like our practice in Maine.

No Correspondence Report, as indicated in above review.

The next Forty-seventh Communication will be opened at Summerside, on the fourth Wednesday in June, (1922).

QUEBEC, 1921.

Fifty-first Annual Communication.

Chartered lodges, 66; but eight others U. D. Membership December 31st, 1920, 11,167. Nearly all the Grand Officers were present; seven Past Grand Masters and representatives of the 66 lodges. Thirty-eight Grand Representatives were present including ours for Maine.

The Grand Master, Arthur B. Wood, fulfils his promise in the opening of his annual address, to set forth his official acts, exhibit the general condition of Masonry and recommend such legislation as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Order.

Touching tribute is paid to the beloved and honored brothers who have heard the "onward call" and a moment of thoughtful and reverent silence, the Grand Lodge standing with bowed heads, was more eloquent than verbal eulogy.

Under — Condition of the Craft — he says: "A year ago we completed the first half century of our history, which may be regarded as the constructive period. We have now entered upon a new era, apparently destined to be marked by great development and expansion. The first year of this new period has been an extraordinary one, characterized by phenomenal growth. Whether or not this rapid growth is an entirely satisfactory state of affairs the future alone can tell." The implied doubt herein expressed is soon relieved however, for in the next paragraph he says: "In my opinion there never was a time in the history of this jurisdiction when we were receiving a higher average type of member into our Order. They appear to be earnest and sincere men. I have no fears in this regard." The danger which this Grand Master foresees and which he tells us, it has

been his endeavor to forestall, "is that the unusual amount of work involved in the conferring of so many degrees may have a tendency to convert some of our lodges into mere machines for making Masons." It is a fear and peril, which has been expressed by so many Grand Masters, that he does well in sounding a note of caution against that all too prevalent type — the machine made mason. He finds a solution of the increasing volume of work, which is accumulating in many lodges, in "the creation of new lodges" as a result, "I have granted dispensations for the formation of seven new lodges, and my firm conviction is that in each instance this action has been justified by the work performed. "I have personally conducted the ceremony of institution in each case."

Nearly seven pages of the report narrates his official visitations, and he writes: "For the first time in seven years the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was quite generally observed by the lodges in and about Montreal." The stress and sorrow of the war naturally precluded such festivities it is to be inferred, and it is good to see these lodges putting on the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness incident to the strife of arms.

The One Hundredth Anniversary of St. Andrews Lodge, No. 6, was observed in April.

Commissions were issued for two Grand Representatives — Nova Scotia and Nebraska and two were nominated by the Grand Master as Grand Representative in Arizona and Texas.

Forty-five dispensations were issued, some at variance with our law and practice, but no doubt fully in accord with their own Constitution, their Committee on Jurisprudence says, "We fully concur therein." Three requests for dispensations were refused for sound reasons.

His two decisions, or "Rulings" are in accord with general Masonic practice.

The Grand Master regrets that he "was not able to accept the invitation to the Celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Maine, owing to pressing business engagements, but was pleased to extend heartiest fraternal greetings."

An interesting and instructive table compiled from the returns of 1919 for the purpose of comparing the average attendance with the size of the lodge is given as follows:

No. of Lodges.	Average No. of Members.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.
6	Over 300	50	14%
11	200-300	47	19%
25	100-200	30	21%
25	Under 100	21	31%
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67		31	21%

From the above table it will be noticed that by groups of lodges the percentages "run in inverse ratio to the size of the lodge." Probably Maine would essentially agree with these averages. He avers, that "a

strong argument can be based upon these figures in favor of a larger number of lodges of moderate size."

He makes reference to "some of the Jurisdictions in the great country to the south of us, intimating that our Order should depart to some extent from its ancient traditions as regards participation in matters of general public interest," and he rightly sounds this note of warning, "that our Order should not deviate one iota from its old traditions but should adhere steadfastly and with increased firmness to those fundamental principles which are responsible for its high standing today in all civilized countries of the globe, and the reputation it enjoys of being one of the greatest influences for good that the world has ever known." Which strikes us as good counsel and sound masonic wisdom.

The Grand Secretary's Report says, "there is a degree of prosperity both numerically and financially, never before equalled in this jurisdiction and which is in full accord with the progress of English speaking Masonry in general."

He speaks of a possible monetary penalty, of so much for each over due day, prescribed for those Secretaries who do not forward returns promptly, a condition "more marked than usual."

The Grand Chaplain, the Rt. Rev. W. C. Graham, has his scholarly address printed in full by vote of the Grand Lodge, a careful analysis of the issues and problems of the day, and the message and mission of Masonry to a bruised and broken civilization.

The Correspondence Committee generously allots two pages to Maine, over half of which deals with the Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Maine. The Committee speak in high terms of our late brother, the dearly loved and greatly honored Correspondent for Maine, M. W. Brother Albro E. Chase, so recently called to the Grand Lodge above, and thanks him for generous notice of Quebec's Proceedings.

RHODE ISLAND, 1921.

The One Hundred Thirty-first Annual Communication.

Twenty-one Grand Officers were present, with ten Past Grand Masters and representatives of thirty-five lodges. There were thirty-four Grand Representatives present, also, including ours of Maine.

There is a total membership of 14,217; a net gain for the year of 1804.

Two Special Communications were held, one to dedicate a Masonic Hall, and the other to officially constitute "Overseas Lodge," of which P. G. M. Herbert A. Rice says in his thrilling oration of that occasion: "It is a happy circumstance that the fears that had been entertained regarding military lodges were entirely dispelled in the case of "Overseas Lodge," for it did not encounter any of the difficulties and uncertainties incident to active military service in the field. Today these honored brethren, the founders of this lodge, have the satisfaction of seeing the consummation of their disinterested and patriotic labors in the permanent establishment of the most unique lodge in American Masonry."

M. W. Bro. James E. Batty in his address as Grand Master, evinces a

rather unusual conviction to the effect, "that everyone of our subordinate lodges has undoubtedly been prompted in their activities, to make Masons, rather than members, to observe quality rather than to desire quantity and in every case to build up a lodge whose influence should have an uplifting effect upon the life of the community in which they were located. This we know by personal contact with the affairs of every lodge in the Jurisdiction."

The Grand Master issued fourteen dispensations to attend divine service; twelve for the purpose of transacting business on other dates than those fixed by the by-laws. He approved amendments to the by-laws of seven lodges, and granted the usual jurisdictional courtesies.

Among the long list of visitations is that for the constituting of "Overseas Lodge," already mentioned. It is good to read that P. G. M. Rice's conviction was justified as indicated above and his prophecy fulfilled, for the Grand Master says: "Overseas Lodge is still carrying on a splendid work. Since the constitution of the lodge, its officers have traveled to every corner of our state carrying their message of patriotism and good cheer to all our brethren, and they are a wonderful inspiration wherever they visit."

We notice, also that in his visitation of April 11th, as the guest of Redwood Lodge, he found that lodge had enacted a by-law restricting the membership to 400, and believes this to be a step in the right direction, because "many of our lodges are becoming too large for efficient Masonic activity." He goes on to say, "I believe that many new lodges might, with profit to the Craft, be formed in Rhode Island, and I heartily commend the brethren for the step they have taken."

Under "Physical Qualification" he held, "that our sympathy for a candidate who is physically disqualified should not be construed as recommendation for his acceptance and that Masonry is best served by adhering as closely as possible to the ancient landmarks of the Craft."

The Grand Master cordially endorses the Masonic Service Association, reports "progress" on the New Masonic Temple, and advocates the adoption of a "questionnaire" for Investigating Committees.

The five reports of D. D. G. Masters give brief account of Masonic labor loyally performed.

Extended report is given of the Tenth Annual Convention of the George Washington Memorial Association, in which Rhode Island appears with the District of Columbia as the only two Grand Jurisdictions that have fully paid the allotted quota of one dollar per capita of Masonic population.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer, and the Committee on Finance show a sound financial standing of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge voted unanimously to endorse the "Smith-Towner Educational Bill" in a resolution which shows that our Rhode Island brethren believe that our Public School System is one of the chiefest safeguards of enlightened citizenship and free government.

There is no Report of Correspondence.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1921.

The Fifteenth Annual Communication.

Grand Officers, ten Past Grand Masters, and twenty-one Grand Representatives were present, Maine's absent. Membership 12,378, with a net gain of 1,204. One hundred sixty lodges, five under dispensation.

Right Worshipful Bro. George M. Weir, Deputy Grand Master, presided, and touchingly opens his annual report with a heart-felt tribute to M. W. Bro. E. L. Elwood, "who relinquished the gavel at the summons of the Great Architect," on May 19th, 1921. One sentence, among the many of an unusually tender eulogy, stands out in clear relief, "An institution that can produce such men as M. W. Bro. E. L. Elwood is an essential asset to the permanence of our civilization and the corner-stone of enlightened democracy."

The Deputy Grand Master speaks of "the Benevolent Fund" and instances those lodges of Saskatchewan that have done their part in paying in full their allotted quotas, as inspiring examples to the large remainder.

During his term of office he appointed two Grand Representatives.

Under "Rulings" he "comes out" against electioneering in a lodge for officers, this is what he said, quoting the words of the deceased Grand Master: "There is no rule in our Constitution preventing canvassing, but there is a sort of unwritten law of the Craft that there should be no canvassing for positions in the Craft. I quite appreciate that there are times when in the practical working out of the matter, a certain amount of canvassing is bound to be done by members of the Craft. Such canvassing, of course, should never be done by one who is likely to get the position, and I think undue canvassing is to be very much depreciated." Which is about all that can be said against a practice which is a natural result of friendship, and the strong ties of fraternity.

The Deputy Grand Master issued dispensations for four new lodges, approved By-laws, constituted twelve new lodges, and attended twelve out of fifteen District Meetings.

The Deputy Grand Master gives an illuminating analysis of the degrees, and suggest that something of the kind be used by the D. D. G. Masters in their various districts as a part of their instruction and a general program of Masonic Education. His aim in all this he says, "is to present the salient features in a logical and progressive order." He thinks that "by such a process of Masonic education more students of our mysteries will be developed."

The late Grand Master, Bro. E. L. Elwood, strongly condemned chain letters as, "an invitation to superstition and an intimation to the receiver that unless he complies with its requirements, he is in danger of misfortune."

The Deputy Grand Master heartily endorses these words in his message.

He concludes his forceful address by some reflections of an international nature. "Certain profligate demagogues and reckless agitators posing

as national heroes have been doing their utmost of late to stir up animosity and misunderstanding between Great Britain and the United States." Yes, Right Worshipful Brother, we have them on this side of the line but the ultimate effect has been to crystalize and consolidate conviction that "blind leaders of the blind" are no more to be trusted than in Hebrew days, when the prophet warned against their subtle counsels. Masons of this jurisdiction of Maine, and I am writing as your Grand Representative for Saskatchewan, wholly agree with you, "that such despicable tactics are doomed to failure. Our Anglo-American Legacy is a common heritage of language, art and literature, of kinship and ideals. Since Magna Charta the spirit of our common law and the genius of our democratic institutions have developed first in identity and then in harmony of British responsible government of American Government "of the people, by the people, for the people." We as loyal British subjects, venerate the noble achievements and cherish in our memories the deeds of great American patriots, while our cousins across the border pay willing homage to the great statesmen that added lustre to Britain's historic past." Yes, "blood is thicker than water," and we on this side of the boundary like to believe it is not quite so thin as that of "cousins."

The Grand Lodge after some discussion unanimously approved a resolution of the Deputy Grand Master providing scholarships to prospective teachers with the object of encouraging them to take the training in the Provincial Normals Schools.

M. W. Bro. W. M. Thompson submits a well condensed Correspondence Report in which Maine receives nearly one page of lucid comment and some, though brief, quotation. He pays special tribute to the D. D. G. Masters reports, as "very clear and concise and show that each officer has done his duty."

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1921.

The One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Annual Communication.

All Grand Officers, except three, were present, with seven Past Grand Masters. Thirty-three Grand Representatives in attendance, ours for Maine absent. 263 lodges out of 280, were represented. Membership 25,301, with a net gain of 3,406.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. S. T. Lanham, makes this sensible observation relative to unemployment, in the introduction of his annual message: "You and I cannot help reflecting that it seems a very great pity that discontent, unemployment and poverty should be rife in our great commercial and industrial centers, more especially when we remember that every unemployed, poverty-stricken family in America could find useful employment, wholesome surroundings and happy homes in the rural districts. We hazard the assertion that the farms of our Southland alone are capable of supporting not only their present tenantry, but the entire unemployed population of our country as well. A very simple cause, in my humble opinion, has brought about all the multifarious ills incident to the very complex fabric of modern society. And the remedy is

so simple that we may easily fail to find it, while searching for some abstruse and difficult solution of the many problems that press upon us. We have forgot God." After elucidating with trenchant comment, he asks this searching question: "You, dear brethren of the Mystic Tie, who often assemble around the Sacred Altar of Freemasonry, upon which you insist that the Holy Bible, as an indispensable part of the furniture of every lodge, must always rest—you who teach every initiate that Masons should not commence any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Deity; what personal acquaintance do your children have with the Family Altar? Are you endeavoring, as the Priest in your own home, to see that your loved ones acquire an intimate knowledge of the Blessed Book? At the beginning of a new day, and in the privacy of your home, do you bend the knee in prayer before the Judge of all the Earth?"

A quotation like that, with its soul searching questions, is worth reams of the average commonplace verbiage, because it probes the inner-life of every Mason of us and makes us squarely face the inference and issues of our own obligation and the test and challenge of our symbolic teaching.

The Grand Master pays tender tribute to the memory of P. G. M. Bro. J. Adger Smyth, R. W. Bro. John C. Sellars, and R. W. W. H. Prioleau, Grand Treasurer.

Under "State of the Craft" he reports a healthy and natural growth, and thinks the raising of the minimum fees was a forward step, because now "quite a number of lodges are planning to erect temples of their own."

The Grand Master enthusiastically champions the Masonic Service Association, and eloquently advocates the George Washington Memorial.

Reference is made to the Centennial Communication and Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Maine and he was "exceedingly sorry that time did not permit me to accept this invitation." So are we of Maine, that we did not have the pleasure of his presence and the cordial greeting through him, from one of the oldest of our American Grand Lodges.

During his annual term he appointed eleven Grand Representatives, constituted five lodges issued dispensations for six new lodges, laid four corner-stones. He "consistently refused to grant dispensations for conferring more than ten Master's degrees more than fifteen Fellow Craft degrees and have allowed no lodge to confer more than five E. A. degrees."

From his "Conclusion" we excerpt these words, which are interesting as expressing a coincidence, "the youngest Grand Master in America, presiding over the oldest Grand Lodge in America." He has these two assurances he says, from South Carolina's Foreign Correspondent and their Grand Historian, and so he thinks "there is a distinction about my record, even though I may have performed the task indifferently well. I trust that you will realize that I have tried to play the man and to be faithful in the performance of every official duty."

Several amendments to the Constitution were made necessary by the change of date in the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

On Thursday morning distinguished guests were cordially greeted, the

M. W. Grand Masters of Georgia and Florida, the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Bass and Charles H. Ketchum.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence brings in its report, "disapproving any tendency to recognize the Grand Orient or the Grand Lodge of France." Recognition is refused Porto Rico and "any of the so-called Grand Lodges now existent in Mexico." Recognition is withheld from Costa Rica and Columbia "until complete and full information concerning them can be obtained." This has been the consistent practice in Maine with all these alleged Grand Bodies and we are glad to be in such good company even though we bear the reproach of being ultra-conservative.

Several "Special Communications" were held (fully reported) largely for foundation stone ceremonies, but we notice a special convocation of the Grand Lodge under the caption, "To Make Bishop William A. Guerry a Mason at Sight." A practice, which while legal, is not favored in Maine.

P. G. M. Michie appends a noble review of other Grand Jurisdictions, in which Maine receives two pages of comment and commendation, except as to our recognition of Panama, which receives this caustic comment, "Grand Lodge of Panama! We wonder if the Grand Lodge of Maine ever looked into the antecedents of the lodges composing, or did originally compose, the Grand (?) Lodge of Panama!"

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1921.

The Forty-seventh Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, twenty-seven Grand Representatives (Maine's absent) and fifteen Past Grand Masters were present.

Membership, 16,460; with a net gain of 1,945 for the year. There are one hundred and fifty lodges, with nine U. D.

Five Emergent Communications are given place in the opening pages of the "Proceedings," of these five, two were for corner-stones and three for Temple dedications at which the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John H. McCord, presided.

The Annual Communication opening on "Flag Day" (June 14th), the Grand Lodge opened with ceremonies appropriate to the day. Our Flag was presented to the Grand Lodge by Grand Secretary, Geo. A. Pettigrew, in moving words of patriotism and civic counsel, which were echoed by the hearts and applause of the brethren.

The Grand Master, in a business-like paper, direct in its phrasing yet incisive in its message, gives a kind of education as well as inspiration to all who read. We note especially, that in his conviction, "the Masonry of South Dakota has been instrumental in passing two great laws which will materially advance education in this state." One of these is that which requires every teacher to take the oath of allegiance to the Constitution of the State and the United States, before they shall be granted a certificate to teach in the public schools. The other law is to the effect, that every child in South Dakota, of school age shall attend the public schools, "until they shall have reached the eighth grade, where only the English Language

is taught." The Grand Master goes on to say in this connection that this last bill " was fought very hard by the patrons of Parochial Schools, but the Legislature being composed of more than fifty per cent. Masons, it was passed and passed with a clause of compulsion that has teeth in it."

He speaks of visitations made, By-laws approved, twelve dispensations granted, seven for new lodges; and feels what must be in the heart of every Grand Master, that it would be altogether better if more visitations were made to the smaller lodges and less to the large city lodges and the " big " fraternal occasions. He suggests that Grand Lodge should make " sufficient appropriations " for this wholesomely constructive purpose.

He opposes too lenient and liberal an interpretation of " Physical Qualification," but seems to do it with a reluctant heart.

He says: " I refused dispensation for a lodge to attend church as a lodge on Easter Sunday, for the reason that it might interfere with the religious belief of some of the brethren." They are allowed that privilege in Maine, on St. John's Sunday, without dispensation; but we can see his point, as applied to Easter Sunday.

The Grand Lodge of South Dakota is a strong advocate of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, and also something of an enthusiast in the matter of the Masonic Service Association.

During the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge had its social hour while the Grand Chapter O. E. S. was cordially received and greeted. The usual good-will was manifested, and peace and harmony prevailed. The two bodies meet in the same city, and at the same time, and this is evidently a kind of family affair. The Grand Master said: " That this Grand Lodge is becoming larger each year, but if the two are separated, there are a dozen towns in the State that can accommodate us without any trouble." And what is this we read: " In former times it was deemed necessary to have the sisters with us for their moral influence, but on account of the change in the Constitution of our State the brethren are NOW SAFE to be let alone." The brethren are taking a chance " that their latter estate will be worse than the former," if they cut loose from such influence. Please remember the closing line of Goethe's Faust: "The ever-womanly leads us above." A relapsed sinner, easily backslides to the old ways, and worse!

Thirty-eight pages of the Proceedings are given to a complete revision of the By-laws, which are printed in toto and show wise, conservative and constructive legislation.

The Correspondence Report is the fourth rendered by Bro. Chas. L. Brockway, and is a model of clear statement and sinewy style. He deals with nearly fifty Grand Jurisdictions in a fair, fraternal way, and closes all with a brief " Conclusion," which gives us much in little space respecting several mooted and pivotal questions in the Masonic world. Maine receives a page of space, half of which is a well chosen passage from Grand Master Adams' annual address, which is the very soul of the man and his message, and showed rare judgement on the part of the reviewer in selection.

TEXAS, 1921.

The Eighty-sixth Annual Communication.

There are 912 lodges with a membership of 107,692, a net gain of 13,473. Twelve Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and seventeen Grand Representatives were present at this communication. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

Impressive ceremonies in presentation of the Grand Representatives, with a cordial response by Past Grand Master W. S. Fly, were among the opening incidents of the session.

An imposing group of Distinguished Visitors were greeted at various times during the communication, all of whom made inspiring and informing addresses. Among these were, M. W. Bro. F. E. Lester, Grand Master of New Mexico; R. W. Bro. G. L. Schoonover, Past Grand Master of Iowa; R. W. W. L. Stockwell, Past Grand Master of North Dakota; R. W. H. H. Bain, Grand Master of Louisiana.

M. W. Bro. Andrew L. Randell, Grand Master, in the opening of his annual address, said: "That the history of Masonry in Texas is the history of this commonwealth. For eighty-six years the Masons of Texas, in the intelligent, patriotic and unselfish devotion to the State and mankind, have been building not merely a fraternal organization of prosperity and power but a commonwealth of freedom and ideals, able to take its place at the top of the list of those governments best able to serve mankind."

He lays proper stress upon Masonic education as an insistent and increasing need of our day in these words: "As I studied the conditions obtaining in this jurisdiction, it appeared to me that the great need of Masonry today is the education of the entire membership of our lodges in the practical teaching and interpretation of the symbolism of our degrees." He gave direction and impetus during his term to a well organized and articulated curriculum of Masonic education which had the enthusiastic endorsement of the brethren. He also advocates the establishment of Masonic libraries in every lodge throughout the State.

The Masonic Service Association has his unqualified support, although the Foreign Correspondent, Past Grand Master Bradley, in his report says: "There seems to be a growing lukewarmness in many Grand Jurisdictions in their support of it. Several Grand Lodges have withdrawn, and still others have given notice of their intention to withdraw." But in spite of this statement, Texas stands steady in its support.

The Grand Master in a clear and careful statement outlines the need of an official journal to keep in dynamic touch with the nine hundred and more lodges of this great and noble jurisdiction. It is a convincing and eloquent plea to place such a publication in the home of every brother in the State, "the greatest forward step ever taken, which will lay the foundation for a future Masonry the power of which no man can measure."

He advocates the purely Masonic proposition, that every candidate shall "stand a satisfactory examination as to their proficiency in the trial

lecture of each degree, and that a suitable penalty be provided for failure or refusal to comply."

"The Order of De Molay for Boys" finds in him an earnest and eloquent champion, and recommends that "suitable action be taken to permit chapters of the Order to meet in Masonic lodge rooms."

We notice among his multiform activities that he granted dispensations for five new lodges, and only two for "out of time" degrees.

The much debated question of "Physical Qualifications" is handled in three pages of his report in a tactful, liberal manner, and crystalizes in this recommendation: "That an applicant must be sound and hale, without maim or defect in his body that may render him ineligible to be a Mason; that is, physical maims and defects should be considered in the light of his internal qualifications, and on the basis of his ability to receive, practice and impart, to all practical purposes, the rites and ceremonies, and possess the mental and physical ability to earn his livelihood in his chosen occupation." Which accords with our practice in Maine, where the matter is usually left with the Master of the lodge to decide.

Mexico receives comprehensive consideration at his hands which later resulted in definite and favorable action on the part of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, whose report for recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, was "adopted." This Committee report covers sixteen interesting and informing pages, discusses both sides of the controversy, and arrives at clear convictions favorable to Mexican recognition. It is by far the most illuminating presentation of a tangled situation which has caused much debate and speculation in all jurisdictions. The Grand Master, also, emphatically endorses "The National Grand Lodge of Italy" by saying "that he is rejoiced to find there a Masonry so extensive (182 lodges, with 20,000 members), so virile and so determined" that he recommends official recognition. The committee so recommended, which was also "adopted."

The George Washington M. N. M. Association, and the observance of George Washington's Masonic Birthday (November 4th) are both cordially endorsed by Grand Master Randell in earnest terms and eloquent periods. He advocates and recommends that every lodge make November 4th, a regular and permanent day of observance "of the most revered and beloved patriot in the modern history of men." And we think it is wholesome counsel and a wise procedure.

Nine pages of his address are given to an organization familiar to us all through press reports, and known as the Ku Klux Klan. He denounces in unmeasured terms that attempt of this organization to graft the name Masonic on its activities, and hide its doings behind the Fraternity's reputation. It is the kind of Americanism and Masonry that we should expect from Grand Master Randell, and he has endeared himself to us by his statesman-like presentation of a dangerous situation and distinct menace to our Institution, which cannot stand sponsor for such an irresponsible and aggressive and un-American proposition, which takes Law and Order into its own hands, and flagrantly defies Constituted Judicial authority.

He speaks in high praise of the "Masonic Home and School" and recommends that their support be maintained and increased by a ten dollar tax for each applicant for the degrees, and twenty-five cents per capita for each member. Jurisprudence Committee approved both recommendations.

We note with bowed heart that the list of "Fraternal Dead" contains the name of R. W. Bro. Albro Elmore Chase, Past Grand Master, September 8, 1921, a great and noble name to us in this jurisdiction, the able predecessor of a poor successor as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. The Grand Master uses this touching phrase: "The Masonry of Texas clasps hands in sympathy and sorrow with those whose privilege it was to associate and labor with them." We accept the "hand clasp" without multiplying words as we note the honored name of R. W. Bro. W. W. Peavy, Grand Treasurer, as having entered "the Inn of Rest" in that Great Beyond where Love is King.

The Grand Secretary's report is an able and well arranged document, in which we notice that sixteen charters were granted for new lodges, and many vital suggestions made respecting the routine of his official duties.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence cordially recognizes the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, which has the sanction of Grand Lodge.

An "Oration" by R. W. Bro. J. Dixie Smith, occupies several pages of the proceedings, and to quote were to marr a gem of literary and forensic power, hence we refrain from such literary malpractice.

The report of the Directors of Home and School is filled with vital material showing the methods of administration, statistics of inmates, endowments and growth. Largely of local interest, but not without interest in a wider field.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by the practiced hand of Past Grand Master S. M. Bradley, and is prefaced by a valuable and informing statistical table of membership throughout the world. Maine receives three pages of more than ordinarily cordial treatment. Grand Master Wheeler is extensively quoted and approved, our official actions endorsed, and we do not find any adverse comment even on our action respecting the M. S. A. This is a fraternal courtesy which we greatly appreciate because there has been, and will be, much unnecessary cavil and controversy respecting an action which was taken after due and careful deliberation, with the most kindly fraternal regards and respect for those many jurisdictions that have joined the Association and with cordial good-will toward many of the aims of that organization. After all equally sincere men may honestly differ about the matter, equally honest brothers may see things from a different angle, and choose to exercise, what is conceded to be their Masonic right and privilege, and remain outside of an organization which strongly appeals to other brethren. But surely we can keep sweet tempered and fraternally tolerant; kindly

and wholesomely Masonic. The gentle admonition of Tom Moore, the poet, is to us all in this regard:

" Shall I ask the brave soldier, who fights by my side
In the cause of mankind, if our creeds agree? "

In Masonry it ought to be equally true of ideas and principles and methods.

This has throughout been the dominant spirit of Bro. Bradley in his report and of such is both the Kingdom (or better Republic) of Masonry, and that other Kingdom which we are told is of God.

This report is somewhat more extended than usual because it is the resume of a volume containing 1,268 pages, the *Leviathan*, or *Mastodon* of reports which has come to this table for review.

VERMONT, 1921.

The One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 103. Membership, April 30th, 17,012. Net gain of 1,020. At the Annual Communication eighty-three lodges were represented, twenty-three Grand Representatives were present, ours for Maine absent. There were nine Past Grand Masters present, eleven District Deputies, with twenty-five permanent members.

We note with especial pleasure, " the hearty welcome " extended to our old friend and brother, a native of Vermont and at one time Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, who later reached the highest honor in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Past Grand Master Everett C. Benton. He addressed the Grand Lodge of Vermont in characteristic vein and touched upon the duties of Masons as good citizens as they confront the issues and problems of our times.

A letter of regret for the first absence, owing to long illness and failing vision, since holding membership in the Grand Lodge, was received and read from P. G. M., D. N. Nicholson.

The Grand Master, Archie E. Harriman, dealt in his introduction with " Masonry in our Green Mountain State," and speaks a wholesome warning in these words, ' In such a time of popularity, when candidates swarm to our outer doors, it is the duty of the older and more experienced Masons to keep strict watch lest the material with which we are building, the rough ashlar which it is our duty to shape into perfect ashlar, be not vitiated by the admission of material not rough and imperfect only, but useless and fatally defective.'

The fraternal dead are nobly memorialized.

He attended all but two District Meetings, granted six dispensations all within reasonable limits both in number and kind, which were officially approved by the Committee. He appointed four Grand Representatives.

Under the caption — George Washington Masonic Memorial Association — he avers that " assessments upon the members " for this fund, " seems to me open to strong objections. While it is my ardent desire to see the memorial completed and I believe this Grand Lodge ought to do something for this most worthy object, I cannot recommend any assessment either upon the members or lodges for such a purpose."

Dealing with the "Masonic Service Association," he takes an equally conservative position in these words: "Its aims seem excellent, but whose methods, some fear savor rather too much of the National Grand Lodge plan — a plan which from the days of our Illustrious Grand Master, Philip C. Tucker, has not met with much cordiality from Green Mountain Boys."

The Grand Lecturer in his report says, "that it is the purpose of Grand Lecturers to approach their work either in the spirit of an autocrat, a stern critic, or a helper and a friend." We need only to read the report to form an adequate idea of the spirit in which Grand Lecturer Greene approaches his Labor, for it is the word of the friend and helper, with nothing of superior criticism or dogmatic — ipse dixit — about it.

The reports of the twelve District Deputies are grouped like our own in Maine, and read very much like them, and the names appended thereto are all of good New England flavor and sound like pure one hundred per cent. Yankee stock.

The report, in "topical form," of Foreign Correspondence by P. G. M. Chas. H. Darling, is a strong document, with arguments pro and con quoted in some measure from other jurisdictions, but with vigorous and fair comment and verbal enforcement of his own. He touches at length upon such issues and questions as, the world unrest, the great increase in membership, "Questionnaires and Examination of Applicants," Collective or Group Balloting, large and small lodges. He comments and quotes forcefully on "other degrees, the Shrine and the Grotto," and other organizations built on Masonic membership. In conclusion several pages are given to the Masonic Service Association, in which Brother Darling follows the careful and conservative policy of Grand Master Harriman as indicated above. As an example of his style and method, as well as a good illustration of his argumentative and persuasive abilities we may quote the conclusion of his interesting and truly Masonic report. "More than two and a quarter million men are already members of our Fraternity in the United States alone, and many more are daily knocking at our doors for admission. To direct, guide and improve the condition of these men, to mold and make Masons of the newly admitted is work enough for us all. Two and a quarter millions of men united upon a platform of the five points of fellowship make a great and worthy institution and is sufficient to command the admiration and respect of all good men. If there are those who cannot understand this philosophy, if they cannot respond to the heart throbs of this institution, it is because they have not the true spirit of fraternalism and lack the milk of human kindness. If they wish to do more for Masonry, let them study the great field of fraternalism, and then let them go on foot and out of their way to help their needy brethren. Let them remember their brother's weaknesses in all their applications to Deity; let them keep their brother's interests and welfare close to their own hearts. Let them stretch out their own hands to aid and assist the fallen, and let them whisper good counsel into the ears of their brethren and in the most kindly manner remind them of their faults and endeavor to help and smooth out

their pathway of life. The lodge, call for this kind of service and they are the basis of Masonry. A meeting of all the Grand Masters in the world will not accomplish it. The spreading of all the propaganda in Christianity will not accomplish it. To accomplish this men and jurisdictions that are advocating centralization and united power must right about face and get right down into those lodges and do their work there. Ours is the greatest and strongest fraternal institution in the world. This is platform and purpose enough for one institution."

To depart from the principles of Masonry as a strictly fraternal institution is to dissipate its strength and undermine its foundations. To maintain it as a fraternity we must "keep the home fires burning" in the home lodges. Two and a quarter million members kept masonically sound will leaven the whole country so that as Webster said in *Dedicating the Monument at Bunker Hill*: "Desponding patriotism may turn its eyes hitherward and be assured that the foundations of our national power will stand strong."

WASHINGTON, 1921.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand Masters, and Representatives from all but eight lodges were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present, with thirty-eight others.

An eminent visitor, the M. W. Past Grand Master of Montana, was cordially greeted in the Grand East, after which addresses of welcome and the usual responses, by various well known and honored brethren were made, when the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James H. Begg, delivered his annual message. He spoke of the precarious condition of his health, but as we note he visited all but two of the lodges in Alaska, beside the meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association in the National Capital, beside the usual duties of his own grand jurisdiction; well may he say as in the opening sentences of his report: "The Good Lord has been kind to me." He continues: "So great has been the growth of the Craft in our own State during the past year, that I have, after careful consideration, granted dispensation for twelve new lodges; and what with the marvellous, unprecedented increase of membership in the chartered lodges, the duties of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary have been immensely augmented."

His "Alaska visit" is an enthralling narrative, and closes with appreciative words of the unremitting hospitality of his reception, and advocates that his successors do the same pioneer duty during their terms of office.

He speaks in enthusiastic terms of his visit to the George Washington Memorial Association. "I had no hesitancy," he says, "in assuring the Association that the Grand Lodge of Washington would cheerfully and enthusiastically contribute its allotted part. I am sure this Grand Lodge at this communication will heartily justify the promise in its behalf." It did!

During his journey he made visitation to the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-

vania, and to the Great Masonic Home, a little city in itself, at Elizabethtown.

He speaks of six lodges constituted, ten corner-stones laid, forty-eight dispensations granted for various purposes, several for conferring degrees "out of time." Five were refused for emphatic reasons. He approved many by-laws, and amendments thereto, granted permission to change meeting places, to attend divine service, made appointments, dedicated temples, and installed the officers of several lodges. He appointed seven Grand Representatives, among which we notice with pleasure, that of M. W. Brother Thomas E. Skaggs for the Grand Lodge of Maine. Greeting, across the wide continent, my brother, may we sometime disprove that word of Kipling, "that East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet."

The Grand Master granted twelve dispensations for new lodges and refused one.

Under "Decisions" there arose this unusual situation. That a "brother had reached the East Gate in the Third Degree, and refused to go further. At a later time he desired to advance and take the remainder of the degree. There was, however, objection to his proceeding, "because of his deportment" at the time the degree was being conferred, and "because of things regarding him, that had been later found out, and which led them to think that he was not proper Masonic material." The question arose "whether the rest of the work must be given him at his request, or those objections be treated as sufficient to keep him where he was, without trial." The Grand Master decided that those objections were not sufficient to prevent the completion of the work; and that if there are valid objections based upon subsequent developments relative to Masonic conduct, the matter could be disposed of only in the manner pointed out in the Code."

The Grand Orator's address, given in full, is packed with solid Masonic wisdom and counsel, from which we excerpt this word: "What is self, or neighbor, or even country, without God? It is a body without a soul; distress without hope of relief; a lodge without a Master. It is eternal darkness. A realization of this prompts Masonry to demand of its votaries first of all a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being. Upon our altar it is symbolized by the Great Light of Masonry, which forever sheds its benignant rays upon every lawful assemblage of Free and Accepted Masons. We recognize no sect, dictate no creed, demand no belief, save in God. There we are united in one sacred band, or society, of friends and brothers."

The Grand Secretary's Report gives a splendid total of 33,954 in membership, with a net gain of 5,337.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended in its report, which was adopted: "Any Master Mason, within one year after receiving the third degree, petitioning any organization having as one of its prerequisites membership in a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and any brother soliciting such a petition or presenting it to such an organization, shall be deemed guilty of unmasonic conduct. It shall be the duty of the Master

of a lodge, after the charge in the Third Degree is delivered, to read this section of the Code to the candidate."

One hundred and two pages of the Proceedings are given to a carefully compiled Roster of the Lodges, statistical reports and alphabetical lists of each one.

Three Past Grand Masters are tenderly memorialized, with quotations from the poets, and appreciative words of tribute by eminent brothers of the Grand Lodge.

The Report of Correspondence is of the "Topical" variety and a splendid example of its kind. It deals with the usual variety of themes, with liberal citations from Grand Masters of various jurisdictions, from Committee reports, and Masonic authorities. It is a readable, informing, and liberal-spirited resume of the Masonic procedure in the great world of Masonic Craftsmanship. As a sample of Brother McAllister's literary method and manner we quote only these few words from a broad and statesman-like review of the Masonic year: "The outstanding feeling that comes to us from our reading for the year is that Masonry is more and more seeking 'the Lime-light.' Publicity is courted not shunned. Brethren, lodges and Grand Lodges, are concerned more and more with the idea that 'Masonry must get the credit.' This institution or that institution is doing something fine and big, and the cry immediately goes up, 'What is Masonry doing?' Some brother, with the best of spirit and the best of purposes comes into Masonry from some other fraternal organization. There he has become imbued with certain things that are being accomplished, and he immediately desires that Masonry do these certain things. Can we not in some way, bring our brethren to understand that the things Masonry is for is to teach the individual to do these things, and, that being accomplished Masonry has fulfilled her purpose? Grand Masters are continually being asked for permission to join in certain public parades and ceremonials, in order that the world may 'know where we stand.' The world does know where we stand. It knows that nearly every one of these good movements, is headed and fostered by Masons. That is all it needs to know, and all it should know."

Every Grand Master in Maine for one hundred and two years, would send a kind of wireless amen of approval to that message.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1921.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Communication.

There are 159 lodges with a membership of 27,963; a net gain of 2,435. Thirteen Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand Masters, and forty-two Grand Representatives were present, including ours of Maine.

Twenty-eight special communications were held for various Masonic purposes,—corner-stone ceremonies, constituting services, dedications and Masonic Burials, all of which are fully reported in the opening pages of the annual proceedings.

At the annual session, M. W. Bro. Adrian C. Nadenbousch, Grand Master, uttered these timely and trenchant words respecting our Institu-

tion as a potent influence and factor in bringing about world peace and the cessation of armed conflict: "Let us as Masons, remember that we also are citizens of a common country aroused as never before to the senseless, silly, futile resort to arms for the settlement of our disputes, and accord to those charged with the duty of annihilating useless precedent and setting up in its stead a sane, honorable, equitable standard of conduct, that need of sympathy and support so sorely needed at this fateful hour."

We note with a touch of intimate personal sorrow a high and honored Maine masonic name on the roll of the Fraternal dead of other jurisdictions, M. W. Albro Elmore Chase, Past Grand Master. Another of like kind and character is that of Past Grand Master T. Wilbur Hennen, of West Virginia, of whom the Grand Master said in simple words, "A strong, honest, lovable, christian character, honored in life, mourned in death."

He cordially advocates the George Washington M. N. M. Association, and writes a letter to every Worshipful Master of every lodge commending the observance of His Masonic Birthday (November 4th) throughout the jurisdiction.

Answering an invitation to attend the Third Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association, he replied "that it would scarcely be expedient for the Grand Master to attend in person or to send a representative to said meeting in view of the action of this Grand Lodge in 1919, whereby, it declined for the time to ask for membership."

Among the Grand Master's activities we notice the laying of twenty-five corner-stones, the granting of sixteen dispensations for the usual purposes, as understood and practiced in our own jurisdiction of Maine. He refused five other requests for the same reasons that would have obtained with any Grand Master of Maine. He reports no decisions, but many interpretations and elucidations of the constitutional law.

We note that the Committee having the Address in charge confirmed his actions, with this word: "We desire to call attention to the broad vision, courteous and kind consideration, brotherly love and fidelity to the landmarks of our institution, which a careful reading of the report of the Grand Master shows. The manner of the conduct of his office will be an inspiration to those who follow." A well deserved commendation which would gladden any Grand Master's heart.

He praises the D. D. G. Masters for unremitting labor willingly rendered and suggests that these brethren have been a potent factor for uniformity of work and constructive progress.

The Masonic Home is called by him, "the one constructive piece of work we have undertaken, and we greatly mistake the spirit of the Craft if it be not made one in which we shall have increasing pride." The Special Communication called for the purpose of laying the corner-stone is fully reported, the speeches printed, the musical and literary program given. And even more illuminating than all else is an excellent photograph of the grounds and edifices of this new enterprise. An impressive and dignified group of real architecture and spacious lawns which will do honor

to the Craft of West Virginia, and minister to the needs of the brotherhood when they must call upon its service.

As we looked upon the picture and read the biography of the Grand Master (and Grand Lecturer, too) and read his words so straightforward and virile, we found ourselves saying, that's a man worth knowing, a Mason of whom any jurisdiction may well be proud.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence could not recommend fraternal recognition of Venezuela, but did of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, and the report in both regards, was adopted.

A resolution from the floor expressing "approval of the plan of disarmament as declared by our able, efficient and patriotic representatives in the conference at Washington, D. C.;" was adopted and sent to Secretary of State, Hon. Chas. E. Hughes.

The Foreign Correspondent Report (his thirtieth) was submitted by the Chairman, M. W. Bro. George W. Atkinson, a seasoned and able reviewer who has the faculty, amounting almost to genius, of selecting the gist of matters and presenting them in clear and sinewy language which it is a pleasure to read. A few well arranged pages of "Foreword" touch upon the crucial questions and more immediate and debatable issues and problems of the Masonic world. One of these four pages is given to a discussion of the Masonic Service Association, and he touches a rather tender nerve in many jurisdictions when he says: "It cannot be denied that it is a Super-Masonic organization, because every Grand Lodge which becomes a member of it, is required to pay per capita dues to maintain it and to make such assessments upon its members as may be necessary for its support, consequently the only difference between it and a Central Grand Lodge is in name only." This is given as one of several other reasons for West Virginia declining to become a member of the Association.

Maine is cordially and favorably reviewed, there is some quotation but the main treatment is that of a running, incisive commentary upon our doings for the year, which evidently pleases Bro. Atkinson for their conservative and sound procedure. This, too, is the temper and tendency in West Virginia and such jurisdictions help to steady and stabilize not only the Fraternity but the broader world of human society and civic conditions in our own land.

WISCONSIN, 1921.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Communication.

All Grand Officers; fourteen Past Grand Masters; and thirty-nine Grand Representatives (Maine's absent) were present at this Communication.

Membership 42,394, with a net gain for the year of 3,743.

In the opening of his annual address M. W. Bro. C. E. Shaffer, Grand Master, fairly revels in glowing figures of speech of what Masonry is, here are a few excellent examples: "Like coral islands built out of the innumerable deposits of sea-animals, the edifice of Masonry has been built out of the endeavors and sacrifices of past generations of Masons." Or again: "Like the building of old cathedrals the time element has been

an important factor in the building of the great house of Masonry." Again: "Masonry is a golden thread woven into the tapestry of life by the fingers of time." Again: "Masonry is one of the century plants of history whose flowering is more beautiful with each recurring century." Once more he says: "Masonry is the golden key that unlocks the treasuries of eternal wisdom." The Grand Master has many more such rhetorical and literary gems.

He forcefully says: "As Masons we stand for the open Bible, for the public school, for the chance for every child to discover his soul and cultivate his mind. We stand for America, for its institutions and for that emblem of liberty the American flag. In a world so chaotic it is a conserving and stabilizing force. Like the silent and irresistible forces of nature that beautify the world, the practice and teachings of Masonry illumine and glorify, life, like radium that shines in dark places, its deepest truths make radiant the pathway that leads through the valley of the shadow of death." This kind of writing and reading we can almost caress with the soul, so strong and beautiful is the thought and language.

His "Necrology" is likewise strong and tender in its hope and trust, and graced with appropriate quotations from Omar and Bryant. He touches the long list of risen souls with the pure and solemn light of Eternal Truth.

His eighteen "Decisions" are in accordance with the usual custom and practice, and receive the official approval of the Jurisprudence Committee. In his fourth decision he opines that: "Loss of half of the index finger of the right hand disqualifies a candidate." And we can only comment that if so, "'tis pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true." Shakespeare is guilty of that phrase, but it applies admirably to what must have been a severe duty for the Grand Master in announcing that decision.

The Grand Master issued an edict, for which there should never be occasion: "It is unmasonic for a Mason who is a candidate for a civil office, in his efforts to obtain such office, to send out cards or circulars calling attention to the fact that he is a Mason." What he calls "the flagrant overstepping of this rule" made the edict imperative.

During his term he issued one hundred and one dispensations, two of which were for new lodges. He recommended and appointed five Grand Representatives, constituted four new lodges, dedicated two temples, and laid the corner-stones of two others.

He recommends the publication of 2,000 copies of the Constitution, Laws and Edicts, instead of half that number "as originally contemplated and recommended."

Under "Condition of the Craft" he reports, "peace and harmony, and that growth has been unprecedented and the morale of the entire jurisdiction as most excellent."

His two paragraphs on the Masonic Service Bureau show real and practical work nobly done, and we read later in the report of that Bureau that they employ a full-time field secretary (Bro. Phil. A. Roth) who devotes his entire time, "to looking after unfortunate Masons that are in need of

assistance, and that this Bureau has placed 309 brothers in employment." Good, vital service that challenges our admiration and fulfills that truly Masonic teaching, that "to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons."

He endorses the George Washington M. N. M. Association in these words: "With the exalted purpose of the Association I am in complete accord, for I deem it contemplates in the field of Masonry the dual task of an imperishable emblazonment of the glories of the past and an heroic attainment of the grandeurs of the future of our Craft."

The Grand Master made sixty-one "Visitations" during his year and in concluding his brief remarks thereon, he paid noble tribute to the "small lodge" in these words: "It takes a hundred lesser streams to make a mighty Mississippi, and so the small lodges are the tributaries of the great river of Masonry and the perpetual feeders of the lodges of our great cities. If we would keep the fountain of Masonry pure and undefiled let us preserve the purity, growth and establishment of the small lodge."

The Grand Lecturer (Bro. D. B. Greene) utters these timely words with a touch of wholesome irony: "If to make many Masons spells prosperity, our lodges are exceedingly prosperous. In one case I found a lodge making preparations to raise so many candidates at a sitting that I suggested changing their name from lodge to factory." There is no objection to a high powered factory (or lodge) if it is turning out a finished product, but the half digested pulp of Masonry is too often the abortive result of our high-gearred process. Or to change the figure, there ought to be some wholesome parturition-pains with the process of gestation and delivery to the light of Masonic day.

The Report of Foreign Correspondence (171 readable pages) is prepared by M. W. Bro. Aldro Jenks and comprises almost one-half of the volume. With real editorial sense and skill Bro. Jenks has touched upon the pivotal doings of each Grand Jurisdiction and his own literary manner and matter are far removed from the commonplace. It is one of the distinctive reviews which it is a literary pleasure to peruse. Maine receives fair allotment both of space and attention, quotes approvingly from the Grand Master (Bro. Silas B. Adams) and from Grand Secretary Davis report, and gives cordial greeting and consideration to our Centennial Celebration.

In his conclusion he says respecting the Masonic Service Association that, "he feels that the movement is one fraught with danger to Freemasonry. No doubt, the members of that Association are sincere in disclaiming any attempt to form a General Grand Lodge of the United States. Nevertheless, it does to some extent, absorb a portion of the sovereignty of each Grand Lodge becoming a member of it. Any super organization that does this, even though it does not take the name, becomes to that extent, a General Grand Lodge, something that nearly every Grand Lodge has refused to sanction. It does not seem to have any definite purpose for its existence. The call for the first meeting was issued just before the armistice was signed and was intended to meet problems growing out of and connected with the war in Europe. With the signing

of the armistice, and the disbanding of our forces the reasons that called it into existence ceased and the Association should have recognized this and disbanded also." We shall be interested to hear what Bro. Louis Block of Iowa has to say, and we can almost anticipate the scorching atmosphere thereby generated. We have included the above quotation because, with thirty-five (and more) Grand Jurisdictions in membership with the M. S. A., it is only just and fair to hear a word occasionally on the "anti" side of the question.

WYOMING, 1921.

The Forty-seventh Annual Communication.

Twelve Past Grand Masters, together with all Grand Officers and representatives from subordinate lodges were present.

Membership, 5,986, and a gain for the year of 819.

A distinguished visitor, M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary and P. G. M. of North Dakota, was escorted to the Grand East, and accorded the Grand Honors, where he explained the aims and purposes of the George Washington M. N. M. A. A committee was appointed by the Grand Master to consider and report on the Association. M. W. Bro. Wm. O. Wilson, Grand Master, in his annual address shows maturity of thought and seasoned Masonic experience. He emphasizes the thought of every Grand Master that mere numbers are not desirable, "but always the high class of men who are seeking admission into our ranks." During his administration he recounts the usual visitations, the constituting of five lodges, the laying of two corner-stones, the approval of by-laws and the issuing of ten dispensations.

He has these words to say about "False Applications" after citing instances in which no answer or a false answer has been made to the question as to whether the candidate had ever been rejected, he says: "It has not been considered unmasonic as the applicant was not a Mason at the time the false statement was made or omitted to be made." True enough, "not a Mason" but such action is unmanly, either evasive or deliberately false, and therefore speaks louder than words as to his undesirability as Masonic material. The Grand Master believes that some "provision of the code covering this matter should be made." Yes, surely, but provision with drastic enforcement of it.

His "Decisions" are all within the usual custom and practice.

He finds a flagrant departure from the monotorial work of Wyoming, many lodges allowing the work of various other jurisdictions, especially by officers from such other jurisdictions, and he speaks strongly against this practice, recommending "some action which will bring this matter forcibly to the attention of all the lodges." We wonder what the situation regarding ritual can be in Wyoming when we read the next sentence: "That short forms of initiation are being used that are not very much better than none." Surely a mongrel and abbreviated ritual must militate against dignity and impressiveness. The Grand Master however, does

not mince matters at all, but speaks emphatically of a condition which sadly needs rectifying.

M. W. Bro. Wilson is convinced that the action of Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma ought to be taken in Wyoming against soliciting for the "succeeding degrees," on the night, or before or soon after, a candidate has become a Master Mason.

The Masonic Service Association is spoken of by him as "a wonderful field open for service," and yet he is cautious about it in these closing words: "If this Association (Masonic Service) may at any time call upon the Grand Lodges to contribute moneys, there would be no limit, except this Grand Lodge fix one, other than the judgment of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. These officers would not care to assume such responsibility."

The three closing pages of the Grand Master's address under the general subject of "Duty and Opportunity" are well worth full quotation, but as space forbids, we excerpt a sample of wisdom and real eloquence: "It has been said that Freemasonry builds its temples in the hearts of men and among nations. That it has principles which appeal to the human mind as being based on fundamental ideas is shown in the fact that it draws to itself men in all branches of human endeavor, leaders of all professions and employers and employes in every industry. From the time of its formation it has stood between radicalism and terrorism on one hand and tyranny on the other, and has become the great mediate stream of human mind and thought which has aided in keeping the world on its level course through the ages."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, which was unanimously accepted by the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, and fraternal recognition accorded Queensland.

The Committee on Jurisprudence brought in a report (partial) largely in commendation of the action of the Grand Master in the several matters already referred to in the above review.

The Masonic Service Association was heartily endorsed by a Committee for the consideration of the matter, which made three recommendations, a five cents per capita appropriation from the general funds, that this be expended upon the order of the Grand Master, in amount sufficient to pay the levies of assessments made by the M. S. A., that special investigation be made by the Grand Master of the activities of the Association.

The following resolution was adopted: "Every Mason (which applies also to E. A. and F. C.) hereafter raised to the degree of Master Mason in this jurisdiction shall become proficient in the Master Mason's degree and give proof thereof by examination in open lodge, which fact shall be entered of record." Which action accords with ours in Maine, and indeed with the majority of Grand Lodges.

The following amendment to the Code was passed: "Any brother of this or any other recognized Grand Jurisdiction, free from charges, desiring to demit for the purpose of joining another lodge in our own or any such

recognized jurisdiction (Grand) which has a law substantially the same, shall have the right to petition such lodge for membership upon first giving notice to his original lodge of such intention, which petition shall be accompanied by a receipt, or certificate, from his lodge showing him to be not delinquent in the payment of dues to the lodge in which he holds membership." We are pleased to note that Maine has such a law and is carried on the list with twenty-three other Grand Jurisdictions having similar legislation.

The Report of Correspondence is written by the competent hand of the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes, who reviews the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges. The quotation and comment deal with vital matters over this wide field, and Maine receives its share of space-allotment, and a practiced eye and mind selects the doing of our Grand Lodge which are salient and vital.

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS

CUBA, 1921.

The Annual Report is a good example of book-making, clear print and fine quality of paper, with two photographs of Grand Masters unusually clear.

The annual report contains five hundred and twenty pages, all but seven of which, the introduction to the Correspondence Report, are written in that most musical of languages, the Spanish. This makes review a somewhat difficult and delicate labor. We say at once that though we have tried to read and translate, we are never quite sure of the meaning, even with the aid of an excellent Spanish dictionary and lexicon at our elbow. We have therefore been reluctantly content to pass to the clearer Correspondence Report, which deals with a wide variety of subjects. In his opening there are a few words relative to "politics and religion" as related to Masonry which are worth remembering: "What Masonry does not allow are debates upon local political or religious topics. Our society inspires our principles, modifying the character of our members in such a way that any one who is a good mason is at the same time a good citizen. Some of the latest decisions of the Grand Lodge of England, the mother of all others in the world, are true proofs of our statements. This Grand Lodge (of England) has declared with all the seriousness and simplicity peculiar to her, that it is a grave Masonic fault to use Masonry for electoral purposes; to this explicit declaration we shall also add: neither should masons use the methods practiced by politicians to obtain our ends, since our ideas and our desires spring out by themselves, the result of our theories, of our methods, and of our teachings." Which is good Masonry that should be practiced in all Grand Jurisdictions.

He asks, this pertinent question: "What is the status of German Masonry?" And avers that, "it never passed the Rhine nor the Alps nor the Danube, political fanaticism blinded her, and from the start she

turned the cold shoulder to the valient Belgian masons who had obliged themselves to mutual protection at the altar." He thinks that this " may be reasonably called the prostitution of Masonry," and goes on to say, " that we, poor West Indians, which in European matters do not weigh at all, but who count among our virtues that of not being rancorous, would again accept German friendship, provided they show a sincere repentance and a true contrition."

We get this estimate of the Masonic Service Association, which the reviewer calls a " most progressive march." He says: " The so much detested General Grand Lodge, which from the past century has been thought of, seems to be coming again to the front. It has been necessary from the veiled action of catholic intolerance which forbade American masons from appearing in the fields of the world war, that an intelligence should unite all, and perhaps soon a Grand Diet or something similiar will come." He avers that we are deeply indebted " to the originators of this opposition, although with the new President that has just assumed power in the United States this power of opposition has lowered greatly." But there's plenty of room yet!

The reviewer has great praise for Phillipine Freemasonry, saying: " Fraternity there is a fact, Americans and native Philipines alternate in Grand Lodge; one year the Grand Master belongs to one race, the next year to the other, exhibiting before all the world an everlasting demonstration of tolerance and talent," and then he quaintly adds, " as nobody ever saw better."

He commends the Grand Master of Illinois for his opposition to the " chain letter " nuisance, and admonishes his brethren after this manner: " Do not forget it, brethren, do not be cheated, let him who wishes to donate money for a beneficent purpose come in the right way, do not let your heart alone direct your acts, think, always think, it is very hard to be deceived, frauds ever hurt us, let us be on the alert."

The reviewer, M. W. Bro. F. de P. Rodriguez, administers a mild rebuke against smoking in the lodge room in these words: " The rules of good breeding are forgotten. The Masonic Temple is a true Temple, and if we do not consider it so, either take off the name it bears, or the importance it has."

Bro. Rodriguez says in conclusion that " the condition of Masonry in the world during the year, with few exceptions, has been most prosperous and encouraging, the fruits of our labors are plainly seen everywhere: Asylums, Schools, Temples, personal assistance to needy masons, general culture. Let prosperity continue, let fruition never end, let altruistic impulses follow their marked route, that here in Cuba we shall conclude that the sweetest thing in our country is not sugar but the satisfaction produced by the exercise of true Charity." This is " Sweet Charity " beyond all question.

Maine receives fraternal and kindly attention at his hands, the important and vital actions and transactions of our jurisdiction being named, and the late Bro. Chase being mentioned in a few appreciative words.

ENGLAND, 1921.

Two Quarterly Communications, held September and December 7, 1921.

At the September communication, the Report of the Board of General Purposes contains references to quasi-Masonic organizations as a detriment to the Craft in England. The report avers: "It is clear that a grave risk is incurred by Brethren who enter into association with bodies making Masonry in any way a test of admission to membership, while admitting as members persons who would not be qualified to join a lodge under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England. No Freemason is entitled to attend, AS SUCH, (much seems to hinge throughout the subsequent extended and interesting discussion, upon these two words) any non-Masonic meeting at which Masonry by direct implication is introduced, or to participate in any ceremony which is quasi-Masonic or is held under some pseudo — Masonic and unauthorized auspices." After prolonged debate the report of the Board was accepted with the words "AS SUCH" omitted.

The United Grand Lodge of England, also took action respecting a brother who had used a statement of his Masonic services as electioneering advertising, condemning it in unqualified terms as un-Masonic.

The Special Committee on the Masonic Peace Memorial reported continued "and gratifying progress in support of the movement."

The names of thirteen deceased members are given including R. W. Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and R. W. Bro. Hon. Charles E. Davies, Past Grand Warden, who was also M. W. Grand Master of Tasmania.

Among the actions of the United Grand Lodge of England at its December Communication, was the nomination (for re-election) at the next Quarterly Communication, of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn as Grand Master. The following resolution was carried "unanimously and with acclamation." It will be seen at once that anything concerning the reigning household of England is of dear and vital interest to the brethren of England. "Here is the resolution: "That the sum of 300 guineas from the funds of Grand Lodge be voted for the purpose of presenting a suitable wedding gift to Her Royal Highness, the Princess Mary, with the expression of loyal and sincere congratulation to Her Royal Highness, and of earnest good wish for her long continued happiness, and that the pleasure of Her Royal Highness be sought as to the form the gift from Grand Lodge should take." It is interesting to read Princess Mary's reply from Buckingham Palace to the M. W. Grand Master, Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, in appreciation of this action. "I am deeply touched by the Resolution passed by the United Grand Lodge of England, and I hope you will convey to all Freemasons my great appreciation of their kindness. Will you also express my gratitude to them for their generous offer of a personal Wedding Gift, which I have the greatest pleasure in accepting. It is indeed, kind of them to allow me to choose the present myself." A charming womanly reply that must have touched and pleased all Masonic hearts.

The M. W. Grand Master conferred the rank of Past Senior Grand Deacon, upon W. Bro. Frank James for over seventy-three years a Mason, and for some years Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire. As we learn that Bro. James has passed his hundredth year of age when this rank is conferred he may find even greater satisfaction in the beautiful word of Holy Writ, "that the hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness." If, as is avered, he has given long years of efficient but unpretentious service to the Craft, and "rendered very great and conspicuous services to Freemasonry," it occurs to us as a rather belated honor to confer upon a brother at one hundred years of age. But as we cannot know all the circumstances and customs, we are not inclined to be critical or dogmatic about it.

The Board of General Purposes reports "a considerable amount of renovation" on Freemasons' Hall, and recommends, "that the lodges should make presentation of a copy of the Book of Constitutions to every newly installed Worshipful Master, so that, in all cases of doubt and difficulty arising within the lodge, he would have a book, reference to which would set him right." This, the Board suggests, should be made a reality and not a mere form of ceremonial during the installation, a suggestion which could be profitably followed in most other jurisdictions.

Among the dear and honored names appearing upon the Necrology Roster are following: R. W. Bro. L. S. Winslow, Prov. G. M. for Lancashire; R. W. Bro. Viscount Snadhurst, P. Pro. Dist. G. M. for Bombay; R. W. Bro. Lord Raglan, P. Pro. G. M. for the Isle of Man.; R. W. Bro. Sir James J. D. LaTouche, P. G. W., and V. W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon, G. Hodges P. G. Chaplain.

The Board of General Purposes warns the brethren, "that they cannot visit any Belgian Lodge, or admit visitors therefrom." It appears in the report that there has been founded in London a lodge under Obdience of the Grand Orient of Belgium with which the United Grand Lodge of England has not fraternal relations.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

As these two Quarterly Communications are all that have come to this office it is but a half-yearly review, and therefore both incomplete and rather fraternally inadequate in consequence.

IRELAND, 1921.

The Annual Report of fifty pages, contains detailed accounts of large and noble philanthropies, statistical tables of each lodge, but no tabulated recapitulation of total membership or net gain for the year. The Grand Master however in the course of his Address, makes mention of substantial and suprising growth in these words: "For some years past there has been a very great increase in the number of lodges, but last year absolutely beats the records. No fewer than twenty-eight lodges have been added to the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; twenty-six of these in our own country and two in South Africa. Nine lodges were dedicated by myself

here in our own city of Dublin, and I think that really we Masons of Ireland must congratulate ourselves. The way in which Masonry has flourished, despite everything that has been against it, makes it impossible for anyone to say that it is a tender hot-house plant that can only flourish under the kindest of circumstances; the more adverse the circumstances are, the more Masonry seems to flourish, not alone here, but all over the world." The fact of nine new lodges dedicated in one year, and that a turbulent and trying one, in the City of Dublin, will come as a piece of inspiring news to American Masons, and show beyond all words, the "mettle of their pasture" in the very heart of the Irish revolutionary movement.

As we look at the face of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Colonel Claude Cane, who delivered this address, we see at once something of the type of brother who is holding the destinies and welfare of the Masonic Craft in their keeping in those critical and testing days just before the establishing of the Irish Free State. Congratulations to loyal, steady, determined men, whom we are proud to count our brothers.

Another illuminating, though brief statement of the Deputy Grand Master has its bearing upon present day burning questions and vital issues in North Ireland: "I think having regard to all circumstances in Ireland at present, it is very desirable that Grand Lodge should make its appearance in Belfast with a certain amount of frequency (hear, hear)." Across the seas we get the point of this observation, and such meetings must indeed go far to strengthen the hands of the Fraternity in North Ireland. It is good to notice that at this communication in Belfast, the M. W. Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, K. P., presided, which we are informed a bit suggestively, "was very much appreciated by all the Northern Brethren."

We learn in the course of R. W. Deputy Grand Master's address, that difficulties in India, where the Grand Lodge of Ireland has many lodges, have been composed by the "appointing of Col. Richard Heard as District Grand Inspector of all the lodges in India." This was done instead of establishing a Provincial Grand Lodge of India.

Mention is made of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, in which Ireland was directly concerned having many chartered lodges there, as "a happy termination of a state of division."

Full fraternal relations have been resumed with the Grand Lodge of Italy; while for reasons clearly outlined recognition was refused to an alleged Grand Lodge (calling itself Polar Star) in Norway. This pseudo Grand Lodge does not recognize the greatest Landmark of Freemasonry, and has been established in defiance of the proper and recognized Grand Lodge of Norway.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland, has a splendid record in Masonic charity, which record is inspiringly given in nearly two pages of the address.

The D. G. Master has a few calm deliberate words to say in closing his address on the condition and future of Masonry in Ireland: "There is just one thing that I want to say, and that is, that, whether we like it

or not, whatever form of government is established in the country, constitutionally, and by the consent of all the parties concerned, and under the sanction of the Sovereign to whom we owe allegiance, we as good Masons are bound to make the best of it (Applause)." Col. Clare then quotes from the Ancient Charges (very like our own in Maine) as to the duties and obligations of a good citizen, "never proposing or countenancing anything which may disturb the peace and good order of Society, and by paying obedience to the laws of the state in which we reside, and by which we are protected." All of which is good citizenship and good Masonry.

Tender reference is made to the death of Sir Charles Cameron, "whose work will continue, but we shall never know another Sir Charles Cameron."

A specially bound copy of the Roll of Honour of the Great War was presented to His Majesty, the King, who fittingly replied by saying "that he is proud to possess this record of devoted service, rendered to Britain's cause by the Freemasons of Ireland, including alas! a vast number who made the supreme sacrifice."

Ten pages of the Report are given to the affairs of the fourteen Districts in Ireland, all of which report progress and prosperity.

There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1921.

The Twenty-third Annual Report, comprising the four Quarterly Communications and the Centenary Celebration (August 12, 1920).

Total lodges 341, with a total membership of 38,552.

At the Centenary Celebration there were many distinguished visitors from sister Grand Lodges. Among the notables were R. W. Bro. C. R. J. Glover, Past Deputy Grand Master of South Australia; M. W. Bro. F. T. Hickford, Grand Master of Victoria (accompanied by twenty-seven of his Grand Lodge officers); R. W. Bro. Charles Ramsey, P. D. Grand Master of Tasmania; M. W. Bro. H. J. Brown, P. G. M. of Queensland; M. W. Bro. H. J. Williams, P. G. M., of New Zealand, and V. W. Bro. W. Raad, from Western Australia. All were cordially welcomed by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Thompson, and made eloquent response felicitating New South Wales and its Grand Master on the one hundred years of Masonry in that Jurisdiction. A notable feature of the celebration was a choir of three hundred male voices that sang selections from the Oratorios of Handel, Haydn, Abt and Rossini. A presentation was made to the Grand Master, "a life size portrait in oils," for Masonic labors worthily rendered through six years of Grand Mastership; to which the Grand Master made fitting response by saying that in future years he hopes the brethren may be able to point to that picture and say: "Here is one who did what he could to advance the welfare of Freemasonry."

The Grand Master's Address on this occasion was replete with memorable sentences and wholesome counsel. He traces the one hundred years of progress from the small beginnings, fulfilling that ancient prophecy of Holy Writ. "that a little one shall become a thousand, etc." An address

of nine pages covering the development from the first Military Lodge in 1816, to the present; a fascinating narrative from which it is a strong temptation to quote at length.

It is good to see the name of Maine's Grand Representative among the fifty-eight others who were present at this Communication.

During the Quarterly Communication the Rank of Past Grand Master was conferred upon the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. A. H. Bray, for long services "of inestimable value," and as the friend and trusty counsellor of every Grand Master.

Each Quarterly Communication contains the detailed report of "The Grand Inspector of Workings," giving a minute account of the various Districts their progress and standing, which shows painstaking labor loyally rendered with an eye single to Masonic ideals and interests. Nearly twenty-five pages are given in these reports to each "Quarterly," and tables are appended giving at a glance the situation throughout this Great Jurisdiction.

A significant and inspiring feature of the December Quarterly was the unveiling of a Memorial Tablet which bore this inscription: "Here are 362 Brethren of our Constitution who gave up their lives as a willing sacrifice, who laid the incense of their fortunes and their lives on the altar of their country's good."

Legislation during these various Communications was largely of local interest but of vital significance to the welfare of the Craft in New South Wales.

The Masonic Charities of the Australian Grand Bodies has long challenged our admiration and respect, and the figures in English pounds sterling of N. S. W., is no exception to this general rule.

Speaking of Temperance Lodges, the Grand Master has these trenchant and rather stinging words: "Masons who will not attend a lodge only because they cannot there imbibe their alcoholic beverages, are better far outside the Institution." Very "far" outside, let us say, and the same rule applies, although perhaps less emphatically, to those who attend only when there are Masonic banquets.

The writer of the Report on Foreign Correspondence modestly signs himself by the initials, C. A. E., and after somewhat careful search we find that his name is Elliott. We were the more anxious to discover this because being in "topical" form was redolent with personality and if we may be allowed the phrase, tintured with temperament, beside being an able resume of several subjects now of vital and challenging interest to the Masonic world. It deals with nine subjects under appropriate caption, short essays they might be termed, touching in serious vein upon such topics as French Masonry, Bolshevism, Masonic Homes, Education and Libraries, Physical Qualifications, and our distinctively American themes,—the George Washington Memorial, and the Masonic Service Association. The report concludes with twelve Masonic poems from widely varying poets which are well worth retaining in the memory of every Craftsman.

Bro. Elliott deals judiciously with the George Washington Memorial and thinks, "that after eleven years the Grand Lodges are still whipping up their members to assist, rather indicates to the outsider, that perhaps the brethren as a whole, feel that the sum from one to two million dollars, is too great for a purely sentimental purpose." He gives a good account of the purpose of the Association, mentions the Masonic mementos of Washington and his times, to be held in the custody of the organization, gives a well balanced narration of the attitude and achievements of the various American Jurisdictions for this purpose, and concludes by saying, "that a wider and far more generous response to the appeal for funds must be made if it is to be successful."

Of the Masonic Service Association, an anonymous writer who gives only his initials W. E. is rather enthusiastic but altogether fair and impartial in his weighing of the pros and cons of a much debated question, and after outlining (largely by quotation from the Association's programme, the aims and purposes of the organization) he concludes by saying: "We can only express the hope that the Association will, upon the solid foundation laid down, develop into a power for good, not only in America, but throughout the world. Should it prove to be what is hoped, it may become a most valuable exemplar for Australia, where, as in America, each Grand Lodge has its own sovereign Jurisdiction, and there is no Supreme Grand Lodge." The last phrase, "Supreme Grand Lodge," is a bit unfortunate, if not ironic, for that seems to be the very fact, or the lurking suspicion of the fact, which is deterring several of the American Grand Lodges from cordially engaging in the proposition and co-operating with the Association.

Throughout the report there is a kindly vein of charity and good-will which fulfills the Masonic spirit.

NEW ZEALAND, 1921.

The Thirty-second Annual Communication.

Four Past Grand Masters were present. There are two hundred and seventeen lodges, totalling a membership of 17,245.

According to a well articulated balance sheet the finances are sound, and it is noticable that there is a careful business-like, yet liberal system of benevolence. This year there was expended in Charity over 6,181 English pounds. The aggregate amount of all benevolent funds reaches the magnificent total of 73,433 pounds.

The question of change of date of the Annual Communication, from May to November, necessitating a change in the Constitution, was finally decided, after long and somewhat animated debate which is fully recorded in the proceedings, and makes interesting and so far as the controversy is concerned, very human reading. That truly Masonic principle, "of who can best work and best agree," eventually disposed of the matter under argument.

A "Necrology" set apart to commemorate nine lamented and beloved

brothers is given and during its reading we learn " that all present reverently stood."

An echo of the " League of Nations " is found in the following: " Ever since the occupation of Samoa by the New Zealand forces there has been a desire expressed by brethren there to have facilities afforded them for Masonic intercourse. The mandate of the League of Nations had been issued placing the control of Samoa under the Government of New Zealand, the Board (of General Purposes) decided that it would be justified in approaching the Home Grand Lodges (viz: England, Ireland and Scotland) asking that the Articles of Recognition should be so altered as to give this Grand Lodge Masonic jurisdiction over Samoa, and in anticipation of the approval of the Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes has already taken action in this direction." This action of the Board was confirmed.

Mention should be made of the retirement of the M. W. Bro. Malcolm Nichol, as Grand Secretary, a position which he had occupied for twenty years. Advancing years had constrained him to ask to be relieved of the exacting cares and duties of the office, and in his retirement he carried the good wishes and a substantial " retiring allowance " of four hundred English pounds per annum. Several pages are given to a somewhat animated debate over the proper pension allowance to the retiring Grand Secretary which indicates that human nature operates true to form even in New Zealand.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Thomas Ross, reports a gain of 1,200 in membership during the year, and reports the consecration of five New Lodges, making 221 in all, while it is good to see that there are ten other applications for new lodges awaiting action of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master speaks in his address of enlarging the scope of our " benevolent activities," and says: " We have ample means to meet the case of any deserving aged brother whose worldly circumstances have fallen on evil times, or a widow or orphans who by demise of a brother have lost their sole means of support. There is still a surplus of over 13,000 pounds in this fund " the Special War Benevolent Fund " for the assistance of these brethren who have gone down in health and fortune through the ravages of war when on active service; for brethren who are making a fresh start in building up a home for themselves; or for extra comforts to the widow and orphans of the brethren who paid the great price." Thus, is true Masonic Charity dispensed in New Zealand and we quite agree with the Grand Master when he says, " thus most nobly is this Grand Lodge fulfilling its obligations." Surely when we read of these varied benevolences we see the larger possibilities and opportunities of true brotherly love, and that charity which, we have it on divine authority, is greater than faith and hope. Truly the Grand Lodge of New Zealand is touched with the spirit of Him, whose holiest work was doing good, God's Gentleman of Gallilee.

The Grand Master expresses the opinion, that, " during the coming year an endeavor should be made to arrange for an annual or two-yearly

Conference of the Grand Lodges of the several states of the Commonwealth (of Australia) and New Zealand," because there are many matters of vital concern affecting Masonic interests throughout these contiguous jurisdictions.

Past Grand Rank should be conferred, he thinks, upon "ardent, active and efficient Freemasons, who are going into the sere and yellow, who have done noble work for Grand Lodge at its formation and for years after, who seem to be passed by when Grand Lodge honours come round — these honours apparently going to the more energetic and pushing present-day workers."

Under "Visits to Lodges" we notice that the Grand Master visited forty constituted lodges in six out of the ten districts, and his brief comment thereon is enlightening information.

Provincial Grand Masters, corresponding in some measure to our D. D. G. Masters, made reports of their various districts.

The Grand Master has devoted much study and research to the antiquity and teachings of our Fraternity, and he closes with eloquent words from which we quote the following: "There exists in our ritual and ceremonial of today a striking similarity with what obtained in the religions and mysteries practiced on the banks of the Nile and the plains of Chaldea thousands of years ago. Always teaching the highest morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbol — the underlying motif from the earliest times being the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the Immortality of the Soul. And so today we find wherever civilization extends this great brotherhood of ours with its ever increasing membership, using its influence and authority in breaking down the barriers of national arrogance and social rank and class that keep men apart, by fostering all that is good and noble and elevating in humanity." He concludes by asking, "May not this great universal religion of ours — for it is religion with the great fundamental, the Fatherhood of God, the Great Architect — may it not in the near future be the means of uniting every nation and creed and class and colour, for be assured that then and then only will come the time predicted by our brother the great Scottish genius:

'When man to man the world o'er
Will brothers be, and a' that.'

Several "Social Functions" were enjoyed during the annual session of which it is good to read, consisting of a Harbour Excursion, and an evening "Concert, Dance and Supper in the Town Hall."

There is no "Report on Correspondence."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1920-21.

"Half-yearly" Communication was held on October 20, 1920.

All Grand Officers were present, with twenty-two Grand Representatives, but we notice the absence of ours of Maine with regret.

Grand Master, M. W. A. W. Piper K. C., has this to say concerning physical defects: "There is a belief in some quarters that physical im-

perfection is an absolute bar to admission to our Craft. In the American Constitutions that principle is carried a very long way indeed, and even in our Dominions, and on our own continent, there have been authoritative expressions founded on this belief that the exclusion of the physically defective is a landmark of the Order. Brethren, I am satisfied from my researches that this is not the case." Later in his address he indicates what is the degree or nature of the physical defect that will allow admission, in these words: "Can the three degrees be conducted in such a manner,—on the one hand that the Ritual shall be fully respected and rendered without insincerity or mockery, and on the other hand that the feelings of the candidate shall also be respected." Which is about the same latitude and discretion that is used in many American jurisdictions.

The Grand Master speaks of the hope for a new temple after certain legal difficulties have been surmounted and of "the erection of a Hall of Honour in the new Temple" to commemorate those who fought in the war, especially our Brethren who made the grand sacrifice." He is sure, "it will be a worthy memorial to those who carried their principles of Freemasonry to the very highest and last extreme, and laid down their lives in the interest of truth and honor."

Several amendments to the Constitution, all of local application and interest, were duly passed.

The Annual Communication was held April 20, 1921.

All Grand Officers, with twenty-one Grand Representatives were present. The Representative for Maine was present. Membership 8,177.

We note with pleasure in "The Report of the Board of General Purposes" the familiar name of Bro. Lee W. Smith, of Norway, Maine, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Australia near the Grand Lodge of Maine, just recommended and appointed thereto by the Grand Master.

The matter, referred to in the "half-yearly" communication has now been happily consummated and the legal difficulties overcome and there is to be a New Masonic Temple. This was greeted with acclaim by the assembled brethren.

The Grand Master conferred the rank of P. Senior Grand Warden upon V. W. Bro. H. D. Gell, amid the applause of the Grand Lodge, to which honorable conferment the recipient made thoughtful and touching response. Thus forty years of honorable Masonic service was duly recognized.

The Grand Master made full and feeling reference to the decease of M. W. Bro. C. E. Davies, Grand Master of Tasmania, and says that "the true test of Freemasonry is the impression that the brethren are making amongst their fellows."

He speaks with gratitude and joy that "the great question of Masonic Union in Queensland appears to be settled."

The Correspondence report is under the supervision of the Grand Secretary, who seems to allot the reviews to various well qualified members usually, wherever possible, to the duly appointed representative of each

Grand Lodge. A plan that seems to work admirably, giving diversity of view-point and variety of style. Maine receives a page of careful and courteous attention in which the various events of the Masonic year are gleaned and commented upon with terseness and fidelity.

Under Western Australia the correspondent speaks of the unprecedented increase of membership in America "well up to 100,000 and we are wondering what number they are making Freemasons." Well, some of us in America are wondering also, and pondering the problem with prayerful hope that "all is well."

TASMANIA, 1921.

"Half-yearly Communication for 1921 was held twenty-seventh of August, 1921, the other "half-yearly" having been held February 26.

Thirty six representatives of twelve lodges were present. There are thirty-five lodges, with membership of 2,287, a gain of one hundred and ten in six months.

After the usual formalities of opening in ample form the Board of General Purposes made its semi-annual report. One new lodge was consecrated. The Board approved the proposal for a Conference of Australian Grand Lodges, recommended the recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, and the appointment by the Grand Master of a Grand Representative. The Board also recommended, through a sub-committee, that "the South Australian Ritual, with the West Australian instructions, be taken as a basis for a ritual for Tasmania with certain alterations and amendments," but the whole matter was deferred, because there was to be full discussion and possible adoption of a "Ritual for Australia" at the coming "Conference of Grand Lodges of Australia."

The Board of Benevolence submits a half-yearly report wholly of local matters. The following regulation, among others which follow the usual practice, is to the effect that, "no brother can be proposed for any office unless he is present in the lodge when such proposition is made, or his written consent thereto is conveyed to the Worshipful Master." Which seems to us a commendable procedure in that such attendance or "written consent" would be essentially a guarantee of personal interest and loyalty, and also it would ensure definite consent or otherwise of the proposed candidate for office.

Relative to the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, it was said: "That at last Australian Freemasonry is one entirely united body, which is practically the coping stone in the Arch of Freemasonry in Australia." The motion for fraternal recognition and appointment of a Grand Representative by the Grand Master was "passed unanimously." Our comment is, "behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." May the ointment flow down through the centuries to the last syllable of recorded time.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Henry L. D'Emden, made fitting reference to the passing of M. W. Bro. C. E. Davies, Past Grand Master, and read a brief note from the Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of

England, Sir Gilbert Parker, who writes: "I cannot tell you how sorry I was to learn a very short time ago of the death of my old and dear friend. I have not been in Tasmania since 1886, but my memories of it are very near and dear. On that visit nothing could exceed the kindness of Bro. Davies to me, and I cannot tell you with what pride I have represented Tasmania in the Grand Lodge of England. It is one of the happiest reflections of a busy and crowded life."

The Grand Master refers to "a small legacy" bequeathed to the Benevolent Fund by this late Grand Master.

He speaks feelingly of a sum subscribed sufficient to provide and endow a cot at the Children's Hospital at Hobart, which endowment was made to commemorate the blessings of Peace after the recent Great War.

He urges in his address that "at the Initiation of Brethren they be exhorted" to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge and "pleads that each lodge shall at every meeting devote a short period to some Masonic subject, even if it be only ten minutes, by this means I feel sure a genuine interest in the history, and a fuller consideration of the principles of the Order will be created."

He speaks of the inadequate accommodation for members especially in Hobart "where the number of members has outgrown the capacity of the lodge-room. He sees two remedies for this condition," First by subdividing large lodges. This can be accomplished by a number of members of a large lodge obtaining a charter for a lodge using its original name with the addition of the word "Lewis," which indicates, as we all know, "the son of a Mason." This plan is adopted in another jurisdiction, where several of these "Lewis" lodges exist." His second suggestion "is to provide a much larger lodge-room" which appears to him, "to be a matter of urgent necessity."

His "Conclusion" is in these words: "Masonic Ideals should be carried outside our lodge-rooms into our lives as citizens, and every lodge should be a training school for loyalty, for good citizenship, for state welfare, for national prosperity, and for world brotherhood."

