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Over The River.

BY NANCY PRIEST.

Over the river they beckon to me,
Loved ones who've crossed to the farther side;
The gleam of their snowy robes I see,
But their voices are lost in the dashing tide.
There's one with ringlets of sunny gold,
And eyes the reflection of heaven's own blue;
He crossed in the twilight gray and cold,
And the pale mist hid him from mortal view.
We saw not the angels who met him there,
The gates of the city we could not see.
Over the river—over the river—
My brother stands waiting to welcome me.

Over the river the boatman pale
Carried another, the household pet;
Her brown curls waved in the gentle gale—
Darling Minnie! I see her yet.
She crossed on her bosom her dimpled hands,
And fearlessly entered the phantom bark;
We felt it glide from the silver sands,
And all our sunshine grew strangely dark.
We know she is safe on the farther side,
Where a l the ransomed and angels be.
Over the river—the mystic river—
My childhood's idol is waiting for me.

For none return from those quiet shores
Who cross with the boatman cold and pale;
We hear the dip of the golden oars,
And catch a gleam of the snowy sail.
And lo! they have passed from our yearning hearts
Who cross the stream and are gone for aye.
We may not sunder the veil apart
That hides from our vision the gates of day:
We only know that their barques no more
May sail with us over life's stormy sea;
Yet somewhere, I know, on the unseen shore,
They watch and beckon and wait for me.

And I sit and think, when the sunset's gold
Is flushing river and hill and shore,
I shall one day stand by the water cold,
And list for the sound of the boatman's oar;
I shall watch for a gleam of the flapping sail,
I shall hear the boat as it gains the strand,
I shall pass from sight with the boatman pale,
To the better shore of the spirit land;
I shall know the loved who have gone before,
And joyfully sweet will the meeting be,
When over the river—the peaceful river—
The angel of death shall carry me.

MASONRY IN MAINE.

Lodge Elections.

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Atlantic Lodge, of Portland, had its annual clambake at Spurwink, August 3d, one hundred attending.

Trinity Commandery of Augusta made an excursion to Winthrop Oct. 17th, and were entertained by the masons of that town with a collation and ball.

Mr. Nathaniel Mattocks died at Farmington Falls, July 18, aged nearly ninety-four years. Mr. Mattocks was born in Chester-ville, Nov. 1789, where he has lived a long and useful life, never having been confined to a bed of sickness until three weeks before his death. He was a member of Maine Lodge of Masons, No. 20, into which he was initiated June 26, 1820; passed in August and raised in November. He was buried with Masonic honors on Friday, 20th.—[Franklin Journal.]

Lebanon Lodge, F. & A. M., of Norridge-wock, have thoroughly repaired and refurbished their hall, and have one of the best to be found in a country village.

Templar Statistics.

Berry's report to the Grand Commandery of Maine contains the latest Templar Statistics yet published, including twenty jurisdictions for 1883. It shows in the United States 684 Commanderies, and 59,125 Templars, against 54,510 last year. There are now in the United States and Canada, 59,835 Templars, 131,751 Royal Arch Masons, and 579,826 Master Masons. The percentage of Templars to Master Masons is 10.82, and it is steadily increasing.

"It seems like a blunder to see Texas and Vermont, adjoining alphabetically, but at opposite extremes geographically, with the same number of members, 791, but it is so in their returns. There is quite a difference in the average membership, for Vermont Commanderies have 88 members, while Texas Commanderies average only fifty. But that is very good, compared to Alabama, with only 25 to a Commandery, and North Carolina, with only 22. Our own State and New Hampshire have 125, while Massachusetts and Rhode Island have 154. This average membership is a matter of consequence, because the Order must be comparatively weak where a few have to bear the burdens. All the jurisdictions have increased their membership excepting Connecticut, Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia, and their combined loss is but the trifling sum of 51, while the increase aggregates 4,656, making a net gain of 4,605 in the United States, or almost 8½ per cent. against 23 last year and 6 in 1881. The percentage of Templars to Master Masons continues to increase as heretofore, as will be seen by the comparison. The knighted have increased from 3,619 to 6,548, or almost double. The affiliated stand 677 against 618; these are mostly transfers of membership. The re-instated stand 247 against 224 last year. The dimitted, 1,334 against 1,273 last year. Adding the affiliates and re-instatements, and deducting them from the dimitted, leaves 410 who have found this particular grasshopper to be a burden, and whose desire towards it has failed. This is not a large proportion, compared with the 6,548 who have come in, even when the suspended are added to it. The latter number 721 against 1,015 last year: the expelled, 30 against 31 last year: the dead, 708 against 643.

"England and Wales have 132 Preceptor-ies on the roll this year, of which 20 are suspended. That leaves four more than last year, and we advance our estimate of their membership to 2,800. If Sir Knight Tinkler would only favor us with his own estimate, we would gladly give it. 104 of the working Preceptor-ies have Priories of Malta attached, and twelve of the suspended Preceptor-ies have them. The latest number on the roll is that of Plantaganet, No. 150, in Timaru, New Zealand. It was instituted November 28, 1882, and has a Priory of Malta attached.

"It will be seen that Pennsylvania has got in ahead of Massachusetts, but as its returns are six months later, the old Bay State will take the lead again in Chapman's report."

The total in the world is 873 Commanderies, and 64,005 Templars against 59,256 last year.

Capitular Statistics.

Brother J. H. Drummond's Maine report shows the following statistics in North American Chapters for 1883.