A page, of the twenty-two page report is set aside to the memory of five beloved brothers who have removed "to where beyond these voices there is peace."

Tasmania carries on its roll of Honorary Members, the Marquis of Lincolnshire, Past Grand Master of New South Wales, and The Right Hon. Earl Kintore, Past Grand Master of South Australia.

Two brief orations are appended, one by Grand Chaplain, the V. W. Bro. the Rev. W. Hooker, and deals in a vital way, "with the nature and purpose of Freemasonry. He dwells on the name of the new lodge,—which is being dedicated with his oration,—Ubique—and from the root—meaning of the word, draws many high Masonic lessons." Truly, "he says," our Order is ubiquitous, it is world-wide, and surely we may claim for it that wherever it flourishes and is allowed to build freely after its Divine design, liberty and justice, education and true religion flourish." Good preaching and manly counsel is in every line of the sermon.

The other oration is by Wor. Bro. A. Champion, at a lodge of Sorrow for a departed Past Master, Bro. W. Geale. A brief tribute of sincere respect, touched with the pure and solemn Light of Eternal Hope.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1921.

Membership 5,243, with a gain for last year of 459. There were thirty-six Grand Representatives present including ours from Maine.

There are one hundred and three lodges on the roll.

M. W. Bro., the Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D. D., O. B. E., V. D., (Archbishop of Perth) presided and made mention in his address of the sound financial condition of the Grand Lodge which in twenty-one years has accumulated "an amalgamated balance" of 40,000 pounds sterling. He also says with justifiable pride that for nineteen years "in succession, the books of the Grand Lodge have closed without there being one lodge in arrears."

The Grand Master conferred Past Grand Rank upon three worthy brothers for efficient Masonic labors through the years.

The M. W. Grand Master rejoices, with the whole Masonic world in the formation of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, which brings together contending factions of too long standing into one harmonious whole, and expresses his opinion "that had the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland been as sympathetic to the self-governing movement fourteen years ago as they are today, most of the trouble and all the bitterness would have been avoided."

He feelingly mentions the demise of M. W. Bro. C. E. Davies, Grand Master of Tasmania, as "one of the best known Freemasons in the Southern Hemisphere."

Under the caption "Freemasonry and Citizenship" he has many wise and eloquent words, such as these: "A Freemason ought to stand for everything that will promote good government and justice to all, especially at a time when the world is being torn asunder by class hatred, social unrest, and a total disregard for law and order on the part of a considerable section of the community." Or again: "I cannot see that any good is likely to arise by the Craft, as such, taking part in any public movement, however noble and praiseworthy, and I am certain that such a course would be fraught with disaster, and would in the end eventually lead to strife and dissension in our own ranks." An opinion and conviction which finds hearty response in this United States.

Grand Master Riley, in his conclusion comes very near to us in America with these words: "As an instance of the high regard in which the Craft is held by some of the rulers of the world, and how it stands in their minds as a symbol of moral stability in public affairs, the taking of the Presidential oath recently by Bro. Warren G. Harding, furnishes a notable example. At his special request he used the old Masonic Bible on which

Washington took the same oath in 1792. The Bible, which is the property of St. John's lodge, No. 1, New York, was taken to Washington in a special car by the Grand Master and other Grand Officers. Bro. Harding opened the Bible at precisely the same page as Washington when he took his oath nearly 130 years ago. The fact that these two Presidents sent to the Lodge Room for the Lodge Bible to be used for such a solemn purpose on such an historic occasion, shows clearly that Freemasonry to them was a very real thing and that they looked to the Craft as a great loyal and steady force in the community."

The Grand Inspector of Workings, Bro. Herbert B. Collett, has this to say respecting the superficial examination which is often given to candidates for advancement, "when we find a number of candidates lined up in the W. and the questions put to them alternately, and a candidate has only to answer one question instead of eleven or nine, by no stretch of imagination can he be said to have given "proof of his proficiency." We agree with him that each man should answer the whole of the questions.

A series of inspections by officials, like our own D. D. G. Masters, are used to advantage and their reports read very much like our own, showing hard and often unnoticed labor loyally performed.

Bro. J. D. Stevenson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence makes a good suggestion when he says: "Last year we disposed of over 400 copies (of the C. R.) and with one exception, every lodge accepted and paid for the four copies. Some lodges purchased a copy for each candidate raised during the year, a practice which is worthy of imitation."

The Grand Lodge sent a message "expressing the loyal affection of the Craft for Her Gracious Majesty the Queen on her Birthday." The report reads that this was "carried with acclamation" as befits loyal brethren.

Three Quarterly Communications were also held in addition to this Annual Convocation, and much local business was transacted at these various sections, including an invitation to the Australian Masonic Centenary Celebrations. The Grand Master gives some interesting and instructive historical facts regarding the introduction and establishment of Freemasonry in Australia, which it has been an enlightening pleasure to read, although it is too extended for inclusion in this review.

Another extended word of the Grand Master at the Second Quarterly deals with "Aims and Relationships of the Craft" and touches significantly upon certain sly and insidious attempts in England to undermine the standing and influence of the Fraternity by creating "an anti-Masonic atmosphere," which covert attempt gets short shrift from the great London dailies. The Grand Master deals in clear terms and forceful with this miserable endeavor which evidently has had much the effect of that essentially Australian weapon, the boomerang.

In the Historical account of early events we note the high and honored name of the First Grand Master, Sir Gerard Smith, who passed away at the ripe old age of 82. We especially love the name and across the infinite

spaces greet it reverently because we have a strong conviction that in the Great Beyond, even as in this mundane sphere of ours, it gleams with hallowed light among the bravest and the best.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a well written review by various brethren, giving different points of view and varied literary style. The quotations and comments are brief and to the point, and forms a kind of rapidly revolving picture of many doings over the Masonic world. Mainé we do not find, which is both our regret and loss, because we know from the specimens given, it would have been a vital and kindly fraternal retrospect of the actions and transactions of our own jurisdiction.

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED

Alabama	1921	Ohio	1921
Alberta	1921	Oregon	1921
Arizona	1921	Pennsylvania	1920
Arkansas	1921	Philippine Islands	1921
British Columbia	1921	Porto Rico	1920
California	1921	Prince Edward Island	1921
Canada (Province of Ontario)	1921	Quebec	1921
Colorado	1921	Rhode Island	1921
Connecticut	1921	Saskatchewan	1921
Delaware	1921	South Carolina	1921
Georgia	1921	South Dakota	1921
Idaho	1921	Texas	1921
Illinois	1921	Vermont	1921
Indiana	1921	Washington	1921
Iowa	1921	West Virginia	1921
Manitoba	1921	Wisconsin	1921
Michigan	1921	Wyoming	1921
Missouri	1921		
Montana	1920-1921		
New Brunswick	1920-1921		
New Hampshire	1921		
New Jersey	1921		
New York	1921		
Nebraska	1921		
Nevada	1921		
North Carolina	1921		
North Dakota	1921		
Nova Scotia	1921		

Foreign Jurisdictions.

Cuba	1921
England	1921
Ireland	1921
New South Wales	1921
New Zealand	1921
South Australia	1920-1921
Tasmania	1921
Western Australia	1921

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,

ASHLEY A. SMITH, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX

Report on Correspondence 1923

*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.

FOREWORD

CONSERVATIVE OR RADICAL FREEMASONRY.

The majority of Americans are rather prone to laugh at the old fogies who are brave enough to insist on the fundamentals of national and civic life. Roosevelt was repeatedly ridiculed and rather flippantly criticised for insisting that the ten commandments were fundamentals of American strength and prosperity. He was accused of "having received them as a direct personal revelation," as if any man could vitally receive them in any other way. There is always this to be said in defense of a truism, that it is *true*. Lord Morley was wont to proclaim that after all, "Commonplace is exactly what contains the truths which are indespensible." Something like this is the strength and glory of us who are rather glad and privileged to bear the reproach of being the mossbacks of Masonry, and, who propose to abide in a liberal spirit by the ancient landmarks. We hope that our conservatism will never crystalize into inflexible dogma, or congeal into the infrangible ice of Masonic bigotry. For conservatism may be a fluid and flexible thing, which will bend and not break under new and unwonted pressure. It was Holmes who said of the cricket that it seemed to have acquired the habit "of saying undisputed things in such a solemn way." In one sense that is perhaps the outstanding fault of your Masonic conservative, but we defend ourselves from the soft impeachment by saying that this is precisely our purpose because the commonplace and undisputed things, the Masonic *truisms* which are *true*,—are always in danger of being ignored and neglected, and that they need to be said anew and afresh to every Masonic generation, not necessarily in the old language, but in the idiom and vocabulary of the present times. What is new is not likely to be true, and what is true is likely to be old, and herein is the necessity for the Masonic conservative. For a conservative *conserves*, that is, he retains and maintains something of vital value for our generation. A recent publicist, whether in commendation of Cleveland or in condemnation of Washington, we can hardly tell, has said, "That Grover Cleveland was the greatest master of platitude since George Washington."

The writer of this report would desire no higher praise than to be termed a Masonic conservator of the school of Josiah H. Drummond or a traditionalist of the type of Albro E. Chase, because in the truest meaning of the word these men of Maine were radicals of a vital type even though they are invariably termed conservatives. How far we have traveled from the original meaning of the word — radical — may be seen when we consult the lexicon and find it to mean,— one who goes to the *roots* of truth. Surely no one thinks of a radical today in that way. The usual meaning of the word is quite different in the minds of the majority of men, and the type which comes before our vision when we say — radical — is that of the superficial doctrinaire, the irresponsible social agitator, the long-haired type of fanatical reformer with an easy panacea for all social ills and international maladies and disorders. Masonry seems to have few, of that type of radicals, and in this sense it is a kind of misnomer to use the term, radical freemasonry. This is not to say, however, that there are many who seem to us to have overstepped the bounds of a wholesome and radical conservatism. The whole point and purpose of this brief essay is to make clear that there is precisely this reality at the heart of freemasonry, as we have this year and last been observing it throughout the world,—a wholesome and radical conservatism. Several Grand Jurisdictions, which have our fraternal respect, veneration and cordial goodwill, incline in the matter of legislation, attitude and interpretation, rather too much toward the untried and even positively dangerous, while others no less devoted to the ideals and progress of the fraternity veer the other way, toward the old and tested and tried principles and ancient landmarks of the Order. Maine would unquestionably belong to this latter class. It would be both invidious and fraternally ungracious to point out examples of the former. It may well be that those who are inclined toward the untried and dangerous will keep the conservative from crystalizing and becoming moribund and pull them ahead, while on the other hand, the old fogysm of the Masonic mossbacks (the alleged conservatives), may exert their influence in a no less wholesome way in holding the aggressively dangerous (the alleged radicals) from going too far away from the well tried landmarks. In short, they may accomplish in this union, jarring as it often is, what neither alone would do so well.

After all is said, the real truth is that we need them both, that is the combined strength of both making for that dynamic reality — a radical Masonic conservatism; or if it be preferred — a conservative Masonic radicalism. If instead of the words, "divine philosophy" we use the phrase, "untried Freemasonry," the following quatrain of the last great laureate of England, Alfred Tennyson, is not without its immediate and vital application to our Masonic brotherhood throughout the world.

" Hold thou the Good; define it well,
 For fear divine philosophy
 Should push beyond its mark, and be
 Procureess to the Lords of Hell."

ASHLEY A. SMITH.

ALBERTA, 1922.

The Seventeenth Annual Communication.

Membership 11,405, net increase 920.

There were present eight Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-three Grand Jurisdictions, including ours of Maine.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, expresses his appreciation of the loyal co-operation of the brethren and especially to the Grand Secretary for unremitting personal service rendered throughout his term of office. He sketches briefly the year's progress and routine labors of his administration, having issued dispensations for seven, and constituted eight, new lodges. He reports the finances of the Grand Lodge in "splendid condition" and the various benevolent funds adequate to meet all demands. He cites the fact, that out of 1,239 petitions received, 218 were rejected, as ample evidence that discrimination is being used in the admission of candidates, and tells us, "There is evidence of a desire, not only to keep the undesirables out but to rectify as far as possible the mistakes of past years by purging our rolls of those who are not now living consistent masonic lives."

The Grand Master traveled 8,164 miles to visit forty-one out of a total of 129 lodges, which fact gives us some hint of the immense distances to be traveled in that Great Northwest. He was present at thirteen Lodges of Instruction in the thirteen Districts of his Jurisdiction and reports that substantial and constructive Masonic Labor was rendered on each occasion. In graphic phrase he refers to the lodges of the far-north, as the "outposts of Masonry in our Province, situated at the very edge of civilized settlement and have a splendid mission to perform. The influence of Masonry is being felt there and is doing much to establish high standards of citizenship in those places where there is so much need of its leavening power."

Of physical qualifications he says: "In cases where the applicant was morally fit, could assume the proper positions to receive and communicate our work and was well able to maintain himself and dependents, dispensations were granted." This is a sane and wholesomely liberal attitude and rule, and accords with our practice for generations in Maine.

We note with appreciation that he refused many dispensations, one to open lodge and confer degrees on Sunday, another to allow a lodge to meet seven months in one place and five months in another, and yet others to initiate more than five candidates at one time.

The Grand Master "comes down hard" on excessive publicity of Masonic transactions, saying "that any brother who gives out such information is guilty of 'Improper Revelations' which constitutes a Masonic offense." Of the printed report of Correspondence he admonishes the brethren to read it carefully as a kind of compendium of Masonic knowledge, which will greatly aid them in assimilating the ideals of Freemasonry. He recommends the somewhat unusual practice of reading at least portions of it in open lodge in order to enlighten and instruct the brethren.

The reports of the fifteen D. D. G. Ms. occupy a large place in the annual proceedings, and evidence careful attention to the somewhat exacting and too often thankless duties of their office.

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland is recognized.

The Board of General Purposes brings in a somewhat extended Questionnaire which with slight changes has the approval and adoption of Grand Lodge. There are twenty-seven questions probing to the marrow of things, some of them a bit too personal perhaps, but vital after all, even though they are essentially domestic and marital.

The Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry is an interesting and readable document which must have reassured the brethren that all is well and harmony prevails. The Committee commends inter-fraternal visitations and finds the brethren in the various lodges interested and identified in the civic and social and moral institutions and purposes of the various communities and that their lives and influence always count on the side of righteous and constructive policies and principles.

A brilliant oration by Bro. Judge Morrison was given during the session and printed by vote of the Grand Lodge in the annual proceedings, it is a gem of eloquence and thoughtful incisive dealing with the problems, challenges and issues of our day, and closes with a well selected poem of Rudyard Kipling, whom Judge Morrison rightly terms "one of our greatest poets as he is one of the most illustrious of our Craft.

A motion was received to the effect that no Mason is entitled to attend any non-masonic meeting at which Masonry by direct implication is introduced, nor any Secretary divulge the Masonic standing of any member of his lodge to anyone not a Freemason. To do this is to be guilty of a Masonic offense. It is a far-reaching resolution, and will have its complications. It is easy to see whither it is aimed and the purpose of its application.

An interesting address, filled with memories of the earlier days, and replete with present day implications and Masonic obligations, was given by M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Master of British Columbia, and occupies several pages of the report, and must have been a real forensic delight to the assembled brethren.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is written by M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Past Grand Master, and deals with thirty-eight Grand Jurisdictions. Maine's review is not included in the report, and we are sure that there is the best of reason for the omission. Our regret is all the keener because after reading Bro. Taylor's admirable, succinct and virile words, we know that he would have had something well worth our attention and expressed in courteous phrase.

Each Grand Lodge receives keen comment and yet kindly review and in his conclusion he touches upon exactly those pivotal subjects which are receiving the attention and discussion of the Craft everywhere.

ARIZONA, 1922.

The Fortieth Annual Communication.

Number of chartered lodges, 28, with three U. D. Membership, 4889; gain of 529. Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present. Thirty-five Grand Representatives were present, although we note with regret the absence of Maine's representative on the roll of those attending this session.

Among the distinguished guests we notice the presence of P. G. M. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary of Arkansas, who was cordially welcomed, under escort of the fourteen Past Grand Masters, to the East, by M. W. Frank Goldwin Brown, Grand Master, who then delivered his annual address in which he speaks of the prosperity of the craft in his jurisdiction, emphasizes, "education in connection with our existing laws far more than we need additional legislation." Which is a condition obtaining in nearly every other Grand Jurisdiction.

Noticable among the Grand Master's visitations were his frequent visits to the Wayfarer's Club at Whipple Barracks in Prescott, composed of Masonic brethren who are ex-service men seeking health in the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital. The Welfare Committee of this club visits the patients every day, providing flowers, etc., arranges for the funeral service, assisting the relatives and rendering such kindly offices as the circumstances require. The extent of the membership in this Wayfarer's Club is seen by the fact that there were during the past year, thirty-six Grand Jurisdictions represented.

In the course of his address the Grand Master mentions with enthusiasm the establishing of "Study Clubs" in various lodges and thinks that as a means of spreading Masonic Light and extending education such clubs are an invaluable asset for every lodge.

During his term of office he commissioned six Grand Representatives among which we notice the name of our late R. W. Bro. Elmer A. Doten, of Portland, Maine.

Four brethren were also nominated "to reside near the Grand Lodge of Arizona."

He collates the usual approval of By-laws and Amendments, dispensations issued, several of which were for soldiers in the U. S. Army.

Among his "Decisions" which were largely of local matters, we select with emphatic approval his prohibition of a "Degree Team" from California doing work in Arizona lodges, even at the request of the Master.

The Masonic Tubercular Sanatorium to be conducted in conjunction and co-operation with Texas and New Mexico receives a page of consideration and the project was considered by Committee which reported later in the session, advising co-operation with these Grand Lodges to this end.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. George J. Roskrug, gives a well arranged report with a tabulated statement of the achievements of each lodge which is a model of succinct statement and business-like brevity.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the finances of Arizona to be in excellent condition and worthily administered.

The Grand Master receives well deserved approval by the Committee on the Grand Master's address, "for zeal, assiduity, and skill displayed in the performance of his official duties, which at once proclaim him a 'Leader' in our Fraternity."

A "Resolve" in hearty commendation of the "Towner-Sterling Bill" with the usual side reference to forces inimical to its passage, was adopted.

A recommendation by P. G. M. Bro. Morris Goldwater that the "Digest of Approved Decisions" be printed in the 1922 Proceedings was adopted, and occupies, with a splendid index, nearly forty-two pages of the annual report.

The George Washington Memorial was heartily endorsed by passing a resolution appropriating \$200.00 per annum "until our quota is complete."

Action on Mexico was deferred on recommendation of the Foreign Correspondence Committee, and a similar procedure was extended Columbia. Italy, however, was recognized and fraternal greetings extended.

We note the inclusion of our beloved and honored M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase, P. G. M., in the "In Memoriam" of Sister Jurisdictions.

There is no report of Correspondence.

ARKANSAS, 1922.

The Eighty-first Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 562. Membership 32,478. Net gain not given. There were present thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-one Grand Jurisdictions, including ours of Maine. We note with especial interest the inclusion of this somewhat unusual official Grand Lodge, "Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, Jugo Slavia, Grand Lodge of," with an accredited Grand Representative in Arkansas.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Leonidas Kirby, presents a masterful report of the year's administration, replete with wholesome counsel and sound Masonic wisdom. A sentence of this kind is his assertion: "That Masonry flourishes where the people are the most intelligent, are prosperous and have the most liberty," we recall a word of Macauley in his History of England, to the same effect with the single substitution of "Protestantism." And there could be no higher tribute to both Masonry and Protestantism.

Again the Grand Master says, "The law in the long run is our only protection against the misguided and the vicious" which again follows an eminent English statesman, William Pitt, who said, "Where law ends, tyranny begins."

We note the loss to the Grand Lodge of M. W. Bro. James Buchanan Baker, who receives the praise and honor of his brethren, and a word of tender tribute from the Grand Master.

Two corner-stone ceremonials, and the same number of temple dedications, were officially conducted by the Grand Master during his term. At one of the corner-stone ceremonies, R. W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, who for many years has been considered a kind of poet-laureate of Freemasonry

delivered a poem under the title, *Ex Oriente Lux*, from which we quote a quatrain:

“ Or who shall tell, from a furtive glance
What wonder-work of grand Advance.
In the horoscope of this house appears,
As forth it goes through the coming years.”

We notice that Grand Lodge permitted the use of the halls of defunct lodges in two places, for school purposes, which seems to us good Masonic Americanism and evidently the proper committee thought the same because it commended this action.

Among his “ Decisions,” all of which are in accordance with the usual practice, we notice with especial pleasure, “ It is a Masonic offense to transport liquor, because it is in violation of the laws of the State and Nation, and an immoral act, and the person guilty thereof should be tried and punished.”

The Masonic Orphan's Home and School is an institution very dear to the hearts of the Arkansas brethren, and the report of the Board of Trustees shows a well and soundly administered Home. Minutest details are given in the Superintendent's annual report so that the brethren, from various tables, can comprehend at a glance the *modus operandi* of the institution.

The annual address of the Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. Edward F. McDonald, was on the subject of “ Service,” and is a practical dissertation on Masonic duty and privilege in these testing trying days when the simple religion of doing good after the manner of the Good Samaritan is what the sad world needs more than rituals or creedal controversies.

As indicating the cordial relations with the Eastern Star an invitation was extended to them, and accepted by the sisters, to listen to this stirring and vital oration.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage following the lead of the Grand Master, recommended that when school buildings have been destroyed by fire, or “ some other emergency preventing the schoolhouse from being used, a lodgeroom may be rented for that purpose, until the emergency is past.”

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended fraternal recognition of the following: “ Sovereign Grand Lodge, State of Honduras,” “ Grand Lodge Republic Argentina,” “ Grand Logia, Cuscatlan, Del Estado De El Salvador,” “ Grand Logis De La Republica De Columbia.” Adopted.

As a part of the entertainment during the sessions of the Grand Lodge, St. Alban's Chapter of the Order of DeMolay of Little Rock, conferred the orders upon a class of candidates. We are told that “ the work was done in a masterly manner and was a thrilling revelation, revealing the high value of the teachings and ceremonies of the new Order in building the character of its youthful members and surrounding them with influences for right living and the cultivation of high principles.”

There is no formal report of sister jurisdictions.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1922.

The Fifty-first Annual Communication.

Ninety-four chartered lodges, with six U. D., giving a total membership of 11,033, with a net gain for the year of 979.

At this communication eight Past Grand Masters were present and also sixteen Grand Representatives, but Maine's name does not appear.

Three Emergent Communications were held during the year for the purpose of constituting and consecrating new lodges.

After the usual ceremonies of welcoming the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, the Grand Lodge was convened and M. W. Bro. Wallace S. Terry, Grand Master, delivered his annual address a brief business-like document, which it has been a pleasure to read. We notice his reference to M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase, P. G. M., in his "Necrology," one of Maine's noblest and best who occupied this chair of Foreign Correspondence for many years.

The Grand Master's "Decisions" are largely concerned with local affairs and in accordance with the custom and usage of the fraternity, although several of these respecting physical qualifications must have cost him a pang of regret if otherwise the applicants were "good men and true."

The Grand Master tabulates his routine duties very briefly, accords two or three lines to his long list of "Visitations," selects three visits as of more than passing moment; one to a Washington Lodge, and comments on its international character and the century of peace which has existed between Canada and our Republic. He then commends "Armistice Night" as observed in St. Andrew's Lodge, as worthy of emulation by every lodge "as an anniversary in honor of our brethren who have served their King and Country." His third visit is again to a Washington Lodge and again the spirit of international goodwill and unity was in evidence, and he makes comment to the effect, that "an earnest desire to still further promote and encourage the feeling of amity and concord," between the two great contiguous nations should be fostered.

The Grand Master advocates a renewal of interest in the Charity Fund and "a change of policy to increase its usefulness." He seems to advocate a system of annuities and grants very similar to that which has been in use in Maine for many years which is administered fairly and at a minimum of expense and publicity.

We notice a somewhat unusual situation as to rituals, three varieties being used; a condition which he avers "is one of our chief beauties and attractions, and that this reflects great wisdom on the part of our pioneer brethren that we allow three different rituals to be followed in this Province." We learn by further reading that these three varieties are termed respectively the "Emulation Work," the "American or Scotch Rite" and the "Canadian Work." We refrain from caustic comment on this chaotic ritualistic condition, first, because it is none of our business, secondly, our brethren of British Columbia are enthusiastic, and thirdly, we may have misapprehended the real inwardness of the situation there.

But a line of Pope (Alexander Pope, lest someone think of the Vatican) came to our thought when reading of three rituals all cordially commended and endorsed by the Grand Master. The Popean line is:

"A mighty maze and all without a plan."

The Grand Master commends "Schools of Instruction" which accords with Maine's successful practice through many generations.

The Grand Master closes with a bit of poetry which evidently has guided him through his annual administration and might well be taken as a Counsel of Perfection by every Grand Master:

"To follow truth as blind men long for light,
To do my best from dawn of day till night,
And smile when evening falls, this is my task."

The Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, has evidently, as seen through his excellent report, lightened the duties and cares of the Grand Master to a substantial extent, and must be a tower of strength and refuge for each new occupant of the Grand East. His report is a well articulated and arranged summary of his yearly duties.

The District Deputy Grand Masters of the thirteen Masonic districts give detailed account of their activities, which read very much like our own in this jurisdiction of Maine and evidence thorough and efficient service. The Grand Historian whose work we mentioned last year with praise, continues the same painstaking research in a difficult position with a readable result.

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized and a fraternal exchange of Representatives arranged.

It is inspiring to notice in connection with the Fiftieth Anniversary, which was fully noticed in this review of last year, that the Committee of arrangements returned the sum of \$553.61 as unexpended balance.

A full page photograph of the oldest Masonic Hall in British Columbia, bearing the date of 1869, is included in the Proceedings.

The Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. W. A. DeWolfe Smith, is the able reviewer and writer of the Correspondence Report. It is one of the notable reports and measures up the high standard of former years. Lucid comment, trenchant analysis, courteous disagreement and withal a readable literary style constitutes and characterizes this report, with comparatively little quotation. British Columbia is to be congratulated.

Maine receives some three pages of review. M. W. Bro. E. W. Wheeler, Grand Master, is politely critized for two of his rulings, one of which (the second) follows our unbroken custom and practice.

M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase, P. G. M., receives commendation for his review the last which our beloved brother was to write.

CALIFORNIA, 1922.

The Seventy-third Annual Communication.

Membership, 93,179; gain for the year, 7,998. Total number of lodges, 445. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present, with the representatives of 407 chartered lodges and the twenty-six U. D.

Past Grand Masters Kenyon of Montana, and Randell of Texas, were welcomed from the Grand East.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel E. Burke, in opening his annual address, pays tender tribute to the passing of M. W. Bro. Alonzo Judson Monroe, Past Grand Master, and several other brethren including Assistant Grand Secretary, Harry Johnson.

Grand Master Burke deviates not one hair's breadth from the strict letter of the law in the matter of physical qualifications for membership, quoting with unqualified approval the old York Law that, "our candidates must be without physical blemish."

He rejoices with exceeding great joy that "Clandestine Masonry" as represented in California by the "American Masonic Federation" has been effectually and legally disposed of by the courts. It is good to read that in the court-finding of "Guilty" neither Judge nor any members of the jury were Masons. The sentence for three of the culprits, was two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$5,000.00 for each.

Of "extraneous organizations" having masonic membership as a prerequisite he says, "that if these are not curbed, it will eventually be necessary for this Grand Lodge to enact some form of legislation looking toward the control or retirement of these."

Grand Master Burke deals in a vital, informing way with the public school situation in California and believes so thoroughly in our American school system that he appointed "Public Schools Week," which was widely observed by the brethren in their constituent lodges. He rightly avers that more than the open and avowed enemy of the public school, the danger lies in our own indifference, ignorance and apathy regarding the administration of the affairs of our system of public education.

Among his many visitations we note an extended one to the Seventy-sixth Masonic District, which means the Hawaiian Islands.

The Grand Master in his "Conclusion" tells us that his "doctrine" has been throughout his term, "more lodges and of fewer members." The large number under dispensation would indicate that he has been successful in proclaiming his message.

An interesting occurrence of the session was the telegraphing of fraternal greetings to P. G. M. Geo. C. Perkins who presided over Grand Lodge in 1874.

The Committee of General Purposes brought in an extended report of constructive legislation, the larger part of which was adopted by Grand Lodge. This Committee asked for further time in the matter of recognition of the Grand Lodges of Italy, Guatemala and Ecuador. Eight other requests largely from South and Central American Lodges followed a similar course.

The Towner-Sterling Bill was endorsed in principle by this Committee and Grand Lodge.

The "Annual Oration" by Bro. Will H. Fischer, Grand Orator, was a production of unusual merit dealing in its main theme with the challenging opportunities of Masonry. Soundly conservative in its temper, it is

also wholesomely progressive in its advocacy of enlightened citizenship by members of our institution as citizens. Bro. Fischer looks askance at the tendency of our Fraternity to support and propagate every civic measure which is proposed by the visionaries and radicals of our day. It would be a pleasure to quote many telling trenchant paragraphs of this unusual oration and it is good to see that Grand Lodge insists on its wide circulation by printing and distributing to its large constituency. Twelve closely printed pages looked formidable at first, but it has proved both readable and inspiring.

Masonic Homes occupy large place in the thought and sacrifice of the brethren of California. Many pages of the annual report are given to these noble philanthropies, with photographs of the massive and imposing buildings at Decoto. The financial reports of these institutions indicate sound administration, and the vast sums expended evidence a wide and worthy work worthily accomplished. Page after page of the proceedings are devoted to facts and figures which fairly astound our Maine imagination. All the Masonic bodies, and the Eastern Star, are generous in their gifts and make large donations toward this cause. A mental and physical survey by two experts from Leland Stanford Junior University makes interesting reading and the minute details of the report show the exact status of the inmates of the Children's Home at Corvina.

The report of the President of the Masonic Club at the University of California outlines the situation of this institution which has the support of Grand Lodge and the contributions of the majority of the chartered lodges. This project which was launched last year is rapidly taking its place as one of the substantial enterprises of the Grand Lodge.

The Order of DeMolay for Boys has the cordial endorsement of the brethren in session.

The George Washington Memorial has the endorsement of this Grand Body in the sum of \$5,000.00, and later it was voted to make two other payments of \$2,500.00 each.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the hand of M. W. Bro. John Franklin West, and opens with a brief foreword, in which he says, pointing to an abuse, or at least a questionable use, of Masonic authority and power, "I fear that the addresses of some of the Grand Masters deal with questions which come dangerously close to the border line. One cannot help the feeling that the proper affairs of the fraternity are too often overshadowed by trivial bickerings in which Masons are not interested. Quarrels of nations and party strife should never be permitted to enter the sanctity of the lodge." A timely word wisely spoken. A bit later Bro. West points out how essentially Masonry is an educational institution by saying that it has four principle aims, namely, the development of — Character that is above reproach; Intelligence that is broad, deep, sane and practical; Leadership that is wise, efficient and masterful; Citizenship that is loyal, devoted and unselfish. It is to be regreted that Bro. West with such vital insight into Masonic purpose and principle should devote the remainder of his more formal report almost entirely to quotations from Grand Masters' addresses.

Maine, for instance, receives extended notice covering three pages but it is all citation, well chosen to be sure, but with no elucidation or comment of his own. We miss what was so splendidly promised in his foreword, a keen analytic mind dealing in a vital, wholesome, constructive way with the larger problems, issues and transactions of the various grand jurisdictions.

CANADA (In the Province of Ontario), 1922.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Communication.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William M. Ponton, says: "Our membership is approximately 94,500 as of this date—a phenomenal and unexpected increase of 6,500 men who, on the tongue of good report, have been made "free of the Craft the world over" through our 525 lodges, since our last year's total of 88,000 was recorded."

There were present at the Annual Communication the Grand Representatives of twenty-seven Grand Lodges, including ours of Maine.

Cordial speeches of greeting and welcome were given by the Mayors of the towns of Fort Williams and Port Arthur, where the annual sessions were held. Like welcome was expressed by representatives of the local lodges after which, several distinguished visitors were greeted and given the Grand Honors and seats "near the throne." Among these we note the names of M. W. Bros. S. Y. Taylor and W. L. Stockwell, Grand Secretaries of Alberta and North Dakota; M. W. Bro. A. B. Baird, D. D., Grand Master of Manitoba, M. W. Bro. J. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master of the same Province, and M. W. Bro. Herman Held, Grand Master of Minnesota. Fitting reply was made to their welcome by Bro. Baird in behalf of his colleagues. Later in the sessions eloquent speeches were made by these well known Masonic visitors.

The Grand Master's annual address deals in a vital and timely way with the pressing needs and problems of the hour. It is an address far above the average both in matter and literary style embellished now and then by a well chosen and apt quotation from the poets. He answers his question, "Have we been true to the trust reposed in us?" with a rather emphatic affirmative elaborated throughout his report.

Among his pleasant duties he consecrated sixteen new lodges and dedicated eleven and closes with these truly Masonic words, "May they all for all time, maintain and hand down that priceless asset of a lodge, which is both the mother and matrix of men, an honorable and unblemished charter."

Speaking of his 494 dispensations issued during the year he says of those for Divine Service, "these I have always encouraged. More and more Masonry must become the auxiliary—the handmaid of the Church Militant, and like the Church, she is a ladder and channel of service. Sane and wholesome religion should be normally enjoyed and openly professed by every Craftsman who if he believes in the Brotherhood of Man must also believe in the Fatherhood of God. Collective and individual worship is one of our distinguishing privileges." A rather unusual advocacy on the part of a Grand Master and perhaps permissible; but what if there is

a large, or even small Hebrew membership in the lodge? Can we stretch the phrase "Church Militant," to cover the synagogue? If so, this gentle demurrer is withdrawn. The Grand Master punctures an all too common fallacy with these words: "There is no reason why, if both character and financial ability of petitioners are carefully scrutinized (as they should be) both quantity and quality should not coexist."

Under the caption "The Immortals," he makes reverent mention of the following brethren who have heard the higher call, R. W. Bro. Henry S. Griffin and R. W. Bro. Abraham Shaw, who had long been identified with the activities of Grand Lodge and honored and beloved by all the brethren.

We give hearty Amen to these words: "Between us and (the United States) the two great English speaking nations, Masonry is the unifying genius. In this commemorative year of Memorials none has been erected of greater significance and import, than that massive portal which now stands where the forty-ninth parallel meets Boundary Bay. On the United States side is the inscription "Children of a common Mother," on the Canadian side, "Brethren dwelling together in Unity," and on the portals, "Open for 100 years and may these doors never be closed. So mote it be."

In one of his "Rulings" he avers that "the Royal Arch Jewel is permitted to be worn in Craft Lodges." Laws differ of course in various jurisdictions, but it is not customary with us in Maine. He has this good thing to say about ostentatious wearing of Jewels outside the lodge, "it should be discouraged. If any, let it be modest and unobtrusive — for the apparel oft proclaims the man."

The various Masonic Districts are efficiently supervised by D. D. G. Ms. as in our own jurisdiction of Maine. The names signed to these excellent district reports sound much like our own, and indicate patient and untiring labor for the development and progress of the Craft. One hundred and eighty-three pages of the annual proceedings are given over to these reports and make good reading because of constructive and loyal Masonic labor willingly performed.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held for the purpose of unveiling a monument (photograph given) erected by Grand Lodge to the honored memory of M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence recommends "no action" relative to Mexico, "deferred" as to the request of the National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge for France and the French Colonies. Cordial recognition is accorded Queensland.

A thirteen page report of more than ordinary excellence is given by R. W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, as Chairman of the Board on the Condition of Masonry, in which he makes a vital survey of the Masonic world, we note with real delight his mention of Maine and his citation of our words of appreciation of the Grand Lodge of Canada especially relative to the painstaking labors of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

We see with approval that the report of a special committee on "The Grotto" was received and adopted by Grand Lodge, to the effect that it be made unlawful for any Freemason under the jurisdiction of Canada to become a member of this organization.

The Report on Correspondence is written by R. W. Bro. Edward B. Brown, Chairman, a review of seventy-six annual proceedings. It is a quiet, keen and kindly piece of literary and Masonic labor which has challenged our respect and ministered to our happiness. Ontario is to be congratulated on having such a progressively conservative writer of its report. His enthusiasms never betray him into fanaticisms or undue emphasis on incidentals. It is a delight to read his estimate of Maine and his cordial words of gentle praise for our doings. Grand Master Wheeler, for instance receives this fine tribute, "an address of which any Grand Master might be proud, thoughtful, well-reasoned and faultless in diction." While M. W. Bro. Chase is remembered for "a very able and carefully prepared report on Correspondence."

COLORADO, 1922.

The Sixty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 28,027; raised during the year, 2,033. Number of lodges, 136. Beside the Grand Officers, there were present twenty permanent members, and the Representatives of forty-five Grand Jurisdictions, including ours of Maine.

The opening words of M. W. Bro. Marshall H. Van Fleet make fitting reference to the passing of two Past Grand Masters, Brothers Cornelius J. Hart and Robert M. Simons, and the Committee on Deceased Members pays tender tribute to their memory.

During Grand Master Fleet's administration, two new lodges were constituted, one Masonic Hall was dedicated, eleven corner-stones were laid, and three new lodges were organized.

A splendid charity fund has accumulated during the years, which now amounts to \$76,000, the income of which is used for Masonic relief, and it is interesting to notice that in twenty-two years the sum of \$34,000 has been given for this purpose at an expense of only \$171.00 for the entire period. This plan and method is closely akin to our own thrifty Maine way and evidently produces the maximum of Masonic relief at a minimum of expense in administration and distribution.

Grand Master Fleet sounds a strong note in condemnation of "Improper Publicity" by saying "that some of the brethren seem to be ignorant of the great underlying principles of our Craft, and seem to be imbued with the idea that Masonry needs to be advertised and constantly brought before the eyes of the public by newspapers and other methods of advertising."

Under "Condition of Lodges," we are informed that the average attendance of lodges was thirty-eight and one-half per cent.

Among his visitations we note especially that to Palestine Lodge, of Denver, when a famous old Genevan Bible (familiarily called the "Breeches Bible," because of misprint) published in 1599, which the Grand Master thinks may be the oldest Great Light in use in America in a Masonic Lodge

room. This is a unique and honorable distinction, and it would be interesting to have the fact verified. When the old Great Light was dedicated, the Grand Master speaks of the "atmosphere of intense interest, reverence, dignity and consecration which pervaded the lodge room," making it "one of the most inspiring events during his term of office."

He speaks of his visit as the guest of the Grand Lodge of Utah, at the Fiftieth Anniversary, in Salt Lake City, and gives interesting account of the event of that sister jurisdiction.

Grand Master Fleet recommended that action be taken relative to limiting the membership of lodges in Colorado to five hundred.

The Committee on Masonic Correspondence, has this vital thing to say in its report, relative to Masonic Homes, which amply justifies our own—and their own—attitude toward these institutions: "After a review of the moneys expended in the erection and being spent in the maintenance of Masonic Homes throughout the United States, we are reminded of the statement of a Past Grand Master of our body that it would be very much cheaper for us to board our indigent aged at the Brown Palace Hotel."

The same committee recommends fraternal recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. Adopted.

M. W. Bro. Chase Withrow has an extended and interesting report of five pages on the Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, of which Colorado is the "granddaughter." It is an able report and leaves little to be desired in the matter of information and Masonic relationships between these two Jurisdictions.

An interesting Oration was delivered by R. W. Bro. Frank G. Mirick, the Grand Orator, which we have read with profit and pleasure and from which we would like to quote for the benefit of the brethren but limitations of space forbid this privilege.

A distinguished visitor in the person of the M. W. Grand Master of Missouri, Bro. Wm. F. Kuhn, was received with the usual Masonic honors, and delivered what we are informed was an instructive, inspiring and beneficial Masonic Message.

An unusual feature, but one highly informative, is a folded map of the United States showing the Genealogy of the Masonic Grand Lodges. The more this map is studied the more significant it becomes in tracing the legitimate lineage of each Grand Lodge. It is a beautiful piece of cartography and must have involved not only extended research but delicate mechanical draughtsmanship in its production, and we do not wonder therefore at its copyrighting.

The annual Report on Correspondence is written by M. W. Bro. Stanley C. Warner and fulfills the ideal of such reports. The salient matters of each Grand Jurisdiction reviewed are touched upon by the reviewer, with occasional enlightening and often trenchant comment.

Maine is given kindly and cordial treatment, with an extended excerpt from M. W. Grand Master Wheeler's address, and our legislative actions are cited, but without comment. Altogether the entire report ably covers the Masonic field.

CONNECTICUT, 1922.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership 37,780, with a net gain for the year of 3,011. Twelve Past Grand Masters, thirty-nine Grand Representatives, including Maine's, were present. We learn through the Grand Secretary's report that the average membership of Connecticut lodges is 325.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Charles W. Cramer, tells us in opening his address, that Masonry in his jurisdiction, has "grown by leaps and bounds." Which phrase is a little too suggestive of much recent growth, by "hop, skip and a jump." Which Bro. Kies might call in his graphic way a kind of Kangaroo Masonry and which he would be the first to condemn and satirize. Knowing the wholesome conservatism of Connecticut, it is good to read the Grand Master's word that these "leaps and bounds" have all been made according to the rules of the game, "without overstepping the bounds of our methods or any solicitation."

The Grand Master thinks that it may be necessary to seriously consider a reduction of fees for initiation which were raised a short time ago during the "years of prosperity," especially in some lodges.

He says of the Ku Klux, and he may as well have used the name, which he seems rather studiously to avoid, terming it "a secret society which in earlier days and perhaps in the present day to some extent, has been active in the South." He continues, "My only message in this respect is that I have full confidence that all Masons in the State of Connecticut are fully aware of the fact that they are in duty bound to support, aid and assist in the enforcement of our laws without taking matters into their own hands, and I am fully satisfied that no Mason is going to support any propaganda which will be contrary to our teachings." May such confidence be justified! The Grand Master on the same principle says, "I believe that we all agree that the anti-liquor laws which are now a part of our national law, should be supported in every instance, and that no opportunity should be given any one to point the accusing finger at us as a violator of this law." Which sentiment is worthy of T. R., and therefore good Masonry whether in Connecticut, or anywhere.

We note with a touch of wistful sorrow, the name of our own P. G. M. Albro E. Chase, in his necrological tribute to the dead of sister jurisdictions.

Among his duties was the commissioning of seven Grand Representatives and the issuing of twenty-six dispensations for the usual purposes. He condemns in brief but emphatic word the chain letter nuisance, and by the action which speaks louder than words, "promptly destroyed what he is convinced is perpetuated by superstition."

The Committee on Jurisprudence brings in a report of endorsement of the Grand Master's ten decisions, excepting only one as open to question.

The Grand Master pays high tribute to the labors and loyalty of the D. D. G. Ms. of the nine Masonic Districts. His recommendations all deal with local matters. The Grand Master during an illness depended

upon the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Frank L. Wilder, who in his brief report indicates his duties faithfully and efficiently performed.

In brief compass the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Geo. A. Kies, gives account of his office in lucid and business-like form.

In the report of the "Certified Public Accountant," page 73, we notice a slight error in adding the figures of delinquent assessments which would result in \$1,139.50, instead of \$1,140.00 as given. This is rather "thrown in" to indicate a fairly careful reading of Connecticut's proceedings which are always readable and one of the enjoyments of this reviewer.

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland is recognized.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is the ninth annual review by the seasoned and masterly hand of P. G. M. George A. Kies, and is the kind of writing we like to caress with the mind and rather fondle in our fraternal heart. It is a keen piece of analysis, written with sinewy strength and yet flexible grace which we have genuine pleasure in reading.

Maine receives adequate notice and review. Grand Master Wheeler is quoted approvingly on his words anent the use of the ballot. As a sample of his manner and method we quote with resounding and fervent "Amen" these words of Bro. Kies, which calls with vivid phrase, "Boring Out From Within."

"The Grand Masters of New Mexico, Missouri and Iowa, sent out encyclical warning against the Ku Klux Klan. From this we judge that their pernicious activities are plainly apparent there. There is also some evidence that they are carrying on an active propaganda among the Masons of Connecticut. We understand that they boast that eighty per cent. of their members are Masons. While we cannot believe this statement, it is a matter of alarm if ANY Masons are lured into the spider's web of joining this gang, who announce their intentions to at times over-ride law and order. This latter explains their shame to have even the names of their members known.

"Whatever excuse there may have been in the South for the existence of this organization in the days of reconstruction after the Civil War, there is surely none now. While we believe that the 'Klan' will ultimately break down within itself, we earnestly hope that all Masons will keep out of it, and thereby avoid a source of later bitter self-reproach."

Which strong arraignment and denunciation of Brother Kies, meets our approval and is in line with equally strong words of condemnation of our own Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Albert M. Spear, and Grand Master Arthur D. Prince, of Massachusetts. Grand Master Randall of Texas, last year used words of the same scorching quality and American timbre.

DELAWARE, 1922.

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 22; membership, 5,576; a net gain for year of 210. Grand Officers present, 13; Past Grand Masters, 14; with forty Grand Representatives, including ours of Maine.

Three distinguished visitors were present from New Jersey, a like

number from Pennsylvania, and the Grand Secretary of North Carolina. All were "saluted with the Grand Honors and escorted to the Grand East."

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. George C. Williams, had two corner-stone ceremonials during his term, and submits a long list of visitations which indicates that he was present at every lodge in his Grand Jurisdiction. He says of the twenty-two lodges in Delaware that he found each "one awake to the importance of the tasks before them, and alive to the claims upon them to make themselves felt as an influence in our great Commonwealth."

One visitation to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina stands out in his report as an occasion of cordial good-will and he says, "I shall always remember the splendid men and Masons I met there as being typical American Gentlemen."

He believes in the annual observance of Washington's Masonic Birthday and urges its continuance as during the past two years it has been a conspicuous success in Delaware.

Some splendid words under the caption — Pre-eminence of the Blue Lodge — pays tribute to Symbolic Masonry, and he avers that Masonry is suffering from two diseases, viz: "anxiety on the part of the majority of the members to know the mysteries of the so-called 'Higher Degrees,' and the second malady is 'a deplorable lack of knowledge of the laws, principles and practices of Ancient Craft Masonry.'" Which diagnosis is true to the facts and symptoms in other jurisdictions.

Through the courtesy of the Lieut. Governor of Delaware, there came into the possession of the Grand Lodge, a "copy of the Funeral Oration on the Death of Brother George Washington, prepared at the request of the Masonic Lodge, No. 14, of Wilmington, State of Delaware, and delivered on St. John the Evangelist's day, being the twenty-seventh of December, Anno Lucis 5799 (1799)."

The Grand Master also says that the author of this "Oration" was the first Grand Master of Delaware, "Gunning Bradford, Jr., who was the intimate friend and co-worker with Washington in laying the corner-stone of this Republic." He recommends its careful preservation in the archives, the printing of 125 copies of it in substantial book form, and a copy sent to every lodge, and "one to each of the Grand Jurisdictions with which we hold fraternal relations." This is a fraternal courtesy which every such jurisdiction will greatly appreciate and we take this opportunity to express our fraternal gratitude for so thoughtful and considerate an action on the part of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

Of the projected Masonic Home the Grand Master has this to say, that, "when the work is done and our guests are comfortably housed, I believe every Mason will be proud of our Home, and we will have placed out there on the Lancaster Pike a building to which the whole citizenship of the State will point with satisfaction."

Scholarship Funds in Delaware are raised by a ten cents per capita, and we notice that there were several recipients of this benefit during the year.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence defers several requests for fraternal recognition from Grand Lodges in Central and South America, and South Eastern Europe.

The more formal report is written by M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Day, P. G. M., and ably, though briefly, reviews seventy-two volumes of the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges. Maine is cordially considered and fraternally reviewed by Bro. Day in nearly a page of illuminating comment on our proceedings of this year (1922). We appreciate the reviewer's comment on our report, and evidently "the time and toil" of the average reviewer which sometimes seems like love's labor lost, struck a responsive chord with Brother Day.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1921.

The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Communication.

Membership 18,671, a net gain for the year (1921) of 2,365. There are 37 chartered lodges appearing on the roll.

Two Stated Communications and several special ones, for constituting new lodges and corner-stone ceremonials, precede the Annual Communication. At the second of these stated communications it is interesting to read the extended report of the Committee on the New Masonic Temple of sufficient capacity and impressive dignity to "represent and express the unity of Masonry at the Nation's Capitol and convey to the public at large the impression of the power and importance of this great fraternity, which could not be accomplished with a number of temples of less dignity and size." At this communication the salaries of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were substantially increased. A vote which stood 44 to 42 in favor of prohibiting "smoking in the lodge room," is one of the interesting and human touches of the session.

At the Annual Communication all Grand Officers and eleven Past Grand Masters were present.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Chas. J. O'Neil, in the course of his address made mention of the George Washington Bible, brought from St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of New York City, upon which the first President took the oath of inauguration, and which was used in the same impressive ceremony when Bro. W. G. Harding was inducted into the executive chair.

The Grand Master among other activities, appointed six Grand Representatives, laid corner-stones, consecrated new lodges and made the usual visitations, and suggests that Grand Lodge should take some reformatory action so that these official visitations shall be some thing more than a formal and routine ceremony; he says that owing to the brief time (October and November) allowed for these visitations they "are of the most perfunctory character and do not allow the Grand Master to perform the duties for which these visitations were intended." Surely a condition within the power of Grand Lodge to remedy.

Under dispensations he says in justification or extenuation of his course, that the "power has been used when necessity therefor was urgent and insistent." Which phrase can be stretched to cover a great latitude of dispensatory action.

He praises highly the Masonic Employment Bureau, the George Washington Memorial, the Masonic Mutual Life Association (insurance) and Masonic Clubs.

The New Masonic Temple is looming large in the vision of the Grand Master and the brethren and will be, when consummated, a realization "of their fondest dreams and aspirations." Masonic Education receives at his hands high laudation as a means of spreading Masonic Truth and Light.

Grand Lodge adopts the recommendation of the Correspondence Committee and recognizes the United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

One week later the annual St. John's Day Communication was held. Thirty-three Grand Representatives were present, and we regret to notice the absence of Maine's. An echo of the Disarmament Conference is heard by the mention of the name of Bro. G. F. Pearce, of Western Australia, who is present in Washington, as Minister of Defense in the Australian Government, and the usual cordial greetings are extended from the Grand East, as also to the Grand Jurisdictions of Virginia, Texas and Idaho, which are represented by Past Grand Masters.

The Jurisprudence Committee commends the action of the Grand Master in the two decisions rendered by him in his address of the week previous, while the special committee on the Grand Master's address brings in high praise of his annual report and the activities and achievements of his administrative term.

At the installation of the newly elected Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Chas. Cyrus Coombs, we listen to an admirably brief but significant address of his hopes and aims as he is inducted into his high office.

We learn from a carefully compiled table that the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia is in fraternal relations with seventy-four other Grand Jurisdictions, making the list one of the largest in America.

The annual report of the Committee on Correspondence is the twenty-first from the hand of M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Baird, P. G. M. It is a seasoned, discriminating and intensely personal document, fervent in its advocacy of policies and principles and equally strenuous in its opposition and trenchant in its criticism. Good reading in every way, even though we cannot always follow his deductions and assent to his positions. But a dull and dead uniformity and monotony of agreement as to all such debatable matters is not a desirable condition, which would be evidence not of life and growth but of a defunct and moribund organism.

Maine receives generous treatment at his fraternal hands to the extent of two pages. He thinks M. W. Bro. Wheeler a bit too sanguine, "seeing through rose colored lenses" respecting social and economic conditions, and suggest that we have hardly "emerged triumphantly" from these things, as Bro. Wheeler eloquently avers.

Bro. Baird finds much to commend and little to criticise in our procedure.

The "Conclusion" of the entire report is a rapid glance abroad ending with licenced brothels in France and immoral conditions in Germany in the vicinity of the French army of occupation.

FLORIDA, 1922.

The Ninety-third Annual Communication.

Membership 21,184, net gain 2,251. Nine Past Grand Masters and forty Grand Representatives were present, including our representative for Maine.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Chas. H. Ketchum, in his annual address reports the condition of the Craft "prosperous" in every district, and believes that, "at no period in history has it been possible for Masonry to play so great a part in civic and national life as at the present. American Masonry must stand ready to pay to the Republic her obligation of guarding the priceless heritage of American Liberty transmitted to us from our Masonic forefathers. Our Masonry must personify Americanism."

A somewhat unusual feature of his "Necrology" is a brief summary of the service (Masonic) of the deceased of other jurisdictions in which we find that the name of Past Grand Master Chase received its deserved meed of praise and honor. Florida's official circle remains unbroken for which due gratitude to the Supreme Architect is given by the Grand Master.

It was his privilege to constitute three new lodges, and issue dispensations for four others, during his administration. Thirteen corner-stone ceremonies, and five hall-consecrations, were held during the year.

Under "Decisions Rendered," we read with interest, that relative to Mexico, Florida has adopted a rule permitting Masons from Mexico to visit lodges in Florida, and allow their members (of Florida) to visit in Mexico, and this in spite of the fact that Florida has refused to recognize any Masonic body in Mexico.

Seventeen dispensations were granted for "out of time" degrees. We withhold comment though in the language of the Great Light, "our heart burns within us."

The grave of the first Most Worshipful Grand Master of Florida, Bro. John P. Duval at Tallahassee, has been somewhat neglected and Grand Lodge proposes to do the right and honorable thing by erecting a suitable monument to his memory.

The Grand Master gives much space, rightly enough, to the Masonic Reception tendered in Jacksonville, to Bro. Warren G. Harding, and speaks of the President's speech as being delivered, "in his usual congenial manner."

This event took place one week before the inauguration in Washington. The Grand Master gives a quite unique (but wholly wrong) quotation of Micah, "What doth *man* require of thee, etc?" it should read of course, "What doth *God* require of thee, etc?" but it is good to see an error like that, for this is precisely what *both* God and man requires of every man, citizen and Mason, "to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with their God."

An interesting visitation was made by the Grand Master to the One Hundredth Eighty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, which receives cordial attention at his hands.

He speaks strongly against receiving dimitts from lodges in Germany which have been presented in Florida lodges and especially so, since Florida has never recognized any of the Grand Lodges in Germany.

Among his "Recommendations" we see one to appoint a Special Representative whose duty it shall be to visit the Lodges that are delinquent in reports and practically defunct. A kind of Masonic constabulary to see that these moribund lodges either do the prescribed work or surrender their charters. Such police, punitive and inspective powers wisely handled may be productive of positive good to the Craft.

We see that Bro. W. J. Bryan made appearance with a characteristic address on "The Fundamental (how he loves that word) Benefits of the Fraternity and Education."

Fifteen illuminating pages are devoted to the Masonic Home, and we learn, down to the minutest detail (gifts of oranges, baseballs and cigars) the exact standing financial and otherwise of this noble Masonic Philanthropy.

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland is recognized; while Mexico (both Grand Lodges) is postponed.

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. Lincoln Hully, L. L. D., delivered a thoughtful and scholarly address on "The First Great Light in Masonry," which showed an unusual knowledge of Biblical facts and history and the bearing of the Great Light upon the issues, problems, duties and destinies of our day.

In the last moments of Grand Lodge sessions a ringing resolution endorsing the Towner-Sterling Bill as a "measure of vital importance to the welfare and advancement of the United States and its people" was adopted with emphatic applause.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the twenty-second annual report of Past Grand Master Bro. Silas B. Wright. He says in his brief preface "to those who join the Round Table for the first time we extend the 'glad hand' and bid them a hearty welcome." We clasp that glad fraternal hand thus extended, though it be across the great space (from Maine to Florida) and know from his way of writing, that there is a warm brotherly heart back of it, and a Masonic spirit which it would be a delight and privilege to know.

The doings of the various jurisdictions are dealt with at his hands in a kindly, constructive and comprehensive way, which leaves no sting or root of bitterness. Maine receives large consideration, although he demurs at Grand Master Wheeler's ruling that it is proper to examine an E. A. or a F. C. in a Lodge of Master Masons, and says it "is contrary to all precedent so far as the writer of this has ever heard."

With this exception our doings are cordially commended, especially Bro. Chase's report which he terms, "able, well written and interesting." May Bro. Chase's successor merit as high praise at his hands!

GEORGIA, 1922.

The One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 66,960. 688 lodges. Raised during the year (1921) 3,676.

All Grand Officers, ten Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions (including ours of Maine) were present. Before the formal opening of Grand Lodge, the children of the Masonic Home gave a varied program of delightful songs for the edification of the brethren.

M. W. Bro. Joe P. Bowdoin (a name by the way held in high honor in Maine because of statesmanship in colonial days, and borne by our oldest Maine College) presided as Grand Master, and opened his annual address with the interesting statement that the Grand Lodge of Georgia "was forty-one years older than our Government."

In his Necrology, mention is made of the passing of Senior Grand Warden John Elza Sheppard, and Grand Steward Henry R. Palmer. Feeling tribute is paid to the character and Masonic labors of these two eminent Craftsmen.

On the Roster of the dead of sister jurisdictions we see the name of our own Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Albro. E. Chase, and to us the cold type seems touched with the "light which never failed," because born of immortal hope and fraternal affection.

The Grand Master constituted twelve lodges during his term of office. The Grand Master instituted a rather novel feature of administration by issuing "A Grand Master's monthly message" to be read in each lodge, he also had the cooperation of the twelve Past Grand Masters each of which contributed a short article.

He is rejoiced that M. W. Bro. W. Raymond Daniel has consented to occupy the recently created office of Grand Historian, and from our knowledge of the painstaking methods of the man and his clear and human literary style we are confident that when the History of the Grand Lodge of Georgia is compiled and written it will be a creditable piece of research and a permanent addition to any Masonic library.

Grand Master Bowdoin rendered thirty-eight common-sense decisions, which have challenged our admiration. Some of these needed not the asking so self-evident is the answer; for instance, "Is it a Masonic offense to be a common cheat and swindler to persons not Masons?" Notice the quick sharp answer, like a sword piercing the joints and marrow, "YES."

A word of caution is sounded in these words,—"you cannot take too much care, patience and time in the inspection of the material for the building of Masonry." A truism, but there is always this to be said about a truism, namely that it's true.

We are pleased to notice that the Grand Lodge of Georgia recognizes and honors the high office and worthy labors of its Past Grand Masters by what might be called—the regalia of recognition—that is, the jewel and apron of this highest and most honorable office in the gift and choice of any Grand Lodge. Many Grand Lodges present only the jewel, but surely, since the apron is a part of the M. W. Grand Master's Masonic

clothing it is fitting that he be "fully clothed" and a jewel however elaborate is very inadequate "clothing." Maine gives neither jewel or apron in fulfillment perhaps of a certain text in our Great Masonic Light,—*"naked came we into the world and naked shall we return thither,"* or as Brother Chase would have retorted perhaps quoting Genesis, *"Yes, we were naked but not ashamed."*

The Grand Master said, "the most tender place in the hearts of our Craft is our Home," and the extended reports of the various Committees would amply justify these words, for we find sound financing and constructive administration of this humanitarian institution for "the helpless orphan." Increasing applications for admission indicate the need for increasing funds and the completion of the canvas for "The Endowment Fund."

He finds the O. E. S. "not in any sense detrimental to Masonry," but the inference is clear that Georgia finds it rather necessary in its charitable undertakings, and Bro. Bowdoin evidently is thinking of Pennsylvania when he avers in rather pointed phrase, "We cannot see where it is a crime against Masonry to be a member of this most worthy and honorable society." Bro. Daniel also takes a wholesome position in his Correspondent's report respecting the attitude of Pennsylvania toward the Order of the Eastern Star.

Twenty-one corner-stone ceremonies were held during the year, twelve of which were under the direction of the Grand Master in person, the remainder by delegated authority. Three halls were dedicated during his term of office, while thirteen District Conventions were held all of which, with one exception, the Grand Master attended.

"Masonic Parasites" is the name given by him to those notorious organizations which make our membership the basic prerequisite to their membership. Of the K. K. K. he says among other things that there is no need to be exercised over the matter. "The question in my judgment does not deserve consideration, because Masonry has nothing to do with any clan, but stands alone, fearless and unafraid, not courting any affiliation and denouncing no other organization. Masonry will stand, when all clans, narrow sects and man-built societies have passed into oblivion."

We are pleased to read that the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers said of Bro. Bowdoin, that "in the halls of our affection and gratitude, the life, character and spirit of Joe P. Bowdoin shall always dwell and each new day shall add new gratefulness and love to the abounding regard and affection already graven upon the tablets of the loving hearts of Georgia Masonry." A tribute which must have warmed his heart and coincides with our own estimate as we have read his manful words and touched his spirit in this annual message.

A resolution which shows the large place of the public school system in the hearts of the Georgian brethren is indicated by the adoption of the following: "We pledge the efforts of the membership of this Grand Lodge to promote by all lawful means, the organization, extension and development to, the highest degree of our public schools, and to continually oppose the efforts of any and all who seek to limit, curtail, hinder or destroy

the public school system of our land." That seems to cover the ground and is a credit to the good Americanism of the Georgia brethren.

Bro. M. W. Past Grand Master Travis submitted a resolution, which was adopted on recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, to the effect that any brother should be considered guilty of unmasonic conduct who shall use the word, Masonic or Masons, for business "or any occupation carried on for gain." Masonic books and periodicals are, of course, exempted.

But to mention and commend all the good things and constructive measures adopted by Georgia would be to extend this report to undue lengths and leave scant space for one of the distinctive and masterful correspondence reports which come to this office. M. W. Bro. Raymund Daniel writes it and when we read it we know that we are only getting the outward verbal expression of a personality which it would be a real delight to know better and as Cowper put it, "carry on our list of friends." This report reminded us of certain lines of Tennyson, "Words like Nature half reveal, and half conceal, the soul within." The Grand Master said of him, "he is a gem of the first water and to praise is like trying to add brightness to the sun." Well, we can't compete with that kind of poetic praise, but we *can* say, amen!

Bro. Daniel has forthright and trenchant words on various topics of vital concern to the Craft everywhere. He touches on the "Inspiration of Masonry," on "Old Foundations," on "Present-day needs," "on Ku Klux," (tremendous words are these in criticism) on the attitude of Pennsylvania respecting the O. E. S., which seems to stir him deeply. We want to quote it all on every subject so good and wholesome and constructive are his words about these matters. His is the kind of conservative Masonic radicalism which we have outlined in our "Foreword," and which challenges our attention and admiration.

Maine gets splendid notice, Grand Master Wheeler is quoted and commended and we are rather overwhelmed by nearly two and one-half pages of kindly praise at the hands of Brother Daniel for our "maiden effort" at correspondence. To quote his words is what Chas. Reade called one of his books, "a Terrible Temptation" and we content ourself with demurring a considerable deal (this is a kind of Yankee phrase) when we are classed with Josiah H. Drummond and "old Albion" as a correspondent. Time we hope may fulfill his estimate of our achievements and abilities in this chair, and as a new man to the work of the round table we should be remiss if we did not express appreciation of kind words and encouragement in a delicate and difficult task, especially when offered by such a man in such a spirit of fraternal good-will and kindly welcome.

IDAHO, 1922.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership, 8,776; members admitted during year, 228. There are seventy-five lodges. Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present, and the representatives of twenty-eight Grand Jurisdictions, although ours of Maine was not listed as present.

A brief word on the title page of the Proceedings tells us that Grand Lodge has ordered these to be read, "three months from the receipt thereof which fact the secretaries are required to report to the Grand Secretary under seal of the lodge." We are a bit curious to know what constitutes an official reading in the various constituent lodges, so that a secretary can solemnly aver under seal that the proceedings have been read. Is it all, or a part; say the excellent address of the Most Worshipful, and the no less able document of Bro. Knepper for the Correspondence Committee?

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Fletcher A. Jeter, in opening his annual address said that there appears to be a good deal too much controversy and contention in Masonic circles, and he thinks it not too much to say, "that Masonry is on trial today as it never has been in the past." Which as the old news-items used to say, "is important, if true." For we must not forget the Anti-Masonic days, and the Morgan excitement which era was in America the time of soul searching and Masonic testing, the great ordeal of fire for Masonry in America.

Of the K. K. K. he avers it is "un-Masonic." With its aims and purposes Masonry can have no affiliation, it must keep clear of entangling alliances (where have we heard that Phrase)? If a Mason is an officer of the Klan, it is in bad taste, if not a Masonic crime, to proclaim his prominent standing in the Masonic Order, thus trying to make it appear that his actions have Masonic sanction." All of which is strong, wholesome counsel.

The Grand Master issued twenty-two dispensations, all permissible from our Maine standpoint. Three were granted for new lodges. We note with cordial approval the appointment of R. W. Bro. Hiram A. Webber, of Brunswick, Maine, for Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

The matter referred to last year, the suspension of a W. M. for the remainder of his term of office, for deliberately falsifying the ballot, occupies large place in the Grand Master's address, and he has rendered several opinions relative to the matter. The question was asked, "will he (the suspended W. M.) be entitled to the honors and privileges of a Past Master? Answer—My opinion is, "Yes." The Jurisprudence Committee sat down solidly on that affirmative answer by saying: "We do not concur with this opinion of the Grand Master, because the suspended W. M. did not serve until the end of the Masonic year, and he is therefore not a Past Master." (He would not even be a *member* in Maine).

During his term of office the Grand Master laid two corner-stones, and several new lodges were constituted. He sees in the George Washington Memorial a bond, "binding the Fraternity more closely together than other conceivable Masonic action." He advocates that a Grand Lecturer be made "a power for greater good," by the selection of a competent man to serve nine months of the year giving his time exclusively to the work of his office. In closing he asserts that by virtue of his Masonic service he has "come to realize more fully than ever before that high ideals still abide

in the hearts of men." Which is a tribute to him and to the brethren of Idaho, perhaps the consummation of any real Masonic service.

An Oration, by Brother Will H. Gibson, on "Masonry and Present-Day Problems," is an interesting, ingenious and eloquent weaving of Masonic ritualistic language with modern thought and issues that has challenged our admiration and applause.

A resolution was "adopted" to the effect that each officer, "shall be elected by separate ballot, and (mark the inference) no slate, ticket, or collective balloting shall be permissible." Evidently it is difficult to keep political methods out of Grand Lodge.

We appreciate the tender fraternal reference in the — Necrology — to our own beloved frater, Albro Elmore Chase, which contains this true word: "He was a man among men and one of the strongest pillars supporting the Masonic fabric in Maine."

The Grand Lodge of Panama is fraternally recognized at this session. A Committee was appointed to consider and revise "The Burial Service," because the present one, "is doleful in the extreme, and not only contains smatterings of religious creeds, but even these of conflicting nature, therefore steps should be taken to revise it so as to be in accord with our Ancient Landmarks." There is many another such service that would bear the same drastic treatment and be more in keeping with modern ideas and triumphant faith in immortality.

After a rather wholesale suspension of officers, (with the expulsion of one member), Buhl Lodge, had its charter restored. Evidently as Kipling puts it, "they've had no end of a lesson, 'twill do them no end of good."

But next day Grand Lodge thought better of this action, and reconsidered the case of the W. M. who had been suspended for three years, and restored him "to good standing."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the seasoned hand of M. W. Bro. Geo. E. Knepper, the twenty-first review of this able Masonic writer. Maine, for 1921 and 1922, are cordially considered and for the major part approved. He refers to the action of Idaho in joining the Masonic Service Association, then withdrawing, and then rejoining, as a kind of "off-again, on-again, Finnigan," performance. We could find comfort under such a process in the words of Emerson, "that consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds." Following the Emersonian suggestion, we have no desire to criticise and prefer to believe it is an evidence both of intellectual capacity and mental agility.

Maine's correspondent appreciates the kindly words of fraternal approval for his review of last year (his first) at the lenient hands of so able and experienced a reviewer and correspondent as Brother Knepper.

ILLINOIS, 1922.

The Eighty-third Annual Communication.

Ten Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of fifty-eight Grand Jurisdictions were present. We note with pleasure the attendance of Maine's Grand Representative with the familiar and beloved name of R. W. Bro. Amos Pettibone.

Membership, 247,570; net gain for the year of 16,658. 919 chartered lodges.

M. W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach, Grand Master, in the opening of his annual address makes brief reference to the social and economic problems and issues that are confronting us and finds their solution in the basic principles and tenets of Masonry. In order that there may be the right atmosphere in the lodge room he has much to say in respect of smoking in "open lodge," administering gentle reproof to persistent offenders, and making a personal visit to one recalcitrant lodge where he "reprimanded the Master and the members for their disobedience of the law." The desired effect was produced as we are informed that this lodge is loyally obeying the law.

Under the caption — Sunday Picnics — he says that he issued a letter to each lodge warning them against this practice, especially when under the name and auspices of the lodges. This, too, had a deterrent effect, as "every lodge acted upon the suggestions made."

The Grand Master does not like the word — Orphan — as applied to the Masonic Home at LaGrange, and suggests that an appropriate amendment be made to the By-laws so that henceforth it will be officially known as, The Illinois Masonic Home for Children. The Illinois brethren hold this Home very near to their hearts as evidenced by the fact that last year they made the splendid appropriation of six thousand dollars for educational purposes, and a like sum this year for equipment of playgrounds, gymnasium and athletic field. Adelphi Lodge has pledged itself to give one dollar per capita for five years as a Foundation Fund for Vocational Training at this Home, and we read also that "Medinah Temple" (we assume the Shrine) donated \$20,000.00 for the purchase of additional grounds adjoining the Home.

Evidently the Grand Master holds to the strict letter of the law in the matter of physical defects for he says, "although empowered to do so I have declined to issue dispensations waiving physical defects."

He believes that lodges are taking too many chances of injuring their standing and good name by permitting inter-fraternal baseball matches, and from the evidence submitted he is abundantly justified in saying, "these ought to be strictly forbidden." Surely, a "disgraceful rowdyism, so that spectators not Masons have often been amazed and naturally wonder what sort of a fraternity it is whose members indulge in such ribald, insulting and scandalous language and conduct toward each other," needs to be summarily suppressed.

During his term of office the Grand Master dedicated eight Temples, constituted twenty lodges, laid nine corner-stones, and organized and instituted twenty-eight new lodges.

The Committee on Legislation had under advisement the matter of the petitioning of aliens for membership, which Committee recommends that the matter lay over for one year.

An eloquent Oration, by Bro. Frank O. Lowden, deals with the challenging questions of our time, the burning issues which confront our Republic, and the solution that can be found in the ideals and principles of the

Fraternity. It is an oration with statesmanlike vision and grasp of fundamentals, with a real orator's eloquence and fervor in their presentation and advocacy.

The Committee on Obituaries brings in a tender tribute to two R. W. Brothers, Henry S. Albin, and Chas. Andrew Weaver, who had served the Grand Lodge and the fraternity in Illinois with unremitting zeal and loyalty.

The Committee on Jurisprudence endorses "Near East Relief" with a ringing resolution appropriating "from our general treasury a creditable sum for this worthy cause." The resolution was adopted.

The Illinois Masonic Home (Sullivan) is given large space by the Board of Managers, and in the Superintendent's report, and we learn that it is efficiently and economically managed, but there is evidently an increasing financial problem for consideration.

A distinguished visitor, M. W. Bro. Fred C. Barnett, Past Grand Master of Wyoming, was cordially greeted and "responded briefly."

The Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence is written under the familiar name of M. W. Bro. Delmar D. Darrah, who says in his salutatory that he "has tried to write in simple language." This he has achieved in forceful, sinewy English which it has been a delight to read. It is one of the distinctive reviews both in matter and manner and is rather unique in attempting to unite the two kinds of report which might be termed the old well-accepted narrative type and the innovation which is termed "topical." Fifteen pages are devoted to the latter kind of review and touches upon such vital subjects as—Education, Revenue, the Third-degree, Catechism, the School Question, and the Ku Klux Klan, Physical Qualification and the Masonic Service Association. Clandestine Masonry and Pseudo Organizations receive trenchant comment at his hands. It is a worth-while review which has interested, informed and even inspired us and our only regret is that we cannot pass the whole able discussion and elucidation on to our brethren of Maine. Quiet conservatism and withal constructive vision and advocacy of well tried Masonic principles and ideals characterize his dealing with these subjects in a simple yet masterly manner. Maine in the more formal review of the other type, receives adequate fraternal consideration, while our doings are unqualifiedly commended. Grand Master Wheeler is quoted approvingly, and the details of our sessions are consecutively catalogued. The writer of this review is commended for an "excellent" report; and as it was his maiden effort such a word of approval, with the other good things which Bro. Darrah said, we bow with a kind of diffident maidenly blush at the words of complement from such an honored source.

INDIANA, 1922.

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication.

Membership 113,804, net gain 5,783. 559 lodges. Seventeen Past Grand Masters, and twenty-one Grand Representatives, including ours of Maine, were present.

Previous to the formal opening of Grand Lodge there was an excellent address by Bro. James A. Collins, Judge of the Criminal Court of Indianapolis; with singing by the brethren and music by the Boys' Band from the Masonic Home.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Omar B. Smith, in his annual address, reports the official family "happily unbroken," and returns thanks to the Supreme Ruler for this evidence of His care during the year; while he makes reverent pause in memory and honor of those in subordinate lodges and sister Grand Lodges who have suffered deeply in these regards.

He finds much to commend in the Masonic Home and in the co-operation of the Eastern Star in its welfare and maintainance.

Speaking of the George Washington Memorial he thinks the plan of soliciting members for a voluntary subscription of one dollar each is wrong and heartily concurs in the method of assessment on each local lodge.

Of the Donations by this Grand Lodge we notice sums given for the Pueblo Flood sufferers, for Near East (\$250.00) for China (\$500.00).

Invasions of jurisdiction (with Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania) were all amicably settled and peace and harmony resumed.

The Grand Master constituted three new lodges, one named after the late and beloved Grand Secretary, Calvin W. Prather. He closed several lodges whose charters had been revoked. Corner-stone ceremonies were many (fifteen) at which the Grand Master officiated, while he dedicated five new temples. His ten "Decisions" while varying somewhat from our own practice, are all within their own Constitution and local by-laws, and considerable space is given in explanation and elucidation of the matters under consideration. Among his recommendations we note that when a candidate has allowed one year to elapse after election for the E. A. Degree, he has forfeited his right, and must again petition. Approved by Grand Lodge.

He recommends that lodges be allowed to use the loose-leaf record books if they so desire, and also that applicants must use their full names and not initials, in signing applications. Grand Lodge adopted both.

The Grand Master comes down solidly on political endorsement of a member for civic office and the use of funds for political candidacy. After drastic action by him, he is pleased to report, "no further trouble." One lodge whose condition is deplorable in every way, had its charter arrested by the Grand Master, and he recommends its revocation at this session.

We learn also that there are several lodges under "Suspension" and others "On Probation," but the reasons seem good in every instance and justice seems to operate impartially in Indiana. When decided improvement is shown by these lodges, clemency and mercy will beam upon them is the promise of the Grand Master. Seven Grand Representatives were appointed and commissioned among which is Panama, and the Philippine Islands, both of which have been recognized by Maine.

We notice the dear and honored name of M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase, for many years our Grand Correspondent, among the list of transfigured brothers of sister jurisdictions. A memorial to General Washington

Johnston, one of the forefathers of Masonry in Indiana and the Northwest, occupies a large place in his report and a three-page interesting biography is given by Dr. James N. McCoy. It is planned to erect an enduring monument over his grave in Vincennes. Cordial approval is given by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master gives high praise and cordial greeting to the O. E. S. for its sisterly aid and co-operation and introduces a resolution permitting the Grand Secretary, O. E. S., to occupy suitable quarters in the Grand Lodge building, and to co-operate in the purchase of office equipment. Approved.

The Grand Treasurer gives six pages to his report in which we find the Grand Lodge in sound financial standing with funds of large and imposing figures.

The Committee on Ritual, especially referring to the funeral ceremony which was considered last year, (and this committee appointed to consider and report at this Communication) brings in a newly arranged service, and recommends that a copy be sent to each lodge and that the adoption or rejection of the new funeral ritual, be delayed for the period of one year. In their report the committee believes that where there is so much material to choose from, the brethren ought to have opportunity "to make valuable suggestions regarding the most desirable forms and verbiage." This last word — verbiage — does not appeal to us and a consulting of the dictionary will tell our Indiana brethren why "verbiage" is the last thing desired in a burial service.

The Committee on Correspondence does not recognize Ecuador, but asks for further time for investigation.

The formal review is written by M. W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay, P. G. M., and is a readable and enlightening resume of the action and legislation of fifty-two Grand Lodges, prefaced by a membership table of the United States and Canada, a very valuable addition for general information and statistics.

The two pages allotted to Maine are largely well chosen quotations from Grand Master Wheeler and Grand Secretary Davis, with a comment or two on our action regarding the Masonic Service Association, and our raising of the minimum fee for the degrees.

In closing under Maine, M. W. Bro. Gay pays this deserved tribute to Bro. Chase: "In his death Maine loses one of its foremost Masons, a man who was loved and admired by every one who knew him. The writer, who was one of his "school boys," will always treasure the great pleasure of having had the personal acquaintance of such a splendid gentleman and friend."

This intimate and personal touch, especially Bro. Gay's reference to the school boy days, could be echoed by countless men of middle life throughout Maine and indeed the United States for Bro. Chase for many years a High School Principal in Portland, gave of his best and influenced thousands like M. W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay toward the higher aims and ideals of manhood and American citizenship.

IOWA, 1922.

The Seventy-ninth Annual Communication.

There are 540 Chartered Lodges with a membership of 78,600, net gain 5,065. All Grand Officers, and fifteen Past Grand Masters were present.

Of the multiform "Proceedings" which come to us from various grand jurisdictions, that of Iowa is one of the best in general format, with high grade paper, clear print and good binding. A pleasure to handle as well as to read, a fulfillment of that familiar line of John Keats, "a thing of beauty is a joy forever." From the opening photograph and biographical sketch of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Amos N. Alberson, to the well arranged and articulated index at the close of its nearly five hundred pages it is well nigh flawless in its bookmaking perfection.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. N. Alberson, opening his annual address changes the routine of saying there is unprecedented prosperity in numerical and financial growth, by asserting this altogether higher and nobler prosperity "of a greater awakening among the Craft to a sense of their personal and collective obligations in relation to civic duty."

In the course of his report he takes opportunity to commend and eulogize the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington Memorial, while he is unsparing in his condemnation of clandestine Masonry as represented by the "American Masonic Federation" which has been "a thorn in the flesh" of legitimate Masonry in many Western jurisdictions, but which has now received its just deserts in the findings of the United States District Courts, that it is an organization guilty of using the mails to defraud. Evidently it is a case in our homely Anglo-Saxon phrase of "good riddance of bad rubbish."

Tender and reverent reference is made to those who have been "called up higher," R. W. Bro. Joseph M. Griffiths (P. J. G. W.) and R. W. Bro. Gilbert Baldwin (P. J. G. W.) Masons in deed as well as name," and could there be higher tribute?

Among the pleasant duties of the Grand Master's term of administration was the constituting of eight, and the organizing of nine, new lodges; while five corner-stones were officially consecrated and four Temples were dedicated.

Of Masonic ciphers he says in graphic phrase, "The unholy and unlawful practice of the use of ciphers by officers is still lurking with us, but I am pleased to say to you that its shadow is growing less, and now as it is on the retreat it is hoped that the brethren will give it a vigorous kick." Somehow that phrase "a kick on the retreat" appeals to our sense of poetic justice! But evidently that is the way they do things to things of that kind, as witness the calandestine American Masonic Federation, and its short shrift in Iowa. As another instance of this wholesome and unhesitating "posterior" treatment we would like to give Grand Master Alberson's characterisation and arraignment of the Ku Klux Klan, but a few graphic phrases must suffice: "It is reported that its organizers and agents have stated and intimated to members of our Craft that the said Ku Klux Klan is in effect an adjunct of Freemasonry and in accord with

its principles and purposes. Any such statement or intimation is absolutely false and untrue, in that Masonry can not and does not approve of or ally itself with any organization or movement, secret or public, that proposes to subvert or supercede the processes of orderly representative government 'of the people, for the people, and by the people,' nor one that appeals to bigotry and endeavors to foster hatred of any nationality, class, religious faith or sect as such. I solemnly charge each and all regular masons in Iowa that affiliation with any such secret organization that purports to establish an invisible, intolerant and irresponsible autocracy within our commonwealth is unwise, unpatriotic, and in direct violation of the teachings and traditions of American Masonry." And much more of the same kind of outspoken, straight from the shoulder, kind of treatment which this insidious and bigoted organization so richly deserves. As far East as Maine we have had the same kind of interviews from the same source and we are heartily happy that Iowa, and Texas and Missouri and indeed practically every jurisdiction which has spoken on the matter, gives it the same kind of "posterior" treatment which is so energetically and liberally applied by Iowa and its Grand Master.

This somewhat extended reference, precludes the mention of many other vital matters dealt with in the same vigorous and even strenuous way by the Grand Lodge and its manly leader.

Large space is given to the two New Masonic Temples, one at Muscatine and the other at Burlington, with eight clear interior and exterior photographs of these splendid examples of Masonic architecture.

Several distinguished guests were greeted with honors from the Grand East, and made fitting and eloquent response, among these names we notice that of the M. W. Grand Master of Nebraska, Bro. Edward Wellman; R. W. Bro. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary of Nebraska; Brother Nate E. Kendall, Governor of Iowa; M. W. Bro. Herman Held, Grand Master of Minnesota, and a somewhat extended list of Grand Officers of the various bodies of both Rites.

Past Grand Master Jesse A. West, in making the report for the Committee on Masonic Sanitarium, does not feel "that the data procured is sufficiently exhaustive or accurate at this time to warrant recommending any plan for this institution," and so the Committee is continued to make report at the next Annual Communication.

We have been a bit impatient and eager to turn to the pages of the report on Foreign Correspondence knowing it to be from the hand of that rather masterful reviewer whose clear autograph is familiar to all of the corps of round-table correspondents. M. W. Bro. Louis Block, P. G. M., gives us the usual high grade review in exactly two hundred and ten pages of clear and forceful English. Keen, kindly, caustic criticism and comment characterize his work and challenges our admiration and ministers to our fraternal happiness. We differ occasionally, but on the great essential matters we are always in hearty agreement.

Bro. Block is also interested and aggressive in administering "posterior"

application to "printed rituals, ciphers and keys" by saying that "Iowa has cut all bridges behind her, for she has made it a Masonic offense to use them either within or without, the lodge." In his foreword he is justly proud of his Grand Jurisdiction, giving a page of eloquent laudation to "The Great Work in Iowa."

Under "Maine" he deals in a commendatory way with M. W. Bro. Wheeler's annual address, quotes from him very liberally, and approves of Brother Wheeler's advanced attitude upon the subject of physical qualifications, asserting that it is characterized "by a saving common sense."

He pays a very graceful and deserved tribute to our beloved and lamented Brother Chase, calling his report one of the many "which have won for this able and scholarly Masonic writer an enviable place among the brethren of the round table."

To do adequate justice to Brother Block and the Proceedings of Iowa would be to imitate Tennyson's brook, and "go on forever" and somewhere a period must be placed to even the most delightful things.

KANSAS, 1922.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership 69,150, net gain 6,158.

All the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters and fifty-four Grand Representatives were present. That tower of Masonic strength in Kansas, M. W. Bro. Hugh P. Farrelly, is present as always, as the Representative for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Ben S. Paulen, expresses the faith that Masonry "will continue to blaze the path of progress, and serve to remind us that our work is the work of the Master, Service above Self." And Grand Master Paulen has lived up to this slogan, according to the report of the Committee on Grand Officers.

Kansas has been sorely stricken in that two past elective officers have been removed by death: M. W. Bro. Maurice L. Stone, P. G. M., and R. W. Bro. James M. Keck, P. G. Junior Warden. Fitting tribute is paid by the Grand Master and the Memorial Committee, to these eminent and beloved craftsmen.

Among his duties were the constituting of five new lodges, for which special communications were held, while he issued dispensations for organizing eight others during his term.

Like most Grand Masters who issue dispensations for out of time degrees, he gives expression to the haunting suspicion "I am certain the privilege is abused in many cases." Frank and courageous Grand Master!

He had the difficult and unwelcome duty of removing one D. D. G. M. for conduct "unwarranted and absolutely inexcusable."

Twelve corner-stone ceremonies were conducted under Grand Lodge auspices, several for high school buildings. The Grand Master asserts that District Meetings have proven themselves an "absolute necessity," and advocates their continuance. He was constrained to issue a com-

munication to all lodges because there had been deliberate and flagrant disregard of the Grand Master's orders, open violation of laws, and many innovations introduced in work and lectures. Arrest of charter, and suspension from office are the alternatives faced by lodges and officers if these violations continue.

The Grand Chaplain "faithful and beloved," W. Bro. Francis S. Blayne, was "called to the Grand Lodge Above" during his term.

Among his "Decisions" we notice one which accords with our unvarying practice in Maine, that it was not proper to use lodge funds for any other purpose than those which are strictly Masonic, and he later explains, "for the support of poor, relief of the distressed, or for any other purpose that shall tend to ameliorate the condition of the human family or an individual." Which seems to give breadth to the former phrase, "strictly Masonic purposes," and might be stretched to cover a great deal, "for amelioration of the human family" could include China and the Near East.

A somewhat unique but altogether delightful feature of the Grand Secretary's report is the inclusion of several landscape pictures given by different lodges for the Grand Lodge building. They are real works of art painted in oil, by well known painters, and must be an addition and aesthetic delight to the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

The full report of the "Masonic Home" is preceded by a full page photograph of the oldest and youngest members of the Home, standing side by side; Youth and Age; the boy five years of age, the old brother, Levi H. Gorrell, a centenarian, born October 8, 1822. It is a touching and eloquent commentary on Masonic Service in Kansas, and also a stern reminder of the flight of time, from the dawn of dewy youth, to the frosted hairs of manhood's sunset. May that twilight be bright for the aged brother with stars of eternal hope.

The Committee on Grand Officers, commenting on the carelessness and "even contumacious conduct" of sundry lodge officers, suggests that it may be possible that the epidemic of lawlessness which seems to be sweeping the land, may be invading our Order and corrupting Masonic character. Here surely over our portals must be written that message of the Marne, "Thou Shalt Not Pass."

A brilliant "Oration" was given by W. Bro. Robert P. McCulloch which dealt with the higher meanings of our Masonic working tools, and how their symbolism touched in a vital way the issues, problems and destinies of our times. It was a thoughtful and convincing appeal to Masonic duty and American idealism.

The Committee on Necrology prepared one of the best reports that it has been our pleasure to read, it opens with a beautiful classic allusion and parable from the early Greeks, quoted Wordsworth, and phrases itself in chaste and sinewy English.

A report, unanimously adopted, was to the effect that Kansas should not now join the Masonic Service Association. Which accords with our own action of two years ago.

A distinguished visitor in the person of M. W. Bro. Andrew L. Randall,

Grand Master of Texas, was welcomed to the Grand East, and made fitting and inspiring response to the Grand Master's greeting.

The Grand Lodges of Queensland and Ecuador were recognized at this communication.

Public Schools and the Towner-Sterling Bill were endorsed in a brief but ringing resolution.

In the "Dead of Sister Jurisdictions," we see the name of our own M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase, P. G. M., and Foreign Correspondent for many years, holding high and honored place on the roster.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson, and is a model of clear thinking, lucid comment and constructive criticism. Bro. Wilson in speaking of "Physical Qualifications" makes this wise and timely remark, "one cannot help but think that they (those who throw down all barriers and repudiate the Ancient Landmarks) have never been students of Freemasonry, but are applying the "progressive spirit" of the day, to which is attached the so-called war sentiment." He quotes approvingly the tendency to put restrictions on outside organizations that make Masonic membership a pre-requisite for admittance, but feels that this may be carried too far and evidently has Pennsylvania in mind relative to Grand Master Sell's edict forbidding membership in the O. E. S.

Maine is cordially greeted and generously considered by Brother Wilson. "Our thrift and Yankee foresight" are commended. There is a slight error in the matter of fees of clergyman, our action no longer permits the conferring of degrees upon them without fee, but must take the same course as all other applicants. But there is nothing said, Brother Wilson, about remunerating the clergy for services rendered—as they frequently give time and service for the fraternity without expectation of pay or reward, and in this way perhaps, in some instances, it will come to the same thing.

It has been a pleasure to read the review, especially to touch the fine spirit of Bro. Wilson, while dealing with Maine and our doings.

KENTUCKY, 1921.

The One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Communication.

Membership 66,212, net gain (approximate) 6,191. 610 lodges on the roster. Twenty-six Past Grand Masters were present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Fred Acker, in opening his annual address refers to an unbroken official family during the year, to the prosperity and wholesome growth of the craft throughout the jurisdiction. He reports the routine duties of laying of corner-stones, dedication of temples, issuing dispensations for new lodges (there are ten of these) and a long list of visitations indicating a busy year of service. It is good to see a long list of dispensations refused, especially for degrees in less than the constitutional time, the few which were granted being for change of place of meeting and for election.

Among his recommendations is one for dual-membership, the con-

tinuation of the practice of donating \$15,000.00 per year to the Educational Trustees, be continued; the increasing of the Grand Secretary's salary by \$300.00 per year, the increasing of the minimum for degrees from twenty to thirty dollars, and one to forbid the use of cipher-rituals unauthorized by Grand Lodge, all of which were favorably considered.

Contrary to our custom of quoting long paragraphs in order to fill up a report, the rule must now and then be broken, and here we must forego it in order to quote the strong language, but justified, of Grand Master Ackers respecting the Ku Klux Klan. "Speaking the sentiment I trust of 66,000 good men and true, who are taught in the first degree of Masonry not to discountenance disloyalty or rebellion, but to be quiet and peaceable citizens in the community in which they live, therefore at this time when there is so much lawlessness, crime, robbery and murder, we should stand behind the legally constituted and elected officers of the Nation, State, and Municipality, in seeing that law and order prevails. Any man, or body of men who presume to take the law into their own hands is considered by law a mob, and therefore subject themselves for prosecution by the laws of the land, and any Mason who is connected in any manner whatever in such unlawful practice is violating the principles of the great Order of Masonry, and should if known be dealt with by having the severest penalty known to Masonry inflicted upon him or them. The daily press not only in our own beloved state but of several other states carry big headlines of activities of the Ku Klux Klan, even giving account of battle with officers of the law whose sworn duty it is to see that the laws are enforced, as well as defying the same officers who are trying to prevent their parades and meetings. Most of their activities are under cover of darkness, which proves to you and me that their cause is not just, neither would they be if in broad daylight, the implied reason for darkness is possibly so that its followers may be less likely to be recognized. It is hoped that none of our members will participate in any unlawful gathering that will cause any blot upon their name or bring reproach upon this great order. Their numbers are quoted as approximately 700,000 certainly a small number of citizens to presume themselves above the law of country and state." Which strikes us as a sane and sound word of admonition and forceful reminder of Masonic duty in a state where great claims are made for K. K. K.

Two philanthropies occupy a large and noble place in this Kentucky Jurisdiction. The Widows' and Orphans' Home, and the Old Mason's Home (Shelbyville) which is to have some improvements and a new hospital addition.

The arrest of charter of six lodges had the desired effect of bringing compliance with the regulation which had been ignored. Another was arrested for a grave reason, "the greatest violation of Masonic obligation." His action in the matter was fully endorsed.

The Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary indicated sound financial standing, and a thorough going clerical administration in Kentucky.

A conflict of dates arising between the time of the annual communication and the annual meeting of the Kentucky State Racing Commission, thereby congesting the Louisville hotels, a committee was appointed to confer with this Commission to arrange for some other date for the races. Thus do two ancient and time honored Kentucky institutions come into conflict, it is the old Kipling situation of what happens when an irresistible force comes in contact with an immovable body.

Games of chance of any character or description under Masonic auspices are prohibited by a resolution reported by the Jurisprudence Committee and adopted by the Grand Lodge, the same "to go into full force at once."

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky is in full cooperation with the O. E. S. in soliciting and obtaining funds for the erection of the new buildings for the new Widow's and Orphan's Home.

The Correspondent's report is written by M. W. Bro. William W. Clarke, Past Grand Master. He has this wholesome word to say in the course of his review: "There is a very apparent disposition on the part of Grand Lodges to get back to pre-war conservatism. The emotional hysteria, engendered and fostered by the great struggle of civilization for existence, is passing." Bro. Clarke sees this reflected in our lodge activities and asserts, "that only thus can Masonry as Masonry be maintained. Only in this manner can be prevented a drift, which, if it once set in, will ultimately completely change the Masonic character and Masonic concept."

Maine receives favorable and generous notice, Grand Master Adams is approvingly quoted anent his decisions and rulings. Our action in raising the fees for the degrees is commented upon with approval and he especially says respecting our action on the fees of the Clergy, that "it is decidedly an advance over the law in Kentucky."

Bro. Clarke's report is a comprehensive and discriminating review which it has been a pleasure to read and almost wholly to approve.

KENTUCKY, 1922.

The One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 69,260; gain for the year, 3,048. Number of lodges, 613.

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Fred W. Hardwick, in opening his annual address, outlines a truly Masonic policy when he says that it has been his aim "to discourage all debate and discussion upon subjects that would cause differences to arise among the brethren, and to admonish those who have been disposed to carry labor troubles into the lodges." The Grand Master deplors the growing tendency "to use the Symbolic Lodges, the foundation of Masonry, as a stepping-stone for so called higher degrees."

In a well phrased — Memorial — the Grand Master pays tender and intimately personal tribute to P. G. M. Bro. Dave Jackson, the beloved Grand Secretary of Kentucky for many years.

He announces the appointment of Bro. Alex M. Woodruff as Grand Secretary to fill the unexpired term, and we notice that at the expiration of his own term as Grand Master, Bro. F. W. Hardwick was elected to this office. A busy official term is indicated by his report.

Respecting the George Washington Memorial he says, that little has been done, on "account of having to put forth all our energy in raising funds for our New Home." We of Maine who administer our charities in other but equally efficient ways have noticed that this is frequently a very decided handicap when outside projects are at the fore, although Maine has no reason for pride in its offerings toward the Washington Memorial. The Masonic Homes of Kentucky are soundly administered and their finance tables must be a source of pride to the brethren of this jurisdiction, and we notice with especial pleasure a "moving picture film" of various scenes of the Home, which is utilized by many lodges to show the brethren the advantages of this institution. Six pages are given to an account of the dedication of the Hospital of Old Masonic Home with addresses, an event which was a part of the Grand Lodge session.

The Masonic Employment Bureau gives a somewhat detailed report of its work for the year and indicates efficient labor and substantial service rendered.

A touching womanly letter from the widow of the late Grand Secretary, P. G. M. Bro. Dave Jackson, was read in Grand Lodge, every line of which showed her appreciation of the kindly fraternal offices and ministrations of the brethren in the last hours of her husband's life, who was suddenly stricken on a street car and rushed to the hospital where the end came in a few hours. As an indication of Kentucky's love for "Dave" we notice that a lodge, Dave Jackson Lodge, No. 731, was named at this annual session in memory and honor of their late Grand Secretary.

An interesting discussion occurred on "how to wear the apron as a F. C.," which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which included the matter in the close of its report, indicating that various Grand Jurisdictions differ in this respect and the so-called monitors and Masonic Encyclopedias were at variance respecting the matter, therefore Kentucky follows Webb and adheres to its own regulation (No. 18) which is as follows: "The apron is to be worn in full view, flowing freely, and as follows: First Degree, bib up; Second Degree, bib down; Third Degree, bib down; except that when worn, as a mark of distinction, the left lower corners should be tucked up." The brethren of Maine will see at once that there is here a decided divergence from our own custom and practice. The report of the Committee indicates that there is decided variance between authorities and jurisdictions respecting the matter.

In addition to their great loss in Bro. Jackson, the Committee on Necrology notices also and pays deserved respect to the passing of P. G. M. Bro. Robert R. Burham. One afternoon was set apart for the unveiling of a monument erected by the Masons of Kentucky to P. G. M. and Grand Secretary Bro. Dave Jackson. A full programme of the exercises was given in the annual proceedings.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the hand of P. G. M. Bro. William W. Clarke, and is a model of succinct quotation and intelligent and vital comment on the doings of Grand Lodges. The salient legislation and pivotal doings are grasped with unerring precision and expressed in clear and careful English which it is a delight to read.

Maine is uniformly commended, Grand Master Wheeler's "admirable paper" is praised and quoted, and Bro. Chase comes in for these words of praise: "For many years he wrote with great ability the Annual Report on Correspondence."

In respect to his query respecting Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44, of Milo, working the M. M. degree; we would say that his first guess is right, it *was* "a called meeting of that lodge in a place where it could legally meet," otherwise it would have come under the implied censure of "Masonic jurists." It has been done in Maine for decades as a kind of object lesson to the less informed brethren, and serves with the Grand Lecturer's criticism as a kind of model for the representatives who are usually the Masters and Wardens of the various lodges of Maine. They return to their various home-lodges with at least some approximation to a correct rendition of the ritual and floor-work of the M. M. degree.

The correspondent for Maine greatly appreciates the kindly and approving word for his Maiden attempt to succeed Bro. Albion E. Chase, who for so many honored years filled this chair. He has also made ample amends for the omission of Kentucky last year (he could not review what he did not receive) by gladly reviewing both reports of 1921 and 1922. A large place would be wanting in any report which did not include so great and noble a jurisdiction as Kentucky.

LOUISIANA, 1922.

The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Communication.

Membership 29,594, net gain (apparent) 2,517. 394 lodges.

All Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of fifty-three jurisdictions, including ours of Maine, were present.

The M. W. Grand Master of Texas, Bro. Andrew L. Randell, was cordially greeted from the Grand East, and made fitting response which was rewarded "with prolonged applause" by the brethren.

M. W. Bro. Hollace H. Bain, Grand Master, in accounting for his stewardship in the annual report says, "We are justly proud of the rapid growth of our Order, but I would remind you that numbers mean Power, that Power spells Opportunity, and that Opportunity and Responsibility are synonyms."

He says in reference to the Disarmament Conference, that "it was beyond the shadow of a doubt a great step in the right direction."

Louisiana is strong in its support of the M. S. A., the Grand Master voicing the attitude and conviction of his brethren by saying, "that it (the M. S. A.) is destined to be one of the most potent factors for good that has ever been attempted by the Masonic Fraternity."

That Masonry in Louisiana is a virile and militant reality is shown by such words as these: "Shall we continue our lodges as degree-mills, turning out members and calling them Masons, who can dot the i's and cross the t's in the esoteric work, but know absolutely nothing about the fundamentals of the institution or what it is all about? Shall we continue to worship the corpse and forget the living soul of Masonry?" The Grand

Master answers the question in emphatic negative and the entire proceedings of Louisiana leave little doubt that it is a vigorous and dynamic body. Again, how deftly and vigorously he punctures an all too common fallacy by saying: "Some of our members seem to think that the small fee which they necessarily pay to get into the lodge entitles them not only to a letter of credit, a passport to a sanitarium, and an insurance policy containing a sick and disability clause, but also to an annuity to their families ever afterwards if they die."

The Grand Master's address is filled with a score and more of vigorous, pungent words like these, which strike the right note and probe to the basic granite of Masonry.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, came out rather sharply on his dispensations, especially in allowing great classes from six to eighteen, to be worked collectively.

Among his visitations he lays especial stress on one to Lake Charles and "the magnificent surprise" that met his eyes in seeing what he terms "the most expensive, the most exquisitely and luxuriously furnished Masonic Hall (a temple costing \$165,000) in Louisiana."

Among his pleasant duties was the constitution of eleven, and the organizing of twelve, new lodges.

He issued two letters to all constituent lodges urging support of the Towner-Sterling Bill, and another for the general observance of Washington's Masonic Birthday (November 4th).

Sixteen pages of his report deals with the Masonic situation in Mexico and is a good supplement to the same extended reports of California and Texas. These three Grand Jurisdictions have given thorough and painstaking study and investigation (going to Mexico for that purpose) to the confused and chaotic situation there. M. W. Bro. Bain in comparatively brief compass has lucidly outlined the situation, which it has been a source of information and enlightenment to read, and every Grand Jurisdiction is indebted to him, and the Commission of which he was a member, for elucidation of a much vexed and exceedingly complicated situation.

The Grand Master is a strong, vigorous and eloquent exponent and advocate of a Masonic Home for Louisiana, stating his side of the case convincingly, but not quite fairly to those who see the question, as Maine does, from another angle and who base their argument on economic, humanitarian and utilitarian grounds. There seems also to be some division of opinion and even conviction in Louisiana over the question.

The proposed New Masonic Temple in New Orleans loomed large in the Grand Master's address, and there was much discussion respecting the project in Committee and later in the sessions of the Grand Lodge. The whole matter seems to be deferred for a time.

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland and the Grand Lodge of Ecuador were recognized by adoption of the Committee's report, but Mexico was deferred until the next Annual Communication.

A stirring and thoughtful oration is given by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. W. Bro. Jasper K. Smith, outling the symbolism of Masonry and its

practical application to the duties and opportunities for service and helpfulness for mankind.

Near East Relief is substantially remembered with a donation of five hundred dollars by vote of the Grand Lodge, and a like amount for the Masonic Club at Tulane University, while the members of the Club were granted full authority to solicit further aid from the lodges of the State.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the well seasoned and rather masterly hand of M. W. Bro. John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary, who says in a brief preface: "The Craft is to be congratulated upon the spread of the Masonic doctrine throughout the world; even the South American Republics, that have so long labored under the rule of Church combined with the State, have thrown off the shackles and are joining hands in an effort to promote the education of the masses and promote the freedom and betterment of man." A characteristic and wholesome word from Louisiana which knows from bitter experience, whereof it speaks. Bro. Davilla's report is brief but trenchant in comment, clear in exposition, courteous in disagreement and always constructive in criticism. A pleasure to read, even though sometimes quite opposite in expression of views from our own. After all a dull uniformity of agreement would make for dead and lifeless reviews. Our correspondent reports would be like our old New England cemeteries, numberless heaving grave mounds with the same uniform marble slab covered with the moss of ages; with decent epitaphs, so that we often wonder with Sydney Smith, "where all the bad people are buried."

Maine receives brief notice from Bro. Davilla and his cordial invitation "Come South, brother, come South, *they* grow thicker down this way," is a gentle reminder that their problems and oppositions are not quite the same as ours in Maine, and yet, well "*they*" do loom a little on the horizon once in a while, but we pursue the even tenor of our way avoiding and ignoring controversy and recrimination, knowing that the Symbolic blue of our skies is vaster than any clouds and tempests that may appear.

Altogether we are indebted to Bro. John A. Davilla for several hours of pleasant and informing reading from the view point of our honored Louisiana Jurisdiction.

MANITOBA, 1922.

The Forty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership 10,208, net gain 876. There are 91 chartered lodges, while six new lodges were constituted during the year.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present, with forty-two Grand Representatives of various Grand Jurisdictions, although Maine's was absent.

Among the distinguished visitors welcomed by the Grand Master were M. W. Bro. Robert P. Anderson, P. G. M., of Michigan; M. W. Bro. Geo. M. Wier, Grand Master of Saskatchewan, and M. W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary of Saskatchewan, all of whom brought the usual cordial greetings and made interesting and helpful address during the session.

The M. W. Bro. George N. Jackson, Grand Master, in the course of his annual report made touching reference, under "Necrology," to M. W. Bro. Robert H. Myers, P. G. M., and to four District Deputy Grand Masters who had heard the higher call during the twelvemonth.

Under the caption "Fraternal Relations" the Grand Master has this to say respecting the Grand Orient of France with which Manitoba has been in fraternal relations for the past year: "We hope to see the Great Light restored to their altars, and the name of 'God' to their obligations and ceremonies." The Grand Master herein expresses the hope of many Grand Lodges who are not in fraternal relations with the G. O. of France who consider this one of the great obstacles, (with many of them indeed, quite insurmountable) to fraternal relations.

During the Grand Master's term he commissioned three Grand Representatives, laid one corner-stone and dedicated one Masonic Hall, made the usual number of visitations, one of notable importance to the International Masonic Celebration at Pembina, North Dakota, with three hundred brethren of the Province of Manitoba, where a tablet was unveiled to commemorate the establishing of Free Masonry in the Western States and Canada. The intertwining of the Stars and Stripes with the Union Jack was indicative of the good feeling which exists across the border and inspired the usual eloquent periods of peace and goodwill between the two countries. May it never grow less!

The Grand Master hints at a reprehensible condition in some lodge rooms, when he says, "I do not care how humble and unpretentious the meeting place is, but I do plead for cleanliness."

He advocates a continuation of the annual meeting of the Secretaries "to receive inspiration that will help in the performance of their important duties."

High tribute is paid to the valuable assistance of the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, and to the fidelity and labors of the various District Deputy Grand Masters.

Under "Education" the Grand Master says very forcefully, "Our Order cannot prosper where ignorance prevails, therefore it is a Masonic, as well as a patriotic duty of every Free Mason, to support, not only our public educational institutions, but every effort made to spread the Light of Masonic truth."

The eleven District Deputy Grand Masters made their customary reports, which read very much like our own in Maine and it is good to see familiar names like our own appended thereto.

The Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence brings in a somewhat brief report recognizing the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, and deferring the request of Venezuela. We quote from the report respecting American Grand Lodges in their relations with the different bodies in France. "Thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions are not in fraternal relations with any of the French bodies. Five recognize the Grand Orient and the Grand Lodge of France. Nine recognize only the Grand Lodge of France, and one North Dakota is in fraternal relations with the Grand

Orient. Three Grand Jurisdictions have rescinded their edicts of non-intercourse with the Grand Orient. The Grand Lodge of Missouri recognizes the third French Grand Lodge, known as the National Independent Grand Lodge of France, a small body of three or four lodges."

The Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Chas. E. Somerset, gives wholesome counsel in his address, pointing out the foundations of Masonry and the principles and ideals of good citizenship. Altogether an interesting and much needed word, straightforward and clear-cut, with little embellishment or ornate rhetoric.

Beyond the brief report of the Correspondence Committee already mentioned, there is no consideration or review by different Grand Jurisdictions, an omission which must be deplored in view of the brief but able document which was submitted containing much of real value in brief compass for the general "fraternity wheresoever dispersed."

MARYLAND, 1921.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Communication, preceded by the Two Hundred and Fifty-eighth Semi-Annual Communication.

Membership 28,430, net gain 2,815.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Warren S. Seipp, in his semi-annual report outlines the achievement and aims of his administration, speaking especially of the educational plans adopted to promote the work of the Masonic Service Association. Of this work he says, "that the lodges throughout the state have taken hold of the movement, and the reports are very satisfactory." The Grand Master then cites the case of Hiram Lodge as a working plan and tentative model for all other lodges to build upon as a foundation, and avers that, "a visit to this lodge will convince the most skeptical of its efficiency."

The Grand Master offers a standing resolution, which was later adopted, as follows: "Should a candidate receive the first degree, and for any reason, the second degree is not conferred upon him within twelve months after his election, he shall be dropped automatically." The same rule applies in the matter of the F. C. and M. M. degrees. "Should a candidate be dropped for any reason, he can only be reinstated by making a new application and by unanimous consent of the lodge."

The Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. John L. Yellott, submitted his report which says in justification of his methods and ways, which differ from those of his predecessors, that "David cannot wear the armor of Saul. My excuse for this independence, or presumption, must be the broad fact that each man must do his work in his own way, even though it be an inferior way. For the present I am confining myself to the humble task of helping the lodges, especially the county lodges, attain the utmost proficiency in the work." The Grand Lecturer conceives of the labor of his office as like that of "a modern Sisyphus, charged with the task of rolling a heavy stone up a very steep hill. The instant he removes his hand from the stone, it slips back. He hopes some day to get the stone to the top of the hill, but he is fortunate if, any day, it does not carry

him to the bottom." The fine spirit of these somewhat unusual words has appealed to us, and we believe they prophecy substantial success and achievement in this difficult and too often thankless Masonic labor.

Maryland has but one Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Charles C. Homer, and the brethren evidently use and appreciate him all the more for this fact, as we notice he was the recipient of many favors and special honors, while he figures that many of the important committees, making an especially fine report on the Washington Memorial and informing us that Maryland has already given to this cause more than its one dollar per capita quota, the aggregate amount at this time (1921) being in excess of \$38,000.

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland is fraternally recognized.

The Board of Managers in making their report, announce the hopes and plans for a New Masonic Temple. It seems to be understood among the brethren that the present temple is too small and quite inadequate for the present large and growing membership. The report says that the New Temple is "an absolute necessity." Therefore an architect has been engaged, plans and specifications drawn and submitted, but the Board does not deem it wise to submit these to the Fraternity at present for these are constantly undergoing changes in detail from time to time. The Board however, foretells that when the New Temple shall have become a reality it will be a source of pride and admiration to every Member of the Craft, and "will ask for the united support of every Mason in this grand old jurisdiction."

An address by Bro. James W. Chapman, Jr., is a model of brevity and eloquence and ends with a presentation of a jewel to Maryland's only living Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Chas. C. Homer. To this Bro. Homer made brief and fitting response.

A special communication was held at Glenburnie for the purpose of constituting a lodge of that name at this place. The Grand Master officiated.

P. J. G. Warden, R. W. Bro. John L. Sanford, delivered a notable address on the subject, "Washington—the Man and Mason," which must have been a source of information and inspiration to the brethren for its clear diction, scholarly form and eloquent periods. This correspondent has no hesitancy in saying that it is one of the best utterances on this theme, so well worn and rather stereotyped, that it has been his good fortune to enjoy.

Maryland found it advisable to fix definite fees for degrees, as did Maine in the same year, the present legislation covering the subject provides that in the City of Baltimore, the degrees shall not be conferred for a less sum than \$75.00, while in cities having a population of twenty thousand or more the fees shall be not less than \$60.00, and in all other lodges of the State the minimum fee is fixed at \$40.00.

The Grand Master warns against imposters who are circulating throughout the State, victimizing many brethren, especially in the rural districts. He advised "checking up" on their credentials, taking a little care, time and patience to find out as to their standing, even telegraphing to

the Secretaries of their lodges to find out the legality of their standing. He thinks by doing this it will be a great help to the Board of Relief in enabling them to find out whether they are imposters and discourage a great many men who are "now living on the Fraternity as parasites."

The United Patriotic Home for Orphans is remembered as usual with \$500.00 by vote of the Grand Lodge.

The Report of Foreign Correspondence is written by Past Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Henry Branch, and deals somewhat briefly with the majority of Grand Jurisdictions. Maine, however, is given more than a page of fraternal attention wherein he touches upon the salient legislation and proceedings of our Grand Lodge, our action and attitude toward the M. S. A., our contributions toward the George Washington Memorial, and he points out a seeming inconsistency between the decision of Grand Master Wheeler relative to lodge charity funds, and then quotes our Grand Lodge Charity Fund of \$79,157.73 (with 79 applicants) as indicating a rather peculiar situation in view of the Grand Master's decision.

Bro. Branch makes keen analysis of the various Grand Jurisdictions in their annual proceedings, writes clearly, fluently and convincingly on the matters coming under his attention and altogether we are indebted to him for an hour of enjoyable and informing comment and fraternal criticism.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1921.

The One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Annual Communication, preceded by three Quarterly Communications.

Membership 103,188, net gain 10,770.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Arthur D. Prince, being absent on a fraternal and official visit to the Canal Zone (Panama) sent greetings, and a brief message from him was read to the assembled brethren. In this message we read that the work has grown so rapidly that today there are six lodges with a membership of nearly twelve hundred. A District Grand Lodge has been formed under their allegiance, and a "treaty with the Grand Lodge of Panama giving us exclusive jurisdiction on the Zone." In the course of the same address the Grand Master outlined the conditions and procedure concerning plural membership, and also of investigation of applicants, the latter word of admonition having arisen because as we are informed, "a member of our Fraternity has reported to the Grand Lodge that on a recent occasion he overheard in a street car a conversation between four young men who were returning from a meeting of an organization known to be hostile to Freemasonry, one of them made the remark that when he had gained sufficient courage he was going to try to get into the Masons." Massachusetts is evidently acting on the principle of "forewarned is forearmed" and making practical use of the familiar slogan, "Safety First."

A Committee reports relative to size of lodges, "that at the present time and under existing circumstances it would be unwise to make any change in our Grand Constitutions as to the size of lodges or the number

of applicants." Grand Lodge concurred, by accepting and adopting the report.

Hereafter all written and printed notices in Massachusetts must be sent out in sealed envelopes, according to an amendment of the Constitutions adopted at this session.

Among the Special Communications, and there are many for the usual purpose, we notice with especial interest the Dedication of the Masonic Temple at Concord, where an instructive historical address was given (printed in full) by Wor. Bro. Edward B. Caiger, of Corinthian Lodge. In this address we read among many other interesting historical items that the charter was signed in 1797 by Paul Revere, the author says: "In the light of Revolutionary history it would certainly have been a matter for regret had not a lodge been instituted here in Concord thus early. Practically all the patriots of that period were Freemasons, the Boston Tea Party was instigated in a Masonic lodgeroom and carried through by our Masonic brethren." We read also in the course of this history that, "on July, 1872, occurred the death of Samuel Thatcher, in Bangor, Maine, at that time the oldest Mason in the country, initiated in this lodge, June 18, 1798, and therefore a Mason seventy-four years."

At the Second Quarterly Communication (June 8, 1921), the Grand Master gives an extended and most readable account of his visit to the Canal Zone (Panama) filled with interesting and moving incidents of his extended sojourn with the lodges under his jurisdiction there. He speaks also of the George Washington Memorial in earnest, eloquent terms, and finds satisfaction in the fact of Massachusetts's large contribution toward this worthy end. He does not seem so enthusiastic over the Masonic Service Association, saying, "I feel that the brethren are letting slip a golden opportunity" in not making use of its service, especially its educational program, and closes by saying, "I sincerely hope that the Masters will avail themselves of it and make plans now for instructional and inspirational meetings in the early fall."

The Grand Master reprimands the Brethren for laxity in omitting certain portions of the standard work, especially the third degree lecture, and avers, "I consider it rank injustice to the candidate to deprive him of it."

The Grand Master makes reference to several bequests which have been left to the Grand Lodge and informs the brethren how these have been adjusted and adjudicated by the Massachusetts Courts in the interest of the Craft.

It was unanimously voted to ratify the amendment to the treaty with the Grand Lodge of Panama.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton, gave an interesting memorandum on John Adams in which from sufficiently conclusive evidence he declares, "we may regard it as definitely settled that he was not a member of the Fraternity, it may be said with as much certainty as is possible in any historic statement that John Adams was not a Freemason."

At the Quarterly Communication in September (1921), the Grand

Master in the course of his address gives account of the laying of the corner-stone of the Whittall Chapel at Kidderminster, England, and says that when completed the building "will stand as a memorial to a Massachusetts Mason (R. W. Bro. M. J. Whittall) whose generosity is not limited by international boundaries."

The Grand Master approves Masonic Clubs; (Maine's Correspondent knew this before, having been in Grand Master Prince's company in 1920, in New York, at the annual session of the National League of Masonic Clubs, where he was found to be something better than a Masonic dignitary, a real "Prince" of good fellows, a companion fulfilling old Sir Henry Wotton's words:

"Who God doth late and early pray
More of His grace than goods to lend,
And walks with man from day to day
As with a brother and a friend."

More than 1,500 brothers have built the Boston Masonic Club, on Beacon Street, where as the Grand Master asserts they "will enjoy the possession and use of the finest Masonic clubhouse in the world."

Another interesting memorandum was given by Grand Secretary Hamilton under the caption: "A Forgotten Chapter in Massachusetts Masonic History," dealing with King Solomon's Lodge of Perfection on Martha's Vineyard, in which he finds it to be not a symbolic lodge but exactly what its name implies, A Lodge of Perfection (1797) and "as such by far the earliest Scottish Rite Body in existence in Massachusetts."

An interesting address was given by Wor. Bro. W. B. Pettus, Master of International Lodge of Pekin (China), from which we learn that, "the life of the Chinese is shot through with the same teachings and ideals as those which we hold." We learn also, "that three of the Chinese Masons in Peking were in Versailles representing China in the Peace Conference."

The magnificent sum of \$108,287.00 was expended for charity during the year, and \$115,098.78 was contributed to the George Washington Memorial which we are informed is the equivalent of over \$1.26 per member. A record of which Massachusetts may well be proud.

The Grand Master in a circular letter commends the observance of Washington's Masonic Birthday (November 4th), to all the constituent lodges.

He has these conservative words to say relative to Masonic activity in behalf of issues and questions closely bordering on partisan and creedal lines: "This appears to me a highly dangerous precedent to establish. To endeavor to speak the minds of these two millions and a half free men or to try to unite them into a great partisan group would be a folly which would wreck Freemasonry, or at least change it beyond our recognition. The only remedy is to bring light and yet "more light" to the members of the Craft. The mission of Freemasonry is to build character in men that will find its truest expression in private and public morality."

Massachusetts fraternally recognized the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, and also the Grand Lodge of Venezuela.

The Feast of St. John the Evangelist, is a notable event in Massachusetts, this being the One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Anniversary. It is replete with the usual high standard of speeches and toasts which it has been a pleasure to read as they are printed in full in the proceedings.

During these Quarterly Communications, tender tributes of memorial were given to the following deceased brethren who occupied high and honored place in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts: R. W. Bros. Frederick D. Ely, John R. Hykes, Daniel W. Lawrence, Chauncy E. Peck and William D. T. Trefry.

MICHIGAN, 1922.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership 128,599, net gain 8,586. Lodges represented 452.

There were present sixteen Past Grand Masters and fifty-three Grand Representatives. We regret to say that Maine's representative is not present.

The usual speeches of welcome and response opened the official proceedings of the Communication, when M. W. Bro. Robert P. Anderson, Grand Master, delivered his annual address. More fortunate than most he was able to say what his record amply justifies: "My time and energy was devoted entirely toward duties pertaining to the office with every lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, I had no business affairs to interfere."

While there were no deaths in the official family, the Grand Master called the roll of other jurisdictions, and there we find our own familiar and beloved name, M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase, P. G. M.

The Grand Master's busy year contained fifteen constitutions and dedications of new lodges, the same number of ceremonials for dedicating Masonic Halls and Temples, and nine corner-stone ceremonies. Ten dispensations for new lodges were issued from his office. A long list of visitations indicates a year of varied and conscientious labor by the Grand Master.

From a long paper (included in the report) we learn that M. W. Bro. Anderson, is not very strong for outward Masonic display in imposing temples—we wonder if he is thinking of Detroit when he says: "Are we united in this great brotherhood for ostentatious display of inanimate objects? I answer No." Bro. Anderson makes a point well worthy of serious thought by every lodge when he asserts and asks, "Look over the record of your lodge and I believe you will find the social expense is five times greater than the charitable. Do these conditions harmonize with a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish to be servicable to our fellow-man?" Surely many a Masonic lodge must bow the head in humility before such crucial questioning!

Michigan is strong for the Near East Relief and the Grand Master recommends \$5,000.00 for this purpose, but it failed of adoption.

A financial report is submitted by Grand Treasurer M. W. Bro. Hugh

A. McPherson, which shows the soundest kind of standing and worthily administered.

We notice that the Grand Lodge of Michigan tried to pass (but failed) a law to the effect that any lodge failing to make its returns and pay its dues within the time required, shall not be entitled to receive any payment for its representative to Grand Lodge, unless for good reason shown to Finance Committee, the default is excused.

The Grand Lecturer in his report gives account of 146 Lodges of Instruction held during the year, a formidable labor which must have entailed much travel and achieved permanent good for the Craft.

The Masonic Home board brings in a thirty-seven page report indicating a sound financial standing and thoroughgoing administration.

A grand total of \$32,405.34 has been collected for the Washington Memorial.

M. W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor, for the Committee on Correspondence, recommends the recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, which was adopted.

The Foreign Correspondence report is the nineteenth annual report of M. W. Bro. Winsor, and reviews sixty-four Grand Jurisdictions. While he quotes long passages, they are always thoughtfully chosen, and quite invariably touch some vital matter or issue connected with the Craft. His comments and elucidations are always appropriate and couched in a phraseology which indicates mastership of the language and thoughtful consideration of the question.

Maine is graciously considered and cordially praised. Extended quotations from the opening and conclusion of Grand Master Wheeler's address occupy three-fourths of the review. He notices the omission of Michigan in Ero. Chase's report, but this unavoidable omission was retrieved last year by Bro. Chase's untried and rather poor successor.

We have regretfully received the obituary notice of the dean of Past Grand Masters of Michigan, General Oliver L. Spaulding, a strong and noble soul, called into that Grand Lodge where Truth is Light and Love is King.

MINNESOTA, 1922.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership 51,014, net gain 5,033.

All Grand Officers, nineteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-five Grand Lodges, including Maine's, were present.

Among the distinguished visitors at this session was M. W. Bro. G. L. Schoonover, P. G. M., of Iowa, who was cordially greeted and made inspiring and characteristic response to the Grand Master's words of welcome.

M. W. Bro. Frederick E. Jenkins, Grand Master, in his Necrology, made mention of the death of three eminent and beloved craftsmen, Bro. John H. Ludwig, for fifteen years Grand Tyler; M. W. Bro. Irving Todd, for over thirty years the Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, and the learned and efficient writer of Minnesota's report; and

M. W. Bro. Robert E. Denfield, P. G. M., who freely gave of his time and talents to Masonry in Minnesota.

Among the pleasant duties of the Grand Master were the constituting of seven new lodges, the dedicating of two Masonic Halls, the laying of five corner-stones, three of which were for public school buildings. Of this fact the Grand Master says: "Too little real interest is taken in the management and conduct of our schools, and Masons will find here a wonderful field for work. Let every Mason do his full duty in this respect. May they be conducted by those who by precept and example will lead the youth of our land to higher planes of thought and action, and may all those who receive instruction therein ever be true and loyal citizens of this great Republic.

The Grand Master refused to permit raffling by lodges at fairs, bazzars and entertainments, and rightly so because the laws of Minnesota, like those of Maine, clearly define raffling as gambling, and strictly forbid it by statute. Masons are solemnly bound to obey the civil law, hence there is no question or latitude allowed about such matters.

The Grand Master gives large place in his address to the International Masonic Celebration at Pembina, North Dakota, which he attended, an event which loomed large in the Northwest and attracted thousands of brethren from Manitoba, South Dakota and Minnesota. It was as the name implies an international occasion, where the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes rippled their message to the breeze and Masonry blessed with its benediction of Blue Skies our brethren of the Great Northwest.

A real instance of Masonic service and fraternal helpfulness is given by the Grand Master in his report of several brethren from Minneapolis visiting a moribund lodge which had initiated only nine candidates in eleven years, and giving it new power and encouragement, with the result that, "during the past year this lodge has conferred the degrees on eight candidates, and now has six on the way." That is a bit of real Masonic labor which challenges our admiration and is worthy of imitation in every jurisdiction.

Under "Secrecy of the Ballot" the Grand Master avers that too many of the brethren "are guilty of gross carelessness and indiscretion," which is rather a mild phrase for what he outlines as the offense. He has this clear incisive word to say: "The right to elect or reject is the sacred right of each and every brother, and he should exercise that right in silence, guided only by his conscience and his God."

The various hospitals and the famous Mayo Clinic at Rochester receive considerable attention from the Grand Master and he recommends that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of having a full time visitor who shall keep in touch with these various institutions and the inmates that have Masonic affiliations and need fraternal assistance.

He urges more attention respecting the Masonic Service Association, saying that Minnesota "is lagging far behind in organizing and securing results," and suggests a more active cooperation in the Association's

educational program. The George Washington Memorial is cordially commended and its aims and achievements outlined for the benefit and enlightenment of the brethren.

A resolution to amend the Constitution so that from January 1, 1923, fees shall be \$13.00, ten of which shall go to the Masonic Home, and three to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge. Referred to the next Annual Communication. This action is in line with nearly every Grand Jurisdiction which is supporting Masonic Homes and is indicative of the insistent and growing needs of such philanthropies.

A thoughtful and well phrased "Oration" is printed in the proceedings, by Bro. Donald J. Cowling, Grand Orator, dealing with the civic duties and obligations of Masons with the international problems and issues that are confronting the world. It is in the best sense of the word sermonic and often touches the message of God's gentleman of Gallilee and frequently quotes the words of Jesus as the fundamental need of the nations in the present crisis of confusion, distress and discontent. Altogether Bro. Cowling's message is one of vision and broad practical statesmanship for our critical and challenging era.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written for the most part by M. W. Bro. Chas. S. Schurman, the remainder is from the hand of the late beloved and lamented M. W. Bro. Irving Todd, whose name has appeared for thirty years appended to the report from Minnesota, and always read with profit and delight by other correspondents. Maine can sympathize with Minnesota in their loss, because of our own recent bereavement in losing M. W. Bro. Albion E. Chase from the correspondent's chair which he had filled so ably and acceptably for many honored years. But it is good to see that Minnesota has been rather more fortunate than Maine in securing a successor who gives the same kind of service as Brother Todd, and writes more like a veteran than a novice. We condole with Minnesota in their loss and we congratulate them on securing such an efficient successor as Brother Schurman.

Maine receives at Bro. Schurman's hands comprehensive and discriminating treatment, our doings are commended with just a hint of criticism now and then, which is welcome and wholesome.

Bro. Chase is credited with a well prepared report and Bro. Schurman takes in good part his stricture on special dispensations to hold more than one communication in one day as unduly hasty and tending in the long run to "cheapen the institution."

If a two year old correspondent may be permitted to extend greetings and best wishes to "a yearling" we make haste to do so and thank him for several hours enjoyable reading and enlightening comment.

MISSISSIPPI, 1922.

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication.

Membership, 29,317, net gain, 2,339. There were present fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of twenty-five Grand Jurisdictions, including ours of Maine.

A preliminary program of addresses of welcome, and responses, interspersed by vocal and instrumental solos, was given before the formal opening of the sessions.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John H. Johnson, made fitting reference in his annual report of the decease of two Past Grand Masters, Bros. Oliver Lee McKay and James M. Dickey, "whose influence remains with us as a constant inspiration." The name of our own M. W. Bro. Past Grand Master Chase, occupies high place on Mississippi's roll of the honored dead of other jurisdictions.

Among the Grand Master's agreeable duties was the laying of seven corner-stones (many of these for High School Buildings), the issuing of ten dispensations for new lodges, and the chartering of five others. He appointed P. G. M. Edward L. Faucette as Grand Secretary, to fill out the unexpired term of M. W. Bro. O. L. McKay. Bro. Faucette evidently made good and had the confidence of his brethren, as he was elected as Grand Secretary at this communication.

The Grand Master authorized the payment of \$250.00 for Near East Relief which later had the sanction of Grand Lodge.

He lays stress in the right place when speaking of the large numerical increase in membership he cautions, "that the design of the Masonic institution is not to make bad men good, but good men better."

Grand Master Johnson pays high tribute to the work and achievements of the two Masonic Homes (at Meridan and at Columbus) and both are in sound financial condition judging by the reports as submitted by the Board of Managers of each institution.

Brief reports of nearly all the thirty Masonic Districts are made by the D. D. G. Ms., and though much briefer than ours of Maine, read like them and evidently accomplish the same substantial and constructive work as is characteristic of ours.

Among the distinguished visitors were M. W. Bros. L. E. Thomas and John H. Cowles, Past Grand Masters respectively of Louisiana and Kentucky, who were cordially welcomed from the Grand East, and later made inspiring and delightful speeches of greeting and felicitation.

We notice in the Grand Secretary's Report that already one lodge under dispensation has chosen the high and honored name of its late Grand Master and Secretary, Oliver L. McKay, for its Charter-name.

A resolution was adopted giving cordial and unqualified approval to a bill now before the Mississippi Legislature forbidding the wearing of emblems by persons not authorized to do so, and that the passage of the bill be urged by the Masons of the State."

Another resolution authorizing the solicitation of funds from the subordinate lodges for the Natchez Protestant Orphan Asylum, was adopted.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of \$5,000.00 for the benefit of the State T. B. Hospital at Sanitorium, Miss., which was adopted.

The Committee on Law and Jurisprudence has thirty-four questions submitted, everyone of which was clearly answered according to the usual usage and practice of Masonic law and custom. It is interesting to notice

that in the large majority of the answers, the Committee had only to cite or quote the appropriate section and page of the "Rules and Regulations of the Blue Lodge Text Book" in order to set the inquirer right on the matter under consideration. A situation which confronts every Grand Lodge and Grand Master, but which means a large amount of time in explanation and correspondence, but which cannot be avoided and perhaps on the whole evinces a wholesome and commendatory desire to emulate David Crockett's dictum, "Be sure you're right, then go ahead."

Under the caption "Returns of Lodges," four hundred and twenty-seven pages are given containing the roll of officers, the membership of each lodge with name of every brother printed in full, the names of the initiated, passed and raised members (which means for the most part a mere reduplication of the same name three times) the names of non-affiliated, exempted, and demitted brethren, the deceased members and those suspended for N. P. D. While of course it is none of our business and we can appreciate the painstaking labor involved in such a monumental compilation, yet — *Cui bono?*

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, presumably written by the Chairman of the Committee, M. W. Bro. Harry C. Yawn, although no name is appended thereto, is a series of carefully selected citations of vital subjects in various jurisdictions. An occasional word of comment is interjected, which gives the report piquancy and personal flavor.

Maine receives one page largely quotation from M. W. Bro. Wheeler, and a brief excerpt from Brother Chase's last review. We are told in opening that Brother Wheeler, "presided with dignity as evidenced by his photo." In this case surely a warrantable inference, but perhaps not a safe and infallible criterion of judgment of the dignity of a presiding officer. Albion E. Chase's name is given as Grand Secretary, when it should have been Charles B. Davis. The review of Maine is, however, cordial and courteous and the entire report has been read with increasing pleasure.

MISSOURI, 1922.

The One Hundred and Second Annual Communication.

Membership, 104,084; net gain for year, 3,991. Chartered lodges, 655. There were present 455 prerepresentatives of lodges, twenty-one Grand Lodge officers, sixteen Past Grand Masters, and nine Grand Representatives.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. O. A. Lucas, comes at once to the core and marrow of Masonry by asserting, "Faith in God and the unseen is what the world most needs. That is the faith Masonry proclaims, but its power to affect the world, to leaven its materialism and indifference, lies in the life lived by its members."

He pauses in reverent memory of two Departed Past Grand Masters, Brothers Joseph C. Finagin, and John W. Bingham, and also R. W. Bro. Austin L. McRae, G. S. D. The Committee on Necrology paid tender and eloquent tribute to these noble pillars of the Craft in Missouri.

A busy year of visitation is indicated by an extended list of these fraternal occasions by Grand Master Lucas, who sees in them opportunities for "inspiration and education."

We note with especial favor the reference of Bro. Lucas to the ceremony of laying corner-stones of churches on Sunday, an action rather strangely prohibited by Grand Lodge, "In my judgment it is high time to depart from this puritanical stand. We say to our church-going members, it is all right for you to go as a church man and do these things, but you can't go as a Mason. It serves to destroy our effectiveness by being criticised as narrow, while our teaching and purpose is to the contrary." The old prohibition—(we have had that word in Maine for many a long year before Volstead was born) was on the ground of Masonic labor being involved in corner-stone laying, but now it is a religious ceremonial especially as respecting Christian Churches and especially appropriate on Sunday. We notice also from the Grand Master's words that Missouri forbids "services on St. John's Day when it falls on Sunday." In Maine, lodges are permitted to attend divine service at any Church, on St. John's Sunday, without the usual dispensation for such purposes, and we are glad to see that Bro. Lucas sees it the same way, by saying, "Sunday is the most appropriate day."

The Grand Master submits a long list of "decisions" all of which are soundly Masonic and in accordance with the usual practice.

Under the topic—Unauthorized Publication—there is account of the selling of such a book, the offender was cited to appear, apologize and agreed to cease violating first principles. We then learn in graphic phrase: "He complied. A minister of the Gospel! It almost strained credulity." Evidently the odor of sanctity was killed by the stronger malodorous stench of unmasonic skunkhood, and it must have strained Masonic charity,—as well as credulity—to give the minister-brother a clean bill of health, by mere compliance. Certainly "mercy seasoned justice" in Missouri Masonry!

During his term of administration the Grand Master laid five corner-stones.

Grand Master Lucas closes his address with this telling phrase: "If Freemasonry be of God it cannot be destroyed. If not, its enemies are justified." Altogether it is one of the most human documents that we have read this year, vital in its message, graphic in its phrasing and indicating a large brained, full hearted and broad gauged soul at the head of Masonry in Missouri. And after saying this we have looked at the full-page photograph and read his biography and our conjectures are confirmed.

Grand Lodge adopted a resolution to observe on the part of each constituent lodge Washington's Masonic Birthday on each recurring November fourth.

A stirring "Oration" is given by Rev. Bro. Burris A. Jenkins, replete with wit, wholesome counsel and eloquent appeal which has charmed us because far removed from the usual stereotyped and formal Masonic oration which we have made and listened to for many years of Masonic

Light. The National Grand Lodge of Italy was recognized on recommendation of the usual Committee.

We notice an extended paragraph of biography and eulogy in memory of our own beloved brother P. G. M. Chase, in the report of the Committee on Necrology, and a brief notice in the report on Correspondence which speaks of his "Home going," with the dear and tender benediction "Peace to his memory."

An extended report by the Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. J. R. McLachlan, covering several informative pages, indicates a year of painstaking and constructive Masonic labor which it has been a pleasure to peruse.

Legislation was passed, by resolution, disapproving the use of the name of Masonic Lodges in connection with baseball clubs promoting amusements on Sunday.

The Report of Fraternal Correspondence is written by Rev. C. C. Woods to which is appended the significant initials D. D., and P. G. M. Brother Woods reviews an even fifty Grand Lodge proceedings with his usual careful attention and thoughtful analysis of each jurisdiction. Several informing paragraphs precede the more formal report dealing trenchantly with the Masonic Service Association and the Washington Memorial.

Maine, for 1921, is cordially considered although it is largely quotation from M. W. Brother Wheeler's address. But since these citations are the salient and pithy parts of our Grand Master's address, we do not criticise, although we do miss Brother Woods' customary and always constructive comments. Brother Chase receives due and deserved credit for "a splendid document" and note is made (as indicated above) of the "ascension" to his higher home of our late fraternal correspondent.

NEBRASKA, 1922.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership, 37,380; net gain for year of 2,733. Number of lodges, 286. Fourteen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-nine Grand Jurisdictions (including ours of Maine) were present at this session.

Most Worshipful Lewis E. Smith, Grand Master, in opening his address touches a vital nerve of our Masonic fellowship when he asserts in graphic phrase, "that if we are to maintain our dignified position in the world we must dignify the institution as individual Master Masons."

From the seventeen cases submitted in detail by him under the general caption — Law Enforcement — we infer that there has been some virile and aggressive action on the part of Bro. Smith in bringing recalcitrant and moribund lodges "on the carpet" for renovation and improvement. The lifting of the charter for a brief season was sufficient to bring them into line, especially as regards representatives to Grand Lodge, and we like the firm yet tactful way in which these matters were dealt with by him. He gives fair warning to six listed lodges that after a period of ninety days they shall be able to "properly confer the degrees, and give the lectures substantially correct or I shall arrest their charters." That's the kind of

back-bone that the Grand Master of Nebraska has, and we appreciate it for two reasons; first, it is all too rare, and too frequently needed (but not exercised), and secondly, it reflects credit (and we hope runs true to form), on the high and honored name of Smith which the Grand Master bears, for the first grand artificer and cunning workman in metals bore it worthily and well, and if we may indulge a bit of forensic rhetoric,

“ Long may it wave
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave.”

With the same firm hand Bro. Smith dealt with innumerable requests to confer degrees out of time.

During his term he constituted six new lodges and instituted three; laid ten corner-stones, dedicated one lodgeroom and made twenty-five official visitations.

He registers a protest against the contemplated action of the State Tax Commissioner to tax the property of fraternal institutions. He believes that as such properties are used for charitable and benevolent purposes they should have the same immunity as church property.

The Masonic Service Association and the George Washington Memorial are cordially endorsed, although the former he thinks is not being properly utilized by the brethren while holding membership therein.

He speaks in appreciation of the “ Old Guard,” fourteen brethren who have attended twenty-one or more annual communications. One name stand forth in clear and honorable distinction, R. W. F. E. White, Grand Secretary, who is attending his fiftieth Communication. We are informed that he first attended in 1871 and since that time has missed but two sessions.

In answer to the question why he did not discuss certain religious organizations, he rightly replied. “ My judgment is that we need have little fear of the enemy on the outside, if we properly concern ourselves with the enemy on the inside.” Again he says, “ What Masonry needs today is men of courage and vision, men of rugged and old fashioned honesty and men of cleanliness both of mind and body. If we will measure our applicants by these standard we need have no fear.”

A splendid “ Conclusion ” quite in keeping with his acts is too long to quote but filled with the same kind of common-sense — if we may be permitted to coin a phrase, — and we are glad to see that the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, brought in an appreciative report, to the effect that his term of office “ shows a year of strenuous and faithful work, with a high resolve to meet unflinchingly every duty and to uphold the honor and dignity of our time-honored institution.”

In the Report on the Deceased of other jurisdictions we especially note the inclusion of the name of our own M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase, P. G. M.

Queensland is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, but Venezuela is denied. Mexico is deferred, while the Grand Lodge of “ Cosmos ” of the State of Chihuahua (Mexico) is dismissed with few pungent words.

During the evening of the first day session, W. Bro. George A. Beecher,

Bishop of Nebraska, gave an "Oration" on "Faith and Practice" outlining the issues and problems of the day in the light of the principles of our Masonic teaching, and especially as these are related to the Three Great Lights, and while we cannot quote at length from a splendid talk, we may sum it all up in his closing words: "This is the challenge to every true Masonic brother: Renew your faith in God, your personal allegiance to the principles of Masonry, and swear by High Heaven, God helping you, the teaching of our order shall not have been given in vain."

Near East Relief was cordially endorsed.

We especially notice the high place given in Nebraska to the Masonic Home and Hospital, and the Children's Home (Masonic) which speaks of the spirit of Masonic service in Nebraska more eloquently than words. Large sums are used for these purposes and an examination of their financial administration shows sound and conservative handling on the part of the Boards of Managers and Executives. These are noble philanthropies ably administered by noble hands and hearts.

Thirty-four pages of the "Proceedings" are given to "A History of Monitor Lodge (U. D.)" with the First Regiment Nebraska Infantry (later First Nebraska Cavalry) in the Civil War. This history was ably compiled by Grand Secretary, Francis E. White, from old documents and other data found by him shortly after taking charge of his office, and now given to the brethren in concise readable and permanent form. It is a bit of work which reflects credit upon M. W. Bro. White, for there is painstaking labor and no small research and scholarship involved in the compilation.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the seasoned pen and able craftsmanship of M. W. Bro. John A. Ehrhardt. The main problem which Bro. Ehrhardt finds concerning the brethren in the majority of Grand Jurisdictions is that of large lodges and he finds the solution in the obvious "remedy of more lodges and a limitation on membership."

In closing his foreword, he says, what has been our own observation, "There is a universal condemnation of the K. K. K. and Masons everywhere have been advised to refrain from associating with the society, and if among its membership to withdraw from this un-American organization."

Maine receives a page of cordial consideration. Grand Master Wheeler is liberally quoted and commended. Comment is made that Nebraska was omitted by Bro. Chase in his last review, an omission which his successor has tried to "make good" last year and again this year.

NEVADA, 1922.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership 2,445, with a net gain of 234. There were thirteen Past Grand Masters present, with thirty-eight Grand Representatives, though ours of Maine was absent. It being Flag Day, appropriate ceremonies in honor of the event were held.

M. W. Bro. Louis G. Campbell, Grand Master, in opening his annual address, spoke of the past, and the confidences and inspirations of the

present and future of Freemasonry. The "In Memoriam" of the Grand Master includes the high and beloved names of two Past Grand Masters of Nevada, M. W. Bros. Adolphus L. Fitzgerald and Robert Lewers, besides those of Past Grand Treasurer, Samuel W. Chubbuck, and P. S. G. W. Bro. Sidney Foster, and the Grand Orator, Bro. Azro E. Cheney.

The Grand Master's year of service included the usual routine of official duties, with a splendid list of visitations which must have required much time in travel of a jurisdiction of vast spaces. Among these we note the dedication ceremonies of a temple and the constituting of a New Lodge at Fernly.

The Grand Master under "Decisions" says the right thing relative to any such decision by asserting "Decisions of the Grand Master even though approved by the Grand Lodge, should not, therefore, be looked upon as binding upon succeeding Grand Masters, but rather as advisory to those who follow." Those that follow this declaration are all within the practice and usage of most jurisdictions, but physical qualification is made very stringent. An applicant blind in one eye is by him disqualified. But Jurisprudence Committee and Grand Lodge approved.

Respecting the George Washington Memorial, he expresses the hope that his jurisdiction "may speedily contribute its full quota." And speaking of the Masonic Service Association he says, "that Nevada does not seem to be making the most of our membership in that organization." The Grand Master's interest in "Education" is indicated by a page of lucid and inspiring advocacy of progressive measures, while he champions the Order of DeMolay.

A somewhat unusual, but wholly legitimate and praiseworthy attempt was made to establish in every constituent lodge a "Committee on Conduct of Brethren" but only six lodges reported action in this regard and the Grand Master urges his successor to push the plan under the direction of the Grand Lodge. This was deferred by Jurisprudence Committee until next year.

He also urged that "at least four months shall elapse between the conferring of the E. A. and the F. C. degree and at least six months between the conferring of the F. C. and the M. M. degree." The idea being to really fulfill the purpose of an applicant being made "a Mason in his heart." But the Committee of Jurisprudence did not approve.

The same Committee did not approve the plan to change the date of the Annual Communication recommended by the Grand Master.

Under "State of the Craft" he reports everything satisfactory and prosperous.

The Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth, has this interesting passage relative to the American Masonic Federation, which has given considerable trouble in the far West as a clandestine institution. "The officers (of the above Federation) were brought to trial on the charge of using the United States mail to defraud. Neither the judge nor any member of the jury were Masons. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty. Each of the four leaders were sentenced to serve a term of two

years in the penitentiary and pay a fine of \$5,000. On several occasions its paid organizers showed up in Nevada, but they made little headway, for the Craft and the public were promptly warned. Masonry, particularly in the West will rejoice that justice has at last overtaken these vile imposters."

Action was deferred on the request for fraternal recognition by Columbia, Ecuador and Italy.

During the session Bro. Benjamin F. Wilson, a Mason of fifty-seven years' membership was greeted in the Grand East by the Grand Master and heartily applauded by the brethren.

The revision of the burial service, which came in for considerable discussion last year, and for which a Committee was appointed, came to nothing at this communication. The Committee rather curtly reporting "that they cared not whether the new service is adopted or the old retained." The report of the Committee was declared lost. And we are left somewhat in uncertainty as to the real situation respecting it.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the familiar hand of the V. W. Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth, and continues that charming practice of embellishing his pages with an appropriate bit of selected poetry. Maine receives generous and gracious treatment at his hands. Grand Master Wheeler is commended for a thoughtful report and the brethren of Maine for attention to the important issues of the day.

Brother Vanderlieth is correct in his courteous judgment relative to our attitude respecting the Masonic Service Association, but we demur a little when he says, "that the General Grand Lodge bugaboo is what is causing our dire alarm." We hasten to assure our gentle brother that there was hardly a ripple of alarm and Grand Lodge considered the matter for several years quite calmly, even placidly, and action was taken with deliberation and fraternal good will for all concerned.

He commends the work of Bro. Albro E. Chase, P. G. M., as our fraternal correspondent, now alas called to that Great Beyond where Love is King.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1922.

The One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Communication.

Membership 14,186, increase for year \$42.

Two other communications of the Grand Lodge were held preceding this annual session, largely for purposes of exemplification of the work in the three degrees, under the auspices and supervision of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Lecturers.

There were present at the annual communication nine Past Grand Masters and thirty-four Grand Representatives, but Maine's name does not appear.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Walter G. Africa, in his address looks backward to the beginnings of the Grand Lodge shortly after the close of the Revolutionary War and notes the marvellous growth from three lodges to the present number of eighty.

Tender tribute (with full page photographs) of two deceased District

Deputies, R. W. Bros. Edward Oren Fifield, and George Chellis Perkins, is duly paid the memory and labors of these distinguished Craftsmen.

The Grand Master issued sixteen dispensations all within the usual practice, and but one or two for degrees out of the usual time. Eight rather monotonous pages deal with a tabulation of "Courtesy Work" with other Grand Jurisdictions, and must have entailed in correspondence a heavy labor.

New Hampshire is in hearty accord with the labors and aims of the Masonic Service Association, and M. W. Bro. Harry G. Noyes occupies high place in its counsels and official board of executives. We recall his visit to Maine a few years since in this regard, his eloquent presentation of its purposes, plans and principles, but even better his genial nature and personality which endeared him to us of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master dealing with the Masonic Home makes the reluctant admission that revenues do not meet the bills and recommends that a per capita tax of fifty cents be collected from each member in addition to the present amounts paid by each lodge. Each candidate is also mulcted ten dollars, beside the regular fees for this purpose. Such conditions which are common in many other jurisdictions, confirms Maine in its rather conservative course of dispensing Masonic charity at a minimum of expense.

The Grand Master recommends that three years of successive absence shall disqualify a Grand Representative, and that a new nomination shall be made to supplant him.

Well written reports of the Deputies of the seven Masonic Districts indicate difficult and too often thankless work, faithfully done.

A majority vote of Grand Lodge, acting on a special committee's report recommending that the Constitution be not changed (in the matter of dual membership which is not allowed) precipitated a debate, but was finally accepted. No dual membership for New Hampshire.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommends: no action on the request of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico; that action be deferred on the request of Italy; and that the United Grand Lodge of Queensland be recognized and mutual representatives be appointed. All of which was adopted.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is the sixteenth from the hand of M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney, P. G. M., who tells his brethren squarely, "that they could spend an hour or two of their time to worse advantage than in trying to catch something of a notion of how Masonic things are going on in other states and in other countries." But after a perusal of his brief but vital report, we can hardly agree with such a retiring, negative and altogether over-modest way of putting it. It will be a real loss to the brethren not to read as comprehensive and discriminating a review as we often see.

Maine is cordially and generously reviewed. He commends the Grand Master for speaking "some mighty plain words" to the brethren; tells us that his "special dispensation department was relatively quiet," and quite generally praises M. W. Bro. Wheeler's business like and conservative administration. He closes with tender reference to M. W. Bro. Chase's last review, and with simple tribute to the man and Mason we all loved.

NEW JERSEY, 1922.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership 68,816, net gain 6,563. 228 lodges, with six under dispensation.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters, and forty-eight Grand Representatives, including the Grand Representative for Maine, were present.

A large group of distinguished visitors were greeted from the Grand East, among which were the M. W. Grand Masters of Rhode Island, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, with Past Grand Masters from Texas and Delaware.

M. W. Bro. Ernest A. Reed, Grand Master, made feeling reference to two brethren, M. W. Bro. John H. Wilkins, P. G. M., and R. W. Bro. John S. Watson, J. G. D., both of which gave faithful service to the Grand Lodge and were greatly beloved. A list of twenty-two emergent communications, largely for constituting, and corner-stone ceremonials, is given by the Grand Master, and are fully reported in the opening pages of the "Proceedings." One Emergent Communication was held for the purpose of trial of Schiller Lodge, No. 66, on charges of insubordination, violation of the provisions of its warrant and of the laws of the Grand Lodge. "The specifications included the use of a ritual in the German language, violation of warrant and Grand Lodge statutes, and also the examination of a candidate in the German language. After due trial the verdict of 'guilty' was pronounced, and the penalty was declared, 'the annulment of the warrant of Schiller Lodge, No. 66.'"

During the Grand Master's term six dispensations for new lodges were issued, while a long list of visitations, which the Grand Master "found rich in satisfaction and opportunity," indicates a busy and profitable year of Masonic labor and fraternal service. Among his visitations outside of his own jurisdiction, we note especially that of the M. S. A. at Chicago, and the George Washington Memorial Association at Alexandria, Va., beside visits as the guest of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Two hundred and twenty-four cases of visible physical defects were brought to his judgement, and all but twenty of these were favorably acted upon, and he says in justification and extenuation of his liberality in this regard: "A study of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges and conversation with distinguished brethren outside our Grand Jurisdiction convinces me that Masonic thought on this subject is changing and a more liberal attitude is manifested. I am in full sympathy with this liberal movement, particularly when, as has been the case this year, the physical defect has come as a result of patriotic service performed in the cause of our country." After having considered 224 cases the Grand Master is only human when he asserts, "I hope to see the time when determination of the physical qualifications of a candidate will be entrusted to the lodges." This has been our own practice, except in a few extreme and difficult cases, for many years.

A check for \$47,218.97 was sent by the Grand Master for the George Washington Memorial Association, indicating the interest and devotion

of New Jersey to this nation-wide enterprise, while the Grand Master avers that an even more fitting Washington Memorial should be erected in the City of Washington, "an educational institution, bearing the name of Washington, where at a reasonable tuition the sons and daughters of Masons could receive instruction."

The Grand Master gives high praise to the Masonic Home at Burlington, and says that this institution "is doing a valuable and most satisfactory service."

The old question of smoking in the lodge room came to the Grand Master for "decision" and in answer he quotes the law of the Grand Lodge of England, and then says it "is within the power of the W. M. of every lodge to prohibit or permit" but also emphatically urges that there shall be no smoking while the lodge is at labor. His other decisions are all within the usual custom and practice of the Fraternity.

At this point in the annual sessions the distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions made appropriate speeches, "extending greetings and felicitations."

The recommendation of the Grand Master that November 4th of each year be observed as a day of commemoration of the Masonic birthday of Bro. George Washington, in all lodges, was unanimously adopted, as was also his recommendation that \$500.00 be contributed toward the "Sojourner's Club" at Fort Bayard, N. M., a United States Tuberculosis Hospital for disabled soldiers.

In the roster of the honored dead of other jurisdictions, we see with mingled feelings of sadness and eternal hope, the name of our late lamented and always beloved M. W. Bro. Albro Elmore Chase, Past Grand Master, and able writer for many years of this report of Foreign Correspondence.

Grand Lodge, acting on the report of its Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognized the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, the Grand Lodges of Ecuador and Columbia, and the National Grand Lodge of Italy. The Grand Lodges of Chile and of Peru are deferred "for the present."

The M. W. Past Grand Master of Texas, Bro. Andrew L. Randell made an eloquent address on the M. S. A., and after the applause had died away, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey by a rising vote made Bro. Randell "an honorary member" to which fitting response was made.

A Past Grand Master of New Jersey who was observing his eighty-third birthday, M. W. Bro. George W. Fortmeyer, was cordially hailed, greeted and congratulated by the assembled brethren, roses were presented, and a "feeling response" made by the aged and honored recipient.

A ringing resolution endorsing the American Public School System was adopted, together with the Grand Master's recommendation as indicated above relative to a "National Masonic University at Washington, D. C."

Among the reappointed Grand Chaplains of New Jersey, we notice with personal pleasure and fraternal delight, the name of R. W. Bro. Charles Henry Wells (No. 209) an old and well loved classmate of college days, a classmate of Tufts University, '95. This correspondent notices that Bro. Wells offered the closing prayer of the Annual Communication, would we

had been there to receive his gracious benediction both of word and personality.

The annual report on Foreign Correspondence is from the seasoned hand of M. W. Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs, an able review of sixty-five Grand Jurisdictions, with lucid comment and incisive analysis of these varying and multiform proceedings. Maine receives adequate and always favorable fraternal consideration. Bro. Shirrefs' touching reference to our late M. W. Albro E. Chase, for many years Foreign Correspondent for Maine, must be quoted at length because it contains the personal note and fraternal, friendly regard which means so much to us of this Maine Jurisdiction, who knew and loved the man.

"The able report on correspondence by our dear old friend and brother, Albro E. Chase, contains his review of New Jersey for 1920, in which he quotes liberally from Bro. Daniel's address and accords us his fraternal consideration, which was always appreciated. On the eighth of September, 1921, after a long and painful disability from an incurable disease, M. W. Bro. Chase passed beyond further suffering. "May we amend a little by saying, Bro. Shirrefs, that in the words of Tennyson, he 'passed to where beyond our voices there is peace.'"

NEW MEXICO, 1922.

The Forty-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership 5,630, net gain 354. Eleven Past Grand Masters were present.

M. W. Bro. Francis E. Lester, Grand Master, reports that during the past year more attention has been paid "to quality of our membership, than to mere growth in numbers." During his term of administration he has had three worth-while objectives, to increase the average attendance at each lodge, to educate our membership to the practical application of Masonry, and to create a vision of Masonic usefulness in matters of American citizenship.

After paying reverent tribute to the fraternal dead he turns to those of other jurisdictions and we see our own Albro E. Chase's name upon the roster. Several special communications were held during the year, the majority for corner-stone and temple dedication ceremonies where the Grand Master delivered short but vital messages on Masonic aims and achievements. These are printed in full and make inspiring reading. He issued twenty dispensations for joint occupancy of halls, largely with O. E. S. Chapters. We notice three dispensations for out of time degrees and must fraternally acquiesce, not knowing the real exigencies involved. An unusually long list of "Visitations" indicates a busy year of work and travel by the Grand Master.

Among his twenty-four "Rulings" all of which are well within the custom and general practice of the Fraternity, we notice two of interest; first he rules that a W. M. who is blind (totally) can be installed, as it is a matter for the membership of the lodge to decide, but he rightly advises against it on the ground that it is questionable if such a blind W. M. can

properly "rule and govern his lodge," he cannot "see that the records are properly kept," and various other duties that require sight cannot be literally performed. Surely there must be tragic irony at the installation when he is admonished, "Master, *behold* your brethren."

The Grand Master again ruled that a Mason publishing an advertisement reflecting on the Order, is guilty of a Masonic offense, this ruling was made on "evidence by copy submitted." Grand Lodge, however, approved not.

He pays high tribute to the various D. D. G. Ms. who have submitted clear and informing reports, for splendid cooperation during his term.

He has some trenchant words to say in his report on the competency of lodge officers, and a keen and timely paragraph on the K. K. K. He found after due investigation that it "was the plan of the Ku Klux Klan to secure initiates when organizing from the membership of our Fraternity" and so certain was he of this effort to enlist leaders and supporters from the brethren, that he issued a warning, that "would at least cause our brethren to stop and think before associating themselves with this organization." It is a good letter and deserves wider reading.

He commends the George Washington Memorial to every lodge, and is an earnest supporter of the project.

On the vexed and much mooted question of physical qualification he is to be classed with the liberals, although in New Mexico the matter of adjudgment of fitness is left with the constituent lodge, as largely in our own jurisdiction. He says, "I would much rather see a brother in our membership who has lost a limb in the cause of freedom and brotherhood than a brother physically perfect who failed to answer the call of his country when she needed him." Of course so had we all, and it is an easy and applause-producing thing to say, but does it really touch the vital issue and deeper Masonic principles involved, does it go to the root of the question? An ancient landmark is a good thing to tie to, or it is useless, and if useless there is but one thing to do, and evidently New Mexico, like Maine, is quite unwilling to take that step into the unknown, even though we make the string which ties us to the landmark as elastic as possible we do not wish to stretch it to the breaking-point.

The Grand Master has some good words on "Masonry and the Free Public School" which are well worthy of extended quotation, as are his enlightening phrases relating to the United States Hospital at Fort Bayard which has created a problem for New Mexico, which is too great to handle alone as there are patients from nearly every Grand Jurisdiction in the country, all ex-service men in various stages of tuberculosis. The Masonic Service Association at his solicitation "did not deem it within the province of their purposes and plans to undertake the investigation" and so the Grand Master gave it his personal attention and collected much data of value to the whole Craft, and while he cannot see his way to solve the heavy and complex problem, he avers that "it is clearly the duty of this Grand Lodge to take the lead in this undertaking." As a kind of challenge

to the brethren he says, "The job is ours; it should be done, and it will be done."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommends recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. Adopted. In the matter of recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, after some discussion, the Committee on Jurisprudence gave the quietus by recommending no recognition at this time, and it was left in the hands of a special committee of three to investigate and report next year.

The Towner-Sterling Bill had the endorsement of the Grand Lodge. The Jurisprudence Committee introduced a resolution to the effect that no lodge shall admit as a visitor or affiliate, any person coming from a jurisdiction not recognized by New Mexico, "until and unless properly healed." Adopted.

M. W. Bro. John Milne, in an eighty-one page report on Foreign Correspondence, presents the matters of pivotal and vital interest in the various jurisdictions of the world. He discusses these with a broad vision and liberal interpretation, quotes largely from Grand Masters and Secretaries, and Committee reports and gives us a real resume, although of the "Topical" variety, of the deliberations and doings of the world. Maine is occasionally cited, and quoted; always with tacit approval of our actions.

NEW YORK, 1922.

The One Hundred and Forty-first Annual Communication.

Membership, 272,634. There were present seven Past Grand Masters and forty-nine Grand Representatives, but Maine's name does not appear among these.

The Grand Lodge of New York is fortunate in its Grand and Associate Chaplains, the invocation at this session being given by R. W. Bro. S. Parkes Cadman, whom we have had the pleasure of meeting on two occasions in Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Robert H. Robinson, in his address has placed the entire fraternity under a large debt of gratitude for a real contribution to Masonic statesmanship and literature. He deals in a vital and human way with citizenship and the larger patriotism, with Masonic loyalty, with a broader programme of public education, (in which he eloquently and convincingly champions the Towner-Sterling Bill) with welfare work and civic ideals and principles. In the course of his address he makes appeal for the wide spread philanthropies and humanitarian activities of the Grand Lodge, such things as the Memorial Hospital and Masonic Homes, which have always characterized and distinguished this noble and largest of our jurisdictions.

He writes as a master of literary expression, clear, forceful and convincing in argument and persuasive in its earnestness of diction. We love to caress such writing with our mind, and taste its flavor with the tongue. His necrology is a piece of quiet dignity and chastened eulogy of those who have broken through the confinements of the clay, and of especial notice in this regard is the dear and noble name of M. W. Bro.

William Sherer, one of the great and good of this Grand Jurisdiction, a name long prominent in its annals and known and revered wherever the Masonic word is whispered. We note also, the name of our own M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase in the roster, who occupied in Maine a position analogous to that of Bro. Sherer in New York. Both names are a fulfillment of the poet's eulogy:

"None knew them but to love them,
None named them but to praise."

Lists of dispensations, the names of those appointed and accredited to their own and other jurisdictions, a tabulation of visitations and official ceremonies are briefly given without a tedious encumbering of the address with verbose details. We note especially the granting of twenty dispensation for new lodges. The Masonic Home, at Utica, receives the mead of praise due to what he terms, "the feeling of peace and contentment at the magic word HOME." The day of dedication is briefly, though adequately, described in subdued words of tender eulogy. The funds for the various philanthropies of New York are almost staggering, certainly astounding, to us who modestly deal with thousands where this greatest of jurisdiction deals in millions.

The Grand Master recommends the issuance of a Masonic periodical as a medium for wider distribution of instruction, information and inspiration of the Craft. With the question of Education he deals clearly and convincingly and with a vision and eloquence not unworthy of Horace Mann.

The Geneva Conference, about which many of us have been in the dark, receives at his hands enlightenment and elucidation, and the Committee which attended it, appointed by the Grand Master, brings in an extended report outlining the aims and purposes of this conference as a kind of international clearing house or universal bureau of Masonic information and adjustment. He sees in it great possibilities in these regards and is impressed by it as a progressive and much needed measure which "may lead to that which the enemies of Masonry dread, and which all Masons should pray for, namely, the unity of Freemasonry." He thinks that this was, in no small measure, achieved at Geneva.