"The total Membership is 132,737 against 128,557 in 1882, and 127,105 in 1881: the Exaltations are 10,557 against 7,424 in 1882, and 6,733 in 1881: the Admissions and restorations are 2,202 against 1,868 in 1882, and 1,900 in 1881: the Dimissions are 3,142 against 2,818 in 1882, and 3,073 in 1881: the Expulsions are 55 against 75 in 1882 and 85 in 1881: the Suspensions (including suspensions from membership) are 2,625 against 2,859 in 1882, and 3,762 in 1881; and the Deaths are 1,594 against 1,633 in 1882, and 1,496 in 1881."

A Good Requirement.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado now requires Committees of Inquiry to answer the following questions about all applicants:

1. What is his age?
 2. Is he married or single?
 3. If married, is he living with his wife?
 4. What is his occupation, and where is he employed?
 5. Is he physically qualified for admission?
 6. What is the character of his company and associates?
 7. Is he addicted to the intemperate use of intoxicating liquor?
 8. Does he gamble?
 9. Does he habitually use profane or indecent language?
 10. Has he licentious or immoral habits?
 11. Is he a law-abiding citizen?
 12. Does he possess sufficient education and intelligence to understand and value the doctrines and tenets of Masonry?
 13. Has he ever made previous application for the degrees? and if so, where and when?
- Committees must also report any other facts of value to the Lodge in arriving at a correct conclusion.

The General Grand Chapter.

Comp. J. H. Drummond, in his report on Correspondence, 1883, says of this body:

"The General Grand Chapter was the first independent Grand Chapter that existed: its first plan was to govern Grand Chapters only: in 1806, it changed its plan so far as to organize Chapters in States where there were no Grand Chapters, and extended its jurisdiction over the United States: the Grand Chapter of Virginia was not then formed: the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and Maryland (if one then existed in Maryland were under the government of the Grand Lodge, and in no sense Sovereign Grand Chapters: so that the General Grand Chapter was the source from which all the Grand Chapters derived their powers."

OF CHANGING ALLEGIANCE

he says:

"We very much prefer making an endorsement upon the old charter, and thus perpetuating the old Chapter, to compelling the Chapter to commit suicide and chartering a new one. No one would ever think of such a proceeding under the civil law. When a body has been created, it lives of its own inherent power until it has been destroyed, and so it may change its allegiance without dying and being born again. The idea that a Lodge or Chapter can exist only by the continuous receipt of life from its creator, is, it seems to

us, absurd in theory and inconvenient in practice. It involves the idea, that if the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter should cease to exist, it also dies: while we hold that it, with not less than two others, may form a new Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter. Of course, the method pursued in this case is legal; but it destroys a Chapter, leaves all its members who do not petition for the new one 'out in the cold,' and interferes with the systematic work of the craft."

OF BY-LAWS.

"On the same principle he decided that a Chapter has no power to remit dues unless the by-laws so provide. We think this carries the doctrine to the verge of the ridiculous. If all the powers of officers and Chapters must be expressly stated in detail in the by-laws, these codes will assume the proportions of our State codes. The general rule is that by-laws are restrictive in their character, and are construed strictly because they place a limit upon the exercise of its powers by the body which makes them, and are usually intended to provide methods of exercising the will of the body, which will reasonably protect the rights of the minority, and prevent hasty action. We, therefore, deem the decision that when a code of by-laws provides that members shall pay dues and says nothing of remitting them, the original power of the Lodge to remit is not restricted. Of course, this would not apply to rules prescribed by the Grand Lodge for the government of Lodges, but to the rules or by-laws adopted by the Lodges. Again, these by-laws and all masonic laws must be read in the light of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and masonic usages. The makers of laws may well presume that certain principles of universal law, and the ancient usages of the craft, will be recognized without being incorporated in the code."

Books, Papers, etc.

The *Masonic Home Journal* is a new semi-monthly journal of the size of the *Token*, of which the first number was issued June 14th from the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home at Louisville, Kentucky, at \$1 a year. We trust that it has a long and prosperous career before it. In its report of the Grand Commandery meeting, it unceremoniously ousts Croninger from the Grand Recorder-ship, but as no Kentuckian would have the heart to do that purposely, we ascribe it to an error in reporting.

The *Masonic World* is a new monthly sixteen page magazine, devoted to the interests of the Rite of Memphis. It is published by the Masonic World Co., 252 Washington Street, Boston, at \$1.25 a year.

Dio Lewis's Monthly for October is received. \$2.50 a year. Dio is cranky, but his monthly has many entertaining articles.

La Revista Masonica, of Lima, for June, gives a long extract from the Maine Report on Foreign Correspondence respecting the new Grand Lodge of Peru, and also pays a high compliment to the ability and standing of Bro. Drummond.

La Union is the name of the official periodical of Fernandia de Jagua Lodge, No. 46, at Cienfuegos, Cuba. It seems rather peculiar to American masons to hear of a subordinate lodge having an official paper, but we are pleased to welcome it as an exchange.

The Victorian Freemason is a weekly journal published in Melbourne, which honors us with an exchange. It is the organ of the new Grand Lodge of Victoria. Subscription \$3 50 a year. With the number for August 18th, we have received a fine lithograph of the Hon. Geo. S. Coppin, M. P., first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Victoria. It shows a man with a fine, strong face and noble presence.

La Esperanza is a new periodical published in the city of Mexico, as the organ of Justicia Chapter, and of the Symbolic Independent Grand Lodge of Mexico. It is edited by Antonio Martinez Espinosa. We shall be pleased to exchange with it.

Gil. W. Barnard, of Chicago, Gr. Sec., favors us with a programme of the 28th annual re-union of the Scottish Rite bodies of Illinois, at Chicago, Oct. 4th, 5th and 6th.

Howard Owen is to continue to conduct the General, Literary, Miscellaneous and News Departments of the *Maine Farmer* in the future.

Bro. Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, Grand Recorder, sends us *Remembrances of the Pilgrimage of Mary Commandery to San Francisco*, a little 24mo. pamphlet of 48 pp. It is an interesting memento of a pleasant occasion.

Bro. Parvin's *Annals of Iowa for 1883* is a splendid volume.

A VETERAN MASON. Bro. Robt. Morris in a letter to *The Freemason* of London thus writes:

"Since the publication of 'William Morgan' I have discovered to my very great surprise that Col. Edward Sawyer, whose name frequently occurs in it, is still living; but at the great age of 95. He was one of those condemned to a fine and a month's imprisonment for an offence so trivial as to show the depraved condition of the public mind that could permit it.

"This venerable brother, whose memory is so clear at 95, was made a mason at 21 years. He has therefore labored in the mystic calling for 74 years! I think among the 'old masons' of whom so much has been recently said, we must place as the veteran and the eldest, Edward Sawyer of Grand Blanc, Michigan."

SOLOMON'S SEAL.—Many mistakes are still perpetuated by writers as regards this mystic emblem. It is not the Pentalfa, but the Hexapla. And so Mr. William Platt, writing to *Notes and Queries* respecting Solomon's seal, says: "The legend of Solomon's seal (Khatim Suliman) is connected with the superstitious and religious belief of the Mahometans. This signet ring is said to have come down from heaven to Solomon, the son of David, and on it was engraved 'the most great Name' (ism-i-azam) of God. It was partly composed of brass and partly of iron. With the brass Solomon stamped his written commands to the good genii, with the iron those to the evil genii or devils, of which metal they were supposed to have great dread. Over both these orders, by virtue of this talisman, he had absolute power, as well as over the winds, the birds and even wild beasts. Hexagonal in shape, and resembling a six-pointed star, it was formed by two equilateral triangles intersecting each other."—[*Masonic Student*.]

Editorial Items.

—Gen. Tom Thumb died at Middleboro, Mass., July 15th of apoplexy, aged forty-five years. His name was Charles H. Stratton, and he was a Knight Templar.

—Archibald J. Wark, of New Brunswick, was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey Sept. 12th. Geo. B. Edwards, of Jersey City, continues Grand Secretary.

—Andrew Sagendorf, Colorado Springs, was elected Grand Master of Colorado, September 19th; Edw. B. Newman, Longmont, Grand High Priest; Roger W. Woodbury, Denver, Grand Commander. Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown, is Grand Secretary of all the Grand Bodies.

—In Chicago they are proposing a Cadet Corps, to be composed of Sons of Knights Templar.

—St John Lodge, of Boston, celebrated its 150th anniversary Oct. 1st. The speeches were excellent.

—At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana, Oct. 3d, of the 22 chartered lodges 21 were represented. Total membership, 930. Two new lodges were chartered. Recognition was unanimously granted to the new Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia.

—The Grand Lodge of New York reports 70,700 members in 1883, a gain of 946 during the year.

—The *Masonic Board of Relief of New York* city reports paying out, during the past year, \$1,047 to 156 applicants. Twelve dollars of it was paid to three applicants from Maine.

—There are eight Grand Lodges in Germany, with 358 lodges and 42,593 members, an average of 119 to each lodge. New York State alone has almost twice as many lodges and masons.

—Monroe Commandery, of Rochester, N. Y., went into camp at Sodus Point July 17th.

—Albert Pike is in California, on business of the Scottish Rite.

—Detroit Commandery has postponed its Eastern excursion until next June.

—The New England Veteran says, that Gen. Bangs (our Grand Commander) was badly poisoned at Denver, while gathering flowers, probably by poisoned ivy.

—Bro. William J. Hughan says the earliest discovered reference to the Knight Templar degree is that of St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston, Aug. 28, 1769. In England the "charter of compact," which exists at Bristol, dated Dec. 20, 1780, alludes to the existence of Encampments. The earliest reference in the records of the "Grand Lodge of all England" is to the conferring of the fifth degree, Knight Templar, Nov. 29, 1779. He thinks the degree cannot date back of 1759, nor the Royal Arch back of 1739, as the first record of the latter is 1744, in Ireland.

—At the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, held at Sandusky, Oct. 11th, Alex. F. Vance, of Urbana, was elected Grand Commander, and James Nesbitt, of Troy, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

—A Grand Lodge for Victoria, has been organized, with head quarters at Melbourne. Hon. Geo. S. Coppin, is Grand Master, and H. W. Holloway, Grand Secretary. There are one hundred lodges in the colony, of which seventy-five are English, fifteen Scottish, and ten Irish. Eighteen of the Scottish and Irish lodges seem to have joined the movement, or only one-fifth of the lodges, so that the Grand Lodge cannot be recognized, but the fact must not be lost sight of, that if these colonial Grand Lodges hold their organization, they are likely to attain a majority, in time, and command a recognition. An interesting question is likely to arise then, as to whether they must have a majority of the old lodges, or whether the lodges of their own creation can be counted, since the latter method would enable them to accomplish the fact earlier by issuing additional charters.

—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, on Sept. 4th, presented Bro. W. J. Hughan, the historian, with a masonic jewel and a purse of £275, says the *London Freemason*.