M. W. Bro. Robert Judson Kenworthy, gives an excellently articulated though brief report of his office, and its summary in large figures is overwhelming.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence which goes to the Jurisprudence Committee, recommends the recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, the Grand Lodge of Ecuador, the Republic of Czecho-Slovakia and the Grand Lodge of Vienna. The Committee sees grave danger lurking "in pseudo-Masonic organizations which have nothing whatsoever to do with Freemasonry and which because of the fact that they make a regulation that no man can belong to them except he be a Freemason, soon become indented in the minds of the laymen, the outside public, with a Masonic standing which they have not, and many times leads to the detriment of Freemasonry." The Committee seems

to intimate that these superimposed organizations are fast becoming a kind of wen or tumor which insidiously saps the vitality of the major body, and hints at a surgical operation which will require strong and delicate hands in the severing of the arteries and nerves which attach these to the living organism of the Fraternity. We know of no better hospital for such an operation and convalescence than our esteemed and honored Grand Lodge of New York.

Reports of various departments, bureaus, and officers are various and numerous, so numerous indeed as almost to be the despair of this reviewer, but all well arranged, usually stated in clear and sinewy English which it is a delight to read. If we were to select one from the multitudinous complexity of reports, it would be that of the Committee on Decreased Brethren, because of its quiet faith and tender tribute to those who have heard the higher call, and gone forward into that Home where Love is King. But space forbids this privilege and we must turn reluctantly away in order to touch briefly upon the Report on Foreign Correspondence which is written by M. W. Bro. S. Nelson Sawyer, and is a model of what we may paradoxically term comprehensive condensation. Lucid comment, salient quotation with occasional advocacy of policy, or courteous disagreement with some position or opinion, characterize the reviewer.

Maine receives something over a page of treatment and review. Grand Master Wheeler is commended for wholesome conservatism and what he terms "noble Masonic poise." Bro. Sawyer's quotations are apt and vital as he surveys Bro. Wheeler's address and our annual activity (1921). He commends Bro. Chase for "an interesting and thought-provoking" review the last of his writing since he has been called to other realms of Light and Life and Love, and leaves beyond a memory redolent with friendly counsel and kindly personality.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1922.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership 36,576, and net gain for the year of 3,030.

At this annual communication there were present eleven Past Grand Masters, and thirty-four Grand Representatives, including ours of Maine. A full page photograph of the M. W. Grand Master Bro. James H. Webb, opens the volume of proceedings with a page of interesting biography which runs true to that type of American, which beginning with small things rises to the heights, and has made industrial America what it is today.

It is good also, to see the type of man who represents Maine, near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, for a full page photograph of M. W. Bro. A. S. Holden, P. G. M., and Chairman of the Credential Committee, adorns the first pages of the report.

The Grand Master's report is a model of business brevity (eight pages) and yet he seems in this brief compass to deal with the essential features of his administration. We note a rather unusual and prophetic thing in the long list of visitations, "the meeting of the lodges of Charlotte at

which every office in the lodge was filled by an employe of the Southern Railroad, and the guest of honor was Bro. Fairfax Harrison, President of the Southern Railroad." We recall the trenchant word, which is now in the midst of labor difficulties and railway strikes a very timely word, of Theodore Roosevelt that if the representatives of Capital and Labor could get together in a Masonic lodge their differences and issues could be readily adjusted and amicably arranged in the atmosphere of fraternity and mutual good-will. The event in Charlotte recalls the word of Theodore Roosevelt and is suggestive of possibilities and potentialities in these critical times of labor disputes and economic discontents.

We learn the breadth of Masonic Charity in North Carolina by the fact that it is supporting to the extent of \$50,000.00 per year the Oxford Orphan Asylum where we are informed "that seventy-five per cent. of the orphans are the children of non-masons." There are 394 of these children and we commend the spirit which is broad enough to stretch the Masonic mantle of charity beyond its own borders and needs.

During the opening of the Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. Geo. C. Williams, Grand Master of Delaware was welcomed to the Grand East, and during the session made one of the memorable addresses of the Communication.

Among the fraternal communications received and cordially reciprocated was one of fraternal greeting and good-will from the Grand Master of Odd Fellows of North Carolina.

Grand Secretary Wilson's report is a model of well arranged matter which covers the routine duties of his office with clearness and brevity.

Bro. S. R. Harris, Grand Orator, gave a moving oration under the subject: The Human Cry and Masonry's Answer, which fairly revels in Biblical phrases and imagery and reminds us of some stout old Covenanters of Scott's stories preaching the word of God. Here is its close: "By every sacred memory and by every gleam of the new hope I appeal to every man of you to fill up the place that belongs to a man." Which is a good sample of the whole.

The George Washington Memorial receives hearty endorsement, as does the Masonic Service Association at the hands of Grand Lodge.

P. G. M. Grady, as Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee, recommends postponement of the request of Peru and Mexico for fraternal recognition, suggesting that it would be advisable for Grand Lodge to instruct him to get in touch with the American Consuls in these countries and find out the real status of Masonry there. Bro. Grady says later in his report that as these Consuls are Masons, and such correspondence has the "approval of Hon. Charles E. Hughes, Secretary of State, at Washington," it may be that something tangible and substantial will result which certainly will be good news for many correspondents and Grand Lodges which are rather in the dark respecting Central and South American Masonry. While we are not sanguine we are hopeful.

The Towner-Sterling Bill comes in for a long debate, with some suggestion of real, if not rancorous controversy and is finally and quite emphatically endorsed by Grand Lodge. The resolution presented by the Grand

Secretary is one of the best statements of the provisions and aims of the bill which it has been our pleasure to read. It was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee who brought in a favorable report, which after the above mentioned debate, which centered heavily on the color issue, was adopted.

At the various emergent communications there were speeches all of which are rather notable in their intensity of feeling, especially that of the Grand Orator, Dr. H. M. Poteat, S. G. W., whose subject was Masonry Militant, a scathing criticism of those aggressive and sometimes insidious forces which are trying to undermine the foundations of the nation.

There is no Correspondence Report, although from the brief words of Bro. Grady, Chairman of the Committee in other brief reports, we know it would be a worth-while document which it would be an instructive pleasure to read.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1922.

The Thirty-third Annual Communication.

Membership 14,375, net gain 793. Eight Past Grand Masters were present.

At the opening session M. W. Bros. Herman Held and Henry C. Smith, Grand Masters, respectively, of Minnesota and Montana, were greeted with the Grand Honors as distinguished guests from neighboring jurisdictions.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Henry E. Byorum, in opening his annual address "finds, after having served as your Grand Master, that few jurisdictions can compare with us as a progressive and aggressive Grand Lodge." There is a calm and naive assurance expressed in these words which has appealed to us.

The Grand Master pays fitting reference to those members of the Grand Lodge who have been, during the past year, called to the higher labor in vast workshops of the Eternal, in the Grand Lodge above.

Among his privileges during his term of service was the constituting of three new lodges and the commissioning and nominating of eleven Grand Representatives.

In his annual reports he avers, "that the learning of the Master Mason Lecture is " of the greatest importance and urges that the penalty for delinquency in this respect be made more drastic.

He gives large praise to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in raising a Scholarship Fund which provides fifty young people of that Province with \$300.00 scholarships at the Provincial Normal School on condition that each recipient gives one year of teaching service in the Province.

Among his "Visitations" we notice with especial interest the conferring of the M. M. degree on a father and six sons. A full page group photograph is given of this sturdy family.

A contribution of \$500.00 was given to the Fort Bayard Sanitarium (New Mexico). He recommends that the Grand Lodge take definite action in the matter of Ku Klux organizing activities in North Dakota. And it

did as will be seen below. He says of the pernicious activities of this organization, "that every Master Mason and every good citizen ought to set his seal of disapproval upon bigotry and racial and religious hatred." The Jurisprudence Committee brought in this drastic resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote, "In the future no Master Mason within this jurisdiction may apply for membership in, or join the organization known as Ku Klux Klan, and that henceforth, it shall be considered a Masonic offense triable under the Masonic Code, for any Master Mason to hold membership in the Ku Klux Klan," and much more to the same effect. This is by far the most drastic action which we have yet seen relative to this organization, the majority of Grand Lodges contenting themselves with admonitory and cautionary words to the brethren. Such action certainly fulfills the Grand Master's conviction that the Grand Lodge of North Dakota is "the most aggressive of all Grand Lodges," at least in this regard.

The R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, in a well arranged and readable report gives us an outline of the clandestine activities of the so-called American Masonic Federation and brings us the welcome information that the "accused were promptly convicted and sentenced to two years in Fort Leavenworth Penitentiary and a fine of five thousand dollars." It is estimated that this organization operating as a kind of guerilla Masonry had collected more than a million dollars from its dupes and victims. Thus does justice revolve full circle!

The Grand Lecturer, W. Bro. Chas E. Boyden, gives a report of faithful and painstaking labor which has accomplished constructive results.

M. W. Bro. Grant S. Hager submitted a Report on Fraternal Correspondence which dealt with such vital topics as "Higher Degrees," "Increased Membership," "The Big Lodge," and "Physical Qualifications," in a virile and enlightening way. Under this latter subject he gives the attitude of the various Grand Lodges respecting the matter of physical qualification, but says of Maine, that "no information is available." But on turning to his review of Maine we find him quoting Grand Master Wheeler on the subject and rather commending him for his attitude. As an item of information we would say that Maine should be in the list with Massachusetts in leaving to constituent lodges the decision of fitness of maimed candidates although requiring them to take the steps, give the signs and conform to ordinary Masonic requirements. We quite agree with him when he says that "the trend is toward greater liberality" and our observation coincides with his when he says, that "the jurisdictions holding to the rule of Perfect Youth are slowly diminishing."

The attitude of frank approval and co-operation between the Grand Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star is seen in the welcoming of a Committee of the latter organization. Speeches of felicitation and cordial good-will were made and then, "the Committee retired and the Grand Lodge resumed labor." Similar greetings were sent by Grand Lodge.

What the Proceedings call "the great event of the Grand Communication" was the Reception of M. W. Bro. Andrew L. Randell, P. G. M., of

Texas. He was greeted with the Grand Honors, and made a telling eloquent speech on the subject of "Masonic Service." It is paying M. W. Bro. Randell a high compliment to say, "never in the history of the Grand Lodge have the members been more deeply and profoundly moved as by Brother Randell's appeal to translate Masonic principles into action. The brethren were loath to let him stop and at the close rose "en masse" and gave him a wonderful ovation." That is the hearty enthusiastic way of North Dakota and we rather admire it as contrasted with our own somewhat cold and reserved New England way of doing similar things.

North Dakota is establishing an Educational Fund, like Saskatchewan, and the movement seems full of promise and has the enthusiastic support of the brethren. Each lodge pays per capita of ten cents for this Educational Fund, if we have read aright the action of Grand Lodge.

An interesting oration, called the Frank Jared Thompson Memorial Prize Oration, was won this year by Harold D. Shaft (Grand Forks, N. D.), on the subject, "The College Man's Creed." This is printed in full on nearly five pages of the annual proceedings, and we quote for its general interest and intrinsic worth these masculine words: "This is the creed of the College man: I believe in the Creator of the Universe, the maker of all things perfect, I believe in God. I believe in the greatest handiwork of God, the one of all His creations made in his own image, I believe in Man. I believe in the noblest and best of the attributes of Man, I believe in Gentlemanliness." Which creed is good Masonry and therefore not out of place in such a report, or in this review.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is from the hand of M. W. Bro. Grant Sherman Hager (Past Grand Master) and measures up to his high standard of workmanship and Masonic scholarship. Sixty-one Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed and the essential actions are touched in a vital and informing way. Maine is cordially considered, Grand Master Wheeler is bountifully quoted and commended and Bro. Hager pleases us when he says "there is something radically wrong with the Masonry of any Lodge which spends more money for banquets and amusements than it does for charity."

He does not censure, like many other reviewers, the ruling of Grand Master Wheeler, that an E. A. or F. C. may be examined as to proficiency in a lodge of Master Masons, but contents himself by saying courteously that, "in North Dakota the examination is conducted when the lodge is opened on the degree in which the applicant for advancement is being examined." This we hasten to assure him is our customary and constant practice. As in last year's report, we have had a thoroughly good time in reading Bro. Hager's review and find him a welcome and refreshingly vital commentator on Masonic "doings" throughout the Masonic world.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1922.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership 9,498, net gain 717. Three Past Grand Masters, and twenty-two Grand Representatives were present, including the Grand Representative for Maine.

Following the usual procedure the Grand Lodge attended divine service at the Presbyterian Church (Lunenburg) as a kind of preparation for the annual sessions. The sermon on the theme and text "No Man Liveth to Himself," was given by R. W. Bro. Rev. D. M. Matheson (Grand Chaplain) and is replete with both sermonical and Masonic counsel and admonition.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. Murray Lawson, makes feeling mention of the death of R. W. Bro. Barry D. Bent in the opening of his annual address and refers to his service as Deputy Grand Master in former years.

Under official acts we notice his answer, "Decidedly NO," to the question, "Can the W. M. of a lodge declare a candidate elected when both Junior and Senior Wardens report the ballot cloudy?" And this obvious question is a sample of the whole list submitted to him, and such queries, which ought to be answered by the veriest tyro in Masonry, is a sample of what must have been "a weariness to the flesh" of the Grand Master of Nova Scotia as they are everywhere.

He is rather over-liberal in answering "I can see no objection" to the question, "Can a petition be received from a candidate who lost his right foot four inches above the ankle in the last Great War?" The Jurisprudence Committee demurred a little also to this ultra liberal answer, but left it to Grand Lodge, which decided with the Grand Master.

Among the many dispensations granted we notice that Grand Master Lawson was very conservative in granting few "out of time" privileges.

We notice that the Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. John MacAloney, in his report has given a careful administration in his office showing the Grand Lodge finances in the soundest condition, with a fund of \$31,444.55.

The reports of the ten D. D. G. Ms. indicate a thoroughgoing devotion to their duties and careful inspection of the work, they read much like our own in Maine, and such faithful service we find indispensable to a proper supervision and governance of the Craft. Special Committee paid high tribute to their labors.

Dual Membership seems to be on the way in Nova Scotia, an amendment to the Constitution being considered by Grand Lodge, and will be disposed of next year.

Fraternal Recognition of Grand Lodges of Italy and Ecuador was referred to Jurisprudence Committee for action next year.

An interesting situation is indicated by a motion (which was carried) that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee to take action relative to Royal Standard Lodge, the last one in Nova Scotia to hold a charter from the Grand Lodge of England, that it may come into union with Nova Scotia. We note that many of the earlier lodges, now members of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, formerly held charters from England.

A delicate question respecting the residence of sailors belonging to vessels sailing out of Halifax, was left with the new Grand Master.

In "Memory of the Dead of Sister Jurisdictions" we see in black type, but somehow to our eyes, transfigured into letters of Living Light, the dear and honored name of Past Grand Master Albion Elmore Chase.

We notice that (page 280) Maine is seemingly without a Representative although the name of R. W. Bro. John H. McGorrill (Portland) appears on our roster.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the eighth written by M. W. Bro. James C. Jones. In a brief preface he believes (and we believe also) that "Back to Masonry" should be our slogan and "stick out for the original landmarks of our Order to best of our ability, and to take more care in selecting new members and to aim for quality rather than quantity."

Maine receives extended and courteous review, Grand Master Wheeler is commended for wise words and our Grand Lodge to its actions and legislation. "Most interesting and readable" is his compliment to Bro. Chase's successor and we return it by saying, "that no man by the name of Jones can outdo a Smith, in courtesy and compliment."

OHIO, 1922.

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 172,341; gain, 8,684. All Grand Officers, twenty-four Past Grand Masters, forty-eight Grand Representatives (including ours of Maine) were present.

After the usual preliminaries, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Frank M. Ransbottom opened his annual address by congratulating the brethren on the growth of the Craft in his jurisdiction but like a good Master workman sees the "true strength of the Fraternity not in members, but rather in deeds accomplished."

The Grand Lodge, under direction of its Grand Master, pauses a moment in reverent silence while the "West Gate Chorus" chants a stanza of "Nearer My God to Thee," after which Brother Ransbottom announces the passing of M. W. Bro. Carroll F. Clapp, one of the best known and best beloved of the Past Grand Masters of Ohio. Three pages of biography and tender eulogy follow the announcement to which we respond across the spaces of time and place, "Rest in Peace."

Under — Requests Refused — we note with appreciation his refusal to allow the meetings, of "side organizations" having Masonic membership as the prerequisite for admission, in Masonic Lodge rooms. He says, "The G. M. is without authority to grant such permission, but even though I had authority, I would have refused, as I am opposed to Masonry recognizing any such so-called side degrees in Masonry."

The busy and varied life of the Grand Master of Ohio is indicated by the granting of six dispensations for New Lodges, the calling of eleven emergent communications for constituting new lodges, the dedications of eleven Temples and Lodgerooms, the laying of nineteen corner-stones, and a long list of thirty official visitations. But this indicates but a small and even incidental part of his official activities.

He speaks words of appreciation of the constructive and indispensable work of his efficient corp of Grand Lecturers whose work is somewhat analogous to our system of D. D. G. Ms.

Something more than an echo of the times and the pressing issues of our

day, is heard in a case submitted to him involving the violation (alleged) of a brother's Masonic obligation by "working in the Big Four Round-house during the time of a labor trouble." It is good to read his outspoken words relative to this: "These charges appearing to me absolutely ridiculous I immediately notified the Master that the charges set forth were not sufficient for him as Master to entertain, etc."

That the Grand Master is a strong supporter of and believer in, the Order of the Eastern Star is indicated by his words: "They are a great benefit to the lodges, many dingy and dirty lodge rooms have been cleaned, carpeted, painted and repaired through their efforts and by their being permitted to use it." This has been our observation in Maine especially in the smaller towns, but we are interested to know what becomes of his ruling and opinion relative to "organizations for side degrees" as outlined above, in which he says "I am opposed to Masonry recognizing in any way so called side degrees, or any organization where membership is not exclusively Masonic and over which the Grand Lodge or one of the other Grand Bodies, does not have absolute control." It would be interesting to know if the Grand Lodge of Ohio "has absolute control" over the O. E. S. of Ohio, or if it has officially recognized it as a Masonic body. Our sympathies are with Brother Ransbottom entirely, but our only comfort and consolation is the familiar dictum of Emerson, "that consistency is the hob-goblin of little minds."

The Grand Master endorses the "Public Schools" in a ringing page in which he points out the duty and obligation of every Masonic brother toward this institution which is so typically American and which holds the destinies of our Republic in its custody.

Two Masonic philanthropies of Ohio loom large in the vision of the Grand Lodge and receive detailed attention both of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Ohio, the Rickly Memorial and the Ohio Masonic Home. Here is fulfillment of that word of the Great Light "by their fruits ye shall know them."

The report of the Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. Horace A. Irvin, shows sound financial standing and administration, while the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. H. Bromwell, submits a well arranged and articulated report which shows at a glance the statistics and growth of the Craft, and the minor details of his office.

We note in the "Necrology" the inclusion of the name of our own beloved brother, M. W. Past Grand Master Albro E. Chase, and the writer for many years of this report of Fraternal Correspondence.

The report of the Committee on "Ways and Means," deals with several matters from the purchase of Jewels and Regalia, to Fort Bayard Club House in New Mexico, and handles each with conservative hands.

On report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was adopted, no action was taken on the request for fraternal recognition by Denmark, Peru, Egypt and Bulgaria; while the Grand Lodges of Panama, Colombia and Ecuador were recognized. Italy is deferred for further investigation, while Ohio continues to recognize the York Grand

Lodge of Mexico, and averts its face from the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is prepared by our good friend and brother, M. W. Past Grand Master O. P. Sperra, who was our honored guest at the Centennial of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and measures up to his standard of last year, and is a credit to a large visioned and full hearted Masonic Craftman. His genial presence and kindly (and also witty) words on that memorable occasion will long be cherished by the brethren of Maine.

Maine receives three pages of what the press reporters would call "good matter," and is cordially commended for its legislative actions, while Grand Master Wheeler is quoted and praised. There is a beautiful touch of the intimately fraternal and friendly in Bro. Sperra's reference to Brother Chase in these words: "The writer sat at his right hand at the banquet table (at the Centennial) and also heard him deliver an able historical address."

Brother Chase's successor in this Chair of Correspondence receives with due humility and yet appreciation such words as "scholarly and able Report, and earnest and eloquent" as applied to his "Foreword." And when Bro. Sperra says "we take off our hat to Brother Smith and the State of Maine" something like a shy and maidenly blush mantles our face and "This is so sudden, Sir," springs to our lips. This can be appropriately done because these are virginal attempts of ours (our second annual report) at filling the place of so strong a writer and well informed craftsman, as M. W. Bro. Chase.

OKLAHOMA, 1922.

The Fourteenth Annual Communication.

Membership 55,231, net gain of 6 799.

All Grand Officers, twenty-two Past Grand Masters, and twenty-seven Grand Representatives were present. We regretfully notice the absence of Maine's Representative.

After somewhat elaborate preliminaries, Grand Lodge was opened, and the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James H. Patterson, delivered his annual address, in which he makes eloquent reference to the Disarmament Conference, the problem of the Far East, the territorial integrity of China, the "yellow peril," the League of Nations, Bolshevik Government in Russia, and justifies such reference by showing how Masonry in its fundamental principles may be practically applied to these pressing problems and insistent issues of our times.

In his "Necrology" he pays high tribute to M. W. Bro. Edmond H. Doyle, Past Grand Master, and the Committee also touches tenderly upon his translation to the High Lodge. We notice also their reference to our own M. W. Bro. Chase, Past Grand Master of Maine.

Twenty-four Emergent Communications were held during the year for corner-stone ceremonies. Nine new lodges were constituted, while thirteen dispensations were granted for the organization of others. We

see also (and from our Maine point of view with regret) a somewhat extended List of Dispensations granted to confer degrees "without regard to Statutory Time." In his visitations the Grand Master visited "about half" of the constituent lodges. We notice nearly a page given to a visitation to "A Shrine Picnic," and we wonder why it should be any more specifically mentioned than an Elk's or Moose's or Eagle's Picnic, since the Shrine has no more official connection than these, with Masonry. And as the next item is under the heading, "Al G. Barnes Circus," which had given "complimentary tickets" to the Masonic Home, our wonder is lost in amazement, although there seems logical connection enough from the Shrine picnic to Al. Barnes Circus.

The Grand Master appointed five representatives to other Grand Jurisdictions. He expresses his conviction that the M. S. A. "is the greatest work Masonry has undertaken in many years."

We like his "Decision" that a lodge receiving the petition of a man who had served two years in a Federal prison for violating the Espionage Laws, should have its charter arrested "and its officers from the Master down, should be expelled." Drastic, but wholesome ruling, but is it Masonic Law?

We notice with appreciation the adoption of a resolution to observe the Semi-Centennial of the Grand Lodge in 1924.

At this point in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, a very touching and nobly human incident occurred, after several eulogistic speeches on the part of several Past Grand Masters of P. G. M., Richard W. Choaste (who had been suspended from membership in the Grand Lodge) it was unanimously voted by all the brethren rising, that he be restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry. "The old gentleman broken in spirit, broken in health, and practically a wreck," was brought into Grand Lodge under escort of Past Grand Masters, and welcomed to the Grand East. The whole incident is a fulfillment of that word of the Great Light, "Now abideth faith, hope and charity, but the greatest of these is Charity." It was nobly and magnanimously done and from far-off Maine, we send our benediction and blessing to the venerable brother so marvellously restored to Masonic Light and Fraternal Love.

We have read with interest the stirring oration on "Washington, The Unifier" by the Reverend Bro. Edgar D. Salkeld which deals in no uncertain way with the open and secret enemies of American institutions.

The Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. William M. Anderson, submitted a well arranged report which it has been a delight to read, but we notice a peculiar situation which we are at a loss to understand by any rules of arithmetic as practiced in this jurisdiction, the situation is as follows:

"Our membership, January 1, 1921, was..... 84,432
Our net additions for the year being 6,799

Making our membership January 1, 1922 55,231 "

Printer's error might explain it, but no known rules of mathematics.

A pleasing feature of the session was the welcoming to the Grand East

of twenty-three brothers who had been Masons from fifty-eight to thirty-one years.

A sweeping resolution to the effect that all children in Oklahoma up to the eighth grade be required to attend the public schools of the State, was emphatically adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Italy, Equador and Valle de Mexico, and the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma "did it."

After some debate and a divided ballot it was decided that the Masonic Home should be located at Guthrie.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by M. W. Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey and contains the review of sixty Grand Jurisdictions. In a brief "Foreword" Bro. Humphrey says this salient thing relative to the M. S. A. as it is viewed by different Grand Lodges, "Most Grand Jurisdictions that are members agree that it is the greatest move for the betterment of the country that ever came down the pike, and most of the Grand Jurisdictions, not members, agree that it is all fuss and feathers and not worth the price." Which appeals to us as a graphic statement of the real situation.

Bro. Humphrey's report is a well written document, with brief citations and careful analysis, with now and then a wise word of both comment and criticism.

Maine is unfortunately not reviewed; we know it would have been an enlightening and kindly notice and our regret is the more keen in that his literary style is far removed from the stilted and common place.

OREGON, 1922.

The Seventy-second Annual Communication.

There were present seventeen Past Grand Masters and thirty-seven Grand Representatives, including ours of Maine.

Chartered Lodges 153, with four U. D.; membership, 23,749; net gain of 2,637.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank S. Baillie, in opening his annual address outlines his hopes and aspirations for the year and evidently has achieved many of his desires as indicated by the various reports of Committees and his own detailed accomplishments during a year of remarkable service to the Craft of Oregon. We learn that he "was hailed as the 'Business Moses' who would lead the Grand Lodge out of its existing morass of unbusinesslike conditions into sound business footings." When we read that "this Grand Lodge is a most interesting study of wandering in the wilderness of business management, a maze of misunderstanding, misinformation, and lack of even the very first principles of business, which would put to shame a corner-grocery in a thinly settled suburban district" we see at once the imperative need of a Moses, if not indeed a John the Baptist to cry "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." But the Grand Master's "fan was in his hand and he has thoroughly purged the threshing floor" of its chaff and dust, and placed the finances on a

sound basis, where he hopes from this day they will forever remain, or "words to that effect." We are glad to know, also, from the brief biography opposite the full page photograph of Bro. Baillie, that "he has brought administrative efficiency from his business (civil engineer and business organizer) life into the affairs of the Grand Lodge in ways, that were new, startling and effective." There are so many references to this lack of business management that things must have been in a "bad way" and we are glad to read that "at last you are obtaining intelligent and precise information on a subject which was never understood before."

The Grand Master pays high tribute to the D. D. G. Ms. which he appointed to fulfill the duties of their office in seventeen Districts.

He mentioned the princely sum of \$217,145.97 in the "Educational Fund" and that there are now fifty-two recipients, children of Master Masons in the various schools and colleges of Oregon. And yet he sees in this accumulated riches a danger, "which is stifling the very first principle of Masonic Charity."

We learn that Oregon has a "Masonic Service and Employment Bureau" where "many hundred of places have been filled from all over the State and that these calls are being cared for in the most efficient manner."

The Grand Master rather frowns on public installations by saying, "I would not officially approve them, because I personally believe them improper and not conducive to the best results."

He speaks in no uncertain words of side organizations having Masonic membership as a basis, as breeders of trouble and disorder and "trusts that the time is close at hand when it shall be declared a Masonic offense to petition for additional work in Masonry until three years have elapsed after raising."

We note the inclusion of our own dear and beloved name, Albion E. Chase, Past Grand Master of Maine, in the list of the transfigured of other jurisdictions.

A full page picture of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home is given in the extended and readable report of the Home Committee and Superintendent which shows efficient and constructive management and sound financial administration.

A ringing endorsement (by resolution) of our American public school system, and the University of Oregon occupies large place in the annual proceedings. Oregon is evidently fully awake on this issue, and as far east as Maine, we know the action of that State in the recent election (1922) on this burning question.

A "resolution" was adopted condemning the use of the Masonic name in the life insurance business.

An oration which was ordered "to be read in each constituent lodge" was delivered by the Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. John L. Rand, and deals in an informing and inspiring way with the application of Masonic principles to the vital and challenging issues and problems which are confronting the nation and the world.

Oregon evidently loves and reveres its venerable Grand Chaplain, Rev.

J. R. N. Bell, for it not only sent him a message of cordial greetings and good will but made an appropriation of five hundred dollars as an "honorarium" of appreciation for his "invaluable services."

A long, interesting and very human debate took place over a resolution for a one year qualification for appendant degrees. After the dust had cleared away it was adopted. Another against juvenile fraternities was also adopted.

On recommendation of Committee four new lodges were chartered at this communication.

After long and interesting debate a resolution for the reading of the Bible in the public schools was, in our opinion rightly "laid on the table."

The Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, M. W. Bro. David P. Mason, submitted his annual report containing 213 pages of solid good sense and constructive Masonic criticism. In his Introduction he says "two impressions have registered forcefully as I have worked on this report. First, the serious, sober expression among Masons of a new conscientious appreciation of the Masonic obligation, and expressed desire to influence and fashion the young manhood of the nation in character and a juster regard for the moral and spiritual values of life; and second, a renewed and balanced determination to hold the scales fairly and justly between all classes, especially in matters pertaining to the public school system." These two impressions will find response probably in the experience of every reviewer of the annual proceedings of Grand Lodges in America. This dual tendency or Masonic trend is a wholesome and prophetic sign that here is real dynamic, or driving force, which must have its quiet effect in the life of the Republic.

Maine receives full and adequate treatment in four pages of sound comment and quotation and our "doings" evidently pleased Bro. Mason as there was no adverse criticism and much that appealed to him.

PANAMA, 1921.

The Fourth Annual Communication.

There are seven lodges under charter of this Grand Lodge, two of which do their work in English.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Gmo. Andreve, in opening his annual address refers to the building of the Temple, which has been developing under his administration. He reports that the construction "is now on a good basis." It will be "the pride of all Panamenian Masons and an oasis of peace to all visiting brethren." The Grand Master then urges in the following emphatic language the imperative duty for continuing the work, "I exhort you to exert your best endeavor in carrying out the work immediately."

He is happy to report, "that the lodges in general have improved, the Grand Treasury is flourishing, and we have a small fund for charitable purposes."

He refers to the war between Panama and Costa Rica, "a conflict which occurred when we least expected it, and had they known anything about it,

the Masons of both countries would have endeavored to have avoided it now that all the ills which afflict humanity can and should have a peaceful solution and above all the ills of war."

In the following words Bro. Andreve comes very near the heart of New England: "It is with great joy that Panamenian Masons welcome the visit of Most Worshipful Brother Arthur D. Prince, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, who honors us tonight with his presence, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Ralph Osborn (District Grand Master of the Canal Zone) Worshipful Brother Hilton (Grand Sword Bearer) and other worshipful brethren. The Grand Master welcomes the Treaty of Amity between Panama and Massachusetts "which without disturbing the rights of either, will be advantageous to the Order. This modification (of the old Treaty) is with a desire to establish all American citizens resident in the Republic of Panama who desire to enter the Fraternity must be initiated in or affiliated with the lodges in the Canal Zone, and that all Panamenians resident in the Canal Zone should apply in like manner to the lodge in Panama. The modification is convenient and tends to avoid the initiation or affiliation of elements which may be unknown or damaging to the Order and I request you to ratify it at the proper time." It is interesting to note in this connection the attitude of Massachusetts (see review under Massachusetts) and the cordial approval of this modification of the earlier Treaty, in the words of Grand Master Prince of Massachusetts.

In the Grand Secretary's report we learn that the Grand Lodge of Panama has been fraternally recognized by Arkansas, Missouri, Nevada and Oregon, and we note the appointment of Grand Representatives thereto and therefrom.

A bond issue of fifty thousand dollars is being issued for the construction of the New Temple referred to by the Grand Master in his address, and has been sold among lodges and Masons of Panama, and to others abroad "who would like to help us in carrying into effect this great and noble work." We see that the Grand Treasurer reports "Building Fund to the amount of \$2,473.74," and it seems to suggest that if \$50,000.00 is to be obtained some aggressive and persistent work must be done by the brethren of Panama.

The Charity Fund amounts to \$337.27, and we learn that "from these funds several brethren have been helped by authority of the Grand Lodge."

On the roll of honored dead we see the name of R. W. Bro. Isaac A. Sasso, Past Deputy Grand Master. A brief biography is given, his Masonic standing and various offices held by him, and this word of appreciation closes the "In Memoriam." "In all the relations of his life Brother Sasso has shown the sterling character of a Mason; a loyal citizen, an honorable man, a good husband, a loving father, and a true Mason."

As the major part of the report is given in Spanish, we have been constrained to confine our attention to the parts given in English, which seems to contain the pith and substance of the annual proceedings.

There is no report on Fraternal Correspondence.

PANAMA, 1922.

"Sexto" Annual Communication.

M. W. Bro. A. D. H. Melhado, Grand Master, mentions in the opening of his annual address, "two unfortunate events, one national and one in our own jurisdiction, viz: The coercion placed on the Republic of Panama to deliver Coto to Costa Rica without being recompensed by the delivery of that portion on the Atlantic by Costa Rica to Panama. Emphatic resentment was felt and registered at this unwarranted aggrandizement without compensation. The other matter is left a little uncertain by this information. "The other refers to the Respectable Logia Restauracion, about which you are all aware."

A New Temple is projected by the Panama brethren, with five thousand dollars "promised" and they hope to "secure loans" in order to lay the corner-stone and commence the work. A little over two thousand dollars is in hand and the project looms large to the brethren for in closing the Grand Master exhorts: "Let us unite in the grand design of working together, helping each other, pulling shoulder to shoulder, and heart to heart for our Ideal, our Home, our Temple!" Surely the real Masonic spirit is in these words although they do strike us as unduly repetitious.

The Treaty between Massachusetts and Panama is given in full; the gist of it may be summarized in a few words, reciprocity between the lodges of the Canal Zone having jurisdiction over U. S. citizens resident in the Republic of Panama, and the same respecting lodges of Panama over citizens of the Republic of Panama resident in the Canal Zone.

The Grand Secretary's report tells us that, "At present, this Jurisdiction comprises six active lodges, two of which carry on their work in English." In his report we get a little more light on "Lodge Restauracion," for Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Victor Jesurin, tells us that, "Notwithstanding all efforts made to avoid this blow to Panamanian Masonry, there is nothing else for this Chamber to do but to decree its closure."

Among the "Resolves" we notice with pleasure one to the effect that the Committee on Legislation examine and report on "The Ancient Landmarks of Masonry." Another "Resolve" is one recording regret, "at the manner in which the boundary question (with Costa Rica) has been settled to the detriment of the most dear interests of the country and as the result of outside pressure."

Panama recognized the Grand Lodge of Columbia (Cartagena) and also that of Ecuador. Fraternal recognition has been granted to Panama by the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Montana, Indiana and Colorado during this year. Maine has long recognized Panama, being one of the first of the Grand Lodges of the United States to extend such recognition.

There are Three Grand Masonic Festivals in Panama, namely: St. John's Day which follows the universal custom, June 24th, and that of "Universal Fraternity," and "Adoption of Luvetones," both of which are observed on October 12th.

We notice that special authority has been granted to Bro. Wm. C.

McIntyre to obtain "moral and material" assistance in erecting the new Temple, while on his contemplated trip to the United States.

Maine receives one page (in Spanish) of fraternal review, one of the few thus honored.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1921.

The Quarterly Communications preceded the Annual Communication (December 27th).

Membership (December 27th), 168,847, net increase 17,470. Number of lodges 522.

At the June Quarterly Communication, the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. John S. Sells, read the much discussed and censured Edict relative to the Order of the Eastern Star, the White Shrine of Jerusalem, and the Amaranths; this edict closes with these words, "I further order and direct that, from henceforth, it shall be unlawful for any Freemason under this jurisdiction to become a member of any organization hereinabove referred to." Much subsequent discipline was necessitated with a few lodges because of this drastic action, but on the whole matters seem to have taken an even course and the majority of the brethren acquiesced. The Grand Master's correspondence from other jurisdictions in protest against this seemingly arbitrary edict would make a most interesting volume, if this correspondent may be permitted to judge from the specimens which he has seen. At first blush Grand Master Sells edict seems more in keeping with Autocratic Despotism and the "divine right" of kings fulfilling the adage "the king can do no wrong," than with an insitution as democratic as our own, but as there are always two sides to every question, and some reason other than that which appears in the edict must have actuated the Grand Master, we were content to withhold judgment and censure, until we heard the other side. As Grand Patron of the O. E. S. of Maine, when the edict was issued the impulse was strong, and the fraternal pressure was great, to write in protest like so many others, but that impulse was restrained by a kind of judicial balance that no snap judgment should be made until all the facts, on both sides should appear. The incoming Grand Master, R. W. Bro. A. M. Beitler, has perhaps given us the best counsel relative to the entire question, "the situation will clarify itself in a little while. It will require tact, forbearance to some small degree, the exercise of Brotherly admonition, and perhaps in some isolated cases the disciplinary power of the Grand Lodge." Such cases, judging by this annual report, were very few and amicably adjusted with no sacrifice of dignity or discipline on the part of the Grand Lodge. Perhaps the whole matter finds its solution in the simple and tremendous fact, that after all, the privilege of becoming a Mason issues from the Grand Lodge through its subordinate and constituent lodges. If this clear and quite unquestioned fact be admitted, the inference or at least implication, seems convincingly logical and conclusive.

But it is a pleasure to turn to other things and especially to a new and noble philanthropy which is occupying large place in the thought and activity of the the brethren, "The W. Harry Brown Home for Boys."

This bequest of about fifty thousand dollars is to be used for the purpose implied in the same, so that Bro. Borwn's good work will radiate through the years to come, exerting a salutary influence on the lives of all the boys who will be beneficiaries of his bounty."

Several other bequests were also received, to be applied for the large humanitarian interests of this Grand Lodge. The Charity and Relief Funds of Pennsylvania are simply astounding in their magnitude when seen from our Maine point of view.

Under the caption "Masonic Burial Service," the Grand Master says of cremation that "it shall be lawful in this jurisdiction for lodges to deposit with Masonic ceremony, the ashes of any Freemason whose body was cremated and that his last resting place shall be a tomb or grave, but under no circumstances, when the remains are deposited elsewhere, shall the ceremony be held."

Of the Masonic Service Association he said: "That since the purpose, of this Association, as originally defined, has been enlarged so as to include certain activities and functions entirely beyond those originally announced, and entirely foreign to our traditional and well defined policy, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania with its vast resources and its large and responsive membership could well afford to resume and from henceforth retain its sovereignty in all things."

A suggestive remark from Pennsylvania which seems to justify the attitude and action of our jurisdiction in courteously declining membership a few years ago in the Association.

Tioga Lodge (No. 373) "so far forgot their relationship to the Grand Lodge, as to be rebellious." It was all about the O. E. S., and the Grand Master's famous edict which was flagrantly repudiated, but after searching repentance and drastic discipline, the troubled waters subsided into peaceful calm. Another case of similar nature was that of Kiskiminetas Lodge, which had its "warrant lifted," and "the fate of this lodge is now a subject of future disposition."

There were eight new lodges, constituted during the year, and four cornerstone ceremonials held.

Under "Dispensations" we read with a kind of grewsome delight these words: "To make a youth under age a Mason. The only reason given why such a request was made, is "there is a young man in my district who will not be twenty-one years old until in May next, and he wants to be made a Mason, as he is going off to college, and wants to be made a Mason before he goes." The Grand Master laconically says, "further comment is unnecessary."

The succeeding Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Abraham M. Beitler, has this fine word to say respecting Masonic Banquets: "The amount of money expended by many of our lodges for banquets has grown to be a scandal, many lodges providing a banquet for every meeting, Stated, Special and Extra. Some have spent every dollar received for initiation fees at the social board. No lodge should expend all its receipts in this way. It should put by a part for needs of the future and to meet fully

and promptly every call upon it by those entitled to Masonic relief." Wholesome doctrine and wise counsel.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by the masterful hand of the Chairman, R. W. Bro. Thomas F. Penman, who appends a well written article on Masonic Education in which he sees the imperative need of schools of instruction and a comprehensive program of Masonic themes and methods of instruction and tuition. It is a vital word on a vital subject.

Under Cuba we notice a gleam of chortling humor when he says of the annual report (of Cuba) which is written in Spanish and refers to his work in assumedly complimentary terms, and of himself as "El Venerable Hermanos Penman es el autor del Informe General, muy bien redacto por cierto." Bro. Penman says, "we assume that there is something complimentary in that, but we are suspicious about the virility of that word 'Venerable.'"

We are reminded of Artemas Ward's remark on hearing the ticket-sellers Chinese lingo when selling him a ticket for the theatre, "On the whole I think you are right." That is about the attitude of the average American reviewer when reading the annual reports of the Spanish American Jurisdictions.

Maine receives careful and cordial attention at Bro. Penman's hands but there is a censorious hint in his words about our contribution to the George Washington Memorial, "the project appeared to be in favor with the brethren, in a negative sort of way. According to the Grand Master, Maine has contributed \$100.00 to it and he thought they should get busy in its support." The implied rebuke is deserved, but Maine has retrieved itself in a measure since those hard words were written, by a much more liberal contribution, although far enough away from a one dollar per capita subscription as given by many other jurisdictions. Bro. Penman infers that there was some difference of opinion relative to the M. S. A., perhaps because Bro. Harry E. Noyes was most cordially and applaudively received when he spoke eloquently in the interest of the Association, as a matter of fact while we enjoyed his words and loved him to the limit, it was a practically unanimous vote not to affiliate at this time with the M. S. A.

We have tried to retrieve the missing report referred to in courteous terms by Bro. Penman, both last year and this, by giving special attention to Pennsylvania's report which has been in the words of John Keats, "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1922.

The Tenth Annual Communication.

Membership 6,297, net gain 1,171. Seventy-eight lodges.

Four Past Grand Masters were present, and the Grand Representatives of forty-three jurisdictions, including ours of Maine.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Edwin E. Elser, during his term, granted thirty-seven dispensations to initiate applicants without sufficient residence

qualifications and as we notice they are officers in the army and navy, it indicates a condition and problem perhaps peculiar to the Philippines.

His Decisions are all given by correspondence, full letters of query and reply are printed, but after careful reading they seem wholly within the usual practice and custom of the Fraternity.

He issues a circular letter (No. 24) cautioning lodges respecting the use of intoxicants at lodge sessions asserting that "The Fraternity should not be responsible for wreckage of human character. A number of serious cases have occurred where young men have started on the downward path to a drunkard's end wherein it might have been stated that an aid to their downfall was the liquor obtained through their lodge membership. Liquor must not form a part of the refreshments at any lodge function."

A long circular (No. 25) is incorporated in his address clearly and forcefully defining Clandestine and Irregular lodges, and the clear inference is that there is much confusion and uncertainty in the minds of the brethren respecting a situation which is evidently causing considerable concern to the Grand Lodge, and that they are taking strenuous measures to reprehend and repudiate all illegal and spurious lodges. It is an interesting situation ably presented by the Grand Master's letter. The Grand Oriente Espanol (Spain) is evidently a disturbing factor, but as Espanol are in fraternal relations with no legitimate Grand Lodges, the term Clandestine as applied to Philippine Lodges chartered by them seems to be wholly warranted and legitimate.

During his term the Grand Master commissioned and recommended twenty Grand Representatives, largely to American Grand Lodges. He constituted fourteen and issued nine dispensations for new lodges. A long list of "Visitations," indicates a busy fraternal year on the part of Bro. Elser.

He bespeaks for the M. S. A. "continued cooperation and encouragement." Among the new Temples we notice especially the one in which Grand Lodge is holding its sessions, the "magnificent Plaridel Temple," at Manila.

A resolution to the effect that after six months from date no ritual except that of the York Rite shall be used in any lodge holding charter from the Grand Lodge, a resolution which we are told was "carried by an overwhelming majority." Another resolution was that the language to be used in proceedings and ceremonies in all lodges must be either English or Spanish, which was adopted.

The proceedings of fourteen Special Communications of the Grand Lodge all for the purpose of constituting new lodges are printed in full in the Annual Proceedings.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. W. Bro. George R. Harvey, P. G. M., and our Grand Representative of Maine and deals with seventy-five Grand Jurisdictions. Bro. Harvey voices the hopes and aims of his brother correspondents, by saying that "it is a valued privilege to be placed in close touch with the most advanced thought in Masonry, and if the members of this Grand Lodge

will take an interest in our fraternal reviews and commend them to the attention of the brethren of the lodges, our work will not have been in vain, and the benefits will be commensurate with our labors in their behalf." Which strikes us as worth passing on to other jurisdictions.

Maine receives full and cordial attention at his hands. Grand Master Wheeler's address is termed "meritorious and full of wise counsel and helpful observation." He commends the Grand Master's liberal interpretation of Physical Qualifications and Grand Secretary Davis' words respecting increased pay for Lodge Secretaries. Last year we retrieved the omission of the Philippine Islands' review, which Bro. Chase had not received, but which came to his successor after his death.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1922.

The Forty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership 1,085, a net gain for the year of 49.

Six Past Grand Masters and twenty-five Grand Representatives were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John McNevin, reports a year "successful in work performed and results achieved." He looks forward to a "steady and satisfactory growth and development."

His Necrology mentions the high and honored names of two Past Grand Masters of that Jurisdiction, M. W. Bros. Donald Darrach and James MacDougall, and pays fitting and tender tribute to their labors and memories. Special communications of the Grand Lodge were held for burial ceremonies. M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase's name finds honored place in the dead of other jurisdictions.

During his term of office the Grand Master appointed five, and nominated three Grand Representatives, issued seven dispensations, laid corner-stones, visited every lodge in his jurisdiction. An event which loomed large in the year's annals was the corner-stone ceremonies at the Protestant Orphanage at Mt. Herbert and in the course of his remarks he pays high tribute to its work, and says, "Our Roman Catholic friends have such an institution for their destitute and deserving dependents, and Protestantism should at least do as well, and Our Order should do her full share and bear her part in the support and development of this most worthy object." In his "Conclusion" he touches the vital point by saying, "Each member in a measure holds the reputation of the Craft in his own hands, and the character of the Institution is judged from our individual acts."

A brief report of the D. G. M., R. W. Bro. T. Gordon Ives, follows the same wholesome counsel; and narrates, in brief compass, his official doings.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. E. T. Carbonell, reports that the increase in membership was next to the largest in the history of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. W. C. Lawson, reports the ritualistic work "of an high order" and what is even better "still improving," and recommends that what we call in Maine "Schools of Instruction"

shall be held with delegates from each lodge in order that uniformity of ritual may be observed throughout the jurisdiction.

A resolution was passed to the effect that every lodge shall make returns and payment of dues on a specified date, preceding the annual communication or "forfeit their voice and votes" for that year, and in case of persistent neglect of duty in this regard the name of the lodge shall be liable to erasure.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address, brings in a highly commendatory report, especially interesting is the reference therein to attendance at Divine Service in regalia. "Any lodge may attend every Sunday in the year, parading from the lodge room if they choose, without consulting Grand Lodge; but if they wish to wear their lodge clothing and regalia outside the lodge they must ask and pay for permission to do so. It is parading in public in Masonic attire that the Grand Lodge is guarding." Our comment is that doubtless that is excellent practice in P. E. I., but in our large cities with a score of different denominational churches to choose from, to allow it every Sunday in the year as a Masonic parade, even without regalia, from the lodgeroom, would almost certainly result in differences of opinion as to where and how often, the lodge should go to any special church. Sectarian differences would be liable, almost sure to creep in, and unfortunate differences, if not indeed rancorous controversies, would almost inevitably result. Once a year it is allowed, but fifty-two times a year would court disaster.

A presentation to the Grand Secretary of a gold headed walking stick accompanied by a well phrased letter from Grand Lodge, was a closing feature of the session.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

QUEBEC, 1922.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication.

Membership 12,059, net gain 890.

There were present nine Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of forty-five Grand Lodges, including ours of Maine.

M. W. Bro. Charles McBurney, Grand Master, was escorted to the Grand East, where he cordially welcomed the brethren and referred to the occasion as on the whole a happy event, but mingled with sad feelings because of the great and good who have been called "up higher," among which honored names we see that of M. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, Past Grand Master, to whose memory he pays tender and fitting tribute. At his hands also, our own P. G. M. Albro E. Chase, is mentioned among the honored fraters of other jurisdictions.

Among the pleasant duties of the Grand Master was the consecrating of seven new lodges with full ceremonials, the commissioning and recommending of seven Grand Representatives and visitations which are fully described in his annual report.

We notice dispensations grouped under various headings, several of

which are for "out of time" degrees and for candidates "whose physical qualifications are imperfect."

With real satisfaction he restores the charter of one lodge (Yamaska) giving clear reasons therefor and then going himself on Thanksgiving day to officially express his pleasure and approval.

We notice one "Ruling" to the effect that no lodge can work with a photograph of its charter, rather than the original document in its lodge-room because "the photograph of a charter can no more carry authority of a charter than the photograph of a man can perform the functions of a man." In Maine we try to preserve the old honored parchments (some of them from Massachusetts with Paul Revere's name as Grand Secretary) from loss by fire or otherwise, by permitting official certificates of charter, while these old documents of priceless value are kept in fireproof Bank Vaults for preservation. Whether this method is followed in Quebec the Grand Master does not say, but if not, it might be worthy of consideration.

Among his "Recommendations" is one for uniformity of work in the jurisdiction especially in the matter of "words and signs," which might be secured by the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, or by holding district meetings for exemplifications of work under competent supervision. He also recommends that a full time Grand Secretary should be employed, having an office in the Temple and remunerated with adequate salary.

Under "Publicity" the Grand Master condemns in no measured terms the practice on the part of some lodges to use the press for full reports of their doings, this he rightly terms "unhealthy and unmasonic." Here is a wise word, "Freemasonry is farther removed than the poles from those societies that think they will be effective because of the noise they make. As the sources of the mightiest rivers are to be sought in the seclusion and silence of the heights, so must we seek the inspiration for noble achievement in the sacred and secret bosom of our lodges, and that secrecy must not be violated."

The Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Rev. G. R. Allen, delivered an inspiring address centering around the thought, that as Masons our thought and action should be worthy of man's past and hopeful for his future.

The various Masonic Districts are fully reported by the D. D. G. Ms. and indicated faithful labor and efficient service in constructive Masonic craftsmanship. Grand Lodge also made a new alignment of Masonic Districts at this session.

The Committee on the Address of the Grand Master, brought in a highly commendatory report, justifying his actions and praising his unremitting energy and zeal in behalf of the Craft in Quebec.

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland is recognized by Quebec.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the hand of M. W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, P. G. M., and comprises the review of over sixty Grand Lodges. Before entering upon the more formal review Bro. Chambers gives very illuminating statistics and facts relative to the Fraternity in other jurisdictions and over the world. He analyses the gains and accounts for the phenomenal growth of over seven per cent. in 1920, and

sounds the usual note of caution that we may be developing rather too fast numerically and at the expense of "quality" in our membership.

Under the caption "The Eastern Star" he makes reference to the action of the Grand Lodge of England and quotes at length from their proceedings.

"Plural Membership" finds interesting comment at his hands, while he quotes a long and interesting passage from the address of M. W. Bro. Arthur D. Prince, Grand Master of Massachusetts (1920) in advocacy of it, even while Quebec prohibits dual membership, other than honorary, throughout the jurisdiction.

Maine receives cordial attention and review, Grand Master Wheeler's address is cogently summarized and commended, while Brother Chase's last report (alas his very last) is called admirable, although Quebec is "unfortunately overlooked this time." It was graciously expressed, Bro. Chambers, and we have tried to make amends, both this year and last.

RHODE ISLAND, 1922.

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Communication.

Membership 15,436, net gain of 1,219.

There were present nine Past Grand Master, and thirty-eight Grand Representatives, including ours of Maine.

At the semi-annual session the Jurisprudence Committee finding a manifest inconsistency and contradiction between a Standing Order and the Ancient Landmarks of the Craft, recommended that the former be repealed which was adopted. A committee was also appointed by the Grand Master to investigate the regularity of Freemasonry in Italy. At this session a representative of the Masonic Service Association, Bro. Elting H. Comstock, gave a lecture with moving pictures, on the subject, "The Equality of Opportunity."

At the annual communication the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Joseph Lawton, opening his address stresses fidelity to the designs drawn on the Trestle Board by the Hand of the Great Architect that we may "be finished material for the symbolic building, that we may know participate in and transmit the ideal of Brotherhood." He notes at considerable length the prosperity of the Craft, outlines in brief words his various duties and labor, dwells upon the imperative duty of investigating committees to function in something more than a perfunctory manner, and speaks clearly and forcefully on the sacred secrecy of the ballot and believes and avers that severe penalty should be meted out "to one who would so demean himself as to deliberately violate this sacred principle of Masonry." The Grand Master, also speaks strongly on using the name Masonic for commercial advertising.

He approves amendments to by-laws, issues twenty-three dispensations to attend church and three for other purposes all pertaining to minor matters and within the usual custom and practice of the Fraternity. He appointed and nominated ten Grand Representatives. He gives brief

and interesting account of his visit to New Jersey the guest of the Grand Master of that jurisdiction and found that in the early days "the fraternal ties were intimate," and believes that "they should be so continued."

The Grand Master gives cordial endorsement and enlightening information of the Masonic Service Association. He speaks in the same vein respecting the George Washington Memorial and believes that it will be an "inspiration for yet other commendable Masonic enterprises and will demonstrate the possibilities of united effort."

An interesting account in his report deals with the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Washington Lodge, No. 3, at Warren, R. I. An ancient and honored record which appeals to just pride in every Mason.

Brief reports of the five D. D. G. Ms. are given, and these officers do the same offices and hold the same relations to the Grand Lodge, as do similar officers in Maine.

A detailed and informing report of the Committee on the New Masonic Temple occupies several pages of the proceedings, and holds large place in the hopes and visions of some Rhode Island brethren; the Committee is convinced that all the brethren "will accept as a privilege the opportunity to have a part in the erection of the Temple, which shall be an enduring monument to Freemasonry to its splendid past and to all for which it stands." After some discussion, and the loss of several amendments, it was voted "to abandon the plan of erecting and owning a Masonic Temple and that the Committee be discharged with thanks." Thus fades hope, "gone glimmering through a dream of things that were."

The report of the Special Committee on Foreign Correspondence to consider the claims of Italy for recognition, report that "they are not prepared to recommend such recognition at this time, and refer the whole matter, where of course it properly belonged, to the official and regular Committee on Foreign Correspondence."

There is no formal report of this Committee appended to the annual proceedings.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1922.

The Sixteenth Annual Communication.

Membership 11,970, net gain 592. Number of chartered lodges, 163.

Eight Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-three Grand Lodges, were present at this Communication. Maine's Representative was not present.

M. W. Bro. George M. Weir, Grand Master, in opening his annual address said: "Though we have passed through a year of financial, commercial and agricultural depression, perhaps unprecedented in the history of our Province, it is most gratifying to observe that the spirit of Freemasonry has not waned, but with an indomitable faith in the future and with dauntless courage in the face of all difficulties, the brethren have discharged their Masonic engagements in a manner which merits sincere commendation."

Three honored and beloved names appear on the roster of "Fraternal

Dead," R. W. Bro. John Dixon (one of the founders of Grand Lodge), R. W. Bro. H. G. A. Harper, and R. W. Bro. R. H. McCracken, both of whom were efficient workers in Grand Lodge and D. D. G. Ms. for a term of years.

The name so dear to us of Maine, M. W. Bro. Albion E. Chase, appears on the list of those dead from other jurisdictions.

An event of international importance, fully narrated by the Grand Master took place at Estevan, where the brethren of North Dakota and Saskatchewan foregathered, cementing the bonds of amity and mutual understanding, or as one of the brethren expressed it in cogent phrase, "the border line exists for political not for Masonic purposes."

We are glad to see that the Grand Master refused a dispensation to rebalot on an application for initiation, the reason given being that the applicant was about to leave and be in the employ of a Mason. This reason seemed to the Grand Master "altogether too trivial and insufficient."

During his term of office he issued seven dispensations for and chartered and constituted four new lodges.

A Masonic Scholarship Campaign is occupying large place in the thought and achievements of the Grand Lodge. Much has been accomplished and the Grand Master makes stirring appeal for this enterprise. It has already scored according to the Grand Master, "a marked success." As a Masonic project he hopes to see it become a unifying force and a bulwark of national security.

District Meetings loom large in Saskatchewan and from the extended report of the Grand Master we learn that these are making for interest, uniformity and progress. During his administration three Masonic Temples were dedicated. His "Conclusion" is a little masterpiece of forensic eloquence and sturdy good sense and admonition, which it has been a real delight to read.

The D. D. G. Ms. make brief reports of the sixteen Districts under their supervision, and from these we gather that there is much constructive Masonic labor being achieved by this method.

From the Grand Secretary's report we learn with interest that the Masonic Scholarship Fund now amounts to the splendid total of \$17,278.05.

The Grand Lodge erected a monument as a memorial to M. W. Bro. Elwood, Past Grand Master.

An Oration on the subject "Masonry and Citizenship," was delivered by V. W. Bro. Rev. H. D. Leitch, Grand Chaplain, which touches in a vital and inspiring way on the opportunities and obligations, the duties and destinies confronting and challenging the Masonic manhood of our day. It closes with these blunt and trenchant words, "God make us Masons men." Which is good Masonic gospel, whether meant as invocation or exhortation.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence advises delay in the matter of recognition of the Grand Lodge of Ecuador, and the National Grand Lodge of Italy. Grand Lodge took this action. An interesting side light on the matter of Italy is shown by the statistical fact that there are in

Italy, 560 lodges, with a membership of more than 60,000, and as the report says, "still growing."

The loyalty of the Province is shown by a telegram sent to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of England. A gracious and cordial reply was received from H. R. H., expressing good wishes and gratitude for their thoughtfulness on his birthday.

A matter of considerable concern was reported by a special committee advocating and explaining the project of an International Masonic Newspaper, and it was voted that copies of this report outlining the plan and purpose of the project be "sent to the Grand Jurisdictions of the English-speaking world." It may be a good plan, and general cooperation may come, but there are great obstacles and many prejudices to surmount, and personally we are not sanguine of ultimate success unless there is genuine and aggressive cooperation for a journal which will be different from the majority of those that purport to speak for universal Freemasonry.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is evidently from the hand of the Chairman of the Committee, M. W. Bro. W. M. Thompson, and is a brief resume of the "essential doings" of the various Grand Lodges. So brief and "sketchy" is the report that we miss the personal flavor and note of the correspondent. Maine, for instance, receives but six lines of personal review, the remainder being a quotation from the conclusion of Grand Master Wheeler's address. We came across the word — *exiguity* — the other day in reading George Eliot's "*Silas Marner*," and the word seems to well cover and identify Brother Thompson's review. We are a little regretful of this because your correspondent for Maine, has been for many years the Grand Representative for Saskatchewan, and honored by the appointment.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1922.

The One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership 27,146, net increase 1,847. Number of lodges 286.

Six Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-eight Grand Jurisdictions were present, although Maine's name does not appear.

Among the distinguished guests on this occasion was the M. W. Grand Master of Florida, Bro. Chas. H. Ketchum, who we are told, and we believe it, having just read his annual address in Florida, "spoke in a very forceful manner emphasizing the responsibility that rested upon the Fraternity at this time, especially along educational lines."

Bro. Samuel T. Lanham, M. W. Grand Master, opened his annual address with trenchant reference to the Disarmament Conference and its results, and the challenging destinies and duties which confront every American in these days of readjustment. He especially lays stress upon the "revival of interest in religious matters, an awakened religious conscience" as the deepest need of our day.

With profound sorrow he speaks of the departure to that "undiscovered

country " of M. W. Bro. George S. Mower, Grand Master from 1911 to 1913. His was a large and noble personality which leaves great place vacant in the South Carolina circle of fraternity.

Under "Deaths in other Jurisdictions," we note with tender regret the name of our own Brother Albro Elmore Chase, P. G. M.

Grand Master Lanham reports "peace and harmony as prevailing" in his Jurisdiction and looks forward to continued progress and prosperity among the Craftsmen of South Carolina. He manifests a keen interest in both the Washington Memorial and the Masonic Service Association.

South Carolina is one of the few English speaking jurisdictions that is collaborating and contributing to the International Bureau of Masonic Affairs at Neuchatel, Switzerland, and the Grand Master gives it high praise, while an interesting correspondence in this respect is included in the annual proceedings.

Among his official duties of the year we note especially that he granted dispensations for five new lodges, while he constituted and consecrated six. Nine foundation-stone and Temple dedication ceremonies were also part of his duties of Mastership.

Again he says of the "Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina," "in our opinion it is the best in continental Europe."

Twenty-four Masonic Districts are fully reported by D. D. G. Ms. and indicated a system very like our own, which we find so productive of substantial and constructive work in administration and governance of the fraternity, in Maine.

Included in the proceedings is an extended biography of Past Grand Master Albert G. Mackey, whose erudite Masonic research and historical writings and symbolic interpretations of Masonry, are known wherever English speaking Masons meet. This splendid piece of work was done by the Chairman of the Historical Committee, Bro. William G. Mazyck.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence was very unwilling to extend fraternal recognition to various Latin-language Grand Lodges.

A resolution, which "was enthusiastically and unanimously adopted" was in endorsement of the Public School System, it closed by pledging every Mason, "to oppose the efforts of any and all who seek to limit, curtail, hinder or destroy the public school system of our land." Which seems to cover the case!

The Order of DeMolay for Boys, was endorsed by resolution from the floor.

The masterly and characteristic review of M. W. Bro. J. L. Michie, Past Grand Master, has held our attention and admiration throughout as we have read and pondered his Correspondence Report. It is one of the reports that has a kind of personal flavor and seems redolent of a rich mind and many-sided personality.

He deals in an interesting, even fascinating way, with French Masonry, and the early history of Feminine Masonry (?) quoting largely from other sources with a shrewd comment now and then of his own. New York and Sea and Field Lodges, he doesn't hesitate to call "omnibus" while

perhaps he might have added "ominous," which he looks upon as a rather wholesale invasion of all jurisdictions.

Maine receives kindly and comprehensive attention, which is discriminating in its praise and keen in its analysis. Grand Master Wheeler is commended for a "short business-like" report, but gets criticism for his ruling relative to examination of E. A. and F. C. in Master Masons Lodges, which he "terms contrary to all Masonic Law this Scribe has ever read."

It is with real reluctance that we are compelled to refrain from extended quotation of this most able document, so choice in its thought, so sinewy in its phrase, and withal so genial and kindly even in its strictures and criticism.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1922.

The Forty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership 17,792, net gain of 1,334. There were present fourteen Past Grand Masters, and twenty-nine Grand Representatives. Ours of Maine was absent.

After the usual preliminary exercises of welcoming, with presentation of a well known and ever welcome guest in the person of M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, P. G. M. and Grand Secretary of North Dakota, who accepted in "a neat and characteristic address," the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William F. R. Whorton, opens his annual report by reassuring the brethren of the general prosperity of the Craft and "the substantial growth in numbers during the year." By a somewhat singular coincidence M. W. Bro. Whorton was called upon to officiate at the burial of the first and the last Grand Master of South Dakota, and he makes mention of this unusual fact in paying tender and deserved tribute to both Father Thomas H. Brown, P. G. M., of whom he says, "this Grand Lodge is a monument to his memory" and to M. W. Bro. John H. McCord, the Junior Past Grand Master.

During his term he commissioned two Grand Representatives, constituted six new lodges, granted the same number of dispensations for others, laid three corner-stones and officiated at four dedication ceremonies, beside the usual visitations of various lodges. He rendered no decisions but says regarding the matter of physical qualification, "In every case I have held that if the applicant can take the steps and give the signs and grips, he is eligible, providing he is not crippled to such an extent that he might become a charge upon the lodge," Which seems to be about as fair an attitude as is possible under that Ancient Landmark and accords with our practice in Maine for many generations.

He was fairly drastic in his refusal to confer degrees "out of time" but three "got by" and under Bro. Whorton's explanation they seemed exceptional cases.

There being some confusion and contradiction in the Code of Grand Lodge he suggests that "Correction slips" be mailed to the secretaries in order that there may be correction and unification in accordance with

Section 128 of the Code relating to the disposition of properties held by incorporated lodges.

The Grand Master mentions one case of a lodge soliciting members by wholesale at a fee below the minimum fixed by Grand Lodge. He asserts that this lodge "disregarded G. L. Authority and violated Masonic usage." This recalcitrant lodge voted "to take in all the members they could get before a certain day at \$25.00." He told them what the penalty would be should they persist in their hazardous undertaking. And apparently that was all, surely they "deserved the severest penalty of the law for even, etc., etc." In Maine there would have been "something doing" in the "clefts of the rocks," for a lodge who thus flagrantly disregarded and violated law, usage and custom.

Grand Master Whorton urges a continuation of the custom of observing Washington's Masonic Birthday (November 4th). He recommends that a suitable monument be erected on the "old church site" in the town of Vermillion (a name which sounds like painting the town according to wild west ideas to our conservative Eastern ears) where the First Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory was held. Adopted.

The Masonic Service Association is cordially endorsed by the Grand Master and it occupies a large place in the thought and life of the South Dakota Brethren.

The Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Geo. A. Pettigrew, makes a good suggestion in his report to the effect that there are no "has beens" in Masonry and the brethren who have a membership of fifty or more years ought to be fittingly recognized by some token of appreciation presented in the name of the Grand Lodge. Surely, but after all as the old Book says, "The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness."

The Committee on Correspondence recommends "that the continuation of recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico be affirmed," and the United Grand Lodge of Queensland be "felicitated" and that necessary steps be taken for an exchange of representatives."

On the list of the dead of sister jurisdictions we note with chastened and mingled feelings of sadness and of joy, the dear and honored name of M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase, P. G. M. of Maine, for many years our Correspondent, now risen in transcendent Light to the Great Beyond.

R. W. Bro. Chas. L. Brockway is the writer of the Correspondence Report containing one hundred and forty pages and dealing with fifty-two jurisdictions.

He sees the danger, in his "Conclusion," of the making of vast number of Masons during the last few years and draws the usual strong mark of distinction between making Masons and conferring degrees. His concluding paragraph is well worth quotation.

"The movement to hold the Master Mason to the work of knowing something of the Masonry of the Blue Lodge before being hurried forward into the higher degrees is spreading and will have to be reckoned with. It is right in principle. So also the multiplication of societies or bodies

making Masonry a prerequisite to membership has called out much adverse criticism."

Maine receives two good and gracious pages of commendatory review. Grand Master Wheeler is praised for "sound, good and wholesome advice to the brethren," and M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase, Correspondent (alas his last) is greeted fraternally for "kindly notice received" at his hands.

TENNESSEE, 1923.

The One Hundred and Ninth Annual Communication.

Membership (October 21, 1922), 43,283; net gain, 2,314.

All the Grand Officers, eighteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-one grand jurisdictions, (including Maine's) were present.

M. W. Bro. Walker M. Taylor, Grand Master, touches in his annual address upon three vital needs of our times, "reverence for sacred things, honest work and a proper respect for constituted authority." He avers that our institution is peculiarly qualified to meet these three needs, and says in a few ringing words, "that Masonry accepts this responsibility."

The Grand Master pays tender eulogy to the memory of Past Grand Master Bro. Wilbur F. Foster, for sixty-five years a mason and a strong tower of Tennessee Masonry.

During his term he visited eighty-three lodges. An interesting edict was issued by Grand Master Taylor enjoining a more general observance of St. John's day, which in many lodges had fallen into what Grover Cleveland once called "innocuous desuetude," had its immediate effect in renewed interest in the purposes of the day and an increased voluntary donations to the Widows' and Orphans' Home. Nearly \$6,500.00 was realized in this manner for "The Endowment Fund." A serious condition of the funds of the Home confronted the Grand Master, and a deficit of \$20,000.00, but facing the situation manfully, real results were produced and he is able to speak optimistically of the future, while pleading for a larger budget appropriation for this purpose. He says, "the inmates of the Home are a sacred trust, and this Grand Lodge must and will provide for them." He recommended that when a boy or girl in the Home shall reach the age of sixteen they shall be returned to the lodge that placed them there and assume the responsibility for their future welfare. But this was not sustained by Grand Lodge. Another recommendation, to the effect that a one dollar per capita for five years be levied for the Home, met with "non-concurrence," as did his recommendation for a minimum fee of \$35.00 for the degrees.

A long list of "dispensations granted" has this footnote which is rather eloquent in its brevity: "In future, reasons for granting dispensations should be fully shown." Another "non-concurrence" appeared in the matter of "A lodge may not hold burial services sometime after interment,"—Bro. Taylor thought it ought to be allowed and that no possible harm could arise from such practice, hence the "non-concurrence," by Grand Lodge.

Seven charters were issued for new lodges, seven Grand Representatives nominated and commissioned.

Among his "Rulings" we note "that a Mason must be expelled (Edict 61) and not suspended, when proven guilty of "dealing in whiskey." And also that "the lodge, and not the Grand Master, must decide of physical qualifications." Which accords with our Maine practice. We like also his ruling to the effect that a brother making the statement — "There will be no person elected to membership this year in this lodge" is guilty of a masonic offense and subject to punishment.

Respecting the School Question, the Grand Master says "it is not a political or religious question, but a vital patriotic and moral issue."

He gives high praise to the O. E. S., in the matter of loyalty to the Home and notes what we have often observed in Maine, that because of it, lodgerooms are kept clean, and that "the brethren are more vitally active."

He suggests that Tennessee endorse and give financial aid to the Tubercular Sanatoria under the direction of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico. It is estimated that 5,000 Masons die annually from T. B.

For the benefit of our Maine brethren who need to see both sides of a much mooted question we quote at some length these trenchant words of Grand Master Taylor respecting the Old Masons' Home which they have been conducting for many years. This word is the result of painful experience and leaves little to be desired in the matter of condemnation. "The Old Masons' Home, from a business or fraternal standpoint, is not a success. It is difficult to transplant an old man and have him as well contented and happy as he would be if permitted among his old associates and friends. (This is Maine's way). These old brethren who are now inmates of the Old Mason's Home, would be a great deal better satisfied and contented (!) if they were back at their old homes. I would have the Grand Lodge exercise its responsibility in a different manner than at present." This for many years has been the opinion of Maine, and also our practice, and such words born out of such experience as that of Tennessee, confirms us that our way, especially in a State largely agricultural, is the most wholesome, humane and practicable, as well as economical, which could be devised for us, although we are open minded on the matter especially concerning States which are predominantly industrial in their nature. We recall a word from Colorado to the effect that their experience, economically considered, would have allowed, in the matter of each inmate's annual expenditure, the caring for them at the leading hotel in Denver; that is, that they could have paid their hotel bills at the same cost per capita as it was costing the Grand Lodge. Enthusiasts for such institutions should consider carefully both the financial and humanitarian side of the question and weigh the experience of many Grand Lodges, like Tennessee and Colorado, before deciding that such a home is either desirable or warrantable.

The annual proceedings of Tennessee are filled with splendid things which ought in justice to be mentioned, especially notable is an oration

on M. W. Bro. Andrew Jackson, by M. W. Bro. T. W. Peace, which it has been an informing delight to read, because it departs from mere forensic eulogy and present facts and salient items which must have incurred a large amount of painstaking research and investigation on the part of Bro. Peace.

It is filled with quotable passages but we must content ourselves with a quotation which closes the address from a former Grand Master of Tennessee,—“Whatever may have been our partialities or oppositions to his public acts, his name shall live in the grateful recollection of his brethren, and the memorials of his virtues should be preserved in the archives of our Order.”

There is strong endorsement of the Masonic Service Association, and also of Near East Relief on the part of Grand Lodge.

Action was taken to erect a suitable monument at the graves of Past Grand Master, Philip N. Matlock, and wife, at the cost of \$450.00.

The Committee on Correspondence did the right thing in our opinion when it advised non-recognition of “certain Latin-speaking Grand Lodges,” (names not given). This is a bit too sweeping but we understand the intention of the report, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The more formal report of this Committee is written by M. W. Bro. H. A. Chambers, and is his twentieth annual review. A carefully compiled cross reference system is adopted by Bro. Chambers in the opening of his report, by which we can readily discover his opinion relative to such mooted matters as the K. K. K., Modernizing Masonry, the Public Schools, and Qualifications of Candidates.

Maine receives cordial and generous notice in three pages of keen and scholarly review, a bit of real courtesy which we appreciate because we did not review Tennessee last year not having then, or since, received it. We have tried to make amends by a somewhat extended review of this year's (1923) proceedings. M. W. Grand Master Wheeler is liberally cited and Bro. Chas. B. Davis' memorial for Bro. Chase is quoted *en extenso*, while your Correspondent's report is commended.

Bro. Chambers qualifications as correspondent are clearly evidenced on every page, a clear literary style, an incisive mind selecting the vital things, and a Masonic spirit constructive always in its comments and criticisms. Across the spaces, by a kind of reverse “absent treatment” we feel, right now, that we are receiving the “absolution” and forgiveness of Bro. Chambers for our compelled omission of last year's report.

TEXAS, 1922.

The Eighty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 124,651; number of lodges, 952. All Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-nine Grand Lodges (including M. W. Bro. Bradley for Maine) were present. Among the distinguished visitors present were R. W. Bro. F. E. Lester, Past Grand Master of New Mexico, and R. W. Bro. F. T. Lodge, Past Grand Master of Michigan, who were cordially welcomed with the Private

Grand Honors, and welcomed to seats in the East, and later made instructive remarks and eloquent admonition to the brethren of Texas, while bringing greetings of their respective Grand Jurisdictions.

A touching ceremony of welcome to those who have been Masons for more than fifty years was given, with simple and eloquent words of greeting and appreciation from the Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. D. F. Johnson, Grand Master, in opening his annual address asserted his conviction that, "this is no time to try out new things, but that the great fundamentals of Masonry should be the guiding principles."

An interesting event in his administration was the granting of a Dispensation to form a lodge in Coblenz, Germany, to be named Lahneck Lodge, in memory of those martyred Knights Templar who fell defending Lahneck Castle. A full page photograph of the historic castle is given, and in which this lodge "was called to labor and the officers duly placed in charge." This lodge is one composed of Master Masons in the American Army of Occupation in Coblenz. It is an interesting account which stands out in the more formal report of the Grand Master.

Several paragraphs of the report deal with "Advertising Masonry for Sale of Stocks in Oil Companies, and for political and business purposes," and in addition there is extended reference to the doings and propaganda of the Ku Klux Klan which organization the Grand Master tells us is using Masonry for its purposes, but as we notice that hundreds of pages of this Mastodon of annual reports, is given to a roster of the entire Texan membership of 124,651, with location, it occurs to us that this is a splendid way to open the membership of Texas to all kinds of business schemes and political or sectarian purposes, and it is an opportunity which such organizations as that which he so sternly condemns, may be depended on to utilize to the utmost. It is of course "none of our business" and the matter of expenses of printing still less so, but it occurs to us that to omit it, might protect the brethren from all such printed and mailable appeals and propaganda of every kind. As we look over our own report for Maine, while the full roster is not printed there, still there are enough names to make us rather diffident and modest in pressing this point, lest our good Brother Bradley of Texas, retort, "He that is without sin, let him cast the first stone." And so we let the matter drop with this question—*Cui bono?*

Grand Master Johnson refused dispensations to confer degrees out of time to several lodges.

Fitting reference is made to the death of two of the most distinguished and loved Brothers of Texas, Bro. Anson Rainey, Past Grand Master, who was one of the old guard, "a pioneer in Masonry," and M. W. Bro. James Jefferson Davis, Past Grand Master "one of the most active and beloved of the brethren." Eloquent tributes are paid to each with appropriate quotations from the poets, and the Light of eternal hope rests upon their names and memories.

The Grand Master, like the majority of others, sees that "the time is near when the Grand Lodge must place a restraining hand on all organizations which base their membership on Masonry." Surely the thing is

getting to be an intolerable nuisance and the latest is the one which caused Bro. Johnson's remark, the "Egyptian Mystics" which is like the "Sciots" of California.

So called Masonic "Insurance" is again with Texas and the Grand Master condemns and admonishes, but here again is that fertile field of 124,651 printed names and addresses for the unscrupulous exploiter of such affairs to use at his pleasure.

Texas has taken drastic official action relative to the K. K. K., but the inference of the Grand Masters remarks anent the situation there is that there has been open disregard if not wilful violation of the Grand Lodge Law which has resulted in "many cases of adherents and opponets becoming violent enemies and at times it has threatened to break up entire lodges in several instances." Here for instance is something which makes the judicious grieve, "Immediately following the burial service of a dead brother the K. K. K. came upon the scene and conducted certain ceremonies, which are not in accord with Masonic usages." Grand Master Johnson however comes to the point of it all with these words: "I cannot too severely condemn the solicitors of this organization who are receiving a certain commission for their attempted efforts to connect it with Masonry."

Grand Master Johnson was "liberal" in the matter of dispensations for applicants suffering from physical defects.

This largest of annual reports containing nearly one thousand pages is in a very literal sense representative of the State of Texas, and the large and generous way that the brethren there do things. It is the despair of this reviewer because of its magnitude which might properly be called elephantine. The score of good things in the way of eloquent addresses, and cogent and informing committee reports must be neglected in order that adequate word may be said relative to the 200 page report of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. W. Bro. S. M. Bradley. Bro. Bradley is our Grand Representative for Maine and always compiles an interesting and instructive review of our annual proceedings. This year is no exception but fulfills the achievements of the past giving Maine three gleaming pages of worth-while comment and cordial review. M. W. Bro. Wheeler is copiously and approvingly quoted. Our system of District Deputy Grand Masters is highly praised and we bow with appreciation before his words, "That Texas could profitably follow the example of Maine" in this regard. Fitting reference is made to our late beloved Brother M. W. Albro E. Chase, and his loss to the Craft of Maine. There is gentle rebuke for our being rather remiss and backward in the matter of a Masonic Home and he hopes "we may see the error of our ways," in the matter and reform by building such an institution, and desires that we might see the Masonic Homes of Texas, and perhaps go away chanting the "Nunc Dimittis." All right, Brother Bradley, but it is a clear case of "other places, other ways" and equally earnest and sincere craftsmen may arrive at different and even opposite conclusions and both be right, while the ointment may still flow down Aanon's beard even to the skirts

of his garments, and brotherly love continue even to the crack of doom and beyond. *

We appreciate his kindly words for our maiden effort as correspondent and send fraternal greetings to our Grand Representative of Maine in the large and luminous State of Texas.

UTAH, 1922.

The Fifty-first Annual Communication.

Membership 4,036, net gain 343. There were present eleven Past Grand Masters, with twenty-seven Grand Representatives, although ours of Maine was absent.

Distinguished Craftsmen in the person of M. W. Bros. Martin H. Van Fleet and Henry Clay Smith, Grand Masters, respectively, of Colorado and Montana, were cordially greeted from the Grand East, and made inspiring addresses later in the session.

M. W. Bro. John Edward Carver, Grand Master, in the course of his annual address makes reference to that fundamental Masonic fact, which he constantly enforces, and indeed illustrates by his life (see biography of Grand Master) that "Masonry is strong in proportion to its stalwart men." Grand Master Carver then makes reference to the great and good of the Grand Lodge of Utah, who have been called hence to higher labors in the fairer light of the Great Beyond. Notable among these we see the names of Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. Freeman A. McCarthy and Past Grand Master Chas. Fred Jennings.

Among his pleasant duties of the year was the presentation of charters to three new lodges, while he had the rather unusual distinction of visiting every lodge in his jurisdiction.

We like his words relative to Masonic toleration, "Masonry has ever appealed to reason and right, not to mob-rule and prejudice. Masonry is tolerance in matters religious. It was with these thoughts in mind that we were led to write in kindly counsel to the brethren of this jurisdiction and warn them against secret and insidious plans to attain ends that even though they might have the semblance of worth would be secured at the jeopardy of the peace and harmony of our order in Utah."

The Grand Master eulogizes the Order of DeMolay, the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington Memorial.

The Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary indicate soundly conservative administration in both the financial and secretarial departments of the Grand Lodge, and are a pleasure to read.

The Board of Custodians makes a point respecting Masonic Funeral ceremonies that is well worth the attention of every lodge, "that greater care should be taken to do the work in a dignified and becoming manner. To this end preparation should be made by a practice meeting before the actual event. This is one of the few occasions when the Craft appears before the public and no effort should be spared to see that such public appearance is dignified and worthy of the traditions of the Craft." Surely this suggestion should be brought home to probably the majority of

lodges in every jurisdiction. Reading the ritual in a halting, stumbling manner is a reproach both to the fraternity and to the deceased brother, no less than to the assembled relatives and friends at the service. A specially trained "team" if we may be permitted a poor word, might be an addition to every lodge; thorough memorizing of the ritual, and dignified personalities ought to be insisted upon as a minimum of qualification. There are great possibilities in this simple funeral service rightly conducted which would be a credit to the Craft and worthy of our belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man and our belief in the Supreme Lodge Above.

The Committee on Jurisprudence brought in a report, which was adopted, to the effect that one year must elapse before any brother is eligible to apply to the "higher" degrees in either Rite, and no Master Mason shall solicit such membership until this time has expired.

We have saved considerable space, neglecting several matters in the course of the annual proceedings, in order to give place to an event which loomed large in the annals of the Grand Lodge, the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Utah. This event was held in Salt Lake City on the seventeenth day of January (1922), and was observed as an integral part of the Annual Communication. An elaborate program was arranged and photographs of the First Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Obed F. Strickland, the oldest living Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Thomas E. Clohecy, and the present Grand Master, were an interesting part of the printed order of exercises. All the addresses are printed in full, and are well worthy of such honor and of preservation in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Utah. Each one is so filled with vital and quotable passages that it is difficult to select. Past Grand Master, Bro. William J. Lynch, gave a notable historical address on the subject of "Utah, Fifty Years Ago," from which we take this pregnant sentence, "Because of this influence (the great and good who have gone before, especially Worshipful Bro. Samuel Paul) I have been a better man and better Mason than I might otherwise have been, and the sweet perfume of his life will linger with me when others have passed beyond and been forgotten, and I thank tonight, my Heavenly Father, for having given me such a friend." We believe that essentially this is the real and dynamic power of our Masonic institution, without which ritual is an empty form and our ceremonies mere mechanical routine.

Another Historical Sketch was given by P. G. M. Geo. H. Dern, from which we cull this interesting item, among many others equally worthy of selection: "The mining camps of the State have always been good Masonic soil; on the whole the mining camp lodges have been bulwarks of the Grand Lodge." He sums up the past by throwing this light on the future: "It will be our pledge to the future that Masonry shall exert a growing and continuing influence in Utah and that the beneficent effects of the first fifty years are to be multiplied in the next half century."

Past Grand Master A. R. Hayward, pays eloquent tribute to "The Early Leaders of Masonry in Utah" by calling the honored roll of the noble

men who have guided the Craft for the last half century and paying tribute to the unflinching labors and loyalty of each. The program was interspersed with musical selections by Band and Quartette and added to a program which it has been a real pleasure to consider and commend.

The Grand Lodge of Maine, which a few years ago celebrated its One Hundredth Anniversary, extends cordial fraternal greetings and best wishes for continued growth, prosperity and peace in those true Masonic virtues of "Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love." In the words of Joe Jefferson, "May you live long and Prosper." To which greeting Utah will respond, "Amen, So Mote it be!"

In the Honored Dead Roster we note the name of our own beloved brother, Past Grand Master Albro E. Chase.

The Report of Foreign Correspondence is written by the seasoned hand of P. G. M. Bro. Sam H. Goodwin, and has challenged both our interest and admiration. While only thirty Jurisdictions are reviewed, the loss is amply compensated by his inclusion of a pamphlet on the timely subject of "Mormonism and Masonry." The point of view of the Utah brethren is indicated by a large sanity of outlook and a broad tolerance, while explanation is given (which is of real enlightenment to us) of why members of the Church of the Latter Day Saints are not admitted to Utah lodges.

The reasons as adduced by Bro. Goodwin seem cogent and convincing.

Maine is one of the thirty Grand Lodges reviewed, and the same broad gauge spirit is in evidence. Bro. Chase receives due meed of praise. Our actions and deliberations are uniformly commended.

VERMONT, 1922.

The One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership 17,801, net gain 789. There were present eight Past Grand Masters, and twenty-two Grand Representatives, but we do not find Maine's name on the list.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Archie S. Harriman, opens his annual address by reporting "progress in numbers, in ritualistic perfection, and let us hope, progress in practicing the tenets of Masonry."

He refers with reverent tenderness to the departure to the Higher Lodge of several brothers, among these we note the name of one Past Grand Master, Bro. John H. Whipple, of Manchester, to whom the Grand Master pays eloquent tribute.

An event which loomed large in the Masonic annals of Vermont was the dedication of the new lodgeroom at Waitsfield, for which the only special communication of Grand Lodge was called.

He mentions some uncertainty and confusion in the constituent lodges relative to the conferring of the Past Masters degree, and recommends that this degree as a requirement precedent to installation be abrogated.

Under action of the Grand Lodge of last year he advised the various lodges, as follows the E. A. and F. C. degrees should not be conferred on

more than five candidates at one time; the M. M. degree should not be conferred on more than three at one time, and the same candidate or candidates, should not receive two successive degrees within a shorter period than two weeks, without dispensation. He reports that the lodges have "faithfully lived up to these requirements."

Four pages of his report deal with "Decisions" but as he says they were not decisions at all because "every one could be answered by reference to the Digest, and established custom and usage," which we find on consideration of the list to follow pretty closely our own practice.

The Grand Master sees and advocates the main programme of the M. S. A. and does not fear any General Grand Lodge usurpation and opines that if there was Vermont would be a unit in opposition.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommends recognition of the Grand Lodges of Queensland and Panama (Maine so recognizes) but refuses it to Ecuador and defers that of Italy and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. Adopted by Grand Lodge.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that the total net income of the Masonic Temple (Burlington) shall be hereafter devoted and used for strictly charitable purposes, and any tenant or corporation occupying any part or portion thereof, other than the stores on the street floor, the same shall be notified immediately to vacate. Which resolution seems to thoroughly cover the ground and evidently disposes of some vexed situation, although this is purely and perhaps unwarrantably inferential on our part.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, W. Bro. E. F. Greene, shows good work faithfully performed, and the same can be said of the thirteen D. D. G. Masters who submit brief but informing reports.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is the first from the hand of M. W. Bro. Eugene S. Weston, P. G. M. Bro. Weston evidently finds the "topical" form of review a bit irksome and unwelcome, for he says in opening "that it has but few friends among Correspondents nor do we believe it will prove as interesting as the old narrative form." In which conjecture he was evidently right for we notice a resolution adopted at this Communication to the effect that hereafter the Committee on Correspondence be "authorized to adopt its own form in making its report." Therefore, next year? the topical form was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Vermont in 1916.

M. W. Bro. Weston has, however, in spite of this handicap written and compiled a most interesting and readable report, grouping his subjects under such interesting captions as Ballot, Decisions and Adopted Reports of Jurisprudence (nearly fifteen pages of these), Investigating Committee, Jurisdiction, Masonic Research and the Masonic Service Association (hereunder is an excellent and forceful word from Maine's Grand Master,) while several interesting pages largely quotation are given to the much mooted question of Physical Qualification. It is interesting to see, and therein is about the only good feature of the topical review, how the various jurisdictions view these matters, there seems to be a fairly well

defined line of demarkation between conservative and radical jurisdictions in this regard, but often enough that line is considerably blurred, and too frequently there is the flatest kind of contradiction evidenced in the rule and practice respecting this ancient landmark.

One of the best elucidations of the situation in Mexico is given in brief compass by Bro. Weston which it has been our privilege to read.

Under "International Masonic Association" we find these words: "It is hard to conceive of the Grand Lodge of New York hobnobbing with such bodies as the Grand Orient of France, and others that made up the congress. The question of admitting women was brought up but deferred until the next session. England, Ireland and Scotland were not represented, and most of the Grand Lodges participating are composed of delegates from lodges that are the hotbeds of politics."

He has this wise word respecting so called higher bodies which use Masonic membership as the basis of admission: "More and more it is becoming evident that the lodge must prove itself something more than a preparatory degree mill to provide members for the other bodies."

Maine is rather infrequently quoted, which, under this form of review, might indicate that our actions and legislation has been conservative, and so according to the usage and practice of the fraternity throughout the ages, as not to call for unusual comment.

VIRGINIA, 1922.

The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership 38,786. There were present ten Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-two Jurisdictions.

Several emergent communications were held for the purpose of cornerstone and temple dedication ceremonies, while one was held to pay the last tribute of respect for R. W. Bro. Harry B. Lee, Grand Chaplain.

At the Annual Communication the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John S. Bettimore refers to "those who rush into the so-called higher degrees, with little knowledge or appreciation of those through which he has passed, which through their ignorance would tear down the very foundation-stones on which the whole super-structure of Masonry is erected." He believes that a sound basic Masonic education is needed to make "useful citizens of the great Republic, founded by Masons on Masonic principles."

In his list of the "Dead of other Jurisdictions," we see the name of our own M. W. Bro. Albro Elmore Chase, Past Grand Master of Maine.

Among his "Visitations" we see with interest and patriotic pride a visit to the Grand Lodge of New York, where the Bible upon which Washington took his Masonic vows, was laid on the Altar beside the Bible on which our First Great President took his oath of office at his first inauguration, the same Bible on which Bro. President Harding took the same inaugural oath on March 4, 1921.

His "Decisions" are almost wholly of local matters, and in the main accord with our own practice. It is good to see that the constituent lodges are left to their own discretion and judgment, without officious interference of the Grand Lodge.

Among his refused dispensations we notice that they are largely on the ground of physical qualification, but we read of one exception an E. A. "who had been told by the W. M., 'There he stands a just and upright Mason,' has a claim upon us which we cannot ignore without doing violence to one of the cardinal virtues of our Masonic institution — Justice."

Seven dispensations were granted for new lodges.

Of the George Washington Memorial, which is near to the Heart of the Grand Master, he says: "I hope and believe that the Masons of Virginia will not cease their efforts until the temple is built, like unto the Temple of Solomon, in which is enshrined the memory of our illustrious dead, and in which balm and healing may be found, if unhappily discord should arise among our Grand Jurisdictions."

He has this vital thing to say, "Masonry must not be deemed a neutral and sedative factor in the world's affairs. It is a silent, but a positive potential, constructive force for good. It has no battle banner, no school of Statecraft yet the foundation-stones upon which our government so securely rests, were hewn from Masonic Quarries by the hands of Masons."

At the conclusion of the Grand Master's address, Bro. E. Lee Trinkle, Governor of Virginia, was introduced and "made a most happy speech." The Grand Treasurer, M. W. Bro. Chas. A. Nesbit, submitted a report showing the Grand Lodge of Virginia to be in the soundest of financial standing and their funds conservatively administered, which was elucidated and confirmed by the Finance Report.

A resolution was adopted authorizing a suitable monument with proper inscription to be placed at the grave of R. W. Bro. James Henderson, Grand Secretary for several years from 1791 to 1793.

A minority report of the Committee on Propositions to the effect that November 4th (and not February 22nd) be adopted as a *Masonic Holiday* in Virginia, and that other Grand Masonic Jurisdictions be asked to do likewise. Grand Lodge adopted this minority report.

A resolution to amend the Digest, limiting the size of any lodge to four hundred members, was not adopted.

Very brief reports of the fifty-eight D. D. G. Ms. are included in the proceedings and indicate good Masonic labor loyally performed.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, R. W. Bro. J. W. Eggleston submits a report of 164 pages, reviewing sixty Grand Jurisdictions. He freely, but always vitally, quotes long passages, with now and then a clear and incisive word of comment or of criticism.

Maine is generously treated with several (3) extended quotations from Grand Master Wheeler's address and our declination to join the Masonic Service Association is quoted, but without comment.

WASHINGTON, 1922.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership 38,412, net gain 4,400. Number of lodge 240.

There were present eighteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of forty two Grand Jurisdictions, including ours of Maine.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John Gifford, in opening his annual address pays high tribute to the various members of his official family, especially to the Grand Secretary for untiring service and counsel, during his term of office. And after he has passed around these various tributes, he includes the whole membership of Grand Lodge by saying: "All that I have said of these splendid men and Masons I could honestly say of every member of this Grand Lodge, as every one seemed anxious to assist whenever the opportunity presented itself."

He notes with appreciation an event in British Columbia at the Centennial of Peace between our own nation and Canada, where his representative, Past Grand Master J. H. Begg, was cordially received. He visited the Grand Lodge of Idaho, where he reports an interesting occasion and that he enjoyed the fraternal good-will and cordiality of the brethren.

The Grand Master speaks in high terms of eulogy of the George Washington Memorial, and mentions his visit to the City of Washington as the representative of Washington Grand Lodge.

Among his official acts he laid fourteen corner-stones, and constituted eleven new lodges. Nine dispensations were granted for new lodges during his administration.

Many dispensations were granted for "out of time" degrees, which would not have been considered in our own jurisdiction, but laws and practices differ in various Grand Lodges, and we mention this not as a criticism, but by way of interesting comment on the old adage, "other places, other ways."

The Grand Master's report is a brief business-like document, with no attempt at ornate rhetoric or oratory, which it has been a delight to read.

The Grand Lecturer, M. W. Bro. James H. Begg, gives a careful accounting of his office, and over a State of immense distances his visits to more than one hundred lodges, must have kept him busy throughout the year.

An interesting feature of the sessions was the invitation presented by W. Bro. Louis F. Hart, Governor of the State, to the Grand Lodge of Washington, to lay the corner-stone of the State Capitol Building at Olympia. In our opinion such an invitation from so high a source, speaks volumes for the citizenship and personel of the State of Washington, because we realize that in many of our eastern jurisdictions the pressure and criticism from certain outside sources would be so tremendous that politicians would feel that it was not quite "judicious or wise" to do this, as has frequently happened when the corner-stone has been laid for school building, city halls, and the like public edifices. We congratulate Washington as a State, and as a Grand Lodge, in not having this sinister force to contend with when such invitations for corner-stone ceremonies are presented. We notice also that this American Governor received "a hearty welcome" when he addressed the brethren on the theme "Responsibilities of Masons as Citizens." Our regret is that this address was not published because we are sure that it would have been filled with those essentially American qualities which we call in graphic phrase, "grit, starch, gumption and backbone."

The National Grand Lodge of Italy was recognized on recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Inter-fraternal good will is indicated between the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Grand Lodge F. & A. M., of Washington, by an interesting event which took place at the opening session on Wednesday afternoon.

Two Past Grand Masters of the I. O. O. F. were escorted to the altar received with Grand Honors, and extended the fraternal good-will and co-operation for the highest ideals and principles of American citizenship, (speech fully reported) which was eloquently responded to by M. W. Bro. Ralph C. McAllister, P. G. M., on behalf of Grand Lodge and at the request of Grand Master Gifford. This is an unusual proceeding, of course, but as the two I. O. O. F. Grand Masters were both W. Brothers and members of the Grand Lodge of Masons, it was a fittingly fraternal courtesy, quite in contrast to our action in Maine a few years ago when such a cordial greeting was received and read and then disposed of by laconically placing the communication of good-will and brotherly greeting "on file." "Noblesse oblige" would have suggested a procedure more in keeping with the action of Washington, for as P. G. M. McAllister put it, "we must know that there is nothing in either fraternity which is false to the ideals of the other, and we ask you to take back to your organization an assurance that we are with them in spirit. We have no place in our hearts for jealousy for any institution that is actuated by the same high desire to be of use. Tell the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows that we greet them as fellow workers in the betterment of conditions in the State of Washington, to the end that we may all be more proud of the great Commonwealth which throws its protecting care around our hearts and homes."

A resolution was adopted to the effect that the incoming Grand Master be empowered to appoint a Committee, to act with the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home, and the Finance Committee, to consider the advisability of selecting a new site, or improving the old one, of the Home, and that the sum of \$150,000 be appropriated from available funds for this purpose.

Greetings were sent from Grand Lodge to Bro. Rufus G. Newland now residing at the Masonic Home, congratulating him on his centennial birthday; while another brother, W. Bro. T. H. Hastie, was given the Grand Honors because of his fifty years' membership in which he had missed but two sessions of the Grand Lodge.

In the "In Memoriam" we notice the name of our own beloved brother Past Grand Master Albion E. Chase, occupying honored, if regretted place, among the good men and true who have been "called up higher" from other jurisdictions.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. W. Bro. Ralph A. McAllister submits a report for forty-one pages of the "topical" kind. If reports must be written in this way, this is the kind we delight to read, because of its sinewy yet flexible style, its condensation of matter, and a gracious personality radiating throughout its pages.

Maine is briefly quoted, just a line or two from the Grand Secretary.

Other jurisdictions are quite lengthily cited and always with intelligent selection of vital matter bearing upon some mooted point, or much discussed issue, of various Grand Lodges.

An interesting compilation of opinions and denunciations of K. K. K. with now and then a personal comment, is given by Bro. McAllister which occupies several pages of the report, and is altogether in brief compass the best thing we have read on this insistent and imperative issue in many Grand Bodies. Other timely, challenging subjects are "Large Lodges," "Physical Qualifications," "The Masonic Service Association," "Publicity and Politics," "Dual Membership," and "Degrees by Courtesy." All good reading under these topics, but somehow we yearn for the old narrative type of report.

WISCONSIN, 1922.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership 46,334, net gain for the year 3,940. There were present seventeen Past Grand Masters and forty-four Grand Representatives, including Maine's.

M. W. Bro. William F. Weiler, Grand Master, outlines in opening his annual address, the prevalent social and economic unrest, states the industrial problems and issues confronting the world, and visions the need of the kind of citizenship and manhood that Masonry builds in this trying and testing time of the Republic.

His "Necrology" fittingly refers to the death of three Past Grand Wardens, and other Past Grand Officers, and in the "Deceased of other Grand Jurisdictions" appears the name of our own beloved brother, Past Grand Master Albion E. Chase.

During his term, the Grand Master appointed eight Grand Representatives; held sixteen Emergent Communications the majority of which were for corner-stone ceremonies and temple dedications. He rendered fourteen "Decisions," all of which with one exception, were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee. He granted three dispensations to open and form new lodges. Under "Physical Qualifications" he rendered rulings which are in accordance with the most conservative practice in following the Ancient Landmarks.

Two pages deal in emphatic language with the Ku Klux Klan, such phrases as the following scorch and sizzle with righteous indignation and wholesome contempt: "An organization un-American and un-Masonic in its method and practice, obnoxious to society and a menace to the peace and dignity of the State, an organization so heinous in its workings that it is compelled to strike in the dark. Affiliation with it can only bring Masonry into disrepute." All this is but a sample of the whole which makes good reading and reveals a man whose Masonry is a living and militant reality. M. W. Bro. Weiler takes his place with the majority of the Grand Masters who have spoken in warning and denunciation of the whole "secret and invisible empire" and their ridiculous and rather defamatory claim that eighty per cent. of their membership is Masonic.

The Grand Master endorses the Order of DeMolay, the Masonic Service Bureau, the George Washington Memorial and the Towner-Sterling Bill. In support of this latter educational project he devotes four pages of excellent explanation and defense and gives an array of statistics and facts which seemed convincing, but not to the extent of endorsement by Grand Lodge.

The Masonic Home receives high praise, even eloquent eulogy by the Grand Master. While his "Recommendations" deal largely with local matters; the first touching on the names of lodges has a wider application and interest. He says that many of these names, such as Smith and Perry and Bryan might be improved, "by giving the full name and stand for something quite definite." This reviewer can see the force of his argument especially as regards the first of these names; "Smith Lodge" might as well be termed "Human Being Lodge" so far as any concrete and definite idea, is concerned. But would the addition of John to the name mean much more, even though all of us who bear the name hold that Virginia gentleman-adventurer, Capt. John Smith, in high veneration? "Smith Lodge" composed of all Smiths, though a far-off possibility, might be justified in using this high, hallowed and honored name and become as James Whitcomb Riley said of his home town, "high Heaven's sole and only understudy."

The Grand Master made a visit to a Madison Lodge which raised its one thousandth member, and is moved to remark (quite justly we think) that "smaller membership is decidedly better," and as we notice a new lodge in this City of Madison, it may be that the suggestion is being followed, and the condition rectified.

At this session the United Grand Lodge of Queensland is recognized and a fraternal exchange of representatives arranged.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence endorses the Grand Master's strong words respecting the Ku Klux, passes strictures on his attitude and advocacy of the Towner-Sterling Bill, endorses that admirable Masonic journal "The Masonic Tidings," copies of which have come to this reviewer and been read with pleasure and profit, and commends its attitude "in refusing to receive so-called Masonic insurance advertisements for publication."

Flag Day occurring during the annual sessions an appropriate and eloquent oration was delivered by P. G. M. Chas. E. Whelan, which stirs the blood and points out the duty and privilege of American Masons to be "worthy to live under its folds and make it the standard constantly stimulating us to gain the mountain heights of God's purpose for mankind."

The Foreign Correspondence Report is from the hand of one of the "Old Guard" of reviewers, M. W. Bro. Aldro Jenks, his twenty-fifth annual report, and is in keeping with its usual quality and exalted standard of workmanship and ability. It is a hallowing privilege to sit at his feet and listen to his words of keen and kindly criticism and counsel. He says in opening that a quarter century ago "there was a galaxy of brilliant writers" (in which he includes our own Josiah Drummond), who have

left the imprint of their services engraven deeply upon the annals of the Fraternity, and shaped and guided the traditions and practices of the Craft in the United States." It is all a tender tribute to those great and good, "whose spirits rule us from their urns." A little too much like valediction, with the *Morituri Salutamus* atmosphere a bit too dominant, for so young a soul though the years may be many on time's calendar. May Bro. Jenks be spared, "Lo, these many years," to bring us words of wisdom and wholesome admonition. Across the spaces of many States a mere tyro and novitiate in this chair greets with respect and veneration one of the tried and true reviewers of the Craft.

Maine receives generous and gracious treatment at his hands; three pages which it has been a delight to read. There is much of commendation and little of criticism for our doings of last year. His gentle reproof of our action in the following is undoubtedly deserved. "A rather unusual occurrence was the reception of a letter extending cordial greetings from the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of Maine to the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Maine. We say that this is an unusual occurrence, but do not mean to imply that there is anything improper in such an event. They are not as common as we wish they might be. The Grand Lodge ordered the communication placed on file. Without seeming to be officious we may, perhaps be pardoned in suggesting that there would have been no impropriety if it had acknowledged the receipt of the same and *returned* the greetings and expressions of good will." Your reviewer does abundantly pardon him for this gentle reproof, which is deserved, and wholly agrees with him in his stricture and kindly counsel.

It is interesting to notice that North Carolina did precisely this cordial act of good will on receipt of Fraternal Greetings from the same sister Fraternity.

WYOMING, 1922.

The Forty-eighth Annual Communication.

There are forty-two lodges, with a membership of 6,513, a net gain for the year of 527. There were present at this annual communication ten Past Grand Masters.

M. W. Brother Frank A. Holiday, Grand Master, in opening his annual address laments the all too obvious fact that "we have not given the attention we should to the deeper, truer aspirations of Masonry and that we must make our Fraternity a more active force for God, Country and Humanity."

The Grand Master during his term had the privilege of laying four corner-stones for various buildings, and of instituting two new lodges.

His "decisions," which are numerous, follow the customary procedure in our own jurisdiction.

Under "Aims of Masonry," M. W. Bro. Holiday avers that "Masons should take an active interest in our schools, and attend school meetings, we should help solve school problems and support those who have active charge of our schools." In short Bro. Holiday believes every Mason should

be a good American, although he should avoid partisan politics so far as the Masonic Order might become involved. He strongly endorses the George Washington Memorial and the Masonic Service Association, and recommends that a one dollar per capita tax be levied for the former and a five cent tax for the support of the latter. Adopted on recommendation of Jurisprudence Committee.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, asks for further time to investigate the standing and claims of the National Grand Lodge of Italy; recommends "no action" in the matter of recognition of Chili, Ecuador, Venezuela and Guatemala. In the case of the conflicting claims of the various Grand Lodges of Mexico, the Committee recommends "that recognition be deferred until harmony be restored," Which surely is a safe, sane, and we are tempted to add, sanitary, policy.

A Special Committee on Higher Bodies, brought in these wholesome words in the course of its report, "It was the unanimous opinion of the committee that as long as a Mason lives or attempts to live up to the extent of his obligations, to be a good man and true, and an ardent seeker after Light and Knowledge, that if he sees fit to join any other branch of Masonry, or any other society, religious or otherwise, that this Grand Body should not restrain his actions. We are of the opinion that it will not benefit the Blue Lodge to attempt to enjoin its members from seeking after further light in Masonry, and that any attempt by legislation to restrict advancement is both un-Masonic and ill-advised. We believe that the remedy lies in the lodge itself." Evidently these words have been carefully weighed and to us they are remarkable for what they say and still more for what is left unsaid, yet thoughtfully suggested, respecting a delicate and difficult issue which evidently has arisen in Wyoming as in most other Grand Jurisdictions.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is written by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother Joseph M. Lowndes, and is a model of quiet, thoughtful commentary on the procedure and "doings" of sixty Grand Lodges. Somewhat lavish in citation he is always careful in selecting the most vital and interesting subjects for quotation. Restrained in his commendation and ever courteous in his strictures when he is not in heartiest agreement, Bro. Lowndes proves himself the kind of gentleman and Mason which it would be a pleasure to know more intimately than by the written word.

Maine is cordially reviewed and commended. Bro. Wheeler receives extended quotation of one of the most telling portions of his annual address. Your correspondent's "foreword" is cited almost "in extenso" and we appreciate such a strong word as "excellent" coming from one so conservative in the use of adjectives, but better still the words of hearty "welcome to the Round Table," are appreciated.

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS

ENGLAND, 1922.

Three Quarterly Communications, and the Annual Grand Festival, held respectively, March 1st, April 26th, June 7th, and September 6th.

The first matter considered at the March Quarterly was H. R. H. Princess Mary's Wedding Gift, which took the form of a Louis XV Cabinet. For this remembrance on the part of the Grand Lodge of England, H. R. H. made this fitting and womanly reply: "I am deeply touched by the kind and generous thought which has inspired the United Grand Lodge of England to offer me their congratulations and this magnificent present on my marriage. This beautiful specimen of foreign workmanship, a masterpiece of the art of the French cabinet makers of the eighteenth century, will always be highly treasured by me, and will constantly remind me of my devoted friends in the United Grand Lodge, and of the splendid influence of Masonry in promoting unity, peace and concord."

H. R. H., the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, was proposed for election as Grand Master, which took place at the Annual Grand Festival in April.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes, called particular attention to the undue practice of "challenging or toasting," at the social gatherings of some of the lodges. The board suggests (rather significantly) that "moderation is desirable particularly in the challenging of initiates. It thinks also that brethren should be reminded that, in strict etiquette, one brother would not challenge another of higher Masonic rank."

The continuous and progressive growth of the Craft is indicated by the fact that there are 3,693 lodges on the register, with a membership of 30,983, in March, 1922.

The Board insists that the conditions for admission of candidates should be observed with strictness because, "the Craft will continue to be judged according to the fitness rather than the numerical strength of its membership."

A motion which was carried was to the effect that the President of the Board of Benevolence and the Grand Secretary have the power if they think fit, to give any sum up to seventy-five pounds sterling, or even one hundred pounds in cases of exceptional urgency, for deserving cases of Masonic Charity.

At the Annual Festival, amid "loud applause," H. R. H., the Prince of Wales, was appointed Grand Warden, and the Rt. Hon Viscount Birkenhead (Lord Chancellor of England) was appointed Junior Grand Warden.

Among the visitors at the June Quarterly Communication were R. W. Bro. Dr. George James Sly, Past Deputy Grand Master of New South Wales, R. W. Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Muskerry, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York at the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and V. W. Rev. E. L. Watson, Past Grand Chaplain of Victoria.

The Grand Master wishes it to be "clearly understood that those wishing to found a lodge should be prepared to establish the necessity for its

existence and the assurance of its permanence. No brother who has not been a Master Mason three years should sign such a petition. The petitioners must show that they can secure thoroughly suitable accommodations for the proposed lodge, and in every case it should be clearly understood that no attempt must be made to obtain signatures by advertisement or public announcement of any kind, and that in every case it must be made evident that the lodge is not to be used for professional advancement or commercial gain."

The Grand Lodge of England, recognized the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, while three others, viz.: Ecuador, Chile, and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, were held under consideration, and recommendations respecting these will be made at a subsequent meeting.

With "loud applause" of the brethren, the M. W. Grand Master expresses himself as pleased "at finding himself once more among the brethren." He congratulates them on the flourishing condition of the Craft in England, and on the satisfactory report of the Memorial Fund which brings nearer "our great object, namely, the great memorial of the war which we hope will be of such great use to all Masons of the Empire."

The V. W. Bro. Rev. W. P. Besley, Past Grand Chaplain, nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. Sir John Ferguson, K. B. E., Manager of Lloyds Bank. V. W. Bro. Besley's speech contained this gem of humor: "It may seem a little out of place that a brother of my cloth should have anything to do with the nomination of the Grand Treasurer; but I welcome the opportunity because it is one of the few opportunities that the clergy have of having anything to do with finance on such a great scale. I have no doubt that there is a general feeling that it is just as well that there is no other opportunity."

An interesting and prolonged discussion occurred relative to holding the September Quarterly Communication in some one of the Northern Provinces, the place to be determined by the Grand Master. It was a very human controversy which was precipitated over the matter but it was finally, though temporarily disposed of, by an amendment which carried the question forward to the December Communication for decision.

The last matter to be considered was characteristically one of Masonic Charity, the President of the Board of Benevolence explaining the need for immediate and insistent cases which are often, under the present procedure, postponed for nearly twelve months. A position which the President calls, "unmasonic and unchristian." The remedy sought is that of granting the Board power to immediately consider such cases when they arise. It was granted with applausive approbation.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1921-22.

"Half Yearly" Communication was held on October 19, 1921.

All Grand Officers were present, with sixteen Grand Representatives, but we regretfully notice the absence of Maine's representative.

One thousand pounds sterling was voted from the General Fund to the New Masonic Hall Building Fund. During the year there were nine con-

secration services for new lodges and dedicatory ceremonies for two New Temples. The United Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. W. Piper, K. C., says concerning physical qualifications, that seven have been admitted, "who, under the old rigid rule would have been considered quite disqualified for the Masonic Order. In these cases care has been taken to maintain the essentials and best traditions of the Craft, and of course on the other hand, considering the requirements of our ceremonies and ritual and principles, and taking care that no person after admission should find unfortunately that bodily imperfections rendered his presence painful to himself." Which indicates a progressively liberal practice in the matter of these requirements, and essentially accords with our own in Maine.

The Grand Master takes evident delight in reporting, that "the past half-year has been one of quiet progressive work. There has been a growth in membership, but we pride ourselves on something more than numbers, something greater than accession of strength of lodges, in the greater heart and soul of members in their life and actions, so that there will be a daily progress in Masonic knowledge."

The Annual Communication was held on Wednesday, April 19, 1922.

Large place is given to the Australian Masonic Conference, held in Melbourne, which according to the report of the Committee was one of "the true Masonic spirit" though there is something more than a suggestion by the Committee that there was divergence of opinion and something of keen debate over matters concerning Australian Masonic affairs. Improvements in method and procedure are indicated.

R. W. Bro. Chas. R. Glover, Grand Secretary, after return from an extended trip through America and Great Britain, where he spent considerable time in inspecting Masonic temples in various English and American cities, is pleased to report that "one of the most noticable features of Masonic buildings in America is the inadequate accommodations provided. Almost without exception every temple in the States is much too small for its present day requirements, although quite a number of them have been built within the last twelve or fifteen years. Temples that have cost a half million dollars and upwards are already being scrapped, sold, or where possible, are being altered to increase the accommodations. I, therefore, urge upon the Craft in South Australia the desirability of erecting a Temple that will not only provide accommodation for many years to come, but also permit of necessary additions being easily made without interfering unduly with the original structure." A wise caution, which is not without its bearing upon our own American building programs in various cities.

We like every resolution, the majority of which were soundly and progressively conservative, which was passed by the Grand Lodge. Especially do we deem the following wholesome action worthy of American imitation, "Resolution 14,—That no public reply should be made to any outside attack on Freemasonry."

The Grand Inspector of Lodges, R. W. Bro. T. C. Reynolds, tries to impress on lodges that "unpunctuality is a discourtesy to visitors," and surely we must agree with his ethical arithmetic when he ironically avers, that "it seems very difficult for some brethren to learn that 7.30 does not mean 8.00 o'clock." He finds improvement in South Australia in "giving the signs," but allows that there is large room for improvement in this important matter.

The Grand Secretary's report anent Masonic Temples in England and America, is fascinating reading, and he deals with the excellencies and defects of these with refreshing candor. Such words as the following graphically describe the condition of many of our temples: "A very plain building and without architectural pretensions. The entrance is poor, and not very inviting. It is a corner block but spoilt by having shops on almost two entire fronts." This was said of Vancouver. Our Temple at Seattle is rather better spoken of by Bro. Glover being reported as, "quite plain but substantially fitted up. It is already too small and the brethren there (Seattle) are considering a larger building." At Portland, (Oregon) the temple is "much too small," San Francisco is more adequate but Kansas City's temple "much too small." Of the proposed new temple in Detroit he says that while he did not visit there, he saw photographs and illustrations of what "when completed will be the largest in America, the estimated cost being five million dollars." He thus visits and makes interesting comment on many of our well known temples, in the Eastern Atlantic Seaboard States, the Canadian Provinces and England, and closes with the conviction that all these observations and experiences throughout the world would suggest that South Australia look well ahead (in Adelaide) and take every care and precaution that we have adequate accommodation not only for today, but for many years to come." We notice with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow this statement of Bro. Glover on the opening page of his "Account of a Short Visit to America." "America is a great country, in which hospitality is boundless and spittoons are countless." Why the last four words? It seems to be all included in the former statement which has rejoiced our heart. Why point out any such minor matter of hospitality as our spittoons which are unnumbered because of there very multitude and should have remained unnoticed because of the very modesty and unpretentiousness of hospitable service rendered to our honored and beloved guest? It is just an unobtrusive part, of "Our Boundless Hospitality."

The Correspondence Report is under the care of the Grand Secretary and is a various, vital and readable review of many Grand Jurisdictions.

Maine receives a little more than a page of kindly notice. Grand Master Wheeler is quoted at length respecting physical qualifications, evidently with approval.

In closing the reviewer regretfully says, "There was no review of the proceedings of our Grand Lodge." A defect which we retrieved last year and have had much pleasure in duplicating this year.

TASMANIA, 1922.

The Thirty-first Annual Communication.

Membership 2,494. Thirty-two lodges, four of which were consecrated during the year.

The Board of General Purposes made its annual report. Among other actions is that granting the United Grand Lodge of Queensland the privilege of chartering a new lodge in Papua.

Large place is given to the Inter-Australian Conference at Melbourne, where the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was cordially welcomed. Matters of great interest and importance to the Craft in Australia were discussed and so conducive to the welfare of all the Grand Bodies represented was this Conference that it is intended to hold another in the year 1924, and "it is suggested by the Board that the Grand Lodge of Tasmania may look forward to an opportunity to repay the kindness which has been shown our representatives."

A change in Grand Secretaries is noted, the present incumbent being R. W. Bro. Wm. Stewart, P. S. G. W.

The four Grand Inspectors of Lodges, corresponding to our D. D. G. Ms., made report of the condition of the Craft in their respective districts, and all appears prosperous and conservatively progressive.

The benevolences of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania are generously and soundly administered by a Board which makes annual report. This year their payments were in the large sums and indicate a practical application of Masonic principles in Tasmania. A resolution to the effect that "this Grand Lodge affirms the principle that the duty of affording relief in cases of distress rests primarily upon the Grand Lodge," was duly considered and approved.

Grand Lodge also affirmed the principle "that no public reply should be made to any outside attack on Freemasonry." A resolution which agrees with our practice in Maine where attack and opposition are met by wholesome and self-respecting silence. We avoid controversy and ignore recrimination just because we know that the symbolic blue of the eternal skies is vaster than the clouds of controversy or the tempests of rancorous debates and ill-will.

Under "Uniformity of Ritual" we read this resolution, which was adopted: "With a view of securing uniformity of ritual and ceremonial throughout Australian Freemasonry, that each Grand Lodge take the Victorian Ritual as a basis and make such alterations as may be desired, and that suggested alterations be interchanged between the several Grand Lodges, for consideration at the next conference."

Tasmania expresses the usual caution respecting the large number of petitioners by saying, "that because the clamour for admission was greater than usual we should be especially careful in guarding our portals."

Grand Lodge Honors were conferred on several well known and honored brethren, among which we especially notice the presentation of a jewel

to R. W. Bro. L. J. Abra as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Utah.

The Grand Master in concluding his brief annual address made this timely and practical assertion: "But when all is said and done as to what Freemasonry has been in the past or what it may be in the future, it is of little use to us in this present age unless we weave its principles into the warp and woof of our daily lives."

Several "Special Communications" were held during the year for foundation-stone ceremonies, and dedication exercises. At these various communications interesting and instructive addresses were given by various brethren; from our American point of view they seem brief, but they are compact with sound Masonic wisdom and counsel, and on the whole are to be preferred to our somewhat verbose and forensic declamations and orations on similar occasions.

There is no Report of Foreign Correspondence.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1922.

Membership, 5,517; net gain for year, 272. There are one hundred and five lodges on the roll.

There were thirty-nine Grand Representatives present, including ours of Maine, W. Bro. C. E. Heazelwood.

M. W. Bro. the Most Rev. C. O. I. Riley, D. D., O. B. E., V. D., (Archbishop of Perth) presided, and during his brief address made mention of the greetings sent by the Grand Lodge on the Queen's birthday, to which greetings a most gracious reply was received from the Queen's Private Secretary, which included these words: "It is a great satisfaction to Her Majesty to know that the Officers of the Grand Lodge for the past year consist largely of men who served in the recent Great War."

The Grand Master believes that the printed annual proceedings should be read by the brethren as there "is no better means of educating the young Freemason as to the universal character of the Institution."

We note with especial interest among his dispensations the following — "to initiate a minor" — but as the action is warranted under Rule 159, we have no desire to demur, although it is an inconceivable action in the Grand Lodges of the United States. It would be interesting, and no doubt instructive, to know the reason and purpose of such a rule which allows dispensatory power on the part of the Grand Master of Western Australia.

He speaks of the Masonic Service Association as "a League of American Grand Lodges" when it would be more precise to say, "of several American Grand Lodges," as many have not joined and a few have withdrawn from the Association.

In the course of his address he inculcates thrift and economy as a commendable and imperative duty on the part of subordinate lodges which in some instances are evidently running into extravagance when called "from labour to refreshment."

He is a firm believer in the Australian Masonic Conference as a factor

in fulfilling St. Paul's dictum of, "keeping the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." Through it he believes the Masons of the continent should "speak with one united voice."

The Board of General Purposes enlarges upon the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, whose various Constitutions have been united to the great satisfaction of the Craft throughout the whole of Australia, and we notice an account of cordial amity between these Grand Lodges in the establishing a new lodge at Papua, New Guinea.

We especially note,—what indeed we had feared on reading the dispensation for a minor,—that thereafter there was what the Grand Master terms a "tendency to bring forward candidates under the age of twenty-one, has grown stronger, and it is generally assumed that a dispensation will be granted as a matter of course." He says that hereafter "he will strictly limit the issue of Dispensations to under-age candidates." It is difficult for us in Maine to conceive of any justification for granting such dispensations for "lads between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one," and even if it were allowable, under any rule, it must inevitably lead to confusions and contradictions, and when refused to heart-aches and recriminations on the part of fond fathers who are members of the Order. Obviously from the Grand Master's words this is the tendency, as it must be the logical outcome, of such a process when put into practice.

The Australian Masonic Conference is fully reported by the delegates who were present at Melbourne last November. Several matters came to full agreement on the part of the Grand Lodges represented, and the report of the delegates indicates that it was an event abundantly worth while and in accordance with the high ideals and principles of our Institution. We especially like the following matters agreed to by the Australian Grand Lodges, "That in the opinion of the conference no public reply should be made to any outside attack on Freemasonry." "Conference was unanimously of the opinion that it was not advisable to establish a Grand Lodge of Australia." A dozen such matters were handled in a broad, statesmanlike way by the conference and there was evident a feeling of cordial and fraternal goodwill and cooperation on the part of the various Grand Lodges.

A most interesting inclusion in the annual proceedings is an extended "Honour Roll," containing the names of the brethren who served in the Great War, 1914-1918. Many stars mark the names of "those who gave the last full measure of devotion." The whole Honour Roll is worthily printed on fine calandered paper, in black with blue border, prefaced by a reproduction of the "Expression of Thanks" presented to each brother who served in the war. This parchment contains these words, which are worthy of our attention: "Grand Lodge by unanimous resolution tenders to you its grateful thanks for service rendered to the Empire in the Great War of 1914-1918 the fraternal remembrance of which is permanently recorded in the Annals of Freemasonry in this State." Signed by the M. W. Grand Master, and the R. W. Grand Secretary. Done in illuminated Old English type, with the coat of arms of Western Australia it seems

to us a fitting and dignified memorial to be cherished by the brethren and handed on to the onward generations.

Four impressive Memorial panels are to be placed in the four points of the compass in "the walls of No. 1 Lodge Room," to perpetuate the same noble names and memories.

The Grand Master has a cogent word to say on the "Secrecy of the Ballot," at the Annual Communication, following the usual counsel against its misuse and abuse, ending with the admonition, "Nothing whatever should be done to impair the inviolable secrecy of the ballot."

It is interesting to see, as an indication of the growth and vitality of our Institution in Western Australia, that several new lodges were organized and constituted during the year.

The Grand Inspector of Workings, R. W. Bro. E. A. E. Andrewartha, makes an important, but too often neglected point in Masonic work, by saying that, "the knocks in the lodge should be given *quietly*; a common fault in many lodges is that they are given in too loud a manner."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence follows the usual custom of signing different names to the various reviews, so that we get a somewhat uneven report of various Grand Jurisdictions. But the report perhaps gains in a measure by the sounding of the personal, or individual note, more often and in greater variety, than by following the usual method as practiced in American Grand Lodges.

Maine receives careful and concise consideration in three cordial pages of review. Matters in the large, and our doings even in minute matters, receive equal attention at the hands of R. W. Bro. J. P. Walton. It has been an illuminating experience to read this review because it gives us an insight into how really vital are matters which seem to us, and are dealt with by us, as merely formal and routine proceedings at our annual sessions.

Grand Master Wheeler is commended for a forcible and eloquent address for statesmanlike vision of the opportunities and mission of the Fraternity and for painstaking care in small details of his administration.

M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase is felicitated on his correspondent's report, (which was his last before he was called to larger, higher things in the great Beyond) and his successor hopes to merit the same cordial goodwill and fraternal treatment, which Bro. Chase uniformly received at the hands of the honored brethren of Western Australia.

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED

Alberta.....	1922	New York.....	1922
Arizona.....	1922	North Carolina.....	1922
Arkansas.....	1922	North Dakota.....	1922
British Columbia.....	1922	Nova Scotia.....	1922
California.....	1922	Ohio.....	1922
Canada (Province of Ontario).....	1922	Oklahoma.....	1922
Colorado.....	1922	Oregon.....	1922
Connecticut.....	1922	Panama.....	1921-1922
Delaware.....	1922	Pennsylvania.....	1921
District of Columbia.....	1922	Philippine Islands.....	1922
Florida.....	1922	Prince Edward Island.....	1922
Georgia.....	1922	Quebec.....	1922
Idaho.....	1922	Rhode Island.....	1922
Illinois.....	1922	Saskatchewan.....	1922
Indiana.....	1922	South Carolina.....	1922
Iowa.....	1922	South Dakota.....	1922
Kansas.....	1922	Tennessee.....	1923
Kentucky.....	1921-1922	Texas.....	1922
Louisiana.....	1922	Utah.....	1922
Manitoba.....	1922	Vermont.....	1922
Maryland.....	1921	Virginia.....	1922
Massachusetts.....	1921	Washington.....	1922
Michigan.....	1922	Wisconsin.....	1922
Minnesota.....	1922	Wyoming.....	1922
Mississippi.....	1922		
Missouri.....	1922		
Nebraska.....	1922		
Nevada.....	1922		
New Hampshire.....	1922		
New Jersey.....	1922		
New Mexico.....	1922		

Foreign Jurisdictions

England.....	1922
South Australia.....	1921-1922
Tasmania.....	1922
Western Australia.....	1922

Faternally submitted for the Committee,

ASHLEY A. SMITH, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX

Report on Correspondence 1924

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

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report as follows:

FOREWORD.

A famous English statesman of the Victorian age — Benjamin Disraeli — once thought to dispose of Darwinism by a clever phrase. "What," he said, "is the question now placed before us with glib assurance the most astounding? The question is this, Is man an ape or an angel? For my part I am on the side of the angels."

Well, so are we all. But the plain truth of the matter, the common sense position is that of our Masonic teaching, that avers, we are neither Apes nor Angels, whatever we may have been in the remote past or may be in some distant future; Masonry tells us that the clear fact of the situation is that we are now just average men capable of becoming nobler and better citizens, stronger in character and daily conduct if we are true to our Masonic principles and ideals. We are to overcome the Ape and strive after the Angels.

A popular English story-writer, Mr. Hall Caine, has prefaced one of his stories with an old Icelandic legend of a man who was pursued by a malicious and malignant spirit, which took the form of a dwarf. "His grain-ricks were fired, his barns unroofed, his cattle destroyed, his lands blasted, and his first born slain. So he lay in wait for the monster where it lived in the caves near his house, and in the darkness of night, he saw it. With a cry he rushed upon it, and gripped it about the waist, and it turned upon him and held him by the shoulder. Long he wrestled with it, reeling, staggering, falling and rising again; but at length a flood of strength came to him, and he overthrew it, and stood over it, covering it, conquering it, with his right hand set hard at its throat. Then he drew his knife to kill it, and the moon shot through a rack of cloud, opening an alley of light about it, and he saw its face, and Lo! the face of the evil dwarf was his own."

This old Icelandic story finds its counterpart in all the ancient writings of the world. They all point the same truth and enforce the same lesson which is that of our Masonic Order.

"Our acts our angels are for good or ill,
Our fatal shadows that walk by us still."

A man's evil deeds follow him and thwart and hinder him, and he attributes them to some evil, malignant spirit, like the man in the legend, but a man's worst enemy is ever himself, and his greatest battle is always fought on the silent arena of his own soul. The Court of Eternal Justice is always in session, and hands down its verdict every day to each of us. How often with us all memory furnishes the convicting evidence and conscience prosecutes the case. Every man bears a silent court of justice in his breast, himself the judge and jury, and himself the prisoner at the bar.

Something like this is the clear teaching of our Institution. We are to overcome that most subtle enemy which every man of us carries within his own bosom.

Herein do we build with our own lives the enduring Masonic structure which will outlast the ages, when granite and marble stone shall have crumbled into dust. Masonry in this spiritual sense is very like the Church in that it is builded of the imperishable souls of men. It is one of the familiar lessons of our Order that we are to make our lives fit building stones for what the Great Light calls, "that Temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

Years ago I saw Walter Hampden play the character of Manson in Charles Rann Kennedy's drama, "The Servant in the House." Never will I forget his conversation with the Bishop of Lancashire, who dreams in dollars and values the church only as a purse-proud Pharisee did the temple of old. "Now, tell me about your church," the Bishop says. And Manson replies very simply: "I am afraid you may not consider it an altogether substantial concern. It has to be seen in a certain way, under certain conditions. Some people never see it at all. You must understand this is no pile of stones and unmeaning timber. It is a living thing. When you enter it you hear a sound—a sound as of some mighty poem chanted. Listen long enough, and you will learn that it is made up of the beating of human hearts, of the nameless music of men's souls. My church is the work of no ordinary builder. The pillars of it go up like the brawny trunks of heroes; the sweet human flesh of men and women is moulded about its bulwarks, strong, impregnable; the faces of little children laugh out from every cornerstone; the terrible spans and arches of it are the joined hands of comrades; and up in the heights and spaces there are inscribed the numberless musings of all the dreamers of the world. It is yet building and built upon. Sometimes the work goes forward in deep darkness; sometimes in blinding light; now beneath the burden of unutterable anguish; now to the tune of great laughter and heroic shoutings like the cry of thunder.

"Sometimes, in the silence of the night time, one may hear the tiny hammerings of the comrades at work up in the dome—the comrades that have climbed ahead."

Brethren of Maine—and all the Masonic world—that's the kind of Living Masonic Temples we must build together for the coming years.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

ASHLEY A. SMITH,

For the Committee.

ALABAMA, 1923.

The One Hundred and Third Annual Communication.

Membership, 50,126. There are 846 lodges on the roll. Net gain, 2,000. As an item of interest we notice that Alabama has 1,407 ministers in its membership and are tempted to quote the Great Light to the effect, "that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Which biblical citation makes us solid with the clergy, but puts us at rather a disadvantage with the 48,719 other brethren.

There were present seven Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of fifty-five Jurisdictions, including R. W. C. H. Winson for Maine.

M. W. Brother Julian F. Spearman, Grand Master, delivered his second annual report in which he outlined the achievements of the year. Among these and indicating the steady growth of the Fraternity in Alabama, we notice the organizing of seven new lodges, and the constituting of eight others. We notice that among several "arrested" charters, was one for "railroading" candidates, and with the explanation given we rejoice with Alabama in having a Grand Master of this strength of vertebrae to face and deal with an insidious situation which usually "grows by what it feeds on."

Fourteen pages of the address are given to tender and eloquent memorials of three eminent craftsmen, R. W. and Reverend Grand Chaplain, Brother William Carey Bledsoe, and M. W. Brothers Past Grand Masters, Daniel A. Greene and Ben Moses Jacobs. Reading these touching tributes of the Grand Master we are reminded that Alabama, like Maine, mourns two of its noblest and best Past Grands, who in both jurisdictions, have been pillars of strength and support for many decades.

Among M. W. Brother Spearman's pleasant duties was the laying of fourteen corner-stones many of which were for churches, high schools and temples. Stirring appeal is made by the Grand Master for the Masonic Home which "stands today as an everlasting monument to the memory of our great Brotherhood."

He recommends that appropriation of \$500.00 for the Fort Bayard T. B. Hospital be made for the Masonic Sojourner's Club which has nine members as patients in that institution.

The Order of DeMolay finds an earnest advocate in M. W. Brother Spearman who urged that Chapters be formed "all over the State and actively supported and encouraged by all Masons."

He regretted the resignation of "Brother O. D. Street, our talented Foreign Correspondent," and in accepting it he paid due and deserved tribute to the ability and devotion of one whom every Correspondent had come to love and revere alike for his fraternal courtesy, discriminating judgment and Masonic erudition. Rightly does Brother Spearman say, "A rose while living is worth more by far than the most sumptuous wreath after they are dead." Therefore we, too, would plant a living rose bush in the daily pathway of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of Alabama, and the rose bushes from Maine are ever hardy with a fragrance unrivalled, and these flowers are sent from Maine in beauty unadorned.

Both the Washington Memorial and the M. S. A. are given large place in the Grand Master's report and have his cordial endorsement and support. A "ruling," one of the six, is somewhat new to us but wholly in accordance with both the moral and masonic law, namely, "that a mason living in adultery commits a Masonic offense, whether the second party is bound to him by Masonic ties or not." Another "ruling" which seems based in common sense as well as in common law is to the effect, a lodge cannot try an insane member after he has been so adjudged by the courts. Surely Masonic law must be as humane and liberal as the statute law which considers him as irresponsible.

W. Brother Fred Wall submitted a special report for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in which he asked for further time to investigate the Grand Lodge of Guatemala while at the same time he said: "We congratulate the Guatemala Masons on their long, hard and apparently victorious fight to establish a lawful and supreme authority."

M. W. Brother J. A. Bilbro, P. G. M., made a brief but eloquent address regarding the "God of Masonry" which has appealed to us as one of the best things we have ever read in short compass, less than one page, of the report. He advocates that a belief in God means exactly what the Great Light of Masonry means, "A God of Mercy, Love and Truth." And we believe he is everlastingly right, otherwise we have but a name, a colorless three-letter symbol with no power, no dynamic to move us to diviner life. As Tennyson put it: "Ere man shall reach his highest best, a God must mingle with the game." We suspect that there has been some controversy in Alabama respecting the question, the tenor and text of the brief address would so indicate, and we are pleased to see that this manifesto of Brother Bilbro's is signed by all the living Past Grand Masters and the present Grand Master in facsimile autograph.

Precisely fifty pages of the annual "Proceedings" are given to a full and minutely detailed report of the Alabama Masonic Home, which occupies a large place in the heart and life of the brethren, and indicates a well managed and soundly administered institution. Certainly the brethren cannot complain that they are left in the dark respecting the affairs of their great philanthropy.

Several distinguished brethren from other Jurisdictions were received and delivered eloquent addresses during the session, among others we notice M. W. Brother Edward L. Faucette, P. G. M., and Grand Secretary of Mississippi, and R. W. Bro. George Fleming Moore, Grand Orator.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the maiden effort of W. Bro. Fred Wall, and we greet him with cordial welcome and heartiest best wishes. He seems in every way to measure up to the splendid standards of his lovable and distinguished predecessor R. W. Brother Oliver Day Street from whose first report he very fittingly quotes and makes them peculiarly applicable to himself on his initial appearance at the reviewer's table.

The temper and calibre of his first report is excellent and is prophecy of a real acquisition to the fraternal circle of reviewers. From Alberta to Wyoming he covers the ground like a seasoned runner and we marvel

and applaud both his agility of mind and literary ability, no less than his Masonic erudition.

Maine is generously and ably reviewed in three full pages of worth while quotation and constructive comment. M. W. Brother A. M. Spear's caustic and telling words regarding the Klan are quoted with evidently approval. No reference, critical or otherwise, is made to your correspondent, except the brief information that "the report is written by Brother Ashley A. Smith." As an item of knowledge that is perhaps valuable, but somehow its conotation is a bit vacuous.

ALBERTA, 1923.

The Eighteenth Annual Communication.

Membership 11,746, net gain 352.

There were present ten Past Grand Masters, and thirty Grand Representatives including ours of Maine. Among the distinguished guests were M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and M. W. Bro. W. L. Stockwell, P. G. M. and Grand Secretary of North Dakota.

In opening his annual address, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Frederick S. Selwood, traces in eloquent terms the analogy between the ancient builders and the brethren of modern times and the speculative craft who are trying to build "out of the bewilderment and confusion of today a higher civilization, which shall be a structure of symmetry and strength characterized by stability, utility and beauty, whose fabric shall be fashioned through law, labor and love."

The Grand Master makes reverent reference to Past Grand Master, Bro. Hiram Darling, and speaks of him as "a soul so responsive to the mystical that he must surely have drawn strength from the eternal truths taught us through the symbolism of Free Masonry."

He granted during his term of office 105 dispensations, the largest number, however, was for the purpose of attending Divine Service. He granted two for physical defects, "one part of the lower limbs, but by means of an artificial limb the candidate in each case was able to literally comply with the requirements of the work." Which accords with our practice, and this year with our written law. It is good to see that he refused dispensation to initiate more than five candidates at the same meeting.

He issued eight charters for new lodges, and three were instituted. He pays large praise to the D. D. G. M's. whose patient and untiring labors are registered in the structure of Masonry in Alberta. He uses such words as—faithful, unselfish and inspiring—for their unobtrusive but invaluable services. He laid one cornerstone, and we are glad to see (and to read between the lines the significance of the fact) that it was for a Public High School Building.

The Grand Master evinces his interest—and we had almost said—consecration—in the matter of Masonic benevolence to which he has evidently given much careful thought as he speaks with perfect command of the financial situation in his jurisdiction.

In the midsummer days he visited the lodges in the far north of this great Province, and many are his words of appreciation of his sojourn with the various lodges of the "Peace River Country." The brethren appreciated it, too, judging from the cordiality and genuineness of the greetings which were everywhere accorded him. Under the caption of — Reflections — he speaks of various topics which have come to his attention, from spurious printed rituals to unworthy Masons who bring discredit on the Fraternity by "dissolute" living. Of these latter who have fallen from their high estate of Masonic integrity and manhood the Order should purge itself. In the course of these "reflections," he says that inter-lodge visitations are increasing and he encourages the practice as designed to strengthen the morale of the Order. The Committee on the Grand Master's address, has this to say in closing its eulogistic report, all of which seems to us entirely deserved: "A master builder himself, he has by his careful supervision and indefatigable energy strengthened and enriched every portion of the visions of Masonry in this province and his honored mark is carved into the structure in indelible characters."

Two unusual orations by M. W. Brothers R. S. Thornton of Manitoba and W. L. Stockwell of North Dakota, are printed in full in the proceedings. The two speeches are of the very opposite types, the former a work of careful research in historical annals expressed in quiet and chaste English; the latter by Bro. Stockwell of the inspirational and extempore type. Both are splendid types of each kind. Strong temptation is upon us to quote at length from both so multiform and various are the good things, the quotable and memorable things, uttered by these orators in the course of their deliverances. But space forbids this pleasure and profitable privilege.

The brethren assembled, evidently appreciated it all, for both orations are liberally punctuated with "Hear, Hear" and "Go on, go on" and the significant phrase "prolonged applause."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is well, if somewhat briefly written, by P. G. M. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, who deals with forty-six Grand Jurisdictions. Maine receives cordial treatment, one-half of which is an extended excerpt from Grand Master Wheeler's annual address dealing with the relations of the Fraternity to good citizenship and the observance on the part of the Fraternity to Law and Order.

He briefly cites the crucial legislation of the session, and as he makes no comment we infer that it meets with his approval.

ARIZONA, 1923.

The Forty-first Annual Communication.

Number of chartered lodges 31, with one U. D. Membership 5,140, representing a gain of 250. Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present, with the Grand Representatives of thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions among which we do not find the name of the brother of Maine.

Among the distinguished guests we notice the presence of Rt. Hon. Sir Gilbert Parker, Bart., Past Master and Past S. G. Deacon of the M. W.

Grand Lodge of England, and also Arizona's Representative near the Grand Lodge of England, M. W. Bro. W. F. Kuhn, P. G. M. of Missouri, and M. W. Bro. F. E. Lester, P. G. M. of New Mexico. The usual greeting was extended from the Grand East and the visiting brethren made eloquent reference, during this session, to problems and issues confronting the Masonic world with special fraternal greetings from their various sister jurisdictions.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Louis G. Moyers, in his annual address made feeling reference in memory of P. G. Masters, Brothers John M. Ormsby and Charles M. Smith, who had passed into the Great Beyond during the last year.

During his term of office he constituted three new lodges, issued two dispensations, one for a new lodge in Tucson. It is with genuine fraternal pleasure that we notice, among the seventeen brethren appointed as Grand Representatives, the name of R. W. Bro. J. Rockwood Jenkins for Maine. Across the myriad miles we greet and welcome Bro. Jenkins as our Ambassador and should he ever visit or sojourn in Maine we hereby assure him of our hospitality. His name is redolent of the soil of the Pine Tree State and perhaps his forbears knew the mettle of its pasture.

The Grand Master had the distinction of visiting every lodge in his jurisdiction, and receives eulogy from the proper committee, for his thorough and painstaking service to the Arizona Craftsmen.

Of the George Washington Memorial he is enthusiastic and urges in no uncertain terms, that Arizona pledge the full quota of its membership; he also believes it "fitting and timely" for subordinate lodges to hold special Masonic services on or near the fourth of each November in commemoration of the day on which the Father of our Country was made a Mason.

Of the Tuberculosis Sanatoria he avers, "it is the greatest piece of constructive charitable work ever undertaken by any fraternal organization." The brethren seem heartily in earnest about it and have already made a substantial beginning in a State peculiarly adapted in its dry atmosphere and climate for this work. "The Steward Estate at Oracle" has been taken over for this purpose.

Respecting the K. K. K., the Grand Master is as gentle as a cooing dove saying: "The best policy is one of passive resistance or at least hands off." But he "passes the ———" on to the Grand Lodge in these words: "Renewed activities in the northwestern part of the state on the part of the Klan render a decision necessary at this time (by the Grand Lodge) in order that the Masters of lodges within whose jurisdiction the activities occur may be governed accordingly."

Among the pleasant duties of his Mastership was the laying of a cornerstone for a High School Building in the City of Tombstone. There is an almost brutal frankness about that city's name, which appeals to a grim ironic humor in us and leads us to remark that there are many eastern cities which fulfill the Scriptural word, "thou hast a name that thou livest but thou art dead." Tombstone, is no name for a city, that builds

High Schools; its a sure sign and symbol of virility, progress and life. It is good to see the brethren of Arizona standing sponsor for institutions of this kind.

The Grand Master decided (probably with many tugs at his heart-strings) that "a man who has lost his foot above the ankle and wears an artificial foot" cannot be made a Mason. Another decision is to the effect that a man who is totally blind in ONE eye, but in every other way qualified, is debarred according to Grand Lodge rulings, while his own personal convictions rebel against such injustice, he avers, "it must stand" until reversed by the Grand Lodge. We like his outspoken strictures on this narrow literalistic interpretation of Masonic law and depart from our rule to quote at some length his words, that sound like a real man and Mason rebelling against the tyranny of outgrown forms and archaic formalism: "We are too blindly worshipping the fetish of a physical perfection and hanging on with grim determination to a questionable heritage from ancient Operative Masonry." Good, brother, bury it under the cornerstone at Tombstone without hope of a joyful resurrection! "It is my desire to see Arizona take an advanced and more liberal position, I therefore recommend a modification or more liberal interpretation of Regulation 10 that it may harmonize with our declaration that it is the inner and not the outer qualifications of a man that render him worthy to be made a Mason, and thus make it possible for worthy men to be received into our Order even though maimed by minor physical defects." Listen now, to what happened to this recommendation by the Committee on Jurisprudence: "We find no reason for reversing such ruling (of Grand Lodge) or changing our present Regulation No. 10." Well its none of our business, of course, but Maine which is ultra and even notoriously conservative has long since outgrown that kind of thing and only last year took decisive and progressive and enlightened (and we are tempted to say intelligent action) on matters of this kind and both instances decided in the negative, as outlined above, would have received kindly and positive consideration, and the men qualified in every other respect would now be members of the Fraternity in Maine. It is our fraternal hope that light may come "through the eyelids of the dawn" and that the fraternity everywhere may stand for those requirements laid down in the Great Light, what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God? We may well wink at "minor physical defects" if we get that kind and quality of Masonic manhood.

Dealing at such length with this question leaves us but brief space to touch upon other routine matters. Arizona recognized through its committee, the M. W. Grand Lodge (York) of Mexico and fraternal representatives were exchanged. Lest we become persona non grata we withhold comment.

There is no formal report on Foreign Correspondence.

ARKANSAS, 1923.

The Eighty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 33,112. Total number of lodge, 458; two of which are U. D. There were present seventeen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-two Jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother Jacob Trieber for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master Brother John Q. Wolf, in opening his annual address paid a glowing tribute to Brother Chas. E. Rosenbaum whose untiring and unselfish labor was given to the building of the Masonic Temple in which this Grand Communication was held. The Masonic Grand Honors were accorded him at the conclusion of the eloquent commendation of the Grand Master.

Grand Master Wolf avers that "In my humble judgment just two institutions have held things in place during these trying times in America, the Church and the Masons. The Church comes first, for it is beyond question the greatest power in the world." He then points out the weakness of the one and the strength of the other by saying: "The Church is divided, split up into competing and contending factions, whereas, Masonry is a unit."

Grand Master Wolf is something of a preacher in the best sense of that somewhat loosely applied term, for he devotes many pages in this address to the menacing evils of our time. Under such sub-headings as — Disobedience of Children, The Modern Dance, The Movie, The Waning Influence of the Home, Sensationalism in The Pulpit, Official Graft and Political Indifference, Unpunished Crime and Political Demagoguery, he excoriates the age, and this reviewer is reminded that several hundred years before the Birth of Christ the wise old writer in the Book of Ecclesiastes (7:10) said: "Say not thou What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this." Ten pages are given to this kind of criticism, amply justified no doubt, but yet there is much to be said on the other side as indicated by the counsel of Ecclesiastes and finally noticed by Grand Master Wolf in such words as these: "While criminals feature the front pages it must be remembered that the decent, home-loving, law-abiding, hard-working, God-fearing citizen, who remains at home and attends to his business and supports his family and reads his Bible and says his prayers, does not break into print, and they outnumber the other ten thousand to one." Or again he avers with a triumphant note of optimism: "Where there are 2,000 bootleggers in Arkansas there are 1,500,000 other persons who are not bootleggers, but who are living upright, decent lives, and nothing is said of them."

Five corner-stone ceremonials were conducted during the year. We note the appearance of the names of two of the beloved Past Grand Masters of Maine on the In Memoriam roster, M. W. Brothers Frank Eugene Sleeper and Edmund Buxton Mallet. A memorial circular was issued for an honored Past Grand of Arkansas, M. W. Brother George Thornburgh.

A rather unusual circular letter was issued by Grand Master Wolf, in which occurs these words which have the true ring of a dynamic Ameri-

canism. "The Eighteenth Amendment is a part of the fundamental laws of the land, so that the man who drinks now is nothing more nor less than a violator of the law. I wish it understood by every Mason in Arkansas that Masons haven't the constitutional right to patronize bootleggers, and when they do they not only become criminals themselves but they become promoters of crime by encouraging others to violate the law. Charges should be filed against every Mason who is known to be a patron of bootleggers."

Twenty-two pages of the proceedings are given to a full and enlightening report of the "Masonic Orphan's Home and School," which shows a noble philanthropy wisely and efficiently administered.

There is no extended report of the Committee on Correspondence, but the Chairman of that Committee, Brother A. M. Forby, takes opportunity to say that the brethren of Arkansas should have some knowledge of what Masons of other jurisdictions are doing and, "we know no better way to get it before them than in condensed form by a Report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee, and we believe that the Grand Lodges who make it compulsory have found a good way to dispense Masonic Light and knowledge." We in far off Maine, earnestly desire to see this suggestion acted upon because from Brother Forby's manner and style we are confident that something worth while in the way of Masonic erudition and comment would reach us from Arkansas. Here for instance is a bit of his keen and kindly counsel. "We believe that men who have been honored by receiving the degrees of Masonry have something beside their own personal reputation to uphold and no matter where they are or what the conditions, if they are known as members of the Masonic Fraternity and do things no decent or law-abiding citizen should do, they are dragging Masonry into the mire with them. Something of the careful and conservative temper of Brother Forby is seen in the closing of his report when he recommends that "no action" be taken on the requests for fraternal recognition of Le Grand Orient D'Haiti, and the "Grand Or De Grece." He even suggest that Arkansas be not too hasty in extending recognition to Guatemala by referring the matter to the next communication. We think Brother Forby would be an admirable addition to the brethren of the reviewers' table if these are samples of his method and manner.

The Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. Grant C. Smith, delivered an eloquent Oration which covers thirteen full noble pages of the annual report, and deals with the symbolism, the duties, the principles and challenging issues of Freemasonry as vitally applied to the problems and destinies of our time and nation. Space forbids quotation and indeed to violently extract any passage from its context, would be to mar a forensic masterpiece which has made its appeal to us as worthy of the widest distribution.

The usual jewel presentation for the retiring Grand Master was made with fitting remarks, to which reply was feelingly made in appreciation of the gift by Grand Master Wolf.

We hope that Brother Forby may soon greet us with a formal Correspondence Report from Arkansas, which omission has always marred an

otherwise almost perfect Grand Lodge Report from this honored and noble Grand Jurisdiction. If Bro. Forby is unable to do it, as he intimates for lack of time, we are equally sure of the abilities and capacities of R. W. Brother Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary, to do the work worthily and well.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1923.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication.

Membership 12,093, increase 997. Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present, and the Representatives of thirty-five Grand Lodges, including M. W. Brother Francis Bowser for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Andrew M. Creery, has a few outspoken words to say respecting an insidious evil which creeps into many Lodges: "While extreme care should be taken that no unworthy petitioner be admitted, yet a double injury is done when for no true Masonic reason, but perhaps from personal spite, suitable material is rejected; an injustice is done the applicant, but in my opinion a still greater injury is self-inflicted by a member upon himself when he so far forgets the teaching of the Craft as to commit the mean and cowardly act of stabbing an innocent victim in the dark." Yes, we may well pity such a brother who has to live with himself, how true those lines of Tennyson:

"He who wrongs another, wrongs himself more
And ever bears about a silent court of justice
In his breast, himself the judge and jury,
And himself the prisoner at the bar, ever condemned."

Among the Grand Master's pleasant duties was the constituting of four new lodges, issuing dispensations for nine others, dedicating one hall, and laying one corner-stone. Among his rulings are several that hold to the strict letter — Shylock wise — of the law respecting physical qualifications. Under his third "ruling" in this regard the writer of this report and a Past Grand Master of Maine would be in Masonic darkness. Maine is ultra conservative too we always thought, and have been repeatedly informed by others, but when we consider that ruling we must be pretty radical after all. Another of Brother Creery's "rulings," which like the above had the official O. K. of the Committee, would not "go" in Maine, is this: "I think in deference to his religious views (Hebrew candidate) the obligation should be taken on the Old Testament only." We are tempted to ask what the Great Light in Masonry is in British Columbia, can Light be divided by some sort of Masonic spectroscope? Why work by a divided symbol? Shall we have deference for one who believes in deity but is a Monhamedan and use the Koran, or for a Buddhist or Bhramin or Parsee by using their Sacred Writings? We are involved in hopeless confusion unless we take the whole symbol of the Great Light; the moment we begin to make deferential exceptions on a dogmatic or schismatic or racial basis we are to that degree rather unmasonic, because we are beginning to draw lines of cleavage on religious grounds and in this case on racial grounds. The Great Light is one, not two, and with the Apocrapha, which often appears bound between the Old and New Testaments even

three. The Ancient Landmarks must stand. Indeed the logic of this deference is that there is something to be said for French Masonry which does away with the Bible altogether, and is one of the chief, but by no means the only reason, for non-recognition with the majority of our older Grand Lodges.

The matter of three rituals comes up again for discussion, and the Grand Master takes the wise and conservative course in recommending the appointment of a committee of nine to "set a standard" to prevent further drifting apart in their rendition of the various rituals." Since 1893 there have been three *official* rituals, the English, the Scottish and the Canadian. The Grand Master says that "his experience in traveling from lodge to lodge forces me to the conclusion that the time has arrived when standards should be set."

A long list of visitations indicate a busy and constructive year by the Grand Master. In his "suggestions" he makes a move in the right direction in eliminating a growing and insidious reproach by saying: "I also suggest that greater use should be made of light 'Stand-up' refreshments, in preference to what we term banquets." This gives more opportunity for increasing our acquaintance with each other.

The reports of the thirteen D. D. G. Ms. read much like our own in Maine, and the names signed thereto sound like ours here, and show unpretentious loyal labor by these Deputies. Paraphrasing a familiar word of the Great Light — of such unassuming craftsmen is the democracy of Masonry.

The Grand Chaplain moved — and who should know more about the need — that a committee be appointed "charged with the duty of considering a revision of the funeral service." In many Grand Lodges there is indicated a growing need and desire for such revision, the archaic phrasing dwelling too much on "worms, death and the grave," and not enough on "the glorious hope of immortality." Indeed the words of the Great Light might be made to have a truly intimate masonic meaning surrounding the word "raised": "It is sown in our weakness, it is *Raised* in Power; it is sown a natural body, it is *Raised* a spiritual body, etc." Every "raising" suggests to this writer a mystical reality underlying the outward, symbolical act of the Third Degree. This is "thrown in" for what it is worth to the committee, and might be followed up to advantage in such revision.

It is always a distinct pleasure to come finally to the Correspondence Report of M. W. Brother W. A. DeWolfe Smith, because it is one of the outstanding reviews which we read, alike in its careful thought, its sane comment and rather unusual English phrasing. His is no paste-pot and scissors report, but a work of real dignity and charm which shows the reward of mental perspiration and rather strenuous labors in the quarry. It is interesting as a novel, and as thought-provoking as an essay, with an occasional paragraph which indicates something of the poet and prophet.

Maine receives its due mead of space and praise. Commenting on Brother Wheeler's address relative to Law and Order, and the increase

of criminal activities, he naively says: "Maine has been "bone-dry" so long that it is doubtful if the present generation knows what whiskey is." We avert our face and call to our brother's mind that Maine is bounded on the East by New Brunswick and on the North by Quebec, with a most convenient coast line on the broad Atlantic, with thousands of snug little bays and islands which have always been an attraction to summer visitors — and others.

The quiet and conservative attitude of the Grand Master of Maine is cordially commended, and brief but vital quotation is made from his address.

Your correspondent is hailed with cordial greeting as a worthy successor of "illustrious predecessors," which makes our heart beat faster and a kind of maiden blush mantle our face. We are both grateful and encouraged by such praise from such a source. May Brother W. A. DeWolfe Smith be long spared to write these wholesome, instructive and constructive reviews that the Craft, not alone in British Columbia, but over the Masonic world may be edified and enlightened.

CALIFORNIA, 1923.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership 100,283, net gain 7,104. Number of lodges, 484.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother William A. Sherman, reported that in the prosecution of his official duties he had travelled in "excess of twenty-seven thousand miles in the last year, and by every method of conveyance with the exception of the aeroplane, which was declined only because of the extremely bad weather." During his term he conducted eighteen corner-stone ceremonies and it is suggestive of much when we read that "two Governors requested me as Grand Master to lay corner-stones of two important State buildings."

Interesting account is given of his official visitation to the Hawaiian Islands, where six lodges exist having a membership of about fifteen hundred. There has been much discussion respecting a Grand Lodge of Hawaiian Islands but the consensus of conservative opinion seemed to be that for a time these lodges should remain under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California. Grand Master Sherman recommends that they should be given a Grand Officer, a Deputy Grand Master, with authority to grant dispensations and exercise other Grand Lodge functions, because the Islands are so far from the mainland and much time is consumed in such administration.

School Week Observance was conducted throughout the Jurisdiction by authority of the Grand Lodge which is one of the outstanding Jurisdictions in the United States in all matters of progressive education.

The Grand Master, also, set apart "Constitution Week" for observance, and both were observed with "splendid" enthusiasm by the brethren.

A part of the Address is headed — Peter Lassen — and we find that this was the name of the earliest pioneer of the Craft in California who brought the first charter to California from Missouri and so organized

the first Masonic Lodge in the State. Brother Lassen's grave had fallen into neglect and decay and Grand Master Sherman believes that the Grand Lodge should acquire title to the land wherein he rests, and give it proper care in "a simple, dignified way, which could be done at small expense."

Under Necrology the name of Brother Warren G. Harding appears, with fitting tribute and quotations from his "Newspaper creed." Several Past Grand Masters are on the roll, among which we notice the names of M. W. Brothers George Clement Perkins, Charles Lewis Patten, Albert Glenn Burnett. All these are paid due tribute, which ends with "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Among the Grand Master's recommendations we notice one forbidding the advertising and selling tickets for Sunday outings on the ground that such procedure is not in keeping with the dignity of the Fraternity. Another recommendation is to the effect that all Masonic Buildings, and financing of the same, be subject to the approval of a Committee consisting of the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee. Our own jurisdiction of Maine already has such a law and committee which has already justified its existence.

A series of seven bulletins issued by the Grand Master are models of clear statement and literary style. These deal with such matters as "Toleration," "Some Things an Entered Apprentice Should Know," "Education," and "Constitution Week." These must have been a source of instruction and inspiration to the Craft. The bulletin on "Toleration" is especially good and should have a far wider circulation than this favored jurisdiction of California.

The annual oration by R. W. Brother John L. McNab is greatly superior to the usual effusion along this line of the relation of the Fraternity to American citizenship. It is thoughtful as well as merely forensic, it touches in a deep and vital way on the profounder meanings and implications of Masonry and is replete with historical and literary allusion to enforce the main thesis, and we are not surprised to find that "the brethren sat spellbound throughout the delivery of our brother's eloquent oration." It has worked that way in the mere reading of it, what must it have been enforced by the living voice and what, we infer from the name McNab, was a real Scotch personality back of it all.

Seventy-eight pages of the report are given to a detailed account of the Trustees of Masonic Homes. From a somewhat cursory review of these pages we are convinced that these noble philanthropies of the California brethren are efficiently administered and a most minute account is rendered each year to the brethren. The report deals in large figures which make our modest Maine charities seem small but these matters are always relative and comparative and so viewed we have no cause to be ashamed.

An important report of the Committee on Policy and General Purposes which has the matter of fraternal recognition under its charge has this to say relative to fraternal recognition: "The Masonic powers of the world fall under two classifications, viz: Those derived directly or indirectly from the Grand Lodge of England, and those derived from Scottish

Rite sources. Practically no difficulty is experienced in determining the legitimacy and regularity of the Grand Bodies situated in the English speaking countries." Even under the uncertainties and divided authorities of many Latin countries there may be good reason for such recognition thinks California and therefore we find recognition extended to Honduras but withheld from Salvador; extended to Guatemala and Ecuador, and withheld from Columbia; Peru and Brazil are recognized, but not Venezuela, while Chili and Panama are recognized, Turkey and Spain are not. So far as the evidence is given for this action pro and con there is seeming justification and we have no desire to demur but rather to express our appreciation and gratitude for the extended study and consideration which the Committee has obviously given to the subject, treating each application on its merits and trying to be just and fair in its allotments of favors or otherwise. Of Itlay the report concurs with our own somewhat extended study of the situation by saying, "it is truly unfortunate and the solution of the difficulties there must be worked out by the Italian Masons. Outsiders can be of little service."

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is written for the fourth time by M. W. Brother Jesse M. Whited and is a model of the particular type of "topical" review. Citation is given from nearly all Grand Lodges on various topics ranging from "Education" to "DeMolay" and the K. K. K. Maine is frequently cited by quotation on these various subjects. Brother Whited has evidently received some "criticism" for this type of review as he is a bit on the defensive in his opening pages, but he says it has been "favorably received by his Californian brethren." He says: "One of the objections to the 'topical' form of review is that it does not show what is being *done* in other jurisdictions. To meet his criticism, therefore, under the title 'Found in the Rubbish of the Temple' has been summarized the events of interest and importance in the Masonic world." We thought to object a little to that caption, but we are wholly disarmed by his kindly treatment and thoughtful comment, and we see that it is not meant in any invidious or disparaging way but in recognition that things of real value and worth to the Craft were aforetime found "among the rubbish of the temple." As we said last year if we must have this kind of report, and if the honored craftsmen of California are satisfied, its none of our special business, we can think of none of this kind better written and more intelligently articulated and arranged than this by Brother Whited.

CANADA (In the Province of Ontario), 1923.

The Sixty-eight Annual Communication.

Membership 98,036, net increase not given. There are 623 lodges on the roll. There were forty-seven Grand Representatives present, including ours of Maine.

The communication was welcomed by the Mayor of Toronto in a few fitting words to which the Grand Master, M. W. Brother William Nisbet Ponton, K. C., cordially and wittily replied. Many M. W. brethren from

various Grand Lodges were formally welcomed and greeted from the Grand East, among these we notice M. W. Brothers J. Watson Young of Alberta, Dudley H. Farrell of Massachusetts, and the M. W. Brother the Right Hon. Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. The galaxy of real masonic effulgence contributed to the impressiveness of the opening ceremonies and later in the session added words of inspiring counsel and brilliant eloquence to the assembled brethren. We note also the greeting extended to the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, M. W. Brother Beitler, on the same occasion. After these preliminaries the Grand Master addressed the Grand Lodge, delivering his report for the year. So replete is this address with vital and quotable sentences that it is the despair of this reviewer. Sometimes a keen epigram, barbed and feathered like an arrow, or an apt quotation from a wide range of poetry, or again a full rounded period of eloquence; altogether it is one of the masterpieces of the year. Fortunately too, this correspondent was privileged to introduce M. W. Brother Ponton to the Grand Lodge of Maine in May of this year (1923) and to hear the major part of his fervent and moving address, so that he has the unusual experience of knowing the personality of the man whose words in his annual address, he is so highly and deservedly praising. A radiant and radiating word it is that must have cast a spell over the assembled brethren in Toronto. As a sample of his manner and matter which in a measure shows all these qualities mentioned above and at the same time the practical common-sense side of the man; take these words respecting physical qualification: "Thank God, we Masons have had the courage and vision to abrogate the old operative requirement (it was never a landmark) of physical perfection, and many men maimed in the service, who a few years ago though good enough for the Church militant and for Heaven, were not admissible to our lodges, are now with proper safeguards, welcomed within our portals, if knocking at our doors, they desire to add the fellowship of the Craft to the comradeship of the field."

In the course of his report he makes mention of his visit to various other Grand Jurisdictions, and we are glad and even proud to come across the Grand Lodge of Maine among the number and to find him saying that he found a gratifying and cordial welcome, and "realized as never before, of what fine calibre and character, how near in kinship and in aim, how congenial in spirit, how warmly fraternal are these virile Masons, our allies and neighbors, who have formed an everlasting compact with us to pitch our tents hereafter in the pleasant plains of peace." That's what he found in the United States and in Maine, and it is exactly what we saw in his face and heard in his words, as the representative of the Grand Lodge, and lodges of Canada. May this spirit of "hands across the border," and American hearts that beat as one, never grow less, but wax and augment with unrolling years.

Among his pleasant duties of the year we notice as an indication of wholesome growth and development, that Grand Master Ponton consecrated twenty-five lodges, and dedicated nineteen others. He has

vigorous words to say on such masonic evils, as "violation of secrecy" which involves the Order of the Eastern Star, "dilatatory lodges," and what he graphically calls, "minute made Masons."

We see, also, that the Ontario brethren are beginning to talk of and look forward to, a "Central Temple where the increasingly complicated business of Grand Lodge" can be transacted.

The Order of DeMolay for Boys, finds place in his message, when he suggests that it might be well to consider "a similar Canadian Order."

We notice in his address that the author of the fraternal correspondence, M. W. Brother Brown, has resigned, and that the burden has been placed upon several shoulders under the direction of W. Bro. R. C. Blaggrave who writes our Maine report for Canada this year.

Devoting so much space to this excellent address, leaves but brief room to chronicle even the high lights of this annual session. We like the address of M. W. Brother Dudley H. Ferrel of Massachusetts, who uses the phrase "an adventure in friendship" to describe this meeting of the Grand Masters and other high officials of many and varied Grand Jurisdictions of the world. But it is plain to see that the adventure has been wholly successful and the promised land of good-will and fraternal comradeship has been reached.

The D. D. G. Ms. of the twenty-five Masonic Districts of Ontario all made extended reports covering exactly one hundred and ninety-nine full and noble pages of this large volume of proceedings. There is a benediction somewhere in the Great Light that belongs to such simple and unpretentious labor, loyally performed, which we hope may come true for these earnest and devoted Craftsmen,—“Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hath been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things, Enter thou into the Joy of thy Lord.” Perhaps they have entered that exceeding joy of God just because of duty done and unremitting toil in the quarries.

We note with mingled feelings that at this communication the Grand Lodge of Guatemala, was fraternally recognized.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is written by various hands, because of the resignation of Brother E. B. Brown whose increasing law practice made it imperative; we see various initials appended to the different reports, but the large majority bear these R. C. B., which as indicated above stand for W. Bro. R. C. Blaggrave (D. D.). Maine is liberally and favorably reviewed in nearly four pages of this report. Strong and intelligent comment is made, a variety of well selected quotations from the various addresses and committee reports are used. As an initial and maiden effort it is worthy of a seasoned hand. Brother Wheeler is commended for his outspoken words on Law and Order and his rulings praised. Welcome, Brother Blaggrave "to our midst" it will be a pleasure to foregather and commune with you at this round table.

COLORADO, 1923.

The Sixty-third Annual Communication.

Membership 29,201, net gain 1,174. Average membership of each lodge 210. There were present forty-one Grand Representatives, including ours of Maine.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Edward P. Hufferd, in a brief, well articulated report shows a year of activity in which he constituted three new lodges, dedicated one temple, laid seven corner-stones and made the usual visitations. Under the heading "Revision of Book of Constitutions," he points out an insidious and besetting evil of many Grand Lodges by saying: "For some years we have been legislating by 'resolution' instead of amendment of specific sections. This practice has resulted in much confusion, and it has become impossible to tell what the law is on any subject by reference to our code. The proceedings for more than ten years must be examined, and one cannot be sure of the exact state of the law."

The Grand Master announced an innovation during the session this year by which the time usually given to the exemplification of the Third Degree should be taken by the Denver Association of Masonic Officers in presenting their play, 'An Eighteenth Century Lodge,' which the Grand Master terms "a play very valuable and instructive."

Brother Hufferd reports under "Condition of the Craft" that there is a steady and healthy growth, with no lodge "so depressed or discouraged as to desire to surrender their charters." In conclusion he speaks these vital words: "The closer we adhere to the traditions and teachings which have made Freemasonry great, the better will be the experience and history of the years to come. Let us hold fast to the achievements of our ancient brethren and guard well the portals against unworthy applicants. Prosperity and well-being are not manifested by great increase in membership alone, but in the quality of manhood and love for avowed purposes, shown by those we acclaim as brothers." Grand Master Hufferd hits the nail on the head and drives it deep when he says: "I do not share in the cry which is going up from some quarters of dangers from without. The future is secure if we look well to our duties within." In Brother Hufferd's words we find fulfillment of the words of the Great Light of our Order, "that a man's foes are they of his own household."

A committee reporting on the size of lodges having carefully investigated and deliberated the matter concludes an extended report with these words: "It would be unwise to recommend the adoption of a By-law limiting the membership of lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction."

The Committee on Necrology pays eloquent tribute to the memory of M. W. Brother Lawrence Nichols Greenleaf (P. G. M.) whose full page photograph shows a face of kindly and venerable benevolence and seasoned Masonic manhood. Bro. Greenleaf's large Masonic library was given by him to Grand Lodge.

Under Maine, we note with tender respect the name of Frank Eugene Sleeper, Past Grand Master, died May 2, 1923. One of our noblest and best, like Brother Greenleaf of Colorado.

An "Oration" by R. W. Brother John Andrew, Grand Orator, deals with the subject "Our Responsibility as Masons," in which he takes as a text the familiar aphorism of John Morley, "The history of civilization is the history of the displacement of old conceptions, by new ones, more conformable to facts." Here is a choice and pregnant line from Brother Andrew: "The Masonic spirit will *leaven* the structure of a sordid and selfish world." This correspondent believes that there is no better single word in the vocabulary than "leaven" to describe and define the Masonic process, and principle.

During this communication the matter of a revised burial service was left with the Custodians so that action may be taken next year.

The Grand Master made a gracious reply to the presentation of the Grand Lodge Jewel in saying, "I feel that every member has some part in it, and that it betokens your love and esteem."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence bears the familiar name of M. W. Brother Stanley C. Warner, as Chairman, and the usual high ground is taken by him in his opinions and discussions of Masonic topics. Nearly one hundred and thirty pages of worthwhile reading are given by him to the Colorado brethren, who should realize, as they probably do, that here is genuine instruction expressed in quiet phrase. To be sure there is extended quotation, but always well chosen, on some vital theme which is engaging the thought of the Craft.

Maine receives liberal citation, largely from M. W. Brother Spear's graphic and forthright words relative to the K. K. K. Surely the immediate and perhaps perpetual danger of the Fraternity was never more tersely expressed than by dear Brother Spear in those closing words quoted by Brother Warner: "We read of the fabled eagle, who, as he lay wounded and dying upon the plain, grieved not that he was about to die, but that the fatal shaft that had pierced his vitals was guided in its deadly course by a feather dropped from his own wing." A sentiment which might well be emblazoned—in these testing, insidious days—over the portal of every lodge in our land.

CONNECTICUT, 1923.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership 39,689, net gain 1,832. Fourteen Past Grand Masters, and thirty-seven Grand Representatives were present. We note with fraternal regret that Maine's Representative was not present. We learn that the average membership of the Connecticut lodges has now reached 336.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Frank L. Wilder, submits an extended annual report of forty-five pages in which he points out in opening the clear and imperative duty of the brethren to avoid all class feelings and creedal and religious controversies and to keep before them the fact that "our Country was founded by Masons and that upon us rests a greater duty as the successors of the founders to keep alive American institutions and the American form of Government." He makes eloquent appeal for tolerance, fairness and moderation on the part of the brethren.

During his term he issued thirty-nine dispensations all of which were in accordance with the usual practice and usage and has the approval of the official committee. His four "Decisions" are also approved.

The Grand Master gives detailed report of his "Visitations," and evidences careful attention to the welfare of the smaller lodges, while enjoying more pretentious events in the larger centres. It is good to find these words of praise for the nine D. D. G. M's., whose painstaking and unobtrusive labors are too often ignored by Grand Masters and the Craft,—“all are to be congratulated upon the energy, care and consideration which they have exhibited in their work.” Each R. W. Brother comes in for a personal word of commendation which is graciously given by Brother Wilder.

One dispensation for a new lodge was issued during his term of office. He has these words to say respecting the Order of DeMolay for Boys: “I have no hesitancy in recommending to the Masons of Connecticut their support and co-operation with this new branch of endeavor to educate young manhood and to keep that education along safe and conservative lines.”

Two lodges were constituted during his term both in the City of Stamford, and of this interesting fact he avers: “The History of the Grand Lodge may be searched without finding a parallel of two new lodges constituted in the same month in the same city.” He sees in this rather unusual fact a prophecy of greater Masonic achievements in the future. Two cornerstones were laid, one for a Masonic Home, the other for a temple. He treads rather “gingerly” on the subject of K. K. K. and reaches his “highwater mark” by deeply deploring any attempt to connect the two organizations and “cautions” the brethren against having any relation with it. The gentleness of the cooing dove is hardly sufficient to prevent the brethren from ogling flirtations with the bold, bad “horrid” thing. M. W. Brother Spear, Grand Master of Maine, handled it this year as it deserved.

The Grand Master of Connecticut utters the usual warning that “we are growing too fast and are getting away” from some of the moorings which have heretofore pointed the way to safety and sanity.” He avers belief in limitation of membership in lodges and sees a possibility that drastic action may be taken to prevent Masons from joining some of the alleged “affiliated bodies.” He believes it would be well for them to be Master Masons for a definite period of time, before being allowed to petition some of these organizations.

A rather unusual condition arose at the Allingtown Hospital for gassed soldiers of the War, the government providing housing and sustenance for a Chaplain, but no salary. The Catholic Church provided a salaried Chaplain for the Catholic members, and it is good to see that the Fraternity got busy on the proposition and raised \$3,116.00 for a like purpose and now a Masonic, or Protestant, Chaplain is installed to attend to the non-catholic members and inmates of the hospital.

The Grand Correspondent, M. W. Brother George A. Kies (P. G. M.),

contributes nearly one hundred pages of worthwhile review, in which Maine (1922) receives somewhat more than its material share of fraternal notice.

Under the general caption "Side Organizations," Brother Kies has these keen and incisive words to say: "The general hysteria and craze for organizations has somewhat affected Masonry. Some of the societies which base their membership on Masonry, which have sprung up like mushrooms are (like political platforms) apparently founded upon good and high-minded principles, but of these some are simply sources of income to a bunch of organizers, as is the case with the Ku Klux. One or two orders for boys and girls have asked and secured Masonic bodies as sponsors. The evil side of all this is the probability that these barnacles on Masonry will hamper the fraternity in its progress towards its legitimate objects and unduly narrow its activities. But, thank heaven, there are ample signs that this, like the rest of the aftermath of war hysteria, will ultimately die of inanition and everything settle into normalcy and true progress." Which tallies with our own ideas of safe, sane and wholesome doctrine.

Under Pennsylvania, he touches the gist of the O. E. S. situation in the same deft and incisive manner.

Brother Kies is so kindly and even laudatory to a mere tyro in the field of review that we must not quote his words, while we deeply appreciate them and have received the encouragement which a seasoned veteran alone can give to a novice.

DELAWARE, 1923.

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Communication.

Number of lodges, 22; membership, 5,715; a net gain for the year of 140.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters, and forty-eight Grand Representatives, including ours of Maine, R. W. Brother David C. Rose, were present. Every lodge in Delaware, but one, was represented at this annual session.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Charles A. Bamberger, in speaking of the somewhat reduced net gain for the year as indicated above, said the truly Masonic word by asserting that, "the growth of the Masonic spirit has been most gratifying."

One of the advantages of a small jurisdiction is indicated by the fact that the Grand Master, and his official household, was able to visit every lodge in his jurisdiction. Another visitation was as guest of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Two "Emergent Communications" were held for the purpose of laying corner-stones for Public Schools. An "Edict" was issued restraining a few brethren from acting on committees, "not directly connected with their lodges and their Masonic functions." We get a hint of the difficulty in a brief explanation, clear enough to the brethren of Delaware, but rather ambiguous to us, when the Grand Master says: "Freedom of thought and action is accorded, and it is unmasonic to espouse any religious creed or sect, as the only religious test required of a Freemason is his belief in the Supreme Being by whatever name It may be known." Which

pronoun — It — recalls Thomas Hardy's 'The Dynasts,' where that particular word 'It' was used for deity through the drama, often it seemed to us with ludicrous and most undramatic effect in what might otherwise have been the English writer's masterpiece.

In an interesting account of the Masonic Home we learn from M. W. Brother Bamberger that these twenty-two lodges are to provide the sum of \$75,842.92 for its maintenance. This assessment is made on each lodge in proportion to its membership as indicated above.

We are pleased to see that the Grand Master refused every application for dispensation to confer the usual degrees in less than the usual period.

M. W. Brother Bamberger speaks a timely word in respect of Grand Lodge officers attending emergent communications reminding them of their vows of installation to observe their duties when occasion requires.

Of "The Masters' Association of Wilmington," he speaks in high praise seeing in it vast possibilities for the Craft in planning mutual action and especially in providing an agency "for the placing of unemployed brethren."

Delaware heartily supports both the George Washington Memorial and the M. S. A.

Of the Masonic International Association, established to promote universal Freemasonry, he shows his interest by recommending that the "Foreign Correspondence Committee be directed to investigate the scope and purpose of it and submit a report with recommendation at the next annual communication."

Cordial commendation of the Order of DeMolay is made to the brethren by the Grand Master who enjoins them "to accord it their fullest moral and beneficent support."

At this session, before being called from labor to refreshment, eight brief speeches were made by various distinguished brethren of Delaware.

The Committee on Revision of Funeral Ritual submitted a brief form of Burial Service, which was adopted and which appeals to us as an improvement both in dignified and adequate brevity and simplicity over the more amplified form in general use and which contains so many grewsome references to the doleful and sepulchral, as to often remind us of the line of Shakespeare's Richard II, "Let's talk of graves and worms and epitaphs."

We note with fraternal appreciation the reference of the Committee on Necrology the name of Maine's honored and beloved Past Grand Master, Frank Eugene Sleeper, died May 2, 1923.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the several recommendations of the Grand Master.

We notice with pleasure that our friend and brother M. W. Andrew L. Randell, P. G. M. of Texas, made "the usual inspiring address relative to the activities of the M. S. A." As Executive Secretary of the organization, Brother Randell has done invaluable service in persuading the reluctant, and inspiring the devoted, with the aims and ideals of the Association. Maine cordially approved and endorsed his address last year, and completely reversed its action of a year before by well-nigh unanimously voting

to become a member of this Organization. Which is "some stunt" for any brother to do in as conservative a jurisdiction as Maine.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee puts into felicitous phrase a difficulty which has confronted, if not depressed, the majority of the reviewers by saying: "Owing to our insufficient knowledge of the language in which many of the reports of the Grand Lodges of the Latin American countries are printed we are unable to offer an intelligent opinion as to their origin and independence and do not deem it advisable to recommend fraternal recognition at this time."

The Board of Managers of the Masonic Home devotes several pages to that worthy philanthropy including a clear full-page photograph of the buildings. We note a net gain for the "Surplus" of this institution of \$8,673.33, which indicates careful administration and a rather unusual feature of such homes in many other jurisdictions.

M. W. Brother Thomas J. Day, Past Grand Master, writes in his usual succinct and sinewy way the report for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He has ably fulfilled his prefatory promise to select such items as will be instructive and entertaining to the brethren. That "brevity which is the soul of wit" has been nobly achieved in the comparatively few pages of this review. Maine is given a full page of appreciative consideration and our "doings" are uniformly commended.

M. W. Brother Albert M. Spear, Grand Master, is praised for his outspoken word on the use of the ballot for retaliation or revenge, and his words respecting this insidious evil are quoted in full. M. W. Brother Spear's hearty endorsement of the Washington Memorial are, also, quoted "en extenso."

Your Correspondent is briefly quoted anent the Funeral Oration on the death of Brother George Washington by Brother Gunning Bedford, Jr., delivered December 27, 1799.

ENGLAND, 1923.

The Annual Grand Festival held in April, followed by three Quarterly Communications held in June, September and December, respectively. The Duke of Connaught and Strathern, K. C. (etc.) is M. W. Grand Master. The Pro. Grand Master is M. W. Brother, Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill. The usual large attendance of distinguished brethren was present at these various communications at all of which Lord Ampthill presided.

A brief but adequate summary of the work of each quarterly period was made by the Board of General Purposes, which as the name implies has supervision and administrative control over the labors of the Craft in England. There is no lengthy and formal address of the Grand Master but rather a quiet and informal talk when he deems it necessary for advice, admonition or warning. The Grand Lodge of England expends nearly fifty thousand dollars per annum in benevolence, largely in annuities, for needy and worthy brethren.

A noble and impressive architectural monument is to be built in honor of those countless thousands of our brethren in England who died in

defense of "King and Country" in the great conflict. Nearly five million dollars is to be expended for this purpose which is to take the form of a "Masonic Peace Memorial Building" which is to be the home of the Grand Lodge of England and many other Masonic bodies. The architects and builders design to have the Temple an exact reproduction, or replica, of King Solomon's Temple. We note that H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, who is Senior Grand Warden of England, has already made his contribution to this Peace Memorial together with many other distinguished members of the Craft in England. The traditions of England are being carried forward in electing the Prince of Wales to this office, for in due time H. R. H. will be exalted to the Grand Mastership, an office which from time immemorial has been held by some member of the Royal Family. King Edward while Prince held it for twenty-six or more years. America with its wonderful Washington Memorial and England with this Masonic Peace Memorial will speak to the onward centuries its masonic message in marble stone. The M. W. Grand Master in a few words points out one practical result of this Peace Memorial: "I would like to say that I am glad of the progress which is being made with the Million Fund; and I hope I may be spared long enough to see all those who wish to attend meetings of Grand Lodge, and who are unable to do so now able to take their place with us. It was a source of great regret to me to see that there were so many of the brethren unable to find room tonight."

The Board of General Purposes discourages publicity in the matter of Masonic news in the daily press in these words: "The Board appeals once more to the brethren to take every means in their power to discountenance the use of advertisements in any form in connection with the Craft. It emphatically deprecates the exhibition in public of Masonic Certificates which are sometimes shown on business premises for what can only be considered trade purposes."

A full length portrait is to be painted and hung in Freemasons' Hall of Lord Amptill, who for thirty-two years filled the office of Provincial Grand Master for Bedfordshire, and for fifteen years that of Pro. G. M. of England. Lord Amptill in acknowledging this fraternal courtesy said: "I am not sure that it is altogether desirable to have the gift or the opportunity of seeing ourselves as others see us."

We notice in the Report of the Board (for December) that even in the old Mother Lodge the insidious evil of political discussions are apt to creep in to their sessions as "distinct caution is given that any attempt to bring the Craft into the electioneering arena would be treated as a serious Masonic offense," while quotation is made of H. R. H., the Duke of Sussex's warning in 1820, during his extended term as M. W. Grand Master: "All subjects of a political nature are strictly excluded from discussion in Masonic meetings."

Recognition was extended by the United Grand Lodge of England to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico as the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Mexico. England declined to accord such recognition to the Grand Lodges of Spain, and also of Roumania.

By unanimous vote of Grand Lodge, a resolution was passed as follows: "That a sum of two thousand guineas be contributed from the Fund of Benevolence for the relief of the distress caused by the earthquake in Japan." In reply for this munificent donation, P. G. St. Br. R. W. Brother P. Hamilton McKay said, after expressing gratitude, "it places us in a position to start relieving any severe cases at once."

England publishes no Report on Correspondence.

FLORIDA, 1923.

The Ninety-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership 22,691, net increase 1,507. There are 243 actives lodges. There were present ten Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-nine jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. W. S. Ware for Maine.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Charles H. Ketchum, in the opening of his annual address believes "that the Masonic Fraternity should be forever interested in any movement that looks to the betterment of the public schools. The only way in which a republic can live is through an intelligent, educated citizenry." He deduces the conclusion, and applies it to our Masonic duty, that the public school system is the corner-stone of the nation, and therefore we should see that it is properly administered and forever maintained.

It is instructive to notice in his address that measures have been taken to erect a monument for the first Grand Master of Florida, Gen. John Pope Duval, a custom in Florida as we learn that the same has been done for nearly all the Past Grands of this Jurisdiction.

Among many corner-stone ceremonials we notice two which strike us as somewhat unusual in New England,—one for the new administration building at the University of Florida, the other for a new building at the State Capitol at Tallahassee. There would be some severe criticism and "grumbling" from certain sources were that ceremony performed for these things in almost any New England State. Another interesting corner-stone service was that for the new Scottish Rite Cathedral in Miami, which we learn is to cost three hundred thousand dollars.

The steady growth of the Order is seen by the dedication of four new lodges during the year.

Somewhat unusual, from our Maine point of view, is the issuing of thirteen dispensations for "short time" degrees.

The Grand Master put the official quietus on unauthorized circulars soliciting funds for a Sanatorium which "had the desired result."

Among "Decisions" rendered we find him properly disapproving of a so-called, "Wives and Daughter's Degree," but advising membership in the O. E. S.

In answer to a question, whether a member of the K. K. K. can become a member of a Masonic Lodge? we find this answer: "The Masonic Order stands for freedom of speech and liberty of conscience. We have no right to forbid a man to join the Klan, the Odd Fellows, K. of P., or

any other fraternal order. The lodge is the sole judge of who shall constitute its members and should be governed accordingly."

The logic of the last two sentences does not seem to exactly tally, suppose the "sole judge" does so decide and forbids such membership, surely the lodge must judge what is good material for our Masonic building.

The Grand Master decided also that it was proper to memorialize Congress in behalf of the Towner-Sterling Bill, and since Grand Lodge had endorsed it emphatically, such a decision seems logical enough.

An arduous year of Masonic service is indicated by fifty-seven visitations to lodges and innumerable other duties loyally performed.

Among his recommendations is a five dollar tax for every petition received by each lodge, to form a special endowment fund for the Masonic Home at St. Petersburg.

In conclusion, Grand Master Ketchum said: "I feel that this Grand Lodge should take some definite action for the betterment of education in this State, and be a leading factor for this line of work, as there are abroad in our land today insidious enemies who are working night and day to undermine and overthrow the great public school system of this Nation and place at naught if possible, the ground-work of these public institutions which our fathers fought for and which they have left to us as a blessed heritage." An opinion in which this correspondent heartily concurs after extended experience on two city school boards.

Deputy Grand Master Hall did the right thing in refusing to lay the corner-stone for a theatre building to "be used entirely for profit."

An unusual Oration "of scholarly phrasing and forensic power" was given by the Grand Orator, Brother Lincoln Hully, Ph. D. This oration dealt with the subject "Masonry and the Social Problem," and touched in a virile and basic way on such things as the Indian and Negro problem, the immigration and labor issue, on Marriage and Divorce and on Law and Order. The clear duty of the Fraternity is indicated in the way that each Mason as a citizen can help toward the solution of these vexed questions and burning issues of our day.

Respecting the M. S. A. a special committee reported in substance: That while they had the highest regard for the Association, "it is inadvisable at this time" to join it.

At the conclusion of the communication the usual Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to Brother Ketchum.

The Correspondence Report is written by M. W. Brother Silas B. Wright, Past Grand Master, and is a comprehensive review of 235 noble pages of real reading, and elucidating comment on the main Masonic events and actions of each jurisdiction. Of general and, if I may be permitted the word, enthralling interest is the Conclusion which deals with such themes as the Order of DeMolay, Clandestine Masonry (good account of the vaunted and vanquished American Masonic Federation) on Negro Masonry. It is all solid matter and indicates wide research and scholarly attainments. As a "sample" of Brother Wright's way of doing things take a few words under the topic—"Cowan." He takes the four

academic definitions as found in the "Century" and then says: "A consensus of the several meanings seems to be well and appropriately expressed by the word 'scab' as is used in the labor organizations. There, they apply it to one who is not initiated, not a member of the union, and might properly be called a sneak, or a person claiming privileges that do not belong to him. It has been stated that the Greek word 'akown' means a listening person or evesdropper, and that the word cowan has the same meaning, and in some locations it is quoted as being 'a dog.' In Greece and Rome dogs are not allowed inside of the temples."

This is the kind of clear elucidation that Brother Wright give us and as was said of an early English writer, "he touches nothing which he does not adorn." His style, too, is as clear and flowing as a mountain brook wherein sunlight and shadow glint and gleam.

Maine, in its One Hundred and Third Annual Communication, receives generous and gracious treatment. The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Wheeler, is commended for his constructive term; Brother Chas. B. Davis, Grand Secretary, is quoted in his tender and manly eulogy of Brother Albro E. Chase; while your correspondent gets this rather charming bouquet: "The report is excellently well written, his selections and subject matter good, and he has earned a front seat at the round table." He regrets that Florida did not appear, and like the charitable brother that we knew him to be, he accounts for it by saying it was "probably lost in the shuffle," that is the transfer of proceedings from one office to another. Exactly, but we have tried to make amends this year (and last) for the omission.

IDAHO, 1923.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership 9,135. There are eighty-five lodges listed. There were present sixteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of forty-two Grand Lodges, including M. W. Bro. Victor Peterson for Maine.

The Governor of Idaho, Brother C. C. Moore, delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the State, preceding the more formal opening of this Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George M. Scott, in opening his address referred to the fact that this Fifty-sixth Session of the Grand Lodge will be forever memorable in history as the first meeting "in this spacious and magnificent new Temple of Boise."

He makes feeling reference to the difficulties of Buhl Lodge (extended reference was made in last year's review to this) which he had been instrumental in adjusting to its present "healthy and happy" condition. He say, "I love the Buhl Lodge because I have thought and worked and prayed over her, and my prayers have been answered."

The sure, if moderate growth of the Craft in Idaho is seen by the constituting of one new lodge and the dedication of another.

We notice with fraternal appreciation the appointment of M. W. Bro. Victor Peterson as our Grand Representative from Maine (near the Grand

Lodge of Idaho) and extend our cordial greetings to this distinguished Brother who will henceforth represent us in Idaho.

Of the Order of Mystic Shrine, the Grand Master says: "I cannot fail to bring before you in no unmistakable terms a protest against the acts and conduct of some Masons attending Shrine ceremonials. It has been the common practice at these ceremonials for certain members to seize upon the occasion as a fitting time to throw off all restraint and to indulge in drunken debauches and other unseemly conduct, much to the disgrace of themselves and to the chagrin of others who are themselves helpless to protect the good name of Masonry. Past Masters of lodges are sometimes the most conspicuous leaders in these offensive scenes." Such outspoken words appeal to our admiration and point out a grave menace to the Order, which is compelled, at least in the minds of the profane, to bare this burden of reproach and iniquity. When such things occur, and they do occur much nearer home than Idaho, the blood surges and comes to a white heat of indignation, that brethren should so far forget their Masonic obligations and their Masonic manhood under the specious plea that the Shrine is "the playground of Masonry" that they feel warranted in throwing off the usual restraints and even common obligations of manly decency to indulge practices which disgrace the Masonic Order and American citizenship. Every right thinking and feeling Mason has not only a right but a duty of demanding in no uncertain words (as Grand Master Scott has done) that such practices which are bringing the Fraternity into disrepute and public odium must cease. This Grand Master does not wink at the situation in Idaho but puts it in this uncompromising way: "If the Shrine's house is not set in order the coming year it is my purpose to introduce a resolution at the next annual session requiring members to withdraw their membership from the organization known as the Mystic Shrine." Now that is the kind of vertebrae which is a credit to manhood and Masonry in Idaho, and we heartily congratulate the Grand Lodge of Idaho on the quality of its Grand Mastership. We notice also in his recommendations that he brings the matter to a conclusion and test by recommending that five years shall elapse before a Master Mason shall be eligible to petition the Shrine, violation of this requirement being made a Masonic offense and a subject of drastic discipline. The Jurisprudence Committee thought so well of this unusual recommendation that they recommended the appointment of a special committee to investigate conditions and submit evidence "for action and disposition at the 1924 session."

Taking so much space for the above matter precludes the usual detailed review of other legislative actions and Masonic occurrences. But a few of the high lights must be glimpsed before dealing with the Report of Correspondence which is of the usual high grade of excellence from the seasoned hand of M. W. Brother Knepper.

M. W. Brother Curtis F. Pike gives a comprehensive report on the George Washington Memorial to which splendid Masonic project the Grand Lodge of Idaho is committed; he said, what indeed his statistics

from the lodges whould amply indicate, that Idaho will do its part in bringing the matter to a successful culmination.

An interesting event was the greeting from the Grand East of Brother Douglas Knox a member for forty-five years and a resident of Idaho for sixty years.

The Grand Lodge of Denmark was considered in a resolution for fraternal recognition, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence feeling "that it was not in a position to make an intelligent recommendation," handed it on to the "incoming Committee of F. C."

We notice with tender feelings of fraternal appreciation the inclusion of the name of M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, one of our noblest and best, on the Idaho necrological roster.

Grand Lodge adopted a District Deputy System, which, judging from the unqualified success of our own in Maine, must prove a source of constructive Masonic growth and judicious supervision, of the Craft.

The twenty-second annual Correspondence report is written by M. W. Brother George E. Knepper and maintains the high standard of former years.

It is the report to which we turn first in opening the annual proceedings of Idaho, and never with disappointment. There is a flavor, a kind of fraternal aroma, about it which is both charming and instructive.

Maine is generously considered in more than three pages of comprehensive review which touches in a masterly way on the main events and actions of our last session (1923). Under the caption — A Vacant Chair — we find feeling reference to Brother Frank Eugene Sleeper, Past Grand Master. Brother Knepper speaks of his thirty-seven years of unbroken attendance at Grand Lodge with touching simplicity.

M. W. Grand Master Spear's outspoken words on the Klan are quoted with undisguised approval, and his informal address later in the session is commended as a "powerful" appeal to the brethren to be true to their Masonic ideals and duties as American citizens.

Your correspondent is amply quoted and commended, but when we read such words as these: "If he keeps up his present pace, Maine will soon have another Josiah Drummond," we avert our face and recall the incident of the small boy who placed an ostrich egg in the hen's nest with the inscription, "keep your eye on this and do you best." But we none the less appreciate the noble words of praise and shall keep our eye on that commendation, and "do our best."

ILLINOIS, 1923.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership 259,573, net gain 12,404. There are 945 chartered lodges. There were present ten Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of fifty-five Grand Jurisdictions, including M. W. Bro. Amos Pettibone for Maine.

Bro. Elmer E. Beach, M. W. Grand Master, commences his annual address with a few telling words pointing out the disease and distress of

the world since the Great War and diagnosing the malady as one which can be cured by such simple remedies as the following: "Educate the individual, remove doubt, suspicion and hate from his mind, instill into his heart love for his fellow man, and a generous recognition of the rights of others.— teach him and the world the fundamental concepts of justice, righteousness and fraternal love which we have been taught at the altar of Masonry, and the nation will then live in a state of International Brotherhood, and universal peace will have been established. What the world needs is fraternalism. That is the essence of our institution."

In the course of his report he issues a warning against the spurious Spanish Grand Orient, especially as it relates to the Philippine Islands. We wholly agree with him when he uses such words as these: "The moral influence of every Grand Lodge should be exerted against the outrageous and impudent assumptions of this spurious spawn of the illegitimate Spanish Grand Orient." The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, with which Maine, like Illinois, is in fraternal relations, has had "rafts" of trouble by this insidious and undermining "spawn" of the old regime.

An edict had gone out from Grand Lodge forbidding smoking in the lodge room and all obeyed but two lodges. Grand Master Beach brought them to terms by removing the Master in one instance, and arresting the charter in both cases. He says very graciously: "My reluctance to impose a penalty was equaled only by my pleasure in later restoring the charters and reinstating the Master."

A somewhat unusual procedure was taken by the Grand Master in recalling a dispensation for a new lodge, because the signatures had been tampered with. He did this on the ground that such arbitrary and illegal action "augured ill for a future loyal observance of the law."

Of the "Masonic Relief Association," he said: "There is serious doubt that this Association has been able to render any real substantial service to the Masons of Illinois in view of our system of detecting frauds." The Finance Committee, however, reported it was better to remain a member, which recommendation was adopted.

Grand Master Beach has had his troubles with so called "Moon" lodges, those which meet "on or before the full," etc., and advises a change to a modern and commonsense basis. Maine went through it twenty years ago and we appreciate the delicious satire of his words: "I do not know whether the Egyptians in the time of Ptolemy had discarded this antiquated and pre-historic system of calculating time or not, but they did soon afterwards at least." It occasionally happens that there is no full moon in some month and then the brethren are touched with "moon-struck madness." And it might be well to recall that lunacy is a word coming directly from Luna — the moon.

The slow and steady growth of the Order in Illinois is seen by the constituting of twenty-six and the instituting of seventeen, new lodges during his term. Among other pleasant duties was the dedication of ten Masonic Temples, and the laying of nine corner-stones.

Twenty-five pages of the proceedings are devoted to a series of reports

on the Masonic Orphan's Home at La Grange. A noble philanthropy nobly sustained by the Craftsmen of Illinois. One item shows the practical nature of the brethren and a real understanding of the child-heart, "Old Glory Lodge entertained children by taking them to the circus."

The annual "Oration" was delivered by the Grand Orator, Bro. Charles H. Spilman, and deals in clear and forceful language, with no attempt at purple patches of rhetoric or forensic ornateness, with the deeper meaning and practical lessons of the Masonic message and mission. It is good reading and must have "listened" well to the brethren. He uses a touching railroad story to good effect, quotes Emerson and gives us noble thought and inspirations; a half-hour's profitable and pleasurable reading.

Honored Guests in the person of the following brethren were greeted from the Grand East, and made short addresses printed in full: M. W. Brothers Charles F. Lamb, Grand Master of Wisconsin; Walter L. Stockwell, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of North Dakota, and Louis A. Watres, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and the honored President of the George Washington Memorial Association.

A petition from German Brethren of Chicago asking the privilege of using the German language on Charter Members' Night or Past Master's Night, was referred to a special Committee which recommended the same in its report, which "was not adopted."

Another institution very dear to the hearts of the brethren is the Masoric Home at Sullivan, which is generously supported and the figures fairly make us gasp for breath so stupenduous do they seem compared with our modest gratuities in Maine.

A Resolution endorsing Near East Relief was adopted.

The Committee on Legislation points to a growing nuisance in these words: "It is the consensus of opinion among those who have given the subject consideration, that one of the evils from which the nation and every state of the Union now suffers is too much legislation." This, too is one of the besetting evils of Masonry as every Grand Master knows who has had to untangle the multiplicity and intricate complexity of an accumulated mass of Masonic legislation and jurisprudence. Perhaps to wipe it all off the books and start again with the old Anderson Constitutions would be a distinct gain to the Craft everywhere.

The usual presentation of the Past Grand Master's Jewel was made and Brother Beach made fitting and appreciative response.

It is no disparagement to the entire proceedings of Illinois to say that the first thing we do when opening the dignified volume is to turn to M. W. Brother Delmar D. Darrah's Report for the Committee on Masonic Correspondence. It is one of the masterful documents that charms by its sinewy style and instructs by its erudition, while there is real inspiration when he rises in advocacy of the Masonic message and mission. He deals with such subjects in his prefatory essay as Education, the Washington Memorial, the Masonic Service Association. He is sane and wholesome with no trace of fanaticism or frienzed appeal when he touches such subjects as the Ku Klux Klan. Quiet and conservative common sense marks

his dealing with the subject of Fraternal recognition of other Grand Lodges. Under the caption "Increasing Cost of Masonic Homes," he says: "In nearly every jurisdiction a careful analysis of the cost of maintaining homes shows a tendency toward a steady increase and as a consequence, grand lodges are compelled to devise ways and means of procuring additional revenue," which coincides with our own study of the subject.

Maine is graciously and cordially reviewed by Brother Darrah. M. W. Brother Albert M. Spear's address is heartily commended and sample of this is given in brief citation. Our legislative doings are recorded and as they cause no comment we infer that they are "safe and sane."

Your correspondent is charmed by his gracious good-will expressed in these words, "a most excellent report which bristles with clear, concise thinking, and is written in a most readable, pleasing manner."

INDIANA, 1923.

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication.

Membership 117,074, net gain 3,270. There are 557 chartered lodges. There were present twenty Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of twenty Grand Lodges, including M. W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay, for Maine.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Robert W. Phillips, said in the opening of his excellent annual address: "Having passed the peak of abnormal activity, our Fraternity is adjusting itself to a more healthy basis on which to work, and the lodges are putting into practice, more than ever before, the sublime principles and spirit of Freemasonry."

Among the activities of his Grand Mastership was the constituting of one new lodge, the laying of thirteen corner-stones and the dedication of eight temples. He was constrained to revoke the charter of one lodge because of internal friction and general debility indicated by the fact that there had been no meeting for several months and no work done. It is good to see steady growth evidenced by the organizing of three new lodges under dispensation.

The Indiana Masonic Home is the pride and joy of the brethren and to this noble philanthropy the Grand Master devoted many words of appreciation, while forty full pages of the proceedings are devoted to this institution and its auxiliaries. It is a detailed report down to the last iota of gift and disbursements. Grand Master Phillips "points with pride" to the new School Building connected with the home and called "Holloway Hall" which he terms "a marvel of completeness for educational and social purposes." We learn that this school "has an equipment second to none in Indiana," which is high praise for a State which has always been in search of the best for its schools and stands in the forefront of the national educational movement.

During his term he issued a circular letter asking the members for "silence and circumspection" regarding the secret doings, especially unfavorable balloting. The instances which he cites as making such a letter imperative and obligatory certainly warrents his drastic letter and

must have commanded the respect and obedience of the brethren. Tom Hood somewhere says that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." When there "is something rotten in the state of Denmark" a good antiseptic must be liberally and fearlessly applied and it has been done in the State of Indiana by the Grand Master. In the course of his letter he says, "a man should be able to petition for the degrees without any person on the outside knowing it."

In his decisions he says that no bowling team, should bear the Masonic name, or be made any part of the lodge affairs, and he also forbids dancing in lodge halls. Sunday picnics by lodges are prohibited.

While commending the Order of DeMolay for boys, he does not believe that they should be permitted to meet in Masonic lodge rooms, but thinks that some change should be made in the General Regulations so that the Order could meet in banquet halls or similar places connected with our lodges.

We find in Committee report that the General Washington Johnson Memorial has been postponed because of "unfavorable shipping conditions and labor troubles at the quarries."

The Ways and Means Committee reports unfavorably on the matter of soliciting funds for the establishing of a Blind Asylum in France. Further time is asked for by the Foreign Correspondence Committee on the request for fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge of Argentina. Further time is a long time sometimes.

An "Apron Lecture" somewhat similar in meaning and in occasional phrasing to our own (this is given in full twice) was adopted. It thereby becomes a part of the Official Ritual of Indiana, although optional as to its use by the Masters of Lodges. A new funeral ceremony, improving on the old gresome phraseology of "worm and the grave" was also officially adopted.

We note with pleasure the appearance of our friend and Brother M. W. Past Grand Master of Texas, Andrew P. Randell, who made the usual strong and convincing appeal in behalf of the Masonic Service Association. He was greeted with applause and his cordial invitation to attend the next session of the Association was favorably received, and the incoming Grand Master is to attend and make report and recommendation. Quite a large order and responsibility for him. Brother Randall rather stampeded Maine at the last communication, which completely reversed its action of a year ago and joined. It was a tribute to Brother Randall's power as an orator to so completely reverse the sentiment and action of such a staid and conservative jurisdiction as Maine.

We learn from the Committee report that measures are to be immediately taken to put Indiana on a one dollar per capita basis in support of the George Washington Memorial.

"Job's Daughters" appear as a new organization for girls (there is an Order of the Rainbow for girls in some jurisdictions) but the committee having the thing in charge rather eyes it askance and seems to sniff a little

suspiciously by recommending that no amendment be made to the General Regulations, allowing the dear daughters of patient old Job, to occupy their lodge rooms "or any other rooms adjoining the lodge room." But why not if they allow DeMolay for boys in adjoining rooms?

The Past Grand Master's jewel was fittingly presented to the retiring Grand Master, a mark of appreciation and an honorable badge of service, a custom which has never obtained with Maine.

The Tenth Annual Report of the Committee on Correspondence is written by M. W. Brother Elmer F. Gay (P. G. M.) and contains nearly one hundred and fifty pages of good and discriminating review. The usual illuminating table of membership statistics precedes the more formal report. Maine is liberally allotted three pages of this excellent review, and fares well at the hands of Brother Gay. Brother Wheeler, Grand Master, is liberally quoted; while Chas. Davis is honored by two extended citations, the latter being his tribute of tender regard and affection for M. W. Bro. Chase (P. G. M.). Your correspondent is given high (too high) praise for "his first report which is in every way worthy of his illustrious predecessors." When your correspondent thinks of Josiah Drummond as one of these he throws out his chest and treads the air, at such tremendous praise.

IOWA, 1923.

The Eightieth Annual Communication.

Membership 81,405, net increase 2,805. Whole number of enrolled lodges, 644. All Grand Officers and twelve Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Frank W. Glaze, reverently records the passing of two Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers W. H. Norris and Cromwell Bowen. He repeats in their honored memory a beautiful poem, "High Twelve is Sounded in Heaven."

The steady growth of the Fraternity in Iowa is seen by the constituting of eight new lodges during the year. Among other pleasant duties of Grand Master Glaze was the laying of three corner-stones, the dedication of two temples and a long list of visitations.

The Grand Master is an eloquent advocate of the Order of DeMolay for Boys, and believes that "a Blue Lodge should be allowed to contribute to the support of it."

Respecting the Ku Klux Klan he avers "that any Master Mason who joins this organization, knowing this fact, (that Grand Lodge strongly disapproves of the K. K. K.) will be considered as wilfully disregarding the known wishes of the Grand Lodge of Iowa." Here, too, is the straightforward and manly answer of the Grand Master to a delegation of the Klan organizers, led by the head organizer: "The Grand Lodge of Iowa does not approve of your organization, and I can see no good reason for its existence. If a Mason wants to do good, he has ample opportunity as a Mason to do so. As far as enforcing the law, we have officers for that purpose and I do not believe any good Mason should take the law into his

own hands, and further, I do not believe any respectable, honest, upright man would want to cover his face and go out at night to enforce the law. I can see no reason why a good Mason would want to join an organization which is in disrepute and a disgrace to the community and as far as I am concerned, I have no use for the organization." Which seems to cover the case admirably and expresses the conviction of the large majority of Grand Masters whose annual addresses we have read during the last few years. Grand Master Glaze fulfilled the old adage "that actions speak louder than words," by disciplining several lodges that had allowed their halls and temples to be used by Klan organizers in spreading their propaganda. Among other acts of drastic discipline we notice the arresting of the jewel of a Junion Warden, the Rev Thomas L. Roberts, for making speeches over the state in the interest of the Klan. The Grand Master declared his office vacant, and the lodge elected another to fill the vacancy. Respecting the use of halls for such questionable purposes our own Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Spear, this year (1923) stopped the practice instantanor on the first request, and it is certain that such prompt action solved that problem for Maine. His strong letter in reply to the first request was given by him in his annual report this year, and will become a kind of unofficial landmark for the Order in coming generations. We rejoice that Iowa has a man of the same calibre and backbone.

The Grand Master recommends that \$3.00 be prescribed as the minimum for local lodge dues. Many brethren in Maine would be in danger of syncope should that become a law in this jurisdiction.

The old slogan of "carrying coals to Newcastle" appealed to us in finding the Grand Master recommending that Iowa "continue a member of the Masonic Service Association." From Iowa this sounds like a man resolving to become a member of the human race. Brother Block will appreciate the fact that Maine, under the persuasive eloquence of M. W. Brother Randell, has completely reversed itself in the matter of membership in the M. S. A., and climbed on the band-wagon with a kind of summary but wholly dignified alacrity in this year of our Lord and His Grace, 1923. After Brother Randell's speech the Grand Lodge of Maine rose en masse while the word of Holy Writ stole into our consciousness, "Arise, shine! For thy Light has come." A prophecy which was amply fulfilled when the vote was taken later and membership in that organization was endorsed by a practically unanimous vote.

In the course of the proceedings five splendid photographs are given of the New Temple at Sioux City which was dedicated during the year.

The afternoon session of Tuesday (June 12th) will long be memorable in the annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, but the better part is to let fall the mantle of Masonic Charity over an event which was tragic and heart-rending to the assembled brethren. It was wholly creditable to this noble Grand Lodge in its treatment of a distinguished member whose name has occupied a large and honored place in the Masonry of the United States. We are not surprised to find Brother Louis Block, for whom we have formed a kind of territorially distant attachment, playing a manly and

noble part in the spirit of ancient Gallilee in trying to save unstained a brother's home and to fulfill the old admonition, "that the greatest of these is Charity." But we MUST let the mantle fall with a few words that came to our mind on reading these nine touching pages respecting this Masonic tragedy which, as far off as Maine, has probed to the inner depths of our soul. These are the words of Tennyson in his "Sea Dreams,"—

"He who wrongs his friends, wrongs himself more
And ever bears about a silent court of justice
In his breast, himself the judge and jury, and himself
The prisoner at the bar, ever condemned."

Verily with Robert Burns we must say:

"Then at the balance let's be mute
We never can adjust it, what's *done*
We partly may compute,
But know not what's resisted."

The Executive Secretary of the M. S. A., M. W. Brother Andrew L. Randell, made his usual eloquent and convincing appeal in behalf of that organization following substantially his speech in Maine Grand Lodge this year.

Another oration of more than ordinary power was made by Brother Chas. E. Snyder, which is printed in full and deals with historical events, especially the wresting of Magna Chata from the unwilling hands of King John, he then makes the practical application of the old event in the light of present day needs and problems, in a militant democracy.

Brief space remains to speak of the Report on Fraternal Correspondence which is from the facile and straightforward pen of P. G. M. Louis Block. Again he measures up to his usual standard of excellence both in literary manner and Masonic method. His sterling — Foreword — deals with, "Masonry and Modern Life," in a trenchant and convincing way. Here is no dry-as-dust philosophy but virile and vibrant dealing with modern issues and the active part which Masonry ought to play in solving the pressing problems and challenging duties of our democratic day. It is a little masterpiece of logical thought and literary worth. We doff our hat to this kind of writing. We do not propose to mar it by quotation and even laudatory comment seems a kind of sacrilege.

His glowing — Afterword — ought to be distributed to the four winds of the United States. It deals with the subject, "Masonic Manace from Within," and if Brother Block will allow the reference it is a real sermon on the text of the Gallilean, "that a man's foes are they of his own household." In the noblest sense of the word Louis Block is a preacher, at least he must have known that peerless pulpit prince of our time, Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, long an honored member of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and assimilated something of his splendid soul and vital way of seeing and saying worth-while things.

Maine is generously treated in his review. Grand Master Wheeler is quoted at length and cordially commended. Brother Chase's passing is tenderly recorded in a few well-chosen words as one who "made a world-

wide reputation for himself." Your correspondent's — Foreword — is quoted almost *en extenso* and the many good things which we receive at his hands makes us as diffident as a school-boy when praised by the master.

He balks a bit at our phrase — radical Masonic correspondent — but when he reads our Foreword this year (1923) Brother Block will see that after all he is honored a real conservator who goes to the "roots of things" and a glorious radical only in that sense in which every *living* mind must be radical if it is to continue to live.

IRELAND, 1923.

Stated Communication held in Dublin, St. John's Day, December 27, 1923.

There are no statistics given of membership, but we take pleasure in reporting that there are 1,009 lodges on the roll.

The Right Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, K. P., Most Worshipful Grand Master in his speech on this occasion made fitting reference to the testing and trying times which Ireland has recently undergone and congratulates the assembled brethren on "a comparison of the position now with that of twelve months ago."

He notes with tender and fraternal regard the passing of V. W. John Holdbrook, whom every brother under the Irish Constitution knew and loved.

There is a touch of lambent humor in the Grand Master's words in reply to those who have rather criticised Grand Lodge for being dominated by old men, he said: "If it was ever put to me, I should have no difficulty in ruling, that the Grand Lodge of Ireland is always, *ex-officio* of middle age — that is to say, it has the wisdom of age and the enthusiasm of youth." Which assertion was greeted with applause.

Under Foreign Relations we are glad to see a gentle rebuke administered respecting the Conference at Geneva,—"We have in our knowledge the fact that his Conference will be attended by a number of Grand Lodges who do not recognize the ancient landmarks as we insist on them, and as long as that is so we shall not go into conference with any such body." He pays American Masonry a real tribute in saying: "I shall never cease to be grateful for the sympathy we had from a number of Grand Lodges during our times of trouble. I shall never forget the way some of the Grand Lodges of the United States helped us during the war."

In closing the Grand Master said: "I think we may congratulate ourselves that, in spite of great temptation, Freemasonry in Ireland has always kept clearly out of the troubles and difficulties and unpleasantness of party politics (hear, hear)." It was a noble thing to do, and under great and tragic provocation Ireland Freemasons held themselves with self-respecting Masonic manhood which has won the admiration and veneration of the Masonic world.

Writing this review from Bangor (Maine), it is interesting and inspiring to notice that a new lodge has been constituted, "in the very prosperous town of Bangor, where there are real Masons in spirit and they are brethren

to us. I have never seen greater enthusiasm and I have never heard more genuine and widespread wishes for the welfare and the continuity of the Grand Lodge of Ireland." We are especially pleased at this tribute to the Masonic spirit of Bangor, whether in Ireland, or the State of Maine.

In the reports of the various districts we notice that such words as the following quite commonly occur: "Our damaged lodges have been repaired, and our numbers have slightly increased." Or again, "All the lodges have been meeting regularly except one which could not meet owing to its being occupied by the military authorities." These brief extracts indicate something of the strain and stress under which Masonry has been laboring in this Jurisdiction and where, as evidenced above, our honored brethren have acquitted themselves with quiet loyalty and undeviating patriotism under trying circumstances and provocative conditions.

Masonic Charities in Ireland are efficiently administered and many pages of this brief report of less than sixty pages, deal with a tabulated account of these philanthropies which have challenged our admiration. They have been maintained by voluntary subscriptions and not by assessment or any slightest fraternal coercion. V. W. Brother John Holdbrook was for many years closely identified with these charities and there are many tributes to his zeal and ability in discharging his duties.

There is no report from the Foreign Correspondence Committee.

MANITOBA, 1923.

The Forty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership 10,684, net gain 476. There are 92 chartered lodges, and two U. D. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present, with forty Grand Representatives, although we note with regret the absence of Maine's Representative.

Among the distinguished visitors welcomed were M. W. Bro. William N. Ponton, Grand Master of Ontario, who was the honored guest of the Grand Lodge of Maine at its annual communication this year. As it fell to the lot of this correspondent to present the distinguished M. W. Brother to the Grand East we know that a cordial and genial gentleman was the guest of Manitoba.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Andrew B. Baird speaks in the course of his annual report of attending the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan which is the daughter of Manitoba, and evinces the proper maternal affection for a grown up daughter. Another visit was that to the Grand Lodge of Ontario and very gracefully does Grand Master Baird say in the presence of M. W. Bro. Ponton, "One of the pleasing features of our present communication is that we have for the first time in our history a visit of the Grand Master of Canada."

Grand Master Baird had been busy, too, in his own jurisdiction having made fifty visitations during his term, a rather unusual compliment is paid by him for the "ingenuity and trouble taken by the officers of many lodges to keep up the interest and attendance at regular meetings." It is an interesting innovation which he proposes that Manitoba "try out"

the English system of lodge sessions, meeting at six o'clock and having supper together, followed by any social feature thought advisable; the lodges will then be ready for work at eight P. M., which may be completed at such an early hour (note the suggestive inference that must be drawn) "as to rob lodge night of the sarcastic recognition it has in many a home circle." Brother Baird dwells on "domestic peace and tranquility" like the good clergyman and citizen that he is and avers that "many a man finds himself less fit for his work on the morning after a late sitting in the Temple."

As he closes his brief address he rises into real eloquence with these words: "Swing into line with the eternal energy, be a force among forces, a helper whenever your help is needed and life never loses its tone and flavor. Work is a privilege and duty."

The names of two honored and beloved Grand Masters, Brothers Geo. B. Murphy and James D. Blaine, occupy large place in the necrological list.

Eleven D. D. G. Ms. submit interesting reports evidencing through-going care and attention to their exacting duties.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. James A Ovas (P. G. M.), formulates a business like report in which we learn that three new lodges were organized, five chartered, eight Grand Representatives nominated and four accredited.

The Committee on Foreign Relations requested that no action be taken on the requests for fraternal recognition from the Grand Lodges of Ecuador, Italy and Denmark, and the Grand Orients of Italy and Belgium. Safe, sane and conservative action from our point of view.

The Committee on DeMolay for Boys, while enthusiastic for the Order, cautions against confusing it with the Masonic Order, saying: "It must not even be thought of as a possible Masonic nursery." Which is asking rather too much when the Order is sponsored by Masonry and their sessions and degree work are held, as almost invariably, in Masonic Temples. Such must inevitably be the inference to fond Masonic fathers, whatever the intention and conscious aim of the institution of DeMolay may officially be. We quite agree, however, with the committee that "the ritual is beautiful, the lessons splendid and it is in every particular worthy of (Masonic) consideration and support."

The Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Chas. E. Somerset, delivered an address, dealing in vital phrase with the problems and issues, the aims and ideals of the Fraternity, and its ministrations to a weary and war-broken world. Space forbids quotation from an address which touches the heart and core of Reality. One word must be recorded, "We as Masons can show the leaders of the church the way to attain a true brotherhood, but we as Masons can learn from the church more of the spirit of service and sacrifice that is both taught and lived by the church." Which is fair to both parties and points out the strength and weakness of each institution and suggests a way of informal co-operation toward a world-wide brotherhood of humankind.

The Correspondence Report, by R. W. Bro. J. S. MacEwing, is a brief resume of more than fifty Grand Lodges, in which Maine, much to our regret, finds no place. The more detailed report is preceded by a pro and con consideration of topics occupying prominent place in various Grand Lodges and regarding which there is wide and often somewhat bitter controversy. He has this to say respecting Masonic Homes: "Many of the Grand Lodges that have built Homes are finding difficulty in financing them and are devising various schemes for raising revenue. The favorite plan seems to be that of requiring each candidate to make a donation varying from five to twenty dollars, while other lodges are increasing their per capita tax."

His position on the majority of debatable questions is, like the above, suggestive of the conservative and thoughtful Mason whose influence must stabilize and counteract the "pushful" and ultra-radical tendencies of the times.

He seems to be in accord with this correspondent in most matters, and it is pleasing to find these words in connection with "DeMolay" which he terms "An Orphan" now being laid on the door-step of many Grand Lodges for care and attention. "Those eligible for membership must be sons of Masons or *chums* of the sons of Masons. This broadens out with a vengeance, as the average boy between those ages (16 and 21) changes his chum about as often as his sweetheart. When it comes to instituting an order to act as 'a feeder' and then asking a candidate if 'he is unbiased by the solicitation of friends,' the distinction is too fine for me."

The entire report is careful, discriminating and conservative, and withal a delight to read.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1922.

The One Hundred and Eighty-ninth Annual Communication, preceded by three Quarterly Communications. Membership 110,018, net gain 6,830.

At the first quarterly the Deputy Grand Master, in the absence of the Grand Master who was on a trip to Europe, reported the condition of the Craft "eminently satisfactory." He notes also the falling off from the customary amount of work as indicated in the last few years, but sees in this no cause for surprise or regret but a wholesome return to a stable condition of normal growth and healthy activity. This normalcy is seen by the granting of charters to four new lodges.

Fitting memorial pages are set apart for the following eminent Craftsmen who have passed to the higher lodge: R. W. Brothers B. B. Gilman, E. B. Gibbs, E. P. Chapin. Full page photographs accompany these eulogies.

Among the Special Communications, which are many and each one fully reported, we notice especially one at Northampton for the One Hundred and twenty-fifth Anniversary of Jerusalem Lodge. In the interesting and instructive historical address we notice this entry under date of September 7, 1787: "Hampshire Lodge has passed a vote that the

names of Daniel Shays, Luke Day and Elijah Day who are members of that lodge, to be transmitted to the Grand Lodge to be recorded with infamy, in consequence of their conduct in the late Rebellion." This carries us back to the days of boyhood when we were reading of Shays' Rebellion, immediately following the Revolution and is witness that through the generations the Fraternity has ever been loyal to government and the observance of, and obedience to, constituted authority and statutory law.

Again at the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Bristol Lodge we find in the annals under date of May 21, 1801, "Voted that 12½ cents be paid by each brother present, every lodge night for refreshments." Which fact indicates a wide divergence from our present practice of elaborate and expensive banquets. The nature of these refreshments is shown by an entry a few years later: "Voted to dispense with all spiritous liquors for the future." Which vote is an indication that Masonry at least in Bristol Lodge anticipated the Eighteenth Amendment exactly one hundred years. Under March 22nd, we find, "Voted to sell our glasses, etc., to the highest bidder, which sale amounted to forty-seven cents." These old records are filled with scores of interesting items like these, which lead us to speculation and admiration for those early brethren who made such a clean sweep of temptation and indulgence.

M. W. Grand Master Arthur D. Prince uses sinewy words in his stricture of the Ku Klux Klan. Here is a sample: "We certainly have the right and responsibility to repudiate all claims of recognition, support, or connection of such an un-masonic organization with our Fraternity." We must protect the fair reputation of Masonry from being spotted by any such connection. No Masonic Temple or apartments must be used for their purposes, and let every Mason who is tempted to join the Klan consider well if he can harmonize his obligations as a Mason with the principles of the Klan." These words of Grand Master Prince, accord with the words of our own M. W. Grand Master Spear at the last communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine (1923).

The Grand Master finds cause for serious consideration in the fact that "one-half of our membership is made up of those who have been Masons less than seven years." A fact which has probably been true in every generation and is the inevitable order of things, and so far from being a cause for alarm may be quite as potent an argument and prophecy of progress and growth.

During his recent trip to Europe he was entertained by several eminent Masonic brothers in Berlin. He has this to say: "I find that Masonry in Germany is conducted on a very high plane and is extremely conservative. The shortest period between initiation and raising is three years. Its leaders are men of high standing and extensive culture." He then goes on to say that he can see no possibility of the renewal of fraternal relations with these German Lodges, "particularly if they persist in making the greivous error of fostering revolt against Grand Lodges in the United States. M. W. Brother Prince finds that Massachusetts Masonry is held everywhere on the continent and in England in the highest regard

and he sees in this an increasing responsibility for wise and conservative action.

Eleven pages of his report are given to clandestine Freemasonry as represented by the so called American Masonic Federation headed by Mathew McBain Thompson, who with his accomplices was sentenced to two years and each one of the "gang" to pay a fine of \$5,000.00.

In concluding his address he says: "We need in this country today a great force of right thinking and clean acting men well informed as to the real meaning of liberty and justice, men of broad minds and active courage. Where better are these qualities taught than in the Masonic Lodge?"

The Report of the Committee on Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges submits an interesting and well articulated document, laying down the rules and principles which should govern in extending such fraternal recognition; they follow substantially the principles laid down by the M. S. A., and while theoretically the proposition is sound the chief difficulty has been to get at the facts in order to apply the splendid principles which are tactily understood by conservative Grand Lodges.

An interesting account of the Grand Master's trip to China, where several lodges are under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, is given. He is the first Grand Master of any jurisdiction to visit China in an official capacity. Scores of pages of the Massachusetts Proceedings are given to this unusual event and visit, several full-page pictures are included giving various Chinese degree teams in full regalia. It would be an instructive pleasure to quote from this long account, filled as it is with unique occasions and somewhat strange ceremonials and Chinese customs and practices. His conclusion from his visit is this: "If we continue to charter and accept the responsibility for lodges beyond the boundaries of the Commonwealth, then in all justice to them and protection to our own interest we should authorize periodical visits to them by the Grand Master, or by some responsible officer of the Grand Lodge." He avers his belief that such experiences may be prophetic of a time when "all nations may meet on the common level and a foundation established of true universality in Freemasonry, a doctrine preached for centuries but never yet realized."

The usual Grand Feast in honor of the Holy Saints John, forms an interesting part in the closing pages of this volume. Wonderful speeches were made by the following distinguished brethren: M. W. Grand Master Brother Arthur D. Prince, R. W. Brother Allen T. Treadway who presented the first speaker of the evening Brother Frederick W. Dallinger, who delivered a strong plea for American Masonry to become a potent influence in the chaotic and confused life of our day. The Rev. Henry H. Crane, D. D., after a series of entertaining stories and forensic quips brought a message as to the four clear duties of individual masons, to think clearly, to love sincerely, to act purely, and to trust in God. We find him saying this altogether "funny" thing, "I lived in Maine once—not very long, not long enough for you to hold it against me, but just long enough to get over the paroxysms of my first experience at preaching

I inflicted the 'Mainiacs' with it; I had too much respect for the citizens of Massachusetts. On my land was one tree, on that tree grew one apple, etc." Well, our comment is that Maine survived, and somehow that single apple tree with its one apple might readily enough have been the result of such preaching for Phillips Brooks says that "preaching is the communication of personality." At least why blame the tree? And as for "Mainiacs" why there are "Craniacs" too, with the fatal disease of mental paroxysms.

A superb address was then given by that prince of modern pulpit orators, Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, dealing in a vital way with the issues of our day and the noble part which our Order is playing in the life of the nation. Lack of space forbids quotation from this masterful address.

There is no review of Fraternal Correspondence.

MICHIGAN, 1923.

The Seventy-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership 134,071, net gain 5,472. Total number of lodges 470. There were present seventeen Past Grand Masters and the representatives of fifty-three Grand Jurisdictions, although Maine's representative did not appear.

After somewhat elaborate preliminaries in which several distinguished guests were welcomed in the Grand East, among which may be mentioned M. W. Brother Joseph Sinai, Grand Master of Louisiana, R. W. Brother John A. Devilla, Grand Secretary of Louisiana, and the President of the University of Michigan, Brother Marion LeRoy Burton, the Grand Lodge was duly opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Clark W. McKensie. In the course of his annual address he notes with loving tribute the passing of M. W. Brother Oliver L. Spaulding, P. G. M., as a long and useful life and one which we could point to with pride as Masons." Among his duties was the constituting of eleven new lodges, the dedicating of eight new temples, and the laying of ten corner-stones, among which was the impressive occasion at Detroit when the corner-stone of that magnificent edifice was laid in the presence of 200,000 people. President Harding who could not come sent Secretary of the Navy, Brother Edwin Denby, who delivered "a brilliant and instructive address." Fortly thousand marched in the great parade and the Grand Master expresses the hope that Masonry in Detroit, "may measure up to the wonderful material structure." The steady growth of our institution is indicated by the fact that five dispensations for new lodges were issued by the Grand Master during the year.

He issued two orders to the lodges one that "from date of receipt of this letter the use of a canvas in the work of the second section of the Third Degree be done away with." This somewhat drastic action is justified by him on the ground of doing away with any approach to levity and in order to seriously impress the candidate. The order was willingly complied with by the brethren we are told, although there was at first some remonstrance. Another order was to the effect that games of chance

and guessing contests, punch-boards and the like, together with circuses, fairs and bazzars, are prohibited henceforth. This order was issued on the firm ground that Masonry stands for the upholding of the laws of the Commonwealth.

Michigan Masonry is strong in its support of the Washington Memorial, the Masonic Service Association, and the pride of the brethren is the Masonic Home which occupies a large place in their proceedings and Grand Master McKensies' report. Nearly fifty pages of the proceedings are devoted to this noble Michigan philanthropy, which is a slight indication of the high place it holds in the thought and affection, the sacrifice and service of the brethren.

Among the eloquent speeches of the above mentioned distinguished guests we notice with pleasure that of P. G. M. Andrew L. Randell of Texas, who was the inspired speaker at our last session, of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

A recommendation by the special committee on the M. S. A., providing for an additional appropriation of ten cents per capita each year for three consecutive years, was "indefinitely postponed."

In presentation of the Past Grand Master's jewel, M. W. Brother R. P. Anderson quoted the following words of the great actor Edwin Booth, which seem to us worthy of the attention and practice of every set of officers in every lodge: "To be Worshipful Master of a lodge and to throw my whole soul into the work, with the lodge for my stage and a candidate for my audience, would be a greater personal distinction than to receive the plaudits of the people in the theaters of the world." After the jewel was presented Grand Secretary M. W. Brother Lou B. Winsor made the speech of presentation to the retiring Grand Master when he handed him the usual apron of a Past Grand Master.

Brother Winsor is the writer, also, of the Correspondence Report (his twentieth) which adequately reviews sixty-eight Grand Jurisdictions and covers three hundred pages of the proceedings. We read with regret that this is Brother Winsor's last report, having resigned the office on account of the increasingly exacting duties of the office of Grand Secretary. He bids the brethren of the Round Table a graceful and tender adieu and announces his successor in the person of the R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. W. H. Gallagher, whom he terms "a brother most eminently qualified to fill the position." In closing Brother Winsor says: "I bespeak for him a cordial welcome." Such is extended, right now, from this Grand Jurisdiction of Maine, the more cordially that this correspondent is a brother of "the cloth" and in three years we have learned to know Brother Gallagher's calibre of manhood and Masonry having read several addresses of his in the Michigan proceedings. His Masonry and Americanism are intelligently loyal and nobly prophetic, which knows no confines of creed or barriers of sect or party and withal radiating buoyant good cheer and masculine vitality. He is fulfillment of that word of Tom Moore:

" Shall I ask the brave soldier who fights by my side
In the cause of mankind,— if our creeds agree? "

Brother Winsor generously allots four full flowing pages to Maine in his review, treating us generously when measured by the yard or by those finer and more subtle spiritual and fraternal standards which are represented by such words as truth and righteousness and brotherhood. The heart of a big man (physically and fraternally) speaks and throbs in every line. No petty splitting of hairs or picayune cavilling with Winsor; he acts on the conviction that life is too short and the swift and solemn charge of it too imparative, to bicker about trifles and quarrel over ideas respecting which equally honest men might widely differ. In short Brother Winsor is about the kind of man needed in these days of rancor and reaction, and Maine's correspondent is saying them because it is fitting on his retirement after twenty years of service, and because he can't reply to this short pre-mortem eulogy. Some words of old Henry Wotton came to mind as describing his type of Masonic manhood:

" How happy is he born or taught
 Who serveth not another's will:
 Whose armour is his honest thought,
 And simple truth his utmost skill.
 Who God doth late and early pray
 More of His Grace than goods to lend,
 And walks with man from day to day,
 As with a brother and a friend."

Maine's correspondent is rather overdoing it, he knows, but its all deserved and its better to hand a worthy brother a few "immortelles" and fragrant blooms while he is alive and with us, than those sepulchral things, called "floral offerings," when he's dead. Long may he be spared to occupy a "large place" physically and fraternally in the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Your correspondent is a bit abashed and chagrined as he turns to the Maine report, to find him saying a lot of good things about us so that it might have the appearance of "swapping eulogies." His cordial greeting and welcome and his words of commendation are greatly appreciated by this reviewer, however. Grand Master Wheeler receives high praise for his address and the compliment of a full page of quotation. Our "doings" meet his approval in every way.

MINNESOTA, 1923.

The Seventieth Annual Communication.

Membership 53,941, net gain 2,610. 316 lodges on the roll, six of which are U. D. There were present seventeen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of forty-one Grand Jurisdictions, including R. W. H. R. Adams for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Herman Held, speaks in glowing terms of four "out of state" visits during the year, as guest of the Grand Lodges of Canada, North Dakota and Iowa, and the annual meeting of the George Washington Memorial in Virginia. Among other duties, was the dedication of four temples, the constitution of seven new lodges and the

laying of thirteen corner-stones, many of which were for public school buildings.

Fifteen thousand miles of travel over the vast spaces of Minnesota indicates something of the arduous labor involved in visiting "the smaller country lodges."

The Grand Master when having no specific rule or code-regulation for his guidance uses just plain common sense as when answering this question: "Is wife abandonment and failure to support her a Masonic offence? Answer: It being a crime under the laws of the State, it is a Masonic offence."

Six dispensations for new lodges were granted by him, one of which is of special interest, "University Lodge" at the State University composed of faculty and students of that great institution.

He recommends appropriation for Masonic work at the great Rochester Hospitals.

He speaks in no uncertain terms of parasitic pseudo Masonry in these burning words: "Think of the audacity of using us (membership in good standing in the Blue Lodge) as a foundation to build up organizations over which we have no control, and whose short comings will be laid to all those bearing the name of Masen. I recommend the passing of a resolution which will make it a Masonic offence, punishable by expulsion, for anyone to join any order that requires membership in the Blue Lodge as a prerequisite if that order has not been recognized by this Grand Lodge." The Committee postponed this recommendation for one year for further study and investigation.

The Masonic Home comes in for some sharp words respecting its present method of management, the Grand Master believing that the Grand Lodge should own and control it, instead of a kind of close corporation proposition as at present. Jurisprudence Committee does not agree with this.

Under the subject "Single Standard of Morality," he said: "We know that there is no justice in a double standard of morality, and it is time that we wake up to the fact, that we, the Masons, are the ones to first demand that single standard from among our own members. There is no reason why any man, particularly a Mason should be permitted to violate the moral law, and be taken back into society to mingle with the mothers, sisters, wives or daughters, while his sister, if she break but one, becomes an outcast." An opinion bravely expressed. Dr. Edward Everett Hale once said speaking to a group of men who had been considering similar topics and talking much about "fallen women," "I want you men to understand that whenever there is a fallen woman, there is a fallen man, somewhere."

An extended and informing report on the Minnesota Masonic Home is given and deals in an enlightened way with the future policy as outlined by Grand Master Held. It pleads for a united Masonic heart in support of a project which suffers by divided policies and loyalties. Under the hands of the Jurisprudence Committee the old order continueth because it

avers Grand Lodge has no complete control of the government of the Corporation.

"The Call of a New Civilization" is the title of an "Oration" delivered by Rev. Ralph A. Jensen of the Fourth of July type with its impassioned appeal to "Old Glory" and every great American event from Plymouth Rock to the Argonne.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submits a splendid review of sixty-four jurisdictions. M. W. Brother E. A. Montgomery is the writer. He voices the experience of us all when he says, "the work of reading all the proceedings has been quite arduous, but a delightful task. There is so much real good and interesting reading that it is difficult to refrain from quoting extensively from them." Yes, Brother, we have to constantly sing that old gospel hymn of childhood days, "Yield not to Temptation" in order to get over this difficulty. Things are often said in such a way on some mooted topic, said far better than we can ever hope to say them, that we know the subtle appeal of this temptation to cut and slash and paste, too often, we have fallen, but we started out with the firm determination to say "Retro Me Sathana," and only in exceptional instances, and with brief transcriptions, have we as yet deviated from this rule.

Brother Montgomery calls his review "a feeble effort" with which we do not agree, it being rather one of the most straightforward pieces of work which we have this year. It is a strong and masculine report, only a real man could write it, so vibrant and virile is its style and substance.

Maine receives generous attention. Grand Master Wheeler is commended for an address, "short and to the point" and we can understand, and grant absolution for, the extended quotation from it. Like Joe Jefferson in "Rip" he probably said as he "lifted" it, "this one doesn't count," at least that would have been our attitude and excuse when we came across so good a thing, we would simply pass it on with no qualm or even twinge of conscience.

Your Correspondent is given credit (and quotation) for "a careful and comprehensive report of great value." He regrets the omission of Minnesota, 1921, which is no fault of ours not having seen it, but we have tried to make fraternal amends both last year and this, for the unfortunate and seeming neglect of an honored jurisdiction.

MISSISSIPPI, 1923.

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication.

Membership 31,146, net gain 1,829. There are 378 lodges, eight of which are U. D. There were present thirteen Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of twenty-five Grand Lodges, including R. W. Bro. J. K. Moore for Maine.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Paul H. Murphy, calls feelings of tender reminiscence and veneration from the assembled brethren by reference to the passing of two Past Grand Masters, Brothers Wm. A. Roane and Benjamin V. White. We note that Mississippi quickly honors its noble

departed fraters by naming one of its new lodges under dispensation, "Wm. A. Roane Lodge."

He resists the temptation to issue "out of time" degrees by saying "all of which have been uniformly declined."

Something of the busy labor of the Grand Master is indicated by the instituting of eight new lodges, the laying of four corner-stones and a score of official visitations. He "lifted" the jewel of a Worshipful Master because of repeated reports "that he had been guilty of gross unmasonic conduct." He says with grim humor: "In passing through the town where this lodge is located I made several efforts to see and talk with the Master but was never able to come up with him. The complaints were so bad that I deemed it wise and for the best interests of the lodge to place the management of its affairs in the hands of the Senior Warden."

Another touch of caustic irony is seen in these words: "The ignorance of the Craft generally, on matters of masonic law, is appalling. I have made no attempt to tabulate and copy these letters (asking him about simple matters in the Text Book), because I do not want the outside world to know how densely ignorant the Masons of Mississippi are." Well, its rather a common complaint by all Grand Masters, and rather a general condition obtaining in the great majority of jurisdictions, only most Grand Masters are not quite so brutally frank about it.

A very interesting and human letter from a young brother, who had heard the Grand Master speak, is printed (without signature) and shows how a man's influence may count on the right side in some moment when he least expects it. Would that all our Masonic words could have a like result. The young man wrote: "When you made this touching appeal to all members to be upright and regular masons, I was sitting there in my Mother Lodge with a pair of dice in one pocket, and a box of Merry Widows in another, and had been, for some months, traveling about all the gaits. After hearing you that evening, as soon as I could find a place to make disposal of such things, I cleaned my pockets of every thing that I would not have my mother or any one of my sisters see, and henceforth began a general house-cleaning. The result is, a Christian man is writing you tonight, so that you may know just what you have helped to bring about in my life."

In our idea that beats Billy Sunday and his type of frienzed fanatical dragooning into the Kingdom of Heaven. Masonry is a sane, wholesome, livable reality and when it grips the deeper nature of a man is apt to be far more constructive and permanent in its results on character and conduct than the emotional appeal of the professional evangelist. Surely this incident and letter may well stand forth as one of the noblest Masonic Labors of Grand Master Paul Murphy, and deserves extended mention in this review as perhaps (and this is the highest praise of the other achievements of his administration) the masterpiece of his Grand Mastership. Was it Whittier who said:

"Heaven's gate is shut to him who comes alone,
Save thou a soul and it shall save thine own."

We congratulate both the Grand Master and the young brother on an event nobly creditable to both!

He recommends the passing of a resolution prohibiting any Master Mason petitioning any of the higher bodies until one year has elapsed after taking the third degree. Committee on Discipline turned this down by saying that Grand Lodge or Subordinate Lodge has no legal right to say how much time should elapse before a Master Mason can petition. We demur a bit, on the ground that a lodge or Grand Lodge, must have control of its building material; whether it is wise or judicious to pass such legislation, is another question.

The Law Committee answers fourteen questions all in accordance with the usual practice and usage of the Fraternity. The common-sense of the committee, for instance, is seen (and it also reveals the same problem, which every jurisdiction in the United States has under Volstead conditions, although manifested in various forms). "Question: A member of 'S' Lodge is now charged by indictment with the offense of manufacturing moonshine liquor. Is it necessary for the lodge to wait until after the court has disposed of this case before taking action? Answer: NO. We really think that the best interests of the lodge would be subserved in a case like this by acting at once."

Under "Order of DeMolay" a special Committee recommends that any lodge be permitted to act as sponsor for a Chapter of DeMolay.

The fifth annual report of M. W. Brother Henry C. Yawn (and we haven't once during the entire reading of his splendid report) form a fitting conclusion to this noble volume of Mississippi's Proceedings for 1923.

While Brother Yawn is prolific in quotation, it is always well selected and deals with some basic matter of the various Grand Lodges, or touches some topic of debated interest throughout the Masonic world. His comments are always constructive and invariably throws some clear interpretative light on these mooted questions. In a brief introduction he said: "I am persuaded that if my brethren will read it carefully they will find enought good things to pay them for their time and trouble."

We will say so! It will be their loss if they do not.

Maine for 1922 receives cordial and courteous attention. Nearly two pages, rather more than the average, is given to our annual sessions. M. W. Grand Master Edward W. Wheeler's address is justly praised in these words: "An able document, evincing, not only a clear conception of the purposes of Masonry, but a faithful performance of his duties and obligations as a leader of the Craft." After these words of commendation an extended citation is given, to prove his opinion. Your correspondent is commended in these words: "He culls the best from the vast fields that he explores and offers apt and pithy, but courteous comment." Thanks.

In the course of his able review he says: "While Maine is comparatively a small state it will be seen from the above that she is truly Masonic."

"A small state," brother? We demur, we can put the rest of New England in its borders, and have some left to make another Rhode Island.

MISSOURI, 1923.

The One Hundred and Third Annual Communication.

Membership, 107,041; net gain, 2,957. Number chartered lodges, 656.

The annual communication was formally opened by M. W. Brother Bert S. Lee who immediately delivered his annual address. He reported the usual progress and prosperity throughout the Jurisdiction and outlined the service which was incumbent upon all Masons to be "leaders in all the activities of life." One of his first duties was to arrest the charter of a lodge because it "had not held a meeting for more than a year." In the course of his address he gives graphic account of his visit to Alexandria, Va., and the ceremonial of conferring the M. M. Degree upon a brother, he visited the site of the George Washington Memorial, and under the guidance of the Virginia brethren was conducted to Mt. Vernon and the old Pohick Church where George Washington attended divine service. Other points of interest were visited such as the Capitol, the Congressional Library, the House of the Temple, and a personal greeting from Brother Warren G. Harding concluded his visit.

During his term five Temples were dedicated, and seven corner-stones were laid.

Grand Master Lee is an eloquent champion of the Order of DeMolay for Boys of which Order he says, "there are now over one thousand chapters with over one hundred thousand members in nearly every state in our union, and in a number of foreign countries." He has the usual good things to say of its aims and ideals and sees in it a positive force for American citizenship.

Of those who use the Masonic name for commercial purposes, which offense had occurred several times in past years, he forcefully said, "such are not worthy of membership in our great fraternity."

A long list of "Decisions" are given most of which accord in their answers with our Maine practice, but there are a few which we would eye askance although doubtless quite in accord with the code of Missouri.

The Grand Master, like several others this year, had all kinds of trouble with gambling devices which were used to raise funds for meeting obligations or building temples. The usual practice was to evade Grand Lodge law by having these lotteries conducted by a Building Committee, but the Grand Master rightly called "the bluff" by telling the brethren of such committees and clubs, that they are subject to Grand Lodge discipline as much as the lodge itself. This seemed to have the desired effect. In concluding his remarks along this line, Grand Master Lee has this sound advice to give: "Obedience to constituted authority is the foundation on which our Republic must stand."