—VERMONT.—Fifty-eight years ago Lafayette laid the corner-stone of Vermont University, at Burlington, with masonic honors. Since that time, such has been the prejudice on account of the Morgan excitement, the fraternity has not been invited to perform masonic work until last June, when the Grand Lodge was again called upon to lay the corner-stone of a new University building. In Maine, very early after the revival, Bowdoin College invited the Grand Lodge to lay the corner-stone of King Chapel, named after Governor William King, who was the first Grand Master in Maine. The prejudice seems to have lasted longer in Vermont than anywhere else, although Masonry is very strong in that State.

—A mourning balustrade from the Grand Orient of France, announces the death, July 22d, of Adrien Louis Grimaux, Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient, in the 37th year of his age.

—A memorial statue to Lafayette was unveiled at La Puy, France, September 6th.

—The Symbolical Grand Lodge of Mexico has elected ex-president Porfirio Diaz its Grand Master; Alvaro Yarza is G. Secretary.

—Andrew Bunton, of Manchester, is elected Grand Commander of New Hampshire. Geo. P. Cleaves, of Concord, continues Grand Recorder.

—Apollo Commandery, of Chicago, sailed for Europe, July 14th. It seems curious that the Knights of Apollo, who were the especial hosts at the Chicago Triennial, should have thus slighted the invitation of the San Francisco Templars. This will finally

result in fixing the Triennial at some place where there are no Commanderies to receive, as at Mount Desert.

THE MASONIC HYMN.—By the kind assistance of a correspondent at Durham, I am enabled to give a form of the words of the masonic hymn which Mr. Dixon says in his volume of "ancient poems," &c., is "very ancient." It is, as will be seen, alike Mystic, Hermetic and Christian. If it is as old as Mr. Dixon seems to think, it raises some very serious questions. I may add that Mr. Dixon finishes his note with these words, p. 39: "The late Henry O'Brien quotes the seventh verse in his essay on the 'Round Towers of Ireland.' He generally had a copy of the hymn in his pocket, and on meeting with any of his antiquarian friends who were not masons, was in the habit of thrusting it into their hands, and telling them that if they understood the mystical allusions it contained, they would be in possession of a key which would unlock the pyramids of Egypt. The tune to the hymn is peculiar to it, and is of a plaintive character."

MASONIC STUDENT.

A MASON'S SONG.

Come all you Freemasons that dwell around the globe,
That wear the badge of innocence—I mean the royal robe
Which Noah he did wear in the ark wherein he stood,
When the world was destroyed by the deluging flood.

Noah he was virtuous in the sight of the Lord,
He lov'd a Freemason that kept the secret word;
He built up the ark and planted the first vine,
Now his soul like an angel in heaven doth shine.

The fifteenth day rose the ark—let us join hand in hand,
As the Lord spake to Moses by water and by land,
Nigh to a pleasant river which through Eden ran,
Where Eve tempted Adam by the serpent of sin.

O when I think of Moses it makes me to blush,
On the Mount of Horeb where he saw burning bush;
My staff I threw down and my shoes I cast away,
And I'll wander like a pilgrim until my dying day.

O Abraham was a man well beloved by the Lord,
Was found to be faithful o'er Jehovah's word;
He stretched out his hand with a knife to slay his son,
But an angel appeared saying, the Lord's will be done.

O Abraham, O Abraham, don't lay hands upon the lad,
For I have sent him thee for to make thy heart glad;
For thy seed shall increase like the stars in the skies,
And thy soul unto heaven like Gabriel's shall rise.

There was twelve dazzling knights of light who did me surprise;
I listened awhile and I heard a great noise;
A serpent appeared and fell unto the ground,
With peace, joy and comfort the secret was found.

The secret was lost and likewise was found,
'Twas by our blessed Savior, it is very well known;
In the garden of Gethsemane he sweat the blood sweat;
Repent, my dearest brethren, before it is too late.

It's once I was blind and could not see the light,
When unto Jerusalem, oh, there I took my flight;
They led me like a pilgrim through the wilderness of care—
You may see by the sign and the badge that I wear.

O never will I hear a poor orphan cry,
Nor yet a fair virgin until the day I die,
Nor like the restless Jew that wanders the world round;
But I'll knock at the door where truth is to be found.

So now against the Turk and the infidel we fight,
To let the wand'ring world know that we are in the right;
For in Heaven there's a lodge, and St. Peter keeps the door,
And none can enter but such as are pure.

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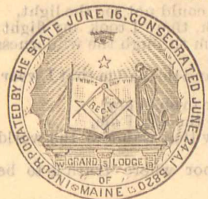
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Some ten years since, the Grand Lodge passed a resolution directing Secretaries to send the Charters of Lodges to the Gr. Secretary to be recorded. Many have done so; but between seventy and eighty yet remain unrecorded. These Lodges will be notified, and it is hoped the Masters will see that the matter is attended to. Any brother coming to Portland to remain one day, can bring the charter and take it back with him; or it can be safely sent and returned by express. If preferred, a certified copy will answer the purpose. Let it be borne in mind,



that in case the charter is destroyed or lost, a copy cannot be furnished unless on record.

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The Triennial Meetings.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

The Twenty-Second Triennial Conclave was held at San Francisco on the week commencing August 19th, and appears to have been a complete success in every way. A very great crowd filled the city, the attendance of Templars was large, notwithstanding the remoteness of the city, and all appear to have been well accommodated, and no advantage was taken of the occasion to fleece the strangers, but all the citizens vied with each other to make their visit agreeable. Such a spirit of hospitality is much pleasanter to encounter than a spirit of speculation. The grand parade on Monday, was a magnificent spectacle, five thousand Templars in line, and citizens and visitors seemed equally pleased with it. The balls, banquets and excursions were all equally gratifying, and even the competitive drill showed nothing but good feeling. In the latter, the DeMolays, of Louisville, carried off the first prize, the Rapers, of Indianapolis, the second, and St. Bernard, of Chicago, the third.