M. W. Brother C. C. Woods in his report as Fraternal Correspondent, admonished the brethren as follows: "I trust that every Mason present who has a real desire for Masonic light and information will take with him a copy of this report, which he will find full of useful information, from many parts of the Masonic world." He then shows a pardonable pride and commendable loyalty to Missouri by saying that "Missouri

Freemasonry occupies a position and manifests a spirit which other Grand Bodies might do well to copy." This is what every such correspondent would like to say but somehow most of us refrain from doing it.

At a meeting in Ivanhoe Temple, the Grand Orator, Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, gave an earnest address under the title "The Spirit of Freemasonry" which was filled with wise counsel, brilliant wit and lambent humor and covered fifteen pages of the proceedings. It might seem like a real task to read this oration which is in fine print but so filled is it with information and bristling with epigrams that it holds the attention to the end.

A request for fraternal recognition from Guatemala was deferred. A special committee on Masonic Clubs sees danger in these and points it out by avering: "These clubs are multiplying rapidly and their advent into Freemasonry portend danger, especially those organized along national lines." This is obviously a stricture on the National League of Masonic Clubs but the committee in its extended reports makes out a good case for its contention by saying: "A good illustration of the evils that may arise from such clubs is that of the National League at its recent session in Boston. The transactions of the opening session, was a contest between the K. K. K. and Freemasonry. On the closing day of the session a big "Masonic parade" was scheduled. This consisted of Masonic Clubs, the DeMolay and the Eastern Star, etc." Surely there is something wrong here, unless such parade was held by dispensation of the Grand Master of Massachusetts, and under the authority and permission of the Grand Lodge. Unless this was done, there was unwarranted assumption of authority by the officers of the National League of Masonic Clubs. The committee avers that there was no such authority given by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for what it ironically terms, "this conglomerate spectacle of parading."

An interesting account of a visit of R. W. Brother James H. Scarborough to the Grand Lodge of Cuba is included in the proceedings. He found the Grand Lodge composed of men "of high efficiency" and that their administration deserves high commendation. During his visit he attended several meetings of Havana Lodges and witnessed the work, which differs in many outward ways, but he says, "the great underlying principles and the deep moral significance, are the same."

The Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. J. R. McLachlan, gives a brief review of the work and progress of the fifty-nine Masonic Districts. The abstract of each report given by him is an admirable summary, or condensation of the more lengthy and detailed reports of the various district lecturers.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is written by Rev. C. C. Woods, D. D., Past Grand Master. We notice in the response of the new M. W. Grand Master Bro. Joseph S. McIntyre at the usual jewel presentation, that he has this glowing word of tribute to pay to M. W. Brother Woods: "Now, dear Doctor Woods, what shall I say to you? I think of you as a little child thinks of a kind and loving father. I think of you as pure of heart and strong of mind; I think of you as the paragon of manhood, of brotherhood and Christianity. I think of you not only as having

been created in the image of the Master, but as partaking in very large measure, in a much larger measure than the ordinary person, of all those high, divine attributes for which we worship the Master, himself. I can say no more." Truly, there is little more to be said, after this fervent eulogy, which a man too often receives as a post mortem kindness. Fortunately, indeed, is the Grand Lodge, which has such a man who can measure up to such tremendous praise, and our study of the work of Brother Wood in his annual reviews as Correspondent leads us to believe that such praise is deserved.

Maine is not noticed in his review, and we have no doubt for the best of reasons, although, we need hardly say it is a distinct disappointment and loss to us not to read his kindly and constructive comment on our proceedings. Brother Wood is a believer in extended quotation, somewhat sparing in comment and in original composition, but withal on the side of sound and conservative Masonic procedure and usage.

MONTANA, 1922.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership 18,677, net gain 1,001. Number of lodges on the roll 142. There were present fifteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-eight Grand Lodges, Maine not being represented.

M. W. Brother Edwin A. Ripley, Grand Master of North Dakota, and the Past Grand Master of Missouri, M. W. Brother William F. Kuhn, were greeted from the Grand East with the usual ceremonials, while the Governor of Montana, W. Brother Joseph M. Dixon, gave words of cordial welcome to the brethren in annual communication assembled. Grand Master Kuhn referring to the name of the Grand Master of Montana, M. W. Brother Henry C. Smith, said with gracious humor: "I have noticed since I came into your midst that about two-thirds of you go by the name of Smith; there are a few Joneses and the others are either Scotch or just common people." This correspondent who rejoices in that distinguished commonplace cognomen congratulates both the Grand Master and two-thirds of the Montana membership, and incidentally the submerged fraction of mere Joneses, and others; somehow it has appealed to us that the Grand Lodge of Montana must be Heaven's sole and only understudy with so many who bear that honored name for it is a well established tradition of early ethnology, that originally every one bore that name, and as fast as they fell from grace, they were named something else like mere Jones or Brown. Therefore—greetings! and may the graceful persevere in their way, and keep a watchful eye on the grace-less.

M. W. Brother Henry C. Smith, the Grace of God abounding, said in the opening of his annual address, as if he knew the above tradition, "that not God Himself can make the best, without best men to help Him." He records with tender eulogy the passing of two Past Grand Masters of Montana, M. W. Brothers Joseph A. Hyde and Cornelius B. Nolan, two pillars of Masonic strength which the long years may not fill.

Of the Order of DeMolay he believes that wherever there is a chapter established and sponsored by a lodge, that there should always be present a brother at every meeting to take charge and assume responsibility.

The steady growth of the Order in Montana is seen by the instituting of two new lodges and the constituting of six others during his term. It was his privilege to lay several corner-stones while Grand Master.

He suggests a danger of too promiscuous Masonic lecturing by saying, "that it should never be done by people of whose qualifications we have no knowledge, for it would be an easy matter to spread propaganda of the wrong sort if this should continue." It is a real evil and might readily lead to disastrous results, every lecturer should of course have some kind of official endorsement of our Grand Lodges.

He gives extended account of his visits to the Grand Lodges of Idaho and North Dakota, and his attendance at the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Utah.

His Smithsonian common-sense is shown by his decision that a petitioner who was able to attend efficiently to his daily duty as fireman on the railroad was eligible for the degrees, although the local lodge is the "sole judge" of the matter of physical defects. He also recommends that a by-law be passed forbidding lodges from conferring degrees at the same meeting when candidates are elected. The arduous duties of a Grand Master in Montana is seen by the fact that Brother Smith, traveled 12,000 miles by rail and 170 by stage in pursuit of his Masonic labors.

Two notable addresses were made during this communication, both of which are printed in full and significantly punctuated with bracketed words like (Laughter) and (Applause) and (Go on) by M. W. Brothers Wm. F. Kuhn and Andrew P. Randell, Past Grand Masters respectively of Missouri and Texas.

It would be instructive and enlightening to quote a few of the solid words spoken by these two splendid orators but space forbids such a pleasure, a sentence however of Brother Randell simply must be quoted for its wise counsel: "The private schools of this country are teaching about 3-10 per cent. of the children of the country, while the public schools are teaching in the fundamental grades 93-10 per cent. of all the children of the nation, and I think we ought to spend our time perfecting our public school system which is far from performing what is expected of it and not bother so much about the six per cent. in the private schools."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recognized the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. "No action" was taken on the requests from Venezuela, Ecuador, and the so-called National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France and the French Colonies.

Twenty-five cents per capita was voted for M. S. A. work in Montana, and five cents per capita for assessments to National Association.

A series of Masonic reminiscences by the last survivor of the original organizers of the Grand Lodge of Montana, W. Bro. Carlton W. Mather, is given in full and is an interesting and enthralling narrative of those early pioneer days.

The usual report of M. W. Brother H. S. Hepner (P. G. M.) for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who reviews sixty-nine Grand Lodge proceedings and covers 170 full gleaming pages, is an important appendix to these annual proceedings. Brother Hepner reviews Maine for two years, 1921 and 1922, quoting an extended paragraph from M. W. Brother Wheeler's address for each year, and unreservedly commending our legislative actions.

Your correspondent is given this praise: "For a new hand at the work he exhibits remarkable ability," while the Foreword for 1922 is quoted at length. Brother Hepner has made ample and gracious amends in nearly four pages of worth-while reading and fraternal review for two and one-half inches of space for which we gently remonstrated with him a few years ago. He has fulfilled the scripture rule, and "poured coals of fire on our head," with these ample pages of good-will and fraternal regard. Thanks! Brother Hepner, we hang our head in humility and chagrin at your generous and brotherly treatment.

NEBRASKA, 1923.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership 38,642, net gain 1,262. There are 286 lodges on the roll. There were present seventeen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-five jurisdictions. Maine's Representative does not appear.

We see with sadness that the name of the Grand Master does not appear on the roll of Grand Officers, a heavy black line being in the place thereof. On the next page of the proceedings we find fitting tribute paid to the dear and noble memory of M. W. Brother Edward McKensie Wellman, who died in office August 31, 1922, in "the mid-morning of a happy and hopeful life."

An unusual "In Memoriam" service was held at the opening of this Communication, with touching eulogy by V. W. Chas. M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, and selections by the Masonic Quartette, while a committee was appointed to place "a wreath of flowers on the grave of our beloved Grand Master."

The Deputy Acting Grand Master, R. W. Brother Charles A. Chappell, in opening his address made eloquent reference to this sad event and also to the passing of another M. W. Brother, who had served in the same high capacity, Past Grand Master William W. Keysor.

He makes mention of the Masonic Service Association, from which Nebraska withdrew last year, as worthy of reconsideration and more than intimates that membership therein should be resumed. The steady growth of the Order is seen by the constituting of two new lodges. Besides the usual list of visitations, we notice the pleasant duty on seven occasions of laying corner-stones for various edifices, and the dedication of two temples.

One decision is of general interest respecting the Order of DeMolay he said: "It is not permissible for a Masonic Lodge to use its funds for organizing and conducting a Chapter of DeMolay, nor to divert the lodge funds directly nor indirectly for this purpose."

He speaks strongly in forbidding "Lottery or Gift Enterprises" as being a clear violation of Masonic law. Indeed on several occasions throughout his address he speaks of observance of law as the great duty of American citizenship at this hour. Of the enforcement of the prohibitory amendment he has words of cutting sarcasm and forensic power in which he says: "The question has passed the stage where it is one simply of temperance or of the right of the individual to 'drink or leave it alone,' nor does it remain a question as to whether or not the amendment should have been adopted. Disregard for law in one instance breeds disregard for law in many respects. If the youth of our land are led to believe it is right to violate one law, they cannot be censured for concluding it is right to violate another, or as many as they see fit, and in a fundamental sense we are confronted with the serious question of whether we will maintain the dignity of law and order or will lend our influence to a movement which carried to its logical conclusion will overthrow government itself."

An "Oration" on the subject, "The Demands of Our Time Upon Masonry" was delivered by the Grand Orator W. Bro. Titus Lowe, and is filled with practical appeals and lessons of applied Masonry. He goes to the bed-rock of the Masonic Quarries and brings forth ashlar gleaming in the living light of truth, fit building stones for our temple.

A Committee somewhat new to our Masonic Grand Lodge Procedure and Practice is that called, The Committee on the Promotion of the World's Peace. There are nearly two pages of this report which goes to the root of the matter and while not advocating any partizan measures or taking sides in controversial questions of this nature, brings in an extended and instructive study of the various measures looking toward this end. This committee recommends in the conclusion of its report, "that the Masons of Nebraska most heartily sympathize with the efforts now being made to reduce the chances of war and to furnish mankind with the means for the judicial settlement of disputes among nations, and thus promote the world's peace." Which looks like a kind of indirect endorsement of the World Court.

The Jurisprudence Committee had a full page report on the K. K. K., a paragraph of which is to this effect: "That while Grand Lodge recognizes the right of all masons to join or adhere to such church, creed, political party, etc., as to them seems best, yet this Grand Lodge does most strongly urge upon the Masons of this jurisdiction to absolutely refrain from affiliation with or joining or giving countenance to, the organization known as the Ku Klux Klan, and if any of our Masons have become members of the Ku Klux Klan we counsel them to at once withdraw therefrom and to have no further connection therewith." The resolution and recommendation of the committee is most judicially phrased and is studiously careful not to go beyond the point of "counsel" and admonition.

A report of the Finance Committee is to the effect that the sum of \$1,950.00 be appropriated to cover membership in the M. S. A., which was adopted and thus the Grand Master's suggestion was followed, and

there was complete reversal of the action of last year when Nebraska officially withdrew from the Association.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. W. Brother John A. Ehrhardt, submits a review of sixty-two Grand Lodge proceedings. Maine is given brief but comprehensive attention, one half of which is a citation from the annual address of M. W. Brother Edward W. Wheeler, Grand Master, dealing with the Mission of Masonry. Reference is made to Grand Secretary Davis' "In Memoriam" eulogy for Brother Albro E. Chase, Grand Secretary, and Correspondent for many years of this Grand Lodge. While these reviews are almost super-humanly brief yet Brother Ehrhardt touches with a sure hand the vital and basic things in the various jurisdictions, and when comment is made it is usually in a few brief and graphic words. When Maine is given by the foot rule more attention than New York or Massachusetts, surely we have no cause for complaint but appreciate the fraternal cordiality of the Brother Correspondent.

NEVADA, 1923.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership 2,521, gain 76. There are twenty-three active lodges on the roll. There were present thirteen Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of thirty-four Grand Jurisdictions. Maine's representative does not appear.

M. W. Brother E. C. Peterson, Grand Master, in opening his annual address speaks of "the steady increase in membership."

He pays reverent tribute to the memory of two Past Grand Masters of Nevada who have been "called up higher," Brothers John W. Eckley and James C. Doughty; names of radiant and radiating light in Nevada Masonry.

A touchingly intimate reference is made to the tragic death of the Grand Steward, whose name must be haloed with living light of immortality, Brother William R. Bozarth, "when the call for assistance came from travelers on the desert who were stranded in a terrific snowstorm, he responded and from the overexertion of this trip, passed away. He died as he lived, a Mason." Such is the simple tribute to a brother who gave the best he had in service, his life—a soldier on the battlefield can give no more.

Well has Whittier sung of all such manly service:

"From scheme and creed the light goes out,—
This saintly fact survives,
The Blessed Master none can doubt
Revealed in noble lives."

A long list of "Visitations" shows faithful devotion to duty by the Grand Master who visited all but one of the lodges in Nevada.

"Begging circulars" have become a nuisance there, as in many other states and are prohibited both by regulation and official edict. But we see the full membership of each lodge printed in these annual proceedings,

which lists become practically public, and so become a fertile field for all kinds of propaganda and appeals for aid. To forbid the reading of "Begging circulars" in open lodge is good, but will it stop the other and even more efficient and insidious appeal through the mails? The publication of full membership lists is an invitation to the very thing that Grand Lodge regulation and official edict prohibits. The old "Prayer Chain Letter" of unsavory memory, simply thrived and batted on these list, and often was little better than unholy graft produced by appealing to the fears and superstitions which are more or less ingrained in all of us.

The M. S. A. is commended by Brother Peterson and he makes recommendation that "they sit in" for another year at least.

Another recommendation which he makes is to the effect that no brother shall petition for the so-called higher degrees "until he has attended twelve stated meetings of his lodge."

The Order of DeMolay for Boys is commended by him, and endorsed by Grand Lodge.

"The Year's Oration" was delivered by the Grand Orator, Bro. Andrew L. Haight, on the subject, "Masonic Leadership," in which he preaches good Masonic doctrine by using a text from Demosthenes, that real statesman should lead events, and not be led by them, so Brother Haight develops the theme that Masonry should be at "the head of affairs," a dominating and compelling influence in the life of the Republic. It is a readable and enlightening address, which must have stirred the assembled brethren.

The State Chairman of the Washington Memorial reports substantial progress in the collection of funds for that purpose and hopes to see the entire quota subscribed by the time of laying the corner-stone.

The Grand Lodge of Ecuador is recognized; while Argentine, Guatemala, Columbia and the National Grand Lodge of Italy is "deferred."

Cordial greetings from the Philippine Islands, with a most instructive account of the situation there and the difficulties under which the Craft is laboring in those Islands, was given by Brother M. G. Olympia, Past Master of Baguio Lodge, No. 67. It accords with our reading of the annual proceedings of that Grand Jurisdiction for several years. (See Philippine Report).

Several Memorial pages are set apart for those mentioned (and others) in the beginning of this review who have passed "to where beyond these voices there is peace." Whoever is responsible for this particular feature of the annual proceedings of Nevada — and we rather suspect the fine taste and judgment of Brother Vanderlieth — it is nobly done. By far the most adequate and worth-while Memorial arrangement of any Grand Lodge which comes to our attention. Someone has aesthetic temperament enough to do a difficult and delicate thing in a noble style. It must almost be a privilege to die in Nevada! We have silently admired this feature for years. Perhaps we may be permitted to say, that as a reviewer of poetry for the New York Times Saturday Review of Books and Arts, the writer of this report, ought to know what real poetry is, and the selections of the compiler of these Memorial pages are always real poetry, never

doggerel or inane maudlin popular rhymes. He knows the best and has an almost infallible instinct in choosing it for his pages. Probably he knows all this but we simply cannot refrain from these words of praise and from extending our congratulations and commendations across the myriad miles from Maine to Nevada. Full page photographs on calandered paper adorn and ennoble this gleaming and golden "In Memoriam" from Nevada.

However uncertain we may be regarding the author and compiler of these pages, we are in no uncertainty respecting the author of the Report on Correspondence. And if we can judge from "internal evidence" they are one and the same. Brother Vanderlieth always gives us a charming and instructive review and this year we have one hundred and fifty pages which are redolent of his personality. There are seventy-six jurisdictions noticed by him this year. Maine is cordially and generously considered in three pages of solid writing and constructive comment. M. W. Brother Wheeler, Grand Master, is praised for his trenchant words anent law and order and the insidious disintegrating forces that undermine these bulwarks of the Republic. Short quotation is given to enforce his comment and prove his thesis. Evidently Brother Vanderlieth doesn't agree about joint installations with the Eastern Star which our Grand Master had officially forbidden, as he cites the practice in Nevada as conducing to social harmony and probably domestic tranquility.

Fraternal reference is made to the passing of Grand Treasurer Albion E. Chase into "the more perfect life beyond."

Your correspondent is given in quotation nearly the entire "Foreword" of his report and is greeted with words of real welcome, and commended for "writing clearly, briefly and wisely."

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1922.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership 5,374, increase of 463. There were present six Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-three jurisdictions, including ours of Maine.

In opening the session the V. W. Rev. Grand Chaplain, C. Gordon Lawrence, invokes the divine guidance in well chosen phrase for Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. Exactly eleven lines of chaste English expressing deep and reverent thought and aspiration. To us in its very brevity it is almost a perfect model of what such a prayer should be, an invocation for Masonic Light and Guidance.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. D. B. F. MacKenzie (sinewy Scotch name which we honor and love), opens his annual address with the directness of simple sincerity by saying: "I feel that the progress has been healthy and that all care has been exercised in the selection of material." How much can be put into a simple phrase! Again he avers, "there is no disturbing element to check the onward march of Free Masonry in New Brunswick." The address is one of the briefest that it has been our

privilege to read, but so much is packed into small compass, in a few straight forward sinewy words that it has compelled our admiration. In short, and Bro. MacKenzie probably knows it without being told, it is the best kind of writing, because it says the most in the fewest words. Here is a gem, "Masons should go in search of justice." That is so simple, in a sense so new and direct that it strikes the mind and sticks like a barbed arrow.

The Grand Master granted a dispensation for a new lodge during his term and found the brethren petitioning for it, "proficient in the Ritual."

He gives somewhat extended attention to his visit to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, where he was the recipient of many honors which concluded by the official presentation of the "Erasmus James Phillips Medalion," in honor of the first provincial Grand Master of Nova Scotia. He says: "There was a large gathering present of the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge which is the oldest lodge in the British Empire overseas, having been organized in 1750 by the Hon. Edward Cornwallis, the founder of Halifax."

An interesting and unusual visit was made to Grand Menan (N. B.) where he visited a lodge composed of brethren who seldom have opportunity to visit other lodges and "they apparently appreciated our visit." As this correspondent has seen in the hazy distance from the Maine coast the blurred outlines of Grand Menan we can in a measure appreciate the situation of the brethren and the significance of Bro. MacKenzie's words.

Many other visitations occupied his year, all of which are briefly outlined and make interesting and instructive reading, especially as this honored jurisdiction is our nearest to Maine on the Eastern boundary. At the risk of being misunderstood and by the evil minded being misinterpreted, we are never really conscious of that boundray between Maine and New Brunswick, for their folks seem like "our" folks, and we believe it is equally true the other way about.

The Grand Master recommends a Grand Lecturer, who shall "give at least three or six months" to Masonic instruction. We believe it will be worth while, as the office with us in Maine has been the source of real strength and constructive progress and growth. This had the approval of the Committee.

The Committee of Foreign Relations recognized the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, but postponed action in the matter of Vienna and several South American countries.

A resolve was carried to the effect that New Brunswick lodges give liberally in support of "The New Brunswick Protestant Orphans' Home." Thus do our brethren in the east (of Maine) recognize Masonic duty beyond their own circle.

Much to our regret, considering the careful and sane report of the Committee, there is no formal and extended Report on Foreign Correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1923.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Communication,

Membership 14,505 increases 319. There are eighty lodges on the roll.

The annual communication was preceded by a semi-annual communication in December and several emergent communications.

At the annual communication there were present eight Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of twenty-nine Jurisdictions, but to our regret Maine does not appear.

M. W. Bro. Walter G. Africa Grand Master (whom we fraternally and cordially met in September (1923) at the Supreme Council in N. Y.) opens by congratulating the Grand Lodge on its multiform and myriad years—one hundred and thirty-three years of Masonic Service. We too send our greetings and felicitations. The name of an eminent and honored statesman and publicist R. W. Brother Hosea W. Parker appears among several others on the roll of necrology. Full page and excellent photographs of these distinguished brethren appear in the proceedings and give us evidence of the kind and quality of the Masonic manhood of New Hampshire.

The Grand Master issued eight dispensations all within the customary usage and practice. In re the tabulation of pages of "Degrees by Courtesy" which occupy such large place in the Grand Master's address we are happy to be set right in the matter by Brother Cheney who tells us that "things are not what they seem" even in New Hampshire as these tedious compilations are not inflicted on the brethren in session, but simply incorporated later in order to fill out the official record.

We learn with pleasure that M. W. Bro. Harry G. Noyes who visited us two years ago in the interest of the M. S. A. and made a strong and appealing address regarding its purpose, has been elected Chairman of the Executive Committee of the M. S. A. of the United States. It is a high honor worthily conferred upon one whose interest, enthusiasm and we had almost said, consecration to this cause is known everywhere. Brother Noyes will learn with interest that while he seemed to fall two years ago in securing our allegiance to the Association, we went "all of a heap" in fact were rather on the stampede for the "bandwagon" this year (1923). There must be a smile of almost sardonic satisfaction on the face of our good brother at this action of Maine after so emphatically turning it down one short year before. It takes a year to grow substantial crops in Maine and the seed was in part of his planting.

Among the Grand Master's visitation we note especially his visit to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania over which Grand Lodge his father M. W. Bro. J. Simpson Africa presided as Grand Master thirty years ago. It must have been a kind of hallowing experience, to stand in that Grand Lodge surrounded with the filial memories and sanctities of other and earlier years.

An extended and lucid explanation is given by Brother Africa of the reasons for the severing of fraternal relations with Kansas, which seem to us convincing from the New Hampshire point of view, but one must with-

hold final judgment until he has heard and read the Kansas side of the difficulty. Like the granite hills of that State the Grand Master stands like a rock on this proposition: "New Hampshire is certainly competent, under all fundamental and common laws of our institution, to make such laws and regulations as it pleases for the government and welfare of the Craft within our own jurisdiction. As we see it, the position taken by the Grand Lodge of Kansas is untenable. Our sovereignty has been attacked, but not disturbed."

In his conclusion we breathe a fervent Methodistic "amen" when the Grand Master says: "In the written word on Foreign Correspondence or in the spoken word Cheney is always instructive, eloquent and inspiring. The Craft not only in New Hampshire, but of the whole country, owes much to him."

The D. D. G. Ms. reports are of the usual high order, and indicate careful and thankless work loyally and patiently performed. They are signed by good solid New England names—including the inevitable Joseph Smith—which are redolent of the soil and smack of the granite strength of New Hampshire.

We notice a resolution to the effect that lodges be allowed and authorized to stand sponsor for DeMolay for Boys, which was adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, which in New Hampshire evidently handles Foreign Relations, deferred the matter of recognition of Guatemala and Columbia.

The same Committee justified in its report the action and words of the Grand Master relative to Kansas. Which report was "approved."

The retiring Grand Master was presented, as is the custom in the majority of Grand Jurisdictions with a Past Grand Master's jewel and a Grand Lodge apron. Fitting recognition of faithful labor performed and a mark of appreciation by the assembled brethren. Such Masonic clothing in after years grows dear and hallowed by memories of gleaming days of Masonic service, willingly rendered. In Maine in scripture language we are Masonically speaking, "neither clothed nor clothed upon."

M. W. Brother Harry M. Cheney writes the usual concise and comprehensive review for the Correspondence Report—considering sixty-one various jurisdictions, culling the high lights into a real sunburst of splendor which has captured our admiration, and to follow a glowing figure of speech has dazzled our imagination. It makes a new man, a mere tyro at the work, wonder why he is on the job at all.

Maine is given three generous and laudatory pages. He finds Grand Master Wheeler's address worthy of praise (of course) but avers it is too indefinite, saying, "as one thinks and feels so it can be interpreted." Not if you know the man! Brother Cheney. Was it Emerson who said a man is so much more than his words? Anyhow Tennyson said, "words like Nature half reveal and half conceal the soul within." And that's true of Brother Wheeler's words which could only mean one thing to us who know him.

So kindly and sympathetically considerate is Brother Cheney for this

reviewer and his work that we have been encouraged and inspired to go ahead with it. It is indeed high praise to call his report one of "great strength and hoping his Maine readers will realize what he is giving them." Thanks. If we can get them to read it, there is indeed hope,—but as far as the majority of the brethren are concerned they evidently act upon the inscription which Dante found over the door of his "Inferno."

Perhaps there would be some chance of a wider reading if we frankly placed that same despairing inscription on the first page of our reports. At least it would intrigue the curiosity of the brethren and might have a happy effect. I need not, of course cite the inscription.

NEW JERSEY, 1923.

The One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership 73,854, net gain 5,038. There are 244 lodges on the roll. There were sixteen Past Grand Masters present, and the Representatives of fifty Grand Jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. William Ritchie for Maine. The M. W. Grand Master of Delaware, Bro. C. A. Bamberger, with attendant Grand Officers, was welcomed from the Grand East.

M. W. Bro. Arthur Potterton, Grand Master, in the course of his annual report lays down this flexible and practical rule for guidance in the matter of physical defects: "I believe that as lodges are deemed qualified to judge as to the moral and mental qualifications of their candidates, their judgment can just as safely be trusted in the less important detail of their physical fitness." This has been for many years the practice in our own jurisdiction and has produced good results.

The first Grand Master of New Jersey was M. W. Bro. David Brearley who served from 1786 to 1791. And as his grave had fallen into neglect, the Grand Master recommended that it be restored to its proper condition and "marked by a suitable tablet or monument."

During his term the Grand Master issued a general communication to the effect that members of German Grand Lodges be forbidden visitation until fraternal relations are officially resumed.

He also makes recommendation that New Jersey "fully recognize the legitimacy of Master Masons made in lodges of the A. A. S. R. in countries where that is the dominant Rite." Yes, but who is to determine when this is the dominant Rite, where Latin American Masons disagree, and bitterly contend, over this very question?

The Grand Master endorses with cordial words the Order of DeMolay for Boys.

A Worshipful Master of a German speaking lodge filed a bill in the Court of Chancery against a ruling of the Grand Lodge requiring the use of "none other than the standard ritual in the English language and that the lodge records be likewise kept." The court decided as follows: "It would be an outrageous thing if the framing of the policies of Masonry could be usurped by this court, because from that it would be but a step to usurping the same power with other like organizations, to the end that property rights would be jeopardized." This is an interesting legal ruling,

and ought to set at rest a somewhat disputed issue in several Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master has a few outspoken words on lodges that spend more in entertainment and refreshment than for charity, which condition he does not hesitate to call "a Masonic disgrace."

He recommends Life Membership; the lodge charging dues "by payment in advance of a sum not less than the equivalent of ten year's dues." Adopted by Grand Lodge.

Another recommendation was to the effect that a law be passed prohibiting emergent communications on Sunday for conferring of degrees. Adopted.

Another recommendation to which the Jurisprudence Committee rightly objected and was sustained by the Grand Lodge was that a brother convicted in a Court of Law should be automatically and indefinitely suspended. The committee simply insists on the brother's "right" to a Masonic trial and in this we believe them to be Masonically sound.

We learn with interest that the Masonic Bureau since 1916 has placed 3,310 applicants in positions of employment and that the total earnings of these brethren for that period aggregates \$4,675,168.00. A worth-while service, judged by these figures and suggesting a practical measure which might be widely established, especially in industrial states. "Help a Brother to Help Himself" is their motto, which President Harding endorsed by saying "it is worthy of acceptance and approval."

Grand Master Bamberger of Delaware, and M. W. Brother Townsend Scudder, P. G. M. of New York, made eloquent and instructive speeches during the communication which were well received by the brethren and liberally punctuated with "Applause." Vital issues were ably discussed, especially the Masonic Service Association by Brother Scudder, who made a most convincing and logical argument not only for this American Organization but for a wider application of the principle by giving attention and support to the International Masonic Association sponsored originally by the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland.

The Grand Lodge recognized Guatemala, and also Honduras. It also supported the Grand Master in his recommendation regarding members of the A. A. S. R.

The Committee on the Masonic Home, submits a well articulated report of twenty-four pages showing a noble philanthropy soundly administered.

A "Presentation" of more than ordinary interest was made to R. W. Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs, for many years Grand Secretary. A gift of flowers gladdened his heart and his reply was touchingly tender in its quiet and manly simplicity. Having met Brother Shirrefs this September at the sessions of the Supreme Council in New York, we can picture his demeanor and friendly face in making this reply.

R. W. Brother Shirrefs as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence writes, as for many years, one of the noteworthy reviews. It is redolent with a kind of personal flavor, a reflection of the personality of this distinguished and lovable Craftsman.

As was said of a famous literary man of England, "he touches nothing which he does not adorn" so it can be affirmed of Brother Shirrefs.

A man who does not hesitate to express his own thought and ideas upon any action or controversial question agitating the Grand Lodges, but always with a charming courtesy and invariably vital grasp of the topic or issue under consideration. It has been an informing pleasure to read these one hundred pages of Masonic illumination.

Maine is accorded cordial and even generous treatment at his hands, Brother Chase's death being lamented and an extract given from Grand Secretary Davis' eulogy of our famous and beloved Grand Correspondent for many years, who was also Grand Treasurer. Commendatory comment is made without citation, which he seldom uses, of Grand Master Wheeler's annual address. Our loyal painstaking service by the D. D. G. Ms. is praised by him.

Your Correspondent is commended as "a worthy successor of the former occupants of this chair, whose first annual report presages the successful accomplishment of his aim." We appreciate with both gratitude and encouragement these kindly words especially as coming from one so qualified by long service and experience to say them. His cordial welcome is extended in these words: "We have belonged to the Guild of Correspondents long enough to feel justified in extending a cordial fraternal welcome to our M. W. Brother."

NEW MEXICO, 1923.

The forty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership 5,975, net gain 345. There are fifty-seven lodges on the roll. There were present six Past Grand Masters.

Among the Special Communications was one of outstanding importance, the Dedication of the Sojourner's Club Building, at Fort Bayard. Three photographs of this event are given, and an interesting account of the occasion adds significance to the pictures. At the Supreme Council this year (1923) Leon M. Abbott, 33rd, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, gave illuminating account of this event to which the Supreme Council had made large contribution. Commander Abbott was an honored guest and speaker on this occasion at Fort Bayard.

M. W. Brother Lucius Dills, Grand Master, paid tribute in the opening of his annual address to the passing to the larger life of two Past Grand Masters, Brothers Robert C. Stewart and James W. Willson, two strong pillars of Masonry in New Mexico.

The Grand Master held fifteen special communications during the year, largely for dedicatory and corner-stone ceremonials. The steady growth of the Order is seen in the instituting of three new lodges.

Regarding the refusal of a candidate to use the word—Swear—in the E. A. degree, the Grand Master commends the action of the Worshipful Master in ordering his removal from the lodge. Since the word so far as Masonry is concerned means precisely what we mean by "vow" or "solemnly affirm" the Grand Master rather tartly, but justly said,

"anyone so literal minded as to be unable to draw the distinction between the Biblically inhibited sense of swear, and its use in our rituals would be of doubtful value to Masonry."

Among his recommendations is the rather unusual one of "reducing the per capita tax required of constituent lodges." In these days of extra per capita assessments this is unusual!

Public Schools occupy a large place in the thought and activity of the brethren in New Mexico, which we are glad to see, although a bit doubtful of the wisdom and propriety of a Grand Lodge advocating and endorsing the Towner-Sterling Bill, in which this correspondent most fervently believes.

The Grand Master is evidently hitting at "something" which he does not specifically name in these words: "Masonry is unalterably opposed to any agency or organization, that would assume to substitute anarchy or mob rule for constitutional government and law, or which by insidious propaganda would poison the minds of the uninformed and arouse thereby a distrust in the integrity and high purposes of our institutions." Which beating about the bush reminds us of a saying of old Father Taylor of the Seaman's Bethel in Boston, who was repeatedly disturbed by a garrulous old woman in the congregation. Father Taylor said, "if the good sister in the red hat and plaid shawl, sitting on the end seat of the second row, does not stop talking, I shall point her out."

The George Washington Memorial is heartily endorsed and efforts are underway to complete the State quota at once. The M. S. A. is also commended.

A resolution was adopted authorizing a continuation of the Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Committee, to work in conjunction with like committees of other Grand Lodges, for this end.

An address of unusual power and interest was given by the Grand Representative from Missouri, M. W. Brother William F. Kuhn, on the subject, "The Symbolism of Freemasonry."

Respecting Mexico, a resolution was submitted and referred to the Foreign Correspondence Committee, to the effect that recognition be withdrawn from the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and extended to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. Said Committee "urgently" recommended that said resolution be not adopted. Carried. If there is such a difference of opinion and confusion of ideas, not to say vacillating policies, on the very border of Mexico respecting which Grand Lodge to recognize it rather behooves such far away jurisdictions as ours to "go slow" in the matter of choosing either. Indeed it seems to this writer that for forty-eight jurisdictions in the United States, to say nothing of those distributed over the world, to choose in a kind of uncalculating venture, one or the other of these Grand Lodges, is only to add to *their* confusion and to *confirm* their very divisions and differences by strengthening one against the other. In this opinion a mere novice at this table may be wrong but why not wait until such fraternal divisions are healed, and, as in the case of

Queensland, there is United Grand Lodge of Mexico? Such recognition, some Grand Lodges chosing to recognize the York Grand Lodge, and others the Valle de Mexico, can easily lead to "confusion worse confounded." The truth of the Great Light might well stay precipitate action, "Who made me a judge and divider over you?" Indeed we have read so much on both sides of the question, and each, on paper, makes out such a convincingly clear case for itself, that we are rather forced to the conclusion, that when "the house is swept and garnished," it will be time to consider an invitation. "First be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." Thus saith the Great Light and we may well take that counsel as "the rule and guide of our faith and conduct" in the matter of recognition of either opposing Mexican Grand Lodge.

Brief reports of twelve out of fourteen D. D. G. Ms. embellished the proceedings and indicate faithful and patient work quietly performed.

The Correspondence Report is written by M. W. Brother John Milne and is of the "topical" kind. A symposium of the opinions of various Grand Lodges, quoted from Grand Masters' addresses and committee reports on such controversial themes as Physical Qualifications, DeMolay, the M. S. A., the Higher Degrees, and Mexico (and numerous other subjects) makes enlightening reading and gives one an instructive evening of Masonic opinion and legislative action. If the topical review must be used, this is the way to do it. Maine is hardly glimpsed in his travels but we do not complain since there is at least the consolation that our actions were so much in keeping with the usual practices and customs of the fraternity wheresoever dispersed, as not to call for criticism and censure. The "noiseless tenor of our ways," makes no great disturbance in the Masonic world, but at least "harmony is still the strength and support of all societies, more especially ours," in Maine.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1922.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership 45,027, increase 6,462. 357 lodges on the roll.

The M. W. Grand Master Bro. William Thompson was relected for the eighth consecutive time, and says that during this long term of service he has seen ninety-two lodges consecrated and the membership nearly double. He also says that it is especially gratifying to see the large numbers of young members, who "bring with them the increased vigor and vitality of youth." He avers also that the kind and quality of that membership is constantly improving.

Some friction arose between the Ancient Craft and Royal Arch Masonry which caused some heated debates regarding the relative merits of the two, but the Grand Master said: "The lodges have loyally observed my message (a circular letter) and we have since had no further complaints."

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

A new and noble philanthropy — The Masonic Orphan School — was launched during the year to be supported by the necessary means from various funds in possession of the Grand Lodge.

Thirty-six pages of the proceedings are devoted to the reports of the Grand Inspector of Workings and his various deputies which show careful and conservative administration on the part of these officers whose quiet and unassuming labors are very like those of our D. D. G. Ms. in Maine. We notice as an item of interest in these reports that during the great flood, "the water reached a height of five feet, four inches in the South room of the lodge."

We note with fraternal appreciation the recording in the "necrology" of the name of our beloved frater and Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Albro E. Chase.

This Grand Jurisdiction has what is to us a rather interesting officer called "the Grand Bard," who writes odes and lyrics for special Masonic occasions, a kind of poet-laureate for the Craft. It is fairly good poetry too, as witness this quatrain in an extended poem in praise and honor of the Orphan Home:

"A brave beginning of the kindly aim
Makes happy promise of a work complete,
Which shall enwreath about the Mason name
A lasting glory and a memory sweet."

R. W. Brother W. H. Ore acceptably and inspiringly filled this exalted office.

A matter looming large in the vision of the Craftsmen of New South Wales is a Masonic College. A gift of 100,000 pounds sterling, a princely donation in terms of our American dollars, is the foundation for this noble educational and Masonic enterprise which we shall watch with great interest and increasing enthusiasm. The generous frater's name must not go unmentioned, W. Bro. Charles Knolling, better far than his liberality is the inspired vision which can see beyond these years and erect monuments not of cold dead masonic stones, but living temples "not made with hands" in the lives and characters of young manhood. Evidently Brother Knolling believes in that promise of the Great Light, "your sons shall be as corner-stones in the temple of the Most High." Congratulations and kindest fraternal greetings to a noble undertaking which does credit and honor to both the giver and the recipient.

The interest of the brethren in education is seen in the laying of a corner-stone for a Masonic School (not the above mentioned college). The entire program is given with the speeches all of which ring true to all that is noblest and best in our Order. A sentence from the speech of Brother Knolling on this occasion and speaking of his own princely gift for the Masonic College will be of interest as showing the simplicity and worth of the man: "It was a gift not made on the spur of the moment, but is one to which I have given a great deal of consideration. It did not in any way impoverish my wife, or me, and even had it done so, I have been a member of the Craft since 1878, and know enough about it to have confidence that, in the event of anything happening to me, the Masons would take very great care of Mrs. Knolling. I think that when King Solomon started to set corner-stones about the world, he did a very good

piece of work." We would like to dwell longer on this kind of Masonic manhood and this type of practical Masonic enterprise, but space is denied for further elaboration. Here however is a paranthetical sentence which we cannot forego reprinting (Three cheers, and an extra one or two, were then given for Wor. Bro. and Mrs. Knolling). Had we been there we should have been of that number, with a mist in our eyes and bit of a prayer in our heart. And across these limitless spaces of sea and land from Maine to New South Wales we cannot refrain from joining in a fervent "God Bless You" to these two, noble man and wife, whose eyes have seen beyond these confines of time and place, and are building God's house "wherein are many mansions," of which indeed this college may well be one.

We note the passing of the Grand Bard, Wor. Bro. W. H. Ore (quoted above) and his poetry will long keep fresh with living green his honored memory. We notice the "cancelling" of this office after the death of Bro. Ore.

The report of Wor. Bro. William Epps, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, is a somewhat brief resume of the Masoric world during the year. He makes a most interesting compilation of the number of new members received over the Masonic world during year, which reaches when aggregated the splendid total of 627,095; while he estimates the membership in the English speaking Grand Lodges at 2,772,612.

A large variety of other subjects are written by the five various members of the Committee. Such topics, are ably treated, as Masonic Education, Masonic Homes, British Masonry, Condition of the Order, Physical Qualifications, and Masonic Poetry. Distinctively American topics are treated especially the Masonic Service Association, and the George Washington Memorial. "As Others See Us" is a compilation of the different opinions of the various Grand Lodges of the world, respecting New South Wales, and surely with such a glittering, galaxy of praise and commendation as Brother Epps gives us we should be indeed proud to give these golden opinions in print.

We regret that space will not permit a longer consideration of these subjects, so comprehensively and intelligently treated and which show a grasp of these matters truly marvellous especially of such distinctively American themes as noticed above.

NEW YORK, 1923.

The One Hundred and Forty-second Annual Communication

Membership 286,594. There are 921 lodges, every one of which made returns. There were present eight Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of sixty-three Grand Jurisdictions. R. W. Wm. J. Moore was present for Maine.

This communication of Grand Lodge was honored by the presence of M. W. Bros. Geo. W. Fortmeyer and Andrew L. Randell, of New Jersey and Texas.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Arthur S. Tompkins, in opening his annual address avers his belief in the spirit of our institution as the solution

of the world's difficulties. He says: "This spirit has taken hold of the world in this generation as never before in the world's history. There is more of the fraternal spirit — more of the spirit of service — more of the spirit of giving and doing for others, more of the unselfish spirit than ever before since time began." This unbounded optimism, almost brutal and even depressing in its exuberance, has challenged our admiration, if not quite convinced our judgment. When he says, however, in continuing his cheerful analysis that, "Freemasonry has had a large part in the moulding of this spirit, and should be the first and most effective leader in the field of human service," we follow him with more certitude and reasoned conviction. His extended and arduous labors are indicated by this sentence "I have spoken to approximately seventy-five thousand Masons." A long list of ceremonies attended shows in a small measure the character and quality of his official service.

We note with fraternal pleasures the accrediting of R. W. Brother Wm. J. Moore as our Maine Representative and we send a cordial greeting of welcome and fraternal good-will to Brother Moore.

Brother Tompkins issued twenty-four dispensations for new lodges. Speaking of one incidental cost of the large Masonic Home, he said: "It is estimated that it costs \$1,000 per year to maintain each patient in the Hospital." As there are sixty-one patients the aggregate is large.

Grand Master Tompkins is an ardent advocate of the American Public School and believes that emphasis should be laid upon the duty of guarding and defending it, "as the corner-stone and bulwark of our liberties and the only sure guaranty of our stability and perpetuity as a republic."

Respecting the M. S. A. he recommends the appropriation of "our pro rata share of the cost of its maintenance."

He suspended the charter of one lodge for allowing its officers to solicit life insurance from petitioners. We read: "Their method was to intimate to petitioners that unfavorable action would be taken upon their petitions unless they took our life insurance."

An extended account of the establishing of lodges in the Republic of Finland makes interesting reading. The Grand Lodge of New York has constituted several lodges there, and we find that if one more is constituted there will be the requisite number to form a Grand Lodge of their own in that country. A similar service has been rendered in Roumania and a letter received today from the R. W. Grand Secretary, Robert J. Kenworthy, informs your Correspondent that three lodges have been constituted by New York in that country, all three in the City of Bukharest. In closing his letter he says: "We trust that our Rumanian Brethren will be permitted to enjoy the privilege of visiting lodges in your jurisdiction."

The Grand Lodge of New York is an ardent champion of a Masonic International Association. Membership in the Masonic Service Association would certainly (in logic and consistency) warrant such an organization, while our pretensions to a world-wide fraternity would seem to point in the same direction. Eight pages of the Grand Master's address deals with this subject as suggested by the invitation of the Swiss Grand Lodge

Alpina, in which New York participated. P. G. M. Wm. S. Farmer, carried forward the correspondence which had this result. Well, we seem to be moving pretty fast in these latter days and it may be that this is the manifest destiny of the Masonic Fraternity. Some elements are participating in this International which we of Maine must eye askance, and we are glad to find in these eight pages this rather suggestive and significant line, "We hope that time will purge the Association of the bodies that are not truly Masonic." To our conservative Maine thought it will need a powerful dose of a most puissant purgative to produce the desired result.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Orient of Italy (not the National Grand Lodge of Italy) which is in fraternal relations with such conservative Grand Lodges as England and Scotland. A distinguished guest at this session was M. W. Brother Domizio Torrigiani, Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy, who gave an interesting and instructive speech of several pages.

New York also established fraternal relation at this session with the three Grand Lodges of Columbia, viz: Of Barranquilla, of Bogota, of Cartagena. These cities marking the seat or headquarters of these three distinctive Grand Lodges of Columbia. Sometime there may be a United Grand Lodge, instead of divided territory, in Columbia when it will be a simplified matter to extend such recognition.

The Grand Lodges of Guatemala and of Venezuela were also recognized.

We have always hailed the work of the Grand Historian of New York, R. W. Brother Ossian Lang, as of a high order of merit both as history and as literature. This year confirms our judgment and Brother Lang's report has given us an hour's delightful pleasure and instructive guidance in the annals of the past. The Beginnings of Freemasonry in Ireland is the general subject which he handles under several sub-titles and a novel by Stevenson is the only thing that we can think of as in any way comparable to the clear and flowing narration of Brother Lang. It is history as J. R. Green first taught us to write it. We herewith express our gratitude to Brother Lang and congratulate New York on the calibre of mind and quality of the work of its Grand Historian.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is written by M. W. Brother Samuel Nelson Sawyer and consists of one hundred and four pages of delightful, if sometimes unduly brief, review. Maine has no cause for complaint for the generous review is longer than the average and deals cordially with our actions. "Much good thought is packed into the address" of Grand Master Wheeler, and a citation or two is given to prove his conviction. Brother Chas. B. Davis is praised for "a beautiful tribute to the memory of P. G. M. Chase." Your correspondent is quoted several times and given credit for "a most acceptable report."

An "Addendum" is printed at the end on "Masonic Condition in Europe," which is filled with informative things and expressed in sinewy and clear English which it is a delight to caress with the mind. Here is a sample taken both for its literary value and its instructive quality:—

"Thoughtful brethren, more especially in those parts of Europe which have suffered most by the war, told again and again how the hopes of their people are centered in America as the only universally trusted nation whose leadership all would gladly follow to find a way out of the bewildering chaos, dispondency and suffering. To Masonry particularly they look for help that the nations may arrive at a better understanding of one another, that mutual trust may be established, that the ideals of the Craft may become the practical guides out of a labyrinth of prejudice, dissension and selfishness. Masonry has the saving message: All we are brothers and the God of Love is our Father."

NEW ZEALAND, 1922.

The Thirty-third Annual Communication.

Membership 19,715, net gain 1,743. There are 240 lodges on the roster.

The format of the printed proceeding and the routine of the annual communication differ in marked measure from the American Grand Lodges, following the methods and procedure of the Mother Grand Lodge of England.

Election seems to be the first step in the order and it seems to be done by motion and nominating speech from the floor, and not by formal ballot as with us. In this case the Grand Master was unanimously chosen in the person of Viscount Jellicoe of Scapa, G. C. B., O. M., G. C. V. O., or M. W. Brother John Rushworth; the name of Viscount Jellicoe is not only an honored household word throughout the British Empire, but it is held in high respect by the American Navy and is probably almost as well known and honored in households of the United States as in many parts of the British Dominions.

In the course of discussion on funds and benevolence we find this line which is true and to the credit of Scotsmen as we know them in America: "The Board (of Benevolence) was largely composed of Scotsmen, and it had acted with Scottish prudence in its investments. It had been careful to see that the investments it made were such as would yield something more than *mere par* if they had to be realized upon." The dour, thrifty, canny Scot can be relied upon in these matters at any time and everywhere and happy is the Grand Lodge of New Zealand in possessing such careful conservative brethren.

Among many honored names on the roll of "Necrology" we see two of Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers Herbert James Williams and Christopher J. W. Griffiths. May it be true of these, and others on the roll, as was said in Holy Writ, "They do rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Among the Grand Representatives we notice with pleasure the name of W. Brother John J. Marr to represent New Zealand near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

The growth of our Order in New Zealand is shown by the fact that twenty-four new lodges were constituted during the year.

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland is fraternally recognized at this communication.

Irregular lodges exist in this Grand Jurisdiction, a spurious and clandestine organization called "Co-Masonry." We are informed that this body admits women and practices the forms, ceremonies, signs and general work of Freemasonry. A warning was issued to the brethren that attendance on such spurious lodges would be considered a violation of their Masonic obligation and open them to Masonic discipline.

A movement is on foot with the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, so that New Zealand may have Masonic Jurisdiction over the Island of Samoa. New Zealand hopes to participate in the next Australian Conference of Grand Lodges, a conference from which they were reluctant to be absent at the last session.

Report is made under "Condition of the Craft" that all is prosperous and progressive.

After the official investiture and enthronement of the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Viscount Jellicoe, he delivered an address in which he expressed gratitude for the high honor conferred upon him and his resolve to be worthy of the best traditions and inspiring ideals of the Craft. He pointed out to the assembled brethren the challenging opportunities and duties of the present and how each member may "be a marked influence for good by fulfilling their obligations." The speech was like the man, strong and direct, going to the pith and core of Masonic truth and duty.

The report closes with the various returns from the nine Masonic Districts all of which evidence a steady growth. The quiet and unassuming service of Provincial Grand Master (corresponding to our D. D. G. Ms. in Maine) is counting in the constructive building of the Craft in New Zealand.

There is no Report of Fraternal and Foreign Correspondence.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1923.

The One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership 38,348, net gain 1,728. There are 462 lodges on the roll. There were present twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions, including M. W. Brother A. S. Holden for Maine. A distinguished guest in the person of M. W. Brother Andrew L. Randell, of Texas, was formally greeted from the Grand East.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother James H. Webb, in opening his annual address spoke in fitting and tender terms of the passing of Past Grand Master John W. Cotton, a pillar of Masonic strength in North Carolina.

The steady growth of the Order is seen by the granting of eight dispensations for new lodges during the year. The George Washington Memorial receives high praise from the Grand Master, who urges the brethren to contribute their full quota to this national enterprise.

The quality of the Grand Master is seen in his arresting the charter of a lodge for the following offense: "The seduction of a brother Master Mason's daughter," the culprit admitted his offense, alleging as a defense

that he did not know that the woman was a Master Mason's daughter. The lodge, under this plea, voted him "not guilty" and in seventeen days elected him Master. The Grand Master said, "I ordered the arrest of the charter, for its (the Lodge's) gross immorality in electing and installing a man as Master of the lodge within sixty days after he had admitted his guilt on a charge of seduction, this being an offense against Masonry, morality and common decency, and a violation of the criminal law of the State." There is no curvature of the spine in Grand Master Webb's make up and we glory in that kind and quality of Masonic manhood and American citizenship.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum is the pride of North Carolina Masons for which they make each year a large appropriation. In connection with this institution there is also the Hicks Memorial Hospital which has been recently completed and endowed by the efforts of the Craft. There is also at Greensboro, a Masonic Home, supported by the Grand Lodge and as usual in many jurisdictions by the O. E. S. So thoroughly convinced is the Grand Master of the worth of the O. E. S. that he urges "a closer affiliation of the two Orders." We do not know what is in the Grand Master's mind when he uses these words, but we are not even suspicious believing that his idea and ideal is exactly that of the Great Light which counsels us, "To keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

He deplores, and it seems to be a general complaint in nearly every Grand lodge, "the lack of instruction in the great foundation principles of the Order."

An "Oration" by Brother E. S. Parker, is printed in full and touches in a vital way upon the fundamentals and their application to the problems and issues of our day. Another speech, for which we can unhesitatingly vouch, although it is not printed, was given by M. W. Brother Randall of Texas, Executive Secretary of the M. S. A. The subject was of course the aims, objects and work of the Association, essentially the same, in all probability as that delivered this year (1923) at our May Communication and which enthralled and if we may use the word, "stampeded" the brethren.

A resolution endorsing the Near East Relief was adopted, and commending contributions from lodges and individuals for this worthy cause.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

We note also the appearance at this communication of the M. W. Grand Master of Virginia, Bro. Jas. H. Price, who was cordially and impressively greeted from the Grand East and made fitting response to this welcome.

The Jurisprudence Committee takes common-sense ground in the matter of physical qualification by saying: "Maim or deformity after initiation shall not prevent a brother (that is E. A. or F. C.) from advancement, and should not prevent a candidate being initiated, provided such candidate can by artificial means, comply with the requirements." This is the custom and practice for some time in Maine, and is now a part of the recognized law.

"The Present Day Challenge to Masonry" is the title of a splendid

"Oration" by the Rev. C. K. Proctor. It touches the deep and more vital things of the Craft, traces the historical connection of the Order with present day duties and responsibilities of our membership. This was given at the Grand Lodge St. John's Day celebration on June 24th, at Oxford.

Each of the forty-three Masonic Districts, is reported by the various D. D. G. Ms., and is a brief summary of tasks performed and painstaking unobtrusive labors achieved.

There is no report of Foreign Correspondence, included in our copy of the annual proceedings, but we notice the name of M. W. Brother Henry A. Grady, in the Grand Treasurer's report as drawing salary as "Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence." We know from former reports of Brother Grady, regarding fraternal recognition, that the good brother, could do a worth while work worthily and well.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1923.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership 14,773, net gain 398. There were present ten Past Grand Masters, and the the Representatives of forty Grand Jurisdictions, including M. W. Brother Edwin A. Riply, the Present Grand Master, for Maine.

A distinguished guest, in the person of M. W. Brother Tom Morris, P. G. M., of Minnesota, was greeted and welcomed with the usual honors from the Grand East. An event touching in its significance, was the official welcome extended to the Masonic veterans of fifty years' standing. A custom established last year and evidently settling into a permanent practice.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Edwin A. Ripley, pays fitting tribute to two Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers Louis A. Jacobson, and Grant Sherman Hager, who was also Fraternal Correspondent. We chanced (who shall say it was not something deeper) to open this year's proceedings at Brother Hager's picture and eulogy. And the surprised pain which came over us at the thought of the loss to Masonry, and to the Correspondence Table, of so "good and great a man as our Grand Master" Hager, cannot be told in words. We had always opened to his review first of all when reading these proceedings and never with disappointment. It had come to be like the word of a personal friend. It is good to see the reverent regard of the North Dakotan brethren for him and their tender regret at his passing to "where beyond our voices there is peace." Here truly is fulfillment of the poet's words:

"The loss of our picked and chosen

The long years may not fill."

We too, from this far Eastern land, would place our little flower of remembrance and affection upon his green and hallowed mound and gently murmur (in solus) "At Rest, in Peace with God."

The sure and steady growth of our Order, is seen by the instituting of three (and the constituting of one) new lodges in North Dakota.

Grand Master Ripley proclaimed "Public School Week" throughout the jurisdiction which was observed by nearly every lodge. He has many vital words to say on the subject.

Among his recommendations we notice this rather radical, and certainly unusual paragraph, "A few members of the fraternity have taken advantage of the national bankruptcy act, and listed among their liabilities, claims due to members of our fraternity. This appears a violation of an obligation as to cheating and defrauding a brother, and constitutes a Masonic offense." We demur quite considerably at this, granting that it may sometimes be so, yet the U. S. Government surely passed that law, this bankruptcy act, with the idea in mind, that under exceptional circumstances, such proceedings are perfectly legitimate and regular and may be entirely proper if done honorably and in good faith. Else why the law at all? If a brother acts honorably in taking advantage of the law, and frankly and honestly, with no intent at deceit or fraud, gives his list of assets and liabilities, how has he committed a legal offense? Even ethical wrong is open to doubt provided these honorable conditions are observed. Perhaps it may be left in this way, even if there has been intent to defraud a brother:

"He who wrongs his friend, wrongs himself more,
And ever bears about a silent court of justice
In his breast, himself the judge and jury
And himself the prisoner at the bar, ever condemned."

North Dakota endorses the Order of DeMolay, and is interested in a Masonic Dormitory at the State University for all teachers and students who are members of the Order. This is to be done by solicitation of the "sinews" from members of the Fraternity.

The Thompson Memorial Prize established in honor of the memory of the second Grand Master, and for eighteen years Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Frank J. Thompson. It is an oratorical prize to be given to any student in North Dakota (college or university). It was won this year by Mr. J. Duane Squires of the State University, there being only one other competitor. His Oration is printed in full and is good reading. It deals with the League of Nations, an impassioned defense of this much discussed and debated plan for World Peace. His subject is "The Hour of Destiny."

The memorial address for M. W. Brother Grant Sherman Hager, was eloquently delivered by M. W. Brother Walter L. Stockwell, and is a tender and fervent eulogy of friendship and respect. A touching letter is also printed from Mrs. Hager which reveals a pure and noble womanhood. In the course of this letter we notice Brother Hager's devotion to the Craft, which so honored and loved him, of a gift of five hundred dollars, a fund to be used for the purchase of books, preferably history and biography, which Brother Hager loved, for the Masonic Library.

The Fraternal Correspondence is written by M. W. Brother George H. Phelps, who was appointed to succeed Brother Hager. Brother Hager had finished "North Carolina" and this is printed first, a kind of melancholy reminder of Brother Hager's manner and method of approaching his work.

Brother Phelps's review is in contra-distinction to Brother Hager's, being of the "topical" variety. Good of its kind, even superlatively good, but the kind is the "bete noir" of the majority of reviewers. Brother Phelps' covers the whole field of Masonic subjects, quoting at large length from Grand Masters and Committees, and Correspondence reports. It leaves little to be desired on any subject pro or con. We are glad to learn in the "Conclusion" that the report "was made possible by the foresight and effort of Miss Clara A. Richards, librarian, who clipped and topically arranged all the material which we have quoted in the preceding pages. We present it, fully realizing that it is crude and incomplete, realizing our youth and inexperience, and that the brethren may exercise that truly Masonic virtue, charity."

Maine is not cited, but its on the map, and occupies quite a large place in old New England.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1923.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership 9,224, net gain 241. Number of Lodges 94.

There were present five Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-five Grand Lodges, including R. W. Bro. J. H. Winfield for Maine, the present Grand Master.

As is customary with this Grand Lodge the usual Divine Service was held preliminary to the formal opening of the annual communication. The Grand Chaplain, Canon E. A. Harris, delivered the sermon from the text, Acts IV, II, from which text he drew illustrations from the working tools of the earlier operative craftsmen and made practical application to the issues and problems of today.

An honored guest was present in the person of M. W. Brother A. P. Shatford, Grand Master of Quebec, who spoke words of eloquence and inspiration at the evening session.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother James Henry Winfield, delivered his annual address in which he said, "that the past year has been one of steady growth and consolidation rather than a continuation of feverish numerical increase. More interest is being evinced in the admission of the right kind of material, in the proper instruction of candidates, and in earnest desire to make Masonry a living power for good."

Among his pleasant duties was the laying of two corner-stones and scores of "visitations," which were appreciated by the brethren and became a source of inspiration to himself.

In the course of a somewhat extended list of "Decisions" we find a rather rigid adherence to the physical perfection fetish and as one of these injuries, was not being able to raise the right arm "higher than his chin" the result, as he tells us, of an injury in the late war,—it must have rather torn his heart-strings to say, "He cannot be admitted." It was not the Grand Master's fault, rigid rules bound him so that he could not do otherwise, but the Fraternity is "in wrong" when it must penalize patriotism and loyal service to one's country in time of need. Some man who escaped or perhaps evaded that service, might be admitted.

Another decision is this, respecting the O. E. S.: "Without in any way challenging the good faith, the excellent intentions and splendid work being done by the women members of the Eastern Star, I hold that no Mason has a right, *as a man*, to join a body which admits those who would not be admitted to a Masonic lodge under our jurisdiction." Which is a tactful way of putting a disagreeable truth.

He reports the Home at Windsor as "progressing in a splendid manner" and the report of the official Home Committee would indicate that these words were amply justified.

Two full page illustrations of gifts to the Grand Lodge, from the Hon. Alex. Keith heirs, are given,—they consist of an elaborate silver centre-piece, candelabra, and five beautiful silver trowels.

He makes mention of the One Hundred Anniversary of Unity Lodge, No. 4, at Lunenburg, and gives the order of exercises on that occasion.

The human, very human, temper of this communication, is indicated by the fact that a motion to the effect that in "future communications no entertainment (or Harbor Excursion) shall be allowed to interfere with the programme of Grand Lodge." We read with a broad smile, "Motion Lost." How much we can gather from those two small words!

Reports of the ten D. D. G. Ms. are given in full and show the same characteristic spirit of painstaking unobtrusive work, loyally done by craftsmen whose names suggest the old Scottish Clans.

We notice that "during the afternoon the members of Grand Lodge and ladies were entertained by an excursion on the Harbor." Here is a rather resounding echo of that "Motion Lost," as indicated above, and they "rubbed it in," with these words: "It was much enjoyed and a cordial vote of thanks was passed, and *carried unanimously*." Oh, brothers!

The Committee on Jurisprudence, which has such matters in charge in Nova Scotia, asked that the request for fraternal recognition by Ecuador and the National Grand Lodge of Italy, be laid over for another year. Yes, at least that!

The same committee while, "O. K-ing" the Grand Master's decisions relative to physical perfection, demurs respecting a "Stiff-knee" by saying, "such application should be received." We notice, for what it is worth, that this applicant is "the present mayor" of the town wherein the lodge is located.

An invitation was accepted to visit the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland, where M. W. Brother Lord Amphill, Pro. Grand Master of England was to install the District Grand Master designate. Lord Amphill was also invited to visit the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The Report on Correspondence is written by M. W. Brother James C. Jones, Grand Secretary, and is an excellent review. He quotes largely, but comments judiciously and always uses choice language. A touch of the ironic appears in these words: "One very prominent enthusiast delivered a great oration before his Grand Lodge on the wonders of Societies known as the Rainbow, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, Eastern Star, etc., and intimates that they should all be Masonic." He then rightly asks,

"Why not let them stand on their own feet and work out their own salvation?" Yes, brother, chasing Rainbows and Job's Daughters *is* rather unmasonic.

Maine is cordially considered, and our M. W. Grand Master, Brother and Judge Albert M. Spear, is emphatically commended for his address from which a large citation is made. The lamented and untimely departure of M. W. Brother Frank E. Sleeper, the sad news of whose death came during our last session, is tenderly recorded by Brother Jones and we of Maine appreciate his words, "we would just here extend our sympathy to the Grand Lodge of Maine in the loss of so able and eminent a member." A kindly fraternal word which we receive from an honored and beloved neighboring jurisdiction.

This correspondent thanks Brother James C. Jones for his words of greeting and generous praise for his report and his fraternal wish, "that he may be 'on the job' for many years." That rests with the Good Lord and the Grand Master!

OHIO, 1923.

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 179,788; gain, 7,447. Number of lodges, 597.

There were present twenty-four Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-nine Grand Lodges. Our good friend and brother M. W. O. P. Sperra was "on the job" for Maine.

After a few impressive preliminaries Grand Lodge was formally opened, and M. W. Bro. Harry S. Johnson delivered his annual address. Among the noble and notable names on the roll of necrology we see that of Brother Warren Gamaliel Harding, President of the United States. A clear portrait of the beloved Chief Executive is given, together with his Masonic record and eloquent tribute as one "who rose to eminence through the practice of those virtues which Masonry ever seeks to inculcate."

We notice with pleasure that the Grand Master appreciates in words of fervent commendation the services of the twenty-five Grand Lecturers as men to whom the Grand Lodge of Ohio, "owes an everlasting debt of gratitude for their untiring, unselfish, and self-sacrificing labor of love."

The steady and constructive growth of the Craft is seen in the issuing of five dispensations for new lodges during the Grand Master's term. Similar evidence is shown in the constituting of six others; while thirty-seven temples were dedicated and nineteen corner-stone ceremonials were conducted.

Grand Master Johnson outlines and eulogizes the plans and achievements of the Ohio Masonic Home as the place where "you find Masonry at work." He recommends the gift of five hundred dollars for the Fort Bayard Club House in New Mexico where are gathered many brethren stricken with tuberculosis. The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the A. & A. S. R. has sponsored this noble philanthropy by the gift of \$25,000.00.

The Grand Master showed the sound mettle of his Grand Mastership by severely disciplining the Worshipful Master of Bradford Lodge for evading the laws of the State and the constitutional requirements of Grand

Lodge by conducting a "raffle" for an automobile. The scheme was that a Club of Masons should sell the tickets and the lodge be released from any responsibility, but Grand Master Johnson called "the bluff" in no uncertain language by showing that every Mason was subject to Grand Lodge discipline and authority. The Master was suspended, and the Senior Warden directed to recall the tickets, and Grand Lodge abundantly justified and approved the action of its Grand Master.

M. W. Brother Johnson deals in no uncertain terms with extraneous and parasitic organizations which like tumors and cancers have fastened on the Masonic body and seem determined to drain blood from it. Here are a few of his words: "The Grotto staged a performance so indecent that many members of that organization protested. This same organization carried a full-page advertisement of a circus under its auspices on Sunday, and on another occasion conducted a minstrel show in a Masonic auditorium on Sunday, while in each case the Grotto issued a proclamation which was a shock to the moral sensibilities of many Masons." But the Grotto was not the only offender the Shrine, too, comes in for this arraignment: "It conducted a circus at which there was gambling and the Police Department put a stop to it. This same Shrine secured a show from a theatre which had been closed by the Mayor on account of its vile and indecent performance and put it on in connection with its work, intoxicating liquors at this ceremonial led to much drunkenness, etc." We have not the heart to go on with this cataloguing of offenses which outrage decency and manhood but enough has been quoted to evidence beyond the shadow of doubt that Freemasonry cannot for long carry such a foul and filthy burden as is here outlined and which is not peculiar to the State of Ohio. Truly Masonry has nobly combated every open and insidious attack from without, but such things as these gives us incontrovertible evidence that it may easily be undermined from within. Truly as the Great Light says, "a man's foes are they of his own household," and today our greatest enemies are not other hierarchy of any church, but such membership as would demean itself in such ways and bring reproach and shame upon the Masonic name. When such things occur the hard and difficult way, is, in the long run, the easiest way, and every Grand Lodge has the remedy in its own hands. If the Grotto and Shrine will not "set its own house in order" then obeying the action of Elijah of old who "went forth unto the springs of the waters and cast the cleansing salt in there" each Grand Lodge can cleanse and purify itself and at the same time render an incalculable service not alone to Freemasonry but to every organization which derives from it. And in the language of Hamlet, "it's a consummation devoutly to be wished," when such evils are flaunted in the face of the public by Masons who bear the name only, but are lacking the real substance of Masonic manhood.

Giving such space to the splendid sterling qualities of Grand Master Johnson in his dealing with such insidious evils, leaves but brief space to chronicle the more formal legislative actions of this honored Grand Lodge of Ohio.

We notice that Brother Sperra is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and we venture the guess that he is responsible for this report respecting the National Grand Lodge of Italy, which accords with our own somewhat extended and careful consideration of the same request, "The uncertainty of National affairs in this unsettled country compel us to advise that further consideration of the request of the National Grand Lodge of Italy for official fraternal recognition by this Grand Lodge be indefinitely postponed."

With a kind of wistfully tender appreciation we see the honored name of M. W. Brother Frank Eugene Sleeper included among those of the "Dead of other Grand Jurisdictions."

Fifteen pages in Appendix H, are given to the program in dedication of Rickly Memorial Hospital, a worthy philanthropy in connection with the Ohio Masonic Home. A full-page photograph is included showing a building of impressive architecture. Past Grand Master Barton Smith delivered the address of dedication in his usual style of clear and forceful eloquence. We would like to quote at length from this gem of forensic power, but space forbids such a pleasure. Here, however, are a few words which must be quoted because they show the Smith brand of Masonic manhood and a sure grasp of realities. Barton Smith has no hesitancy in speaking "of that horrible masked thing which under the pretense of false patriotism threatens a reign of terror, the sure forerunner of civil war in our country, which fills the world with wild attempts to substitute oppression, cruelty and crime for the lawful, peaceable reign of truth." That is just a sample of his way and with his personality back of such words, we can understand the effect of such an address upon the assembled brethren.

Brother Sperra submits the annual report on Foreign Correspondence, which is equal to his best. He plunges "in media res" by dealing with Alabama first without any frills or preliminaries, and touches on the vital and essential things in each Jurisdiction all the way alphabetically to Wyoming. Ohio is to be felicitated on having a man of this calibre and vision for its Correspondent. He wastes few words on the merely formal routine platitudes, but grasps the gist of legislation and the core of Masonic action and expresses these things in a few graphic gripping words.

Maine is so reviewed and our proceedings are given in such a form that the essential things are covered in three generous pages of kindly comment. Grand Master Spear is commended for a conservative and constructive administration, his words relative to the K. K. K. are given and Brother A. M. Spear is paid the tribute brief, but to the point, of being "an able Grand Master of thoughtfulness and care." Brother Chas. B. Davis is praised for a complete report, and "Tom" Bodge is given aromatic bouquets which he deserves. Your Correspondent is commended for a report—"Interesting, entertaining and able," while we cherish as a kind of personal greeting these words of Brother Sperra: "The Correspondence Report was edited by our friend and brother, P. G. M. Ashley A. Smith, a very capable writer and scholarly in his work." Brother Sperra, we shall try to deserve such kindly praise.

OKLAHOMA, 1923.

The Fifteenth Annual Communication.

Membership 59,730, net increase 4,499. Oklahoma has fourteen lodges with a membership of over 500.

Twenty-one Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of twenty-four Grand Jurisdictions, were present. It is with regret we notice the absence of Maine's representative. We are glad to have clearly explained the apparent discrepancy between the fifteenth annual communication and the presence of twenty-one P. G. Ms. We find that Oklahoma has more P. G. Ms. than any other Grand Lodge in the world, the roll showing thirty-two. The explanation is simple: For many years there was the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, and the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory, and each of these was making a P. G. M. every year. When the consolidation came, there was in Western parlance a real "round up." Oklahoma also claims the youngest Grand Master in the world in the person of M. W. Bro. Leslie H. Swan, who opened his annual address with the usual words of felicitation and greeting, and then like a veteran plunged into the midst of real Masonic work, for in his tabulated record we find twelve new lodges constituted, six organized, while among his other duties was attendance upon thirty-one emergent communications, all of which were for the laying of corner-stones of Public Schools, Churches and Temples. An event which loomed large in his term was the corner-stone ceremonial of the Temple in Oklahoma City, to which the Grand Master gives large place in his address and where the Grand Lodge will hold its sessions next year. Many dispensations to confer degrees in less than the statutory time were issued by him and for which a Grand Master in Maine would receive stern censure and condemnation.

Oklahoma had officially designated November 4th, as a Masonic holiday in commemoration of the Masonic birthday of Bro. George Washington, he says, "I am convinced of its good results."

The Washington Memorial has the hearty and unqualified support of the Oklahoma brethren, and the same may be said of the M. S. A. The Grand Master made four "Decisions" during his term, all of which are safe and soundly progressive. We especially like this, and from the press news which has been coming for some months out of Oklahoma we think we can read between the lines, "No political or other meeting which would tend to impair the peace and harmony of the brethren should be held in our lodge rooms."

His sixteen recommendations are of the like sound tenor, although were we inclined to cavil and carpingly criticise there would be some ground from our Maine point of view. But the old adage "other lands other laws" is the guiding principle in all such differences. It is good to read in his closing words praise for the D. D. G. Ms. in these words: "A more earnest loyal and zealous bunch of good Masons would be difficult to find."

At this point we hail a man of vision who steps to the front with an eloquent "Oration" M. W. Bro. William Mark Sexson. Here is a sample

of his substance and style: "We enjoy the distinction of having the youngest Grand Master of any Jurisdiction. Oklahoma is willing to try an experiment in selecting its younger members as leaders and that experiment has been successful for he has filled the office with dignity and wisdom." Truly Masonry might well try that experiment much oftener than it is prone to do. It was a significant thing which was said by Dr. William Harvey after he had discovered and announced the truth of the circulation of the blood, "I was amazed and discouraged by the fact that no man or physician upwards of forty years of age would believe it." It was only the younger generation that was open to new truth. It is always the young who form a kind of body guard for new truth when she appears as an unattended stranger. And we who have reached beyond forty years may well consider the searching unwelcome truth of old George Meredith:

"Earth loves her young
Our gabbling gray she eyes askant."

Brother Sexson's oration is filled with vital and practical Masonic truth which has challenged our admiration.

The Grand Lodge is an enthusiastic champion of both the George Washington Memorial and the M. S. A. and stands sponsor for the Order of DeMolay for Boys and the Order of the Rainbow for Girls. And as the M. S. A. stands back of DeMolay for Boys so they cordially commend the "Rainbow" as equally worthy of the Masonic Service Association's sponsorship and fostering care.

Another suggestion for practical service is indicated for the M. S. A. in finding out which is the "real Grand Lodge of Mexico" in order that Grand Lodges may act intelligently in extending their fraternal support and recognition. Which strikes us as an excellent constructive suggestion.

Oklahoma is justly proud of its Masonic Home which we learn from the Committee report has a total membership (inmates) of 128. Many pages of the proceedings are given to an extended and detailed report of this Home.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is both graphically and ably written by M. W. Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey whose photograph faces the opening page of the report. It is the face of a man whom we could affectionately reverence which fact we suspected when we read his report and found profound things simply and convincingly expressed. Maine is given adequate space. M. W. Brother Wheeler Grand Master is commended for his strong and virile address; Brother Chase's death is fraternally deplored as a loss to Masonry not only in Maine but throughout the world. Words of cordial greeting and appreciation for a "tip-top" review are extended to this correspondent and these words: "We extend to you Brother Smith our right hand and welcome you to the Reviewers' table and say if you don't see what you want, ask for it." Which latter remark would recall to many the old days of prohibition in Maine but is a gentle rebuke of the fact that Oklahoma "was not seen by the brother in his travels." That's right otherwise it would

have been reviewed as it was last year (1922) and again this year. We are grasping that "right hand of welcome" extended by Brother Humphrey although from Maine to Oklahoma is a long reach. But across the spaces it may be none the less a real hand grasp which reminds us of a saying of Victor Hugo that "there are times when no matter what is the attitude of the body the soul is on its knees in prayer." "So mote it be" with souls and hearts as well as hands.

OREGON, 1923.

The Seventy-third Annual Communication.

There were present eighteen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-two jurisdictions. We note with regret the absence of Maine's Grand Representative.

Chartered lodges, 157 (two U. D.). Membership, 25,331; net gain, 1,582.

M. W. Brother Wm. L. Andrews, Past Grand Master of Virginia, was greeted from the Grand East and made eloquent response in which he outlined the George Washington Memorial project for the edification of the brethren.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother G. G. Brown, noted in the opening of his annual address, the passing of M. W. Brother Silas M. Yoran, P. G. M., and a tower of masonic strength in Oregon.

The steady growth of the Craft in this honored jurisdiction is seen not only in the above statistics, but in the constituting of four, and the organizing of three new lodges. Among the Grand Master's pleasant duties was the laying of three corner-stones.

We note especially the accumulation of an educational fund of \$214,941; yielding an annual income of ten thousand dollars. Eighty-one sons and daughters of Masons are receiving aid from this source. In addition to this, there is a revolving scholarship fund of four thousand dollars which is being utilized for the same purpose. Thus may we see how Oregon builds temples of more worthy and enduring material than granite or marble stone. Every Grand Lodge could easily institute a similar Loan Fund for sons and daughters of Masons. These loans are secured by notes payable in one year, with interest at four per cent., and when paid, reverts to the original fund. Twenty-three students took advantage of this opportunity in loans amounting to sums ranging from fifty to three hundred dollars. Last year Oregon made an appropriation of \$20,000.00 for two student club houses at each of the State Universities.

After loaning \$20,000.00 to the lodges in Astoria for rebuilding its temple lost in the great fire, the Grand Master makes recommendation that Grand Lodge loan to any subordinate lodge "a definite amount of money for purposes of building a temple." We learn that there would be about twelve thousand dollars available for this purpose every year.

An Oration of thirteen full pages was given by the R. W. Grand Orator, Walter C. Winslow, dealing with the traditional history of the institution and drawing vital lessons for our own life and times. Horrible examples like Aaron Burr, Napoleon, Nero and Pilate are cited "to point a moral

and adorn a tale," while several well selected quotations from the poets drive the lesson of real Masonry into our hearts.

During this session of the Grand Lodge the following foreign jurisdictions were recognized: The Grand Lodges of Queensland, Ecuador, Italy, Peru, Brazil and France. Mexico, Argentina and Guatemala were deferred for further investigation; while Roumania was denied on grounds of clandestine relations with doubtful and spurious bodies.

At this point in the proceedings the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of British Columbia was welcomed and made a brief but telling address, on the interstate fraternal relations of these Grand Lodges.

An interesting debate occurred on the constitutional amendment that one year should elapse before petitioning for the so called higher degrees, which was carried. Rather extended controversies seem to occur in Oregon with the statements pro and con on the issues involved, which make interesting and very human reading as they are printed in full.

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted which reads as follows: No Master Mason, shall promote or organize or become a member of any order or fraternal society, whose qualification for membership is that of being a Master Mason, unless such order or fraternal society shall have received the sanction, indorsement or recognition of this Grand Lodge." Exception is made, however, to college fraternities and clubs if such have received the sanction of the faculty of the institution where it is located.

An extended argument, printed apparently in full, on a proposed amendment respecting objections to candidates, makes interesting reading and the amendment, under the guidance of the Jurisprudence Committee, was finally adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions brought in a report advocating the establishing of a system of schools for higher education by the Masonic Fraternity, which was referred to the incoming Grand Master, "to be considered by him and the Trustees whether a definite and concrete plan can be evolved

An excellent Revised Funeral Service is printed in full. It consists of two parts; one for the Lodge Room, and the other, a service to be conducted at the Grave. Both are of adequate brevity and avoid much of the sepulchral, greswome and merely funereal phrasing which has in the process of time become objectionable to our modern thought of immortality and the Great Beyond. Most of our recognized burial and funeral services would be better by the same wholesome revision. Oregon is to be congratulated on its courage in doing a much needed service for the Craft.

The Washington Memorial is cordially endorsed on a one dollar per capita basis which is to be by voluntary subscription.

The founder of the Order of DeMolay for Boys, Brother Frank S. Land, was cordially welcomed and told the brethren of the Order which is only four years old but has a membership of one hundred thousand with 860 chapters. It is with surprise that we learn that chapters have been instituted in the City of Rome, and the City of Milan in Italy, and another in Paris, France. The Order thus becomes an international institution.

The longest debate, covering eight pages of the proceedings, was over the question of establishing and endowing, and contributing annually to Masonic Clubhouses, at the University of Oregon and the Agricultural College, which was finally, after eloquent opposition, adopted by Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted its annual report under separate binding, as Supplement No. 1. It is something of a departure from the usual method of binding the extended and formal report with the Grand Lodge Proceedings. But it is an innovation which is to be commended although the increased expense must be considerable.

M. W. Brother David P. Mason, P. G. M., is the able writer of this review. A brief introduction touches upon several vital Masonic subjects, especially upon DeMolay and the Washington Memorial.

Brother Mason's method of approach to the various Grand Lodges, is not that of criticism but rather of appreciation and commendation. Mere quotation as a space-filler he evidently abhors and devotes his time and space to his own writing which is always clear both in thought and expression. A literary style which is above the average makes reading his report one of the real pleasures of reviewing it.

Maine is given something more than three pages of cordial and courteous attention. Grand Master Wheeler is commended for an administrative Grand Mastership in the dynamic and constructive sense. His words on Liberty and Law are cited. Our routine legislation is considered and commented on with approval. Brother Albro E. Chase is briefly eulogized and we read these words: "We shall miss his words at the round table, where he has become familiar and esteemed."