The business of the session seems to have gone along harmoniously, although the papers say very little about it. We are indebted to Grand Master Dean, our Grand Commander Bangs, Sir Knights Edward M. Patten and Stephen W. Patten, and others, for a large supply of papers, but finding so little space given to business, we infer that it was judiciously omitted. The tactics question was very properly referred to Grand Commanderies, and probably the other vexed questions of uniform and ritual were as quietly passed over. It is much wiser for the Grand Encampment to leave these disputed matters to the Grand Commanderies, than to attempt to settle them, and much healthier for the Grand Encampment and the Order. The new Malta Ritual was adopted, and it was left to the several Grand Commanderies to determine to adopt the full ritual, or a condensed ritual, both of which were reported by the Committee. Grand Master Dean's decisions appear to have been wise and conservative, and undoubtedly met the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence. The nearly unanimous choice of his successor shows that he gracefully surrendered a position which he has certainly adorned during his presidency, notwithstanding the mischief-making assertion of a San Francisco paper

that he had come with a pocket full of proxies to re-elect himself. The result of the balloting was his triumphant vindication from the malicious accusation. The officers chosen were:

- Gr. Master—Robert E. Withers, Virginia.
- Dep. Gr. Master—Charles Roome, N. York.
- Gr. Generalissimo—John P. S. Gobin, Pennsylvania.
- Grand Captain-General—Hugh McCurdy, Michigan.
- Gr. Senior Warden—W. LaRue Thomas, Kentucky.
- Gr. Junior Warden—George C. Perkins, California.
- Gr. Treasurer—John W. Simons, N. York.
- Gr. Recorder—Theo. S. Parvin, Iowa.
- Gr. Prelate—George C. Betts, St. Louis.
- Gr. Standard Br.—H. B. Stoddard, Texas.
- Gr. Sword Bearer—J. R. Pearson, Missouri.
- Gr. Warder—N. Van Slyck, Rhode Island.
- Gr. Capt. Guards—Daniel Smith, Alabama.

St. Louis is to be the next place of meeting, although Washington and Boston were strongly urged. Our Grand Commander Bangs was one of the Committee to select a place; he was also put on the Necrology Committee.

The Committee on Jurisprudence is Hopkins, Pa.; Fellows, La.; Dean, Mass.; Carson, Ohio; Rothert, Iowa.

A very pleasant thing to us was the

MAINE BANQUET.

given by the former residents of Maine to our representatives, consisting of Sir I. S. Bangs, Grand Commander, and Sir Knights F. E. Sleeper, Silas Alden, T. G. Knight and N. E. Kendall, at Berge's restaurant, on Pine street. It was tendered by the following natives of Maine residing in California: Sir George C. Perkins, Grand Commander of California; N. W. Spaulding, of Oakland, No. 11; S. G. Hilborn, of Naval, No. 19, Vallejo; D. H. Haskell, of Golden Gate, No. 16; F. G. French, of Golden Gate, No. 16; J. M. Litchfield, of California, No. 1; D. E. Hayes, of Oakland, No. 11; C. B. Atkinson, of Sacramento, No. 2; H. J. Burns, Grand Standard-Bearer of the Grand Commandery; S. E. Dutton, of California, No. 1; C. L. Bigelow, of Golden Gate, No. 16; L. T. Crane, Commander of Marysville, No. 7; W. F. Southard, of Oakland, No. 11; George Atkinson, of Oakland, No. 11; George E. Whitney, of Oakland, No. 11; B. P. Flint, of California, No. 1; Granville Pullen, of Golden Gate, No. 16; Isaac Upham, of Golden Gate, Thomas Flint, of Watsonville, No. 22; D. Roderick, of De Molay, No. 11, Maine; S. W. Dennis, of California, No. 1; H. H. Ellis, of California, No. 1; C. E. Whitney, of Golden Gate, No. 16; J. R. Glover, of California, No. 1; W. Walker, of DeMolay, No. 11; A. A. Redington, of Sacramento, No. 2; M. Davis, of Woodland, No. 21; E. Bragdon, of Oakland, No. 11, and A. W. Jackson, of Golden Gate, No. 16. Covers were placed for thirty-four guests. George E. Whitney, of Oakland, acted as chairman, and was seated at one end with I. S. Bangs, Grand Commander of Maine, on the right. A place had been reserved for Grand Commander Perkins, but he was unable to

be present and sent his regrets, being occupied in the Grand Encampment in installing the officers. His place was filled by Sir Knight D. Haskell. At the foot of the table was seated District Attorney Hilborn, of Naval, No. 19, with Sir Knights Alden on the left, and Kendall on the right, both representatives from Maine.

The collation having been finished, the chairman, after a few appropriate remarks, called upon Sir Knight Sleeper, of Maine, to respond to "Our Native Land." R. E. Commander Bangs was called upon to respond to "The Grand Encampment," and expressed the warmest thanks to the California Knights, and especially to the sons of Maine, for the courtesies extended. He hoped some day that Maine would be able to respond in like manner. He had been but a week in California, and yet was almost weaned from his native State. He expressed himself highly pleased to meet so many native sons in the Knighthood, and in behalf of the Grand Commandery of Maine thanked them all.

A. A. Redington responded to "The Grand Encampment of California." He expressed his regrets at the absence of the Grand Commander, who he expected would respond to this toast. He stated that he only wished the men from the Pine Tree State could meet the Grand Body in session, when there was not such a general hurrah, and then they could judge of the material of which the Knights of California was composed.

Sir Knight Hilborn, of Naval Commandery, No. 19, Vallejo, responded to the toast "The Subordinates of Our Order," relating many incidents of Maine men who have figured in California politics.

The toast "Golden Gate Commandery" was responded to by D. H. Haskell, who related the history of the young Commandery and also of his early trip to California from the Pine Tree State. He hoped the brothers from Maine would ever bear in mind their trip to our State.

"The Blue Lodges" was responded to by C. E. Atkinson of Sacramento, who gave many instances of his boyhood days in Maine and of the grandeur of the degrees of Masonry in the Blue Lodges, the stepping-stone to Knighthood.

"The wages that Masonry pays to those who worship it" was responded to by L. T. Crane, of Marysville, No. 7. He referred in brief to the agricultural products, and the greatness of the Sacramento valley for raising the same, and the great injury being done by the debris, but hoped that the trouble may soon be righted. He also spoke of the happy days spent in his native State and of the pleasant time had in San Francisco.

"The sparks of California" was responded to by B. F. Flint, in a few well-selected remarks of the life spent in New England.

The banquet was brought to a close by all joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

met at Denver the week commencing August 14th, Dep. G. G. H. Priest Chapman presiding. We have no particulars of the business transacted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing three years:

- G. G. H. P.—Alfred F. Chapman, Boston.
- D. G. G. H. P.—Noble D. Lerner, Washington.
- G. G. K.—David F. Day, Buffalo.
- G. G. S.—Joseph P. Hornor, New Orleans.
- G. G. Tr.—Reuben C. Lemmon, Toledo.
- G. G. Sec.—Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo.
- G. G. C. H.—Thos McF. Patton, Oregon.
- G. G. P. S.—Benj. F. Haller, Memphis.
- G. G. R. A. Capt.—Roger W. Woodbury, Denver.
- G. G. M. 3d V.—Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis.
- G. G. M. 2d V.—Lansing Burrows, Louisville.
- G. G. M. 3d V.—Jno. J. Sumpter, Arkansas.

We are indebted to the General Grand Secretary, Christopher G. Fox, for the reports of the Grand Officers at the late triennial meeting of Royal Arch Masons. By his report we learn that the General Grand Chapter has twenty-three Chapters directly under its jurisdiction, with a membership of 934. He reports the membership of the State Grand Chapters at 112,589, with 1,928 subordinates. The address of Dep. Gen. Grand High Priest Chapman is able and interesting. He takes occasion to compliment the diligence and courtesy of General Grand Secretary Fox, and all who have had occasion to correspond with that officer will join in the commendation. The next triennial meeting will be at Washington, D. C.

THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL

of the Cryptic rite convened on Tuesday, and elected the following for the ensuing triennial period:

- G. G. M.—Geo. M. Osgoodby, Buffalo.
- D. G. G. M.—Geo. J. Pinckard, N. Orleans.
- G. P. C. of W.—Geo. W. Cooley, Minneapolis.
- G. G. Treas.—O. A. B. Senter, Columbus, Ohio.
- G. G. Rec.—Benjamin F. Haller, Memphis.
- Gen. G. Capt. Guard—Robert Van Valzah, Terre Haute, Ind.
- G. G. Conductor—John Haight, Somerville, Mass.
- G. G. Marshal—Henry S. L'Orme, Los Angeles, Cal.
- G. G. Steward—Geo. L. Mason, Baltimore.

Supreme Council.

The Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction commenced its annual session at Cincinnati on September 25th, which continued four days. It was one of the most important sessions ever held.

The Grand Commander reported that the amount of work during the year exceeded that of any previous year, bringing the total membership closely up to 10,000.

A revised Constitution was adopted, in which a radical change is made in the polity of the Rite. Councils of Deliberation, which have heretofore been merely advisory bodies, are made permanent, and are entrusted, as to most matters, with the government of the Rite in their respective States, the Deputy

being *ex-officio* the presiding officer. The details can be learned only from the Constitution, which will be speedily published.

For the first time, the exclusive jurisdiction of Grand Lodges over the Symbolic degrees is formally recognized in the Constitution.

The dues to the Supreme Council were reduced *one-third*, as follows:

Consistory from	\$5.00 to	\$3.00.
Chapter from	2.00 to	1.50.
Council from	2.00 to	1.50.
Lodge from	3.00 to	2.00.
Total from	\$12.00 to	\$8.00.

Four active members resigned, viz: George W. Deering, of Maine, Joseph H. Hough, of New Jersey, Thomas R. Austin, of Indiana, and Rufus W. Landon, of Michigan.

Edward P. Burnham was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy from Maine, and was received and enrolled as an active member.

The vacancies created by the other resignations, as well as a previously existing vacancy in Illinois, were filled.

Charles White Belknap, Rufus Henry Hinkley and Joseph Alvah Locke, were elected to receive the thirty-third degree.

The dispensation of Eastern Star Lodge of Perfection was continued until the next session of the Supreme Council.

For satisfactory reasons Grand Commander Palmer departed from the settled practice of the Supreme Council, and in its behalf accepted an escort from its headquarters to the place of meeting, tendered by Oriental Consistory of Chicago. Peoria Consistory, of Peoria, Illinois, with quite a delegation from Wisconsin Consistory, joined with Oriental Consistory. But really the most significant and pleasing feature of the affair was the escort of the Cincinnati, Newport and Covington Commanderies of Knights Templar.

Ohio Consistory arranged splendidly for the entertainment of their visitors. Tuesday night there was an exhibition of fire works specially prepared for the occasion: Wednesday was "Masonic Day" at the "Exposition," and in the evening the Brethren gave embellishments of the work in several of the degrees, in that inimitable style for which Cincinnati is so justly renowned.