Your correspondent thanks him for his kindly words of approval and fraternal encouragement and he will try to "make good" for such high praise as the following: "The whole report measures up to the high standard of his predecessors."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1923.

The Forty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership 1,140, a net gain for the year of 55.

Nine Past Grand Masters and twenty-six Grand Representatives, including ours of Maine, were present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. M. Murley, speaks of "age mingling with youth" in the lodges of his jurisdiction as a prophecy and earnest of new vigour animating the brethren. Fitting tribute is paid under "Necrology" to P. G. M. Bro. Roderick McNeill as a craftsman of "sterling character and ability," whose everyday life was guided by the pure principles of the Order, "who was privileged to see this offspring (the Grand Lodge) of his fraternal mind bud, blossom and bear fruit."

The loss of our own M. W. Bro. Frank Eugene Sleeper is duly noted.

The Grand Master evidently enjoyed his visitations as his account teems with little human incidents, apart from the usual formalities, of

such visitations, which make his report in this regard, an unusual delight to read. During his term he granted six dispensations and refused one, although four of these granted, are discouraged in our jurisdiction of Maine being for "out of time" degrees. Seven Grand Representatives were accredited from other Grand Lodges and two appointed, one to Mexico. We note with mingled feelings that it is the York Grand Lodge that is thus recognized. A page of the Grand Master's report is given to the Prince Edward Island Protestant Orphanage which for many years has been aided by the Grand Lodge, and he eloquently pleads for a continuation of support terming such effort, "a building of many Little Temples of the Holy Ghost, each containing a portion of that imperishable part of man which survives the grave and which can never, never die."

Bro. Murley urges caution in the matter of recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Guatemala.

An interesting and convincing statement is made by the Grand Master in urging an annual report on Foreign Correspondence, a report which we have always missed in the annual proceedings of Prince Edward Island. That it would be worthily done we feel confident from the careful and conservative action of this honored jurisdiction in its Masonic practices and usages through many years. Bro. Murley says: "To broaden our outlook and make our contact with those leaders of Masonry living and aggressive, a full and thorough report on Foreign Correspondence, compiled by a competent and earnest committee would appear most desirable if not absolutely necessary. Such a report placed in the hands of the members of this Grand Lodge would enable the Craft to deal with and dispose of many weighty matters fairly and intelligently." We note that the committee on the Grand Master's address heartily "endorses the fine sentiments of the Grand Master, and notes with approbation his views on the necessity of such a report." After careful search, however, we can find nothing further in the way of official action which is the more to be regretted as M. W. Bro. W. P. Doull, as Chairman of the Committee brings in six splendid pages of clear thinking and vital analysis of a few problems and issues expressed in good English which indicates that Prince Edward Island has the man who can do the job if opportunity is given by formal official action. In the word of Burns, "Then let us pray, that come it may." With Bro. Doull it would be a worthy task worthily achieved. It would be a pleasure to quote from this report, but space forbids, and your correspondent of Maine greets Bro. Doull cordially and in the language of the Latin scriptures, fraternally announces to Prince Edward Island, "Ecce Homo."

The Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. E. T. Carbonell, tells of "a steady gain in membership, a vast improvement in conferring degrees and a most decided increase in average attendance." All of which is wholesome progress and prophetic of larger things in the onward years.

Perhaps this is the last time that we regretfully announce that there in no extended report by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

PHILLIPINE ISLANDS, 1923.

The Eleventh Annual Communication.

Membership 6,680, net increase 383. There are eighty-six organized lodges on the roll. There were present seven Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of sixty-two Grand Jurisdictions, including M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Harvey for Maine.

The Governor-General of the Islands, Brother Leonard Wood, was greeted from the Grand East and we learn with interest that "Brother Wood then made a most inspiring address," speaking of Masonic influence in the Islands, and the ideals and aims of the Fraternity. During this ceremony of greeting, it was announced that Brother Wood had been elected to the 33rd degree.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Quintin Paredes, reports in the opening of his address, that marked progress has been made during the year, and "more profound interest has been manifested in the work and purposes of the Order."

In evidence of this we see that he granted nine charters for new lodges during the year. In public ceremonies, such as chartering new lodges and laying corner-stones, he finds and reports that "they do much to wipe out the prejudices still existing, especially at remote places, against the Fraternity." He advocates continuance of these public events in order that people may see what we do and are.

A long list of visitations made, dispensations granted and decisions rendered give some slight indication of the work performed. He issued an edict to the effect that all naval men (U. S.) in Philippine waters should be considered as coming under the jurisdiction of the lodges at Cavite and Olongapo. The achievement standing out above all others for the year he believes "was the work of our Grand Instructors and Lecturers in teaching the ritualistic work of the Grand Lodge." And when we recall that the Islands have been in rather chaotic condition in this regard until last year when all rituals were abandoned except the York Rite which was officially recognized, we can congratulate the Grand Lodge of the Philippines on a real accomplishment in a short time.

Speaking of Masonic Home he avers, what has been the experience of so many others, "it would be more economical and at the same time more satisfactory to the beneficiaries if they were put in some private home instead of being placed in central institutions."

He warns against recognizing or countenancing in any way "certain labor unions or associations" which use the Masonic regalia or ritual thereby creating the impression among "ignorant people" that they are Masonic lodges. He urges the brethren that belong to both to use their influence to discourage the practice, because "it creates a wrong impression of real Masonry."

A resolution which passed to the Committee on Jurisprudence was the rather startling one that sons of Master Masons be allowed to make application at eighteen, all others at twenty-one. A resolution of which we can find nothing later in the proceedings in that Committee's report. In our judgment it ought to die in Committee.

A special Committee on "Insurance" discourages such projects as mutual life and accident insurance, and officially refuses to sanction them. Which has been the custom in most Grand Jurisdictions after severe and sad experience.

An extended resolution of appreciation and congratulation to the Prince of Wales, S. G. W. of the Mother Grand Lodge of England, was formulated and adopted. In the course of that resolution we discover the interesting tradition that in Manila in 1762-63 a British army of occupation established a Field Lodge, and did the first Masonic work in these Islands." We learn, also, the interesting fact that ten years before this Field Lodge was doing this Masonic work, the "Unholy inquisition" had cited brethren to appear before its tribunal.

The writer of the Correspondence report is the Grand Representative of Maine, M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Harvey, who gives a concise yet adequate account of our doings in 1922. M. W. Brother Wheeler is commended for an excellent address from which quotation is generously made. Tribute is paid Brother Albion E. Chase, and your correspondent receives cordial greeting and fraternal welcome to the ranks of the reviewers. Altogether we hail the solid, constructive growth of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines which is evidenced on every page of the proceedings, the brethren there are manfully grappling with peculiar problems and subtle influences which are antagonistic to the extension and influence of our institution. These problems and influences sound somewhat strange to us, and are undoubtedly the inevitable result of the recent changes in administration and the introduction of new ways and institutions incident to that change, which give our Philippine brethren much concern, but which we are convinced from a few years study of their methods, they will eventually work out in accordance with best traditions and principles of the Order. Brother Harvey is we are glad to see, an outstanding name in their annals and is a real part of this constructive and formative influence there.

QUEBEC, 1923.

The Fifty-third Annual Communication.

Membership 12,677, net increase 620. There are ninety-five chartered lodges, four U. D.

There were present nine Past Grand Masters, with the Grand Representatives of forty Grand Lodges, including ours of Maine, R. W. Brother P. W. A. Burket.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Charles McBurney, admonishes the brethren in his opening remarks to approach the matters awaiting them, seriously and impartially and where your honest convictions cause you to differ, let the tone and manner of expressing these differences breathe the true spirit of brotherhood. He notes at considerable length the passing of R. W. Brother Major General Sir David Watson, K. C. B., C. M. G., a District Deputy Grand Master of "wonderful executive and administrative abilities."

The Grand Master during his term constituted or consecrated one lodge

and issued dispensations for four others which he reports are doing excellent work, are careful in the selection of candidates and trying to live up to the highest ideals of the Craft. A condition which evidently in his estimation warrants their early recognition by the granting of the formal official charter.

He refused a dispensation for a lodge "for those who are employed in the theatres (in Montreal) and cannot, therefore, attend lodge in the evenings." Of this he tells us he "discouraged the preparation of the petition."

An extended list of visitations indicates a busy and laborious year but we are pleased to note there was real enjoyment in mingling with the brethren on these occasions.

Many of his dispensations were for the initiation of candidates whose physical qualifications were imperfect and he manfully maintains that a liberal interpretation of this law should be given in individual cases.

He expresses the hope that Grand Lodge will "do everything in its power" to help the Montreal brethren to build and equip its contemplated Temple, which each year is becoming an increasingly imperative necessity.

One of his rulings is to the effect that when an election of officers is being held, the Scrutineers should give the number of ballots cast, how many were necessary for election, and how many were received by each brother. The last being the matter at issue. He follows the truly Masonic practice and principle, that the ballot belongs to the brethren and they have the right to know down to the minutest degree what they have done, as a lodge of brothers.

At this session R. W. Brother Rt. Rev. J. C. Farthing, Lord Bishop of Montreal, delivered a sermon from I John 1:18, dealing with the signs, words and symbols of the Order, and bringing out their esoteric meanings in the light of the commanding needs and challenging issues of today. It is an address filled with graphic epigrams and kindly counsel and withal reveals a man and mason of wide vision and trenchant insight into the problems and tendencies of our own day.

The various Masonic Districts are carefully reported and give ample indication of painstaking work faithfully done and evidence general progress and prosperity throughout this noble jurisdiction to the North of us.

A Memorial Tablet was unveiled for those brethren who served overseas, an extended program is printed of these exercises. Gleaming, golden pages of the names of those who made the Supreme Sacrifice are set apart and even in cold dull printer's ink are touched with "the light which never was on sea or land."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by M. W. Brother E. T. D. Chambers (P. G. M.) and is a model of its kind. Before entering upon the detailed review Brother Chambers adequately, if briefly, discusses several topics which are looming large in nearly every Grand Jurisdiction, such subjects as Masonic Charity, The Ku Klux Klan, Clandestine Masonry, are ably outlined and discussed by him.

Our own Grand Master Wheeler is quoted under the caption, "Matters foreign to Masonry" in which Brother Wheeler is paid the high compliment of having "struck at the root of the matter" in this regard. It is a high compliment worthily bestowed.

As a sample of his manner and method here are a few words of Brother Chambers regarding the Klan: "None are more entirely opposed to the teachings of Freemasonry and are more deserving of punishment at the hands of their country than either individuals or organizations who take the law into their own hands, and nothing is more preposterous than the supposition that the authors of lynchings and other crimes against law and public order can by any possibility have the sympathy or support of Masonry."

His handling of "So-called Masonry of France" is of a like trenchant and uncompromising kind, which appeals to us as the kind of outspoken language which is needed in dealing with these things. Too many Grand Lodges have palliated and paltered with both.

Maine receives cordial and generous treatment from Brother Chambers who especially commends our Grand Master Wheeler for his words as indicated above, which he again quotes, while your correspondent is hailed as a successor (spare these maiden blushes) of Brother Josiah Drummond and Albion Chase. Surely it is something even to be hailed in the same breath with these great and good Craftsmen who occupy something of the place of hallowed sainthood with the brethren of Maine.

RHODE ISLAND, 1923.

The One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Communication.

Membership 16,257, gain 825. There are forty-two lodges on the roll. There were present seven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty Grand Lodges. Maine's Representative was not present.

At the semi-annual communication the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recognized the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. Respecting the request of the National Grand Lodge of Italy the same committee said: "The subject is so serious and far-reaching, and the obtaining of reliable data is so difficult, that your committee asks for further time." Which is about the same position taken by our Grand Lodge last year respecting the same request.

Distinguished guests in the person of M. W. Brothers William M. Ponton, Grand Master of Ontario, and Arthur M. Brown, Grand Master of Connecticut, were welcomed to the Grand East with the usual honors, and made interesting and eloquent speeches during the session.

M. W. Brother Norris Greenleaf Abbott, Grand Master, notes the passing of Past Grand Master Bro. W. Howard Walker, who has been a strong tower of Masonry in Rhode Island for many years.

In nearly two pages the Grand Master points out the uncertainty and confusion surrounding the matter of fraternal recognition of Grand Lodges especially those of the non-English speaking jurisdictions and says that the Committee on Foreign Relations which has given the perplexing question

careful consideration will have "some pronouncement of principles to be applied in the recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges." The Committee report recommends the adoption in this matter of the M. S. A. program and principles, but asks for further time in the matter of several South and Central American Grand Lodges, and the National Grand Lodge of Italy.

Among the outstanding events of the Grand Master's year of service was the Centennial Anniversary of Warwick Lodge (No. 16) a three days' celebration filled with interesting exercises and speeches of historical and prophetic significance. Another event, of which this correspondent had heard at first hand while the guest of Past Grand Master Walter A. Presbrey, was the Constitution of Roosevelt Lodge (No. 42). Inspiring orations characterized the event, the speakers being of such nation-wide fame as Dr. W. H. P. Faunce and Bro. Joseph Fort Newton, who spoke on such themes as "Freemasonry and the Future of America." As we gathered from several conversations with M. W. Brother Presbrey, Roosevelt Lodge is composed largely of Italian Brothers, which fact is indicated also by many names signed to the official charter and show that truly Rooseveltian doctrine of Tolerance and Equality. With such sponsors as Brother Presbrey we feel confident that Grand Master Abbott's prophecy will be amply fulfilled that this lodge "will be a powerful influence in this jurisdiction."

The Grand Master points out a weakness in the average Masonic burial service by saying "it has a denominational tendency which has no place in Freemasonry and the ending of certain prayers are unsuited for a Masonic Service." Committee appointed for revision of this service.

A facsimile of an early Masonic document recently unearthed bearing the date of 1760 is given bearing the signature of M. W. Bro. Jeremy Gridley, Grand Master. Two illuminating pages of explanation are given by Grand Master Abbott respecting this important historical paper.

The Grand Master devoted eight pages of his address to an exhaustive discussion largely historical from ancient charges, regarding the much mooted question of physical qualification. It is by far the most lucid exposition which we have seen, especially from the historical point of view, of this question. He thinks that the subordinate lodge is the best judge as to the matter and suggests that the entire question be left with it. Grand Lodge adopted the Grand Master's suggestions along this line.

He is a great advocate of Education to the extent that he recommends "A Grand Lodge Educational Fund" to be established by a one dollar per year assessment per member, so that the maximum value of Masonic Scholarships will be about \$1,000.00 each. Adopted by Grand Lodge.

He champions more lodges for Rhode Island on the ground that the average lodge membership of five hundred is too large and suggests that in the City of Providence a reform along this line should be immediately commenced.

In closing he makes the usual reference to the unrest of the times, to the unstable doctrines that are being propounded by social agitators,

and the fanciful and theoretic experiments which are being advocated by doctrinaire social reformers and believes that Freemasonry is the stabilizing factor so much needed in our day.

Reports of the seven D. D. G. Ms. indicate careful and conservative supervision of their various district. Happy is the Grand Lodge which possesses such loyal painstaking service by such Craftsmen.

Two lengthy and illuminating reports on the George Washington Memorial and the Masonic Service Association are given, and indicate loyal support on the part of Rhode Island for both these nation-wide Masonic projects.

There is on formal report by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1923.

The Seventeenth Annual Communication.

Membership 12,392, net gain 422. Chartered Lodges 168.

There were present eight Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-three Grand Jurisdictions. We note the absence of the Maine Representative.

Grand Master, M. W. Brother Alex. Sheppard, in his annual address traces the early history of Saskatchewan, seventeen years ago, when the number of active Masons in the entire Province was less than seven hundred, and makes eloquent contrast with the present convocation when twelve thousand three hundred and ninety-two are enrolled. He sees in this a triumph of the "energy and optimism" of the Craft.

District Meetings have been widely held during the year, and in these he finds great "interest and edification." A matter very close to the heart of the Grand Master and to which he has devoted much time and interest, was the accumulation of the "Benevolent Fund," which has received the hearty support "of practically all our lodges." Beside attending nearly every District Meeting, he constituted five new lodges which fact indicates the strong and steady growth of the Fraternity in Saskatchewan. With tender words of grief and tribute he makes reference to the passing of M. W. Brother George B. Murphy, Past Grand Master, "an outstanding figure in Western Masonry which leaves a void that none can fill."

The correspondence between Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island over an invasion of jurisdiction is included in his report, which does credit to the fraternal spirit of both Grand Lodges and was settled in accordance with the principles and time honored usages of the Fraternity. The Grand Master closes his short and business-like address by showing what he terms "a glimpse of a real Mason." A brother in expressing his entire unfitness for high Masonic Office to which he had been elevated, wrote these words: "I hereby promise with God's help, as a citizen to set such a daily example to my fellow men that Masonry may never be disgraced through me." A word which might well be emblazoned on the daily calender of every one of us who rejoice in the name of Mason.

Short but suggestive reports are printed of the sixteen D. D. G. Ms., which follow our own Maine methods and evidently are producing the

same efficient and constructive results, and a word from the Grand Secretary's report is to the same corroborative effect who terms the system "a source of great strength and inspiration to the Craft."

The report of the Committee on Masonic Scholarships indicates a noble work worthily performed by the awarding of fifty-one scholarships. The total amount contributed is \$17,472.05. It is rather a new departure for Grand Lodges but the unqualified success of it in Saskatchewan points a real Masonic service which might be more widely rendered by larger and more wealthy jurisdictions.

The address of the Grand Chaplain, V. W. Brother H. D. Leitch, under the caption, "What is it to be a Mason?" is worthily handled and touches the core of the matter in simple and sinewy words and concludes with an admirable quotation from Dr. Fort Newton's "The Builders."

The Committee on Foreign Relations suggest in its report that the request of the National Grand Lodge of Italy, be referred back to the committee. The Committee on Masonic Home submits an elaborate and careful report, which goes into detail for the elucidation of the brethren, and evidently the brethren there are going "slow and sure" in a matter which is easy to launch with enthusiasm at first, but which many Grand Lodges have regretted as the financial problem has become an increasingly difficult burden. Many jurisdictions are reviewed and canvassed and the result is none too rosy in some instances.

Grand Master Sheppard was presented with "a Past Grand Master's collar jewel and apron" on his relinquishing his office to his successor, a practice common enough in most jurisdictions but in Maine "honored in the breach and not the observance," as Shakespeare said. A brief correspondence report is appended in which Maine receives about one-half page, largely quotation from M. W. Grand Master Wheeler's annual address. It was one of the many choice passages which have been used by various reviewers, perhaps the favorite selection. Our District Deputies are cordially commended by the writer of the report, which we assume to be M. W. Brother W. M. Thompson, Chairman of the Committee, although there is no name attached to this excellent, if all too brief, review.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1923.

Half Yearly Communication was held October 18, 1922.

The Board of General Purposes reported a large increase in membership and continued activity in the work of the Craft. There were, on June 30 (1921) 9,136 subscribing members. 1,071 candidates were initiated. We are told that "this is the largest increase of members in any one year since the formation of this Grand Lodge."

The steady growth of the Order is seen by the consecration of four new lodges, and petitions have been received for a like number.

An extended discussion relative to a "new Constitution respecting lodge subscriptions," revealed a decided difference of opinion on the subject. The debate verged sometimes dangerously near personalities, and when most bitter, some brother in the roll of peace maker would arise and "pour

the proverbial oil on the troubled waters." Cries of "Shame" and "No, no," punctuated the controversy. It has been rather a delight to read this verbatim debate because it shows that human nature is much the same the world over. A sentence or two from this argument will be of interest. "It appears on the face of these balance sheets that if every member of the lodge was to attend regularly every meeting for twelve months, and do so for two years in succession, the bulk of the lodges would be insolvent." Obviously the banquet problem is concerning the South Australian brethren! Again: "What they wanted in Freemasonry was as many members as possible, so long as they were the right sort (Hear, Hear). Freemasonry stood for the safety of the world and the British Dominions, and the more members they got the better for mankind." A word flattering to American Masonry is contained in this sentence, "In reading reports of American Grand Lodges he (the Grand Secretary) has been surprised and inspired by what was accomplished in the way of building orphanages and homes for infirm brethren, and hospitals, out of monies received for benevolent purposes." Again, "When he thought of what they did in South Australia in the way of benevolence, it was with a sense of shame at the littleness of their effort in providing succor for those who really needed it." (Applause).

After this debate the vote was taken, and the Grand Master announced the figures; for the amendment, 56; against it, 67.

Following the Constitutional Law a special communication was held for the purpose of officially ratifying this action, on November 15, 1922.

The Annual Communication was held April 18, 1923, when we learn that four new lodges are consecrated, and two Masonic halls dedicated.

There were present twenty-nine Grand Representatives, R. W. Brother Frank Smith representing Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master Brother A. W. Piper, K. C., was unanimously reelected and made fitting and eloquent response for the high honor. His annual address, which differs in marked degree from the method used in American Grand Lodges, being less formal. It was an admirable off-hand speech to the brethren, and is liberally and deservedly punctuated with "Applause."

The quality and service of the Grand Master is seen in a sentence such as this: "Whenever I am able it is always my desire to visit a lodge I have not visited before, and the *smaller* the lodge the more anxious I am to visit it." Applause.

The Review of Correspondence is over the signature of R. W. Brother W. Simons, and is an excellent resume of the activities of sixty-nine Grand Lodges. Maine receives liberal consideration. M. W. Brother Edward W. Wheeler is commended for a conservative administration, and frequently quoted. "Singularly beautiful" is the phrase used in commenting on and quoting from R. W. Brother Chas. B. Davis' eulogy of M. W. Brother Albro E. Chase.

Brother Simons makes special mention of the presence of the Grand Representative, R. W. Brother Lee M. Smith, in these words: "He was

requested to convey the fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge of Maine to the Grand Lodge of South Australia, which greetings we most heartily reciprocate."

The Proceedings are embellished by a splendid photograph of the Masonic Temple at Adelaide. A building of massive granite of architectural dignity and a credit to the Craftsmanship of South Australian Masonry.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1923.

The One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership 27,146, increase 812. 288 lodges on the roll. There were present eight Past Grand Masters and the representatives of thirty Grand Jurisdictions. Maine's name does not appear.

Among the honored and distinguished guests were R. W. Bro. Chas. H. Callahan, Deputy Grand Master of Virginia, and R. W. Bro. W. W. Wilson, Grand Secretary of North Carolina, who were escorted to the East and received with Private Grand Honors.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother J. Campbell Bissell, in opening his address, said: "The flower of our youth is clamoring for admission. The men of our Craft are catching the vision of the useful part that our institution is destined to play in the constructive life of the world."

Speaking of the Washington Memorial the Grand Master expresses the hope that very soon his jurisdiction "will show, not only 100 per cent per capita, but considerably more." He recommends continuance in the M. S. A. and evidently in South Carolina it is as much an accomplished fact as the Solar System. Dispensations were issued by him for two new lodges while among his varied and arduous duties was the laying of cornerstones, several dedications and funerals. His "opinions" which are like decisions in many jurisdictions were all careful and conservative as befitted one of the oldest of our American Grand Lodges. We are glad to see refusal for "out of time degrees."

Order of DeMolay is recognized and exemplification of the degree was made a part of the entertainment during the communication.

A long list of District Meetings and Lodges visited show a year of real Masonic labor which must have results in permanent growth.

The twenty-five reports of the D. D. G. Ms. show detailed account of what is too often neglected and thankless labor by faithful officials.

M. W. Brother G. T. Bryan, brought a tender tribute of respect and honor in memory of R. W. Brother Albert Smith Rowell, District Deputy Grand Master, who labored long and loyally in the Fifteenth District.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence has this terse and trenchant word about what is a growing burden: "There has been nothing reported to this Committee for its consideration except three letters in Spanish, which cannot be read by any member of the Committee." It has become necessary to have a Spanish Lexicon at our elbow when trying to translate, and even then it is a woeful jumble of discordant meanings. We have found refuge in Artemus Ward's word when buying a ticket for a Chinese theatre in Shanghai, he heard the lingo, and remarked, "On the whole I think you're right."

R. W. Brother Chas. H. Callahan, Deputy Grand Master of Virginia, delivered an address of sterling worth and historical instruction in which he takes opportunity to answer certain aspersions cast by certain sources on the Masonry of Washington. He makes out a convincing case and the matter never disturbed any well informed Mason for the good reason that we know the animus of the criticism. Such picyune peevishness is in keeping with their pistereen policy.

M. W. Brother J. L. Michie, P. G. M., submits his thirteenth annual report with "no dread of the ill-omened figures 13." It is one of the outstanding and masterly reports which we read in the course of our yearly labor of reviewing. Brother Michie has a firm grasp of facts and a wide and comprehensive vision of real ideals. We don't always agree about things but for the most part we do see eye to eye. Even St Peter and St. Paul didn't always agree — because they saw things from different angles and out of varying traditions, but Masonry is deeper than any petty personal differences or any trivial disputes and there is something greater than the dulcet harmony of angels or the fortitude of martyrs who give their bodies to be burned, and that is brotherly love. Masons who haven't that may come under the old condemnation and become as sounding brass or tinkling cymbals.

Maine receives generous attention and commendation. Brother Wheeler our Grand Master of Maine, is praised for a constructive administration, liberal quotation is given from his address and reproduces the concluding sentiment of his report.

Brother Michie pays us the honor of giving two pages of his Maine review to your correspondent, quoting nearly the whole of his "Foreword." He also commends our treatment of South Carolina. He rather insistently and incisively presses the question which we had hoped he would have ignored — "Well, did the Grand Lodge of Maine look into the antecedents of the Grand Lodge of Panama?" I can't avoid it this time Brother Michie although the silence of humility and chagrin would better become me than the following weak explanation which is rather evasion. I suppose they did look into that ancestry some years ago and perhaps like Mark Twain when he tried to trace his gerealogy, he said he found it running back into (well you recall what he found) etc., and "he was glad to quit."

What is it the Great Light says about "the fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge." So far as this correspondent is concerned he will let it go at that! But don't put us in this "compromising situation" again.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1923.

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership 18,503, net gain 711. Number of chartered lodges 164.

There were present fourteen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-eight jurisdictions, including ours of Maine.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Theorus R. Stoner, in his annual report, avers, "that our Order has emerged from the World's Conflict, stronger,

more charitable, with broader visions and higher ideals than ever before." He also believes that Masonry is part of a great onward movement in education, and social amelioration. He notes in his Necrology pages the passing of two Past Grand Masters, Brothers Harvey J. Rice and James Roane, to whose honored and beloved memory he pays fitting tribute.

We note among his active duties the constitution of eight lodges, the organizing of one under dispensation, and the dedication of three temples.

We like these words: "In all cases except one I declined to issue dispensations for conferring degrees out of time, and as he gives the facts of his making one exceptional case, we do not see how he could do otherwise under the circumstances outlined by him.

The usage in South Dakota respecting physical qualifications is similiar to our own, permitting the use of artificial limbs which can be manipulated to conform to the requirements of the work.

Next year we are pleased to see South Dakota will observe its Fiftieth Anniversary and plans are suggested for its fitting observance. Congratulations and fraternal best wishes are sent to the brethren from this jurisdiction of Maine on this approaching semi-centennial.

Grand Master Stoner speaks in strong terms of what he calls in caustic phrase, "Mushroom Masonry" and of Commercialized Masonry he says: "By that, I mean the inducements held out in a financial way to get a brother to take the higher degrees, such as allowing him to pay the fee in installments, or by giving his note, both of which are in direct violation of Masonic ethics, usage and law." He has the courage to recommend one year before petitioning any of the higher bodies.

He enthusiastically champions the Order of DeMolay for boys and has the usual commendatory things to say of the Washington Memorial and the Masonic Service Association.

After his report was delivered a distinguished guest in the person of M. W. Brother Andrew L. Randell, Past Grand Master of Texas, was introduced and greeted from the Grand East. As this correspondent had this pleasant duty of introduction of Brother Randall this year at our annual Maine session, we know that a noble and genial gentleman was greeted, and that the brethren of South Dakota listened to a strong and convincing appeal for the entrance of our Institution more vitally into the life and tendencies of our age.

A "Silver Shower" greeted Brother A. D. Stuckeman after his appeal for the Children's Home and we learn also that every Masonic body is a regular contributor to this noble philanthropy at Sioux Falls.

We learn that South Dakota is to erect a suitable monument on the site of the meeting of the first Grand Lodge and that a new Grand Lodge Building is to come in the near future.

The usual Grand Lodge Jewel was impressively presented to the retiring Grand Master, M. W. Brother T. R. Stoner, a custom in vogue in the majority of Grand Lodges but not the custom in Maine, as yet!

The Correspondence Report is over the honored and familiar signature of M. W. Brother Charles L. Brockway and contains one hundred and

thirty pages of sound and illuminating review. Maine receives a fair allotment of space and kindly and fraternal treatment at his hands. Grand Master Wheeler is honored by a liberal excerpt from his annual address and our system of District Deputies is cordially commended, while an extended citation is made from this correspondent's review who returns thanks " for kindly words of encouragement by Brother Brockway. A well phrased " Conclusion " terminates the report, which is one of the clear-cut and virile type which we love to read and as Milton said, " inwardly digest."

TASMANIA, 1923.

The Thirty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 2,827; net gain, 145. Number of lodges on the roll, 36. In August at the Half-yearly Communication there had been a substantial gain in six months as follows: Membership, 2,956; net gain, 126. Lodges on roll, 37.

Among other quotable words of the M. W. Grand Master Brother Henry L. D'Emden, we like the ring of this truly Masonic message: " Our Ancient Order, which has existed from time immemorial, is built upon sure and sound foundations of piety and virtue, and has broken down antagonisms and weathered the storms of centuries. My great hope is that our Institution will continue to increase in numbers and influence, and in the estimation of the people of our Island State." Another excellent word of admonition and warning is to the effect that newspaper publicity is to be deplored and deprecated and he urges some clear legislation to restrain undue publishing of purely Masonic information and " news " respecting " Private Lodges."

We note with pleasure that Maine's annual " Proceedings " have been received and gratefully acknowledged.

The Four Masonic Districts are briefly reported by the Grand Inspectors of Lodges and indicate careful and unpretentious Masonic labor loyally performed.

Four " Orations " for Special Communications are printed in full and deal with the symbolism of the Craft, its influence in the life of our times, the solution which Freemasonry quietly exerts in the burning issues and problems confronting the international world, and its building of character in the lives of its members. Touching this last matter here is an extract from the " Oration " of V. W. Brother H. B. Atkinson which sums up the inner and individual meaning of Masonry in a few words,— " Today calls not so much for masterpieces in stone as for masterpieces in men. We look for men filled with the spirit of adventure for and fired with the daring of, the Kingdom of God. What more fitting factory for such masterpieces than a Masonic Lodge? A place dedicated to the highest service to which men are called. The practice of those virtues which mould men so that their own brotherhood stretches out hands of recognition to the Fatherhood of God. The one the foundation of the other, as the other is the super-structure of the one."

Another excerpt from V. W. Brother C. G. Corvan, deals with another phase of Masonry's message: "We as Masons believe in the life beyond. We cannot believe in that awful fate which materialism would assign us to, that is, extinction. For even of the worst, in whose life we find some good, we can say with Tennyson,—

' That nothing walks with aimless feet,
That not one life shall be destroyed,
Or cast as rubbish to the void,
When God has made the pile complete.' "

We note with pleasure the name of our old and tried friend and brother, R. W. Scott Shorey, on the roster as our Maine Grand Representative to Tasmania.

At the Half-Yearly Communication M. W. Grand Master Henry L. D'Emden warns against a spurious and insidious kind of "Co-masonry" in these words: "I note with satisfaction that the Board has issued a circular to lodges dealing with Co-masonry, which it is reported has been established in this State, and I cannot too strongly urge upon brethren to exercise due caution with respect to this irregular institution, as any connection therewith renders a brother liable to be dealt with in a serious manner."

The death of Past Grand Master, Brother R. J. Sadler, is referred to by the Grand Master, as removing one of the most earnest and conscientious workers for the Craft. Brother Sadler had occupied for twenty years this high office, and "his genial manner and charming personality had endeared him to us all."

Grand Master D'Emden thinks there may be circumstances when it is desirable or at least justifiable to ballot on and initiate a candidate on the same day and considers it a matter which should be left wholly at the discretion of the W. M. of the lodge concerned, a practice which would work havoc in larger jurisdictions.

Tasmania has no formal report on Foreign Correspondence.

TENNESSEE, 1924.

The One Hundred and Tenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 45,344; net gain, 2,108. There are 720 lodges on the roll. There were present sixteen Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions. Maire's Representative was not present.

M. W. Bro. Geo. L. Hardwick, Grand Master, in opening his annual address speaks in tender eulogy of the passing of two Past Grand Masters: M. W. Brothers, N. S. Woodward, who was Grand Treasurer at the time of his death, and H. M. Aiken who was Grand Master in 1885. We note that the passing of our own Past Grand Masters Edmund Buxton Mallet and Frank Eugene Sleeper are duly and honorably recorded on Tennessee's roster of "The Illustrious Dead." R. W. Brother Garnett N. Morgan was appointed, and at this session, duly elected, as Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master points out a much neglected truth by saying, and proving by figures, that Masonry while disclaiming any intention of entering the insurance field, is nevertheless furnishing "the cheapest insurance of any company or order in the world." He bases his assertion on the fact that in Tennessee on an entire total of \$75.00 paid, in initiation fees and annual dues, the dependent members of a family "receive up to \$2,000.00 per annum." Yet the Grand Master would have no misinterpretation of this fact on the part of applicants, and avers that for any such to seek the Order for that purpose is evidence conclusive that he is not fit building material for the Masonic edifice. Therefore we should carefully consider the *motives* that actuate every applicant.

We note with pleasure that his official visitations have been to the smaller lodges and that he has amply fulfilled his promise "to employ his time available for the best possible advantage for the good of the Fraternity."

The Grand Master eloquently outlines and urges full participation in the George Washington Memorial and liberal appropriations have been made for this purpose.

The twenty-five "rulings" of the Grand Master are largely in accord with our own practices in Maine and evidence wise and tactful handling on the part of his administration. Like our own Grand Master last year he had to "rule" on the use of a Masonic Hall for the Klan, which he did with a resounding and emphatic — NO. In the course of his ruling in this regard he said: "Freemasonry has ever been jealous of its integrity and has unfailingly avoided even the appearance of entangling alliances with other organizations. Whether as a result of propaganda of which the Ku Klux Klan is officially responsible or influences beyond its control, both the public press and current rumor provide ample evidence of a deep rooted impression in the public mind that the organization has sought, and is receiving the support of Freemasonry. The best interests of Freemasonry demand that any policy which would encourage this impression should be avoided."

We notice with pleasure the receipt and fraternal acknowledgement of a letter of greeting and good wishes from the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Tennessee, and a reciprocating of the courtesy by wishing the Odd Fellows "success and prosperity." Surely this is better than "placing it on file" as the Grand Lodge of Maine did rather curtly and brusquely a few sessions ago without acknowledgement of what to this reviewer seemed a kindly and fraternal expression of goodwill and best wishes from another great fraternal order.

The steady growth of the Fraternity in Tennessee is shown by the granting of seven dispensations, and four charters, for new lodges.

In the report of the "Historical Committee" we see with interest that "our revered Past Grand Master of a century ago, Andrew Jackson, was present at the first meeting of Tennessee Lodge, No. 2, at Knoxville, on March 24th, 1800, as a visitor from Harmony Lodge, No. 1, at Nashville." It is a name of which Tennessee is justly proud and occurs often

in the hallowed annals of Freemasonry in this old Jurisdiction. The entire historical report covering four full pages has been read with intense and increasing interest and happy is this Grand Lodge in having such careful compilers of facts and able masters of literary style on its Historical Committee.

The Jurisprudence Committee disapproved, and properly, Masonic Funerals after the interment of the deceased.

M. W. Brother Chas. Comstock, reporting on the M. S. A., has this to say of the editor of the organ of the Association, "The Master Mason." "The editorial work will be under the supervision of that zealous and progressive Masonic student and writer, Rev. Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, his well known ability and wide experience is a guarantee that no pains will be spared to make the new publication one of the most intrinsic value. We bespeak for 'The Master Mason' the earnest support of all Tennessee Craftsmen."

Grand Lodge adopted a recommendation appropriating \$125,000.00, and assessed each member one dollar for two years for needed improvements at the Widows and Orphans Home.

It is good to see the cordial co-operation of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., in presenting an Administration Building for the same Home.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is ably compiled by M. W. Brother H. A. Chambers and covers one hundred and twelve pages of the proceedings.

Maine is generously given two pages of review, which is largely well chosen excerpts. Grand Master Spear's forceful words on the K. K. K. are quoted with evident approval, while M. W. Brother Sleeper's Memorial is printed at length. Such citations give us little opportunity to touch the personality of Brother Chambers, the reviewer; but at least we know him as a careful and intelligent mind by the choice and wisdom of his selections from our Grand Master's address, the various committee reports and his citation of our legislative actions. The best thing he could find from the "Report on Correspondence," was this. "That it be printed in order that it may be read by as many of the brethren of the state as possible, etc." We do dislike to think that this was the choicest thing that we wrote last year.

TEXAS, 1923.

The Eighty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 129,391. Number of working lodges, 961.

There were present, beside the Grand Lodge officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-four Grand Jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother S. M. Bradley for Maine.

The chairs usually occupied by three beloved Past Grand Masters, R. W. Brothers T. C. Yantis, A. B. Watkins and William James, were appropriately heaped with flowers at this annual communication. Special communications were held in honor of these brethren at the time of their burial, when due tribute was paid to their worth and memory.

A custom, worthy of imitation in every jurisdiction, has been established for several years in Texas, of calling to the Grand East the brethren who have been Master Masons for more than fifty years. Masonic honors and words of cordial greeting, are extended to them, and response is made by each honored brother in a few brief words.

M. W. Brother, Mike H. Thomas, Grand Master, in an annual report which covered seventy-four pages of these annual proceedings, confined himself to what he termed "the interesting and essential" things of the Craft, averring that "time and space forbade a detailed report."

At the very opening of his address he says this rather significant thing, and as far away as Maine, we think we understand the cryptic meaning of these words: "All the trouble that has arisen in Masonry during the last few years has been caused by only about 5 per cent. of our membership." This is about the percentage everywhere, but a determined destructive minority like that can do an immense amount of damage.

A careful and comprehensive outline, including an extended circular letter, respecting the campaign for funds for buildings at the Masonic Home and School, shows the imperative need for immediate action on the part of the Grand Lodge in behalf of this noble philanthropy.

We note the inclusion of our own beloved fraters in the list of the fraternal dead,—M. W. Brothers Frank Eugene Sleeper and Edmund Buxton Mallet. Names that gleam with sacred and living light in the memory and veneration of all the brethren of Maine who knew them and appreciated their untiring labors for the Craft.

Grand Master Thomas speaking of "cipher codes" raises the question whether it is wise to continue the prohibition against them, since they are authorized in many jurisdictions, and easily obtained from innumerable sources. But having no power under Grand Lodge law, he ordered many such, which came to his attention, to be destroyed.

He urges greater support of the welfare work at Fort Bayard, N. M., for the reason that Texas contributing only one thousand dollars has more inmates there than any other jurisdiction.

The Grand Master granted several dispensations to confer degrees out of time, but we are pleased to see that the number refused was far greater than those granted. The constructive growth of the Order in the great State of Texas is seen by the granting of five dispensations to form new lodges during the year. A long list (forty-four) of dispensations for cornerstone ceremonials, largely for public schools and churches, were granted by the Grand Master, while several Grand Lodge "Specials" were convened for the same purpose.

He handled the matter of the circulation of an alleged and well-known Masonic "Exposure," at seventy-five cents per copy, in a judicious way, to the effect that if the book were true, it could do Masonry no harm and if not true and officially denied by Grand Lodge, such denial would be taken by profanes as indicating its truth, therefore he utterly ignored this alleged "exposure" which can be bought at many a book stall in Boston, for half the above mentioned price. The writer has bought (and destroyed)

several at ten cents per copy, and had several others given to him of this same particular authorship.

The Grand Master recommends, however, that all lodges be on their guard against imposters who might have gleaned a little information from the book. Surely strict and careful examination can easily detect anyone whose knowledge of Masonry is taken from such a source. The subtle spirit and atmosphere of Freemasonry can never be obtained from mere words, and perhaps, in the last analysis, this is the real secret of our Order.

I must depart from the usual practice of excluding extended quotation from my reports at this point in order to give the Grand Master's clear and incisive words respecting "Mexican Masonry," which are the best resume of a difficult and delicate problem which I have yet seen. Coming from Texas, bordering on Mexico and from one who has given the perplexing subject careful consideration and who by this very contingency is vitally interested, these words throw some real light on the perennial tangle of American continental Masonry. "Mexican Masonry is a continual history of rebellion and counter-rebellion, secession and counter-secession, and to attempt to ascertain its legitimacy carries one into a maze of darkness and entanglements. While the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of Mexico claims no control over the various Grand Lodges of Mexico, at the same time few Grand Lodges there are who recognize any type of Masonry that is not recognized by the Supreme Council. This, I am convinced, is the reason that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico is not recognized by other Grand Lodges of Mexico, as it refused to adopt what is known as the Oriental esoteric work, but has a ritual very similar to the Grand Lodge of New York. I am informed that there are perhaps fifty Grand, and so called, lodges in Mexico, each one of which is able to establish some ground of legitimacy having its offspring in what is termed a "rebellious" body. This is the history of the Grand Lodge Valley de Mexico, and the York Grand Lodge, both claiming to be the legitimate body, and while the facts that have been presented to me are very favorable to the York Grand Lodge, it is certain that the two exist today as the result of a "split" in the original Grand Lodge Valley de Mexico. We must be sure that we only recognize a type of Masonry that has the same high standards that we uphold (in America), for instead of elevating that Masonry, we would only lower our own." This appeals to us as valuable instruction and also wise and cautious counsel.

Dealing at such length with one item of the Grand Master's excellent report, forbids, owing to lack of space, any further extended comment or quotation therefrom. Many judicious words are spoken by him on the subject of physical disqualifications which indicate a liberal and yet conservative mind.

Many interesting and progressive resolutions were introduced and adopted at this communication. One especially by R. W. Brother Bradley, to provide funds for an Industrial Training Course for Boys of the Masonic School. Unanimously adopted!

Much of worthy matter must be omitted in order that the remainder of

this review may be devoted to the report of R. W. Brother Bradley, who is Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and is also our Maine Grand Representative. Brother S. M. Bradley reviews sixty-two Grand Lodge Proceedings in his usual graphic and comprehensive way. It is one of the most readable and vital of the reports which come to this table and shows a mind mortised and tennoned in the solid rock, of Freemasonry. Brother Bradley has a kind of journalistic genius for selecting the humanly interesting things in Grand Lodge procedure and lighting these up with the calcium of his Masonic erudition.

Maine is given nearly three and one-half pages of this treatment much to our edification. Grand Master Spear is quoted at considerable length on such various topics as the "Influence of Masonry on the Social Unrest of our Times," on the "Ku Klux Klan," on "Soliciting Candidates," and is uniformly commended for his position in these various regards. The distinguished visitors who were our honored guests last year are briefly mentioned together with the messages. Past Grand Master Sleeper's death is feelingly mentioned by him.

Your correspondent is cordially thanked for giving so much space to Texas, which it was a delight to do, and is commended for an "interesting" review of Texas. His warm personal greeting to your reviewer is both encouraging and of course appreciatively welcomed.

UTAH, 1923.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication.

Membership 4,329, net gain 293. There are twenty-five lodges on the roll. There were present eleven Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of twenty-four Grand Jurisdictions. It is with fraternal regret that we notice the absence of Maine's Grand Representative.

The Grand Master, the M. W. Brother Emery Roy Gibson, in the course of his brief but business like report, pays tribute to the memory of two beloved and honored Past Grand Masters, Brothers Charles Stetson Varian and Abbot Rodney Heywood. The Committee on Necrology gives due mead of praise also, while pages are set apart and full page photographs given of these two distinguished Craftsmen who have been pillars in the temple of Masonry in Utah.

Grand Master Gibson insists that as a matter of consistency in Masonic proficiency and education that it is just as essential to pass the examination for the M. M. degree as that of the two preceding degrees, and that the official certificate should not be issued to any Master Mason until such examination is satisfactorily passed.

We learn from his address that lodges in Utah are fast acquiring their own buildings, and that in Salt Lake City the six lodges there are to hold substantial equities in the New Masonic Temple which is soon to be erected. A new temple was dedicated in Provo with the usual ceremonies. A full page picture is given of this building. The Grand Master laid a church corner-stone during his term of office.

The M. S. A. receives enthusiastic support, as does the Order of DeMolay for Boys.

A most readable and extended reference is made by the Grand Master to "The Trial of Thomson and Others," which unveils the inner workings of this spurious and clandestine body, called, The American Masonic Federation. With headquarters for more than a decade in Salt Lake City, it had "gathered to its fold many thousands of men scattered throughout the United States." Four pages, also, of Grand Correspondent Sam. H. Goodwin's report, the entire conclusion of this admirable document deals with the same nefarious organization, its activities and methods, its trial and conviction in the United States District Court. The crime charged and under which the organization was convicted was "using the United States Mails to defraud." It is fascinating reading and it is good to know, although reference was made to it in last year's report of Utah, that the whole country can say, "good riddance to bad rubbish." It is good to learn that in the actual trial of the case, no member of the fraternity had any part, the judge and jury being non-masons.

An interesting event occurred during his term which he treats under the phrase, "Using the name Masonry for Advertising purposes." The case, briefly told was that of a member who obtained the names of the Utah membership from the Grand Lodge Proceeding and mailed each one a letter advertising his business and using the subject of Masonry in connection therewith, which is a flagrant breach of Masonic law. We have always contended that the publication of what is practically a full membership list of all the lodges in Grand Lodge Annual Proceedings, and many Grand Lodges take two and three hundred pages in order to do this, is an invitation to both the unscrupulous and the uninformed to make use of such publication for this very purpose. Much of it never comes to the attention of the Grand Lodge but it is of wider extent than we can ever know. And does it really serve any substantial purpose, or any purpose commensurate with the trouble and expense involved in the work? It is a fertile field, even if the list is not flagrantly abused in these nefarious ways, for all kinds of propaganda. What better or quicker way to reach the more intelligent and leading portion of any community or of all communities in the United States, than by use of these extended lists?

The report of the Deputy Grand Master deals with his official visit to the M. S. A. and the Order of DeMolay for Boys, which he investigated during that visit, he closes by saying that this Order "has been established in every State of the Union but three, Utah being in that minority.

The Committee which has the matter of DeMolay in charge returns an exceeding favorable report of it and recommends approval of it, which was referred to Jurisprudence Committee who returned approval of it, and the Order of DeMolay was officially recognized by Grand Lodge.

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland was fraternally recognized at this session.

A most interesting "resolution" was adopted via the Jurisprudence Committee to the effect that the position of this Grand Lodge respecting

"Utah-Born Applicants" be made clear to other jurisdictions by sending to each Grand Master of the United States the preamble and resolution and a copy of the pamphlet by Brother Sam H. Goodwin on "Mormonism and Masonry." This pamphlet appears in last year's proceedings (1922) and is interesting and instructive reading respecting a delicate and insidious situation which is rather peculiar to Utah. We cordially sympathize with and understand and commend Utah in thus elucidating the situation.

At the presentation of the Grand Lodge jewel, Brother Gibson said, "If nature had endowed him with the power of speech, it had escaped him tonight."

The Correspondence Report is written by M. W. Brother Sam Henry Goodwin and is preceded by a brief essay in which poets as far apart in time and message as Euripides and Joaquin Miller (with Herbert Spencer and Matthew Arnold and Sydney Smith thrown in for good measure) are fittingly quoted. As an approach to the Report it is like meandering through the spring fields and woods before coming to the flowing sparkling river of the official report. We get his point of view, his attitude and estimate of the deeper and often elusive realities of life, and as he doubtless intended we can better touch together and evaluate these more formal and mundane things of various Grand Jurisdictions. It is well and uniquely done and we are the better for it. We come now to "the sparkling and flowing river" of his thoughts, a report which is good to read and ponder and to use the old Miltonian phrase, "to inwardly digest." Chary of extending quotation he uses his own composition, and a clear and lucid language it is, for our enlightenment and edification.

Maine must rest content with the language of Cato when he saw the other marble statues of the Senators in the Roman Forum: "Where then is Cato's Statue?" But Brother Goodwin is absolved, exonerated, forgiven for an omission, which was no fault of his own probably, but absolution has its limits and this extends over one year. Maine cannot brook the omission of so virile and trenchant reviewer as Brother Goodwin. We know that Maine is the loser and we simply can't forego it another year.

Reference has already been made to his admirable and enlightening "Conclusion" which deals at length with the Thomsonian brand of clandestine Masonry, which has been brought to the pillory and stands unveiled to the clear and penetrating light of legitimate Masonry in Utah.

VERMONT, 1923.

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Communication.

Membership 18,229, net gain 428. There are 103 Chartered Lodges.

There were present eight Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-two jurisdictions, including ours of Maine. The present Grand Master, M. W. Bro. George I. Whitney is our Maine representative. He opens his annual address with the assertion that the condition of the Craft in Vermont is very satisfactory, its growth steady

and of solid quality in citizenship and character. He notes the passing of two older Past Grand Masters, Brothers Eugene S. Weston and Edward L. Wells whose faithful and extended labors through the years are eulogized, and later in the proceeding touching and impressive tribute is paid to these honored fraters by the Committee of Necrology.

Grand Master Whitney commends his District Deputies very highly and pays his respects to their untiring labors for the Craft. Special communications were held for various purposes, dedication, corner-stone ceremonials and funerals. He attended several anniversary celebrations two for lodges one hundred and twenty-five years old. Bennington, which has figured in the early colonial and Revolutionary history was one of these.

He believes and urges a more general and active participation in the building of the George Washington Memorial.

He believes that two weeks is too short a time to elapse between degrees, and we heartily concur; he further says: "The Blue Lodge is the foundation of the future Masonic life and conduct of every candidate, and time enough should be required to make this foundation firm, that he may be a credit to himself and to the Order." He therefore recommends four weeks. So good old conservative Vermont takes heroic measures to stop the rush and push which has become something of a scandal and reproach to the institution. It is good to learn also that they do things "our" way in Vermont, for we read, "requests for dispensations to shorten the time between degrees have been refused."

It is one of the best and briefest of the annual addresses which we have read, no attempt at oratorical splurge or rhetorical periods, but just a clean-cut business document and rather a model of its type.

The brevity and dispatch of the Grand Master is duplicated by Brother H. H. Ross, Grand Secretary, who covers it all in two pages in his report.

The Finance Committee divided equally the appropriation for the Correspondence Report between the widow of the late M. W. Bro. Weston and the new appointee, M. W. Brother Archie Harriman, "who completed the report." A kind of modern judgment of Solomon which was fair to both.

The Jurisprudence Committee thinks that the matter of waiting four weeks as suggested by the Grand Master had better be made one of "proficiency" rather than of time between the degrees.

The thirteen D. D. G. Ms. make the usual reports which sound like our own in Maine, and the names appended thereto are like our own and tell of constructive work faithfully performed.

Maine, 1922, is reviewed by M. W. Brother, the late Eugene S. Weston, whose strong and noble face adorns one page of the volume and made its appeal to us even before we had read his report for Maine. His passing must mean an irreparable loss to Vermont Masonry. Brother Weston deals generously and graciously with Maine, commends M. W. Brother Wheeler for his decisions and legislative actions, and very nobly extends his greeting to your correspondent and makes this kindly reference: "Many of the

older reviewers have not excelled the review he presents." When we read that, we preserved a due degree of humility by recalling St. Paul's admonition, "Be not puffed up." Other of the reviews are prepared by M. W. Brother Archie Harriman his successor, and as we are both new and young at the work, can congratulate or commiserate each other. As your correspondent is writing his third report, he can "crow" about it, and "plume" himself a little, but welcome Brother Harriman to the round table with a hearty hand clasp of fraternal spirit and cordial goodwill.

VICTORIA, 1922.

The usual four (or Quarterly) Communications were held.

Membership 26,480, gain for the year 3,243. Three Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of fifty-three jurisdictions were present. R. W. Brother C. T. Martin was present for Maine. The steady growth of the Order is seen not alone by the increase during the year as given above, but in the fact that there were twenty new lodges constituted, and three temples dedicated during the year.

We note that the requirements relative to physical qualifications are very like our own, with absolute prohibition of candidates who are totally blind, or deaf or dumb.

The installation ceremony of the Grand Master, and other officers is an elaborate and impressive function. The full program is given at the induction of the Grand Master, M. W. Brother His Excellency Colonel the Right Honorable George Edward John Mowbray, Earl of Stradbroke, K. C. M. G. C. B.; C. V. O.; C. B. E., Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England. In his brief address the M. W. Grand Master refers to the fact that men of the highest position have been honored in holding Masonic office, in the course of his remarks he speaks of King Edward, and the Duke of Connaught, the present Grand Master of England, and that H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, now Senior Grand Warden of England, is to follow in his footsteps and in due time occupy the exalted position of his grandfather (King Edward) and his granduncle (the Duke of Connaught). As the Grand Master is the present Governor of Victoria, and himself the successor of such eminent Craftsmen as Lord Carmichael and Lord Brassey he says "is not starting any precedent in occupying the position of Grand Master."

He makes eloquent reference to the Australian Conference as the movement which will unite the Australian Grand Lodges in one big Brotherhood and "elevate and raise the thought and manhood of Australia."

The Board of General Purposes made emphatic the Grand Lodge ruling that all communications to the Grand Master must be sent via the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of Victoria gives a Memorial Scholarship every year, called after the name of King Edward VII, and conducted under the Department of Education. This year there were eighty entrants, and sixty-eight competed. The highest rank attained was 769 on a basis of 1,000.

We learn with interest of a matter which has been discussed for years, "that the Ritual Committee, has now completed the revision of the ritual relating to the degrees. The principle actuating the Committee was in no wise to interfere with the fundamental characteristic of the written teachings of Freemasonry."

We find this rather interesting paragraph — The archaic language, so picturesquely and affectionately linking the present with the past maintaining the gradation of the development of the English speech from Chaucer and Shakespeare, and indicating to some extent the antiquity of the Craft, has been faithfully followed.

In this land of Volstead and the Eighteenth Amendment we learn that the Board of General Purposes "is opposed to the use of the word—Temperance — as part of the title of any proposed new lodge."

Under — Rules relating to Loans — we notice that every security shall be a First Mortgage in the form approved by the Grand Lodge Trustees, and shall be duly registered.

There is no formal report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

VIRGINIA, 1923.

The One Hundred and Forty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership 41,191. There are 347 chartered lodges on the roll. Eleven Past Grand Masters, and twenty-eight Grand Representatives were present, including Maine's.

Among the distinguished guests welcomed at this Communication were M. W. Bro. James C. Bissell, Grand Master of South Carolina; Brother E. Lee Tinkle, Governor of Virginia, and Brother William Howard Taft, Chief Justice of the United States, and M. W. Brother Melvin M. Johnson, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother James H. Price, opens his annual report with this sentiment:

"I will try to live with love and care
Upon the level and by the square."

This splendid resolve is inscribed on what is believed to be the oldest Masonic jewel in existence, found in Limerick, Ireland. Virginia Masonry is substantially attuned to the beautiful sentiment reflected in the lines of this old inscription. The Grand Master gives a kind of roll-call of those eminent Craftsmen who have labored in the earlier generations, "drinking deep at the fountains of Masonry, and the privileges enjoyed by every citizen are largely the results of the efforts of Masons inspired by the light received at our altars. I admire from the bottom of my heart the Mason who is brave enough to stand and weather the gale when some new thought or spirit of innovation invades his lodge."

The Grand Master is a great advocate of the system of District Deputy Grand Masters, whom he finely terms "the watchmen on the wall."

During the year Virginia was visited by its Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Ireland, R. W. Bro. Sir Robert H. H. Baird, and

General Menus O'Keefe, R. W. Bro. Baird is the owner and editor of the "Daily Telegraph" of Belfast (Ireland). The Grand Master said of these brethren: "One of the most significant things connected with this visit, was their attitude toward their life-long foes. Not a word of bitterness fell from their lips; no trace of malice or vituperation in their discription and discussion of conditions in their stricken country, as horrible as they must be. What a wonderful tribute to the purity of Masonry in Ireland, where the craft numbers 45,000 true and tried Masons. Would that we, as Masons, when we are tempted to intemperate language and action, might emulate their splendid example." Which appeals to us as a wise counsel in these days of suspicion, ill-will and unguarded irresponsible denunciation.

A long list of visitations gives some idea of the extended and various duties of a Grand Master in the Old Dominion. Beside these in his own jurisdiction, he made three official visits, as follows: The Grand Lodges of South Carolina, Maryland and North Carolina. We learn that he has consistently refused "all request to receive petitions from candidates who could not 'without artificial aid or friendly assistance,' conform to the Ritual." It would be interesting to know how far this "friendly assistance" would be warranted, it would seem at first thought that it could be made so elastic as to practically nullify the ancient regulations and nearly every modern constitutional law could be set at naught, unless there are well defined restrictions as to the application of this rule of "friendly assistance."

Under "Decisions" we find this: "Several times during the year, I have have been obliged to decline to permit corner-stones to be laid on Sunday." It seems that these requests were for churches. The Grand Master justifies his action on this ground which in his language suggests that there is something to be said on the other side: "I have found no better reason for this time-honored ruling of the Fraternity than one assigned by Past Grand Master Quinn, who said: "The Great Light of Masonry teaches us that in six days God created the heaven and earth and rested on the seventh, which he hallowed and made a day of rest for the ages, and the seventh therefore, our ancient brethren consecrated as a day of rest from their labors 'and we must obey God, as did our ancient brethren.'"

It appeals to us that the laying of a corner-stone for a Christian Church is essentially and primarily a religious ceremonial, and only in the most formal and baldly literalistic sense a Masonic labor, indeed it might well be termed a "refreshment from labor" because at such a corner-stone service we are worshipping God, to whom from the youngest E. A. in the northeast corner of the lodge, etc., we all most humbly bow. It is just as true in Masonry, as in other organizations that we may observe the strict letter of the law, and ignore and even repudiate its spirit; it would seem that the Great Light in Masonry might be followed to better purpose in remembering that, "It is the letter which killeth, but the spirit which giveth Life." Careful should we be lest we too easily come under the con-

demnation of those, who, as the Great Light says, "strain at the gnats and swallow the camels."

We are glad to see that the Grand Master's second decision is sound, "That the christening of a male child, the first born in the family, is not a Masonic occasion."

We like also these words of strong common sense under decision 10: "That a Masonic lodge is no place for the discussion and settlement of labor disputes, and no charges should be entertained against a brother who had accepted employment made vacant by a brother who had voluntarily relinquished it, left his employer and gone on strike."

The sure and certain growth of Masonry in Virginia is indicated by the granting of seven dispensations for new lodges, while the reports of nearly every one of the D. D. G. Ms. of fifty-eight Masonic Districts indicated careful supervision on the part of these "watchmen on the walls."

The Masonic Home occupies a large place not only in the proceedings but in the thought and generous offerings of the Virginia Craftsmen.

The Grand Historian, M. W. Brother Jos. W. Eggleston, submits a most instructive report dealing with a lodge "instituted March 4, 1752, in the 46th British Regiment, now the 2nd Battalion, Duke of Cornwallis' Light Infantry." It is interesting as historical material but not without its modern meanings and applications.

The Historian is the accomplished writer of the Report on Foreign Correspondence. M. W. Brother Eggleston fulfills the word of an old English writer who said of another, "he touches nothing which he does not adorn."

And from Alabama to Wyoming (alphabetically speaking) we have a series of reviews which touch vital matters in a vital way. Liberal in quotation (which sometimes is not an easy thing to select) Brother Eggleston brings interpretative light to bear upon many issues and Masonic problems, upon which he always makes constructive comment, never carping criticism for its own sake or mere obstructivism in opposition. Always courteous and fraternal even when obliged to take issue, which is seldom.

Maine (1922) is nobly treated as when he says in opening: "To this writer, the one item of chief importance was the report of the death of Albro E. Chase, Grand Treasurer, Past Grand Master and Foreign Correspondent. To make the parallel with this writer more complete, he was born the same year, 1844. None but the scribes have any idea how fond we grow of each other without ever meeting. All over the Masonic world his death will be lamented as that of a personal friend." Which words, in brief compass, is as good a tribute as we have read.

Grand Master Wheeler is approvingly quoted and commended for his able address.

Brother Eggleston has this gentle reproof for your correspondent: "He left us out altogether, last year Brother Chase reviewed our volume for 1920 and Brother Smith surely could have done the same with that for 1921." Oh, Brother, Brother! How could it be done if it was never

seen? Somewhere and somehow between Portland and Bangor offices, and the change of officers, the Virginia report was lost, at least it was unseen by me. Without further extenuation or justification, we have tried to make amends for this neglect which was unwitting on our part, by reviewing at somewhat unusual length both last year's and this year's proceedings.

We know that "absolution" and fraternal forgiveness will be generously extended to us.

WASHINGTON, 1923.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership 40,576, net gain 2,164. Chartered lodges 239, with five U. D.

There were present seventeen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of forty-four Grand Jurisdictions, including ours of Maine.

After some preliminaries of welcome and response, the Grand Master, M. W. Brother James McCormack delivered an extended message of sixty full pages for the instruction and edification of the assembled brethren. The customary introduction deals with the Craft's condition in general with a few admonitory words when he calls the Grand Lodge "to arise and bow their heads in silent prayer" at the names of the departed brothers, among these we note especially the name of M. W. Brother William W. Witherspoon, P. G. M., who is tenderly commemorated in a tribute by the Grand Master and later by the Necrological Committee.

Among the pleasant duties of the Grand Master we note the constituting of nine new lodges, the dedication of seven temples, the laying of nine corner-stones and the visitation of innumerable lodges.

Perhaps the outstanding event in his year of administration was his extended visit to the Alaskan lodges under his jurisdiction. He left on July 19th, and resumed his duties in Washington on August 28th. His report of this trip is a moving account of that far northern country and the advances of our Order there; such names as Juneau, Fairbanks, Seward, Sitka and Skagway, remind us of the old Klondike days and the rush to that frozen gold country, while not infrequently we found ourself quoting lines of Robert Service's poetry and recalling Jack London's stories. The Grand Master says in concluding his account of this journey "I shall never forget the kindness, courtesy and consideration extended to us on all sides during our Alaskan trip, I found a fertile field, willing minds and ever ready hands." Truly in these sixty pages of his report this is the bright particular oasis where we love to linger and like certain brethren of old "here is where the weary traveller lies down to refresh himself" before continuing upon his journey of search and research.

The growth of our institution in Washington is indicated by the Grand Master's issuing five dispensation for new lodges. Among his decisions we find that he leaves the matter of judging physical qualifications to the local lodge, while his own idea is that of liberal interpretation of the law. Another decision of his appeals to us, namely "that bootlegging" is a

Masonic offense, a law which was in effect "even at the time when the liquor business was legalized."

Among his voluminous correspondence which he includes liberally through his annual report, we like these words of safe and sane Masonic wisdom: "I hold that it is not the function of a lodge to endorse, by resolution, in the name of Masonry, any methods whatever affecting the policy of our national, state or city government." Surely, nor is it the function of Grand Lodges many of which have endorsed and "resolved" and "deplored" this, that and the other thing,—forgetful of the genius, the ancient landmarks and charges and customs of the Fraternity. That way lies disintegration, division, dissensions and perchance in the end disruption and decay.

We note six dispensations for the conferring of degrees "out of time" which isn't bad in a great jurisdiction like Washington, although we "sit down" on it hard in Maine.

The Grand Master includes his "Christmas Message" of nearly four pages which he sent to all the lodges at this season, and while of course such a message must center about the birth of Jesus and the "Divine advent of Christ," it seems to us more appropriate for a Commandery of Knight's Templar or a Chapter of Rose Croix, than for Symbolic Masonry which has nothing to do with the theology or dogma of any specific religion.

Grand Master McCormack leaves little to be desired when he replies to those who are always asking "where Masonry stands on some 'burning and debatable issue,'" here are a few of his tremendous words: "Where Masonry stands? How absurd! You know where Masonry stands; you, who are sons of light, know full well your duty to God, your country and yourselves. This institution, hoary with age, whose influence has ever been on the side of justice, of liberty and of righteousness, does not have to appear before the world in this day and generation to let the world know where it stands when the liberties of the people are in danger. But let us take heed of the admonition recorded in the Great Light, 'Lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling-block to them that are weak.'"

Quoting the Grand Master at such length precludes the chronicling of the legislative actions of this noble and honored Grand Lodge. Briefly we must touch only the high lights of the session.

An outstanding word was spoken by the Grand Orator, Rt. Rev. Frederic W. Keator on the subject: "The Democracy of Masonry," from which it would be a pleasure to quote,—so many and vital are his words on this grand and timely theme, very poorly and inadequately may be summed up in those words of Mazzini, (an honored brother of this Order), when he said: "He who will spiritualize democracy will save the world." In Brother Keator's address he presents Masonry as an attempt along this line, as a fraternal estimate and evaluation of the really worth-while realities of life, he thinks of Masonry as a spiritual attitude and approach toward the things "that are unseen and eternal," and therefore the things that abide in the eternal economy of God.

Greetings from the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., were heartily received and it is good to see these two great fraternities exchanging fraternal courtesies which indicate toil cooperant toward noble ends.

The report of the Jurisprudence Committee for the most part endorses the Grand Master's acts and administration, but occasionally we notice a strong demurrer and sometimes a word of cautionary counsel.

The Grand Historian delivered an address of seven pages which is a careful statement of early Craft Masonry and its bearing on our problems and has been a rare delight to read and our regret is that space precludes deserved quotation and extended commendation.

The Communication concluded with a rather unusual event which must have been an inspiring occasion for the Grand Master and a delight to the brethren assembled. The three manly and stalwart sons of Grand Master McCormack were "tendered a hearty welcome." All three belong to the same lodge as their noble Dad whose eyes must have been a bit moist and perhaps there was "a lump in his throat," when this scene was enacted in the Grand East. Congratulations to all concerned and especially to those who so thoughtfully arranged this inspiring incident.

The Correspondence Report is over the beloved and familiar signature of M. W. Brother Ralph C. McAllister (P. G. M.) and is of the "topical" type. Brother McAllister touches the vital, pivotal things of the Masonic world and holds them up to comment pro and con, with an occasional trenchant incisive comment which leaves no uncertainty where his conviction is although his expression of it is always courteous and even deferential.

The "Topical" review is always difficult to handle in the small compass of a detailed report of seventy various jurisdictions. This is especially true when our own is not cited at length; about the only consolation we receive is of the negative kind that things ran so smoothly with us and our actions were so in accord with accepted usage and custom as not to be "remarkable." On a memorable occasion in the Roman Forum, Cato said something along this line when looking at the carved marble statues of other senators, "I am content, for they will ask, where then is Cato?" So with the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine, we too are negatively content Catowise to acquiesce.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1923.

Membership, 6,010; net gain, 493. There are 110 lodges on the roll.

There were thirty-one Grand Representatives present, including ours of Maine, R. W. Brother C. E. Hazlewood.

M. W. Brother, The Most Rev. C. O. Riley, Archbishop of Perth, said in his brief address relative to Enquiry Committees whose duty it is to investigate the character and standing of the applicant, that most of these committees have "too much work placed on their shoulders, and consequent lack of efficiency in cases where between fifteen and twenty candidates are nominated in one year." He urges, in common with every Grand

Master, the greatest care in the selection of candidates in order "to uphold the honour and dignity of our Ancient Institution."

Under the caption "Freemasonry in Ireland," we read with interest these words: "There is now no general hostility to the Order in the south of Ireland," and he does "not believe that a feeling of this kind is encouraged by the Roman Catholic Church, which fully appreciates the difference between Irish Freemasonry and that carried on in some of the Continental Grand Lodges."

The Grand Master recalls with fraternal delight the recent visit of the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, the Earl of Stradbroke.

The Quarterly Communications of Western Australia are now held wherever the Grand Master appoints them under a "wise amendment to the Constitution." By this arrangement "the local brethren are inspired to fresh Masonic activities."

Under "Growth of the Craft" we read, "the numerical strength of the Craft has increased enormously during the past few years." The true test however, the Grand Master finds in the quality of those admitted, not in the numbers, and he wisely says: "Where the least doubt exists (as to the standing of the applicant) it will be far better to defer, or even to reject, than to risk the admission of one lacking the full requirements."

Speaking of the investiture of H. R. H., the Prince of Wales, K. G., as Senior Grand Warden, the following letter from the King of England was read: "I am touched by the message you have sent me in the name of nine thousand Freemasons assembled to invest my son as Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England. These assurances of loyalty and devotion are another proof of that close association which has always existed between Freemasons and the members of my house. I heartily thank them for their good wishes. George R. I." This is the second time within a half century when the heir to the throne of Great Britain has taken upon himself the same high honor, which finally led in case of King Edward, to the Grand Mastership of England, and will probably do so (D. V.) in the present instance of the investiture of the Prince of Wales, as Senior Grand Warden.

As there was but one nomination for the office of M. W. Grand Master, the usual election was ignored, perfectly regular under the Grand Lodge Constitution, and M. W. Brother Chas. O. Riley was officially declared elected for the eighteenth consecutive time.

At the Annual Communication it was announced that for the twenty-first consecutive year the records of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia showed every lodge clear in the matter of Grand Lodge dues and charges.

Grand Master Riley in the course of his annual address spoke of Sunday picnics, as follows: "In all Masonic acts we should be studiously careful not to offend the susceptibilities of others. I have always considered Sunday to be a 'dies non' so far as the Craft is concerned." We read that the lodge offending in this way readily complied with the Grand Master's suggestions and cancelled their Sunday festivities.

The Board of General Purposes gives considerable attention to the Grand Orient of France one of whose members claimed the right of visitation. The Board makes it clear and emphatic that neither the Grand Orient, nor the Grand Lodge, of France, has the right of visitation in Western Australia.

The Grand Inspector of Workings, pays high tribute to the visits of the brethren who are commercial travellers, saying that they "render assistance whenever possible and frequently contribute to the harmony of the evening to an extent not generally known." This has been our own observation in Maine, when the brethren are conducting their weekly commercial trips throughout the state, they very often drop into the local lodge for the evening and contribute their share of fraternal goodwill and cordial greeting.

The reports of several District Inspectors, give us interesting reading and correspond to our District Deputy Grand Master's reports in Maine.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence covers one hundred and seventy-four pages of the annual proceedings, and deals with the incidents and interests vital to the Craft in these various jurisdictions. This seems to us especially true of the American Grand Lodges, for the report shows a grasp and understanding of our peculiar questions and issues rather remarkable for a correspondent so far removed from our geographical area.

Maine for 1922 is generously and cordially considered in nearly four pages of this review. Grand Master Wheeler is quoted and commended, and Grand Secretary Davis is praised for an efficient and business-like administration of his duties, while his eulogy of Past Grand Master Chase is quoted. The reviewer says of this, "One could wish that when the time comes for him to pass away from the activities of this life a similar epitaph could be appropriately written by his brethren."

Brief quotation from your Correspondent's report is made relative to the wider reading of these annual reviews by the brethren of the Grand Lodges. He is also praised and gently rebuked; praised for a report, which "is not the least interesting part" of the annual proceedings, and kindly rebuked for "no comment on the Western Australian report." The rebuke is deserved if the report was received, but as it was not, at least by this reviewer, we have tried to make amends by a somewhat extended review of this year's proceedings, which were received, and have been read and reviewed with pleasure and profit.

WISCONSIN, 1923.

The Seventy-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership 49,550, net gain 3,220. There were present nineteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-eight Jurisdictions, including M. W. Bro. Geo. B. Wheeler for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother John E. Langdon, made tender and eloquent reference to the passing into the Higher Life of M. W. Brother Hiram W. Sawyer, P. G. M., whose strong and rugged face in full page photograph fulfills the eulogy spoken by the Grand Master and expressed in the tribute of the committee on Necrology.

Under Maine, we notice with affectionate regard and almost for this reviewer with filial respect and reverence, the name of Frank Eugene Sleeper, Past Grand Master.

In speaking of Masonic Charity, the Grand Master points to a real need by saying: "I wish to emphasize a privilege we seldom do, that is — to inquire regarding a Brother's welfare. We force him into the uncomfortable position of having to appeal before we fulfill an obligation to him."

Under "Decisions" we find this: "A lodge owning a hall dedicated to Masonic use can not sell a half interest to another society to use its lodge room in connection with such society." The official committee having these twenty-six "Decisions" to pass upon, demurred at this, but commended the others. Their reason for the demurrer was that: "The right to sell property is inherent in the ownership of the property."

Fourteen Emergent Communications were held during the year for various Masonic purposes, dedications of temples and corner-stone ceremonies being in the majority. It is good to see the steady growth of the Order in Wisconsin which is indicated by dispensations issued for four new lodges.

Regarding the George Washington Memorial it is rather unusual to read that Wisconsin "has repeatedly refused to participate in this movement."

The Grand Master takes sound position in refusing to sanction Sunday picnics and like forms of amusement on the Sabbath Day under Masonic sponsorship.

The brethren are obviously considering an Orphan's Home as the Grand Master appointed a committee of ten members to consider and report on this project. He sums up the duty of a Master by saying it is "to provide work, nourishing instruction and satisfying entertainment for all the members."

Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Charles E. Whelan, delivered an original poem entitled "Our Soldier Dead," which breathes the spirit of tender and patriotic eulogy for those, "who have not died in vain." While the Grand Steward, Brother Frank Jenks made brief but fervent and well-phrased tribute under the subject, "Those Who Made the Sacrifice."

We note two pages devoted to Kane Lodge, No. 61, with an historical account of the when and why it received this title in honor and veneration for the name of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, the famous and heroic Arctic Explorer and a brother of the Order. This is interesting and instructive reading.

A drastic but wholesome resolution was offered by P. G. M. Aldro Jenks to the effect that two lodges, which have not been represented for

the last four years, must be represented next year, or their charters will be arrested. Adopted.

An act of gracious and almost knightly courtesy was extended by the Grand Master, who vacated the chair and escorted P. G. M. John Corscot, the oldest permanent member of the Grand Lodge, to the Grand East that he might again preside over that body for a few minutes. It was a beautiful and appropriate action and the memory of it may be taken by the venerable M. W. Brother into the great Beyond.

Thursday afternoon the brethren laid the corner-stone of the New Hospital being erected by the Eastern Star and then proceeded to the new Masonic Home where the dedicatory ceremony was performed by M. W. Grand Master Bro. John E. Langdon.

The usual Past Grand Master's Jewel was impressively presented to Brother Langdon at the close of the communication.

The signature of M. W. Brother Aldro Jenks has appeared so many years at the close of the Correspondence Report that we have learned to love and even venerate it, and in the last two years to have a real affection for the strong manhood of which the rugged liberal signature is but the outward symbol and chirographical sign. Perhaps because Brother Jenks was one of the first to greet us two years ago when we made our first report with trepidation, we have been drawn to him. His words, after twenty years of reading reports from the innumerable reviews touched a tender place in the heart and gave us courage to go ahead with what we felt was a rather weak performance and doomed to failure.

Maine is cordially and liberally treated in this year's report as in former years. M. W. Brother Wheeler, our Grand Master received a large mead of praise, and quotation is made from his annual address. Brother Albro Chase's passing is noted with simple and manly regret and sympathy for the brethren of Maine.

Brother Jenks makes merry with the ruling that a lodge is not to be encouraged to receive a gift of a Bible from the Eastern Star, to be used by both bodies, and gives the sisters of the O. E. S. the old benediction which the Lord of old commanded upon his prophet.

He says of your reviewer that he has "an easy graceful diction, possesses opinions of his own and does not hesitate to express them and such a writer challenges our admiration."

WYOMING, 1923.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership 6,873, increase during the year of 360. Number of lodges 42. There were present sixteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-seven Grand Jurisdictions.

Preliminary to the formal opening, addresses of welcome were delivered, and the usual response made thereto by Past Grand Master Brother Harold Banner.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother William A. Riner, sees in Masonry "the upholder of the rights of person and property, of law and order; in short of the great forces that make for the highest development of civilization; that there is no right without parallel duty; no high destiny without perseverance; and no real greatness without self-denial." A Masonic sentiment which goes to the roots of fraternal realities.

The Grand Master, lamenting and memorializing the untimely passing of President Harding, quotes with eloquent approval his sentiment: "I have been a better citizen for being a Mason. There is nothing in Masonry that a free, religious and just American could not be proud to subscribe to, and be a better citizen for so doing."

Three Past Grand Masters have passed beyond our confines of time and place since the last annual communication: M. W. Brothers Ervin F. Cheney, William Daley and Frank A. Luckfield. They were pillars of Masonic strength in this honored jurisdiction whose places it will be difficult to fill.

George Washington's Masonic Birthday (November 4th) is heartily commended as worthy of observance by every lodge. Public School Week is also cordially championed by the Grand Master.

The growth of the fraternity in Wyoming is indicated by the constitution of two new lodges and the organizing of another during the year.

An outstanding event in the year's annals was the laying of the cornerstone of the splendid Scottish Rite Cathedral at Cheyenne, a fine photograph of this event is included in the proceedings.

Grand Master Riner's "Decisions" are according to the usual practice and custom of the Fraternity, and met the unanimous approval of the committee.

The Committee on Correspondence asks for "further time" in the matter of recognition of various Latin-American Grand Lodges.

A Standing Resolution was adopted that each year on November 4th, George Washington's Masonic Birthday, should be fittingly observed by each subordinate lodge, providing that if such date fell upon Sunday another date may be fixed for this purpose.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted a report announcing rules and principles for guidance in the matter of recognition of other Grand Lodges; these rules follow substantially those laid down by the Masonic Service Association, and seem to cover the entire ground for such recognition, the only difficulty seeming to be to get the real and essential facts to which these common-sense rules may be applied.

The usual jewel presentation occurred in the closing hours of the session, a good speech of presentation being made by Past Grand Master Arthur K. Lee which was briefly but feelingly responded to by the retiring Grand Master M. W. Brother William A. Riner. His own lodge (Acacia) presented him, also with a "Silver Set" as a "token of the love and esteem of the membership of his lodge."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by M. W. Brother Joseph M. Lowndes, who is also the efficient Grand Secretary of Wyoming. One hundred and ten pages of worthwhile review touches on matters of vital interest, if sometimes disputed opinion, pertaining to the Craft. Considerable quotation constitutes Brother Lowndes' correspondence, but as it is always well selected and deals with some crucial issue of the Fraternity we rather appreciate than deprecate it. Maine receives cordial and generous attention at his hands. He touches on the high lights of our communication, and tabulates our actions with approval. Past Grand Master Randell is quoted with praise. Your correspondent is given credit for "a review that is well worth the time taken to read it." Thanks.

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Alberta.....	1923	New South Wales.....	1922
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Arkansas.....	1923	New Zealand.....	1922
British Columbia.....	1923	North Carolina.....	1923
California.....	1923	North Dakota.....	1923
Canada (Province of Ontario).....	1923	Nova Scotia.....	1923
Colorado.....	1923	Ohio.....	1923
Connecticut.....	1923	Oklahoma.....	1923
Delaware.....	1923	Oregon.....	1923
England.....	1923	Phillipine Islands.....	1923
Florida.....	1923	Prince Edward Island.....	1923
Idaho.....	1923	Quebec.....	1923
Illinois.....	1923	Rhode Island.....	1923
Indiana.....	1923	Saskatchewan.....	1923
Iowa.....	1923	South Australia.....	1923
Ireland.....	1923	South Carolina.....	1923
Manitoba.....	1923	South Dakota.....	1923
Massachusetts.....	1923	Tasmania.....	1923
Michigan.....	1923	Texas.....	1923
Minnesota.....	1923	Tennessee.....	1924
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Fraternally submitted for the Committee,

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