The next session will be held at Detroit, Michigan, on the fourth Tuesday of September, 1884.

Peru.

Bro. Francis L. Crosby, our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Peru, who is a native of Nantucket, writes that there are fifteen lodges under the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge, 10 in Lima, 1 each in Guayaquil, Tacna, Trujillo, Moquegua and Huancaayo; there are five under the Supreme Council, 3 in Lima and 2 in Callao; four under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, 1 in Lima, 3 in Callao; and one under the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, in Lima—a total of twenty-five active lodges.

Estrella de Italia, Lima, under the Supreme Council, has lately received a charter from the Grand Orient of Italy, and will shortly transfer its allegiance thither. Another Italian lodge of the same obedience, Orden y Reforma of Lima, may go with it. La Vallée de France, Lima, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, has asked a charter from the Grand Orient of France, but not yet received it, as that body has formerly recognized the defunct Grand Orient of Peru.

The Supreme Council is not yet prepared to surrender its remaining lodges, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as usual, holds out.

William B. Langridge.

A circular from the Grand Commandery of Iowa, announces the death at Muscatine, August 4th, of the Grand Recorder of that Grand Commandery. For many years he has filled that station, as well as that of Secretary of the Grand Chapter, and his able Reports on Correspondence have given him a wide reputation for ability. While he was strong and earnest, and sometimes severe in criticism, he was ever courteous and fair, and we had learned to esteem and value his opinions, and to love him as a friend.

Bro. Langridge died of poisoning from a blood tumor. He was born at Princeton, N. J., in 1821, and removed to Muscatine in 1849.

Centennial Anniversary of Colored Grand Lodges.

The several Grand Lodges of Colored Freemasons of the United States will celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the establishment of colored masonry by a festival at Philadelphia, Sept. 29, 1885, continuing until the 1st of October. The 29th September will be Grand Lodge day, the 30th Royal Arch Chapter day, October 1st Knight Templar and Scottish Rite day. All the States and Territories will be fully represented.

Hymeneal.

On September 19th, we were agreeably surprised by a visit from Bro. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary of Florida. We made him stay over a day, and took him down to the Islands, which Longfellow calls the "Hesperides of all his youthful dreams," and the next day sent him on his way to the White Mountain Crawford Valley on a pleasant autumn morning. The especial end of his northern journey will be seen from the subjoined card, which was received a few days later:

Married, at the bride's residence, Tilton, N. H., Sept. 25, 1883, DeWitt C. Dawkins and Mary A. Seavy. At home, Jacksonville, Fla., after October 5.

We tender our congratulations. The bride is a kinswoman of Manson Seavy, Past Commander of Bradford Commandery.

Christopher G. Fox.

Every brother in Western New York will agree with the Denver News that Christopher G. Fox "is one of the most prominent and

accomplished masons in the country." In fact, all the Denver papers speak of his affability in furnishing the useful and interesting information concerning the doings of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of which body he was deservedly re-elected Grand Secretary. Alfred F. Chapman, the presiding officer, thus alluded to Comp. Fox in his address: "Having, by virtue of our respective duties, been brought into closer relations with the General Grand Secretary, I have had to admire his admirable fitness for the position he holds, and do thus openly express my appreciation of his patient and ready help."—[*Rochester Democrat*.

And even down here in Maine we have had occasion to find out that he is one of the most courteous and obliging men in the country.

The Locke Manuscript.

Bro. George Henry Preble, Rear Admiral U. S. Navy, who is distinguished as a historical scholar, although he has never given any special attention to masonic antiquities, sends us a paper containing the Locke mss., which purported to contain a letter from King Henry VI, dated 1442, concerning the antiquity of Masonry. Masonic scholars now agree that this was a clever forgery, but it formerly commanded so much belief, that Simon Greenleaf, whose Law of Evidence is a text book in America and England, accepted it so far as to include it in his series of lectures given to masonic lodges of Maine in the early part of this century. No wonder the evidence which satisfied his critical mind should have deceived many generations of masons. If our brother would read the *London Freemason* and consider the critical work therein by the leading masonic writers of England, we think he could not fail to be interested in the study of masonic history.

Robert Hewett Brown.

The *Rochester Democrat* brings the sad intelligence of the death of the author of "Stellar Theology and Masonic Astronomy," at his residence in Albion, N. Y., August 16th, after a lingering illness of several months. It was but a short time before that we had received from him a cordial letter acknowledging our review of his work. He was a lawyer by profession, and formerly Judge of the Circuit Court at Detroit, Mich. His age was fifty-two years. During his long illness, he gave his attention to the work which will make him widely known in masonic literature, and which marked him as a man of extensive learning and deep thought.

Prerogatives of the Grand Master.

The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, lately issued an altered "Table of Precedence," which the Grand Lodge thought was an invasion of its rights, whereupon the Grand Master promptly withdrew it. We commend this to those who insist upon the inherent rights of Grand Masters, because that peculiar tradition evidently arose from deference to Royal Grand Masters of England, and not from anything to be found in

the traditions of the fraternity, just as the old seemingly-incongruous regulation permitting a Fellow Craft to be chosen Deputy Grand Master was put in for their benefit.

Ohio and Maine do not exchange Representatives. Why?—[*Masonic Chronicle*.
Probably an oversight.

Contributions to Portland Masonic Library.

William P. Preble—

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Stephen Berry—

Chaine d'Union, 1882.

Canadian Craftsman, 1882.

Cincinnati Review, Vols. 58 and 59.

Liberal Freemason, Vol. 5.

Repository, Vol. 12.

A WONDERFUL RING.—Before leaving for Colorado, Jason T. Ham made a present of a ring to his friend, Wm. W. Austin, that has a history. It was made by a Union soldier incarcerated in Libby prison out of two ordinary horn buttons. The setting is of silver, made from a quarter of a dollar. The only tool used in its construction was an ordinary pen-knife. The bone part of the ring has a finish that no one would readily believe could be imparted to such crude material, and it could scarcely be thought probable that out of the quarter he could have fashioned such devices as adorn the ring. In the centre is a shield containing the emblems of a Masonic Blue Lodge, and on each side are small shields beautifully decorated. The sections of the ring and the small shields are held in place by silver rivets, so artistically inserted as to render them unnoticed. Considering the implement used, the ring is simply wonderful, and it would take a large sized farm to purchase it of Mr. Austin.—[*Richmond (Ind.) Palladium*.

From the Antipodes comes a touching but interesting story. Prof. Walker, of Auckland, New Zealand, a young and rising man, a Second Wrangler, and a brother mason, has recently been drowned while bathing. Being friendless in the country, and but newly-arrived, our brother the Rev. W. Tebb, P. G. C. for Somersetshire, rector of St. Matthew's, Auckland, and District Grand Registrar, with Bro. Nelson, claimed the body. The Masonic Hall was fitted up to receive the coffin, and the remains of our poor brother were duly honored by our always reverent and religious Order. The Governor, the Speaker of the House of Assembly, Sir Maurice O'Rorke and many more sent wreaths of flowers. Many hundred Freemasons attended the funeral, and thousands of people lined the streets. Thus our young and distinguished brother, a stranger in a strange country, with a bright career prematurely brought to a close, was lovingly and loyally attended to his grave by a band of brothers, and the mystic charm of masonic fellowship which girdles the world is thus beautifully illustrated and evidenced, as binding us in bonds of brotherly love and sympathy alike in life and in death.—[*London Freemason*.

The *Chaine d'Union*, speaking of the Morgan excitement, states that in 1830 W. Wirt, of Maryland, was elected President of the United States upon an Anti-Masonic platform. This is quite a mistake, we assure our *confière*. He never was elected President upon any platform.

The Grand Lodge of Maine for the present year has twelve Grand Chaplains. Pennsylvania has eight. We used to lead in this matter, but Maine is now at the front. We always knew that our sister jurisdiction of Maine was full of grand chaps, and we are glad to observe them now so fully recognized. —[Keystone.

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- Daniel Sayre, Gr. Rec., for proc. Gr. Commandery Alabama, 1883.
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- Sereno D. Nickerson, Gr. Sec., for proc. Gr. Lodge Massachusetts, June, 1883.
- Edward M. L. Ehlers, Gr. Sec., for proc. Gr. Lodge New York, 1883.
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- Wm. B. Isaacs, Gr. Sec., for proc. Gr. Chapter Virginia, 1883.
- Morton B. Howell, Gr. Rec., for files Grand Commandery Tennessee and Templar Register, also proc. Gr. Commandery, 1883.
- W. W. Austin, Richmond, Indiana, for proc. Gr. Commandery Indiana, 1883.
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- Rev. Frederick S. Fisher, St. Johnsbury, for proc. Gr. Commandery and Gr. Council Vermont, 1883.
- Grand Master Dean, for his report.
- Geo. F. Irvine, Gr. Rec., for proc. Gr. Commandery West Virginia, 1881-2-3.
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DIED.

- In Kennebunk, Aug. 5th, John C. Baker, formerly of Portland, aged 78 y. For the past eleven years, he has been proprietor of the Mousam House at Kennebunk, but he was long a merchant in Portland, and in early years, from 1845 to 1854, was keeper of the jail, when it stood in the rear of the lot now occupied by the City Building. He was a charter member of Atlantic Lodge, having been made in Portland Lodge in 1849. He was also a member of Mount Vernon Chapter and Portland Commandery, having joined the latter in 1853. He was buried August 7th.
- In Brunswick, Sept. 19th, Samuel S. Wing, aged 74 y. He was a prominent citizen and an active mason.
- In Pittsfield, September 24th, Albion Whitten. He was Past Master and Historian of Meridian Lodge, and present Master. He dropped dead of heart disease.
- In Dexter, Sept. 25th, Rev. Thomas Marsden, aged 72 y. He was an Episcopal clergyman, and a member of Penobscot Lodge.
- In Howard County, Maryland, Sept. 11th, David Burbank, aged 85 y. He was born in Saco, Maine, January 2, 1799, and married September 16, 1828, Sophia Andrews. He left five children, thirteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He was a member of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge, of Portland, in which he was initiated in 1823, he being then a trader here. He held the various offices in the lodge up to Master in 1830 and '31. He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maine in 1839 and '40. In 1845, he dimitted and removed to Maryland, where he resided until his death. He was a friend of Prof. Morse, and somewhat interested with him in the establishment of the electric telegraph. He was very active until two weeks before his death, and retained his remarkable memory. He is recorded as receiving the Orders in Maine Encampment January 26, 1827.
- In Portland, Oct. 4th, Lemuel Bryant, aged 89 y. 3 m. He was an honorary member of Portland Lodge, initiated May 22, 1844, honorary 1871. In the war of 1812 he was a privateersman, and is mentioned by his own name in a novel of Cooper's.
- In Portland, Oct. 19, Dr Charles Morse, aged 80 yrs. He was born in Providence, R. I., July 24, 1803. He was a member of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge.

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